

# DEAR MOLLYE

We have inaugurated a new column. 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."

I am in charge of Quarters for the afternoon, the duties are the same at Hotel clerk, so in as much as there isn't any too much activity, I'm taking some time off to catch up on my mail. I've received mail from the boys, and things are really happening fast. Can't quite keep up with it all. We get about everything there is in the line of details, K. P., guard duty, hotel cleaning, barrack cleaning and anything that comes along. This past week I had about the toughest K. P. assignment I've had since I've been in the service. I was on the pots and pans and scrubbed and shined pots the entire day. After working in the kitchen and seeing how particular the army is on the grade of foods and also on cleanliness, you know that there are very few restaur-

rants that can compare.

Incidentally I have decided to take up clothes washing as a hobby. It all started this way - - my roommate was shipped out and replaced by another fellow who didn't believe in cleanliness. The other chap in my room (there are 3 in every room) and I tried our damndest to throw him every hint to change cloths and tidy up a bit but he just wasn't to be moved, so finally it got so bad that we decided to try our ace in the hole. We bought a washboard, got some soap and started to wash our own clothes. He felt rather ashamed so he asked to borrow the equipment after we were through. We weren't taking any chances so we told him to go ahead and use it right then and there which he did and everyone was happy again.

But that was quite an experience and incidently its no easy job to bend over the washboard.

I saw Dan after he returned, and have also seen Leon Flanzer several times. They are two grand guys. Also have seen Ted Barsky and Irv Bear and Benny Maser and a few others I can't think of for the minute. Glad to learn of Joe First's promotion.

Thanks again for your letter,

George Weiner

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Dear Mollye:—

Received your two letters and the "Recorder" also. The Post here is very new. It is slightly smaller than the New Castle Air Base and is still under construction. I'm about four miles from . . . which is a very small town. Its population is about 18,000. I've never seen a town like it.

Thanks for the addresses of the boys. I'm writing Dave Nathan and Art Boys and am trying to make an appointment to meet

them in Wilmington, N. C. I can get an overnight pass on my day off which, incidently, is from 9:30 A. M. Sunday until 9 P. M. Monday. That's about all for now, Mollye. Keep up the good work. Regards to all.

Sincerely, Adrian Loeb

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Dear Mollye:—

Having some free time on my hands, I thought it would be advisable to write you, even tho a card. I'll be "Praising the Lord and Thanking Him for my commission" soon (I hope) if all goes well. This is my tenth week now and I can say, Mollye, anyone getting thru O. C. S. here in 90 days really is a wonder, (no exceptions). Not that I wish to boast but one can't perceive the ruggedness and severity of the course until he attempts to go thru it.

I can't say definitely when I'll be home; but if all goes well I should be seeing you December 4th.

Most sincerely, Davie Nathans

## GOD KEEP THEM - SAFE AND WELL

This is a list of those young men of Jewish faith from Wilmington who are serving their country in the Army, Navy and Marine Corp. Others may be in the service and unknown to us. If this be the case, please call the office of the "Y" so that a contact may be established with them.

Astrin, Harry	Diamond, Lt. Sidney	Goldstein, Jacob	Kravitz, Arthur	Paris, Isaac	Silver, Jacob Israel
Baer, Irving	Edeiberg, Charles	Goldstein, Jules M.	Kravitz, Morris	Platt, Lt. David	Silver, Lt. Samuel
Balick, Jacob	Ehrenfeld, Daniel	Goldstein, Nathan N.	Kreshtool, Ensign Bern.	Podolsky, Hyman	Simon, Louis
Balick, Martin	Eisenman, Martin	Goldstein, Gordon	Kreshtool, Lt. j g J.	Podolsky, Lt. Leahman	Simon, Max
Balick, Milferd	Ettingoff, Nathan	Goldstein, Stanford	Kreshtool, Lt. Louis	Podolsky, Max	Sklar, Albert
Balick, Nathan	Euster, Edgar	Goldstein, Kenneth	Kruger, Harold	Poland, Thomas L.	Sklut, Morton
Barshay, Marvin	Faber, Louis O.	Goldwein, Manfred	Kurland, Lt. A. B.	Prober, Herman	Slesinger, Capt. M. L.
Barsky, Abraham	Faller, Rudolph	Goldberg, Samuel	Laub, Arthur	Protigal, Bernard	Slovin, Lt. I.
Barsky, Lt. Col. J. M.	Feldman, Herman	Green, Lt. Alfred	Laub, Sidney	Rapkin, Joseph	Smith, Capt. Alex
Berg, Melvin	Feldman, Sidney	Greenbaum, Joseph	Leibowitz, Abram I.	Rappaport, Samuel	Sortman, Lt. Harold P.
Berger, Bernard	Fine, Mendel	Greenberg, Capt. B. J.	Leibowitz, Leonard	Redless, Jack	Spain, James
Berger, David R.	Fineman, Albert	Greenstein, David	Levine, Herman	Reiver, Ernest	Spiller, Edward
Berger, Irvin	* Fineman, Harry	Greenstine, Sydney	Levy, Lt. Leon	Reiver, Lt. Julius	Spring, Isadore
Berger, Lt. Simon M.	Finkle, Irving	Greenfield, Eli	Levy, Lt. Richard	Reitzes, Samuel	Stape, Jack
Berkowitz, Samuel L.	First, Harry	Greenwald, Herbert	Levis, Charles	Resnick, Lt. Elton	Stat, Capt. Sidney
Berlin, Lt. Irvin I.	First, Lt. Joseph M.	Gross, Capt. B. A.	Lichtenbaum, Joseph	Rosbrow, Edward	Statnekoo, Harry
Berman, Samuel	Fisher, Irving	Harris, Lt. Lewis	Lincoln, Sdney	Rosenbush, Jack	Stein, Morris
Berman, Lt. Seymour	Fisher, Richard	Harwitz, Sidney	Lipstein, Lt. Eugene J.	Rosevitch, Joseph D.	Steinback, Benj.
Bernstein, Paul	Flanzer, Leon	Harwitz, Major Martin	Lipstein, Lt. L. L.	Rossin, Benj.	Stiftel, Lt. Albert J.
Bierman, Lt. Harry	Flanzer, Max	Harwitz, Capt. Morris	Lipstein, Sigmund M.	Rubin, Milton	Strauss, Louis
Biloon, Arthur	Foreman, Leonard	Herrmann, Lt. Daniel	Lisakoff, Samuel	Rudnick, Milton	Swartz, Hyman
Biloon, Ralph	Frankel, Arthur	Himber, Melvin	Lisansky, Jack	Sachs, Benj.	Swinger, Isadore
Blatman, Arthur M.	Frankel, George	Hirsch, Leo	Lisansky, Robert	Saltzman, Lt. Stephen	Swinger, Lewis
Bleiberg, Lt. Carl	Frankfurt, Bernard R.	Hirshout, Lt. David	Loeb, Adrian N.	Samuel, David	Swinger, Morris
Bloom, Harry H.	Fried, Benj. S.	Hirshout, Herman M.	Lubin, Harry	Sandler, Lt. Pincus	Tannen, Jerry
Bowman, Lou	Freedman, Louis	Hirshout, Matt	Lundy, Jacob	Sayer, Alvin	Tannen, Capt. Joseph S.
Boys, Arthur E. Lt.	Freid, Jacob	Hochstein, Richard	Mann, Gilbert	Sayer, Coleman	Tannen, Lt. Martin R.
Brace, Harry	Foreman, Sidney	Hoffstein, Jules	Margolin, Ralph	Schenkman, Jack	Tanzer, Leon
Braunstein, Bertram W.	Garber, Joseph	Honey, Milton	Markowitz, Herman	Schenkman, Seymour	Tavel, Lt. Henry
Brenner, Harry	Garfinkle, Martin Samuel	Jacobs, Maurice	Marienberg, Joseph	Schinfeld, Capt. Louis	Tonik, Robert
Brofsky, Louis	Garfinkle, Milton	Jacoby, William	Mazer, Benj.	Schreiber, Harold M.	Tupp, Beryle
Brown, Irving N.	Gellens, Paul	Jacoby, Lt. I. Willis	Miller, Irv.	Schagrin, David	Wasserman, David
Cannon, Lt. Norman	Geller, Samuel	Jasper, Lt. Sol.	Miller, Seymour	Schoenberg, Harold	Waretnick, Walter
Caplan, Benj. Morris	Glazer, David H.	Kammer, Capt. Hy.	Mittleman, George	Schulson, Hyman A.	Weiner, David L.
Chambers, Leon	Glick, Samuel	Karp, Harry S.	Morris, David	Schutzman, Lt. Noah N.	Weiner, George J.
Cohen, Emil	Gluckman, Capt. A. G.	Keyser, Sidney	Morris, Harold	Segal, Sol C.	Weiner, Marvin
Cohen, Lt. Jerome	Goberman, A. Leighton	Kety, Jack H.	Muderick, Bernard	Seidel, Benjamin	Weinstein, Philip
Cohen, Herbert	Goberman, Charles A.	Kety, Sam	Nathans, Lt. Abe	Shapiro, Daniel	Weinstock, Capt. Nathan
Cohen, Herman	Goberman, Nathan L.	Kety, Lt. S. S.	Nathans, David	Shapiro, Hillard	Weiss, Edward
Cohen, Irving Bernard	Goldberg, Albert Z.	Kirshner, Joseph M.	Neiman, Phil	Shapiro, Israel	Waxman, David A.
Cohen, Samuel	*Killed In Action	Klein, Manuel Maj.	Neumann, Joseph	Shore, Joseph	Waxman, Elliott
Cohen, Milton	Goldberger, Earle	Klawansky, Daniel B.	Newstadt, Benj.	Shpeen, Sidney	Weiner, Joseph E.
Cohen, Tillie (WAAC)	Golden, A. A.	Kovner, Jacob	Novack, Joseph	Sigmund, Howard	Winston, Henry
Colton, Samuel	Goldman, Bernard J.	Krasnowitz, Louis B.	Odin, Harry	Sloan, Martin	Zinman, Manuel
Cramer, Franklin	Goldman, Harry	Krauss, Lt. Arthur F.	Opis, Leon	Sigmund, Irving	Zogott, Louis

Dear Mollye:—

I received your letter of October 26th. I enjoyed it tremendously, as I do all of your letters. I am very well, and sorry that I can't write more about myself but I'm sure you understand. I wrote "Haps" a letter simply stating that I would be over to see him. The letter was censored and returned to me, so you can see they mean business when it comes to censorship. I phoned "Haps", naturally he was surprised. We hope to go out together very soon. I intend to look up Steve Saltzman and Alf Green at my first opportunity.

Was happy to hear about my brother Ben. I know he'll make a good officer. Well, dear, there is really nothing new to write. I hope this letter finds you very well. Regards to Mr. Sollod, Sonny and everyone at the "Y".

Love, Davie Berger

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Dear Mollye:—

I never did realize the amount of work and time that it takes to run a Battery of men, until this week when I was tied up. I'd go to the office and have as much as two hours work even though the Lieutenant was taking care of most of the things while I am away. Well right now I am sitting on the edge of my bed with the typewriter in my lap. The radio is on and all that I can get so far tonight is the local stations. Sometimes they do get around to playing a few American pieces but tonight for some reason, they just want to play the local jabbering type of music.

By the way I read a letter that I wrote sometime ago in the Recorder. I'll tell you the truth I look forward to receiving the Recorder as much as I do in looking forward to receiving the latest issue of "Time" or "Life". How do you like that for build-up? Just as I had given up hearing anything from the States tonight, I got the Lee Savold and Marielo fight. So I think that I will close with regards to all. Say hello to Sonny Levy for me and tell him to drop me a line.

(Censored)

Here's to seeing you,

(Capt.) Bernie Greenberg

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Dear Mollye:—

It is because my situation is so uncertain that I don't write. I have been expecting orders to leave daily . . . and I've suspended

until I reach my new destination . . . so I won't have forwarded mail following me all over the country. When I finally leave, I shall write you pages and bring you up-to-date. If Sol Jasper is in California won't you please send me his address?

C'est La Querre, Harry Winston

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Dear Mollye:—

S'funny . . . but getting two letters from one person in the same day never worried me too much. Sure would like to send you some snaps but I just sent the negatives home.

It's ironic that here we have moonlight and men and there you have girls . . . girls? I wonder what a white one looks like. Send snaps! There isn't too much to write. Regards to all and I do mean all. Bless you for the swell job you are doing. Keep it up.

(Censored)

Remember, (Lt) "Gene" Lipstein

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Dear Mollye:—

South Sea Island magic. Native girls in hula skirts dancing. Guitars strumming under a full tropical moon. Baloney!! That is just the Hollywood version of this place. Of course I can't tell you where I am, but this tropical setting is still a lot of "hooley". No grass skirts, no hula dancers, no tropical moon, just rain. Everyday. I'm just a disillusioned Marine.

But with the exception of the rain, this really isn't a bad place. Of course, I still have to work but there are also some amusements and recreation. Canoeing, swimming, movies and the always present baseball and football. By the way, I went canoeing the other day, and then went swimming. You can guess what happened. Give my regards to everyone. If you plan to give a play with a Tropical Island setting, tell me and I'll send some grass skirts (Hollywood style).

(Censored)

Sincerely, Jack Lisansky

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Dear Mollye:—

In another week I'll either be out of here and headed for sea, or else I'll be stuck for another ten weeks. This is because I signed up for an advanced course. Yesterday, I went to sea for my second week of Sea phase (one week ashore, one week at sea; one week ashore, next two weeks at sea). This makes but one more week to

go until graduation. Yipee! My first sea week was miserable. The water was rough, the boat was old and infirm, the food was greasy . . . and was I seasick! Above all, I wanted to be any place but where I was. This week is much better, however. I am on a cleaner and better boat, the food is better (it goes only one way) and the weather is not too bad. Next week will probably be a typhoon.

Thanks for answering so promptly, with such a fine letter. It was really appreciated.

Yours, Ralph Biloon

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Dear Mollye:—

Your most interesting letter reached me in the hospital during the early stage of my illness. Since then, my condition has gradually improved until now I am definitely on the road to full recovery. The last three issues of the Recorder also arrived here and words cannot express the pleasure derived from the letters written by the boys. I shall answer all the letters received soon as time permits. Congratulations, Capt Greenberg and Capt. Joe Tannen. I can just picture you giving orders to the privates under your command. Please don't be too harsh.

The one pleasure so far has been the thrill of the nurse holding my hand. Even then, they are always so business like. Regards to Mr. Sollod, Georgie Weiner and the boys yet remaining in Wilmington.

Sincerely yours,

(Censored) Max Podolsky

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Dear Mollye:—

I'm writing this letter after completing a job which I seem most suited for, K. P. The only things missing are the corn beef and hot rye bread plus a nice slice of Jewish pickle. I never thought I'd miss those things after all I'd seen of them, but stew and beans do get on your nerves after awhile.

As you can see from my address I've moved since I wrote you last. I'm now about two hours from Hollywood and as soon as I can come to terms with the first Sgt., I'll get a three day pass in order to go there. Some of the fellows have already gone to the Hollywood Canteen . . . to hear them relate tales of dancing with such stars as Rita Hayworth and Shirley Ross makes me want to go there all the more. I should have some swell experiences to write about when I write you again.

Give my regards to Mr. Sollod

and the Troop.

As ever, Milton Rubin

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Dear Mollye:—

I was very glad to have seen you and Mr. Sollod while I was home on leave. It gave me a chance to thank you both for the wonderful job you are doing.

Once again I am at sea where all good sailors belong. I heard from Sam Geller but can't answer him until I get his address again. I also had the pleasure of seeing Marvin Barshay just after he completed his training at the Great Lakes. He looks swell. Mollye, would it be possible to devote a small part of the Recorder to addresses? I know that we all would like to write to our friends but can't, lacking their addresses. Just list a few names each time and soon the entire list would be covered. Tell all the Sigma Phi gang hello, especially the ones in the service.

Hope you hear from you soon. Best regards to all.

(Censored) Manuel Zinman

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Dear Mollye:—

I have your letter before me and now I'm going to try and answer it. I haven't seen Alfred Green on the "Rock" but Davie Berger just came over and he called me on the phone. We are going to go out next Tuesday, if all turns out favorable. When I answered the phone and he said it was Dave, I almost fainted. If it had been Steve, or the Colonel I know, it would have been less of a shock. I guess we'll never get done all we have to say in one day. I'll write you and let you know how he is. I haven't seen Steve to talk to since the first time, though I have seen him in his car. He looks happy and healthy so that's all that is necessary. As for George Frankel, I haven't heard from him for some time now, but I guess he'll come through soon. He'd better cause he don't get another letter from me till he does.

Guess you heard I made Sgt., but I'll repeat it again. It sounds good to know I have climbed another rung in the ladder. Give my regards to all who inquire.

(Censored)

Sincerely,

"Haps" Goberman

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...ven the time I saw you last  
...s seemed like months) and  
... I have been given my  
...ment. Because of the ex-  
...e of non-commissioned che-  
...warfare officers and my  
...ng in this same branch, I  
...ointed Regimental Gas and  
...ive Officer.

...other day I received a brief  
...from Irv Sigmund; it is a  
... I didn't get the missive  
... I was at Benning, for I  
...ave "looked him up". How-  
...shall write him and give  
...y address. I also wrote Joe  
...baum and am expecting an  
... from him in the near

... I hear from you, then,  
... Luck and love,  
... Lt. Abe Nathans.  
... Give best regards to Mr.  
... and Frank and the gang.

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...ollye:—  
... you will love me again. I  
... finally obtained some Jew-  
...plain's insignia and I im-  
...ely sent one to you.

...e I get to see you when I  
...to Wilmington.  
...ey my best wishes to Mr.  
...and his family.  
...cordial personal regards, I

Sincerely, Henry Tavel  
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...ollye:—  
...re I go any farther, I'd  
...straighten a few things out.  
...eople at home think that  
...il coming from the U. S. is  
...d is a complete mystery to  
... your letters were going to  
...sored I'm sure they would  
... you not to seal them. We  
...o not seal our envelopes -  
...the censors job. Maybe that's  
...ason he's so hard to get  
...with. If I had to keep my  
...working by sealing enve-  
...d be mad, too.

...ks very much for Franny's  
...a letter is already on the  
...Got a letter from your  
...Dave last night and he  
...e they accepted "Chalkie".  
...out Irvin Bear, did they  
...m, too? Please let me know  
...hey get to Abe Lewis, Moe  
...tein, George (How I won  
...t war) Slonsky and Jules  
...ild. No Gus - I'm not going  
...you in that group. We'll

...just exclude you for the time  
...being. I just learned that the Mr.  
...and Mrs. Bob Lewis's infanticipat-  
...ing turned out to be a girl. What's  
...the matter with them old ball play-  
...ers first Goldberg and now Lewis.  
...Don't tell me you have to give  
...way to Davy Glazar. Oh Hell!  
...we'll start a girls team.

...Well, that seems to be about all  
...there is for now. Everything down  
...here is fine. I guess the people  
...home are starting to knit sweaters  
...for the boys. Mom wrote and  
...wanted to know if I wanted one.  
...We want bathing suits - anybody  
...wishing to get rid of last years  
...trunks they will cheerfully be ac-  
...cepted here. If we could use girls'  
...suits, we'd get plenty, but sorry  
...girls - start knitting for the boy's  
...in Alaska.

...Regards to all around the "Y".  
(Censored)

Artie Blatman  
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...Dear Mollye:—  
...Did I ever tell you that you're  
...wonderful? In fact, (and I'm not  
...given to flatter) you are in a  
...class by yourself.

...And now about me? Nothing  
...Just an easy living office hack.  
...The local drama league put on  
...Arsenic and Old Lace last week.  
...I didn't go since I had already  
...seen it in the Playhouse. You saw  
...it, didn't you? The hit of the play  
...was the two "Brooklyn" cops with  
...a Southern drawl. I hear that  
...that alone brought down the house.

...Any news lately of Sol Japer?  
...Don't believe there has been any  
...recent mention of him in the Re-  
...corder. Just how many soldiers  
...are on your mailing list now? It  
...must be tremendous.

...Love to you and best regards to  
...all.

Nate Goldstein  
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...Dear Mollye:—  
...No excuse from me. I just never  
...take time out to write anybody  
...anymore, and it's not that I don't  
...have the time either. I guess I  
...haven't the ambition. Being so far  
...from home and friends for so long,  
...I'm beginning to feel like an Aus-  
...tralian, and pretty soon I'll talk  
...like one. Believe it or not, Mollye,  
...I'm having the time of my "young"  
...life. Honestly, I wouldn't trade  
...places with anybody today. But  
...don't misunderstand me, I still  
...want to go home, but then, who  
...wouldn't? I look forward each  
...month for your latest issue. I'd

...like to write some of the boys.  
...Why not publish their addresses,  
...too?

...The best of luck to everyone.  
(Censored)  
Sincerely, Howard Sigmund

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Dear Mr. Sollod:

...Am writing to let you and  
...Mollye know that I was promoted  
...to the grade of First Lieutenant  
...today. The drinks are on me!!!!  
...Will write a longer letter soon.  
Censored.

Lt. Joe First  
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...Dear Mollye:—  
...Thanks a lot Mollye for sup-  
...plying me the addresses I re-  
...quested. Eugene Lipstein appears  
...to be about as far away from good  
...old home as anyone can be. As I  
...mentioned before, I talked with  
...Steve Saltzman several weeks ago.  
...As yet I've not been able to see  
...any other boys who are apparantly  
...on Oahu.

...I'm really sorry that I'm not  
...right there helping the Campaign.  
...It was a lot of fun last year. I  
...imagine the problem will be tough-  
...er this year since you will have  
...to draw from th real youngsters.  
...Regards to Mr. Sollod and all the  
...gang.

...Sincerely,  
(Censored) Lt. Al. Green  
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...Dear Mollye:—  
...Give Mr. and Mrs. Bleiberg my  
...congratulations and tell them I  
...wish all the happiness in the world  
...on their new venture. There isn't  
...a Y. M. H. A. in this town but I  
...went to the Shul this past week-  
...end; they had a wedding there.  
...Here's some good news; when I  
...went into the Army I was 120 lbs.  
...stripped. I got weighed this past  
...week and I tip the scales at 138,  
...that means that I have gained  
...eighteen solid pounds (Amen).

...Was it cold up here today, I  
...was wearing my field jacket, over-  
...coat and gloves and when I came  
...off detail I was blue all over. It  
...is raining here now. By tomorrow  
...we will have mud up to our knees.  
...Well, its time for chow so I'll sign  
...off now.

Love,  
Milty "Wings" Cohen  
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...Dear Mollye:—  
...I don't know whether or not I  
...told you about O. C. S. the last  
...time I was home but I put in for  
...it and was examined by the Board  
...yesterday and came out with "fly-  
...ing colors". I'm plugging hard for  
...it as I want very much to get

...somewhere as long as I am in, I  
...will let you know how things de-  
...velop. All I want is to get past  
...the Board next week and from  
...there on I know I will do good.  
...Nothing else new around here ex-  
...cept a 15 mile hike in about an  
...hour. Will close until I hear from  
...you. Regards to all.

Love, Irv. Miller  
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...Dear Mollye:—  
...Not much really new, busy as  
...usual. I made Staff Sgt. last  
...week, which makes me quite hap-  
...py. All kinds and types of rumors  
...are flying around. So I have my  
...barrack bags packed for anything  
...that might happen. I am seeing  
...quite a number of good football  
...games here. Hope to see Georgia  
...Tech. and Duke game this week.  
...Well thats all for now.

...Sincerely, Melvin Berg  
P. S. I received the Recorder  
today - - thanks.  
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...Dear Mollye:—  
...You'd be surprised at all the  
...different things I've learned since  
...I came here. I've had jobs as Pro-  
...perty Officer, Rail Transportation  
...Officer, Officer in charge of Pack-  
...ing, Ordnance Materials, etc. It's  
...a funny thing though, that while  
...I was promoted to Captain I got  
...a 2nd Lt., assigned to help me.  
...The higher you go the less work  
...you do yourself.

...Jerry got his promotion while  
...he was on leave and I imagine  
...he'll get another pretty soon. Give  
...my regards to the bunch and tell  
...Carl Bleiberg that I can still beat  
...him at anything physical. Inci-  
...dently, I now stand 6 feet ½ in-  
...ches and weigh 170 pounds strip-  
...ped, dry.

...Guess that's about all for now,  
(Capt.) Joe Tannen  
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...Dear Mollye:—  
...You may be a little surprised  
...to hear from me as you probably  
...don't even know me, although I  
...have been to the "Y" quite a few  
...times. I wish to thank you at this  
...time for sending me the Recorder.  
...It really is an appreciated "gift".  
... (the boys here will vouch for it).  
...Paul Gellens, Ben Newstadt, and  
...a few of the other fellows are  
...here with me.

...The weather here is very hot  
...and the mosquitoes aren't as bad  
...as they used to be. Give my re-  
...gards to everyone and take care  
...of yourself. Keep up the good  
...work and thanks again for the "Y"  
...Recorder.  
Censored.  
Sincerely, Leonard Forman

**D - E - A - R M - O - L - L - Y - E**

Between the time I saw you last (it has seemed like months) and today, I have been given my assignment. Because of the experience of non-commissioned chemical warfare officers and my schooling in this same branch, I was appointed Regimental Gas and Executive Officer.

The other day I received a brief letter from Irv Sigmund; it is a shame I didn't get the missive while I was at Benning, for I could have "looked him up". However, I shall write him and give him my address. I also wrote Joe Lichtenbaum and am expecting an answer from him in the near future.

Until I hear from you, then,  
Luck and love,  
Lt. Abe Nathans.

P. S. Give best regards to Mr. Sollod and Frank and the gang.

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Dear Mollye:—

Now you will love me again. I hope.

I've finally obtained some Jewish Chaplain's insignia and I immediately sent one to you.

I hope I get to see you when I return to Wilmington.

Convey my best wishes to Mr. Sollod and his family.

With cordial personal regards, I am

Sincerely, Henry Tavel

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Dear Mollye:—

Before I go any farther, I'd like to straighten a few things out. Why people at home think that the mail coming from the U. S. is censored is a complete mystery to me. If your letters were going to be censored I'm sure they would inform you not to seal them. We here do not seal our envelopes - that's the censors job. Maybe that's the reason he's so hard to get along with. If I had to keep my tongue working by sealing envelopes I'd be mad, too.

Thanks very much for Franny's address, a letter is already on the way. Got a letter from your brother Dave last night and he tells me they accepted "Chalkie". How about Irvin Bear, did they take him, too? Please let me know when they get to Abe Lewis, Moe Braunstein, George (How I won the last war) Slonsky and Jules Rothchild. No Gus - I'm not going to put you in that group. We'll

just exclude you for the time being. I just learned that the Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis's infanticipating turned out to be a girl. What's the matter with them old ball players first Goldberg and now Lewis. Don't tell me you have to give way to Davy Glazar. Oh Hell! we'll start a girls team.

Well, that seems to be about all there is for now. Everything down here is fine. I guess the people home are starting to knit sweaters for the boys. Mom wrote and wanted to know if I wanted one. We want bathing suits - anybody wishing to get rid of last years trunks they will cheerfully be accepted here. If we could use girls' suits, we'd get plenty, but sorry girls - start knitting for the boy's in Alaska.

Regards to all around the "Y".  
(Censored)

Artie Blatman

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Dear Mollye:—

Did I ever tell you that you're wonderful? In fact, (and I'm not given to flatter) you are in a class by yourself.

And now about me? Nothing Just an easy living office hack.

The local drama league put on Arsenic and Old Lace last week. I didn't go since I had already seen it in the Playhouse. You saw it, didn't you? The hit of the play was the two "Brooklyn" cops with a Southern drawl. I hear that that alone brought down the house.

Any news lately of Sol Japer? Don't believe there has been any recent mention of him in the Recorder. Just how many soldiers are on your mailing list now? It must be tremendous.

Love to you and best regards to all.

Nate Goldstein

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Dear Mollye:—

No excuse from me. I just never take time out to write anybody anymore, and it's not that I don't have the time either. I guess I haven't the ambition. Being so far from home and friends for so long, I'm beginning to feel like an Australian, and pretty soon I'll talk like one. Believe it or not, Mollye, I'm having the time of my "young" life. Honestly, I wouldn't trade places with anybody today. But don't misunderstand me, I still want to go home, but then, who wouldn't? I look forward each month for your latest issue. I'd

like to write some of the boys. Why not publish their addresses, too?

The best of luck to everyone.  
(Censored)

Sincerely, Howard Sigmund

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Dear Mr. Sollod:

Am writing to let you and Mollye know that I was promoted to the grade of First Lieutenant today. The drinks are on me!!!! Will write a longer letter soon.  
Censored.

Lt. Joe First

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Dear Mollye:—

Thanks a lot Mollye for supplying me the addresses I requested. Eugene Lipstein appears to be about as far away from good old home as anyone can be. As I mentioned before, I talked with Steve Saltzman several weeks ago. As yet I've not been able to see any other boys who are apparently on Oahu.

I'm really sorry that I'm not right there helping the Campaign. It was a lot of fun last year. I imagine the problem will be tougher this year since you will have to draw from the real youngsters. Regards to Mr. Sollod and all the gang.

Sincerely,

(Censored) Lt. Al. Green

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Dear Mollye:—

Give Mr. and Mrs. Bleiberg my congratulations and tell them I wish all the happiness in the world on their new venture. There isn't a Y. M. H. A. in this town but I went to the Shul this past weekend; they had a wedding there. Here's some good news; when I went into the Army I was 120 lbs. stripped. I got weighed this past week and I tip the scales at 138, that means that I have gained eighteen solid pounds (Amen).

Was it cold up here today, I was wearing my field jacket, overcoat and gloves and when I came off detail I was blue all over. It is raining here now. By tomorrow we will have mud up to our knees. Well, its time for chow so I'll sign off now.

Love,

Milty "Wings" Cohen

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Dear Mollye:—

I don't know whether or not I told you about O. C. S. the last time I was home but I put in for it and was examined by the Board yesterday and came out with "flying colors". I'm plugging hard for it as I want very much to get

somewhere as long as I am. I will let you know how things develop. All I want is to get on the Board next week and there on I know I will do. Nothing else new around here except a 15 mile hike in about an hour. Will close until I hear from you. Regards to all.

Love, Irv. M

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Dear Mollye:—

Not much really new, but usual. I made Staff Sergeant this week, which makes me quite happy. All kinds and types of planes are flying around. So I have my barrack bags packed for anything that might happen. I am quite a number of good football games here. Hope to see C. Tech. and Duke game this week. Well thats all for now.

Sincerely, Melvin M

P. S. I received the Recorder today - - thanks.

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Dear Mollye:—

You'd be surprised at all the different things I've learned since I came here. I've had jobs as Property Officer, Rail Transport Officer, Officer in charge of Engineering, Ordnance Materials, etc. I was promoted to Captain and a 2nd Lt., assigned to help you do yourself.

Jerry got his promotion while he was on leave and I imagine he'll get another pretty soon. My regards to the bunch and Carl Bleiberg that I can still help him at anything physical. Presently, I now stand 6 feet 10 inches and weigh 170 pounds, ped, dry.

Guess that's about all for now.

(Capt.) Joe Tamm

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Dear Mollye:—

You may be a little surprised to hear from me as you probably don't even know me, although I have been to the "Y" quite a few times. I wish to thank you for the time for sending me the Recorder. It really is an appreciated thing (the boys here will vouch for me). Paul Gellens, Ben Newstead and a few of the other fellows here with me.

The weather here is very nice and the mosquitoes aren't as bad as they used to be. Give my regards to everyone and take care of yourself. Keep up the good work and thanks again for the Recorder.

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 is no one here that I know, be-  
 cause all the fellows come from  
 the mid-West and there are few  
 if any Jewish fellows. Please do  
 continue sending the Recorder, and  
 thanks. With regards to every-  
 one at the "Y" who knows me.

Sincerely yours, Louis Strauss

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Dear Mollye:—

I am in Texas now as you can  
 see by the heading and its a very  
 nice state and so are the girls,

but I got one home so we'll leave  
 the girls out of this letter. Ma-  
 neuvers may be over next week  
 sometime and I certainly will be  
 glad to get back to camp where I  
 can sleep in a nice soft bed and  
 no bugs or snakes to bother me.  
 Talking about camp, I am taking  
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Your friend, Bob Lisansky

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 yea!). The only thing of interest  
 to me right now is my furlough,  
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 How is everything around the "Y",  
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Has there been any mail from  
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I understand that you, Hike and  
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I do appreciate your prompt reply in sending that "letter", that we asked about. That was a swell example of "helping the service men" and I can see that thru you both many are made happy especially those fellows overseas, less fortunate than we who still remain for a while longer.

Signing off for now, but with many thanks.

"Hello Mr. Sollod"

Dan Shapiro

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Dear Mollye:—

I just graduated a class of cadets and there are a whole new class just burning to get into this celestial work. Most of the men we get here are eager and anxious to learn and those that are generally get there as the curriculum and subject matter has been re-

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