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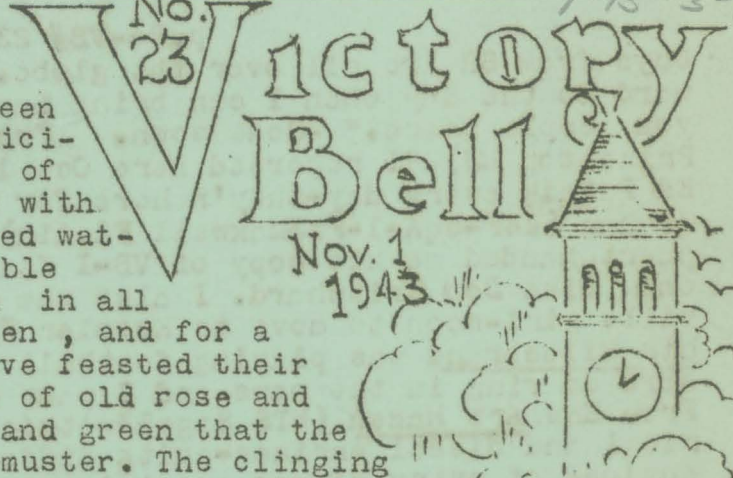
The college program, as with the cadence-stepping Cadets, both hold firm, with groups of the latter arriving and departing at intervals. Recently, Kitain, a celebrated Russian violinist thrilled both the students and Cadets in a rare program of music, and last week Bailey, a magician entertained with slight-of-hand and incidentally Dr. Strain who came to be entertained, left the stage-Presto-Change, having lost his very shirt !!!!! Deep embarrassment and scarlet blushes--and howls of laughter! Victory Bell awards a new purple shirt to Dr. Strain.

Instead of oiling up the Garand, mortar, or anti-aircraft, thousands in Pennsylvania have been oiling up the shotgun and kraig for the coming game season. Small game comes in Sat. Oct 30--but with shelves empty of gun shells, thousands will oil and nothing more, until some long looked for ammunition arrives --if indeed it does.

Stopped and stunned were we last week as the Butler Eagle brought the news--Lt. William Stanley Robson has been killed in the South Pacific. At present no details are available, and we know not where he lies--we only know that a radiant personality has passed from our circle. Friendly and warm of personality, dynamic and friendly was Stan Robson to many of us who now read these words. Rest in peace Stan Robson--the torch flung from your failing hand has been caught by your comrades. Until these precious freedoms are won will they carry it high! To his mother, Mrs Neile Robson and to his bride-wife, Marguerite, and to his many friends a benediction, a soothing word, and a gentle prayer.

Amid all the heartaches and sorrow of this dizzy world (and incidentally in comparison to many places we know little of real war here at home), our hearts are gladdened most when those of you in uniform, of whom we are so proud, come a-visiti'n to the campus. Would that we had more space to add comment for each of you--but you will understand and that's all that is necessary. I hope I have omitted not a single one of those who came since the last issue went out: Nick Bilowick, Bob Smith, S.H. Harris, Sambo Ristich, Sterling Ramsey, wife and little feller, Sterling, you remember, had a plane crash-reentered the blazing mass helped 9 others to safety--his co-pilot was killed by his side--Sterling was thrown clear. Honor to Sterling Ramsey!!! Bob McGregor to place a sparkler on the hand of Anna M. Sanderbeck, Mr and Mrs W.R. Miller from Bainbridge Md, Mr and Mrs Ernie Harrison from Orlando Fla, Mr and Mrs Dale Liken from Phila, Al Denbow seen in Butler, and Bill Meise from Bloomsburg--tells us that all the others there will soon visit our campus--welcome these others when you come!!!

And now, as space will permit--lets have a peek at a sampling (only) of the splendid letters that have come in from all over the world: Fr Lt. Chuck Hough: "Regret on this furlough I could not visit the campus, so this letter will have to do for this time. Lt. Kensley Miller was home from North Africa bearing quite a few honors. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 8 oak leaves cluster, and the campaign ribbon for the African theater--So our boy really okay by himself. It was fortunate that I arrived home before he left for his new field, for I was present at his little sons (KenDee) baptism, and am now the wee chaps Godfather. Ken looked fine, in fact you wouldnt know that he was overseas 11 months. For me--soon to Salt Lake City for an assignment, then overseas in several months--keep those VBs coming" - To Lt. Kensley who has seen so much action in N. Africa Honor and Glory-- for Godfather "Chuck"--a toy rattle. From A/C Mike Macaluso (44B-F1B2 Cocklan Fld, Macon Ga) "Never thought Id miss school so much until I read that VB--its great to hear about the fellows and what they're up to--Im struggling along for a pair of wings in Basic Flight Training" - Soar up here when you get them Mike. From Sgt. Don McCorkle (12th Base Hd. & AB Sq Randolph Fld, Tex) "From those VBs one can see that the Turn the page please.



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boys from SR are all over the globe. I'm married now and looking forward to the day when I can bring Laurene back to S.R. and meet all of you people there." -Come soon. From: Ens. Bob Varnum (521 Cuyler Hall Princeton NJ) "I reported here Oct. 10th for training-I see John Joy & Ed Patnik every day-they'r here for instruction too" From A/C Tom Graham (44F-SqA-1-Fl3Maxwell Fl.Ala)" The day I left Nashville Bob Cyphert handed me his copy of VB-I feel vary badly about loosing a friend like Don Pritchard. I also saw Bob Lind there-he married a Nashville girl-soon to move to Kessler Field, Miss. Did you know that Blair Hildebrand was playing football for Franklin & Marshall? Those VB sure do ring in the news and I want to help when I can" -Thanks Tom. From Ens. Art Hazen (NTS Sage53-IthicaNY) "I am here studying electrical and diesel engines-quite different from Notre Dame - here we have engines of every size-a great laboratory, I suppose you know that Pearl (Radke) and I were married on Sept. 23rd-she was with me here until last Sunday. I ran into Don Nesbit-he is here in Cornell also". Congrats to Art and Pearl! From Lt. Ernest DeSue (CWS Ellington Fl Tex.) My wife and I decided to go to a movie-while having dinner in a restaurant who should walk in as a Cadet but Geo Kaluger-we had a long chat about S.R.K. Stoner and Bruce Adams are both here. From Capt Fred Ptucha (South Seas) "Those VBs finally reach us even if we move from one place to another-they catch up with us. As for myself I do not have much to say. This tropical climate has trimmed me down from 200 to 180-Ah what a figure! The jungle is a fascinating place and if you give it a chance does things to you. I have learned to practically exist in the jungle, appreciate beautiful flowers, butterflies etc. people from the temperate zones have misconceptions, and fears of it. On the beach one day I ran into an old friend-none other than George Wagenhorst-You can rest assured that we made a celebration of it-we have met several times-through our combined efforts we are certain of carrying the effort to Tojos palace soon---so naturally we opened a bottle of _____ (Size, brand, and potency of said flask omitted -military secret.Ed) which aided in the strategy. With deep regret do I learn of Dons death-he will remain in our memories as a grandfellow. My the way-I am now a proud Papa-a baby boy born June 26th" For a fine letter thanks, To the big boy--GOO GOO. From: Cadet Vance Senecal (SOQ-10Phila Naval Hosp.PhilaPa) "I had an acciden while in training and ended up with a shattered fracture and broken heel bone, double dislocation of thumb and bruises as the result of a 40 ft fall-a brick where I landed done the damage--I have a cast and have been here 6 weeks and as yet no end of it. If I dont develop a limp Ill go back where I left off-the Naval Air Corps--It was sure hard to read about Don-he was one of my best friends" A nice letter Vance-good wishes from all of us. From Mrs Brady: my son Roddy Brady (Sgt) is at 65th Single Engine Fl.Tr. School Brookfield Tex. From a/c Eddie Cottrell (Class 44D Room G-2 8th AAFTDS Sequoia Fld Visalia, Cal)"I am now at Primary and expect to solo tomorrow. This is really like a modern country club we live in small bungalows, eat in a private dining room, run by civilians" From: Jimmy Hines (in England) "Imagine the suprise--John Patterson and I came face to face last week at the Rainbow Corner Cross Road Club in London--John looks as fine as ever, and we had quite a chat over old friends at S.R." From: Pvt Tom E. Watson (Hd Gr 2nd Sig Bn Fort Ord Cal) This outfit has its headquarters in mid-Pacific so if I move out you will have a fair idea where I'll be. I have seen all the historic sights about Monterey Bay just 5 mi away" Thanks Tom, Mrs M. is much better now after a severe time of it. From: Lt. Andy B. Petach (800 Bomb Sq. 470 Gr Mt. Home, Idaho) "VB reached me forwarded from New Haven-today just after reading a letter from Dick Jones-your letter came telling me of Dons death -very sorry!! We have little but sage brush about here & ill miss the autumn coloring-Ill be awaiting that next VB" None other near there that I know off Andy. From: A/C W.F. Nesbit (SqF-a/c PreTech Sc Seymour Johnson Fld N.C) "After 12 weeks of basic training as ground Technicians we go to Yale U for 20 more weeks-my branch will likely be communications. please relay to Kenny Nelson in Sicily(?) TO WATCH THE FOREIGN GYM EQUIPMENT" (There you are Ken) I sure miss the campus" From: Jimmie Welsh (Dir. Red Cross USNB Gulfport Miss) "Cannot express to you my thrill at reading my first issue of VB, and it brought back fond memories of more pleasant times. My job here is primarily " trouble shooting for the men in the services, that is liaison between the men & their families. I have a staff of 3 assistants and 3 stenographers-the experience is excellent. My wife and son Jimmy age 20 mo. were here until Aug when I took them back to Butler. I hope to reach Micky Boal & Hats Keown through VB. I know of nothing better than news to the men in the services as a morale factor, and we need more of the thing your trying to do." Come again Papa Jimmy. From W.S. Held a/c (Class 44E Sq 277GrT-San Antonio Tex) " J. Weaver, Mark Wayne are with me-J. Grossman is one class behind us. To hear about Don Pritchards death was more than a blow to me-his passing will be mourned all over the world by those who knew him as I did" From S/Sgt Walter R. Ramsey (22Base Hdq ABSq Lowry Fld, Denver Col) "Ive spent 14 months here and still like it, (next page, old friend)

I hope to be home for either Thanksgiving or Xmas. and I'll be up to pay you a visit" -And we'll be expecting you! From: Ens Daun W. Nesbit (110 S. Baker Hall Cornell-Ithica N.Y.) I am studying the work done by a deck officer-my detachment date will be about Nov 24th. Art Hazen is here studying diesel engines-that shows the versatility of a health-edder. St Sam Ristich an army navigator, is temporarily at Rosecrans Field, St. Joseph, Mo. Frank Rogers was in Sicily, John Robak was at Camp Sibert Ala in the Chem Warfare Service Rep. Ctr. Your tribute to Don Pritchard-though difficult to write- was superbly done." Come again with a newsy letter Daun. From: Sgt T. Greiner (810 University Cornell Ithica N.Y.) "While there are only a few mentioned in the last 2 VBs that I knew personally, still I sure like to read about what the others are doing--they are trying to teach me the Russian Language up here-why I'm darned if I know-also Government and Geography. the last time I heard from Clark McClelland he was at George Field Ill -he is a Lt now-continue on with those VBs " From "Speed" Hastings uncle in Maple Heights Ohio " Harold is now a Captain -he has had a lot of flying and lost one plane-he was in the water 4 hours-we will try and get you a picture in uniform of him."-(address Capt Wm Hastings VMS-123, Magill, USN 140 Fleet P-master San Francisco Cal) From: Lt H.P. Mosda Jr (VMS. 114, MBDAG-41 El Toro Santa Ana Cal) "The old S.R. bonds are as strong as ever-last week 1st Lt Bob Reed (of Camp Pendleton Cal.) stopped into our squadron along with Steve Horton-right now I'm looking forward to a reunion with "Tiger Joe" Lytle (now at Camp Davis N.C) which will likely be quite interesting.--You can tell Jimmy Kearns to be on the lookout for Fighter Sqdn #114-we expect to move shortly. I've been here 4 1/2 mo. and as yet have seen no rain" Keep us informed Herb-we'll try and get VB to you right along. From: Lt Keith Wooster (Hq. Sq BTU-MAG-42, Goleta, Cal) "Mrs Wooster and I are living in Santa Barbara-about 7 mi from my base. Ermina (Peck) and I were greatly shocked at Don's death -we like it here but we would like Penna better" From: Lt Fred A. Darlin (ATB Little Creek Va) "I'm now in the Amphibian branch now -its the Navys idea-we began to train for 4 weeks-then are given 3 barges & 12 men to train for the same period and you know the rest-I'll write again " OK Fred-wish you were here Sat. for the first day of hunting -you know where I'll be!! From: Pvt Michael Minich (TG 912 Sq 123 FLD Miami Beach Fla) "Hello Mr M-heres my address and say "Hello" to everybody including Grover Watson down at the corner-will be expecting to get my next VB soon" Here it is Mike. From: Sgt C.F. Swartz (47th Ac Sq Box 2420 Truax Fld Madison (7) Wis) " I attended radio school here and stayed on as an instructor. Hats Keown was a Ph Tr instructor here-now gone and Ned Engle is an instructor in code-Major Rasche is here and is doing a very fine job." -Chuck-send me Engles address or have him write me . From Pvt Hohn Hallstein (2nd Co SCU-3413 ASTP Clemson Col Clemson S.C) "There are college fellows from all over down here but I'm the only one from S.R.-look for me on the campus about the first week in Nov" Eyes are peeled Johnny. From S2/c John H. Cassidy (Cottage 9a Auburn Ala) "Those Vbs are just short of a reunion-cant tell you how I appreciate them-hope the time soon comes when we can all get together for that BIGGEST VICTORY at S.R. and you can count me in with the rest for that reunion" From Pvt Tom Carey (Ganger Pl. 63rd Div. Camp Van Dorn Miss) "Thanks for helping me follow through with the fellows I knew at S.R.-without VB it'd be lost as far as they are concerned-keep them coming" From Sgt J.B. Evans (Med Det.-317 Inf Camp Phillips Kan) "I'm away out in Kansas-just finished maneuvers and 15 day furlough-some one asked for "Ace" Hovises address-here it is: a/c James Hovis (USNTS 3(C)C Corpus Cristi, Tex)" From S.H. Harris Sc2/c (CMBU-531 Camp Parks Cal.) The navy is really good to us -just imagine sending me to Cal for the winter!!" From Lt Jg John E. Davis (Command 12th Naval Dist San Francisco Cal) " It was Tuesday night Oct 5th nearing midnight when I arrived home from the base-I was rather tired and serious-so up to bed, and the first thing my wife said was-"You got another VB from Slippery Rock today and Don Pritchard was killed" That last phrase; Mr Miller, froze me in my tracks. I just plopped on the bed read the account, then lay there perfectly quite thinking, thinking. I doubt if there were many who felt closer to Don than I did-we waited on the tables together and kidded all the time-we often went to dances together there-and when we met in Florida in the service we went on picnics together. This sort of thing is the "hell" of war Mr Miller-God Bless his soul, I don't believe I ever heard Don swear. I expect to be shipped out of here in the near future -Good to hear from you Jack-keep your address with us . From Ens Ben P. Rebel " I'm waiting here for transportation and my new address will be USS LCI(h) 340 Fleet Pmaster San Francisco Cal and a hello to everybody" From Cpl. Ronald Headland 4th Weather Sq Gunter Fld Ala) "I appreciate hearing where my old pals from S.R. are. I work with M/Sgt John Thompson in this outfit-hoping the VBs will keep coming". From 1st Lt J.A. Ammon (853 Ig Ser Co De Ridder La) " Had a letter from Lt Herb Hartzell at Hq. 1V Corps; Bend Oregon- and he sure must be doing an interesting

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job in this mans army. My best regards to all at S.R." From Lt H.F. Hartzell (Hq IV. Corp Bend Ore) "Im still Corps Radio Officer" winning the war with a fountain pen-as some wag put it-recently addressed 4 Maj Gen 10 B. Gen and over 100 assorted Gols and Lt. Col's on radio topics, & Gen. Patch, hero of Guadalcanal-me, I was scared but I felt honored. Glad to see so many "old timers" names mentioned in VB-Im wondering if "Mid-Kerr is in the service-we have lived in 9 different states in 1 1/2 years-weve decided to become gypsies" And tell fortunes Herby? From 1st Clark E. McClelland ("my military address is Post Dir. Phy Ed. A.F Pilot Sc. George Fielf. Lawrenceville Ill". From: Pvt Lewis Egnato (417 TG. BTG 4 Fll Miami Beach Fla) "This basic training keeps one "on the ball" and weve really learned to acclimate ourselves here in Florida-we can-st-and the hottest climate and last night we slept under blankets" From ; Mr and Mrs F.M. Rainey, Brownwood , Tex. announcing the marriage of their daughter Norma Gene to Captain Charles Edwin Temple of the Army of the United States. Congrats Norma Gene and "Bill". From Ens. Margaret V. Rhoads (BOQ USNAS Lambert Fld, St Louis (21) Mo) (-and you'll remember her as "Miss Rhoads" of the H.S. Mathematical Dept) "VBs were good to read before I left S.R. but they mean more to one when they are away from home-keep up the good work" From Lt. Ed. Brenner (Napier Fld Dothan Ala) Im now taking a ten day course in Instructor Tr.-ill get my first bunch of cadets next month- you can bet when this mess is over and S.R. has that big reunion Ill be right there- wouldnt miss it for anything!! From Cpl Harold D. Elliott (MP Platoon #28 Pm NYC) "Another change of address-and this one should be the last one-I wish I could say where I am-but all is fine" Good luck "Jake"- will try and pull down a grouse for the 28th MPs ! From Sgt David Frazier (Hq & Ser Br 221 FA Bn APO-716 Pm San Fran) "About a month ago I recd a letter from Walt McGary, who is helping hold this side of the world down-he is now a Lt jg" Come again David. From his sister: address Lt jg Fred ("Ditty" to you) Graham Welfare Officer Lion 3B Camp Allen NOB Norfolk Va. Hello "Ditty" From Fred P. DiMiole (At sea) "Thanks a million for receiving VB away out here. Some day Im going to buy the Uss just to sail up the Slippery Rock creek! Cant we help paddle Fred?. Address: Jesse R. Worley Co 1436 USNTS reat Lakes Ill? also Lt jg Ellsworth Kunkle Armored Guard Sc Camp Shelton Route 60 Norfolk (11) Va. Ens Francis P. Rogers , ATB LCi (L) Flotilla Office Solomons Md. Corp R.N. Pauley Med Det 343 Int APO 450 Camp Howze Tex. Lt F.H. Crowley Base Weather Sta ATC Long Beach Cal. PhM2/c Frank Markowitz USNAS (LTA) Dispensary Glynnco, Ga. Av/C Geo Kaluger Gr 24B Sq# F12 Ellington Fld Tex. Wayne Goss Cpl- CoB 736 Tank Bn (M) Ft. Knox Ky. Lt jg Edgar L. Mehaffey Jr U.S.S P.C. 589 % Fleet Pm San Fran Cal-Hello "Eggs"! "I am at sea most of the time and cant get a picture for your collection-its on my mind though-wish I could tell you more of where I am and what its all about-keep up your excellent job". 1st Lt Robt M. Boal AAF Pilot School Tuscon Ariz. Pfc Gabriel A. Buzas SCSU 1149 Yale U New Haven Conn. 2nd Lieut Alex Dutkin. TBTU MAG-42 MACS Galeta, Cal. Lt Tim Ehli BOQ Marine A S. Cherry Pt. N.C. Lt jg John H. Graham Hq 5th Reg USNTS Sampson N.Y. Lt Lewis J. Hamelly RTC Hq C&A Camp Sibert Ala. Mid Tom Joos % War Shipping Ad R.A. Nicol Col 7 Battery Pl N.Y.C. Pvt Andy E. Krivonak CoA 343 Med Rgt Maddison Bar N.Y. Pfc Ed D. Krause Det 2nd Weather Sq Air Fld Rome N.Y. Rt Frank J. Ladesic 454 Bomb Gr 7373q AAB Charleston S.C. Lt David Lerner-Patterson Field Fairfield Ohio. c/a R.L. Livengood Batt 22 Plat 2 AACCS Camp Davis N.C. Pvt Jack Lottes CoB ASTP State College 3 State College, Miss. Lt James L. Lytle Chanute Field Rantaul, Ill. Johnny Madden Box 246 Holtville Cal. a/c/ Henry White ,)CPTS Sq L Seymour Johnson Fld N.C. Pvt Norbert Wagner AAFCC Sq 104, Fl J J San Antonio Tex. Pvt Stan Marshall 3666SU CoA ASTP 3401 S. Wentworth Av Chicago. Sp3/c Nicholas Strippy Bar 115 Sq 51 USNTS Bainbridge Md. a/c Carl W. Smith mans Class 44a q3 AAF Malden Mo. AMM2/cw E. Rohland VP 1 NAS San Diego Cal. Capt S.C. J. Reinhardt Air Corps NAAF Newport Ark. CPl Edward J. Porter 33rd S.S. Co Fort Meade Md * Kenneth J. Peeples Hq QMS Upper NT3 Samson N.Y. Ens Geo Naismith , NTS U of Minn, Minneapolis Minn. Lt Gil McGarvey 906 B. Dallas Av McAllen Tex. 1st Lt John A. Hauth CoC 81st DBn Camp Pickett Va. Tom Carey (Pvt) Ranger Pl. 63rd Div. Camp Van Dorn Miss APO-410. C sp Al J. Barnes NAS Ottumwa Iowa. 2nd Lt David Thaler 358th Fighter Gr APO 4874 % pm N.Y.C. Cpl Grayson McSandleas H.S. Co-65th Med Reg-APO 4929 % Pm N.Y.C. From Cpl Jimmy Harkins (1st Bn Hq 213 C.A. APO 464 % N.Y.C) "To let you know that VBs have been reaching me pretty regular-it sure is good to know where my old pals are-sorry I missed Ken Miller up on the "cape" as I was around there a good deal.-I ran into Howard Chambers up there" Come again Jimmy-I see the "young lad" in the car with your wife now and then-all O.K. reach Johnny Mencher Hq & Hqs Sq AAFSAT Orlando Fla. And so as this message leaves your old campus, all is well, were paying a good deal attention to ration books, were watching every sector of the war theater, were all working hard and were hoping like heck that Germany will soon crack. A hearty handshake old timer to you!

Geo. T. Miller