

CPL. ELLISON WRITES OF WAR

Letter from Cpl. Harry M. Ellison, A. S. N. 33098997, Co. C, 39th Inf., A. P. O. No. 9, care Postmaster, New York City, N. Y.

Dearest Sister:

Just a few words to let you hear from me again as it has been a long time since I last wrote you. I have only written two letters since I left Africa and they were to mother.

I received a letter and a birthday card from you, thanks a lot.

I also received some from a few other folks, but haven't answered any of them yet. I didn't have a chance to answer them when they were received, but I will, soon get to them to show the folks I mean well.

Well, honey, I guess you want to know what I think of Sicily. The shores of Sicily were the best fortified I have experienced yet.

I thought North Africa had a lot of mountains, but Sicily is nearly all mountains. The fighting was tougher here than in North Africa. That could be expected as we were in enemy country. The people here were starving as everything in the food line went to the soldiers. The civilian people here are tired of the war. I know they are glad it is over with; but their towns were smashed and all the bridges were blown out. They had the prettiest churches inside I have ever seen, but most of those in the towns were hit by bombs. The graveyards are kept up well. They are very religious people and most of them Catholics.

I met a few people here who speak good English. Nearly anyone you talk to between the ages of fifty and sixty years have lived in Brooklyn for ten years or Chicago for twenty. I talked with a few people about Mussolini and they would like to cut his throat. Well, who wouldn't like to do that?

I am a squad leader in a machine gun section, and "boy" I had a squad that just wouldn't slow down, but some of them got hurt and are in the hospital now. I don't know if they will be back with me or not. If not I will get some more to break in and by the time they are trained something will happen to them.

I know there were quite a few friends of mine left along the way-side. I read in the "Stars and Stripes" this morning that our losses in men in the Sicilian campaign was 25,000 including killed, wounded and captured, but the Germans lost more than 30,000 and a great many captured.

Guidry is in the hospital now. I think he had a nervous breakdown, but I hope he will soon be back for I miss him a lot.

In your last letter you were telling me that you had not heard from Rolfe for over a month. I surely hope you have heard by now. I have a feeling that he has been home recently.

I sometimes wonder if I will ever get back across that great Atlantic. I'll never give up hopes, for if I do my roaming days are through. I have seen about half of the world since I landed in Ireland last fall and I can judge the other half by this.

I guess Rumsey and Neville are on the ball these days. I imagine everyone has good crops this year but the big job will be getting enough help to save them. Food is going to be even more important in the future.

Washington Baseball Club is doing pretty good this season. I see where they are in third place.

I hope my mother is keeping well at home. I know mother is working hard and worrying these days about us three boys. I have written her a couple of letters lately and I know she will be glad to hear that I made out all right again. Thank God.

Honey, I will sign off for this time. Give my best regards to all. "It leaves me never better."

Love to all, JINKS

P. S.—A poem I like:

STREONS OF THE DESERT "There's a stream trouble across my path, It is black and deep and wide; Bitter the hour the future hath When I cross its swelling tide; But I smile and sing, and say, I will hope and trust always; I'll bear the sorrow that comes tomorrow, But I'll borrow none today;



Kenneth W. Redd who has completed his training at the Signal Corps School and is now on duty in New Orleans after a two week visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Redd, of Catlett.

GRAND MASTER TO SPEAK HERE

MANASSAS MASONS TO RECEIVE OFFICIAL VISIT

Stating that he believed "the Constitution of the United States of America, the original and only charter of human liberty, to be seriously threatened from within and from without," Dr. William Robert Weisiger, of Richmond, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia has called simultaneous meetings of all the lodges in Virginia for eight o'clock Friday evening, September 17. The purpose of the meetings he said, "that every member of the Masonic Fraternity in Virginia shall have the privilege of renewing his allegiance to the principles of republican government at one and same time, on this one hundred fifty-sixth anniversary of the signing of that immortal document."

Manassah Lodge No. 182 A. F. & A. M. will convene at the appointed hour in its lodge room in the Masonic Temple, according to C. A. Sinclair, Worshipful Master, where a most attractive program has been arranged. The principal address will be delivered by Mr. Robert A. Hutchison.

EMERGENCY SEED, FERTILIZER AND FEED LOAN APPLICATIONS TO BE TAKEN AT COUNTY AGENTS OFFICE SEPTEMBER 15.

J. Gray Beverley, Fieldman for the Emergency Feed and Seed Loan Office, will be at the office of County Agent Frank Cox on Wednesday, September 15, from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon to accept applications for feed, seed and fertilizer loans. Attention is called to the fact that applications will be taken for loans for the purchase of feed as well as for fall seeds and fertilizers. In announcing this date, Mr. Beverley urges all farmers needing fall loans for the above uses to met him on this date in order that the applications can be acted upon and loans completed in time for fall purchasing of seed and fertilizer.

The interest rate on the emergency loans is 4 per cent according to Mr. Beverley.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Oleyar announce the marriage of their daughter, Mildred V. Stras, to John H. Shahan of Washington, D. C.

The marriage took place on August 30 in Frederick, Md., at the Parkway Church of God parsonage. The pastor, Rev. C. O. Sullivan, performed the ring ceremony.

The bride was attired in army blue with army tan accessories, and wore a corsage of red rebusids and

BAPTIST MISSIONARY MEETING

The W. M. S. will have an all day Sept. 21, beginning at 10:30 A. M. meeting at the church on Tuesday, State Mission Prayer Service will be observed at th morning session. At 2 P. M. th regular monthly meeting will be held with Mrs. W. Jasper in charge.

Tomorrow's bridge is a dangerous thing, I dare not cross it now, I can see its timbers sway and swing, And its arches reel and bow; O heart you must hope always, You must sing and trust and say, I'll bear the sorrow that comes tomorrow, But I'll borrow none today.

Back the Attack Buy an EXTRA \$100 War Bond 3rd WAR LOAN

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All observers at the local observation post, and all citizens interested in volunteering as observers, are requested to meet at the Town Hall at 8 P. M. on Wed. Sept. 22.

At this time the fall and winter schedule for air-watching will be completed and captains of the day will be assigned.

The Chief Observer will make some remarks on the duties and obligations of observers, and some skill games in air watch procedure will be played.

Merit pins, bearing the AWS, Army Air Force insignia, will be presented to those observers who have served continuously for three months.

VICTORY CORPS ORGANIZES

The Victory Corps organization is well under way at Osbourn High School. The purpose of the High School Victory Corps is to mobilize the secondary school students for more effective preparation for and participation in wartime service. With this purpose in mind, the Osbourn organization is designed to include all school activities. The students have elected their own Chief of Staff and general staff, which is divided into various service divisions.

One such service of interest to the community is the Community Service Division, since participation in wartime community service activities is recognized as a condition for general membership in the High School Victory Corps.

One activity of the C. S. Division is the publication of a weekly news sheet which will be mailed to servicemen from this section. The publication will be written and mimeographed by members of the Victory Corps. All patrons are urged to turn in to the school names and addresses of servicemen who would be interested in receiving this publication.

BONDS THROUGH THE SCHOOLS

WHY NOT BUY YOUR WAR The Manassas School quota is \$ 100,000.00



MAIL GIFT PACKAGES TO SOLDIERS OVERSEAS BEFORE OCTOBER 15—The period from September 15 to October 15 has been designated as Christmas mail month when gifts may be mailed to American soldiers overseas without presentation of a request from the soldier. Packages should be indorsed "Christmas Gift Parcel" and limited to five pounds in weight, 15 inches in length and 36 inches in length and girth combined. Wrap securely and address legibly with full name, grade, Army serial number, service organization and unit, APO number of the addressee and the post office through which parcels are to be routed. Postage must be fully prepaid. Do not send perishable matter.

A PERSONAL LETTER FROM SECRETARY MORGANTHAU

On the eve of the Third War Loan, I want to impress upon you how heavily we are depending upon the newspapers, and upon the businesses who sponsor newspaper advertisements, to carry our urgent message to the American people.

In the past, these industry sponsored advertisements have proved the backbone of our promotional campaign. I am sure they will prove no less in the coming Third War Loan Drive.

I hope you will pass this information along to those businesses and industries in your community who can and will help sponsor this vital local newspaper advertising.

We all know that raising fifteen billion dollars—no less than five billion of it from individuals—is going to be a tremendous task. We must take full advantage of every available source of support.

Sincerely, H. MORGENTHAU, JR., Secretary of the Treasury

AIR RAID SIGNALS ARE EXPLAINED

BLUE LIGHT FOR BLACKOUT PURPOSES PROHIBITED

The local Civilian Defense Office has just received a communication from the Richmond office covering the instructions from the War Department to Commanding Generals prohibiting the use of blue lights for blackout purposes. Following is a quotation from these instructions:

"Blue light affects the human eye one thousand times as much at night as it does during the day, while red light (now determined to be the most satisfactory of all colors for blackout use) affects the human eye no more at night than during the daytime.

At low levels of illumination, the human eye is sensitive to colored light in the following orders; blue (highest sensitivity), green, white, yellow, orange, red (lowest sensitivity).

Huntun Tiffany, Co-ordinator of Civilian Defense for Prince William County, hopes every citizen will observe this new ruling so that we will still rank high in observation of Blackout rules and regulations.

REVISED AIR RAID ALARM SIGNALS SHOULD BE MEMORIZED

Virginians are urged to memorize the system of air raid alarm signals as revised recently to include an audible "All Clear." This is the signal procedure as outlined by the State Office of Civilian Defense:

BLUE: A long steady blast. Extinguish outdoor lights and screen indoor lights so as to be invisible from without. Traffic and pedestrians continue as usual, motor vehicles using low or depressed lights.

RED: A series of short blasts or a warbling note of the alarm. Continue blacked out as above. Traffic stops. All vehicular lights extinguished. Pedestrians seek shelter. Emergency motor vehicles may move when properly identified.

WHITE or "ALL CLEAR": One short steady blast not to exceed 45 seconds indicates the all clear and the return to normal.

The above is the normal sequence of audible alarm signals. However, the signals as indicated should be memorized as it is possible that the first audible signal might conceivably be the warbling or series of short blasts indicating total blackout and stopping of traffic. This would be followed by the steady blast (BLUE) indicating a lessening of danger. The "ALL CLEAR" is the one short steady blast (Not exceeding forty-five seconds duration) and will always follow a BLUE signal.

The bond sale quota for Osbourn High School is \$100,000 for this year. The sale is being conducted by the Victory Corps. You are urged to buy your bonds through the school. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. William C. Kelly of Frederick, Md.

Private John B. Broaddus Jr., of Fort Bragg N. C., was home last week for an over-night visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John T. Broaddus. His many friends were glad to see him. John is looking well.

CHAMBER AIDS WAR BOND SALES

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROGRAM SPURS THIRD WAR LOAN CAMPAIGN

The Prince William County Chamber of Commerce at a fully attended luncheon meeting Tuesday at the Prince William Hotel, gave impetus to the newly launched Third War Loan Campaign which has as its goal, \$500,000. G. Raymond Radcliffe, chairman of the County War Finance Committee in announcing the Government request for War Bond Purchases amounting to half a million dollars, said that the sum greatly exceeds the quota previously assigned the county, but that every effort would be put forth to meet the goal. Recent figures show that \$30,562 of bonds have been sold in the county in two days, and the schools have assumed the responsibility of raising \$100,000. Mr. Radcliffe introduced Mrs. J. Vincent Davis, chairman of the Women's Division of the War Savings Staff, who outlined the drive to be conducted locally by her division. Beginning this week, a house-to-house canvass will be made by campaign workers in an effort to encourage the investment of extra dollars by every resident of the community. Mrs. Davis stressed the fact that the opportunity to purchase bonds is a privilege for all Americans and an investment which is giving us a chance to help our country in its greatest emergency and to help ourselves at the same time.

Staff Sergeant Joseph Austin and Pvt. Fred Huff of the Baltimore Filter Station, Aircraft Warning Service, were present as guests of Edgar G. Parrish, Sub-Director of Aircraft Warning Service for this District. Sgt. Austin gave an interesting talk in connection with the Third War Loan Drive, calling upon further cooperation of the people on the home front to raise funds to equip our men and take care of war expenditures on the far-flung fronts of the world. He spoke also in behalf of the Aircraft Warning Service whose thousands of volunteer workers have released men throughout the United States for service, and asked for assistance from every civilian in continuing the effective work of this Service in protecting the shores of our country.

A committee composed of Dr. George B. Cocke and Mr. Stanley A. Owens has been appointed by the Chamber to assist the County Staff with the sale of bonds and Mrs. Davis' committee conducting the town canvass consists of the following: Mrs. E. D. Gothwaite, Mrs. J. Lewis Carper, Mrs. Frank D. Cox, Mrs. R. Terrell Johnson, Mrs. T. E. Diddlake, Mrs. John Wightman, Mrs. Richard C. Haydon, Mrs. J. Mills Hanson, Mrs. Earl Hurt, and Mrs. A. O. Beane. Mrs. John Williams is in charge of canvassing the colored section.

TO REPORT FOR INDUCTION

The following men have been ordered to report for induction into the service on September 23, 1943 at Richmond, Va.:

- Jack Lundie Lion, Manassas, Va.; Glenn Harold Crummette, Staunton, Va.; Richard Wilson Randall, Manassas, Va.; Robert Lee Hetrick, Woodbridge, Va.; Edward Morgan Nalls, Manassas, Va.; Ollie Maddox, Woodbridge, Va.; Thomas Robert Breeden, Manassas, Va.; Berkley Owen Hoffman, Gainesville, Va.; Markwood Weldon Dent, Jr., Triangle, Va.; David Howard Bailey, Cherry Hill, Va.; Eugene Shreve Brent, Manassas, Va.; Ralph Coolidge Brown, Woodbridge, Va.; Tony May, Manassas, Va.; Elton Leo Fulford, Woodbridge, Va.; Henry Douglas Merchant, Manassas, Va.; Robert Allen Stevens, Quantico, Va.; Charles Barry Farquhar, Manassas, Va.; William Bryant Mayhugh, Nokesville, Va.; Elmer Paul Cox, Baltimore, Md.; John Henderson, Philadelphia, Penn.; Richard Elmer Tyrell, Woodbridge, Va.; Cleave Wilson Corder, Indian Head, Md.; George Herscher Michael, Arlington, Va.; Aubrey Vincent Kincheloe, Dumfries, Va.; William Preston George, Cherry Hill, Va.; Carter Lee Crouch, Manassas, Va.; Arthur Willard Tyson, Woodbridge, Va.; Melvin Leo Callis, Triangle, Va.

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