

Dear friend with the colors :

If one was able to view with panoramic eyes the whole of Europe, America, and the Near East, looking as it were upon peoples as one would view colonies of ants, he would see one of the greatest upheavals of mankind taking place. Just now, those "ants" are returning to their own "hills", and what stories they could tell--- those who are left to tell them. This upheaval, and this dramatic return will affect the literature, drama, art, economics, and the social status of the world for a thousand years. Its story will be history.

Eisenhower, who had been horrified by Nazi atrocities, was wise in inviting officials, senators, congressmen and editors and publisher to see FIRST HAND the mass bestiality, atrocities, and unbelievable conditions of the Nazi concentration camps and mass crematoriums. These men hurried to see, then to report back non-propaganda findings. Among these reports I would refer you to the SATEVEPOST for 6/9/'45, in an article by Editor Ben Hibbs that should forever put America & the whole world straight on general German patterns. "A people", he writes, "who always seem willing to be led around by the nose, until they lose all individuality and initiative and become only robots of a brutal system. It is this national trait that has made Germany one of the most dangerous of nations".And have no question of it: Had Germany won the war, Hitler, despite all these atrocities and unspeakable conditions that he caused to be committed, would have been in their estimation the greatest man in the world, and they would have gone on to his bidding willingly and gladly. All this in spite of and contrary to all the dodging, evading, elusiveness, subterfuge and counter-blaming that the masses, now that they are conquered, are pouring on to the Nazis....."How we all hated them!" they say--yet these same people shouted in mass hysteria at every opportunity they had to demonstrate FOR the Nazis!! I call on you to read Hibbs' article, written from first hand knowledge---and to tell it to your children and to their children; then when America has lost most of its skepticism and the world has forgotten a little, have this article ready to recall when some damn, long-eared congressman or some group of sob-sisters, or sob-brothers start preaching easement, relaxation, remission and restoration of Germany to the status of a trusted and dignified nation. When this happens they are simply sowing the seeds of World War III. Do you want your children to go thru all this again and WORSE !!! Germany must be controlled by force for years until she emerges a nation of decent people--then she will be fit to form a decent government. Says Hibbs:"It will take a long time for the clean winds of decency to blow the Nazi infection out of Germany".Let us not forget ! Let us not forget!

Well, here in little old S.R. the month of May was overcast & we had much rain, fog, dampness, and it has been cold...frost nipped the newly planted tomato plants, and they had to be reset. At this writing however it is warmer, and most of the gardens are in. Our 56th Annual Commencement came off in fine shape, and through Dr. Entz's thoughtfulness, a copy of the program is inclosed. The Pre-Session of summer school is on with say, 75 in attendance, and by the time many of you will be reading this the regular Six Weeks term will be in full blast. Governor Martin has finally vetoed Bill 757, thus he has made Bill 164(which was passed by trickery) valid and legal. We are all watching the outcomes and the appropriations that will be granted to S.T.Colleges. VISITING on the campus and always most welcome: F/O Milton Carless, Capt Bill Temple lately from Germany--he reached 18 miles from Dresden with Patton--decorated by old "Blood & Guts"himself, Ens. and Mrs Ben Rebel--Ben for check-up(Ward 818 U.S.N Hosp. Bainbridge Md.), Lt. Geo. Kaluger, and friend Miriam-Geo had unusual experiences in his air trips over Germany--decorated., Ens Frances Cleeton and sister Mrs Nesbit-Frances has flown all over the USA and thoroughly loves her job., WRE. "Huck" Lieberman--just home from Sicily aboard., Pvt. Mike Minich--recently married to a Nevada girl., T/Sgt John Watson home from Germany--was with 1st Army Hdq--made map of Allies & Russian tactical meeting., 1st Lt Bob Shannon and wife--Bob was in a hospital in England., Pvt Homer Christy, Mrs Bob Milheim saying that Sgt. Bob was near Calcutta, India, Mrs Rhea Heckert Stratton with her hubby, Lt. jg Stratton(a Cadet here once--lost over Burma?--got back and wont say a word--yet., Pvt. Paul Grine from Germany--saw much! Pfc Archie Sonntag. The Lt. jg Bob Varnums announce a bouncing baby!. Jeanne Collette is with the Spring Street U.S.O. Pensacola, Florida., Pfc. Robt E. Muir of Evans City, who once attended S.R. some time ago died of Re-education for Germany...no soft peace!!! Turn the page.



wounds received in Germany, April 8, '45. He crossed the Siegfried Line March 17. Rest in peace under the sod of conquered Germany! Eleanor Cottrell Hartzell is with the Red Cross (St. Elizabeth Hosp, Nicholas Av. Wash. DC)., REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION: Lt. Keith G. Wooster-in action over Japan flying a Corsair...letter from a Major states he saw 2 planes go down, one in water, other over land. We sincerely hope for good news from Keith!!! Please write in any information. Donna McWilliams writes that her fiancé has been liberated from a German camp. Sgt. Bill Kuznik writing from Czechoslovakia states that he met up with Jo Bannicher in France while she was handing out do-nuts. Bill reports that as yet he is unmarried. Lt. Jack E. Davis (Naval Barracks NSD Oakland Calif) who has requested overseas duty for two years will likely see his dream soon come true-likely its the S. Pacific for Lt. Jack!. 2nd Lt. Jack M. Dunlap, a co-pilot of a liberator unit recd. the Soldiers Medal--Jack pulled the body of his flight engineer through the broken windshield of his crashed plane, burning, soon to explode, crash landed plane--saved the mans life-plane soon burned. Great work hero Jack!!! 1st Lt. Herb Mosca, 150 combat missions over Enemy territory in S. Pacific holds Air Medal for achievement--Herb, operating from a Palau base has hammered at, and has destroyed Jap planes in the air, on the ground--comes back with crippled engines--raises particular hell with Nip ammunition dumps--has 500 hours in air. GREAT work Herb!!! Lt. Ray DeLenga, flying the "hump" in India, struck a thunderstorm-plane rose from 15000 to 17000 in 5 seconds--both engine lost in updraft, all bailed out, for 3 days crew wondered thru jungle while rescue planes circled, dropped supplies which stuck in dense jungle trees. Ray was found by Nago tribe of HEADHUNTERS...brought to safety in area that has never been explored as yet--dangerous natives are fierce-Ray and his men were FIRST to bring report out of that long avoided section of Himilaya Mts!!! Come tell us all about it at the HOME COMING Ray!!! At this time great letters are coming in, particularly from those who have been (and are) serving in captured Germany, now that they can write more freely. It would take a book to hold them all and the reading as fine as any novel you ever picked up!!! We wish we could publish them all as they come in--you know that is impossible for VB. KEEP THEM COMING--we have them all--here is a SLIGHT review of the MAIL BAG: From: Lt. Tom Paden "Here's my new address (USAConvHospCampBrutnerN.Car)!! O.K. Tom. From: Lt. "Buck" Davis (Armed Guard Commander, SS New Hope--at sea) "I am on a fast tanker and seeing plenty of this old globe--have visited 14 countries. VB reaches me at port and many men from other colleges tell me they wish that their schools had undertaken a similar idea". From: Pfc. Stan Marsh-all (48th Gen Hosp) Paris: For the last 3 mo. I have been here in 10 or 11 camps--now I seem settled here--have seen the usual sights and am enjoying Paris, and its a great experience--but I much prefer the good old USA, where people are a bit cleaner, and where we keep abreast of the times. I see a lot of our P.W.'s come into this hospital after being liberated from Bosche camps and the stories they tell and their emaciated bodies, having been beaten by brutal men, is enough to sicken any one. Believe me, Mr M, this bears witness to the fact that we must not give Germany a soft peace, as you so often have printed at the bottom of VB pages!". From Pfc. Ken Clark (HqBase SerSq423Air Ser Gr. APO 559 NY) Parham, Eng. "Two weeks ago our outfit celebrated its 300th mission over enemy territory--I have had Good Conduct, European Operation and Presidential Citation--and I want to go home". From: Ltjg Ray Haynes (USS LCT (6) 1287) "I ran into Ens. Ray Ashcome, we have had several evenings together and he is coming aboard for dinner--nothing too good for an S.R. alumnus!". From: T/Sgt Wayne Garraux (980 Ord. DepoCo APO35) "I have been traveling on the road doing liaison work for my Bn--am now back with the outfit as Mess Sgt--am inclosing one of Hitlers Stamps and a 100 Mark piece--souvenirs" Thanks! From: Major Bill Raney (APO671) "I was to an Indian wedding last night, a boat ride on Hoogley tonight and a dance at the Officers Club Saturday--remainder of time I make 7 copies of everything. The monsoons have set in--so has the prickly heat". From: Cpl Wm T. Elder (Med Det 558AAA (AW)). "Since writing you I have been in Holland and am now in Germany, near Gladbach--k,--we have been having lots of rain here, and from what Dad writes I guess you have had a lot of rain in S.R. too"--Yes, too much. From: Capt Frank Ware (1819 Labor SuperCo APO667) "The Gov. is setting up Universities for G.I.'s to attend while waiting to go home and I may be soon transferred to one of them. German POW's are easy to handle--they are afraid they will be released to go back home where the eats are not nearly as good as we have in camp. This city has been completely wrecked by our air power. The Germans want to be friendly but we are in no way allowed to fraternize with them". From: Sgt Milton "Pete" Morris (Assam, India) "I recd a letter from "Hennie" Ott, who ran into Joe Orsini. I see where "Bill" Raney "The Sharon Flash" was in this neck of the woods--would sure like to see him". From: Lt. Harry Flister (US S Tamalpais--at sea) "I have been in: Normandy Invasion, Middle East, and

European theater-Wales, England, Canada, France, Africa--now at sea". From: Lt. Alex Assad (863rd AA APO 654) Germany-"I now have 6 battle stars: 1 Sicily, 2 Italy, 1 France, 2 Germany-I am planning to go back to S. R. as my course was interrupted, and I wish to finish."-I am having a letter sent you from college as to your work to be completed. From: Lt. Jim Gallagher (13th WxSq APO 650) "I spent a nice 5 days in the French Riviera at Cannes recently-Boy! that is a real vacation, and the Americans have taken it over. Its quiet here now, and likely will be. I am hoping to go to the other war theater but have as yet received no encouragement". From: Cpl Henry White (300AAF Bn 3rd AFHQ Tampa Fla) "Yesterday Bill Manke and I met at Drew Field, and we plan to spend next Sunday at Silver Springs-yesterday we took a 70 mile jeep ride. Boy! Give me a horse". From Lt. Dale Liken (546 Signal Base Depot Co APO 513) "I am now the Special Service Officer for my outfit-I always am trying to think of something new to plan for my men-new and different-will attend a school in Paris this month. Victory Bell has been more than a new letter, and has made each one of us feel more at home than anything ever attempted. I feel that it should continue always after the war under same name". From: M/Sgt Doug Lehman (Hq Com 2 ETO USA Eng Paris) "Still in Paris and have received Am. Defense, Good Conduct, and ETO Ribbons and Bronze Star Medal". From: S/Sgt H. Headland (7th Hospital Train APO 513) "VB#41 came over in 6 days-a record. We finished our 82nd trip carrying patients this morning. The first 43 were in England, the last 39 in France, Belgium, Holland. We were bothered with V1's for a while near Liege but none of them broke near enough to do harm-we got a battle star for it. We traveled about 15000 miles-1 patient, 1 mile. In Germany the railways were demolished and we evacuated patients by air & by boat to England-lately most runs were made to Marseille with patients bound for USA". From: Mary White Sowa (Sharon) "Pete (Capt P. Sowa is now in India (1345 Bn SqB), flying into China and meeting friends at every stop". From: Lt. Joe Bonafeste (Casual-P.O. LAPEWilmington Calif.) "Was commissioned April 18th which was my birthday-my work is to keep track of property in route on Liberty vessels. I have good food, fine quarters, as soon as goods are delivered I fly back and go again". One little old grimace from Lt. Joe and no pilfering!! From: Sgt H.A. Marsteller (4100AAF Bn SqB Patterson Fld Ohio) "John Herben 6 lb, 8 oz was born on May 26th--and hold your breath--13 minutes later John's little play mate Ann Lovenia, 6 lb, 3 oz came along...what do you think of that ?" ...Darn fine---what a BIG BABY CONTEST we will have--we will enter John and Ann against those two little Lytle babies and --perhaps well skin them for a mile--we shall see. we shall see!! Any way glad to see some competition in the TWIN column!! From: S. Sgt Norman Russell (Weather Sta No 110) "The Taj Mahal is everything that I expected it to be--and near Dayalbagh, a religious cult of Indians with an old Dutchman as leader is constructing a temple that will likely surpass the Taj-it will be 5 stories each with its pinnacles, and marble carvings, and the work has been going on for over 40 years--all done by hand with much inlay and mosaic work--with semi precious stones". From: Lt. E.S. Mehaffey (915 Flamingo Hotel-Miami Beach Fla) "My wife and daughter are here with me since I am "Stateside" now-completed a new course for new work and assignment". From: Cpl Neal Hassel (Hq POW. OH Det 2019 APO 350). "I have seen Paris twice as my duties take me travelling much--last time a sketch artist did my portrait as I sat at an outside cafe sipping wine there--and an old lady came along selling violets. Have seen the castles of the Rhine, and the destruction. Most of the classes 35, 36, 37 & 38 will recall me as "Casanova"--and I married Nancy Jean McKee and we have a son 2 years old. That opening paragraph made me homesick for S.R.". From: Lt Bill Held (Box 287 SqK Luke Field Ariz) "Have had 13 mo. of instructing cadets--am soon getting a change I hope". From: Lt. Genevieve Lescaak (107 Gen Hosp APO 121B) "Coming out of Westminster Abby on Easter Sunday I met Jim Grossman and we sat on the steps and chatted about Slippery Rock and the kids supposedly stationed around here. I live with 5 nurses in a brick hut--comfortable quarters--with a pot bellied stove in the middle of the floor that literally eats coke". From: Sgt. Al Denbow (35th S.S. Co APO 350) "Read where Dick Hammerle was attending the I and E School in Paris. I was also at the U of Paris instructing for 5 weeks getting ready for the V-Day athletic program--sorry I missed him. Bill Temple spent a day and night with me--we were in Bastogne. I visited the German concentration camp at Ohndruff(?), and Mr. M. one can't visualize what went on without seeing it. Bodies strewn all over the place; Czech, Russian, French, Polish--having been starved, shot, beaten to death. The people at home should see all of this so that they can realize why we are over here fighting and what a wicked tribe the Germans are, and they should be wiped off the map so that this can never happen again". From: T/5 Bob Smith (3794 Sig Int Sv Det APO) "I have been on Oahu (Hawaii) for a month--a regular tropical paradise, green mts, blue sky, green palms, white sand, deep blue sea--you'd find lots to It MUST never happen again!!! Japan yet--then home! Turn page.

paint here." From: Pvt Keith Stoner (China) "I guess you already know of our entry in the Baby Contest-Keith Louis was born 4/16/45-weight 8 lbs-20 inches long. (He would be long!) VB#40 reached me May 2 and it was read and re-read". O.K. Papa Keith! From: Ens. Eugene Shelar (USS LST-1024) "They did not send us to Iwo Jima but gave us a rest after Luzon. We were in on the initial landing on Okinawa-one of the first ships to land on the beach-that evening a suicide plane tried to get us-our guns hit him and he missed our boat 50 feet". From: Capt. John Hartman (SqA-1330 APO) India. "Thanks to you, last week was "old home week" as I met three S.R. boys over here: Capt. Pete Sowa, who just arrived here, Major Rainey, and Lt. Joe Lytle-the latter two in Calcutta. So the VB has caused many of us to meet all over the world". From: 2nd Lt. Bob Sinclair (Hq Colst Bn 313 Inf APO 79) "And I have been to Paris, Ooo La La-what a town! "From: Fl/c John Bevington (USS Borie DD704) "I am of the opinion that Cassidy and Hildebrand are near here. Am sure looking for the day when I get back to S.R.". From: Lt Bob McGregor (Co A Amph Rec Bn Fleet Marine Force) "I am up in Okinawa-we have had our ups and downs-just now enjoying a rest. Natives here (who have been under Jap rule all their lives) show us a friendly attitude-they are an energetic people-all small but no really "fat" people among them. Both men & women are in their fields or fishing all day. This is my 18th mo. here and before long I hope to rate a little leave. Was pleased with the Basketball team-tell Coach". From: Cpl Marshall Sutherin (Co B 735 MP Co APO 413) "Workmen in parks are filling in slit trenches, black out curtains are coming down, lighting systems being repaired here in London. I met Frank Westerman at Rainbow Corner-I pass my VBs along to brother Dan who is across the Rhine and he tells me he passes them on to another man who attended SR once". From: Pvt. Joe Kelly (Sec. S-Lowry Wld Denver Col) "Have been here for 3 years in Phy. Ed. work-recently trans to Photo School". From: Lt Jg Wayne Stoyer (S.S. Thos Lynch-at sea) "Among the other countries visited: Italy, Porto Rico, Cuba". From: Pvt Paul Currie (Hq 81st Repl 17th RD APO 873) "I have seen many interesting sights in Germany but also many that I want to forget. Much of Germany's art has been destroyed". From: Capt Loyall Liken (1328 AA FBn-Ar 4) "This Jap war is hard to figure since supply lines are so long, and battle fronts very far apart. We are about to sweat out another monsoon season in Assam". My boxing team will meet John Hartmans-have located "Gomer" Jones but I haven't seen him yet". From: Capt David Thaler (21st Weather Sq) "We operated from mobile vans-weather stations in trucks-and they were as good as any, and our outfit was among the first to hit the French coast. My H.S. french helped me and I was able to hold conversation in part with French people. I shall never forget the destruction of St. Lo-likely because it was the first total destruction I saw"? A great letter David! wish I could include it ALL. From: Sgt Floyd Bartoe (Hq 61st Ord Gr APO) "We are pretty close the front lines now and expect to move up closer-are forced to hit the fox holes and bomb shelters-the Japs throw artillery shells at a couple of air strips near by and you can hear them going over head and hitting some place. There's not a building left standing nor a cave not burned out. I can appreciate what the Marines and Army went through to force them out". From: Lt. Jim Grossman (856 Sq-492 Gr APO) "Im hoping to fly to Oslo, Norway tomorrow then we expect to be on our way home-to the C.B.I. and I hope to see you in route". From: Cpl Bob Cowher (Hq 404 F.A. Gr APO 339) "We were just a few miles just this side of the Elbe when the war ended, and Ive seen many interesting sights over here in the ETO. Right now our group is living in a beautiful castle about 25 miles n.w. of Madgenburg". From: Lt Jg C.L. Axtell (USS Wiley DD597) "While at Bremerton I visited Harry Truman and they sure treated me swell-was at their home several times, and to the movies, and Harry challenged me to a game of golf just before we left-I gave him a run for it, and parted with some currency, but he defeated me". From: S/Sgt Chas Swartz (2201 Oakridge Ave Madison Wis) "Thought I'd be gone from here before this but the Army moves in mysterious ways". From: 1st Lt P.T. Butler (740 Sq 455 Gr APO) "I have received every copy of VB from 1st copy to last one that reached me in Italy-where I flew 8 missions before the war ended, leading our Sq. on the Linz raid, our toughest one. Right now I'm in Spec. Serv. work and have a soft ball league---soon I hope to be back on my way against the Japs". From: Pvt. Chuck Headland (Inf Col-4th Pl) "We are now stationed near Aumetz, France and we see the destruction of the Maginot line, wrecked equipment & practice with bazookas against wrecks of Mark IV tanks. We'll probably be sent to the Pacific area". From: PhM2/c Jack West (Marine Hq Sq 23) "Here I am on my 2nd tour and they put me on some Godforsaken island so far from combat it hurts my pride! Nothing to write about here". Write any way!! From: Cox Jack Flora (USARS Wm F. Fitch) "It was great news to know that Howard Jones was alive as a prisoner as VB#40 brought to Sus (NOTE: Howard was liberated from prison April 28th by Welsh Guards - a letter to his mother in Erie!!!) and there are sailors here who look to VB as much as I do". Great good luck Men & Gals out there!

Write in just as soon as that new address comes. Some VBs now being changed. Using address!