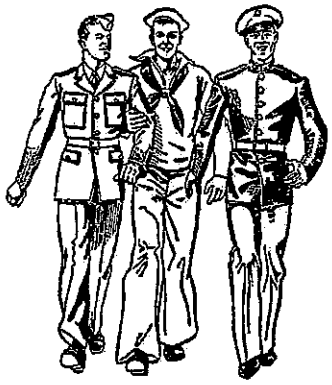

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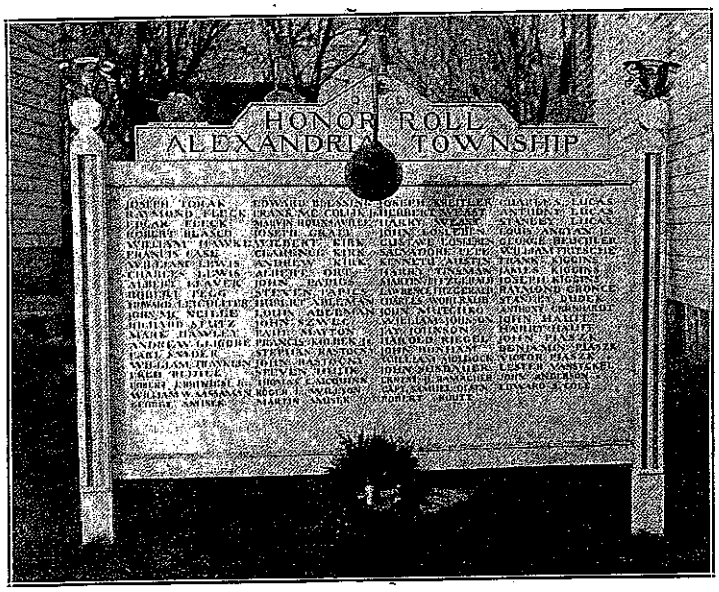
Alexandria's Residents Are Backing The Attack

Alexandria Township Honor Roll Board



June 6, 1943 was a great day for Alexandria. It marked the dedication of the Township Honor Roll to our fighting boys serving under the Red, White and Blue banners of the United States. The board is located at Mt. Pleasant and now contains 99 names. Major Ryman Herr, veteran of the last great war, delivered a stirring address at the impressive dedicatory ceremonies.

Alexandria Township Honor Roll

Joseph Torak
Raymond Fleck
Edgar Fleck
Robert Blasco
William Hawke
Francis Case
William Lewis
Charles Lewis
Albert Leaver
Robert Pegg
Howard Leichliter
John McNeille
Richard Stutz
Mark Hawley
Andrew Gligore
Earl Snyder
William Franklin
Fred Reihle
Robert J. Brindisi, Jr.
William W. Sassaman
George Smisek
Edward Blessing
Frank McCollik, Jr.
Marvin Rounsaville
Joseph Graff
Wilbert Kirk
Clarence Kirk
Andrew Kirk
Albert Ort
John Papics
Steven Papics
Hubert Ableman
Louis Ableman

John Szwec
Paul Mayton
Francis Kolbek, Jr.
Stephan Rastocny
John Rastocny
Steven Hujik
Thomas C. McQuinn
Roger L. Willson
Martin Smisek
Joseph Kreitler
Herbert Weast
Harry Weast
John Losleben
Salvadore Pepe
Kenneth Austin
Harry Tinsman
Martin Fitzgerald
Lawrence Fitzgerald
Charles Wohlraub
John Mutchko
William Johnson
Jay Johnson
Harold Riegel
John Bonham
William Moldock
John Susbauer
Ernest H. Ramacher
Capt. Samuel Olsen
Robert Routt
Charles Lucas
Anthony Lucas
Stanley Lucas
Louis Angyan, Jr.

George Beuchler
William Fritsche
Frank Kiggins
James Kiggins
Joseph Kiggins
Raymond Cronce
Stanley Dudek
Anthony Gernhardt
John Hauff
Harry Hauff
John Piaszk
Benjamin Piaszk
Victor Piaszk *
Lester Vansyckel
John Anderson *
Edward S. Cole
Arthur Fishler
Gertrude K. Morris
Florence D. Smith
Elizabeth Belington
Marvin Heater
Arnold G. Osmun
Jerome Clark
Richard G. Eddleston
Robert W. Eddleston
Walter Trieber
John Duda
Sylvester Compton
Russel Dimning
John Arthur Timmins
Frank Messina
Gus Losleben
Robert McQuinn

100 From Township Serving In Armed Forces, Folks At Home Making Great Home Front Effort

This is the story of 1,186 Americans and their determination to remain free. It is the wartime record, up to January, 1944, of Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, U. S. A. It reviews the accomplishments of the residents of this rural community on the banks of the Delaware River, which has sent 100 men and women to war to defend the liberties won here by our Colonial forefathers in 1776.

The patriotic zeal in which residents of this spirited community are going about doing their wartime duties is a criterion for all America. It is an inspiration, reflected in the magnificent production record of our farms and factories. It is this spirit which will assure victory for the allies in this war.

Great Sacrifices

Despite the increased production demands faced by farmers of Alexandria, almost every able bodied man, in the induction groups, is already serving in the armed forces. No whole-scale farm deferments here, even though these youths were vitally needed to till the soil. Instead, while the youths went off to serve, the older folks stepped in to fill the gap.

This history has been made possible through the hard work of John Harold Adams, Township Historian, and the splendid cooperation he received from the residents of this community.

The sequence of news in this edition was aranged to facilitate

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Honor Roll Dedicated at Mt. Pleasant

After a year in World War Two, residents and friends of Alexandria Township met on June 6, 1943, to dedicate its Honor Roll. This was held in conjunction with the 16th annual Memorial Service of the Hunterdon County Patriotic Order of Sons of America. Several hundred people were in attendance. Mr. H. B. Weller, clerk of Alexandria Township, acted as Master of Ceremonies and Marshal of the parade which formed at his home and marched past the store up to the P. O. S. of A. Lodge Hall. Here Major C. Ryman Herr, of Flemington, delivered the dedicatory address. In the course of this Major Herr said, "Renew your faith in God if you want to renew your strength," referring to our nation as a whole and to each as individuals.

The Honor Roll, a beautiful white tablet trimmed with red and blue and erected in front of the Lodge Hall, showing the names of seventy-three boys of our township in the service was presented by the Defense Council.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald of our township who have the distinction of having five sons in the service, did the unveiling of the Honor Roll. As they finished a large American flag, also presented by the Defense Council was hoisted to the top of a new flag pole, a gift of the Riegel Paper

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Everittstown School Making Great War Effort

Everittstown School is making a grand war effort. The pupils are buying war saving stamps regularly and the teachers are putting a part of their salary in war bonds.

Scrap books have been made and forwarded to Navy hospitals. These contain cartoons, jokes and any interesting light reading that may help amuse and pass away the time for the patients.

Red Cross gift boxes were filled were filled with small toys, pencils, crayons, etc., for refugee children who would not know any joy this Christmas, save what is sent them.

The children of Everittstown also volunteered for work with the Junior Red Cross.

Their work reflects well on the very capable faculty: Miss Elinore Kristzen, Miss Frances Barrick and Mrs. Melissa Case.

Township Committee

Shown above are members of the Alexandria Township Committee. Left to right, are: William Butler, Township Committeeman; H. B. Weller, Township Clerk, Chairman of the War Memorial Committee, member of Alexandria Township's first Ration Board, member of Defense Council; Frank Fleck, Township Committeeman, member of Defense Council, Salvage Chairman; Lester Wilson, treasurer, Defense Council member and Assistant Commander, member first Ration Board; Otto Sigrist, former Township Committeeman, Chairman Defense Council and Zone Commander. Since this picture was taken, Otto Sigrist has been succeeded by Charles Peterson.

Frank Smith Organizes First Aid Program in Alexandria; Will Play Important Part in Peace as Well as War

First Aid has already been given a prominent place in our townships war activities. Not that the need is so much greater, but we are learning to fuller appreciate the great importance of this beneficial training. Under the chairmanship of Thomas Fishler and Dr. Roy Mullens acting a chief medical advisor a series of first aid classes were held. Frank Smith, recreational and physical instructor at Riegel Paper took charge of the first classes held at Mt. Pleasant and Everittstown. Due to the great demand for instructors Mr. Smith was soon assisted by Dr. Merrill and Louis Fetherolf, who are now serving in the armed forces, Mrs. Florence Flanagan, Clyde Apgar, Mrs. Helen Bauchman, Raymond Busch and Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Schillberg.

Adult classes were later held at Little York and Junior classes were held in our two schools while some of our students attending Holland Consolidated School received their training there. We soon had well over a hundred who had completed their courses. This was very encouraging and we hope only the beginning of our First Aid Program.

Generous Cooperation

Mr. Smith entered the service of the National Red Cross to give First Aid and swimming instructions at Army bases in the North Eastern States. He has recently completed over 1000 hours of first aid instructions and Mrs. Flanagan, while instructing only civilians has more than three hundred instruction hours to her credit. These instructors have given of their time without any compensation whatever, just for the good of the cause and the knowledge that some will surely benefit by this training.

Already some have seen their training reap rewards as the case of one mother whose son fractured a leg while roller skating. Her training kept her cool and its knowledge guided her till a doctor could be summoned and professional care rendered. Many minor cases of first aid treatments have been brought to our attention. One serious automobile accident was handled by first aid until the arrival of a doctor and ambulance. Reports such as these, have come from our township to testify to the value of this first aid training.

Future Possibilities

Chairman Thomas Fishler has seen the future possibilities of first aid and he and instructor Frank Smith have worked out a plan to advance this in Alexandria Township, with, we know the full cooperation of all.

This plan is to conduct more classes of new students of first aid in our township and at the same time bringing together at least once a month all the grad-

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MR. AND MRS. T. FISCHLER

DR. ROY MULLINS

Alexandria Buys $17,000 War Bonds

On Aug. 7, 1943 the third war loan started under the very able chairmanship of Mr. Max Trieber and Mr. H. B. Weller.

Canvassers in this house to house canvass were: Mrs. John Fitzgerald, Tom Fishler, Clarence Curtis, J. H. Adams, Jr., Raymond Griffin, Lester Wilson, Harrison Curtis, Sr., Arthur Wilson, William Snyder, Herman McPherson, LeRoy Vanderbilt, Margin Stout, Charles Peterson, Benjamin Rudskinsky, Herman Schick, Mrs. John Morse, Howard Frace, Clifford Fleming, Joseph Goutz, Mrs. Harry Robbins, Harvey Taylor, Frank Flick and McQuin.

In this drive over $17,000 worth of Bonds were sold.

Can't Say 'No!'

MAX TREIBER

The man who can't say no. Mr. Trieber is always willing to do his share and a little more besides. That is the reason why the Farm Bureau and Red Cross Drives are always a success in Alexandria, Township.

Pittstown Man In Fortress Crew

A fighting crew member of the Army's powerful and best known airplane is Sgt. Stephan Rastocny of Pittstown, who is completing his training at the Army Air Base, Dyerburg, Tenn., aboard a Flying Fortress and will soon head into combat with the rest of his ten-man crew.

A graduate of the Army Air Forces training schools, Sgt. Rastocny for the past several weeks has been a member of the Second Air Force which trains heavy bombardment crews for aerial warfare. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rastocny of Pittstown, Sgt. Rastocny was formerly employed by the Central Railroad of New Jersey at Elizabethport.

The sergeant is the engineer aboard the bomber. He keeps constant check of the instruments that reveal engine performance and must be prepared to combat mechanical failures of the plane in flight. In addition, he operates the twin machine guns in the Sperry turret behind the pilot and co-pilot.

Adams Tributes Servicemen Making Fight For Freedom

By J. HAROLD ADAMS, JR.
War Historian of Alexandria Township Defense Council

To you from Alexandria Twp. who are making the good fight for freedom, and who are sacrificing joys of your homes and loved ones; to you who are sacrificing your well being, and even your lives, we dedicate this record of your part in this history making epoch, this fight to the finish for that which you hold most dear, "the right to live in peace."

Alexandria Township has earned fame and honor on every battle front from Italy to Guadalcanal, from the seven seas to the skies over Germany. This is not an honor or glory we at home can claim. This is your honor, won by sweat and blood in hell on earth, your sweat and blood in a forming foundation for a free world.

Alexandria Township is proud of your part in keeping this great nation of ours in the high rank and esteem of the world that it holds. To you, John Anderson and Victor Plaszk, you have made the supreme sacrifice, but it shall not be in vain, for freedom shall belong to America and the world, and you helped to make it so.

And so, to the armed forces of Alexandria Township, who are bearing their share on the battle fronts of the world, we salute you and may God bless and protect all of you till you come victoriously home.

Shall Not Forget

We at home, shall not forget those who are fighting our battle for freedom. We will do our job and do it well. We will buy War Bonds, share what we have with the National War Fund and the Red Cross, and share our blood with the blood bank so that when our boys, with the grace of God, march through the streets of Berlin and Tokyo, we can be worthy of our share of the glory and peace to follow.

J. HAROLD ADAMS

Max Trieber Headed Red Cross Drive

The 1943 Red Cross Drive was headed by Mr. Max Trieber. A house to house canvass netted the township $768.07 which was turned over to the County Red Cross committee.

Those assisting in the drive were: Mrs. John Fitzgerald, Benny Rudzinski, Howard Frazee, Mrs. John Morse, Herman Schick, Mrs. McQuinn and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robbins and daughter, Helen.

Also LeRoy Vanderbilt, Margin Stout, Lester Wilson, Arthur Wilson, Clarence Fisher, Miss May Curtis, Harry Crouse, Alois Schlott, Mrs. William Erwin, Mrs. Leichter and J. H. Adams, Jr.

Honor Roll Dedication

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Corp. As the flag was slowly raised to the top of the pole Earl Held's All Girl Band of Bangor, Pa., played "The Star Spangled Banner."

Then there was a pause as tear dimmed eyes watcher Mr. Fishler of the Defense Council place a beautiful floral wreath at the base of the Honor Roll in honor of Alexandria's first casualty of this war, Victor Plaszk.

The parade again formed and proceeded to the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery where graves were decorated with flowers, and salutes to departed veterans of other wars were fired over their graves by Fidelity Post No. 113, American Legion, Frenchtown.

From the cemetery the parade proceeded to the grove in front of the Alexandria First Presbyterian Church where a speaker's stand had been erected. Here the annual services of the P. O. S. of A. were held with Asemblyman Howard W. Stepp, of Mercer County, and the faculty of Princeton University, as the main speaker.

Mr. Stepp having spent some time in Poland before and after the invasion by the Germans described the terrible sufferings and conditions inflicted by them and warned his audience of the grave dangers our country faced, unless united and prepared.

Music for the program was furnished by Earl Held's All Girl Band and the Frenchtown High School Band. Others taking part in the ceremony were:

Rev. Monard G. Sanford, Baptistown; Rev. Clifford B. Munn, Everittstown; Rev. Frank E. Gaige, Milford; Rev. Samuel Willis, Mt. Pleasant. The following officers of the P. O. S. of A.: Mr. Harold Hooper of Camp 53, Mt. pleasant, county president; Mr. Southard Everitt, of Marcerville, state treasurer; Mr. Frank Dalrymple, Pittstown, past state president and members of local Camp 53, of Mt. Pleasant, Fielity Post No. 113, American Legion, Frenchtown; Boy Scouts, Troop 51, Frenchtown; Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Sea Scouts of Milford; Girl Scouts of Upper Black Eddy, Pa.; Girls Friendship Guild of Mt. Plessant, and the Defense Council and wardens of Alexandria Township. The excellence of the program, both in material and arrangement showed forth well the fruits of the labor of those who did so much to make it a grand success.

The keynote of the Memorial Service was struck when Mr. Weller in thanking those who took part and inviting others who were interested to join in the Defense Council activities said, "Only the Lord knows what we will have to face before this thing is over. How will we know how to act unless we are prepared."

An electric light has been placed above the Honor Roll and is to be lit every night for the duration.

WALTER TRIEBER IS IN ENGLAND

Walter Trieber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Trieber is serving his country as special advisor in airplane propellers. Although still employed by Curtis Wright Propeller Division he was assigned by the Navy to tour American Air bases in South America explaining certain new devices of his company. After an extensive tour there, he returned to the U. S. and has only recently been sent to England.

HONORABLE DISCHARGE

Robert Blasko, whose name appeared on our Honor Roll at the dedication, has since had an honorable discharge from the Army.

Two Bros. - One War Prisoner

A month after he was reported missing in an air raid over Austria, Alexandria received good news in a dramatic message from the War Department announcing that Staff Sergeant Stephen Rastocny was taken a prisoner of war and was safe in a German prisoner camp.

The 22-year-old flier had excelled while a member of Uncle Sam's flying aces in the battle-skies over Europe and fear was expressed for his safety when he failed to return from a raid on Austria.

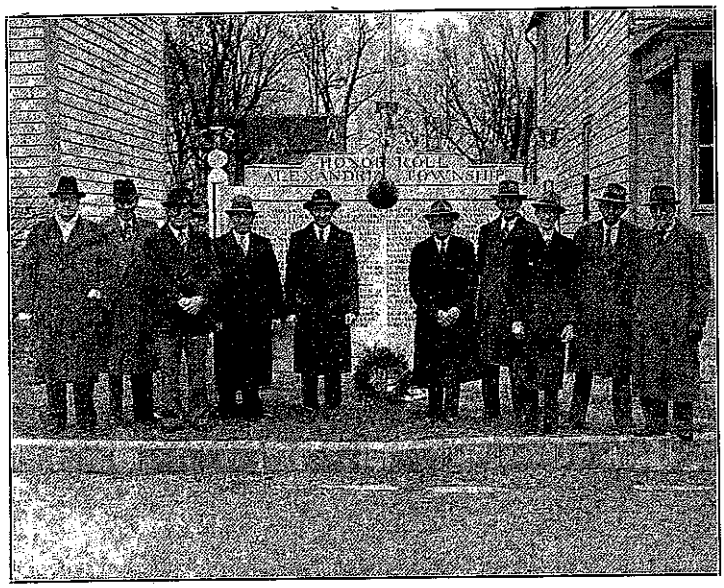
Serving overseas since last July, Stephan has been action in North Africa and Italy.

Stephan's brother, John, 21, is also serving in the armed forces as an airplane mechanic. A third brother, William, is a senior at Frenchtown High School.

STEPHAN RASTOCNY

JOHN RASTOCNY

Alexandria Township Defense Council



Members of the efficient Alexandria Township Defense Council are shown before the Honor Roll at Mt. Pleasant. Left to right are: Herbert Weller, Le Roy Curtis, Thomas Fishler, Harold Adams, Luther Fleming, Romulas Fleming, Lester Wilson, Clifford Fleming, Harrison Curtis Sr., Otto Segrist

Victor Piaszk and John Anderson Give Up Their Lives For Democracy

By J. HAROLD ADAMS, JR.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."—Gospel St. John 15:13

No greater tribute can be paid the boys of our nation who have made the supreme sacrifice. No less can be paid our own, of Alexandria Township. The price was paid in blood and tears that our flag, the Stars and Stripes, should forever wave on freedom's shores.

In reverence, Alexandria Township presents for sacred memory the name of Victor Piaszy, her first casualty of World War II.

Victor Piaszk was born in Roselle, N. J., in 1920. He moved to Alexandria Township with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Piaszk, in his early youth.

Joins Merchant Marine

In December, 1941, Victor Piaszk joined the Merchant Marine. After a year in the service he shipped on a tanker from New York to Cuba where he was transferred to a sugar boat that was loaded at Puerto Rico and on July 22, 1942, sailed for New York.

JOHN ANDERSON

VICTOR PIASZK

The following day, July 23, his ship was sighted by a German submarine.

A direct hit sunk the ship and Victor was listed as missing.

At the time of his death he had just passed his 22nd birthday. He is survived by his parents, his wife and two infant children, Barbara and Irene., also four brothers and two sisters.

Before joining the Merchant Marine, Victor was employed by General Motors at Linden, N. J.

Two of his brothers are also in the service: Benjamin serves with the Merchant Marine and John wear the Navy blue.

John Anderson

Just a short time after we re-

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Everittstown PTA Helps Polio Drive

The Everittstown PTA held its January meeting Wednesday, January 19, with the president, Mrs. J. Harold Adams, presiding.

During the business session it was voted that the association purchase a bass drum and all the attachments for the newly formed school orchestra which is under the direction of Mr. Philip Zabitz.

An offering of $5.66 was forwarded to Mrs. Cora Dalrymple, of Milford, as a contribution to the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

Miss Frances Worthington, County Librarian, was guest speaker. She reviewed three recent publications.

Mrs. Orville Myers, topic leader, lead in an interesting discussion, on "When Fifteen and Fifty Disagree." The topic being suggested by the "National Parent Teacher" Magazine.

Aircraft Observation Post Organized By Ramacher At Palmaria in 1940

On October 9 to 16, 1940, Bernard Ramacher, a member of the American Legion and a resident of our township, under orders of the First Interceptor Command, Philadelphia Area, put on a trial test of airplane spotting, and reporting at Palmaria Crossroads.

Under the supervision of Mr. Ramacher, Mrs. Irene Vanderbilt, Miss May Curtis, Mr. Raymond Williamson, Mrs. Lester Vansyckle, Mr. Floyd Cochran, Mr. Alton Bellis, Mr. A. Anderson, Mr. Frank Dalrymple and others, the spotters learned the possibilities and value of such an organization in time of war.

Then came Dec. 7 and Pearl Harbor. On Dec. 8, Mr. Ramacher received the following word from the filter center of the First InterceptorCommand, "Man Observation Post No. 113-A at Palmaria Crossroads 24 hours a day." On Dec. 9 with Mr. Alton Bellis, of Frenchtown, and Mr. Frank Dalrymple, of Pittstown, as assistants, Mr. Ramacher had the Observation Post on a full 24 hour basis.

This post was kept in operation until April 1, 1943, when it was moved to Quakertown. Just prior to its being moved, Mr. Ramacher had accepted a position at a defense plant and was unable to devote the many hours a week he had been giving. On April 6, Frank Dalrymple who had also already devoted much time and had contributed largely to the success of the post took over the duties of Chief Observer. Due to still greater tightening of the gas rationing, Mr. Dalrymple felt that if it were nearer Pittstown he could keep the post better manned.

Alexandria Township felt a re-

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BERNARD RAMACHER

United War Fund Drive

The 1943 United War Fund Drive was launched with Mr. Lester Wilson as chairman, and J. H. Adams, Jr., co-chairman.

The following canvassers turned in over $615 as Alexandria's contribution: Max Trieber, Alois Schlott, Harrison Curtis, Sr., Raymond Griffin, Margin Stout, Herman McPherson,, Marion Wilson Leaver, A. Ableman, Mrs. LeRoy Bonham, Clarence Curtis, Herman Schick, William Erwin, Ruth Rapp, Harry Robbins and Mrs. Morris Crout.

BUY BONDS

Impressive Ceremonies Mark Service Flag Dedication at Everittstown

A service flag, honoring the youth serving in the armed forces, was dedicated at Everittstown Sunday, sponsored by the Everittstown Republican Committee.

Major Herr delivered the address of dedication. He spoke of the Japanese atrocities to American prisoners of war and said that Americans should work all the harder on the home front to back the attack and show their fighting men home front unity.

Major Herr urged everyone to do his share. Speaking of postwar planning, he said, it was the duty of those at home to provide jobs for the boys when they return from battle and to help them adjust themselves to the postwar world.

Assisted by two Boy Scouts and Rev. Munn, Orville Austin, infant son of Staff Sgt. and Mrs.

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Now Serving in Armed Forces

GEORGE HILL

MAC NEILLE

JOE KREITLER

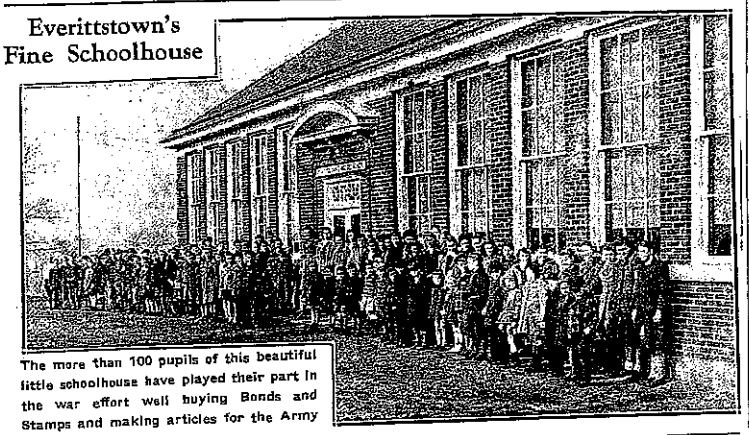
These three fighting men were formerly hard working members of the Alexandria Defense Council.

George Hill, on the left, formerly resided at Everittstown although his address was Milford when he entered service. A vice commander of the Defense Council, he is now a seaman third class with the U. S. Naval forces.

Lieutenant John Mac Neille is the fighting man in the center. He is now serving with the U. S. Army at the Calvary School, Fort Riley, Kansas.

The soldier on the right is Joseph Kreitler, former Commander of the Defense Council and chairman of the air raid wardens.

Everittstown's Fine Schoolhouse



The more than 100 pupils of this beautiful little schoolhouse have played their part in the war effort well buying Bonds and Stamps and making articles for the Army and Navy.

Weep Not For the Boy You Lost

Weep not for the boy you lost,
though in the grave he lies,
Far, far from those he died to
save, beneath European skies.
and realize your loss
But bear your sorrow patiently,
God will reward a cross.

In defense or right he gave his
life, he shed his blood that we
From scenes that he beheld in
France, forever might be free.
Where happy homes bedecked
the plains, peaceful peasants
toiled,
Their lands were made a barren
waste their peaceful homes
despoiled.

Their churches, too were pil-
laged, the house of God and
prayer.
Transformed into dens of vice,
by vile barbarians there.
And little babes, they knew no
wrong, midst agonizing cries.
Were tortured first, then put to
death before their mother's
eyes.

And death was oft the mother's
choice, and what a bliss
'twould be,
Compared to that which was her
lot but in our charity,
From speaking of the mother's
fate; 'tis better to refrain
And pray that those responsible,
forgiveness may obtain.

But why should I cause you
more pain, by bringing to
your view
Those scenes of fiendish horror
that your gallant boy passed
through.
To further wound your broken
heart, is not, kind friend my
aim,
But showing how the boy you
lost has won immortal fame.

Easy then, it was to die, and
light the sting must be,
For all who make the sacrifice
that the world may be free,
That human right may still pre-
vail despite the German clan,
The sacred right of freedom,
God's special gift to man.

On this your hour of sorrow,
consoling it must be,
That he who was your joy and
pride, had died for liberty,
Gave his life for justice's sake,
and gave it not in vain,
For Prussian hordes will ne'er
molest the world's peace
again.

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ARTHUR FISHLER WITH MERCHANT MARINE

Arthur Fishler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fishler, is a seaman second class, with the U. S. Merchant Marine. He was formerly employed by the Riegel Paper Corp. and was an air raid warden in our township.

Township 4-H Clubs Report Activities

4-H Clubs have been cited by government leaders for their part in the war effort, and Alexandria Township's 4-Hrs are justifiably proud of this citation because they had a tangible part in making the record.

The accomplishments of Alexandria's 25 boys and 28 girls who are 4-H Club members, during 1943, follows:

Seven baby beef animals raised, 16 pigs raised, 780 roasters raised, 170 ducks raised and 35 geese raised.

Dairy

Eighteen growing animals and 8 producing animals, 35 members raised gardens, two of the girls reported having helped can 1109 quarts of food during the summer, four members raised clover, nine members raised hybrid corn, three members had bees and one raised rabbits.

Homemaking Clubs work—(Little York not included—7 garments repaired, 8 garments made, 2 garments re-made, seven members helped prepare 2 meals a day, packed lunches, and helped with baking, stored food and eight helped care for children and nine assisted homemaker.

In the corn show, three rated excellent and three very good. Keith Erwin—Jersey calf—in judging demonstration at Gonzalez Farm, June, 1943. Project scoring at Fair, 13 excellent; three very good. Displays, both Little York and Everittstown rated excellent.

Ration Board Organized in 1941; Transferred toMilford

In January, 1941, Alexandria Township formed its first ration board. Our country at war was soon to be felt in every municipality of our great nation.

We, in Alexandria, were ready to do our part.

The three members of the board were: H. B. Weller, chairman; Lester Wilson, secretary, and R. H. Fleming.

It is needless to say these men did their work seriously and conscientiously.

This ration board handled sugar, gasoline and tires. On May 5, 6, 7 and 8, all residents of Alexandria Township registered at the Everittstown school for their ration book for sugar.

Doing the registering were Mrs. Mellissa Case, Miss Elizabeth Afflect, Miss Eleanor Kristjen, teachers of Everittstown School, Miss Evelyn Garmer, teacher at Little York School, and Mrs. Orville Myers of Everittstown.

Again on May 12, 13, 14 and 15, the teachers and Board met to register all car owners for gasoline allotments.

On June 30, 1942, just prior to more extensive rationing by the Federal Government, our board was dissived.

Alexandria Township, along with Holland Township were transfered to the ration board at Milford.

During the time the Alexandria Ration Board functioned, applications were granted for 12 passenger tires, 13 truck tires and 100 recaps.

Nine hundred and seventy-nine sugar books were issued and 176 applications for extra sugar were received; 5,670 pounds were sold on these books.

The men worked without pay and well deserve the thanks of Alexandria Township for the many hours of hard work contributed in executing the duties of their office.

Back the Attack

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mechanical make-up rather than to spotlight any one item.

We have endeavored to cover all the news of the township, but realize that in doing so, there may have been things that have been omitted. But one should remember, that the amazing thing about this edition is that Mr. Adams was able to compile so much with so little time. (He operates a large farm—without help.) He was handicapped, also, by gas and tire restrictions, but in his determination to make this story as complete as possible, he has procured a picture of EVERY Alexandria Township serviceman.

There are stories about most of these servicemen in this edition, but because of the conditions aforementioned, it was impossible to obtain information on all.

But we think the overall job is a tribute to Mr. Adams and to the residents of Alexandria who have proved their determination to back the attack on the war front and do MORE than their share on the home front.

First Aid

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uates of first aid and to organize the township into three or more groups of graduated first aiders so that a thoroughly trained crew will be in each section of the township.

Three Aims

To further explain this, it is hoped to have at least one first aid graduate in every home, and this is the reason for conducting new classes. Second, the bringing together of first aiders will not only refreshen and perfect their training, but will maintain their interest and desire to always be prepared. Third, the forming of first aid groups to work together can best be told in blunt facts. The war is not yet over and, too, tragedy sometimes strikes in times of peace.

Our medical advisor, Dr. Roy Mullens approved the plan and stressed preparedness in this field, not only in time of war, but as a peace time measure as well.

This he said would not take the place of our fine ambulance service here in the valley that Milford so ably renders, but working as a strict first aid unit until such professional service could arrive, is invaluable.

Sgt. George Buechler and Buddies Give Party For Refugee Children

Pittstown Youth Writes Home for Help; Deluged With Gifts Sent From Alexandria Residents Making Merry Christmas for Refugee Children

It has been said that our American boys are doing more to cement our foreign relations in other lands than a carload of diplomats. This was brought home strikingly at Alexandria recently when Sergeant George Buechler wrote "home" to tell his friends about a Christmas party staged for English refugee children with funds and gifts sent by Alexandria residents.

Near Buechler's station in England was a refugee children's home. When George and a buddy thought of the unhappy Christmas these tots would have, they solicited the aid of their entire company in planning a Christmas party.

Each soldier was asked to write home to some relative or friend

SGT. GEORGE BUECHLER

asking for assistance. eGorge did so, sending a V-mail letter to Arthur Fishler telling of conditions and asking for support.

Arthur was so impressed he showed the letter to employees of Riegel Paper and the Frenchtown Porcelain Works, and soon gifts of all kinds were on their way across the Atlantic to make a Merry Christmas for some needy refugee child.

FRANK SMITH

Many Presents

The result can best be explained by reprinting Buechler's reply to his pals at home, titled "Letter of Thanks." It reads: "I don't know how I can thank you for the packages. It seemed every time there was mail, there was packages.

"The party was a great success. If only you could have seen how happy they were when they opened the packages. If it wasn't for these packages, there wouldn't have been a Merry Christmas for these children.

"The children want to thank all of you for the presents you sent. Please thank all of the folks for me and tell them how happy they made these children."

The party received so much publicity, George's Commanding Officer publicly thanked Alexandria residents on a radio broadcast recently.

This story is another instance of American altruism, springing from the hearts of boys who are born and bred in a land where freedom and liberty abide.

George is the son of Mathilda Zacharias of Pittstown. He was inducted in 1942, trained at Fort Dix, Geiger Field, Spokane and Camp Kilmer. A graduate of Frenchtown High School, he was sent overseas in January, 1943.

Defense Council Personnel

An important home front job during this war has been performed by the Defense Councils. In Alexandria, we have had an energetic group of people who have given generously of their time in carrying out the functions of this organization.

All of us are proud of the work accomplished by this group.

Members of the Defense Council, follow:

Otto Sigrist, Morris Schlapher, Luther Fleming, Roy Curtis, Lester Wilson, Harrison Curtis, Frank Flick, Thomas Fishler, LeRoy Vanderbilt, Gilbert Ruble, Joseph Goritz, Clifford Fleming, H. B. Weller and J. H. Adams, Jr.

Defense Council

Fire Reserves

H. B. Weller, chairman; Fire Reserve Wardens, Orville Myers, Clarence Robbins, William Snyder, Frank Fleck, Joe Pepe, Daniel Worth, LeRoy Vanderbilt and Ameli Smith.

R. H. Fleming, Lawrence Ballet, Thomas Fishler, Gorden Reid, Harvey Fishler, Paul Cronce, Sheldon Smith, Luther Fleming, Theodore Butler, Lambert Gano, Joseph Williamson, Albert Rapp and Frank Rapp.

Police Reserves

William Johnson, Walter R. Zimmerman, Charles Rosenmayer, Ellsworth Barnes, J. Franklin Ort, LeRoy Bonham, Heston R. Niece, Herman Riegle, LeRoy Curtis, Herbert L. Harris, Clifford Fleming and Joseph Goritz.

Air Raid Wardens

W. Harrison Curtis, Sr., Lester Wilson, Andrew Frank, J. H. Adams, Jr., Frank Shoudt, Lester Dalrymple, Conrad Zendelf, Markley Osmun, Hans Hanson, E. O. Hager, Floyd McCray, Gilbert Ruble, Paul Robe, John Fitzgerald and Max Trieber.

Junior Air Wardens and Messengers

Ruth West, Stella Stout, June McCollick, Leona McCollick and William Hof.

Alexandria Salutes Its Servicemen

We Honor These Fighting Men Keeping The Flags of Freedom Flying Everywhere In The World

STEVEN HUJIK

FRED RIEHLE

WILLIAM SASSAMAN

ARNOLD G. OSMUN

ERNEST RAMACHER

JOHN HAUFF

ANTHONY GERNHARDT

GEORGE BENCHLER

MARVIN ROUNSAVILLE

BOB BRINDISI

EDWARD S. COLE

FRANCIS CASE

STANLEY DUDEK

TIBOR J. TOROK

ART FISHLER

JOSEPH GRAF

HERBERT WEEAST

KENNETH AUSTIN

HARRY WEEAST

JOHN M. BONHAM

Alexandria Township Is Proud

LOUIS ABELMAN

PFC. CHARLES R. LEWIS

SGT. WILLIAM E. LEWIS

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CPL. HARRY R. TINSMAN

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JOHN PAPICS

GEORGE SMISEK

RAYMOND CRONCE

RICHARD STUTZ

HOWARD LEICHLITER

WILLIAM FRITSCHE

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LT. LEWIS ANGYN

THOMAS McQUINN

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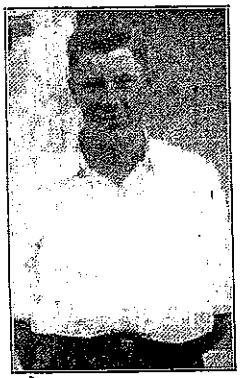
HAROLD REIGEL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LESTER VANSCKEL

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Of Its Gallant Fighting Men

GERTRUD MORRIS

WILLIAM JOHNSON

JOHN DUDA

SALVATORE PEPE

HUBERT ABELMAN

FRANK McCOLLICK

ROGER WILSON

JOHN MUTCHKO

FRANCIS KOLBECK

ANDY KIRK

RICHARD G. EDDLETON

CPL. ROBERT EDLESTON

JOHN PIASZK

CHARLES WOHLRAUB

JOSEPH KREITLER

BENJAMIN PIASZK

ANDY GLIGORE

JAY JOHNSON

HARRY HAUFF

ALBERT LEAVER

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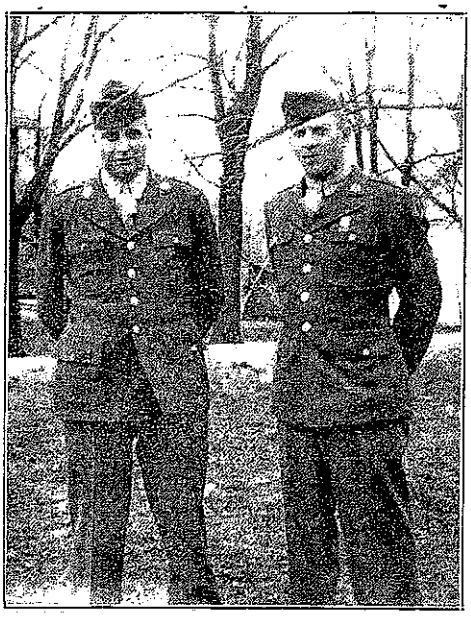
We Are Proud of Our "Boys"

Two Buddies



EDGAR FLECK AND ROBERT PEGG SHOWN TOGETHER

FLORENCE SMITH

WILLIAM MOLDOCK

Sky Fighter

WALTER TRIEBER POSING BEFORE A TRAINING PLANE

WILLIAM HAWKE

FRANK MESSINA

EDGAR FLECK

SGT. WILLIAM I. FRANKLIN
CHARLES FLECK

ROBERT BLASKO
FRANCIS KOLBEK

ANTONE LUCAS

STANLEY LUCAS

CHARLES LUCAS

ELIZABETH BELLINGTON

JOHN SZWEC

History of Alexandria Township Defense Council

Defense Council Organized 1941, After Pearl Harbor At Mt. Pleasant POSA Hall; Kreitler Was First Commander

At an emergency meting at the P. O. S. of A. Hall at Mt. Pleasant on Dec. 23, 1941, the Alexandria Township Defense Council came into being. The meeting was called by Otto Sigrist, chairman of the Township Committee. A group of public minded citizens came to offer their services for the protection and welfare of Alexandria Township in this time of crisis.

Those present at that first meeting were: Otto Sigrist, chairman; Raymond Williamson, George Hill, Joseph Kreitler, LeRoy Vanderbilt, Clifford Fleming, LeRoy Curtis, Luther Fleming, John McNielle, Thomas Fishler and H. B. Weller.

Mr. Sigrist was elected permanent chairman. He appointed George Hill, vice chairman; Luther Fleming, secretary; Joseph Kreitler, Air Raid chairman; H. B. Weller, Fire Protection chairman.

That same week Civilian Defense enrollment blanks were distributed to every home in the township giving all a chance to help in the best possible way.

Second Meeting

At the second meeting of the newly organized Defense Council on Jan. 7, 1942, business got under way to a real start.

The civilian enrollment blanks were brought in by the volunteer canvassers, Clifford Fleming, William Fleck, Harold H. Niece, Thomas Fishler, William Snyder, Joseph Kreitler and LeRoy Curtis.

These were classified in lists giving the Defense Council a chance to organize well balanced units from the large source of material offererd so that each part of the township was well taken care of.

Maps were made of the township covering every road, and arm bands were ordered for the Police and Air Raid Wardens. Application was made to the township for a $400 emergency fund to operate the Defense Council.

Meeting, Jan. 12, 1942

At a Defense meting on Jan. 12, 1942, Dr. LeRoy Mullens was appointed as chief of Medical Service for Alexandria Township in case of emergency.

The following committees were appointed: Lester Wilson, chairman of vulnerability; LeRoy Curtis, Public Relation and Education; Thomas Fishler, Transportation and Evacuation; Raymond Williamson, Police Reserves; H. B. Weller, Fire Reserves; Laurence Balliet, Health and First Aid; J. R. McNielle, Demolition, Rescue and Repairs; Clifford Fleming, Decontamination: George Hill, Supplies; Joseph Kreitler, Communication; LeRoy Vanderbilt, Consumer Interests; Joseph Kreitler, Air Raid Precaution.

Scrap Drive

On February 4, 1942, the scrap drive started with Gilbert Ruble the appointed chairman. He was ably assisted by William Fleck, Herman McPherson, LeRoy Bonham, LeRoy Curtis and Hans Hansen.

A large number of Air Raid Police and Fire Wardens were sworn in and placed to cover all sectors of Alexandria Township in case of an emergency or a practice air raid. Police Reserves were given instructions on handling traffic during an emergency and general orders on conduct and lines of duty, by County Detective Ray Bastedo. Mr. Bastedo was formerly of the N. J. State Police Force.

Kreitler Commander

In April, 1942, Joseph Kreitler was appointed Commander of Alexandria Defense Council with George Hill his "First Assistant." The Township was then divided into 10 zones with a zone commander responsible for the wardens in that sector.

Those appointed follow: Zone 1, Otto Blessing; Zone 2, Joseph Gorietz, Zone 3 and 4, Joseph Kreitler; Zone 5, Clifford Fleming; Zone 6, H. B. Weller; Zone 7, John McNielle; one 8, Clarence Curtis; Zones 9 and 10, George Hill.

Thomas Fishler replaced Lawrence Balliet as chairman of First Aid on May 6, 1942, and LeRoy Bonham replaced Raymond Williamson as chairman of Police Reserves.

Blackout Test

Our first surprise blackout test came August 25, 1942. This was considered 99 per cent perfect in our township and a very favorable report was given by Commander Kreitler.

A regrettable loss was felt on Sept. 1, 1942, when John McNeille resigned his post as a member of the Defense Council to join the Army. Mr. McNeille was married and the father of three children.

Finger Printing

A special meeting was called on Sept. 8, 1942, for the finger printing of all wardens. Official identification cards were issued by State Troopers John Lea and L. J. Iatesta of Clinton, assisted by John DeMille, H. B. Weller and Arthur Fishler.

Three air raid sirens were purchased on Sept. 22, 1942, by Alexandria Defense Council after a previous test had been made. They were to be placed at Mt. Pleasant, Little York and Everittstown.

Again on Nov. 5, 1942, the Defense Council lost an active member when Commander Joseph Kreitler resigned his duties to enter the armed service. He was succeeded by Harrison Curtis, Sr.

Lester Wilson was named assistant commander to replace George Hill, who moved from Everittstown to Milford.

LeRoy Vanderbilt was appointed vice chairman, a position also left vacant by Mr. Hill.

Luther Fleming was appointed to take charge of communications.

On Nov. 6 Morris Schlapher was appointed commander of Zones 9 and 10 and a member of the Defense Council.

In January, 1943, Frank Fleck replaced Raymond Williamson as a member of the Defense Council. He was also made chairman of the Salvage Committee due to the resignation of Mr. Ruble, caused by ill health.

Fleming Personnel Officer

At a special meeting in April, Luther Fleming was appointed personnel officer of the Defense Council.

At the same time Weller was appointed chairman of the Community War Service Committee assisted by Otto Sigrist, Clifford Fleming, Harrison Curtis, Sr., Thomas Fishler and LeRoy Vanderbilt.

These men made the plans for the erection and printing of the Township Honor Roll which was dedicated on June 6, 1943.

In September, 1943, J. H. Adams, Jr., was appointed Local War Historian of Alexandria Township.

Four girls of Mt. Pleasant were sworn in as Junior Air Wardens, the first in the township. Taking their vows seriously were Ruth Weest, Stella Stout, June McCollick and Leona McCollick.

Schools at War Program in Alexandria

Hardly a family in Alexandria Township has not felt the pang of the war. They either have a son, relative, friend or neighbor in the service. Children are quick to note a change in atmosphere in the home, church and school. Especially are they quick to talk over war conditions, among themselves on the school lot. Anxious to do their part in the war effort.

In their reports of "Schools at War" the principals, Miss Elenore Kustje n,of Everittstown School, and Mrs. Anna Louise Adams, of Little York School, sent in interesting reports of what the school children of Alexandria Township are doing.

Everitstown School Year 1941-42

By Miss Elenore Kristjen

Thirty-five children in the upper grades were given the Red Cross First Aid Course.

Thirty-five children in the upper grades were given the Red Cross Home Nursing Course.

All children in the upper grades have learned all verses of the Star Spangled Banner.

The children of the intermediate and upper grades made writing folios, scrap books and flower vases to be used in Naval hospitals.

The children in the intermediate and upper grades were given a course in nutrition.

Approximately two- thirds of the children in the upper grades have joined the Victory Corps and are canning, baking, caring for children, working on farms, raising calves and pigs for victory.

Approximately three-quarters of the children in the upper grades have Victory Gardens.

Three-fourths of the children in all grades have bought War Stamps or Bonds.

The proper way to display the flag was emphasized in special programs.

Approximately two tons of scrap were collected by the children of all grades.

Air raid drills and fire drills are held regularly.

Little York School Year 1941-42

By Mrs. Anna L. Adams

Outstanding among the accomplishments of the year was the collection of 5,200 pounds of scrap and 700 pounds of rubber by the pupils in the first scrap drive and the sale of material collected in the second drive for $10.00. The latter sum was invested in playground equipment.

Twenty-six of the thirty-four pupils bought War Saving Stamps and Bonds aggregating $1,027.20.

Posters were made promoting War Savings Bonds, Scrap Salvage, Kitchen Fat Salvage, Dental Clinic and the advantage of hot lunches.

One of the projects of the year has been the preparation of a school scrap book which pictures all the various war activites of the school. The book has been sent to Trenton and will be considered for the final National Contest at Washington, D. C.

Boys of the school have made a lap-robe for the soldiers which has been turned over to the Junior Red Cross.

A Sewing Class has been organized under the leadership of Mrs. Herman Schick, Mrs. William Erwin and the County Home Demonstrator, Mrs. Mildred McCormick.

Donations were made toward the 4-H Ambulance and the Junior Red Cross.

Hot lunches were served under the direction of the teacher, Mrs. Anna Louise Adams to an average of 27 pupils daily. A total of 4,320 meals were served.

Seven children were treated by the dental clinic.

Members of the 4-H Club won prizes for Victory Gardens and corn raising projects.

Safety classes were held by the State Police each month and patrolmen's certificates were awarded to several students.

A Prayer

Sleep on, my son, and dream sweet dreams
of sun and birds and flowers.
And all the decent, precious things
of childhood's golden hours.
But, lad, before you sleep this night,
remember, in your prayer,
Those valiant men, who bleed and die
that you may never share
The fate of other little ones
who seldom know sweet dreams,
But seething hell of flame and shell
and dreadful, frenzied screams.
So, pray again, for our fighting men
and for those who lie dreaming too,
But, with open eyes that stare at the skies
from a bed of crimson dew.
In a last, long sleep, well earned and deep,
not just for our red, white and blue.
But, that all God's children, all over the world.
might dream sweet dreams, like you.

—C. William Barrett.

Mac Neill Misses Alexandria Twp.

In response to Mr. Adams' letter asking for a picture, Lt. John Mac Neille wrote this letter expressing desire to come home to Alexandria Township.

Jan. 7, 1944

Dear John:

Please forgive my not writing you long before this. I have been very busy and also had difficulty in finding a picture of myself. The enclosed is the only one I could get and was taken last summer, shortly after I was commissioned, hope it will do.

I am assigned as a member of the Staff at the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kan. Was President and Troop Commander of the 35th Officer Candidate Class (Horse) and was commissioned the end of July—after 9 months as an enlisted man.

This is about all the news. My family and I look forward eagerly to the day we can return to Alexandria.

Best to all the council and a Very Happy New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely,

John R. MacNeille.

PS. I am a second lieutenant in the cavalry.

Honor Roll Speaker

MAJOR RYMAN HERR

Genial Major Ryman Herr, a veteran of World War I, has often visited Alexandria Township to speak at civic ceremonies. He delivered an inspiring address at the dedication of the Township Honor Roll at Mount Pleasant, and spoke also at the Everittstown dedication.

Little York Youth Wins $25 War Bond

In a recent contest sponsored by the Farm Loan Credit Association of Springfield, Mass., Joseph Schick won a bond in the junior class on an essay entitled "Why I Bound a War Bond."

To be eligible, the contestant had to purchase a bond the month prior to the contest. Joseph used as his theme the "Minute Man Flag, Little York School."

Twelve-year-old Joseph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schick. He plays a saxophone in the Little York school orchestra and is also prominent in 4-H club work having won prizes and distinction both in corn raising and cattle judging. He is working on a 4-H club calf project at the present time.

LITTLE YORK SCHOOL RECEIVES TREASURY DEPARTMENT CITATION

The students of Little York school were honored by Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasuary, last December 7 by winning the coveted United States Treasury Department citation for purchasing War Bonds and Stamps in the amount of $3,000, enough to purchase one amphibian jeep.

The impressive document reads: "This citation is awarded to Little York School, Little York, New Jersey, for service to the war savings program through the successful completion of a "Schools at War" campaign to pay for one amphibian jeep through the purchase of War Bonds and Stamps."

Given on December 7, 1943, two years after Pearl Harbor, it was signed by Mr. Morgenthau Jr. and Franklin D'Olier, state chairman.

Twp. Officials Witness Little York Ceremonies

Township and county school authorities and parents gathered at the Little York School last October to witness ceremonies honoring the pupils of the school for the "Schools at War" program in which the school has made an outstanding record. Inclement weather forced cancelation of a portion of the program.

Included on the program was the presentation of a Minute Man Flag by the Little York PTA to the school, which is entitled to fly it by virtue of its 100 per cent participation by the students in a bond and stamp buying program. Mrs. Herman Schick made the presentation and Lawton Scott accepted the flag on behalf of the school.

Harry W. Moore Speaks

Harry W. Moore, county superintendent of schools, was the speaker for the occasion. He reported that the Little York School was the second school of about 60 in the county to have qualified to fly the Minute Man Flag.

"The Schools at War" program, he declared, is designed to bring, not the horrors of war to the children, but the importance of the struggle in which we are engaged, and to educate the boys and girls as part of their school work in the war effort, with those things they may do in the war effort.

"This is the outstanding one-room school in the county in respect to the sale and purchase of bonds and war stamps. They are to be congratulated on their attainments."

He urged the students to seek out the history behind the "Minute Man," the silhouette of which appears on the flag.

Report On Activities

Lawton Scott reported on the "Schools at War" activities of the year. She reported that during the recent Third War Loan Drive students had sold $2,057 worth of War Bonds and themselves bought $482.75 worth of bonds and stamps. The goal set for the students is to purchase enough bonds and stamps to purchase a jeep at the cost of $1,165, and an amphibian jeep, at a cost of $2,090.

She also reported that students had canned 15½ quarts of tomatoes and filled a Christmas box to be sent to children in foreign lands who may not be fortunate enough to be able to enjoy Christmas.

Other Speakers

Miss Jennie Haver, helping teacher, congratulated the students for being "the first school in North Hunterdon to fly the Minute Man Flag." Other speakers included Lester Wilson, clerk of the Board of Education; Emmert Wilson, Mayor of Stockton; Bernard F. Ramsburg, County Club Agent; Rev. Samuel Willis, pastor of Alexandria Presbyterian Church, and Joseph Pascoe, editor and manager of the Delaware Valley News. Teachers from the Everittstown School also were present and extended congratulations.

Music was furnished by the school orchestra and a sketch entitled, "The Stamp of An American," was presented by the students. Rev. Willis offered the opening prayer and the benediction. Mrs. Louise Adams is teacher at the school.

HAWKE SENDS NEWS FROM NORTH AFRICA

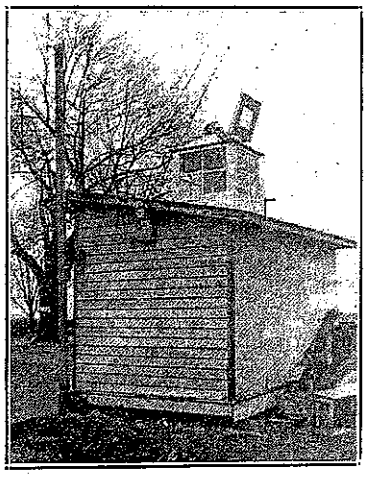
In a letter received by his aunt, Mrs. Carrie Hawke, of Mt. Pleasant, dated Sept. 7, 1943, William Hawke wrote from North Africa. Said Bill, "We have covered quite a few miles in the past couple of weeks. I have seen the Rock of Gibraltar, the city of Oran and I have been swimming in the Mediterranean Sea."

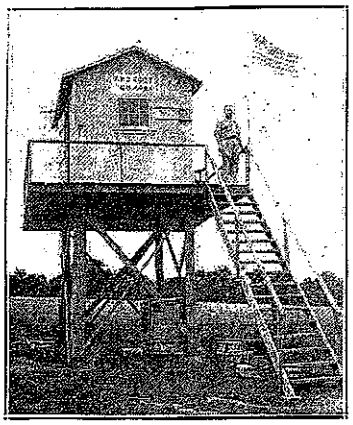
In this letter he sent some French money home including 50 francs. One franc is worth about two cents in U. S. currency.

Waste Fats are important. They mean more shells for our fighting men. Save them today.

The Old Post

Below is the first observation post at Palmaria crossroads, used by airplane spotters of Alexandria. Here for 24-hour periods patriotic men and women kept vigilance under the laedership of Bernard Ramacher. Later it was displaced by . . .





The New Post

The New Post shown above. Ramacher found it necessary to resign his duties and Frank Dalrymple of iPttstown stepped into the breach and did a great job. The Post was moved to Pittstown under Dalrymple's leadership to enable him to better attend to his duties.

Little York School Plays Part In Alexandria Twp. War Effort

During September the pupils of Little York School worked to have 100 per cent purchasing defense stamps. Their goal was reached and were eligible to fly a "Schools at War Minute Man Flag." A day was set for the dedication of the flag. Each month since, they have had 100 per cent student purchase, and the teacher invested 10 per cent or more in stamps or bonds.

It was decided among the pupils that this year they try to sell enough stamps to buy an amphibian jeep and a land jeep. During the 3rd War Loan drive a number of people in the community bought their bonds through the school thus making it possible for the school to purchase an amphibian jeep. The pupils now set their eyes on their second goal, a land jeep. To date they have sold $2,276.86 of defense stamps.

When the United War Fund Drive was started, the children wanted to have a part in it. A campaign for the collection of scrap paper was started. During a noon hour and on into the afternoon, groups with express wagons went to the homes of Little York and collected the paper. Next the boys tied and weighed the paper while the girls had their 4-H sewing class.

A card was sent to Mr. Finkle, a junk dealer, he came taking 1,200 pounds for which he gave the school $5. A letter explaining the Little York School's contribution to the United War Fund was sent to Mr. Lester Wilson, chairman of Alexandria Township.

During the Junior Red Cross Drive held in November, Little York School reached 100 per cent membership. Dues were sent to Mr. Harry Moore, County Chairman of Junior Red Cross.

Observation

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gret at the passing of the Observation Post but is proud of her part in the volunteer war work.

Duties

The duty of the observer was at the approach of a plane or planes to call the First Interceptor Command at Philadelphia giving number of planes, type of plane, as to number of motors, approximate height and distance from post, direction of planes from post and direction plane was going. Last but not least the official secret code number of the Observation Post was given so the Interceptor Command could distinguish where the call came from. All this information was kept in a log book at the post for future reference. It can be well said these posts were the eyes of the Army, of our home front and the Army let it be known that they were satisfied with the project and relied on it in case of an emergency.

Officials Laud Alexandria Township War Effort

The following messages were received recently from county and state officials for inclusion in this edition. Governor Walter E. Edge has also written a letter commending Alexandria for its efforts. The letter appears on page one of the main section.

The Riegel Paper Corporation views with pride the tribute Alexandria Township is according its youth in service through this edition.

Many of our employees live in this progressive community and many of you fighting men now serving under the banners of freedom and liberty worked in our plants before the war.

We of the Riegel Paper Corporation want to assure you men and women that we have the most profound admiration for the gallant fight you are making and that your jobs will be waiting for you when you return. All of us pray for an early victory and the speedy return of our servicemen.

Sincerely yours,
John L. Riegel, President,
RIEGEL PAPER CORPORATION

February 7, 1944

Mr. P. E. Moonan, Gen. Mgr.,
Hunterdon Newspapers, Inc.,
6 Spring Street,
Flemington, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Moonan:

I have your letter of February 3 and am pleased to know that Hunterdon Newspapers, Inc., is compiling a supplement to be titled "Alexandria Township's Servicemen's Edition."

Hunterdon County has done, in my opinion, far more than her share in supplying the demands on our young men for the service and this only because so many of our patriotic youngsters volunteered for the armed forces without waiting for the draft.

As you know, I have three sons in this category myself but I believe if Hunterdon County and Alexandria Township were given credit for all of the boys who volunteered our draft quotas would have been much lower.

Here's hoping that God will be good to the boys of Alexandria Township, as well as the other municipalities of Hunterdon, and bring them back to us safe and sound in a period of time far shorter than our fondest hopes.

Sincerely,
Arthur F. Foran.

February 8, 1944

Township Committee of
Alexandria Township,
c/o Herbert B. Weller, Clerk,
Milford, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I have recently learned of your unusually fine gesture in behalf of the servicemen of Alexandria Township and their families and friends through the columns of the Hunterdon Newspapers, Inc. I know that the servicemen and their families will appreciate this action in their behalf and your committee deserves the plaudits which I know it will receive for such consideration.

I congratulate and thank you on behalf of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Cordially yours,
Charles Y. Hamp,
Director.

WAR RECORDS COMMISSION
Mrs. Gordon Buchanan, Director

July 22, 1943

Mr. J. Harold Adams, Jr.,
Alexandria Township,
Silverthorn Farm, R. F. D. 2,
Milford, N. J.

My Dear Mr. Adams:

Through your Deputy Area Administrator, Mr. Alexander Milne, we have just learned of your appointment as Local Historian and are enclosing Bulletin No. 2, Purposes and Procedures, which we hope will help you plan your work.

We are very sorry at the delay in making contact with you but were not aware of your appointment until July 19th. We hope you will enjoy the work and will get in touch with us for any information or help that you may desire.

Yours very truly,
Florence Buchanan,
Director

Sales In 4th War Loan Over $9,000

Alexandria Township is now well launched into its Fourth War Loan Drive. Sales up to the time this edition went to press were more than $9,000 and indications are that Alexandria's residents would surpass their quota.

Everittstown PTA Pledged to Help School Program

By MRS. EDNA McPHERSON
Secretary of Everittstown PTA

The PTA of Everittstown has about 100 members but it is so very rural and the members are scattered over such an area that when the war broke out and people became occupied, and wartime restrictions, it became a problem to do the things that they would like to have done to help in the all-out effort. The members realized they must stand behind the school, its teachers and the children, more than ever in these trying times.

Some equipment was bought to use in the kitchen to help serve refereshments at the PTA meetings and to help with supplying a a cooked dish for the children's lunch. Members of the PTA cooked pudding, beans, etc., and the teachers served them. Contribution were given to the Red Cross, Infantile Paralysis Fund and the county dental clinic. The PTA interceded and got a Toxin Anti-Toxin Clinic. Twelve members took and passed the first aid course given in the school. A scrap iron drive was sponsored with children, teachers and parents helping.

Many books were brought to the attention of the parents on Child Education and several were read. Two community covered dish suppers with interesting programs were put on. These have been a pleasant get together for parents and the teachers. Two flower and garden shows have been held with much success. This last fall the victory garden was stressed and the 4-H Clubs entered with a fine display.

Through the interest shown by the PTA members a music instructor was hired by the board and the school now has an orchestra.

Child Problems

Discussions and talks have been given on topics to help parents understand the child better, such as: "How this war effects our child," "This war and the child," "Home, school, team work for Democracy," "The Church and the child," and "All out for Democracy," etc.

The PTA buys candy for the children at Christmas and supplied refreshments for their Hollowe'en party.

The child is our main interest and may we ever stand behind our future citizens.

Service Flag

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Kenneth Austin, raised the service flag to its position above the street.

Fitting remarks were then made by Rev. Munn expressing thought for the safety of the boys.

Mrs. Myers thanked those who took part in the program and commended the Republican Committee for securing the flag. She thanked Mrs. Horace Niece for the use of her house for the program and as an anchor for the rope holding the flag; The New Jersey Power & Light Co., for the use of the pole and their kindness in erecting the pulley and rope; the Boy Scouts, Rev. Munn, Steven and Helen Kannapes and guest speaker, Ryman C. Herr.

A vocal solo "God Bless America" was rendered by Miss Geraldine Myers assisted by Miss Jean Cronce at the piano.

The ceremony was closed with the benediction by Rev. Munn.

Notes of Interest About Servicemen

Harry Weeast Sees Action On Shake-Down Trip

Seaman 2nd class, Harry Weeast, of the U. S. Navy, was assigned to a new destroyer. On a shakedown cruise, they were ordered into active service and started that important job of escorting a convoy across the Atlantic.

The boys on board saw action, many for the first time. In the course of this assignment the destroyer had a propeller blown off and to add to the discomfort of the boys in blue, the ship's refrigerator failed to function and the crew was forced to live on rice, spaghetti and beans.

To make matters worse adds Harry I didn't like any of the three and this was our menu for three weeks. Harry at the time is in the Pacific theatre of war.

Nazi Bomb Lands In Potato Patch

William Lewis has been stationed for the past two years in Iceland. He is a sergeant in the Quartermaster Corps of the Air Force. Bill says they have accounted for one submarine and two Nazi planes. On one German raid, the enemy dropped bombs in a potato patch back of the barracks, no damage done except to a few spuds. He also adds that he sees the Northern Lights almost every night and it is the most beautiful sight one could possibly see.

BRINDISI VOYAGER

Robert Brindisi, of the U. S. Navy, sent word to his parents he has just returned from his first and most successful voyage to foreign soil. Not giving the destination of his assignment, he does add he was sea sick "and I mean just that."

PAPICS TANK EXPERT

Cpl. Steven Papics is an expert when it comes to tanks. Having trained as a mechanic on this type of war equipment, Steven has been on tank inspection in Army camps in many different parts of the United States.

STUDYING CHEMICAL WARFARE

Private First Class Wilbert Kirk, of the U. S. Army, while stationed at Camp Sibert, in Alabama, is studying chemical warfare. As you can readily see, the enemy won't find us asleep should they try to use similar tactics. Lately Wilbert was assigned as guard in transferring 2100 German prisoners from one camp to another.

HUJIK SECOND LIEUTENANT

Stephen T. Hujik was graduated on November 15, 1943, from Naval Air Training Center at Corpus Christi, Texas, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

EDDLESTON IN ENGLAND

Cpl. Richard G. Eddleston sends word of his being stationed "somewhere" in England. Richard, age 23, is married and is in the Army Armored Division. His home is north of Little York. His brother, Robert W. Eddleston is stationed with the Coast Artillery in Virginia.

TINSMAN IN AUSTRALIA

On November 1, 1943, Mr. and Mrs. Rexford Tinsman received word that their son, Cpl. Harry Tinsman arrived in Australia. He spent several months in the Hawaiian Islands. He wrote that he likes things in general better in the Islands than in Australia.

CLOSE ESCAPE

Albert Leaver was commissioned in Sept., 1943, as a first lieutenant. He is serving with the 226th Signal Operations Co. and was last heard of in North Africa. He nearly lost his life in May, 1943, while on a ship which was anchored near a tanker. He relates that the Germans came in for a little bombing but says you can guess the rest. He married Miss Marion Wilson, daughter of Arthur Wilson, of Everittstown, and they have one son "Jack."

JEROME CLARK

MARTIN SMISEK

JOHN A. TIMMINS

MARVIN HEATER

ROBERT McQUINN

WILBERT KERK

STEVEN and MRS. PAPICS

RUSSELL DIMNING

ALBERT ORT

Paul Maytan Has Tent Blown Away

Sgt. Paul Maytan, Ordnance Co., landed in Africa and stayed there until the campaign was over. Said it was terribly hot, and that they went for weeks without water for baths. Soldiers wore practically nothing but shorts and shoes. "In Sicily and Italy," adds Paul, "our climate changed, giving us in opposite contrast, cold rains and storms." He relates that during one storm at night their tents were blown away, during the Sicily campaign. Here, he says, the German evacuated cities were like ghost towns with ruin and desolation everywhere.

Stanley Dudek Makes Comeback

Stanley Dudek, of Little York, seems to have hit a snag when Uncle Sam called him to the colors. While training as an aviation cadet at Syracuse, N. Y., he contracted meningitis of the brain and lay in a serious condition there in a hospital for some time. In two weeks Stanley lost thirty-one pounds. After recovering enough to go back to training he was transferred to Nashville, Tenn., and later to Maxwell Field in Alabama. Here on Oct. 5 he and a large group of fellow fliers became ill with food or ptomaine poisoning and Stanley was again a very sick boy, but it takes more than that to keep a good man down.

In a later letter Stanley writes that he has qualified both as a bombardier and pilot and has flown at 38,000 feet, gets up at 4:30 every morning and is feeling pretty good.

In reply to the safe arrival of a basket of pears from his mother Stanley wrote, "The boys in my bunk house certainly like Jersey pears, send more," but he adds "don't send any clothes cause the Army sure takes good care of us."

Before entering the Army, one of Stanley's hobbies was the building of model airplanes. His mother says the house is practically littered with them, of all sizes from two inch models to seven foot gliders. Some were equipped with gasoline motors and covered with pure silk.

Cpl. Morris First Girl to Enlist

Cpl. Gertrude K. Morris is Alexandria's first woman to enter the service of our country. In July, 1942, Miss Kornitsky left a position in Newark to become the bride of Leonard Morris, a member of the Medical Corps of the Army.

When Leonard left for action overseas, which took him to Africa, his wife did not sit idly by, but in November, 1942, joined the WACs and after diligent study qualified herself to become a wireless operator at an Army base in Texas, where she is now stationed.

As Miss Gertrude Kornitsky, she graduated from Everittstown Grammar School, Frenchtown High School and Montclair Teachers College. Alexandria Township is proud of our Corporal Morris of the WACs.

TRANSPORT FLIER

Cpl. Harry Hauff, of the Army Air Corps, is seeing some of the world. Stationed on a large flying transport he was sent to Africa. "After this is over," says Harry, "there won't be a spot in Northern Africa I haven't seen." He eats and sleeps aboard ship and helps to move troops as well as supplies to the fighting front.

CADET NURSES

Florence Smith and Elizabeth Bellington, graduates of Frenchtown High School, class of '42, have entered the service as Cadet Nurses. Cadet Nurse Smith entered St. Francis Hospital, Jersey City, in September, while Cadet Bellington entered St. Francis Hospital, in Trenton.

ON AIRCRAFT CARRIER

Petty Officer, 1st class, Edward Cole, of the U. S. Navy is serving on an aircraft carrier. He made a successful shakedown cruise to Trinidad and return.

Supreme Sacrifice

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corded the death of Victor Piaszk, word was officially announced of the casualty of John Anderson, although records show he lost his life over two months before Victor.

John Anderson, a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, came to the United States, it is believed in around 1927 with his father and mother and made their home in Detroit.

Later John came back again to New York and with the salt still in his lungs from his first crossing started on a career at sea. After a year of this he again returned to the soil, so to speak, and from the time of 1936 to 1942 made Alexandria Township his home. At the time of his joining the Merchant Marine John had been employed by Mr. Charles A. Peterson on a farm near Everittstown.

Called to Sea

In the spring of 1942 again the call of the sea came to him and he sailed on a Standard Oil Tanker from New York to Texas. Leaving a Gulf port loaded with oil and bound for New York, the tanker, when about 50 miles from the mouth of the Mississippi River, was sighted by an enemy submarine and torpedoed.

Severly Burned

John Anderson was severely burned while on the flaming ship. Before he could be rescued the pain became so great he jumped into the water to end his suffering. At the time of his death he was 39 years old and left no close relatives except an uncle, near New York. John came to the United States for the privileges our great nation accords us. He gave his life in defense of those privileges.

SAVE FATS

Parents, Teachers Report Activities of Township Schools in the War Effort

By Members of Little York PTA
Mrs. Herman Schick, President

The activities of Little York PTA centers mainly on the children of the school. Our first meeting of the year takes its form in a farm and garden show. Though sponsored by the PTA more children exhibit than grown-ups. Therefore great stress and encouragement is given. In 1942 five exhibits of great interest entered the picture set up by the children. Three were given first place. Two rated second. The exhibits were in keeping with the time. First places were typical of Victory Gardens, Food Will Help to Win the War, and a Modern American Country Farm Home. Prizes were given by the Flemington and Ringoes Fairs cooperating with the Board of Agriculture in the form of defense stamps for all five exhibits.

Hallowe'en Party

October found us busy planning a Hallowe'en party for without some recreation we cannot expect our girls and boys to be interested in scrap drives and the selling of war stamps. They are working hard selling stamps for this year. They hope to sell enough stamps to buy a jeep. This month we planned to buy the drums for the school band. We are anxious to keep the younger folks interested in their music program.

To show their appreciation of the drum purchase the children entertained in December. The band played several selections. The children of the school gave several small plays. At Christmas time the PTA gave each school child a treat and many preschool youngsters were treated likewise. The sick and older folks were also remembered.

We have two 4-H leaders, members of the P. T. A., teaching the girls to stitch, darn stockings and to make aprons on which they are to apply the stitches they have learned to make. While the girls are busy sewing, the boys are doing their share. Gay colored woolens are being hung to dry in the school room, washed out clean by the boys. Next we see them sewing patches of cloth together. Yes, they are making a lap robe for some soldier or sailor who is serving in the armed forces and may have need for same.

Also, with the support of their parents, the school is busy, trying to put over their scrap drive and to receive the recognition from the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., thereby receiving their citation for the Schools at War program.

Lunch Program

The school lunch program was carried on by members of the PTA who cooked beans and contributed various foods to make better use of material on hand.

Graduation exercises centered around the Schools at War Program. The lap robe was presented to Miss Jennie Haver, field worker of the Red Cross. The Safety Patrol Certificates were awarded to Patrolmen who had carried out patrol duties in accordance with the State Troopers.

The fall of 1943 finds us ready with our usual garden and flower show. This year all the upper grades helped to make this show a far better one than we had ever had before. The victory gardens and canned goods were proudly displayed. Two large displays could be seen coming into view. The girls and boys made their posters. One display showed all kinds of vegetables to help feed the armed forces. The other display depicted the vegetables in the garden being picked, canned and into the pantry shelf. In other words, their poster read from the victory garden to the pantry shelf. Both exhibits were judged excellent.

Before the frost killed the last tomatoes the 4-H girls assisted by their teacher canned tomatoes which are to be used in the lunches this winter.

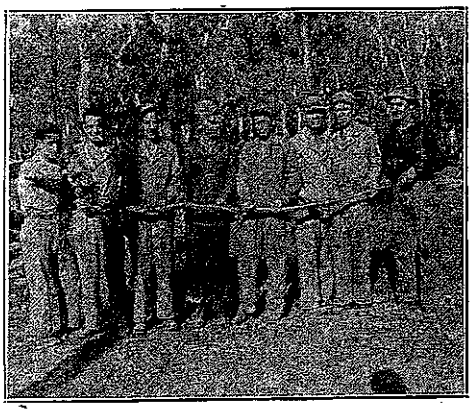
War Loan Drive

The Third War Loan Drive found everybody busy. The school children and members of the PTA were anxious to see a Minute Man flag flying over the school. We achieved this honor and the members of the PTA proudly presented the school with the Minute Man flag which has waved there ever since. Our school was the first one room school to fly such a flag so we are doubly proud. On October 25, 1943 we dedicated this honor.

Our social activities consisted of our Hallowe'en party and Christmas treat. The children entertained us again in November. Under the direction of Philip Zbitz the members of the band played several selections. The PTA supplied refreshments.

The newspaper drive was taken up by the children who worked like beavers and cleaned up every home. They managed to get over 1200 pounds of paper. The proceeds from this drive was proudly given towards the USO drive.

Now the interest runs towards building airplanes and identifying them. The PTA ever keeps the interest of the child as theme for better living.



Keeps 'Em Flying

JOHN LOSLEBENS

The two Loslebens, Gus, above and John on the left, both sergeants, keep 'em flying for Uncle Sam's air forces.

Gus, an instructor at the Fort Meyers gunnery school in Florida, formerly instructed a class in hydraulics at Seymour Johnson Field, N. C. He graduated with honors.

Now serving with General MacArthur's fighting forces in the South Pacific, John Losleben received his preliminary training at Maine, Newark and San Francisco.

LEWIS AND KLIGORE

Sgt. William Lewis and Pvt. Andrew Kligore have recently sent word of their safe arrival in England.

Sgt. Lewis has been stationed in Iceland for the past two years.

Peppe Slays Giant Snake

Tojo isn't the only enemy to our fighting men in the Far East.

Salvatore Peppe, who resided near Little York, is shown in the extreme right (in the picture on the right) holding a 15-foot python he slew with his buddies while training in Australia.

Salvatore trained at Camp Croft, Camp Edwards and Fort Ord, California, before embarking for Austrarlia with the U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps.

When last heard from, Peppe was battling the Nips—with the same success we trust that he and his buddies had in killing this jungle serpent.

LAURENCE FITZGERALD

Milford Family Has Five Fighting Sons In Three Branches of Armed Forces

Three Are In the Air Corps; One Is a Fighting Leatherneck, While Youngest Is Wearing the Blue of the Navy

Five blue stars stand out symbolically on the white field of a service flag in the Fitzgerald home in Milford, a tribute to five young men serving in the armed forces. Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald are justly proud of their boys, all former employees of the Riegel Paper Corp., who enlisted in service and have excellent records.

Serving in the Army Air Corps, Pfc. James Kiggins and Cpl. Lawrence Fitzgerald entered on January 14, 1942, and trained together at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. They were transferred to Luke Field, Ariz., and to another air base near Yuma. Jim, 30, was then assigned to Smokey Hill, Salina, Kansas, where he is brushing up on his mechanics studies, while Larry went to the Air Gunner Base at Gila Bend, Ariz. Larry is 20 and graduated from Frenchtown High School in 1941.

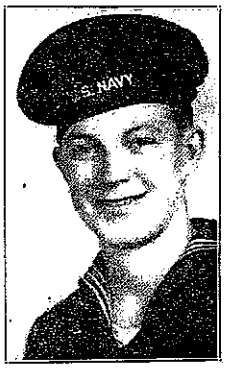
Frank Kiggins, 28, entered the Army on February 3, 1942, and received his "basic" with the infantry at Camp Croft, S. C. After seven months in the "Doughboy" branch of the Army, he transferred from Fort Devans, Mass., to the Air Corps. His training in the air over four bases in Texas terminated last July at a ceremonious graduation from Brooks Field, at which Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald were present. As the aviation student became a lieutenant, Mrs. Fitzgerald pinned the silver wings on her son. Frank is now an instructor at Winfield, Kansas.

FRANK KIGGINS

Representing the Marine Corps, Joseph Kiggins, 21, received his basic training at Parris Island and New River. This fighting leatherneck was among the first Marines to land on the Solomons when the shooting was the thickest. He has served down in the South Pacific area and participated in many bloody battles. Now recovering from malaria in Melbourne, Australia, Joe is a graduate of Frenchtown High, class of '39 and has been in the U. S. M. C. for nearly two years.

Martin Fitzgerald, youngest in service, wears the blue of the Navy. A graduate of Frenchtown High in '42, he has been in uniform about six months. He trained at Baltimore, Md., and the Philadelphia Naval Hospital, Pa. Some time ago he sailed for Hawaii.

JOSEPH KIGGINS



MARTIN FITZGERALD

JAMES KIGGINS

WOHLRAUB AIR CADET

Mr. and Mrs. Wolhraub, of Little York, received word that their son, Charles, an aviation cadet of Laredo, Texas, is pilot of a bomber of the B-17 class. In his letter Charles says he is doing well.

Capt. Olsen Wins Honors

Captain Samuel Olsen, of Milford, a master mariner, was awarded the Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal recently for meritorius service during a submarine attack on his ship in the Atlantic Ocean.

Rear Admiral A. B. Randall, Commandant of the U. S. Maritime Service, made the presentation on behalf of President Roosevelt, aboard Captain Olsen's new Liberty Ship at Philadelphia.

During a midnight submarine attack, the citation read, Olsen's ship was disabled by a torpedo. He ordered the crew into the boats and then remained aboard with the gun crew for over an hour, to attract the sub if it came to the surface.

He found a member of the gun crew who had been seriously wounded and lowered him to a life raft. Olsen then ordered all hands to abandon the sinking ship and navigated the flotilla of lifeboats and rafts to an island more than 700 miles away where all the men landed safely after ten days.

"His courage, leadership and exemplary seamanship, so largely contributory to the rescue of his crew, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Merchant Marine," declared Admiral Randall.

Following the sinking of his ship, Captain Olsen and his wife spent some weeks with his mother, Mrs. Marie Olson, of Mt. Pleasant.

Commentary On Historian

"Alexandria Township is the first municipality in the county known to have an official historian. Working as part of the Alexandria Township Defense Council, John Harold Adams, Jr., is compiling records, experiences and information concerning men and women from the township serving in the armed services of the country.

"We venture to say that some day the compilations of the ambitious Mr. Adams will be of inestimable value. Certainly from a local viewpoint, it will always be of value. We hope Mr. Adams gets the cooperation upon which so complex a task must of necessity depend."—Delaware Valley News.

SAVES CAPTAIN'S LIFE

Sgt. Torak now is serving in England training to be an aerial gunner. A recent photo of him shows him in a side car of a motorcycle driven by a member of the British Women's Motor Corps, apparently he is enjoying England. He has the distinction of having saved his captain's life. While on maneuvers in the mountains of Arizona his captain slipped while scaling a cliff and was pulled to safety by Tibor. Before entering the Army he ran Joe's Fender and Body Works at Frenchtown.

4-H Scholarship To Milford Girl

Miss Hermine Schick, 18, of Milford, has received one of the New Jersey 4-H scholarships in the American Youth Foundation leadership course to be given at Camp Miniwanca, at Shelby, Mich. The other scholarship was won by Donald Woodward, 21, of Pennington. The training course will begin in August and will be attended by young people from all parts of the United States and Canada.

The award was given for outstanding work in al-around 4-H activities and qualities of leader ship. It is presented by the Danforth Foundation-Purina Mills. This year, in addition to emphasis on leadership training, the curriculum will have courses in "The Religious Roots of Democracy," "Wartime Problems of Youth" and "Post-War Planning." The appointments were made by Clarence B. Walleigh, acting state leader of 4-H work, at Rutgers University.

Miss Schick, a member of the Milford 4-H Dairy Club, has been active in 4-H work for eight years, with projects in dairying, gardening, forestry, sewing, canning and hybrid corn.

The Importance Of War Records

This letter (on the right) from Florence Buchanan, Director of the War Records Commission for New Jersey, speaks for itself. What has been done in Alexandria, by Mr. Adams and the many fine folks who helped him, will serve as an example for other communities. Long after this war is over, people will refer to these cherished documents as an indestructible part of their lives.

A Xmas Prayer

Dedicated to Joseph Kiggins, a Marine somewhere in the Pacific theater of war, written by his small sister, Virginia Kiggins.

My Brother is fighting over there
Fighting for our country fair.
My prayers are said, and what I pray
Is that Joe will be home on Christmas Day.

For Christmas I don't want a toy
All I want is cheer and joy.
The only way that joy will come
Is to have Joe home when we have won.

I'm not like the other kids, they say
For all they want to do is play,
But not any toys or play for me
Cause I'm waiting for Victory.

After victory comes, there's toys and play
For I am hoping to display
The picture of my brave brother
Fighting for my Country and Mother.

I hope, my God, you'll answer my prayer
And guard my brother over there
Cause I want joy for the coming year
But joy won't come, unless Joe is here.

JOHN PAPICS HURT ON ALCAN HIGHWAY

In September, 1942, John Papic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Papic, was severely injured while working on the new Victory Highway in Alaska. Besides a painful back injury, both feet were broken when he was caught by falling rock during a blast. John was sent back to the Army hospital at Seattle, Washington, where at this writing, a year later, he is still a patient. He is now able to be on his feet about two hours a day. It is feared his injuries may be permanent. At the time of his injury John was 27 years of age and married.

Mark Hawley Serves

Mark Hawley, world famous radio newscaster, who resided in Alexandria, is another Township resident who is doing his part in the war effort serving with Uncle Sam's fighting forces.

Soldiers Vote Issue Pressed By Legion Chief

Aaron Smith, State Commander of the American Legion, wrote a letter recently to Governor Walter E. Edge calling upon the 1944 legislature to consider some plan to enable eligible New Jersey service men to vote in New Jersey Elections.

Mr. Smith makes the following points:

1. Democracy demands the right of the citizen to participate in the government.
2. The Armed Forces are fighting for this right and should be entitled to exercise it.
3. It is our job to give the Armed Forces the means to exercise the franchise.
4. There are difficulties in the way which will tax our ingenuity.
5. Some legislative device is needed to permin registration and balloting of veterans in the Armed Forces.
6. Registrations of soldiers and sailors might be carried out by some qualified next of kin or next friend.

The Commander's letter is an attempt to help solve a problem which is now being debated in Congress and virtually every State Legislature. We would appreciate very much if you would examine this letter and comment editorially upon the views it expresses.

Very truly yours,
Roland F. Cowan,
Department Adjutant.

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Mrs. Gordon Buchanan, Director

January 14, 1944.

Mr. Ray T. Bailey, Editor,
Hunterdon Republican, Inc.,
6 Spring Street,
Flemington, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Bailey;-

I remember with pleasure my visit to your office last September and was convinced at that time your interest in the importance of records preservation.

We are proud of Mr. Adams' accomplishment and very appreciative of his efforts in furthering the work of the War Records Commission. Thank you for giving us the information. We are writing Mr. Adams, to-day.

We are looking forward with pleasure to our copy of the Hunterdon Republican, which will become a permanent state record.

We are enclosing a brochure with the hope that some mention may be made of the Commission if you have any available space.

Wishing you all success, I am,

Very truly yours,
Florence Buchanan
Mrs. Gordon Buchanan, Director,
War Records Commission.

Acknowledgement

In appreciation for the cooperation given him in compiling most of the historical background for this edition, John Harold Adams, Alexandria Historian, wishes to convey his profound thanks to the following:

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Also Clifford Fleming, H. B. Weller, John Fitzgerald, Miss Bernice Lucas, Mrs. R. W. Smith, Charles Peterson, Thomas Fishler, Luther Fleming and Lester Wilson.

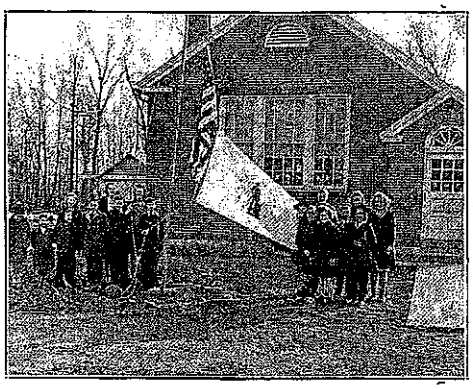
WILLIAM MOLDOCK PHYSICAL INSTRUCTOR

Private William Molduck, of Everittstown, is physical education instructor at Orlando, Fla. He is studying Army tactics.

LIECHLITER IN ITALY

Sgt. Howard Liechliter is in Italy serving as an M. P. Before going to Italy he served in Sicily and North Africa.

Little York School's Part In War Effort



It was a proud day for the 32 pupils of one room Little York Grammar School when they won the Minute Man Flag for selling more than $3000 in War Stamps. Above, school pupils are proudly displaying scrap collected in one of their drives.

Music In the Twp. Schools

Much credit is due the Board of Education of our township in including instrumental music in both the Little York and Everitstown Schools these two years of war. An old saying, "Prepare for war in time of peace" can well be reversed to read, "Prepare for peace in time of war."

This music serves a triple purpose to our children.

First, it provides personal pleasure; second, it gives a basic training of music for later use in high school and college orchestras and bands as well as the possibilities of commercial use and in civic organizations, and third, and most important of all, is the building of a worthy hobby, a desire for the finer things of life. This help to keep young minds from the blunt crual facts of a world at war and is a step against child delinquency.

It is needless to say that the small orchestras of the two schools of the township, even in their infancy, are giving pleasure and relaxation to the pupils and are creating an interest among the parents. The music is under the able direction of Philip Zabetiz.

William Fritsche is a flying instructor with the Army Air Cadets at Douglas, Ga.

CHARLES LUCAS IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Word has been received by his wife and sister, Miss Bernice Lucas, that Charles Lucas is now in the Pacific theater of war. A fighting Marine, carrying on the tradition of his brother, Antone, who a year ago was in the thickest of the fighting, he has since been brought home for a rest period and is now in North Carolina. Antone was recently married.

Three Lucas Boys In Service; One In Pacific Fight

Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas, of Hillside, formerly of Mt. Pleasant, are serving in the armed forces of the United States, one of whom has already seen action in the South Pacific

Corporal Antone Lucas

Corporal Antone Lucas enlisted in the Marine Reserve in October of 1939 and was called to active duty Nov. 7, 1940. He received his basic training at Parris Island and spent seven months in Cuba. He was then returned to the States serving at Quantico, Va., and North Carolina.

He was transferred to the South Pacific and when the Marines landed on Guadalcanal on Aug. 7, 1942, Corporal Lucas was among the first ashore. After five months of gruelling battle with the Japs, he came down with scarlet fever and was sent to a rest camp. He later suffered a recurrence of the fever.

After eight months in a rest camp he returned again to the States on July 25th and during his 30 day furlough he was married to Miss Viola Deitrich, of Newark. At the time of this writing Corporal Antone Lucas is temporarily stationed at New River, North Carolina.

Corporal Lucas graduated from Frenchtown High School in 1936 and was employed in Kresge's Department Store at Newark.

Corporal Charles Lucas

Corporal Charles Lucas entered the service Feb. 20, 1943, and enlisted in the Marine Corps. He received his basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, where he won recognition as a marksman with a rifle. After five months he received his second stripe to become a Corporal.

He is presently stationed at Camp Elliot, San Diego, California, from where he hopes he can go to carry on where his brother Corporal Antone left off. He attended Frenchtown High School and previous to entering the service was employed by the Riegel Paper Corp. at Milford. He married the former Miss Geraldine Hawke of that place.

Corporal Stanley Lucas

Corporal Stanley Lucas was called into service January 26, 1943, and was assigned to the Air Corps. He received his basic training at Miami Beach, Florida, and schooled at Stillwater, Okla., and he was later sent to Alliance, Neb., and is presently stationed with a troop carrier division at Laurinburg, Maxton, North Caroline. He was graduated from Frenchtown High School in the class of 1941 and previously employed by Western Electric at Kearny, N. J.

Your Boy

It seems 'twas only yesterday
You told him "Put your toys away.
You have been busy, little man.
Now off you go to slumberland."
And off he toddled, tiny tot,
Best loved one of your infant lot.
As years fled by you loved him more;
I guess that's what a mother's for.
You shared his troubles; soothed his cares
And said his oft' neglected prayers.
Yet, tho a baby's prayers are said,
A thing called Kismet clouds his bed.
A mother's prayers are futile things
For Kismet governs even kings.
Now in some far and distant land
Your boy is one within a band.
A band of Yesters little ones—
A band of Mothers best loved sons.
He shall be strong and true and brave.
Those are the heritages you gave.
For tho his prayers were oft' unsaid
He never went unprayed to bed.
My boy and yours—God bless them all.
Our prayers shall never let them fall.
They shall return once more to play
With toys and joys of yesterday.

—Clyde L. Fleming

This poem was written Dec. 20, 1943, by Clyde L. Fleming, of Frenchtown, especially for this Honor Roll edition of Alexandria Township.

RAYMOND FLECK

In a letter to employees of the Com. Dept. of the Reigel Paper Mill Raymond thanks them for their kindness in sending him a carton of cigarettes. He adds that he is in the kitchen and it don't seem to be agreeing with him as he has added ten pounds more to carry around. He is stationed at New Orleans.

FRANK McCOLLICK

Frank McCollick, age 23, is a staff sergeant in the Marines. He took special training as a metalsmith in aluminum and bronze. He then became a hydraulic expert. Later Frank started to inspect equipment on fighter planes and soon became an instructor stationed in Arizona.

On the March With Gen. Patton

Many interesting letters have come from Sicily and Italy written by John Mustcho, who is serving under General Patton. He, admiringly, calls the General the "big boss" and in a letter of Oct. 27, 1943, relates that he has been in the Holy Land.

John also helped to supply the guerrilla chiefs in the Balkans who have been harrassing the Nazis in that sector. John concludes one letter by adding that he was fine, but homesick and if the folks wanted to know where he was, to watch the papers for General Patton's next move.

Notes About Our Boys

Pfc. John Papics has been transferred to a new hospital near Fort Lewis, Seattle, Washington.

Cpl. Steven Papics has been in New Guinea since November, 1943. In a recent letter he writes that he is well and is busy day and night.

William Sassaman S 1/c, in a letter to his wife wrote that he had just arrived on an oil tanker in Egypt.

Pvt. Herbert Weeast is receiving extensive training at Camp Polk, La. He is serving in a Paratrooper unit.

ROBERT ROUT

Meets Cousin In Italy

Many of our boys are finding this a small world after all. During the landing on the beach head, south of Rome, Robert Brindisi Jr. met his cousin. Both had arrived on convoys and they were met by heavy enemy shelling. Some ships were forced to land elsewhere, but from the report of Robert's cousin it is believed that Robert's ship completed the landing.

'White Falcon' Sent By Lewis

We received three copies of the "White Falcon" from William Lewis through the kindness of Miss Suzzie Maytan. This 8-page publicantion is the army newspaper printed for the boys in Iceland.

It has cartoons, jokes, light reading of news back home and a first hand news section of the battle fronts. It has some very interesting views of our boys up North.

A United States Marine

I'm thinking of a boy so fair
Who wears a uniform of blue.
He is fighting over there
To bring great joy to me and you.

As I know you must have seen
This uniform of blue
It is worn by a U. S. Marine
Who's fighting with a heart so true.

I like the Army and Navy, too
But the best that's ever seen
Is the one with a heart so true
A United States Marine.

Virginia Kiggins,
Milford School, Age 10 Years

Governor Edge Lauds Township

February 8, 1944

Defense Council,
Alexandria Township.
Gentlemen:

Your compilation of the pictures and the stories behind the pictures of all present and former residents of Alexandria Township now in the armed forces is a noteworthy achievement. No greater tribute could be paid to these men, many of them hundreds and thousands of miles from home, than for their families to receive such a heart warming collection of pictures and biographical material.

My congratulations for the job you have done, and my very best wishes to the Township Committee and to the citizens of Alexandria Township.

Sincerely,
WALTER E. EDGE,
Governor, State of New Jersey.

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