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A Letter to the Soldier Boys

In nearly every letter that the folks back home get from the boys in the service the soldier boy says, "Write me some news, tell me what is going on at home." Therefore this letter is dedicated to all the boys and girls in the service. Dear Soldier - It is spring in the Penasco valley, the fruit trees are in full bloom and we are hoping for a fruit crop. Gardens are being plowed and the Penasco valley is going to do its bit in the production of food. Irrigation water is still plentiful, the town of Hope had water Saturday night and Sunday - Bert Weddige is still hauling milk from Hope to Carlsbad every day - Mode Stevenson has purchased a truck from Buzz Essex - Walter Coates, who was thrown from a horse, has returned to his home after being in the Artesia Clinic over a week - Buzz Essex has sold a Chevrolet Coupe to Louis Wells Thursday, April 5, farmers will find a cash market for their eggs and poultry if they take them to the Essex and Briscoe Service Station - Lewis Weddige has joined the army and is stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif - Mrs. N. L. Johnson went to

Carlsbad last week end - Wallace Johnson and family arrived here Saturday night from Alamogordo where he was the county agent for Otero County. He is going to start farming the place he purchased from Ralph Shafer recently - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shafer are moving out to the Frank Runyan farm - Dr. Buach from Artesia was up here Sunday visiting friends - Pfc. Alton Briscoe was here last week on a 10 day furlough from Camp Roberts, Calif. - George Teel and Joe Clements shipped a truck load of wool to Roswell Monday - Mr. W. B. Durham is making preparations to move to Lovington. Mr. Ben Miller was seen walking around the streets this week, the first time since his appendicitis operation. Mrs. D. W. Carson received a message from her brother, Sgt. Herschell Bragg, Monday stating that he had arrived in the United States from Italy - Alex Buckner and family from Hobbs were here over the week end visiting relatives - Robert Conn, who has been in a training camp in Georgia has sailed for overseas - Bill Bates left for Fort Bliss Saturday to be inducted in the army. We bet he took his violin with him. - That's all and good luck for this week.

Buy More War Bonds Today

LOCALS
Job printing for sale at the News office.
Hay for Sale. Bryant Williams, Hope
Cash for your eggs. Will be in Hope, Thurs., Apr. 5th Bring your eggs and poultry to the Essex & Briscoe Service Station. W. J. Brown, Carlsbad.

LOCALS
 There was no school this week Friday.
 Frank Runyan was a business visitor in Carlsbad Monday.
 Mrs. Newman Seeley who has been sick with pneumonia is better.
 Mrs. Alvin Payne of Artesia spent Tuesday visiting Mrs. John Teel.
 The fifth and sixth grades enjoyed an Easter party at the Ben Babers home Thursday afternoon.
 M. C. Newsom and Houston Teel went to Roswell Monday. Mr. Newsom has purchased Houston Teel's school bus route.
 Mrs. Kimmons, mother of Mrs. C. Cope, passed away last Saturday at Alamogordo. She was buried Monday afternoon at Union.

...THOUGHTS...

These "thoughts" will be presented to you each week with the desire that they will lead you to think and study. The salvation of man's soul depends upon study. The Bible says, 2 Tim. 2:15, 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.' Jesus said, John 8:32, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." In John 17:17 He said to God, "Thy word is truth." So, men must know the truth, God's word, in order to be free from Sin. That knowledge can come only by study, by learning. Jesus said, John 6:45, "Every one therefore that hath heard and LEARNED of the Father cometh unto me." Do you have a knowledge of God's word? If not, Won't you study more so you can "Learn of the Father?"

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Hope, New Mexico
 Robert A. Waller, Evangelist
 Box 83, Artesia, New Mexico

There are several cases of scarlet fever reported in town.
 Mrs. Levi Blakeney was on the sick list this week.
 Tom Harrison of Lovington was here the first of the week visiting home folks.
 Miss Inez Blakeney, of El Paso and Miss Mary McDonald of Loving were visiting friends and relatives here this week.
 Sheep shearers finished working for Andy Teel Tuesday. Then they went to Frank Runyans. From there they will go to Sy Buntings and then to Tom Coffin's.

Mrs. A. D. Hill was visiting on the Penasco river Tuesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watts were Mayhill visitors Tuesday.

AVIS NEWS
 Mr. Charley and Cecil Smith are helping Benny Fleming shear his goats this week.
 Mr. W. E. Smith, who is seriously ill in Artesia, was still showing no improvement the last we heard from him.
 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Charley Smith Sunday. They came after their milk cow.

There was a shower given at the home of Mrs. Emmitt Potter for Mrs. Jack Stegall Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Stegall received many nice gifts to help furnish her home.

CARD OF THANKS
 We wish to thank all our neighbors and friends for the assistance given us at the time of the fire that destroyed our home and everything in it. We also want to thank those who made donations of clothing, furniture, cash, and other things. Thanks a lot folks.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stegall

We had a little snow Friday night but it doesn't seem to have stopped any of the wind.
 Several from here attended the program given in the Weed gym Friday night. It was given by the children in the first six grades.
 Roberta Smith spent Sunday night with Mildred Bell.
 Mildred Bell plans to go to Artesia Thursday to get a permanent wave.
 Grubs Munson came home last night from shearing goats for Kenneth Tidwell and Benny Fleming.

Pfc. Audrey M. Beverage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Beverage of Hope, is spending a 23 day furlough with her parents.
 Pfc. Beverage is presently assigned for duty with the Women's Army Corps' squadron of the Brookley Field headquarters of the Mobile Air Technical Service Command which is one of the 14 area commands of the Air Technical Service Command the branch of the Army Air Forces responsible for the procurement, engineering, maintenance and supply of all aircraft and equipment.

WEED ITEMS
 An operetta entitled, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was given in the school gymnasium Friday evening. The play was sponsored by Mrs. Sank Tunnell's, Mrs. Sylvia Winslow's and Mrs. Etta Douglas's grades. This was a beautiful little production and was enjoyed by a large crowd.
 The Freshmen and Sophomores had a class party in the gymnasium Tuesday evening. After games had been played delicious refreshments were served.
 Mary Lois West of Alamogordo was a week end visitor with friends in Weed.
 E. C. Estes and family were callers in the Buck Chester home Sunday.
 Mr. R. C. Waltrip made a trip to Las Cruces Friday.
 Mrs. Bradford of the Sessions saw mill passed away suddenly at her home Thursday of last week.

DUNKEN NEWS
 Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McGuire and family and Miss Mattie Satcher were Roswell visitors Saturday.
 Several from this community attended the dance at Lower Penasco Friday evening which was a farewell for Bill Bates who left Sunday.
 Mrs. Delbert Ivans was in Artesia Friday.
 Mr. Edward McGuire and boys spent Saturday in Roswell.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ivans were visiting in the A. D. Hill home Tuesday evening.

WAR BOND DOLLARS ARE DOUBLE DUTY DOLLARS

Treasures of New Mexico

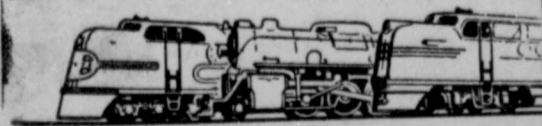


New Mexico, land of golden sun and deep blue skies, is swiftly "going places" with the development of its great agricultural facilities and wealth of natural resources.
 With the conservation plans which have been developed in the Rio Grande and Blue Water Districts, and with the conservation plans which are in process of development in other areas, vegetables, alfalfa, cotton, and fruits are growing in abundance in many parts of the state.
 Its potash mines are among the largest in the world. Its copper and zinc have long contributed to the needs of our Nation. Its pumice,

fluorspar, carbon dioxide, and newly discovered deposits of other minerals are rapidly being developed.
 On its ranches are millions of fine cattle and sheep.
 Santa Fe is proud to have "grown up" with New Mexico and to have had a share in its development.
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WHAT GOVERNMENT IS COSTING U. S. TAXPAYERS

WHEN WE, AS A PEOPLE, had settled all the bills for World War I we had a national indebtedness of just 29 billion dollars. In 1921 we began whittling that down, and continued to do so even after the enactment of a reduced tax rate in 1926. By 1931 that debt had been reduced to about 17 billions.

For the past 14 years, including the last year of the Hoover administration, we have had deficit government financing, spending more than we received. By 1940 that national indebtedness had again increased to nearly 50 billion dollars, and then, a year later came the war.

With the opening of World War II congress began increasing the federal tax burden. The amount collected each year has jumped from some 5 billions up to more than 40 billions of dollars, but the extra taxes, heavy as they seem, have paid only about 61 per cent of the war cost.

The civilian activities of the federal government have continued to cost more each year than the prewar taxes would pay. Without the war costs, and with only prewar taxes with which to pay, our national debt would now be well over 60 billions. With war costs added, and despite the doubling and tripling of federal taxes, our national indebtedness has grown, up to November 30, 1944, to the enormous sum of \$216,537,000,000. To that must be added better than 4 billions of debts of the various government sponsored corporations.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, congress has appropriated \$99,769,000,000, but it seems possible that only some \$5 billions will be spent because of lagging war contracts, but by that time the national debt will be very close to 300 billion dollars. To pay interest on that will cost us collectively better than \$3,750,000,000.

It all means that we Americans have placed a mortgage on our collective wealth, a mortgage that by June 30 will amount to just about 300 billion dollars. That mortgage covers our homes, farms, livestock, bank deposits, insurance policies, merchandise, factories, mines, forests, everything that has a value. To each of us as individuals it means a mortgage amounting to a trifle more than \$2,300 for each man, woman and child. For the average family of five it is more than \$11,500. On it each individual pays, on an average, just about \$29 each year, \$145 each year for each family of five.

The consumers of America, of which all of us are a part, must pay the principal and interest in the form of taxes. We pay with each loaf of bread or pound of meat, with each farm implement or suit or other garment. Every necessity or luxury we buy has included in the price we pay a portion of that principal and interest. At the best we can do it will mean continuing to pay for close to 100 of the future years. The men who fought to preserve our freedom, and their children will pay just as will those of us who were on the home front.

We can be thankful to every member of congress who votes against the spending of any unnecessary dollar in the conduct of the government.

A LESSON IN INFLATION—COURTESY OPA

OPA GAVE THE THRIFTY a lesson in the operation of inflation as it affects money and ration points. Those who had carefully saved points; who had lived on stews and neck bones or other cheap cuts of unrationed meats; who had raised their own vegetables that they might have the wherewith for the canned varieties to go with that luscious grade A ribbed roast they had saved for and were anticipating, and then the points they had so carefully saved were as worthless as German inflated marks. What happened to our thriftily saved points could happen to our saved dollars should we have the kind of inflation from which China is suffering. Those hoarded dollars, upon which we have counted, would be worth no more than the ration points the market man tore out of our books and threw in the waste paper pile. The government promises us protection for our dollar values by preventing inflation. OPA promised that any saved ration points would always be good and expendable at full value at any time, but OPA reneged on that promise.

Merchant Marine Academy Develops Fighting Officers

Combat Training Is Part of Extensive Cadet Requirement

THE nation's newest service academy sends its undergraduates to sea as part of their normal course of training. During war, they go to sea just the same; consequently, they're participants in sea warfare. They've withstood torpedoes, bombings, strafing, coast artillery and fire from enemy raiders. They've performed heroic acts under fire which would do credit to battle-experienced veterans.

Cadet-midshipmen in the United States merchant marine cadet corps have participated in every landing and invasion operation of the war and have reflected creditably upon the cadet corps while serving aboard merchant vessels. Seven have won distinguished service medals; more than 600 have been forced to abandon ship as a result of enemy action; more than 150 have been killed in action; many have been credited with saving lives of shipmates and others have spent as many as 40 days in life-boats.

The United States merchant marine cadet corps includes the U. S. merchant marine academy, Kings Point, L. I.; a basic school at San Mateo, Calif.; one at Pass Christian, Miss.; and a revolving group of 2,600 to 3,000 cadet-midshipmen serving at sea at all times. Upon admission to the cadet corps, a cadet-midshipman is assigned to one of the basic schools for training of about four months, after which he goes to sea for a minimum of six months. This sometimes last as long as 12 months, because the cadet-midshipman's ship may be in the Indian ocean when his six months is completed, and he, of course, must serve until his ship returns to the United States.

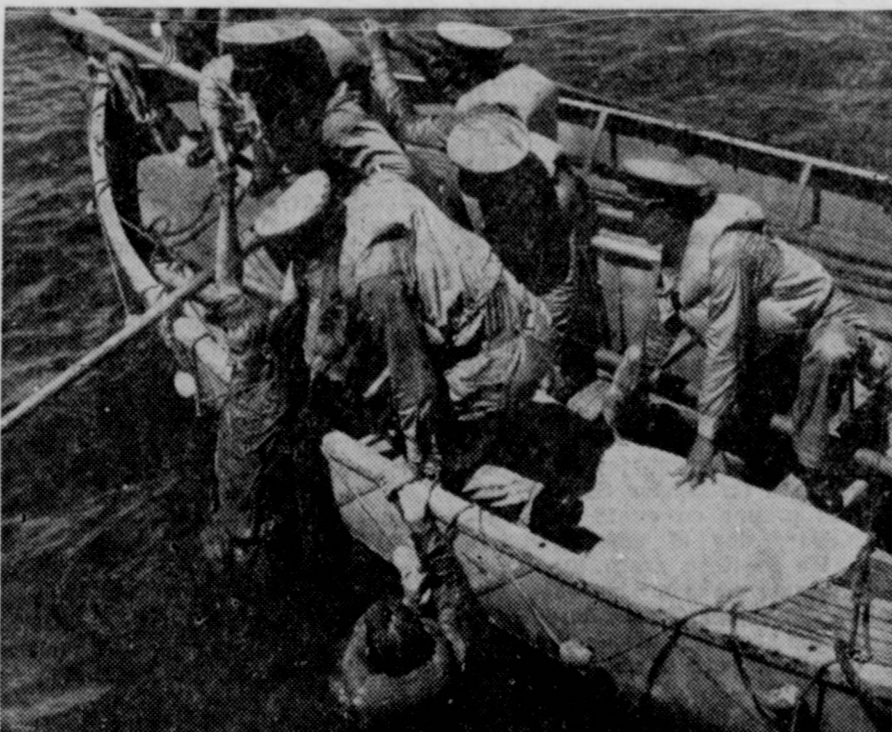
Has Sea Training First.

After sea duty, a cadet-midshipman is assigned to Kings Point for advanced training during which he assimilates knowledge acquired in classrooms and laboratories with that which results from sea training to qualify himself to become a deck or engine officer in America's ever-expanding merchant fleet.

Upon graduation a cadet-midshipman is licensed as third mate or third assistant engineer and is appointed an ensign in the U. S. maritime service and in the U. S. naval reserve. Many of the 5,000 graduates to date have gone into active duty with the navy.

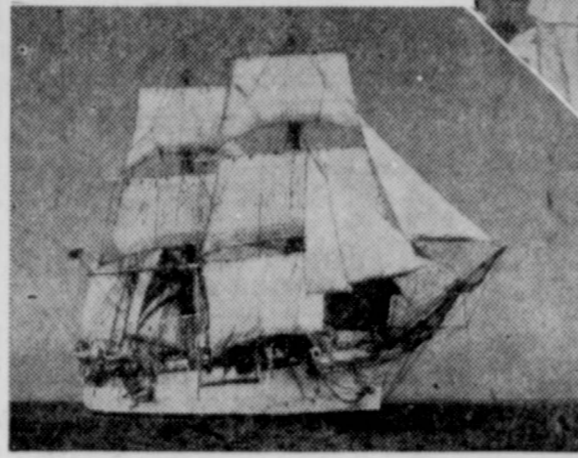
The U. S. merchant marine cadet corps, authorized by the merchant marine act of 1936, is to be a permanent institution, serving the nation just as do West Point, Annapolis and the coast guard academy.

The academy at Kings Point is situated on Long Island Sound, two miles from Great Neck, on what was previously the site of several swanky estates. There are 30-odd new and modern buildings on the 65-acre campus which also includes parade grounds, an athletic field and an obstacle course which is quite tough. At the academy's private dock, there are half a dozen vessels



Man overboard rescue practice at Pass Christian, Miss.

which afford the best possible means of learning that multitude of subjects and details embraced in the term, "seamanship." Laboratories are equipped with actual Liberty ship engines and boilers, Diesels, radio and other signal equipment, refrigeration units, and machinery and equipment of all types encountered aboard ship. Administrative officers of the cadet corps make the training thorough and far



Upper: Graduating regimental commander, Willard B. Kitchen and other cadet officers salute as taps is blown in honor of former cadet-midshipmen lost or missing in action. Left: Training vessel, Emery Rice, under full sail. Right: Cadet-midshipmen taking observations for longitude during training cruise.

from easy in order to live up to the creed, "... Got to make sure that no boy's ghost will ever say, 'If your training program had only done its job...'"

Because of the sea duty requirements, every cadet-midshipman at Kings Point actually is a veteran of sea warfare and many wear war-zone ribbons indicating service around the world.

Among several cadet-midshipmen who participated in the invasion of France were Louie B. Wood Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., and John F. Steedly Jr. of Tallahassee, Fla., who witnessed all the fire and action of American warships and planes and



Cadet-midshipman laying aloft the main mast.

German E-boats and coast artillery during the first three or four days of the historic landings.

"Our ships moved into the English channel on D-Day, carrying trucks, jeeps, small arms and about 400 soldiers, and we, of course, were exposed to the German bombers, E-boats and coast artillery. We didn't worry about the Nazis too much, though, when we looked up and saw our own fliers in action and watched American and British



anti-aircraft gunners on merchant vessels and warships alike went into action immediately, and skippers of the various vessels ordered maneuvers to dodge the torpedoes from the enemy planes. The accuracy of the fire from American guns excelled that of the Jap aviators, however, and every one of the 23 planes was shot down.

One ship in the landing force was lost—when a flaming Jap plane struck on its deck and set it afire. This was Dudley's vessel from which all marines and cargo had been disembarked.

Dudley was assigned to another ship loaded with provisions bound for Tulagi, and a few days after the Guadalcanal episode, Dudley again heard the order, "Abandon ship!" as this vessel was torpedoed and sunk on August 21.

Dudley and 12 members of the crew spent the ensuing 14 days in a lifeboat with the most meager supplies of food and water.

"On the 14th day, we sighted land, and naturally exerted every ounce of our fast-waning energy to pull ashore," Dudley reported. "We landed on a coral reef, and every man fell face forward, exhausted. The sharp edges of the coral inflicted severe cuts about the body of every one of us, but we just didn't seem to have the strength to move again, so we lay there on the reefs, almost unconscious, for several hours. The natives found us and brought us water."

Dudley spent the next two months in army and navy hospital before returning to Kings Point, where he graduated on February 3, 1943, received his license as third mate, and went back to sea as an officer helping deliver the goods.

Saved Shipmate's Life.
An example of valor and disregard of his own safety was shown by cadet-midshipman William M. Thontas Jr. of Alameda, Calif., who was awarded the Distinguished Service medal by President Roosevelt for his heroism in dramatically saving the life of a shipmate.

Name Board to Study Weapons

Ask Civilian and Military Scientists to Develop Guns for Next War.

WASHINGTON.—Creation of a new board of civilian and military scientists to develop weapons for any future conflict was announced here.

The board, to be known as the research board for national security, will serve in the interim between the expiration of the present office of scientific research and development, a wartime agency, and the establishment by congress of an independent agency to carry on the work.

The announcement was made jointly by Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of the Navy Forrestal and Dr. Frank B. Jewett, president of the National Academy of Sciences. A committee on postwar research has recommended to congress the establishment of a permanent independent agency.

The new board was set up by Dr. Jewett at the request of the armed services. Twenty civilian scientists, with an equal number from the army and navy, will compose its membership.

Why Board Is Needed.

Explaining why the board was needed, Stimson and Forrestal said: "This war emphasizes three facts of supreme importance to national security.

1. "Powerful new tactics of defense and offense are developed around new weapons created by scientific and engineering research.
2. "The competitive time element in developing those weapons and tactics may be decisive.
3. "War is increasingly total war, in which the armed services must be supplemented by active participation of every element of civilian population.

"To insure continued preparedness along farsighted technical lines, the research scientists of the country must be called upon to continue in peacetime some substantial portion of those types of contribution to national security which they have made so effectively during the stress of the present war."

Names Committee.

The executive committee of the initially announced membership is made up of:

Karl Compton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, chairman; Roger Adams, University of Illinois department of chemistry; A. H. Dochez, Columbia university college of physicians and surgeons; Brig. Gen. W. A. Borden, war department special staff and director of new developments division; Rear Adm. J. A. Furor, coordinator of research and development, navy department.

Britain Dissolves Its

Famed Balloon Command

LONDON.—The maze of barrage balloons which hung in the skies of southern England snagged 278 German flying bombs which penetrated other defense lines at the height of the "robot" last summer, Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair disclosed here.

The 5½-year-old balloon command is being dissolved as a separate command and will henceforth be under the RAF. Addressing its final parade, Sinclair said that at one time nearly 2,000 barrage balloons dangled a curtain of steel cables between England and the enemy's flying bomb launching sites in France.

Will Leaving \$25,000 to

Dog Is Ruled Invalid

DETROIT, MICH.—Jack, a five-year-old fox terrier, will not inherit the \$25,000 estate of his mistress, the late Mrs. Margaret Myers.

Probate Judge Joseph A. Murphy recently ruled Mrs. Myers' will, in which she directed that her estate be devoted to care of the dog, was invalid because only one of the witnesses to the will was present when Mrs. Myers signed it.

Joseph R. White of Abilene, Texas, a son of Mrs. Myers by a former marriage, assured the court that with settlement of the estate, Jack, the terrier, would receive the care and kindness intended by his mistress.

Stunt Flier Waited Long

Time to Bomb Berlin

LONDON.—Capt. Richard V. "Chick" Grace, 47, Hollywood stunt flier who never attained his wish to bomb Berlin in World War I, finally has realized his ambition. Now he wants to go to Tokyo.

Grace wrecked airplanes for 47 movies. As an operations officer at a flying fortress base, he made the trip to the German capital.

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