



**DID YOU HEAR**

Another two months have rolled by since we last talked with all of you, and many changes have been made, too numerous to more than record a few. Well gang, here we go down through our A.B.C's of Wenham's sons and daughters wearing the uniform in near and distant lands... We'll start right out with an apology because no mention was made in our last issue of the arrival of

**Pamela Ashworth**

born April 6 to Wink and Anne (Hale) Ashworth. Winthrop (who ever remembers him by that name) is a quartermaster 2/c stationed in the Pacific... Aut Batchelder is still in Germany, but brother Warren has been back in town for a brief visit from overseas before shipping out once again... Gardner Burton, S1/c recently completed gunnery school at Pensacola, and is now at Jacksonville after a leave at home...

**Hank Bagnell**

is on Guam working on airplanes. Cox. Wayne Harwood has been stationed there. We hope they met... Lt. Austin "Soup" Campbell recently got word that he was now a first lieutenant. He has travelled around so much on rescue missions in the Pacific, it took several months for his new commission to catch up with him. Recently he was attacked, by enemy planes while on a rescue mission, but arrived back safely at his base...

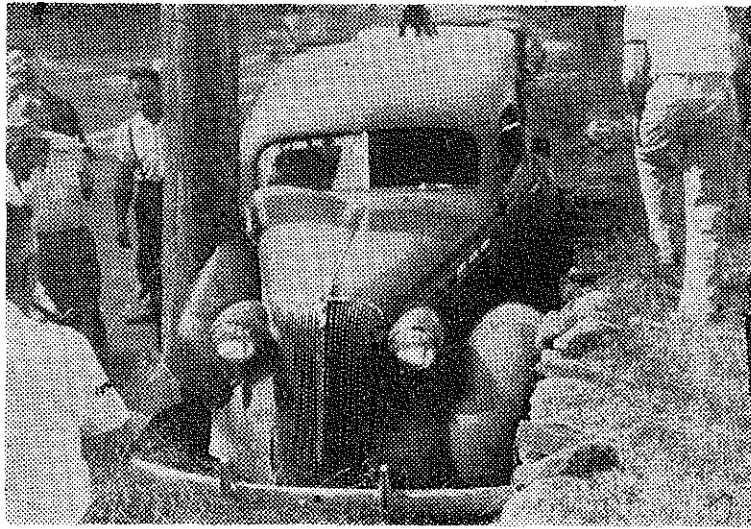
**S/Sgt. Bob Campbell**

is now teaching photography in Czechoslovakia. He has points

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**TIN CAN COLLECTION**

Highway Supervisor Eben Stanley reported that the last tin can collection held in June netted a total of 2,210 pounds of this salvaged material so necessary to the war effort.



**ODD ACCIDENT ON MAIN STREET**

A Beverly woman recently lost control of her car and veering across the street wedged it between a telephone pole and Selectman Joe Harrington's fence. So tight was the fit, it took more than two hours of pulling and hauling to release the car. No one but the car, and the tempers of garage men suffered in the accident.

**SIX WIN SCHOOL SPORTS LETTERS**

Following the completion of the spring term at the Center school, Harlton Burr, instructor in charge of boys physical training, announced that letters were awarded to six boys. To win a letter a boy had to earn a total of 275 points, —50 points being awarded for being out for every practice; 25 points for playing in games, and 25 points each for being on the winning team in inter-class sports during the fall, winter and spring terms.

Those receiving letters were John Donovan, Thomas Donovan, Philip Richard, Arthur Landers, Richard Lindsley, and Charles Summitt.

**FIREMEN HURT AT LAKE FIRE**

Fire Chief Frank Sargent and Police Officer Don Killam had a narrow escape from serious injury from a falling chimney, four children were lowered to safety from a second story window, and a volunteer aiding the firemen was cut when a cottage at Pleasant Pond occupied by Henry Sczchowicz caught fire around 2 A.M. July 18, to give this town its first house fire, and most excitement in many months.

The blaze started when Sczchowicz, a war worker returning home from a late shift, sought to fry some potatoes. The fat ignited from the oil burner, and in trying

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**GEN. PATTON GIVEN GREAT WELCOME ON HIS RETURN HOME**

An indication of how the home town feels about a returning hero, and a forerunner of the royal welcome that we hope to give you one and all when the last shot is fired was clearly shown in the public reception tendered Gen. George S. Patton. While the story is actually of news taking place in a neighboring community, (something we have shied away from in all past issues), the close connection of the General to Wenham as brother-in-law of Frederick Ayer, and the fact that the welcome home party took place on the High school field bordering our own town line, certainly given sufficient reason to feature it in this issue.

Given a tremendous ovation in Boston, his first public appearance in this country on June 7, the General known to many of you before the war as one of Myopia Hunt club's outstanding horsemen, spent but that one night at his Hamilton estate off Asbury street before departing for the West coast. Returning two weeks later, he landed at the Beverly airport (a considerable portion of which now is in Wenham), and after a visit to the center of Beverly, drove through Wenham to his home and a vacation.

Although but a few minutes notice was given that he would pass through here on that day, Mrs. E. B. Cole and Cdr. Philip Horton

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**RED CROSS DRIVE**

Final returns on the 1945 Red Cross War Fund Drive of the Hamilton-Wenham chapter showed a total of \$10,682.43 collected from 864 contributors. The joint quota for the two towns was but \$9,500.

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enough to be sent home we understand. His uncle Sgt. Jack Crediford is enjoying a month at home, back from the continent and awaiting reassignment . . . Chief Aerologist Roger Colbert is teaching in Monterey, Cal., after having been in the thick of activities of fleet operations from the Wake Island raid in 1943 to the recent attacks on the Jap mainland. His ship was almost drawn into that terrific typhoon some weeks back . . .

### Lt. Fred Cook

of Cherry street after a 21-months tour of duty in South America as operations and administrative officer of a patrol bomber squadron is on leave, and then returns to Quonsett Point for a new assignment . . . Seaman Ken Cook is on Saipan. He and his wife (Bernice Landers) are receiving congratulations on a son born May 28. Ken recently visited Hank Bagnell on Guam . . .

### Syd Cook

is on the USS J. Sterling Monton now in the Pacific . . . Emile E. Cormier, is still on the USS Gartia; his wife Barbara and son, Stephen Emile born last September, are staying with Barbara's family on Friend court . . . Corp. Harold J. Cummings is still in Italy repairing Army trucks . . . Seaman Harold "Red" Cummings on the aircraft carrier Bennington has participated in recent attacks on Tokio. In the typhoon last month the Bennington had a forward flight deck torn off . . .

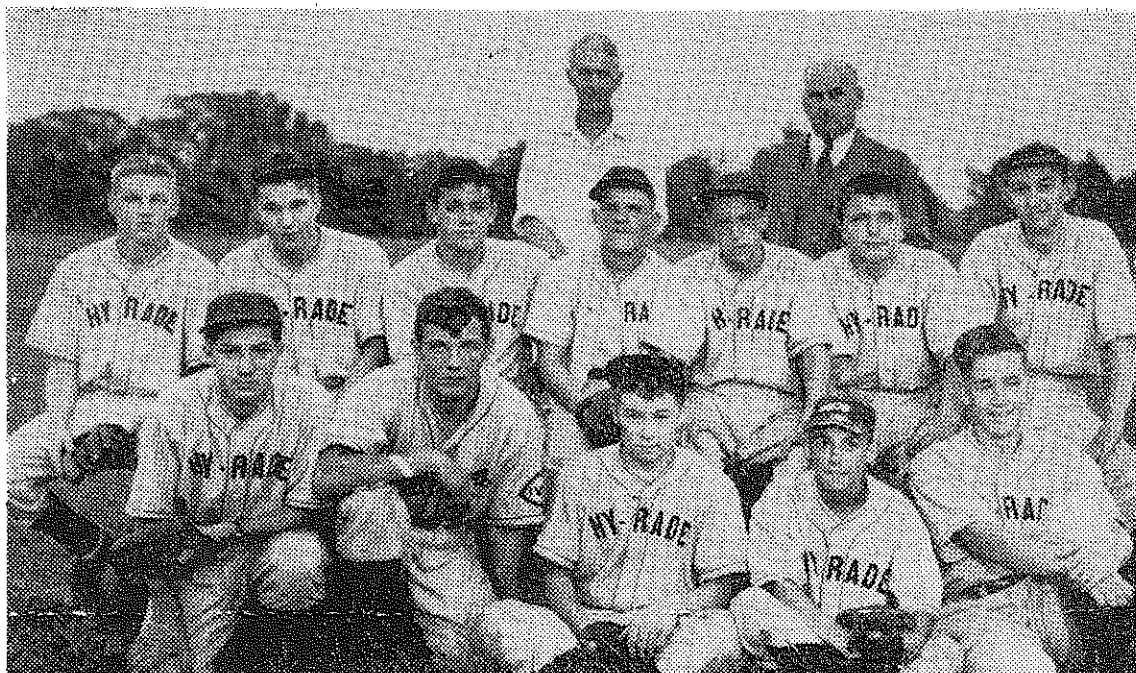
### Jim Cummings

with a long record of duty on the West Point is still on that ship serving as buglemaster . . . Sgt. Frank A. Corning flew home from England with an Eighth Army Air force unit, then took time off to marry Thelma Mazzotti of Beverly on July 15. He expects reassignment to the Pacific upon completion of his furlough . . . Col. Donald Currier, M.D. is on furlough after two years overseas . . . PFC Ernie D'Amato, home recently on furlough, is now reported heading into the Pacific with a Marine corps outfit . . .

### Cdr. John F. A. Davis

veteran of World War I, and with four years of service in this war as officer in charge of the Boston Harbor Entrance Control post is now on inactive duty. His son, H. Thomas Davis after serving in the Navy since early in 1944 has been sent to Wesleyan college with a V-12 group. Another son T/5 Thornton Davis after serving on the Red Ball express rushing supplies to the front following participation in D-Day went to an Officers Training school in England. A case of badly frozen feet suffered in France disqualified him for a commission, and now he is back in France building roads with

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ED HALL'S BALL CLUB

Front row, left to right, Pinky Richards, Art Washburn, Jackie Donovan, Weezil Wildes, and Gardner Morgan. Second row, Dave Robinson, Bruno Richards, Ali Gouzie, Don Dodge, Clayt Summitt, Art Landers, and "Cronin" Perkins. Standing Coach Ed Sargent, and Ed Hall.

## Dave Cogswell Hero In Aiding Wounded

Maj. David Cogswell was recently mentioned in news dispatches sent over a national wire service as the hero of a single plane flight to bring much-needed blood plasma to a group of wounded on an out-of-the-way spot in the mountainous country on Luzon, near Mt. Purry in the Philippines. The story appeared in papers in various sections of the country, and word came to us from Wenhamites in California, Texas, and the middle West that they had seen the story. According to the account, Major Dave, hearing a party of wounded were sorely in need of plasma and could not be reached on foot, set out in a cub liaison plane after dark to fly a dangerous course over rugged terrain and during a tropical storm. He set off from his base and flew to an emergency air strip where he landed and picked up the vitally needed plasma which had been specially packed in a mortar shell to be dropped when the ground forces were located.

Though it was dark, and the flight was over an uncharted area, Maj. Cogswell found and circled the precipitous peak and tossed out the shell so accurately that it was found within a few minutes. Thanks to his efforts, the blood plasma reached those in need only a little more than an hour after they sent out their call for help.

Dave's brother Dean, is also a Major now, stationed somewhere in the heart of Germany.

## Drop In And Visit Rev. Harold White

Many of you will remember Rev. Harold White pastor of the First church in Wenham back in the 1920's. He left this country to return to England, his native land, where he became rector of a church. During the height of the English blitz, his church was bombed and for months he and Mrs. White were forced to live in a cellar.

Recently Walter Sears was in the vicinity of Rev. Mr. White's home, and paid a visit. He received a fine welcome, and spent a week-end there. He reports that Mr. White still has a fondness for our town, and would welcome any Wenhamite who happened to be in that vicinity. He resides somewhere along the River Mersey if that means anything to you fellows over in England.

## Help Us Keep Your Address Correct

Some inkling of the really big job Mrs. William Campbell has in keeping track of all you men and women that copies of WANDERINGS may go out with a reasonably accurate address is shown by the fact that this issue found 50 per cent of the Army men with new addresses, and many changes noted in those going to other branches of the services.

Just a note to us before each edition would be most helpful in keeping this mailing list up-to-date. Our publishing date is set as near the 20th of the month as we are able to get our information compiled. The next issue, therefore is to be dated Sept. 20.

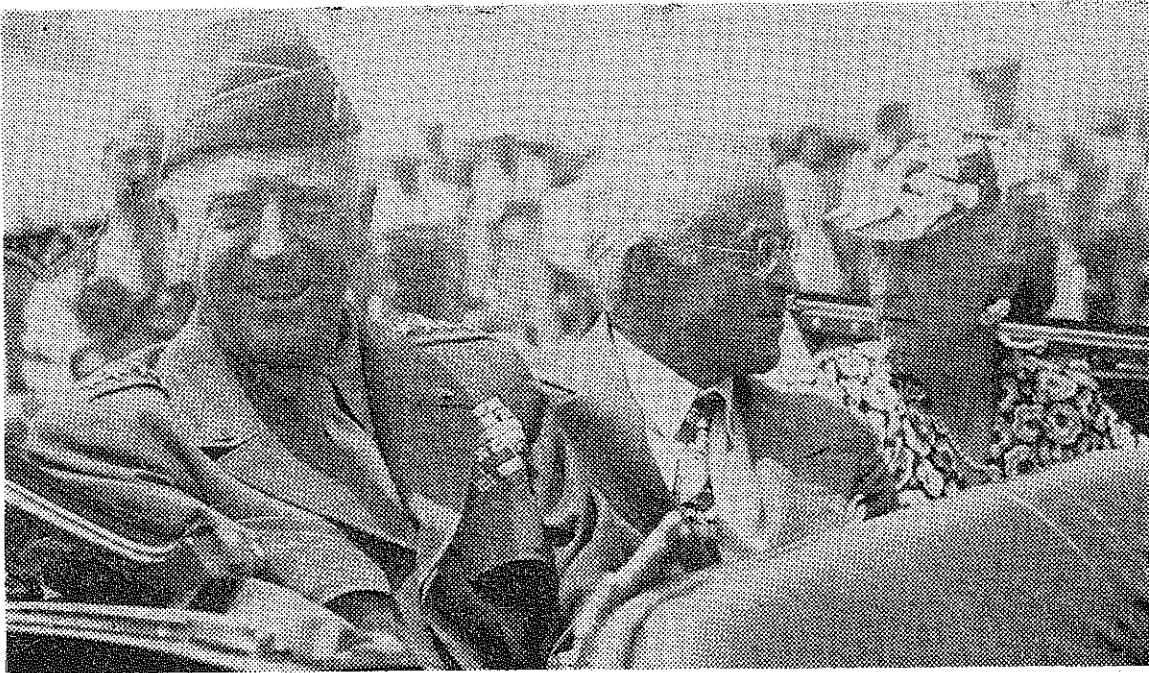
## Lt. Edward Motley Wins Bronze Medal

Lt. Edward P. Motley, son of Preble Motley of Larch Row has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in action on the Fifth Army front during the Italian campaign. He is a reconnaissance officer of the 605th Field Artillery Bn. of the 10th Mountain division.

Lt. Motley acted as forward artillery observer in taking an enemy-held ridge in mountainous terrain. He accompanied forward units in the first attack, and directed telling artillery fire on the enemy, until a strong counterattack forced the attackers to withdraw under the covering fire which he called for and adjusted.

Later in the day, another assault on the ridge was made successfully and again Motley set up observation in the most forward position, exposing himself to machine gun and small arms fire. When the enemy again counterattacked, he directed such effective fire on them that they were forced to withdraw, with half their number casualties. In their retreat, he again directed accurate fire on their escape routes, causing many more casualties.

Some time after returning to his unit after recuperating from wounds, Lt. Motley was instructing some men in rock climbing in Italy when a man 20 feet above him fell upon him. Both men suffered in the fall, and the Wenhamite's leg was broken, but they were saved from fatal injury when they caught on a small tree to which Lt. Motley clung and saved them both. The Larch Row officer is now at a hospital nearly recovered.



GEN. PATTON RIDES HOME

Accompanied by Wenhamite Frederick Ayer, his brother-in-law, and his wife, the former Beatrice Ayer, the famous Third Army leader arrives at his Astury street estate.

GENERAL PATTON

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Smith of the Legion managed to get a few flags together and quite a number waved greetings as he went through that noon of one of the hottest days of the summer.

It was on Sunday June 24, however that the real "party" took place. Following the General's wishes, it was a highly informal affair, but the crowds who turned out numbered between 5,000 and 7,000 according to newspaper estimates. A small stand was erected on the rear of the Hamilton High school, and that field where so many of you have played baseball and softball was crowded with residents not only of Hamilton and Wenham, but many surrounding communities.

Speaking was at a minimum, with officials taking less than three minutes to a man, the bulk of the hour program being given the General for his address, typically blunt and most informal, interspersed with picturesque phrases so associated with him. He was presented with a beautiful silver Paul Revere bowl by the town of Hamilton. No Wenhamite had a part in the program, save members of the Legion who joined with the Hamilton post as a guard of honor, and the Wenham police who assisted in the tremendous traffic problem that found Pingree field almost packed with vehicles.

As the General reached the field, the Hamilton and Wenham fire alarms simultaneously sounded the Civilian Defense call reminiscent of those practice blackouts and ARP drills of 1942 and 1943. The general in his speech at this gathering, as he did on all previous occasions, with extreme modesty declared that he was but a symbol of all you fellows out there on the battle lines and the reception was for you and not himself. As the program concluded he said he would be glad to shake hands with any who wanted to greet him, and this provided the only mix-up in an otherwise smooth affair. This had not been anticipated, and the mad rush from all sides nearly buried those on the stand, but order was soon restored, and for almost an hour and a half a steady line went by shaking the Third Army leader's hand in passing.

short leave here recently, but has now headed back to the Pacific... Ens. Dan Ginty, a night flyer pilot, after a leave at home, has returned to his carrier in the Pacific... Sgt. Doug Harwood is still in Italy... T/Sgt. Dennis Harrigan one of Wenham's earliest air aces, is now stationed at Corpus Christie. He holds the D.F.C., Air Medal with three clusters, Presidential citation and a silver cluster.

Corp. Warren Heath

is being trained for duty on B-29's. He was about to leave for the ETO when the war there ended, and now he awaits assignment to the

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GRADUATION TIME FOR WENHAMITES

June is graduation time, and this year proved no exception, although two Wenhamites at Beverly High school in the armed services received their diplomas by proxy. These two, David Robinson and John Leyendecker were both in the general course there. Others to receive diplomas were Blanche Dodge, Priscilla Wildes, college preparatory course; Richard J. Patch, scientific; John Thomas Sawyer, and Priscilla Summitt, clerical; Barbara Jones, stenographic; Dana Dodge and Marilyn Dodge, general.

At Hamilton High school, Alton and Allan Armington both had honor parts in their graduation, Alton rendering a piano solo and Allan delivering an essay on "Leisure time." Both boys were awarded \$50 scholarships by the Hamilton Teacher's club, and this month the twins entered Tufts college.

The graduation at the Junior high school this year found the usual fine performance by the young graduates with their essays and recitations. A stifling hot day in nowise interfered with the fine program that was concluded with the chairman of the school committee presenting diplomas.

Those receiving diplomas this year included Barbara Batchelder, Jean Gouzie, Nancy Jeffers, Arthur Landers, Richard Lindsley, Marjorie MacDonald, Robert Mead, Edith Michaud, Therese Patch, Edna Peabody, Phyllis Stansfield, and Barbara Woodbury.

First Church Has Many Activities

Although summer time is usually a quiet one insofar as the First church activities are concerned, a new committee at the church known as the Special Activities committee arranged for events over a period of several months. The first was a card party in the Barn in May; the second a church picnic at Crane's beach which was attended by some 40 or 50 on the Fourth of July.

On August 11 there will be the Annual Lawn party in front of the church which has come to be the highpoint of summer activity in town. In June a reception was held, not under this committee, but sponsored by the cabinet, for Rev. and Mrs. William H. Darby, a highly successful affair attended by some 100 townspeople.

With the coming of fall, Rev. Darby and the various organizations of the church will announce plans that will keep the church in the forefront as the leader in community activities.

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German prison labor . . . Charles W. Davis, brother of

WAC Marianne Davis

is on civilian employment on submarine signal work. He has a presidential deferment for this important and highly technical job where he is teaching the use of some of the most intricate equipment . . . PFC Norm Eastwood U.S. Marines, is enroute to the Pacific where at a new H. Q. base he

FIRE THREATENED CURRIER ESTATE

Back last May, two days after our last issue came out, the Cherry street estate of Col. Donald Currier, M.D. was threatened when a high wind carried embers from a smoldering rubbish blaze and ignited the woods and brush in the rear of the shed and main house on the estate. Coming as it did in mid-afternoon when many of the local firemen were out of town at work, and getting a good start as members of the Currier household were all away, the blaze might have been serious but for the efficient use of four booster lines, and the assistance of numerous volunteers who helped beat out the brush fire.

The shed was scorched and a bit of flooring burned, but the main house was untouched by the fire, although the high wind was carrying the fire directly toward the rear of the house when the firemen arrived. After halting the blaze, the firemen took nearly five hours in completely extinguishing the burning dump and smoldering woods in the rear of the property.

will be with a Marine Air Support unit . . . F/O Henry "Mike" Erhard, a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter pilot is a member of the Ninth Air Force famed 365th "Hell-Hawk" group and has an important position. At present the group is deep in Germany . . . Corp. Richard Goldsmith is with an A.A.A. Bn. in the Pacific.

Cdr. Harrison Gardner

and his ship participated at Iwo and at Okinawa. He enjoyed a



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Pacific... Lt. Ted Hollander after making an Iwo landing with his LSM was returned home for a brief leave, but has since returned to duty... Charley Inches BM 1/c is in Manila, and his brother Carter is with an aviation truck company near the largest city on Leyte... Sgt. Harold E. Jeffrey is in Mythyioina, in Burma....

## Capt. Herbie Jaques

is winding up a furlough at home and then leaves for the Pacific with the Air Corps. He has been on important work in Washington for the past couple of years. He still has the fire fighting instinct, taking in several while home on his furlough... Corp. Don Joiner is still in France. His brother Lt. Edgar a former German P.O.W. after enjoying a 60-day furlough here, has gone to Fort Bragg...

## Jim Kinsella.

World War I hero has been on Okinawa... S/Sgt James Ed Kavanagh is on Luzon. His wife and baby are living with Ed's father here on Arbor street... Lt. Bob Lovejoy who used to live at Mr. Whittier's house is a pilot with an Emergency Rescue squad. He has been flying the hump and is believed one of the first to pilot a Catalina over that route. He holds the Air Medal and is stationed in India.

## Johnny Leyendecker

is a private at the Marine corps training base at Parris Island. He says he is beginning to enjoy K.P., even though he still has three weeks to go. Pvt. Kingsbury Harwood recently won his sharpshooter's medal as the best shot in his battalion with an M-1 rifle... Lt. Cal Kennard USNR, was recently reassigned to duty at Shoemaker, where he has a battalion of colored gobs awaiting redistribution under his care...

## S 1/c Bob Landers

after being on a leave following service as an armed guard on a merchant ship, is now awaiting reassignment to a regular navy ship... Capt. Cecil Mhoon of Friend court is now in Paris; he has served with an Ordnance battalion connected with French industry and has been made a Major... Jim Morgan, S.C. 2/c is still on the Ticonderoga. Home on leave some weeks ago he kept a poker face about the action he had been in, but recent announcements from the Navy department show that "The Fighting Lady" really was in the thick of things last winter. The movie of that name was taken on his ship, and he can be seen working in the kitchen in some of these shots... Lt. Col. Edward H. Osgood, Jr., holds a Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in G-3 between October 1943 and April 1945...

## Lt (j.g.) Hardy Prince

has been enjoying a leave at his home on Grapevine road after a period of service as a pilot in the Pacific. He is now at Corpus Christi

## WENHAMITES AND THEIR SHIPS

The following list we know is incomplete, and owing to action at sea, ships putting in for repairs, etc., there have been numerous changes taking place all the time. We have these on our records, however, as of this month, and we do know that by mention of ships in previous issues we have been able to bring Wenhamites together in distant ports. Take it for what it's worth.

Armington, Ens. John, USS Santee, CV29  
Ashworth, Lt. Bentley, USS Franklin Bell  
Bagnell, B.M.1/c Philip, USS Embattle, A.M. 226  
Brown, Robert B., Ch.Mo.MM, USS Sweetgum, C.G.  
Campbell, Lt. (j.g.) John, L.C.T. (6) 921 Flot. 8  
Cook, Kenneth, S 1/c, USS Leo, AKAA No. 60-S Div.  
Cook, Sidney R. S1/c, SS J. Sterling Monton  
Coolidge, A. William, QM 3/c, C Div. USS David Taylor, DD 551  
Cormier, Emile S 1/c, USS Gartia, AK No. 11  
Cummings, Harold J. S 1/c, USS Bennington, V-10 Div  
Cummings, James I., buglemaster, 1/c, USS West Point, N Div.  
Donlon, James F. S.M. 2/c, USS John Q. Roberts APD 94  
Harwood, Wayne, Cox., in the USCG unit 336  
Inches, Charles, BM 1/c, USS Maui, ARG 8  
Kinsella, Vincent, EM 1/c, USS Pembina AK 200  
Landers, George A., MM 1/c, USS Ingham CG  
Morgan, James, Jr. S.C. 2/c, USS Ticonderoga  
Mead, Edmund J., S 1/c, USS Piedmont, Div. 9  
Parsons, Alfred W., Ch. Mach. USCG, US Army L.T. 128  
Pedrick, Lt. (j.g.) Gifford, USS-PCE 845  
Sargent, Lt. Cdr. George V., USS Chiwawa  
Shackleford, Philip T., S 1/c, USS Dickman, APA 13  
Stevens, Warren, S.C. 3/c, USS Niobrara, AO 72  
Vickers, Frederick A., A.O.M. 1/c, V1-A Div. USS Essex  
Webb, Donald W., S 1/c, US Coast Guard 154  
Webb, Gordon, B.M. 1/c, USS L. K. Swenson, DD729  
Webb, Allen, QM 3/c, USS Jordan, D.E. 204  
Wilde, David P., S 1/c, US Army—F. S. 167

for further specialized training before leaving again for action... He reports Earl Leazer is also at Corpus Christi serving as a radio technician...

## T/Sgt. Win Perkins

entered Berlin with the first American troops. He is with the Air Service squadron at the Templehof Airdrome. He writes there is nothing like that in the world; it has miles of hangars, up to the minute equipment, all underground and in perfect condition. It is like a whole city underground. Brother Lawrence Perkins is in the coast guard and can be located at U.S. N.T.C., Pier Two, Miami. Lawrence recently met George Wildes who is serving there after his long period of duty in the Pacific... Capt. John H. Perry is now in Czechoslovakia after being in nearly every country in Europe... Frank Pews is now a sergeant, stationed in Belgium, and has three Bronze Battle Stars to his credit... Gordon Prince has passed his exams to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and has already begun his cadet training there... Lt. (j.g.) Gifford Pedrick of Cherry street is now stationed in the Philippines... Former Selectman James R. Reynolds is still in France with Judge Cabot's group conducting the bombing survey...

## Eddie Richards

is on a Merchant Marine ship, and recently passed the Hawaiian Islands. He said he was 1,000 miles East of where Hank Bagnell is stationed, which puts him a long

way from his cattle farm which he operated so successfully here up to a few months ago... Phil Shackleford, S 1/c whom we haven't heard from in some time we now have just learned is on a troop carrier and was in on much of the Okinawa campaign...

## Walter Sears

is now in Southern France, after being in Germany... Capt. Frederick Webster is back from India where he served with a medical unit since early in 1943. After a leave and a short time at Atlantic City, he was sent to Washington, D. C., and has now been transferred to Fort Dix. His brother,

## Lt. Cdr. Homer Webster

is C.O. of a flight squadron stationed at Miami, Fla. Homer is father of a son born last January... George Wildes, now at Miami, is master at arms in a mess hall at the Naval Air Station there... Walter Williams, whom we reported as wounded some issues ago was strafed by a low-flying German plane as he was rounding up German paratroopers during the December Bulge. He rolled from his jeep into a ditch to escape death... Frederick Winant is now serving with the Allied Military government at Frankfurt. His work is with the economic division. His son Peter, is with the 136th Ordnance Maintenance Bn in Germany... Bobby Woodbury is now stationed on Oahu. He flew to Hawaii for a few days' leave... Lt. (j.g.) Cecil Whittier is doing legal work in the Panama Canal zone.

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to quench the flames, he actually spread them, and the camp, as you all can guess needed little encouragement to go up like a paper box. Sczachowicz's wife and four little children under the age of 10 were asleep on the second floor, and by the time they were awakened all escape via the only stairway was cut off.

With flames leaping in all directions, the youngsters were lowered to safety from the porch roof, and the occupant then rushed to call the fire department. When the latter arrived, the camp, located at the left of the road just before the turn down to Germain's, was a mass of flames, and two adjoining cottages one owned by Albert Davis standing less than 15 feet away, and another the property of Clayton Burgess about 20 feet distant were beginning to smoulder. Four booster lines checked the spread, and a big line was laid from the pond to halt the fire, although the Sczachowicz camp was reduced to ashes.

About an hour after the fire started, the firemen were working over the smouldering debris, when Chief Sargent saw the chimney start to topple. Don Killam was standing directly beneath it, and the Chief with his customary speed of action leaped at Killam, pushing him out of danger of the bulk of the chimney; the scattering bricks, however, caught both the Chief and Don, the latter receiving a bad scalp wound that took half a dozen stitches, as well as a cut across his nose that for a time was thought to have been broken. Chief Sargent got a nasty cut on the forehead that also needed some sewing work by Dr. Larchez.

Howard Carpenter, the other injured man received a bad gash on his hand when he fell while running in the dark to the aid of the firemen.

Just to show the Red Cross is functioning on the home front, the local chapter early the morning after the fire was on hand to assist the Sczachowicz family with clothing, shelter, and food. This blaze, the first house fire in town in more than two and a half years brought out the usual big crowd. Had the fire taken place on a hot summer's day instead of in the damp and foggy weather of that morning, another Asbury Grove conflagration might easily have gotten underway.

The foresight which some months ago prompted Chief Sargent to put a booster tank on the old Stewart truck, paid dividends at this fire, for it gave the firemen another badly needed line while the big hose was being run up from the lake. Despite the infrequent calls for their services, the firemen showed that they knew how to get into action quickly, and those who witnessed the blaze were loud in their praise of the local department.