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IS STOW CHRISTIAN. OR IS IT PAGAN?

To be Christian is to measure up recognized standards of Christianity. To be pagan is to be irreligious, having non-christian views of life. So my good folk what is your classification? The marks of a Christian would be to pray daily, have quiet moments known as devotion. Mark well you can't get on without prayer. Read your Bible that is required of a Christian, its pages will be a lamp to your feet and a light for your way. Neglest it not, for it is God's written revelation to man. Attend divine service if you are a Christian, you will want to be with the congregation that is engaged in worship, it is inexcusable to play hookey from church, unless you have reason that you can conscientiously give to your Lord and Master. A Christian will be active in the cause of Christ in the community where they reside, having a missionary spirit, a general solicitude for the advancement of all good. A Christian in walk and conversation will use their best efforts to set a good and Godly example before the world. A Christian will constantly strive to religiously educate their children and bring them into the church. A Christian is always alert and vitally concerned and finds a superlative joy in winning someone to Christ. A Christian loyally and cheerfully supports the church, this to him is not a task, it is a privilege, he supports in money, in attendance, in a hearty cooperation in all his activities not forgetting the monthly business meeting. Christians seek to walk together in Christian love, aiding and supporting each other in sickness and distress. A Christian in fact is a come-outer from the world and distinguishes himself or herself by not doing many things that worldly people do

A pagan may be summed up pretty much in this way. We work therefore we are excusable. We put the house in order on Sundays do the washing, ironing, sweeping etc. When do you suppose we would get these things done if not on Sunday? We sleep in on the Lord's Day, he doesn't need us, and we need the rest. NO! We don't read the Bible, we leave that for the preacher to do, what does he get paid for anyway? Pray! Well, we only pray when we are scared or when sickness invades the home, or when we hope to win the booby prize. Support the church, why no! Let those that attend support; its nothing to us; but conscious probes, it is not like the school one is not taxed to maintain the church, and after all the church is a worthy institution, and surely all her own members will stand loyally to her support, but paganism neglects, and chuckles and lisps I am in pocket. Surely one can be good without being tied to a band of hypocrits; plenty of kindly deeds for the gang outside the church. I prefer to not let my right hand know what my left hand does, this my philosophy. For our children, they get their education at school; experience and environment will round them out, and finally they must choose for themselves good or evil, for what is to be will be, so what is the use of being exercised about anything. To be honest, the

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pagan says, I have nothing in particular against the church. God or Christianity. I guess I am just worldly minded, somewhat indifferent and prefer not to be bothered. As for example, influence, solicitude and all that stuff; I will look out for my own interests and expect others to do the same.

Geo. M. Hulme

BIBLE STUDY LESSON

March 7

Bible Teachings Against Drunkenness

Golden Text—Strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it. Isaiah 24:9.

Drunkenness is definitely classed as a sin by the Word of God.

In I Samuel 30:16,17 we read how an army was destroyed by David who came on them while they were drinking and carousing over a victory. It has been discovered that Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo because Marshal Ney became too heavy and befuddled by drink to carry out his orders.

Isaiah 28:1-4 is prophetic of the destruction of Samaria. Revelling and senuality are linked with destruction and defeat in the writings of the prophets, since these habits deaden the senses to moral values and approaching judgment. Many a city was captured while the flower of its manhood was sodden and miserably useless.

Isaiah 28:7 deals with the effect of strong drink on priests and prophets. Clear thinking is vital to a minister of God. He has the souls of others in his care and can best help them when physically fit and mentally alert; he will utterly fail in his responsibility if filled with drink when he should be filled with the Spirit.

In Galations 5:19-21 drunkenness is included in a list of the more gross sins which bar one

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from the kingdom of God if indulged in habitually:

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of which I forefarn you, even as I did forewarn you, that they who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

The secret of victory over such sins is to be completely yielded to the Lord Jesus so that his gentleness, love, and patience will be dominant factors in life.

Hazel Gilliam

LET US PRAY

The Lord shows mercy to those that love Him, that fear and keep his commandments. And likewise this is true, the sinner God loves as well as the righteous, for did not he send his son Jesus as a sacrifice on Calvary for us while yet we were sinners.

Whether we realize it or not, we have sinned in Stow, we have committed iniquity in Stow, we have rebelled, we have departed from the precepts and judgments of God until now our hearts are hardened and our understanding of right and wrong is dull and dark. Church members and non-members alike, for the most part, apparently know the Lord only distantly. Yet, he loves us. And he whom the Lord loves, the Lord may see fit on occasion to chastise.

Right now, figuratively speaking, God has us across his knee. With some four hundred of our boys at war and preparing for war, He who can cause wars to cease, can also allow war to continue. He can allow these sons of ours to be taken one by one. Not that they have committed grievous sin, but their land, their Stow, needs to repent. (The victims of sin are often the innocent).

When there is need of it we are convinced that God allows tragedy to come into our lives to straighten us out and draw us closer to Him. What we should do is to drop down on our knees in secret and ask God according to his great mercy to forgive us our iniquity.

While often on our lips there is high praise for our homeland, the Lord, may have a different opinion. He sees our need of awakening. He sees our indifference toward Him. He sees our frivolity, our greed, our dishonesty, all this and more. Sin may be defined as that which keeps us from knowing God. We have much of that sort of thing in Stow.

Again we say, let us ask God in his great mercy to forgive us, that we may have more righteous people, for it is only the prayers of the righteous that avail much. Then as godly folk we can raise our petition to the Lord for peace and help. It is a step by step process. And it is something we owe to ourselves, our warriors and our God. Let us pray.

H. J. S.

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DEATH

Nolan Snooks of Iona ave., Stow, age 21 passed away Tuesday morning of this week. Stationed at Fort Bragg he had arrived home Sunday on furlough.

RED CROSS DRIVE IS ON

The Red Cross Drive in Stow Township has begun. Thirty solicitors are engaged in making the canvas. These are all busy people but they have most willingly consented to give of their time and energy to this great cause. Your township chairman has had the most wonderful cooperation upon the part of these whom he has asked to help in this work. The response was almost 100%. Now, if our citizens as a whole will give the same fine cooperation in their contributions, we shall have a worthy report to make at the close of the canvas. May we urge upon all to give as liberally as possible, remembering that this is more than the usual Dollar Roll Call. It is an urgent call for additional funds to help the Red Cross carry on its work under the greatly increased demands being made upon it in these days. Think of what it means to OUR boys and the millions of others through out the world. The Red Cross does a work which no other organization in the world can do.

And may we make this added request? PLEASE DO NOT ASK OUR SOLICITORS TO MAKE A RETURN CALL FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION. They haven't the time, the gas or the shoe leather to go back a second time. It is unfair and unpatriotic to ask them to do so. Please have your money ready for them when they call. And thanks a million.

L. M. Gregory.
Stow Township Chairman

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. C. Leo McClusky announce the marriage of their daughter Kathryn Mary to Pvt. Harvey S. Terrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Terrill Sr. of Akron Saturday, February 13th at Fort Sereno, Georgia.

D. OF A. NOTICE

The sewing circle of Stow Council D. of A. will meet at the home of Mrs. J. F. Roberts. Rattle Rd., on Wednesday, March 10th. This will be a covered dish dinner.

COMING EVENT

The Ladies Bible Class and the Men's Bible Class are to be entertained Saturday evening, March 13th in the church basement by Mrs. Gillam's class. It is expected that this will be quite an affair.

MARRIED

Staff Sergeant Don L. Markwalder, Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, South Carolina, was married to Miss Ruth Hammack of Stanley, North Carolina, on Feb. 20, 1943.

STOW MERCHANTS MEETING

The Stow Merchants Association meeting will be held Wednes-

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day, March 10th, at the town hall. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Albert M. Clifford of Goodyear will speak to the group on Synthetic Rubber. Community singing will be led by Joe McGrail

At the April meting wives of members will be the guests.

Joe Mitten is president, J. R. Anderson Vice Pres., and Dr. Ocker secretary of the organization.

P. T. A. MEETING

The March P. T. A. meeting will be held in the high school auditorium on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30 p. m. Louis Hochberg of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. will speak on conditions in the Far East. Mr. Hochberg returned to the United States on the last boat leaving Java. Special music will complete the program.

P. T. A. THANK YOU

The marvelous support of the students and friends of the Stow school system made possible the exceptional success of the school carnival this year. It was a great day in our community. The crowd seemed to have a grand time and everyone who assisted with the innumerable assignments was happy to do their part.

The activities committee announce the sum of $634.84 added to the treasury.

According to plans previously announced the Stow Parents Teachers Association will purchase a piano for the high school building and add to the student loan fund.

We extend our sincere thanks to one and all.

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The willow stems are showing white pussies out by Camp's garage and the son melts the frozen ground out along the garden path almost as soon as it breaks through the clouds. The days are getting longer; this morning the sun peeped over the horizon before I had reached the schoolhouse. Mrs. Guise was telling Martha about the bluebirds out in their back yard when we went for coal Saturday. Jonquils are showing their green heads above the earth, and the crocus will be blooming out around the cherry tree before we know it. The cardinal's song is high and clear on the early morning air.

The seed catalogues are within easy reach on the library table. Suckers will be biting down along the creek in a few weeks. It's not very long anymore until spring. Even this evening I was out looking over the chances for strawberries; I'm afraid the last freeze got them. It will be time soon to rake and roll the lawn and call the man who is to plow the garden.

How good it will be to get out into that garden again—to mark out the corn rows and make the cucumber hills. Forgotten are the bean beetles of last July and the squash bugs that always haunt my pumpkins and gourds. I like to plan a garden, but most of all I like to work in the clean-smelling loose soil. It is good to watch for the first tiny shoots of Golden Bantam and the breaking ground over the limas and Kentucky Wonders.

There's a neighborliness about gardening that appeals to me also, and Mr. Meeks and Mr. Camp are good neighbors to help out with a friendly chat when my back begins to ache. I imagine that Mr. Rabbit will be watching just as eagerly as we for the first signs of spring gardening. Mr. Mervin will take the opportunity to walk over to see how I am getting along; we haven't chatted for weeks.

This year as never before I can feel that our garden is going to be worth while. From July Fourth to the middle of September the number of points it takes to get a can of corn will be no concern of mine and the price of tomatoes and string beans may go sky high without bothering us after the middle of the summer. This will be a bumper year for gardens, and I'm guessing that Eddie Idle and Mr. Baughman will be ordering an extra supply of seeds and vegetable plants.

It's pretty hard to tell whether one gets more good out of the planning or the planting or the hoeing or the eating. Each has its points. For me, I'll be taking all four of them. So to all of you fellow gardeners, here's wishing you mellow soil, good germination, plenty of moisture and a minimum of weeds and bugs. I'll be seeing you out there one of these days.

Joe A. Mitten

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PERSONALS

Remember Sunday is the day to bring your mite boxes.

Stow lost their game to Norton last Friday night, 29-25.

Miss Mary Denning was ill with the flu the fore part of this week.

COAL—For good coal call E. M. Guise Coal and Supply Co. OV-8711. (Adv).

Charles Gillam was unable to attend church the past two Sundays due to illness.

Mrs. Austin Cowels visited with Mrs. Maud Grainer and family in Washington, D. C. over the last weekend..

Kenneth Shaffer is now in North Africa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Shaffer, Hiwood ave.

For Sale: Sand and gravel. any kind. Call Thomas and Doran, WA-0843. (Adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gillam. Elmwood Rd., have been married forty-four years Monday, March 1st.

Mrs. Clyde Gerber visited her husband at the Ordnance Depot, Atlanta, Ga., over the last weekend.

Garden Plowing and Land Fitting, Mowing. Good Work. Cash. Louis Griggy, Ritchie Rd. OV-8407. (Adv.)

Mrs. Wm. Thomas from McDonaldsville, Ohio is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Stein and family.

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Friends of Frances Agee gathered at her home on Saturday, February 27th it being in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Anderson of the Akron YMCA spoke last Monday evening to a joint meeting of the Girl Reserves and Hi-Y, on Boy Girl Relationships.

It is not too early to send Easter Cards to the boys in the service. Get them at Holt's Drug Store, Stow. Adv..

It is now Lieutenant Earl Mason. Home on a ten day leave he leaves this Saturday for Fort Riley, Kansas.

Plan a victory garden now. For Sale: Good grade cow manure. Thomas and Doran, WA-0843.

Miss Genevieve Cross daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cross of King Drive is leaving Monday morning for Fort Ogelthorp. Georgia, to take up her duties as a WAAC.

H. W. Risinger, father of P. V., in Mercy hospital, Canton, Ohio is reported somewhat improved but will have to remain there for another week or two.

Lost: Marine Pvt. Kenneth Shuman's Yellow Cocker Spaniel, about Feb. 20th. Last seen on Elm Rd., Stow. Reward. Phone Hudson 102L1. Or write G. M. Shuman, R. D. No. 1, Cuyahoga Falls. (Adv.)

Those reported sick in the Ladies class last Sunday are Mrs. Stahl, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Fortune. Mrs. Dike, Mrs. Pettit and Mrs. Chapman's husband.

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Sonnia Durant, a newcomer to Stow, now lives with Mrs. Bush on Elmdale Rd. She is in the fifth grade and was present at Bible school last Sunday.

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Mrs. J. B. Casto. Manager of Stow 5c to $1.00 Store was absent from work last Saturday on account of a fall she received as she got off the bus on Friday evening. We extend sympathy.

Remember our covered dish supper Friday night, March 5th, 6:30 p. m. This is the time of the regular monthly church business meeting. It will be held after the supper. All members of Community church should be present.

Mrs. Pickard left on Wednesday of this week to visit Dr. Pickard in a hospital in South Carolina. Dr. Pickard who had been in North Africa returned to the States Monday. Feb. 22. His return was necessary on account of a foot injury received while landing.

Information was recently received by Mrs. O. Davis, East Arndale Road to the effect that her son Harold, listed as "missing in action" since the fall of Corregidor, is now said to be a prisoner of war of the Japanese in the Philippines.

The Edwards family of Akron and formerly of East Arndale rd. have purchased the Jack Marhofer home on Rattle Rd. Jack Marhofer and family are living in the residence next to his place of business on Munroe Falls Rd., Stow.

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The attendance banner was won by the Young People's Class last Sunday. Birthdays celebrated were those of Mrs. H. J. Stockman, Wm. Robinson (in absentia) and one from the preceding Sunday, Mr. Foote.

Charles Sancic is now attending officers training school at Fort Benning, Georgia. Rudy Sancic is in England and Stephen Sancic is a cadet in the Army Flying School, Coffeyville, Kansas. The Sancic boys when they are at home live on Ritchie Rd., Stow.

A leter received last week from Clint Worcester of Akron, formerly of Stow, tells us that he is improving slightly and is able to sit up some. He has hopes of being able to get up and around outdoors with the coming of spring weather. In very poor health for the past several months he has been confined to his bed for sometime past. We pray for his complete recovery and hope he is able to be up and around 'ere long.

FISH CREEK NOTES

Grandpa and Grandma Brittan with Aunt Fern were honored and greatly pleased last Thursday when Pfc. Howard Schlarb came in to greet them, sharing with them his very precious moments from his far too short furlough home from the Santa Maria Army Air Base in California.

Twenty-two year old Pvt. Robert Brittan Erickson of Kent, brother of Lt. Comd. T H. Brittan II left the states early this month. Bob had been with Ordnance Dept. (MM) (AVN) Q since his induction Oct. 12th. Neither he nor his cousin Pfc. Jack Brittan had a furlough before leaving the States which it seems happens occasionally.

GRAHAM ROAD NOTES

Birthdays celebrated recently at the Graham Road Church were those of Mrs. John Frye, Mr. James Sutton, Miss Grace Trowbridge and Miss Mary Haynes.

Mrs. Theodore Klein of Akron, formerly of Stow is recovering from an operation in St. Thomas hospital.

Mr. Gifford Klein of Lakehurst, N. J., and Miss Ruth Lauersdorf of Brimfield, O., were recently married.

Hoyt Douglas returned recently from Phoenix, Arizona to enter the Air Corps. He is now at Miami, Florida.

Miss Lois Douglas is visiting with the Charles Buck family of Texarkana, Texas.

The many friends of Stanley Hargett of Green Road are glad to know he is able to be about some. He has been confined to his bed for nine months.

Mr. Frank Trowbridge of Lee Road recently returned from a trip to Alabama and Tennessee, where he visited with old friends.

For Sale: 500 lb. platform scale. Call Louis Griggy OV-8407. (Adv.)

LETTER

Feb. 22, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

I am fine. Have been receiving the C. C. News right along tho I have been moving most of the time thru the month of February.

In reading the paper I always look first for news of the men I know, then turn to the front and read the Sunday lesson.

This is just a few lines to let you and the rest of the people know how grateful I am for the C. C. News and to give you my address. I will close.

S/Sgt. Fred Dunkinson
486 Bomb Squad.
340 Bomber Grp.
APO 3614 c-o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Ed. Note: If you are on your way across, we wish you "good luck" and write again soon.

H. J. S.

LETTER

Feb. 23, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

I have been intending to write this letter for several months but being home recently and seeing several of my old friends was the incentive to finally do it.

I have enjoyed the News each week and appreciate your kindness in sending the editions.

There are several men from Stow here at Camp Gruber but so far I haven't encountered them, partly because of the size of the camp and the preparation of the division for combat. Thank you again and best wishes for continued success with the News.

Sincerely,
Chas. B. Mincks, Capt. M. C.
350th Inf.
Camp Gruber, Okla. APO 88

LETTER

Feb. 27, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Have enjoyed every issue of Community News very much, have been getting everyone and think you and the people of Stow are swell for sending it.

I am starting machinist school here on the station Monday, March 1st and will go for 16 weeks, after that out to sea. My address is changed so I will send it to you in this letter.

Yours truly,
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P. S. Will try to locate "Butch" Arnold here.

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LETTER

Feb. 21, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Just a few lines to let you know where a few of the fellows from old Stow High are. Herbert Carpenter, Dale Stitt, Robert Amlung and Paul Gromo are here with me. We live out in tents but it isn't so bad. We would like Dale Palmer's and Milford Calhoun's addresses. We got split up at Fort Hayes in Columbus. We are here for our basic training. We miss Stow and the towns around there an awful lot. But we all have a job to do so we can get back to our homes, and we will do it. Well, please if you can, send us those addresses and the "News" if you want. Give my regards to everyone.

Yours truly,
Pvt. Robert Thomas
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Ed. Note: The addresses which you want are as follows: We hope they are correct.

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Btry C
254—F. A. Bn.
Camp Gordon, Ga.

Pvt. Milford L. Calhoun
Btry B-254 F. A. Bn.
Camp Gordon, Ga.

We would be pleased to hear from you again ere long. Also tell the other boys you mention to write.

LETTER

Atlanta, Ga.
Feb. 25, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

How are you and all of the folks in Stow?

I am now receiving the paper every week and I want you to know how much I appreciate it. I have found addresses of several boys that otherwise I probably would never have gotten. It also informs me what all my friends and neighbors back home are doing. When I receive it I feel like a little bit of home has followed me here. I am sure all of the boys who receive it feel as I do.

As you know I was sent from the reception center at Ft. Hayes to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. where I was supposed to receive my basic training. This was to take about a month. However I was only there about 10 days when I was sent here.

This is an ordnance school for automotive mechanics and machinists. I will be here in automotive school for three months and will then be sent to a permanent outfit.

It is very nice here as Spring is just beginning and the weather is beautiful. Also the discipline is not quite as strict as at most posts. It is also a very fine school and there is plenty of

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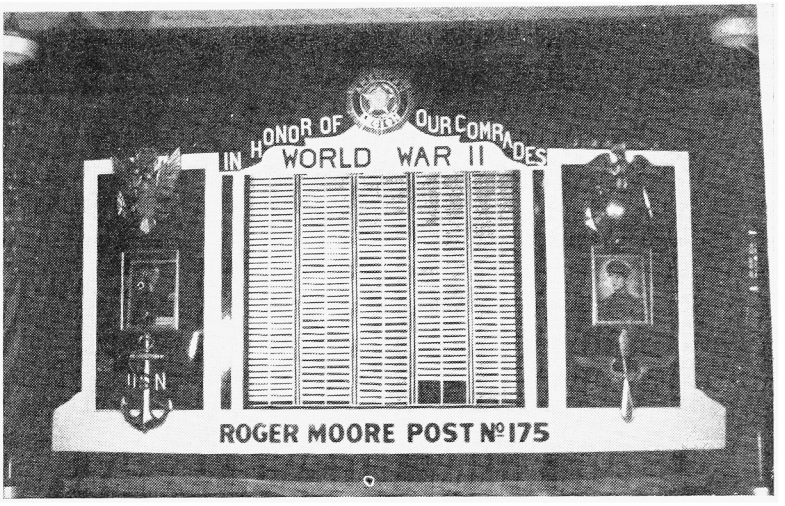

HONOR ROLL

This picture, taken some three or four weeks ago does not do justice to this work of art. It must be seen to be appreciated. As soon as the weather permits it will be erected outside on the Town Hall lawn.

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chance for one to learn if he applies himself.

I am not too sold on army life but it is not too bad. I guess I will learn to like it in time. At least I will have learned to appreciate home if I ever get back to it. I certainly do miss home and all of my friends back in Stow.

Give my regards to everyone in Stow and many thanks for the paper. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Pfc. Clyde Gerber
Barracks 322, 5th Prov. Co.
Atlanta Ord. Depot
Atlanta, Ga.

P. S. I would certainly enjoy hearing from any of my friends back home or in the service who would care to write.

LETTER

Camp Howze, Texas
Feb. 21, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

It has been quite sometime since I have written so I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that my address has been changed again.

I have just come back from my furlough. I had a ten day furlough, but it was cut short as I had to report back to camp to be sent to another camp. I was only in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, for a few days and in Stow a couple of hours. I visited a few of my friends there.

I was sorry that I could not have visited more of my friends

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but did not have the time. It was so nice to see good old Stow once again. I sure did hate to leave it.

I have been receiving the News regularly and am sure glad to get them. It does help to cheer us fellows up when we read of what the folks back around home are doing.

I have been sent farther from home but I like it much better here.

Well I believe it is about time I am ending this letter and in doing so I wish to thank you for sending me the C. C. News.

So will never say goodbye, just so long 'till we meet again.

A true and proud to be a soldier.

Pvt. Robert M. Watson,
35398199
882 Ord. H. M. Co. (Q)
Camp Howze, Texas
U. S. Army

LETTER

APO 253,
Indiantown Gap,
Military Reservation, Pa.
Feb. 24, 1943

The Community Church News,
360 West Arndale Road,
Stow, Ohio
Attention:
Mr. H. J. Stockman, Editor
My Dear Mr. Stockman:

I realize that quite a period of time has elapsed since the last time I wrote to you, but due to added military duties and assignments, I have had no spare time to mention.

I have completely recovered from the yellow jaundice I had at Palm Springs, California, and have regained most of my weight. I feel great and I'm ready for any kind of action. I'll admit that at times it is very discouraging, especially when one thinks of the after effects of this war, but I guess there will be plenty of time to worry about that when the time comes.

Last December I was home on a furlough from Camp Pickett, Virginia. Needless to say, I had a grand time. On January 20, I got home on a three-day pass, also from Pickett, returning from Akron to Richmond, Virginia by plane in order to get back on time. Although I still find it possible to get home from Saturday noon till Monday morning and

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get back to camp just in time for reveille.

My outfit is in its fourth week of rough and rugged commando training. This training includes hikes or road marches up to twenty-five miles in distance in eight hours time. Each man must be able to march twenty-five miles in distance in eight hours before he can participate in actual combat. Another phase of the training is the firing of all small-arms weapons, such as rifles, pistols, revolvers, low calibre machine-guns and sub-machine guns. I have qualified in scoring on all of those guns. I can proudly state that I am among the three highest scorers in the company, and lead the outfit in shooting with the .45 cal. automatic pistol; it is quite a consolation to know that I can depend on my shooting ability rather than my ability to use my feet to save my skin when and if the occasion arises. A third part or phase of the training is that of schooling. Ordinarily, we have classes two nights per week. But this week we are starting to take a complete course in First-Aid, which will be followed by a written examination. School this week will be held five nights for two hours each night. We also have to practice on obstacle courses. All of this is in addition to our regular daily duties at the office. So you can readily see what I do with all of my time; it really keeps me on the move. And they say a 'pencil-pusher' is the star goldbrick. What do you think?

Once again I wish to express my appreciation to you for the regular receipt of the C. C. News.

In conclusion, please give my best regards to Mrs. Stockman, and for yourself they are always in order.

Respectfully yours,
Cpl. Kenneth M. "The Young Man with the Elderly Coupe" Lambert

Note to Cpl. Lambert:

While we certainly appreciate all letters from all of those who write, it is very nice to have a bit of personal news such as you have written this time. Folks at home are always interested in just what their boys are doing. We would say you had a full program.

H. J. S.

LETTER

Sun., Feb. 21, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Just a line this afternoon to let you know that I am receiving the Church News and appreciate it very much. The fellows here in my barracks all like to read it too. I look forward to mail call on Wednesday, because that is when I receive the paper. We are in a very nice camp here. It is located on the Salinas River, approximately half way between Los Angeles and San Francisco and about 25 miles from the Pacific. The camp covers 38 000 acres or about 58 sq. miles. There are 4 training regiments here arranged around the largest parade ground in the world.

The food here is swell too. Today for dinner we had turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, salad, strawberries, ice cream, cookies and coffee so you can see they don't feed us bad. I don't suppose there are many boys left in Stow by now. I sure do miss all of my friends in Stow and at Sunday School. Warren Thomas is out here with me. It sure means a lot to be with someone from the home town.

The weather here has been swell the last few weeks, staying around 80 to 85 degrees. It has been raining here today though. It rains pretty steady out here when its gets started

I have been going to church every Sunday here. They have a chapel for each regiment and they are very nice. Well, I will close for now and I want to thank you again for the Church News. I look forward to it every week.

Yours sincerely,
Pvt. Harold Robinson
Co. C-80 Inf..
Tng. Bn. Bldg. 2212
Camp Roberts, Cal.

Ed. Note: You make us hungry with your list of Sunday "eats." Will say we miss you at S. S. but young ladies who took your place as secretary are doing OK. Write again soon.

H. J. S.

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