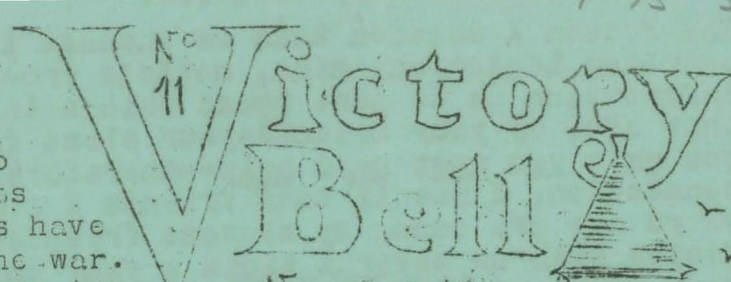


Dear Lieut Deck:



Dear Friend with the colors;

Since the last V.B. went to mimeograph many important events have happened::and these events have changed the whole aspect of the war. Of course we don't want to become too optimistic..not that...but the fact remains that the Axis is now jittery, and NOW the OFFENSIVE will be in the hands of the UNITED NATIONS...and old Hitler and Muss are running around in circles. Most people feel, that when it can be told, some of the bravest actions have been taking place, and certainly none of us should be anything else but happy--we must do everything in our united power to keep the offensive in our hands--and beat them to a standstill !!!! ONE MORE DAY TOWARDS VICTORY!!!! Well, winter of a sort has settled in up here "on this little pin point on the map" since we have had snow flurries, wind, rain and last week about an inch of snow remained on the ground over night and the children got out their sleds--only to put them back again, for as I write this now, the sun is out bright again and there is nary a trace of snow. Hunting season is now in full swing, and most all the sportsmen are bringing in rabbits, pheasants, and squirrel every day, except those bad days, everything sat tight. The leaves are mostly off the trees, people are wearing top coats, and galoshes, and generally gloves. Farmers are still husking corn, when the weather permits, everybody is looking forward to Thanksgiving. College will dismiss Tuesday, Nov 24th after the last class, and we will resume Nov 30th at 1 p.m. Coffee is now hard to get--soon to be rationed, last week we signed up for gasoline rationing--allowing us 4 gal. per week, with a little book of tickets as permits. Sugar is still at a premium, and quite a number of things of this sort are scarce..BUT we must be content to put up with these things--VICTORY MUST BE OURS...Nothing LESS! LIFE MAGAZINE flew two representatives here a week ago last Saturday to see us mop up Grove City in a field of mud---and they say that over 100 pictures were taken. IF the article gets in the magazine (and they expect that it will) look for it about Thanksgiving time or a little later..or whenever you can get the copy--I imagine LIFE is at a real premium with some of you away out there in foreign fields. At least we will tell you about the article, once it appears, and the date of the issue. WE rather suspect that there are a number of our men in North Africa now--if so I would judge that Kensley Miller, Doug Lehman, Mel Grossman, and Chuck Krause would likely be among the list as they have all been stationed in England or Ireland or "someplace on the way" We look forward with an eye on the local mailman for word from these (or other fellows who ever they might be) of our men stationed there in Algiers or elsewhere--likely it will be "elsewhere". THE last football game of the season was played at Edinboro, and they took a good old fashioned lacing from the Rockets--quite a number of our senior men played their last Varsity game in this one. VISITING ON THE CAMPUS: Bill Temple, now a Lieutenant, and soon to go on maneuvers in California--here for a day or so and looking fine. Bill is all pep-ped up about the outfit that he is with, and says that they are very well trained and that they will give a good account of themselves once they get the opportunity. John Watson: still stationed at the New York address and home for a few days hunting--lets hope you got a good bag full Johnny. FRIENDSHIP. ..As you look back on your college days with the many friendships you surely made here, I think you will agree that these were some of the REAL worth while things of life--these people are the ones that you enjoy thinking about, these are the ones that you enjoy corresponding with, and these are the ones you dream long dream about---these you long to meet once again--these are the ones who count in your life. Accordingly you are making friends with your fellow men in the service....have no doubt about it..these will be lasting friendships also. Someday there will be reunions, picnics, dinners, celebrations, and you will be there with them in all your glory!!! With some of these new friends you will have in common, some of the most unusual, some of the most humorous, and some of the most exciting happenings that you have ever experienced---and these close ties make for friendship--for lasting friendship---- BUT, (and here I blush to offer you a bit of advice) BE SURE YOU DO make a lot of friends with the men in your outfit. If possible, keep a little book of names, and HOME addresses--some day that may come in VERY handy to you. If possible collect snap shots of your buddies--a day will come when these are among the very prize possessions of yours that you will keep always..it may be best to send these home for safe keeping now and then...and take a tip also to record the NAMES of the men on the back of the picture. Should you ever have an accident, or get wounded or become incapacitated in any way, it may be wise for you to record a few names of the men who witnessed the matter--these may also come in darn handy some day...but we hope like heck that this don't occur.

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The reason I mention this is because I have observed, for years, in the American Legion Magazine, notices from some service men calling for information as to just these things that I have mentioned---it may be that some of your friends--your close friends in the outfit, may help you when you most need help--therefore make many friends!! In this connection, I recall that friends I personally made in the service 24 years ago are among my closest friends--and some of these exchange visits with us several times a year and all these 24 years we have kept track of each other by correspondence and home visits. They say advice is "something the other fellow does not need, so he gives it to you"...I have given you something. SPARKLERS: Ruth Jones of Butler, a S.R. grad wears a diamond from Howard Irons(Penn State but did his practice teaching under Hess in the H.S.--he is now at Officers Tr. Sc in Vafor the Marines--they plan to marry, settle down after the war and raise some of those things about that high that run around the house--I mean a hedge--a farm for them!!! Milly Weed--yes and you guessed it, Eddie. Eleanor Dahoff, and would you believe it?--Ted Boukowsky makes regular trips to Forrestville--well, about every week--how in the heck do you rate those leaves Teddy? Dorothy Steel--and Chuck Chambers, Margaret "Toot" Van Horn, and Johnny Manocher, Bernice Pizor and Ray Brown, Opal Gilchrist and Mr. McCarl of Grove City....and a number of others that just havent been persuaded just as we go to mimeograph. NAMESAKE: A son born last month to Mr and Mrs John Hickey of New Brighton was named DAVID, after his great big Uncle David Frazier now in New Calidonia..congratulations all around. AND FELLOWS, allow me to thank you for those photographs of yourself in uniform that have been coming in almost with every letter--they have been great!!! and so have your letters, and your personal autographs have been very much appreciated. Some of you have pictures coming from home, and a few others have not just at this time been able to get a picture, but I am sure you will want your picture shown with all the other men from the college--we have a number of uses planned for them---so put this item down in your memory book for something TO LOOK AFTER NOW!!! WELL--you have noticed the new format of this Nell Victory Bell--we now have more space and we hope to give you more excerpts from letters --this has been made possible because we were able to get the longer paper to take the full stencil. EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS: From WALTER R. RAMSEYS/Sgt(22 BaseHdg&A.B.SqdBldg349Lowry FieldCol) --"It so happened that LieuHanford Wright and I are working in the same dept--in fact he is my superior officer and every time that he receives the V.B.he brings it to me to read. You cannot realize the moments we spend together discussing the various people in S.R. that we knew, and the associations we had with them there. It is a great pleasure for shall I say , all three of us, for Betty(Blanch)is often in on the discussions also(You will recall men that Betty and Ham were married in Denver last August)---"I am a physical instructor in the air corps and I give cal.to all of the officers in the field gym.I have no outside classes, neither do I have any enlisted men in my classes--to be brief --I love it! I might say I see quite a bit of Bud Hess and John Patterson too--they are both in the photographic section here!" Thanks for your letter Bob--and may our little bit of S.R.continue to give a very good account of itself there in Lowry Field--including Betty of course. Can you send a picture of yourself giving cal.to the officers? FROM S/Sgt DICK DUDA(Schlachter)(350 Service Sqd324Service Sparmy Air Port #2Lakeland Florida)"I could write you and tell you that "Im this" and "Im that"--in other words I could "snow you under" but theres only one thing--I know what Im doing and thats a chance to get my turn to fight the axis--and I dont think Ill have long to wait either. Ive been in the Army 2 years now, and Ive only been home once. If any one wants to know what Im doing just tell them im in the "Underground Baloon Corps" --the Air Corps fellows will understand"" Thanks Dick for your letter and also for the autographed picture--both were appreciated--Be sure to keep in touch with us --right along. FROM Pvt DAVID SARCONI(Cannon Co 1861Inf...PO#41PmSanFranCal) ""Writing to let you know, Mr Miller, that all is well in AUSTRALIA..I would like to tell you all about our trip over--cant--The people here are very friendly, and they treat the Yanks as they would one of their own boys in uniform. I have been receiving the V.Bs right along and also the commencement program--and you, I hope will realize what this means to us--to learn what our old friends are doing. Many of the boys instead of teaching Gym,hist.etc will be soon teaching our enemies a lesson or two--keep those Bells coming"" And now fellows take a minute off , and write a letter to Dave away out there in Australia--hes a long distance away from South Hall...and Dave send us a kangaroo or two--and your picture if possible--and write again. FROM Sgt DAVID FRAZIER(33117028 HqBtry221F.A.Bn APO#502PmSanFranCal) ""I was very glad to receive two more VBs todayS A RESULT OF THE NOTE IN V.B.#7, the following wrote me:JohnHartman,Lew Hamelly, and Clair Gladd. I am now occupying the position that takes a Tech Sgts rating and hope to get this rating soon.Due to the strict censorship I cannot give you a better description of this place(new Calidonia)"" Come soon with another letter "avid--and a picture of yourself, if that is permitted. If you send a picture I hope they dont cut half of it out as they did the second page of your letter.I called your Mother today by

phone -all well at home. FROM a/c CHUCK BURGH (Sqdn 6 class 42 KS Spencer Field Ga.) "I see some of the gang now and then-and hear from others- Heg Smidt, Geo Kline, Bill Manke, Thor Olson, Bob Lind, Bill Weaver, Frank Nicoletti, Pete Sowa and his brother have all been through Max-well Field. Terry May has his commission now and is flying with obs. sq. someplace. The first time I took my instructor for a ride I got something in my eye and it wouldnt come out--its a darn good thing the big beautiful \$35000 ship new its way home or I'd be making application for 1st harpist in the ethereal symphony--its queer-I never intended liking S.R.--now I look on that as the place where I did the first decent work in my life--one of the things Im fighting for is that a place like S.R. can continue to do for others, what it did for me" And thanks for your newsy letter Chuck-come again-also with that picture of you in uniform!!! FROM Ensign JOHN E. DAVIS Jr (Jr B.O.Q.-800 Naval Air Sta Jacksonville Flo) "My work here as Asst/Athletic and Welfare officer is going great-I am coaching a football team of sailors, and they won their 3rd straight game today, and have yet to be scored upon-they are a great bunch of men!" Thanks Jack-and congratulations upon your marriage to the southern girl Nov 27th coming-and hearty congratulation to HER !!! FROM CLYDE DOUBLE-Pvt. (Btry D-12 Bn FARC. Fort Bragg N.C.) "Im likeing Army life much more than I thought I would, and Im in perfect health-eating 3 huge meals a day and I mean HUGE. Im in the radio btry of the Field Art. I was selected for Off Tr. but turned it down since it would take me out of radio completely. At present Im an acting Sgt. and help instruct code classes" Come again Clyde-and believe me I know how you have loved your radio work for YEARS-no wonder you stuck with it. How about a snap shot autographed? I see your dad on the street every now and then-all O.K. here Clyde. FROM JIMMY KEARNS (P.F.C. USMC-Unit #600 Pm San Fran Cal) "Of course since I move so often people always write where I aint-and the mail is always coming but late--I listen to the news for the scores but, seems S.R. didnt play or they lost and didnt tell the world about it. This is the first Home Coming I have missed in 4 years-Ill make up for this one in the future. Just think of a graham cracker pie with cream filling-I'd walk 5 miles for some ice cream. You are probably wondering why I havent told you the wonders of our camp-can't-all military secrets are to be told to no one, and they say a college professor is just like a woman after 10 years" "All right--ALL RIGHT Jimmy-Im hoping to have a grand talk with you about your experiences WHEN you can tell us all about it-any how send along that photograph. FROM a/c Bob LIND (Sq F-2ec2-AM FCC Nashville Tenn) "Im receiving the V.B. and enjoying it thoroughly, and Im also enjoying some art too-here is a picture of the Parthenon Im sending from here" Thanks Bob-and send along that nice big photo of yourself -and polish up the buttons!!! FROM BILL MANKE-an invitation to attend his graduation from Advance Flying School of Craig Field, Selma, Ala. on Oct 9th-Class 42-I --6ongratulations Lia Bill, and thanks for remembering me. FROM JOHN B. MADDEN and RICHARD F. JONES (C.Spath. and Rec. Office-Aval Tr. Sta. Newport R.I.) a joint letter as they are both doing the same kind of work "All of our work deals with Ph. Ed. We lead as many as 2000 men, sometimes 3000, in mass physical drill. Its really a thrill to be on the stand, and have so many men following your commands. These drills last 1 to 1 1/2 hours--our training at S.R. has helped us more than you know. Your V.B. is one of the best things we have received since being in the service" How we would like a picture of you fellows before 3000 men-possible John? Both send pictures ALSO of yourselves. KENSLEY MILLER-Lieut (0659147 APO 3280 87th Fighter Sqdn 79th Group Pm N.Y.C.) from his mother in McKeesport "I dont know how any one would know where Kensley went-we ourselves dont know-he left for overseas duty Oct 22 on a Pan Am Clippert to some destination, but his wife (was Doris Roderick of McKeesport) got a letter from some pl. in South America. After he received his wings K went to Boston, then to Hartford, Chas Hough was Kensleys best man at the wedding." Thanks to Mrs M.K. Miller about her son Kensley who is evidently having a great experience--we hope this reaches him where ever he is-congratulations on the marriage-and we hope to hear from him. FROM Mrs Herbert RASCHE (4110 Mineral Pt. Road, Madison Wis) "My husband Capt. H. Rosche is now in Texas doing some school work to better prepare him for his work in the Intelligence Service. He will likely return home to this address where he is the Commanding Officer in the Intelligence work here at Truax Field--he likes the work very much. Eddie is off to school and the house is quiet just now" FROM Mid. H.M. BECKERT (Midshipman USNR Furn Hall Columbia U.N.Y.C) "At present I have two weeks remaining of my training-then I hope to be an Ensign. I have an inquiry-Where is Jack R. Flora?-I hear he is in New York and tried to look him up-keep those V.Bs coming" Sorry I cant give you Floras address-has any one heard from him? If so please send in his address or for that matter the address of any other S.R. men who are not on the list. Word just came via the "grape vine" that Johnny Madden (see letter this issue) was quite seriously ill with the Rheumatic Fever--he spoke about having it in his letter--was well again-evidently has has a set-back-we hope it has cleared up by this time. And now as this issue goes to the mimeograph-all well on the campus--and DO write and DO send in those pictures. Your friend Geo. T. Miller HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!