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DEAR MOLLYE

The former "Word From The Front" is now "Dear Mollye. It has its reasons. Miss Sklut has undertaken a one-man correspondence with virtually every Wilmington boy who has left for service. Even the stranger in our midst writes "Dear Mollye."

Today I received a Recorder which was swell. Just a few weeks ago I met another Wilmingtonian in our hospital, Captain Albert Gluckman, he is probably home by now.

We are all very happy here over the ending of the war though we can't help feeling a little peeved. It may sound strange but wait till you hear the entire story. The outfit had been alerted to leave here for Staging Area and the States. Then would come furloughs and a Pacific trip. Right after V-J Day we were taken off the alert and now nobody knows our disposition, so you see that if the Japs had held out another 30 days we would have been well on the way home. Seriously, I'm glad the war has ended, even if it means I'll be away awhile longer. It also means that no more boys from Wilmington or anywhere else will lose their lives.

Bernie Goldman and I almost got together. For a short while we had the same A. P. O. but we couldn't get away. I was planning to ask for a pass during one slack period but yesterday I received a letter from the "Loot" and he's way down in Marseilles. As he says, it looks like we'll have our reunion at home. I wish I knew when I was leaving here, it's 3 1-4 years since I first wrote to you from Reception Center at Fort Dix. Your letters during all that time have been a never-failing source of cheer and bringers' up of morale. Many boys with a far more facile pen and command of language have already told you how much you mean to all of us so I'll just say, keep it up and may we all see you soon. Regards to all around the "Y" and to the Sigma Phi.

Sgt. Ben Seidel

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Dear Mollye:—

I now have been sailing for about 40 days since I left Panama. Am expecting to see land very soon and I believe it will be somewhere in the Philippine Islands. One thing I do know it will be good to see land. I wouldn't be a bit surprised to find myself in Japan before I get back to the good old States.

On August 14th we heard the good news about the war being over. Boy! We waited a long time

for that day and it finally came at last. We were listening to the radio how the people were celebrating back home. I would have given anything to be home that day. There were quite a few sad faces as we were listening to the radio. Everybody's mind was at the same place and that was home. You could see the tears just about to fall. We decided to make some noise ourselves, so we started shooting off all the guns. We must have shot over thousands of shells. We really were making a hell of a lot of noise. Some of the boys wanted a drink awfully bad, and you can't blame us, so we got all the alcohol out and mixed it with pineapple juice. Practically everybody got drunk from our captain down. Meanwhile we are still on the lookout for Jap subs figuring that there are still some on the loose.

Well, pretty soon the "Y" will be looking like it used to. Just as soon as the gang gets out and it shouldn't be very long now. Give my regards to Johnny and Sonny and all the rest.

Yoisel Swartz

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Dear Mollye:—

The war is over now, and that was the happiest day for us aboard ship, even though we were at G.Q. when we got the word. Things here have been going smoothly since then. Right now we are just cruising around near Tokyo. We ought to be going in to Tokyo Bay any day now. That will mark the longest time we've been out to sea. Today makes sixty-eight days.

The last time I received the "Recorder" was when we were in port and was I glad to receive it. I hope a copy of the "Recorder" is awaiting me in Tokyo Bay when we receive our mail.

That's all for now as I'm going on watch. Give my best regards to Mr. Sollod, Morris Levenberg and all the rest of the gang at the "Y".

Sammy Braxman, S1-C

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Dear Mollye:

We attended a lecture and demonstration regarding our new cold and wet weather clothing. The captain conducting the class was excellent. He was more like a master of ceremonies in a night club

cial Committee of which rney Cantor & Mrs. Bet- sman are co-chairmen re- all organizations to keep ning of December 31, '45 he YM&YWHA will hold New Year's Eve affair to are invited members of anizations.

AND KIDDIE DANCE FOR JUNIORS

hundred juniors and par- e over at the "Y" the oth- o see Mildred Bryan's Kid- w and Dr. Frederick Mil- gician from Wilmington. y served as the opening nior program for the year. ers registered for courses s. Registration by those e unable to attend Sunday n may be made by tele- all to the office 4-3377. for juniors are listed else- n this issue.

COUNCIL FOLLIES

rd of 150 young folks and arents came to see the ast week. The Youth Coun- sored the affair which ut to be a grand success e following participating: Klein, Gilda Leshem, Her- rris, Jerry Berkowitz, um, Mitzie Himber, Tema d Richard Engle. One of ures of the evening was tioning of three original s of the following artists: Josefo, Rita Stonefield and e Kaufman. Alex Green- d Irv Schulman were in f the evening.

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Sam Geller

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one to the perfume factory, and
the other to the "Monte Carlo." I
hope you like the perfume.

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part of the 8th Division and my
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charged, and I sincerely hope they
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ing here.

A little more about my trip. On
the way down I stopped off in
Paris for a day. I managed to see
the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de
Triumph. At the Riviera I saw
Maurice Chevalier, that famous
French actor, and Al Stone, music
composer. Also went swimming in
the Mediterranean Sea—the beach
isn't as nice as it is in Atlantic
City. The American Red Cross has
a five million dollar building for a
club—it was a famous gambling
Casino. The worst part of the
leave was the trip—it was plain
murder. What cattle cars they
gave us! Remember me to every-
one.

Cpl. Sammy Garfinkel

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Like the bad penny—I've no ex-
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From what you say, the new director, Mr. Bluestone should measure up very well. It takes a good man to keep all of the factions in our community pulling together. Mr. Sollod was the first ever to do the trick. He leaves behind him a record that will be difficult for any man to match. But, being an optimist, I am sure that Mr. Bluestone will be able to carry on as well. My best wishes to him for success.

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Unfortunately, most of the units around this part of the world are in the process of moving, so our Yom Kippur and Rosh Hoshannah services in the division were conducted without the aid of a Chaplain. But, they came out very well, and I am sure that our prayers were as well received. Think so? That's all for now. See you one of these months.

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going to get lots of visitors home, so give my best to all that drop in my best. Reo Sonny with luck, and tell I was asking for him.

Sgt. Bobby Lewis

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Mollye:

new to Paris for the (5 band) concert at the Trocadero Plaza. It was tough work. I was playing solo horn. I managed to have a good time at the concerts. I paid frequent visits to the Eiffel Tower, E. M. What a knocked out place. I went back to Germany and arrived here I went to bed for hours. I was a tired guy. Before we left Paris Airfield I went into the Block and Sully. They were waiting for transportation to Marseilles. Bloom is there. Sully is a character, we kibitzed for 30 minutes. I gave her a letter to give to "Shorty" say-so and all that sort of stuff. I met a Wilmington boy in one of the A. A. F. Bands in Paris. His name is Frank Kiminski. We were talking about ye old town of Wilmington. Tonight we went to see Paul Robeson; that man has a voice. Eugene List played and after the show we met with the Red Cross. Besides the superb artist he is a nice guy. I had all had a long talk (Zuke, Lemons, List and yours) our main subject of course was old music. Here's the latest from our band. Two of the boys transferred to the Luxemburg (reason unknown), two more discharged, that means we have 10 men left in the band, just the other time we had 45 men in the band.

Everybody here is jubilant that the war is over. We played a VJ concert and got out of it because of a rain. Well, regards to "Ye ole Wilmington." Mr. Sollod, Mr. Blue, congrats to Johnny on his new job, Sonny and his Future and I'll be around "ye ole Wilmington of Rest" soon. Write yo' folks!

Cpl. Aaron Sklut

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Mollye:

Happy Day! Those little yellow balloons gave up! I was with Aaron when we got the news that we could just picture all of our folks at home. I just got your letter and hope Alfie Green gets to me. Please give his folks my very best. My folks told me that Leon Wapner and Drayman were married with this news I hope it en-

ables him to stay home.

Dave Platt and I went to services at his Post Monday night. He, Art, Beryle Tupp, Al Briskin and I are all fine. Art told me that Rabbi Tavel is chief of all Jewish Chaplains; I'm sure he'll do a fine job. It's good to know that Eddie Euster and Bea Sortman are married, that leaves me as the only guy of the old gang of ours still single, but I intend to correct that as soon after I get home as possible.

It has been a long time since we came here, you've been perfectly swell so please write again, soon if you can, and I hope you'll be seeing all of us real soon. I'll give all the boys your best. Please give my best regards to the Sollods and to Mr. Bluestone, Johnny and Sonny.

Sgt. Sid Harwitz

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Dear Mollye:

I have no idea when I will return although I think it will be at the end of the year. I am on my 25th month and you know time has the everlasting habit of passing. There are a lot of worse places than Tunis. I know that some of the boys that were slated for the Pacific are sure happy. In fact a lot of us were glad, because we were in the same boat.

By the time you receive this, the Jewish New Year will have passed. I guess this is one holiday that Jewish people all over the world can celebrate. Now that the Germans are beaten, even though we are too easy with them. I know the Day of Atonement is coming, but for the last number of years, I wonder what the Jew did to have to atone for. All the killing of the Jews, the anti-semitism that is flourishing by the Fascist groups at home, it seems that they should have a Day of Atonement and not the Jew.

I speak this way not because I am Jewish, but if there were anti-Catholicism and anti-Protestantism I would be just as vehement in my vituperations. Beliefs are part of person's conscience, and the conscience is free which a lot of people don't realize.

Let us hope that our fellow men, Catholic, Jew, Protestant or whatever belief they have, whether black, white or yellow haven't given their lives in vain.

Capt. Jake Fried

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Dear Mollye:

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Dear Mollye:

We flew to Paris for the combined (5 band) concert at the Trocadero Plaza. It was tough work for me, I was playing solo horn. I managed to have a good time after the concerts. I paid frequent visits to the Eiffel Tower, E. M. Club. What a knocked out place. We flew back to Germany and upon arrival here I went to bed for 18 hours. I was a tired guy. Oh! before we left Paris Airfield we ran into the Block and Sully USO show. They were waiting for air transportation to Marseilles. Shorty Bloom is there. Sully is a real character, we kibitzed for about 30 minutes. I gave her a message to give to "Shorty" saying hello and all that sort of stuff.

I met a Wilmington boy in one of the A. A. F. Bands in Paris. His name is Frank Kiminski. We had long talks about ye old town of Wilmington. Tonight we went to hear Paul Robeson; that man has a voice. Eugene List played piano and after the show we met List at the Red Cross. Besides being a superb artist he is a nice guy. We all had a long talk (Zuke, Harry Lemons, List and yours truly) our main subject of course was good music. Here's the latest dope of our band. Two of the boys were transferred to the Luxenburg Band (reason unknown), two more getting discharged, that means we have 23 men left in the band, just think at one time we had 45 men at NCAAB.

Everybody here is jubilant that the war is over. We played a VJ dance, I got out of it because of a sore lip. Well, regards to "Ye ole "Y" gang," Mr. Sollod, Mr. Bluestone, congrats to Johnny on his new gal, Sonny and his Future Mrs., and I'll be around "ye ole haven of Rest" soon. Write yo' baby, cous!

Cpl. Aaron Sklut

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Dear Mollye:

O, Happy Day! Those little yellow men gave up! I was with Artie Biloon when we got the news and we could just picture all of you at home. I just got your letter and I hope Alfie Green gets to stay home. Please give his folks and everybody my very best. My nephew told me that Leon Wapner and Ruth Drayman were married and with this news I hope it en-

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Dave Platt and I went to serv-ices at his Post Monday night. He, Art, Beryle Tupp, Al Briskin and I are all fine. Art told me that Rabbi Tavel is chief of all Jewish Chaplains; I'm sure he'll do a fine job. It's good to know that Eddie Euster and Bea Sortman are married, that leaves me as the only guy of the old gang of ours still single, but I intend to correct that as soon after I get home as possible.

It has been a long time since we came here, you've been perfectly swell so please write again, soon if you can, and I hope you'll be seeing all of us real soon. I'll give all the boys your best. Please give my best regards to the Sollods and to Mr. Bluestone, Johnny and Sonny.

Sgt. Sid Harwitz

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I have no idea when I will return although I think it will be at the end of the year. I am on my 25th month and you know time has the everlasting habit of passing. There are a lot of worse places that one can be stationed than Tunis. I know that some of the boys that were slated for the Pacific are sure happy. In fact a lot of us were glad, because we were in the same boat.

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I speak this way not because I am Jewish, but if there were anti-Catholicism and anti-Protestantism I would be just as vehement in my vituperations. Beliefs are part of person's conscience, and the conscience is free which a lot of people don't realize.

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