

Dear friend with the colors :

Awake at three a.m. and the cool days of early September are here. It is peaceful and quiet and outside it is pitch dark. Only the soothing symphony of the cricket orchestration and an occasional call of a night bird breaks the silence.

But it's morning over in France right now 1944-

...and ones thoughts, as with millions of others who awake with a prayer upon their lips, turn from the peacefulness of the home surroundings to lib-

erated France and northern Italy, to the Pacific Islands now ever nearer Tokio, and the German border. These places are not so quiet...many of our fellows are right up there where it's HOT. Dear God watch over them and keep them safe!!Ere this falls into your hands the real kill might well be over, for the world has been stunned at the lightning-like thrusts through France...unprecedented in military history. Paris is free--how I would like to have seen that!! Millions of Germans, who were made to believe that the invasion was taking place in Great Britain, were stupefied when they learned that it was in France. Bewildered and disillusioned, they have lost faith in Nazism...a faith which was once so fanatical, and through which they helped this monster of evil to arise. Now they seek a way out...the softest way out. It will take years of watchful controlled probation before any respectful recognition is given them...and even then, a constant tight control should BE THERE. It's twilight in Germany now...it should not be sunrise until the world KNOWS, knows without a question, that these 75 million people in the middle of Europe can govern themselves and live peacefully, and with no tricks, in an organized society. Among these are 600 thousand flint-eyed, steel-gutted, fanatical, sly SS troop cut-throats, and sneaking Gestapo. No peace terms of any kind may keep them down...and they have sired a thousand every month in a hundred breeding institutes scattered all over Germany. You folks were taught and raised to be fair-minded, -- after a game, whether your club won or lost you smiled, shook hands all around. On the gridiron you helped the opponent, whom you had tackled, to his feet. You were brought up as GENTLEMEN and GENTLEWOMEN. There's no dealing with Nazis SS troops like that!!! and they, being unable to understand you, would kill you in a minute...dont give them the chance!!! Mark this word, it will take years after Victory to deal with them. Deal with a thug as a thug-never as a Gentleman.

Its cooler now in Slippery Rock, after weeks of drouth showers and a fall in temperature is here, and the grass once again is green and fresh. 225 H.S. footballers and their coaches from Midland, Beaver, Aspinwall, Hopewell Twp., and Freedom have been here training for a week under almost ideal conditions...to see them at scrimmage and Coach Thompson and Storer about over the field brought that old feeling of fall and good old football...days like when you were here, to the imagination. Speed the day when we can have it again!!! Right now we're in season for big juicy red sliced tomatoes, corn-on-the-cob (with darned little butter!!), peaches (4.98 per bu.) Green Gage plums, boiled cauliflower, new potatoes, and fried squash. In your homes the folks are canning, the men are trying to get shot gun shells for the season...and that is'nt so easy. College students will register Monday, Sept 11th, and among them will be 8 or 10 men who have been returned from military service, about 70 freshmen (almost double the number we had last year), and the upperclassmen. The Dr. Carters have moved to Rome Ga., where he will teach in Shorter College for Women. The presidential election is getting under full steam, the grapes are ripening and big fat caterpillars humpush across the cement. The pincers are tightening around Germany, we're bombing Japan... Better days lie ahead. Heads up!!! Chins up!!! Soon this grand old campus will ring with merry laughter (some tears), fun, good music, a grand dance, at the Victory Home Coming. God speed the day!!! VISITING on the campus: Sk3/c Mary Wood, Sgt Mary Aiken, A/s Bob Webster, Pvt Homer Christy, Pvt Jim Holben, whose betrothal to Jean Fergus was just announced, Pvt Mike Minich, Sgt John Conway, and Sgt Warren Brandon--all looking hearty. Robert William Cyphert says "Im 8lb-11oz and I came here Aug 26"...Mamma Wanda says "he looks like his old man" Bob Cyphert...Bring him to the Home Coming Wanda..we hope to have some sort of a nursery for all the babies so you parents can dine, dance, and hike out over the Nature Trail as of yore..or nearly so. Ted Bukowske (Pfc) and his wife Eleanor were here lately also.

SO NOW, lets dip into that big bulging mail bag, and see whats cookin' there. FROM Lt Jim Gallagher (APO) "The sand is crystal clear here in Corsica-people mainly French, and proud of this lovely spot. We forecast the weather for the late invasion-and we see many important people here! From R.C. "Huck" Lieberman (4RHoffmanIs, StatenIs NY) Does VB have your CORRECT address?Turn the page.



"My radio cadet days are more than half over-then me for the high seas as a 2nd class radio operator. Sam Ristich writes me he just returned from delivering a plane to Scotland." * From Ens Bill Meise (615 ATB Little Creek Va) "Here I am training for LSM crew- soon to leave for S. Pacific. Recently I saw Jim Howley (Ens)-he is training on a LCT at the Solomons Md.-so we had quite an evening discussing SR. Glad to read of the good work done by OUR girls- Ill be in Class 1946- will return as soon as I can, anyhow." Good! * From T/Sgt H. Keown (RegSta Hosp Coral Gables Fla) Had an opportunity to see Al Barnes and his wife when he was getting his indoctrination at Hollywood. Am still doing Physiotherapy here! * From: Lt Bruce Adams (England) "Our mess officer over here is Bob Cottrill from Butler, and he attended SR in 37-38. Joe Spataro called up the next day. Im seeing a lot of country- but not under the most pleasant conditions". Keep a stiff lipper up Bruce! * From S.H. Harris (Tinian Is) "We witnessed the battle of Tinian from aboard- after the battle I ran into Lt. Bob McGregor on the beach- his men were among the Marines who did the ground work here in the Marianas- and great work!". * From Cpl Tony Longo (China) "The Chinese react to movies much the same as we do. I saw three sweet young things in front of me with tears in their eyes because they thought the handsome young hero would never again return to Gene Raymond. The audiences leave the theater with quiet courtesy- different than in other theaters! A right letter Tony- and the inclosure caused much gazing- and some fun!! Thanks." * From Sgt Russ Hemphill (2nd Regt Hdqtrs Ft Knox Ky) "I am now Asst Operations Sgt- my job: to see that the companies have the necessary training equipment." * From Cpl Johnny Mencher (APO) "I like France, but its a shame how these people have been made to suffer- you cant imagine the way the most towns are in shambles! We can buy milk, butter, eggs, vegetables- and there are lots of blackberries. I hear from Howley, Karey, and Kearns when the latters not drunk. My H.S. French helps me a little and so we get along". Kearns must have found a gallon- Ive not heard from him for 2 mo. myself. * From Ens Fred Darlin (Attack Boat Hdqrs Ft. Pierce Fla) "I am instructing in engineering, still. Last Sat. drove down to W. Palm Beach and met Stan Marshall's sister Gertrude, and Lucille Porter- they are both working down here now. Some officers I was instructing had Archie Dodds as an officer- said he was doing an excellent job". Was out two weeks ago Fred. * From Pfc Gabriel Buzas (APO) "I am enjoying France very much- am inclosing a copy of Continental Edition of Stars and Stripes with headlines: BERLIN SAYS YANKS 22 MILES FROM PARIS. SOUTH - INVASION FORCES 24 Mi INLAND". Thanks for the first paper from war torn France! * From a/s John Chellman (Class 44-48B Big Spring Tex) "Just finished gunnery school- now taking advanced bombardering. I met Major Hensh in St. Louis, a pilot and a pal of "Jake Elliotts" Can you furnish Hensh's address? * From : Ens Frances Cleeton (NAS, Pasco Wash) "This station while not the largest, is a very busy one, with famous carrier groups & squadrons. I supervise the use of synthetic training devises, and ground school instruction" Thanks for your picture and clipping of the heroism of Ens. Clyde Scheidemante's work with the port propeller during the assault on Sicily!! * From: Capt Frank Nicoletti (Brief Sec, Baer Field, Ft. Wayne Ind) "Did it up right this time; married an army nurse in Base Chapel- then both of us got promotions" ... Ah! an example for others to profit by! Get married- get promoted- Congrats! * From a/c M.E. Carless (Class 44-35, 4th Stud Sq. Kingman, Ariz) "Have heard from Stoner several times- have lost Weaver- missed a furlough to S.R. too" * From: Lt Lew Hamelly (AAF, Ardmore Okla) "Passed last VB on to Jack Kelly, who is now here, doing ph. tr. work. Went to see a Wild West Rodao and the cow boys rode wonderful. The Indian dances were interesting too." From : Cpl Orlando Lucidore (Co E, Oreilly Gen Hosp Springfield Mo) "I am now a student in the Med Lab Tech School here". From Sgt John Clark (APO) "I like it better in Italy than in Africa. Have visited a few towns and the aerial pounding they got was terrific" * From Ens Daun Nesbit (At sea) "Lets hope that the need of having a VB for students at war will soon terminate and that a VB for peaceful S. Rites will continue to be issued". * From Lt Bob McGregor (APO) "Over 50 days on Saipan and Tinian, with much experience- some pleasant, some unpleasant. After action had ceased on Saipan we billeted a few days in Charan-Kanoa, living in some buildings still remaining- we used to catch chickens, fry em. In Tinian I ran into Bob Reed again. On my last day in Tinian I met "Ch" Harris- he sure has lost weight- looks good. I do a lot of daydreaming of homecoming" Good old Bob! * From Lt Jg Wayne Stoyer (143 Brown UNTC Sch Princeton NJ) "Never realized one could learn so fast when required to do so" * From S/Sgt Bob Sinclair (France) "Have been here almost two months now- hoping that my VBs will soon catch up to me" * From S2/c Bob Webster (Col 8B44 Bedford Springs Pa) "Ive learned that I never appreciated my schooling at SR until I entered the Navy- and as I shall when I return to SR after war is over". * From 1st Lt Peter Sowa (30TU RAAB Reno Nev) "My biggest thrill so far was being of some help to Chuck Hough, when he came as a student to Columbus Miss, meeting him in Brazil

on his way to war with his own B24. Ascention Island and again Chuck. At Dakar Africa-searched for Bill Rometo-no luck-then to Tunis, Naples where I delivered the plane. Back through Algiers and Casablanca and a long flight(secret) to New York. Five wonderful days at home then another B25 to Corsica, back home in April-to Reno Nev. The letters I read of SR, shows that the spirit there is burning them through!!!-3rd time-the big day here Peter and Mary! How you do get around!! * From: 1st Lt Chuck Hough(England) "The picture I inclose is the one on my plane. "FEARLESS FOSDICK" has carried me through many missions: Berlin, Paris, Hamburg, Hanover, Madgeburg, Leipsig, Muster etc-and these are tough missions. Am fine, hope to come to the States soon, God providing, I hope it will end over here soon" And how YOU do get around Chuck, by the illustration "Fearless" ought to be in luck. * From: Cpx Jack Flora(US ARMY Repair Ship) "We have a swell ship and a dandy bunch of men-can hardly wait to see the gang at SR" * From: Lt Bill Tallon(APO) "Have weathered out combat-now I have to "sweat out" a trip home, which I hope to make in two weeks, and await further orders. Pretty excited-will see you middle of Oct! Be watchin'. * From: Phm3/c Jack Swetek(Rm300-US Nav Hosp Portsmouth Va) "Am in charge of Occupational Therapy Dept here-we do all kinds of art work, metal work, leather tooling, carpentry, wood carving, block printing! Last Friday I met Phm3/c Frank Africa who is at the US Nav Hosp, Bethesda Md. I also ran into Joe Johnston(Csp) who is at A. Bar. 210 USNTS, Bainbridge Md. Am now in touch with Engg Harry Harris & will meet him in Norfolk-he says there are other SR grads there". * From: Pvt Homer Christy(CoA-8Bn2RgtFtMcClelland, Miss) "Am now in the 3rd week of training-expect to finish Dec 6th" * From: Lt Dale Liken(543 Sig Base Depot Holabird Sig Depo Balt Md) "I attended school for Morale and Special Services-soon we will be going overseas". * Cpl Geo Sipe(APO) "Have been able to correspond with some of my old chums-all OK over here-and we are looking forward to Homecoming". * From: Pfc H.C. Oberfeighinger(APO) "England is nice this time of the year, but an impossibility to get a sun tan. We are very busy here now". * From: A.S. Louise Wilson(Reg 39, Bldg N, Co 8312-NT Sc(WR) Bronx 63 NY)-a Wave(not a WAC as was listed) "I was very suprised to have one of the Waves call to me-it was Charlotte Funkhouser, since then we have seen each other several times. We have 5000 girls here, and I love it now that I've acclimated to the new situation". * From: T/5 Dale Salsgiver(England) "Have been too busy to visit any as yet-but I want to see the important places as soon as I can-I can hardly imagine myself in England". * From: Sgt Carl Graham (Hq and SerCo Class Sec. Med Tng. Ft Lewis, Wash) "This is a city in itself and with a capacity of 100,000 men, and many service branches are to be found here. Would like to contact the old gang when they write". * From: Cpl Jake Elliott(France) "France is more picturesque than I imagined it would be-if only we could see it under different circumstances. All O.K. with me" * From: Lt Sam Ristich(20th Ferry Com. Berry Fld Bx 9 Nashville Tenn) "Still seeing terra firma from on high; Greenland, Labrador, Iceland, Scotland, S. America, Africa-hope to see Capt Burch in Guadacanal and Cpl Longo in China if I ever get to those places". * From: S/Sgt Leon Scowden(France) "The people are genuinely friendly and liberal with what they have-but darn it, theres too many hornets around here!". * From: S/Sgt Wm M. Grant(Hq Sq Bks 24 MAD, Memphis 15 Tenn) "My wife Carolyn and daughter 20 mo. are with me down here-expect to ship out the middle of Oct." * From: Ens Jim Howley(NATB, Solomons Md-Crew 3755) "We have Ltjg Clyde Scheidemantel as an instr. here and a darn good one he is too. Am very busy". * From: Pfc Walter Wilson(Guam) "One old native wove a mattress for me today out of palm leaves, and the natives will do anything for us, which we appreciate. Most of them speak English in some degree. They are now making a camp for the natives-then when the war is over they will return to their homes". * From: Ltjg V.M. Fleeger(Parkview Apts, Harrisburg Pa) "I am amazed at so many of our people meeting abroad-am still at Mechanicsburg and will probably sign the armistice there". * From: Cpl Don Fusco(Co F-6th ASF, Camp Lee Va) "Have been to Honolulu, Hawaii, and to McDowell and Beale, Calif, and now here at Lee & as yet have never met a S.R. man. I am now acting as Co clerk". * From: Lt Joe Spataro(England) "We went on a different kind of a mission and visited: Persia, Egypt, points in N. Africa, got a great kick out of swimming in the Mediterranean, visiting the Sphinx & Pyramids in Cairo, and the wonderful Sultans Palace in Morocco. The heat and smells in Persia isn't so much to tell about. Casablanca, Cairo and Algiers are beautiful towns. We saw beautiful girls dressed in the latest fashions riding in Buicks, and in sharp contrast modestly veiled native women riding demurely by in stinking horse drawn carts. Visiting Cambridge I rowed on the Caw river! And dont Joe get around!! * From: Midn John D Brooks(201 Menner Hall Cornell U. Ithica NY) "Expect to finish here late in Sept-then expect to go to sea-hope to get to SR before I go". Do come! * From: MoMM2/c Jay Craine(Eng Sc Camp Ft. Pierce Fla) "I am now a 2nd Class Petty Officer here in Eng. school-would like my old roomie Walt Keibler to write me here". * From: S/Sgt Chuck Swartz(3508 Base U, Sec B, Truax Field

Turn the page-and lets make Victory Home Coming SOMETHING!!

Madison 7 Wis) "I am still instructing in military subjects. I see Don West in Radio every now and then". * From Sgt Clair Hetrick (APO) "I rec'd the last VB here on Saipan-it was like meeting old friends to read of so many I know." * From Lt Jg Henry W. Ott (Harbor Ent Cont Post San Diego Calif) "A month ago I ran into Lt Joe English-have not seen him since, so I suppose he is moved. Would like to hear from gang". * From S2/c Gregg J. Milligan (Bks 74, Co HW 3, Coronada, San Diego 55 Calif) "I was mighty sorry to hear about the death of my friend Geo Hornickel. I am now training to be a driver of a Landing Craft Boat". * From Pvt Bob McClymonds (France) "I am getting a good worms eye view from fox holes of this shindig-and how this little worm can dig! I often think that there must be a lot of SR boys up there pouring it on to the Germans-sometimes the pouring comes in reverse-thats why Im so sleepy some of these days--too much going on to be homesick". * From A/S Kay Ashcom (Sec 1 Midn School Notre Dame, Ind) "Am going like a house afire-and still 2 1/2 weeks to go". * From Ens John Joy (Armd Grd Ctr-52 Stand 1st Av, Brooklyn NY) "Am here awaiting assignment to another ship.-, inclosed is the picture I promised for the plaque" Thanks-there is plenty of room-send them in folks!! * From Lt Jg Lew McElroy (New Guinea) "When at Camp Ellis a Lt there, after reading VB wanted to know "if Slippery Rock was an obstacle course-and can you beat that!! Never did I see such busy highways-some are 6 lanes wide. In my first 3 days of flying we traveled 1000 miles" Whew!! * From Lt Elizabeth Coval (Reg Hosp-Ft Jackson SC) "I am the Adjutant here at the hospital and love my work." * From VMF, 123 MCAS, Goleta, Calif "Ermina (Peck) and I were blessed with a little daughter July 10th. Sorry to hear of Geo Hornickel". * From Ens Fred Lytle (Comm Off. Portsmouth NH) "Have not been to SR for 6 years-how I will be suprised when I see those new buildings. Expect to ship out soon". * From Capn Dick Hammerle (Italy) "The further north we go the people seem to be like the folks back home. I've never moved so fast nor so often since I've been in the army. Visited Rome-saw all points of culture-What you read in the papers about the people greeting the soldiers as they drive through is true-the girls hop on the jeeps, throw their arms around us-nice looking girls too!" Dick!!! * From Lt Comm E. J. Pawka (At Sea) "That home coming is a great idea-I'd give my left wing (providing we had lots of altitude) to see the gang again". * From Lt Harry Fink (Box 289 AAF Childress Tex) "I am giving instruction in bombardier -navigator class-Norden bombsight, dead reckoning, pilotage navigation, etc-I wish to be in combat though". * From Pfc Paul Huffman (138 Ord HM Co Camp Maxey, Tex) "My wife Ellen (Kiestner) is spending the summer down here-we send our regards". * From A. T. Barnett (Italy) "Stan Pierce, an old S.R. Boy is here, in the Red Cross with me. Coming over we were penned up in the hold of the boat-that was 'nt so happy, but I didn't get sea sick at that. On a mission a while ago my pilot was hit in the leg with flak, I was hit in the neck-out of hospital now, and OK. The Drs. are doing a GRAND job over here!" * From Cpl John F. Koontz (1503rd AAF Base U. Hamilton Fld Cal. "I guess Im scheduled for the Pacific Area now". * From Lt Jg Carl Mallon (At sea) "We had a S.R. reunion here in Naples; on three successive days I met Lt Jg Chuck Moore, Lt Bill Manke, and Lt Bill Hinds-good old S.R. came in for good talk! I met the late Stan Robsons wife in Oran-a member of the Red Cross, and doing a great job. Bill Manke was on his way home for a rest-a well deserved one! He has been through some terrific action. Bill Hinds just got here from Africa-Chuck Moore and I always watch for each others ship-we meet every now and then. My son Carl Jr was born on my birthday April 12-needless to say I am very anxious to see him" Fine letter!! * From Phm 2/c Eugene West (Rec Div, Bar D-80 SAH 2 San Bruno, Calif) "Likely I will be changing my address soon. Our training for combat makes us guess we will fight and then take care of the wounded after it is all over-it all sounds like an amphibian group". * From Lt Tom Graham (Post Grad Det Spencer Fld Moultrie Ga) "What about Frank Ladasic?" -Sorry, no news so far-still missing in action, in Italy. * From Lt Jg Geo Wagenhorst (LCT Gr 63 Comm Det Bldg. New Orleans La) "My guess is that Ill go west from here-perhaps towards the Phil. Isls". * From Lt JM Dunlap (Crew 6613 Mt Home Idaho) "This is a desolate prairie out here-sage brush, jack rabbits, coyotes". * From Lt N. Steinberg (Det 105 AACs Hensby Fld, Dallas Tex) "Finished my course at Yale-now here and dont want to miss a copy-tell Krovanik and H. White to write". * From Lt Jack E. Davis (Nav Bar NSD. Oakland 14 Calif) "Ran into Sk 2/c Ed Weiss of Class '32-and he would like to get VB. Our young son is doing nicely, his mother fine and now doing her ironing and singing". AND now as this issue comes to a close, the students are driving in for the opening of Fall semester tomorrow, and its a rare September day here on the campus, everything green and lush, a nice gentle breeze a'blowing and parents drive their cars up to the circle carry suit cases up to N. Hall, walk around, I hear merry "Hello"s between old schoolmates, and so we're soon starting another years work. Good news from all fronts-Better days lie ahead, then home and to build the greatest nation (better) that ever existed!! If the going gets tough, grit your teeth and hang on, HANG ON!! A friend Geo. T. Miller