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Box 1

Box 1, Folder 1 Letter from Marguerite Jackson, [a fellow Sunday School teacher], regarding a call for Sunday School teachers to fill vacancies left by the call to service for the war and repair of the organ in the evenings. 23 February 1943.

Postcard from Hettie Richardson with an apology for missing the chance to say goodbye in person and wishing him luck in the service. 15 February 1943.

Box 1, Folder 2 March 1-7, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caley, uncle and aunt, with family and church news. 1 March 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom with nothing new to report, but that they will send the items George requested. 2 March 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from James Knipe wondering about George's address—wants to know if he is in the cavalry and if the army is using horses—and stating that cook and baker school is a good choice. 2 March 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Mrs. Staab who is mad at Uncle Sam for sending her son to Georgia and her friend, George, to Kansas and stating that her daughters are working. 2 March 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Issy who attended the Student Christian Movement Conference in Reading reporting that 115 students attended from 24 colleges—6 African American students, 1 Japanese American girl, and several Asian American boys. She also mentions George's interest in Nancy and Nancy's lack of interest in George. 3 March 1943.

Insert 6 "Thinking of You" greeting card from the Staab family. 4 March 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Mary Stoner regarding a test blackout to prepare residents for real ones, speech by Dr. Tanger about the possibility of Millersville closing and telling the students not to repeat that, Dr. Tanger's resignation as of June 1, and movies. 5 March 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Emma and Tom Caley stating that Uncle George works for the *Daily News*, but will save articles from the *Lancaster New Era*; that Uncle Tom is earning overtime at the lace mill; and that they are confused as to whether George is in the cavalry or baking and cooking. 6 March 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Issy regarding her 17-year-old brother who has been in the Marines for four weeks, that Gov. Martin wants to close some of the teachers colleges, Nancy, and that boys in the Air Corps have been notified to report for duty. 6 March 1943.

Insert 10 "I have faith in you" letter from Catherine B. Stotz. 7 March 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Mrs. Knipe (Aunt Lill) stating that she understands George's feelings about Kansas and that Wilson Brenner was found dead on the street (heart attack). 7 March 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Gloria who is working with morphine in a chemical and drug plant in New York and wants to get a better job as a clerk. She mentions that her brother is in the army in the tank corps. 7 March 1943.



Insert 13 Postcard from Lewis M. of Salome Church, United Brethren in Christ, Columbia regarding Mrs. Jackson teaching a Sunday School lesson and that he wants George to bake a cake for St. Patrick's Day with green icing. 7 March 1943.

Insert 14 Letter from Gladys Jean O'Neal regarding who is stationed where, who has contacted whom, and daily life at home. 7 March 1943.

Box 1, Folder 3 March 8-16, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Esther Lenhardt regarding Kansas, student plays, Millersville radio group, and the local Air Corps being called up. 8 March 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Mary Stoner regarding the girls' dorm holding an auction (selling unclaimed laundry) and an antiques and household sale in Willow Street. She wrote the letter during her History of the Far East class. 8 March 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom reporting that Jake Brosey died of a heart attack and that Mrs. Shertzer sent George 50¢ to buy ice cream. 9 March 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Jim Schlotthauer thanking George for the poems—he'll print them in the *Daily News*; reminding George that although being in the army is difficult, it has to be done; reporting that Jim Keesey, Bill Riegle, and Jacob Brosey have all passed away; reporting that Harold Kauffman now works at Armstrong and that about 937 boys from Columbia are in the Armed Forces; stating that Mrs. Greenawalt liked the play George wrote for the Millersville Dramatic Club, but thought it was very deep; recommending that George be a clerk in the army; and asking if George can buy and ship arrowheads to him. 10 March 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Sanders P. McCowsey regarding second period exams; planning to read George's poems to the class; a dance for FVM pre-flight boys that turned into a school dance instead; the Radio Group missing George; and "Singapore Joe" giving a movie lecture, "Pacific Aflame." 10 March 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Staff Sgt. Richard C. Keller, Army Air Forces, joking about the number of letters George sends to Nancy and about Fort Riley, and mentioning the army's VD movies. He writes about his training to fly gliders and the uncertainty of further training since the program was scrapped. 11 March 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Marguerite Jackson regarding church renovations, the organ repairs being postponed until after Easter, and an article that she read in "Prophecy" that links the evil actions in the world to prophecies in the Bible. After reading George's poems, she observes that he is depressed living in Kansas and thinks fondly of Pennsylvania. 11 March 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from "Lady Laura" regarding Gremlins; the movie *Crystal Ball* and a *Bugs Bunny* short; Josie and Doris working; Bernice making paper dolls; Lou Hartman giving George's address to her brother, Charles; Charles' stay in the hospital; Mildred Keesey joining WACC; and Laura's Moose Lodge offering a nursing scholarship to a graduating girl. She has also sent a gift box with a sweater. 12 March 1943.



Insert 9 Letter from Emmy Caley stating that everyone asks about George and regarding the church renovations, 185 people at communion, and the church raising \$85 for the Red Cross. 14 March 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Doris Staab regarding her work schedule and doing piecework, the movie *Lucky Jordan*, Bob Hope in *They Got Me Covered*, the sweater that she helped knit, and reporting that his sister, Doris, wants his address. She also mentions that she is still looking for a beaux and that there are few to choose from; she asks if George knows of any good possibilities. 14 March 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Pvt. Abram Eisenberger regarding army life, going to church, and news from home. 15 March 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Max Biffart stating that he doesn't like George's poetry and he doesn't think the paper should publish it; accusing George of lying about knowing a girl; reporting that he is fixing up his farm and hopes to finish before he is drafted; and mentioning his interest in a real estate venture. 16 March 1943.

Insert 13 Letter from I. B. "Issy" Huston regarding Nancy and her friends, going to a program at Mt. Gretna in George's place, plans to be a counselor at her church camp in June, school photographs, Speech Choir, prayer, and *The Snapper* having two of his poems. A small insert mentions this is a reply to a letter from March 7. 16 March 1943.

Insert 14 Letter from Bob Kroff reporting that Max thinks he can do as much basic training as George, that Clarence expects to be promoted to floor manager when Bob or Max is drafted, and that Mr. Hollingsworth can't find the tin sheers and thinks George might have them. He requests that George mention Catharine in his next letter. 16 March 1943.

Box 1, Folder 4 March 17-27, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Dorothy Broome regarding church renovations and the difficulty of getting a new rug with all of the rug companies working on government orders, and mentioning that Clair Elslager and Bob Broome passed their physicals. 17 March 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Jim Schlotthauer enclosing George's poems printed in the 15 March 1943 *Columbia News*. Letter written on letterhead for an upcoming (5 June 1943) fireman's convention. 17 March 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from I. B. "Issy" Huston regarding Nancy. 17 March 1943.

Insert 4 Note from Dr. G. P. Taylor written on a prescription pad. He sent medicine for George's cold and returned George's check. 18 March 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Pastor H. J. Behney, Salome Church, regarding church news and two options for George to purchase Easter Sunday bulletins. 19 March 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Staff Sgt. Richard Keller regarding home, George's choices, his agreement on Pennsylvania vs. Kansas, and soldiers from the former gliding program being interviewed and reassigned to other flying units (Dick wants the coastal patrol). 19 March 1943.



Insert 7 Letter from John Caley with advice about dealing with army life and sending money orders instead of cash. 20 March 1943.

Insert 8 Birthday greeting card from Mrs. Hettie Richardson. 21 March 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Mrs. J. A. regarding the poems, visiting George's family, and an upcoming lift on the driving ban with an allowance for half the gas ration. 21 March 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom Caley with news of the family, church, and neighborhood. 21 March 1943.

Insert 11 A note from Mary Jane Webster at Salome Church stating that she will write more later. 21 March 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Gloria regarding her philosophy about the ages of the soldiers and college life, and requesting a photograph. 22 March 1943.

Insert 13 Letter from I. B. Huston (Issy) regarding "Mother's Weekend" at Millersville and campus life. 23 March 1943.

Insert 14 Pre-printed thinking of you letter from the Staabs. 27 March 1943.

Insert 15 Letter from Gladys O'Neal reporting that she is enjoying walking again, that the ban is lifted for pleasure driving and she hopes to see some movies, and with an apology for not writing sooner. 27 March 1943.

Box 1, Folder 5 March 28-30, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Issy regarding Nancy. 28 March 1943.

Insert 2 Birthday greeting card from Uncle George Caley who mentions that he works at *The Columbia News*; he sweeps two offices Monday to Friday and works part of the press. 28 March 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom regarding rationing, town news, and family news. 28 March 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Pvt. Abram Eisenberger in Missouri reporting that he is in quarantine for Scarlet Fever, he wants a permanent station in order to get furlough, and there was a dance on the base with WACCS and girls from St. Louis. Postmarked 29 March 1943.

Insert 5 Birthday card from Aunt Emma, Uncle Tom, and Uncle Bill. Postmarked 29 March 1943.

Insert 6 Birthday card from Aunt Emma, Uncle Tom, and Uncle Bill. Postmarked 29 March 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Harry Bassler discussing the theory of Vertical Ray and whether the sun can be directly overhead if a person is standing in Pennsylvania or Kansas. 29 March 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Prof. G. F. Beckmyer, Millersville Science Dept., discussing star- and planet-gazing, constellations, and George's question about the sun being directly overhead. 29 March 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Anna Fry reporting that Carl is in California and Kenny Haug, in the Middle East, is calling the war a "cops and robbers" game and wants it to be over so he can get married. She states that not much is different in the factory—they now have a fifteen minute break in the morning, but have to work until 5pm. 29 March 1943.



Insert 10 Letter from Jack Lenhardt, who got George's address from Mary, reminding him that although it may be difficult to act like a Christian during the war, people are always watching his actions and listening to his words. Jack assisted a Lutheran pastor during Lent, which was a great experience, and has a summer job at a church leadership camp near Gettysburg. 30 March 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom wishing George a happy birthday on April 4. She reports that she sent a cake and other goodies and that Jake Brosey's house was sold to Ruth Grooms for her daughter. She wants to know if George is coming home for Easter or visiting with cousins. 30 March 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Grandma Sadie stating that she misses George, the luncheoneers had two birthday parties, and the family is well. She asks George to write to his father. 30 March 1943.

Box 1, Folder 6 March 31, 1943

Insert 1 Birthday card from the Staals. 31 March 1943.

Insert 2 Birthday card from Lanna. 31 March 1943.

Insert 3 Birthday card from Uncle Harry and Aunt Clara. 31 March 1943.

Insert 4 Birthday card from Carl. 31 March 1943.

Insert 5 Birthday card from Aunt Frances with a personal message on the back. 31 March 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Miriam Bilfet of Salome Church stating that she read George's poems in the paper, the Guild is having a "cootie party," and she misses him in church and hopes he is attending church in camp. 31 March 1943.

Insert 7 Military greeting card as a birthday card from Mae Shertzer. 31 March 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Issy Huston discussing candidates for the new president of Millersville University. She mentions an air raid, that the junior class is selling movie tickets as a fundraiser, and that his play might be performed for play night. 31 March 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Maurice Hoover regarding a Physical Science discussion and reporting that there are only ten day-students left in the program. 31 March 1943.

Box 1, Folder 7 April 1-2, 1943

Insert 1 Birthday card from Mary Jane Webster. 1 April 1943.

Insert 2 Birthday card from Mary Sheckard. 1 April 1943.

Insert 3 Birthday card from Stanley and Emma Arnold with a personal message regarding the war ending so George can come home, the luncheoneers having chicken corn soup, and that Wayne is in Key West. 1 April 1943.

Insert 4 Birthday card from Florence Horn. 1 April 1943.

Insert 5 Birthday card from Miss Sara Shaw. 1 April 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Dr. Gardiner P. Taylor who was glad to hear George's cold cleared up and mentions that he might have the grippe and is resting until he



feels better. He observes that George won't have to worry about point rationing in the army and as a cook he should always have enough to eat. He reports that there aren't many young men in town, so the older ones need to carry on alone.

1 April 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Staff Sgt. Richard C. Keller (Dick) stating that he is now an ex-glider pilot and that the Board of Officers came to the base and offered the glider pilots their options—Dick's were O.C.S. Ordnance, Cryptography technical Training School, and discharge. He is glad to hear that George had his choice of cooking and baking. He mentions George's correspondence with Nancy, that Art Switzer is at Camp Robinson, he received a letter from Gwen that was written backwards, he wants to be transferred north before summer, Linda Shaw from Wrightsville is married and expecting, and that he has a girlfriend who works at the soda fountain at Walgreen's Drug Store—they are going to the senior class play. 1 April 1943.

Insert 8 Birthday card from Uncle John and Aunt Ethel. 1 April 1943.

Insert 9 Birthday card from Dora. 2 April 1943.

Insert 10 Birthday card from Annie. 2 April 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Nancy Pickel stating that she hopes he likes Kansas and she read his poems in *The Snapper*. She mentions that Bob is in the anti-aircraft division in Texas, passed all of his interviews for O.C.S., is in prep school, and will be transferred to Camp Davis in North Carolina in six weeks. 2 April 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Janet H. regarding George's poems in *The Snapper*, receiving updates about George from various sources, play night, Dill in O.C.S. in North Carolina, Mahoney visiting the week before, and John's plans to be home the next weekend. 2 April 1943.

Insert 13 Birthday card from Mrs. C. A. Michael. 2 April 1943.

Insert 14 Birthday card from Gladie Weisser. 2 April 1943.

Insert 15 Birthday card from Mr. and Mrs. Grimm and daughters. 2 April 1943.

Box 1, Folder 8 April 3-9, 1943

Insert 1 Birthday card from Gladys O'Neal 3 April 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Marguerite Jackson wishing George a happy birthday. She mentions that the boys were able to come home on leave and look nice in their uniforms, that the town seems quiet without the boys, and writes about the church. She likes the news coming out of Africa and has confidence in General Montgomery. 4 April 1943

Insert 3 Birthday card from Mother. 4 April 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Aunt Emma, Uncle Tom, and Uncle Bill wishing George were home to celebrate his twentieth birthday, and regarding church renovations and the new ration and point books. They write that George's father sent him \$3 for his birthday and is feeling sad because George has not written to him. 4 April 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Jean Torbet regarding going to school and working at the hospital some evenings. Columbia is crowded with soldiers stationed in Marietta. 4 April 1943.



Insert 6 Letter from Issy regarding play night at Millersville University and Jack Lenhardt's visit. 5 April 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Mamie Libed stating that she got George's address from Gladys. She is living in Washington and is the private secretary to the head of the company, is still single, and Uncle Sam got her boyfriend. 5 April 1943.

Insert 8 Birthday card from Harr and Elva. 6 April 1943

Insert 9 Letter from Max stating that he missed George during inventory, wants to know why George is in a "negro camp," and wants to know how he likes working in the stables. 6 April 1943.

Insert 10 Letter and birthday card from Nancy Pickel. 7 april 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Connie stating that she is going home for Spring vacation, she received a Sigma Chi fraternity pin from an ensign, and is spending her free time with him before he ships out. Nancy Gerfin married a lieutenant in February and Gladys Albright Richards moved home while her husband is overseas. 7 April 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Dorie who mentions that her parents are redecorating the kitchen, she bought new records, and Bobby transferred from Camp Wheeler, Georgia to Fort Bragg, North Caroline. Two hundred soldiers are assigned to guard Marietta, but spend most of their time in Columbia chasing girls. 7 April 1943.

Insert 13 Letter from Gloria stating that she did not go to work because of leg pain. 8 April 1943.

Insert 14 Greeting card from Issy. 8 April 1943.

Insert 15 Birthday card from Lorna Jean Eshleman. 9 April 1943.

Box 1, Folder 9 April 11-15, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Aunt Emma, Uncle Tom and Uncle Bill hoping George received the birthday cake and they glad to hear he likes cooking and baking. They remind him to write to his father. Aunt Emma has gone to church every Sunday since he left, Uncle Tom works overtime every Sunday, and they are having a Revival for the two weeks leading up to Easter. 11 April 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Dorothy Mae Kelley thanking George for the cards. She mentions that Luther is in Washington State, Mary Ellen Shockard visited her husband in Kentucky, and two hundred MPs are stationed at Marietta Depot. 11 April 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from H. Jackson reporting that only forty-eight people were present at the Revival that night. 12 April 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Pvt. Abe Eisenberger stating that he went to the service club to write letters and they are having a dance, and the girls there aren't nice in the way Columbia girls are. He also writes that his grandfather died one year ago and the church had flowers for him; he wishes he could be home for that memorial. 12 April 1943.

Insert 5 Copy of a letter to Eleanor Martha Nolte with handwritten note to George in corner, sent by James L. Knipe. 12 April 1943.



Insert 6 Letter from Lorna J. Eshleman apologizing for missing his birthday. She also just turned 20 and received a bracelet as a present. They went to Gwen McCombs house for a volley ball party, and Margaret Stauffer has the mumps, so they went to her house and sang to her from her backyard. 12 April 1943.

An enclosed letter mentions a guest speaker in Chapel who talked about a civil war in Paraguay. 15 March 1943.

Another letter written in Physical Science class mentions that Catherine Peters from Washington Boro needed an appendectomy and Clete did not get into the Air Corp. 19 March 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Esther Lenhardt mentioning that Millersville had a play on March 20 for Mother's Weekend, play night was postponed until May 7, Walt Morris is in Florida, and Dick Warfel and George Brenner left for service. 13 April 1943.

Insert 8 Greeting card from his sister, Doris Caley. 14 April 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Staff Sgt. Dick Keller about being discharged from the Army along with 200 other men from his squadron. 14 April 1943.

Insert 10 Birthday card and letter from Mary Stoner stating that her brother got married, she can't get her Victory Garden started because of snow, she went to Franklin and Marshall College to hear Count Sforza from Italy speak about the fall of France, they had a blackout/air raid test during the lecture, and measles and mumps are causing problems. 14 April 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Bob Kraft. Max classified as 1A. Plant busy as always. 15 April 1943.

Insert 12 Easter card from Hettie Richardson. 15 April 1943.

Insert 13 Easter card from UBC, Columbia. 15 April 1943.

Insert 14 Letter from Lenorita Nawcita Pickelti asking George about camp life. Included in this envelope was a letter from Jack. 15 April 1943.

Insert 15 Letter from J. Lenhardt encouraging George to see Nancy as a friend only. He is preaching three sermons at the church in Hummelstown during Holy Week. 16 April 1943.

Insert 16 Letter from Max, assuming since Joe Louis is at his camp that Ft. Riley must be a negro camp and wants George to explain whether that is right and if so, why George is there. He mentions that Harry Draude is worried that his wife is cheating on him with the preacher. 16 April 1943.

Box 1, Folder 10 April 18-20, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Aunt Emma, Uncle Tom and Uncle Bill stating that his father is glad George finally wrote to him and plans to send money for Easter. They mention that it is Palm Sunday and that the church will have Communion by candlelight the following Friday. 18 April 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Edna Forrey. She has been sick for two weeks and not able to play the organ. She mentions that the choir is having an Easter musical the following Sunday. 18 April 1943.

Insert 3 Easter card from Mabel I. Freeland. 18 April 1943.



Insert 4 Letter from Janet stating that she enjoyed George's poem very much, Gerry Detweiler had the measles last week, and Jim Zaks is being transferred to a specialist's school. Weaver, Warfel, Brenner, and Sponga are stationed in Tennessee; "Buffalo" Rill is still in Texas; and they will perform *Wait* and *The Bird on Nellie's Hat* at Play Night on May 7.

Insert 5 Letter from Doris, who quit school and is looking for a job. She liked George's poems and included one she wrote. She mentions Josie and their mother, and that Chas Leahman is being discharged from the Navy.
19 April 1943.

Insert 6 Easter card from Mrs. C. A. Michael. 19 April 1943.

Insert 7 Easter card from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom. 19 April 1943.

Insert 8 Easter card from Aunt Emma, Uncle Tom and Uncle Bill. 19 April 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Issy with a cartoon strip of Marmaduke Monkey. She is home for Easter vacation. A WAVE spoke in Chapel last Friday and encouraged the students to continue school and become teachers, but asked them to encourage others to join the WAVES. Dick Warfel, Frank Weaver and George Brenner are in the Air Corps now, and Issy's brother, a Marine, was transferred from Paris Island to New River, North Carolina. 19 April 1943.

Insert 10 Easter card from Mary Jane Webster. 19 April 1943.

Insert 11 Easter card from Dora. 19 April 1943.

Insert 12 Easter card from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nikolaus and family. Postmarked 19 April 1943.

Insert 13 Easter card from Dorothy Broome. 20 April 1943.

Insert 14 Easter card from Mrs. Street. 20 April 1943.

Insert 15 Letter from Mrs. Knipe with the news that Annie Lindy was very sick and died; Eleanor Nollie's engagement was in the paper; Lloyd visited last night; and Mary K. is coming home for Easter vacation. Schlaeger had a sale—now everything is gone and the store closed. 20 April 1943.

Insert 16 Letter from Mrs. Catherine B. Stotz giving George her new address, at the base of Cobbs Hill in Rochester, New York. A Military Police barracks is on the other side of the hill. She saw Virginia last Sunday and sends George her address also. 20 April 1943.

Insert 17 Easter card and letter from Carrie P. Bennet stating that her boys are fine; Hubert was home on leave last week and Gordon will be home on Friday. Hubert had a birthday party for Lou (she turned 21). 20 April 1943.

Box 1, Folder 11 April 21-25, 1943

Insert 1 Easter card from cousin Carl. 21 April 1943.

Insert 2 Easter card and letter from the Staabs. Sunday afternoons are quiet without George to visit and others don't have the gas to visit. Bob was transferred, but they don't know new address yet. 21 April 1943.

Insert 3 Easter card from Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Groom. 21 April 1943.

Insert 4 Easter card from Aunt Frances. 21 April 1943.



Insert 5 Letter from Pvt. Bob Rill, who would like to be back at school. He heard that Millersville is issuing diplomas to those who were on track to graduate in May. 21 April 1943.

Insert 6 Easter card from Grandma Sadie. 21 April 1943.

Insert 7 Easter card from Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Broome. 21 April 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Mrs. Geraldine Musser. She has been taking the Nurses Aid Training course at the hospital and works Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. Max filled out another draft paper and hopes to be called to service. John Metzger was home last week. She received a letter from the government stating that her husband arrived safely overseas—the first news she had in five weeks. 21 April 1943.

Insert 9 Easter card from Harvey, Elmer and Lewis. 22 April 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Issy. The Shakespeare course requires students to memorize 200 lines and she is working on that over vacation. She discussed being Christian while in the military and is going to a counselor at Church Camp again. 22 April 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Jean Torbert. “Connie” was home last week, Jean was picked as commencement speaker, and Mrs. Musser resigned. Sonny Hogentagler has appendicitis and is stationed in Florida. Catherine Smith’s husband was killed. 23 April 1943.

Insert 12 Easter and get well card from Mother Miriam. 23 April 1943.

Insert 13 Easter card and note from Mrs. Groome asking George to write to Gordon and gives him the address. 25 April 1943.

Insert 14 Letter from Nancy Gickel. She and Janet worked in a shoe store over Easter vacation. Bob sent her a corsage of red rosebuds. 25 April 1943.

Insert 15 Letter from Uncle G. H. Caley. He heard that between 110 and 1200 boys from Columbia were in the Army. He is still working. 25 April 1943.

Box 1, Folder 12 April 26-30, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Gladys Jean O’Neal. She received \$2.00 cash and \$1.00 Defense stamps for Easter and had a large family gathering. 26 April 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom. The program for which George paid for Easter Sunday Services was beautiful. Harry Boyl is ill. 26 April 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Dora. Clair is enjoying Army life, learning to drive a Jeep, and is stationed in LA. The church was filled to capacity on Easter Sunday. 26 April 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Gloria offering him advice about Nancy. 26 April 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Pvt. Abram Eisinberger. He is working at the personnel office but does not yet have a job assignment. 27 April 1943.

Insert 6 Postcard with Easter greeting from Salome Church. 29 April 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Sara Eshleman. She can see pear blossoms from her bedroom window and wishes she could write poetry like George. She mentions people running for president of MSTC and the students from the training school and high school are being excused early to work on farms. There are still enough male students at Millersville to form a baseball team. 30 April 1943.



Insert 8 Letter from Mrs. Annie Fry. She has not heard from Ken for a while; has written him twice but no reply. She hopes he is safe because he is in love and plans to marry after the war. 30 April 1943

Insert 9 Letter from Hettie Richardson. The luncheoneers had shad last Wednesday. Four of them went to see Ethel Seifred in Philadelphia. 30 April 1943.



Box 2

Box 2, Folder 13 May 1-9, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from John and Ethel Caley. George's dad is now living in Philadelphia. Their son-in-law is 19 and they expect him to be in the army soon. They are thinking of going to Cincinnati to see Betty. 1 May 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Mrs. Joseph (Bidley) Lockard. They received a telegram from Dick stating he was discharged on the 22nd and would arrive home around the 26th but haven't seen or heard from him since. 2 May 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Tom and Emma Caley. Everyone is fine and working. They copied the major headlines from the newspaper she had sent in a gift box—they were ruined by spoiled eggs. 2 May 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Dorothy. She saw *The Waltz Dream* performed at the high school on Friday. Gladys Albright is back in Columbia; her husband went across. There were several weddings last week. 2 May 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Jack Lenhardt. He was in charge of both services yesterday in Hummelstown and was the best man at a friend's wedding the afternoon in Lancaster. He is engaged to Mary and gave her his mother's diamond ring. 3 May 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Mrs. Walter W. (Betty) Greeley, Jr. George met her husband when all of the cooks were put in the same barracks. 3 May 1943.

Insert 7 Greeting card from P. G. Sousbees. "Mom" Sousbees can walk again and they are living with Sam on Chestnut Street. 3 May 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from the Mrs. Lutz. She has been ill for three weeks and her nerves are shot. Columbia's Bond Drive raised about \$900,000 which was almost \$100,000 more than the goal. She included the addresses of her sons, William in Wisconsin and George in Florida. 4 May 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Mary Jane Webster. The Assembly is the last full week of June. If any servicemen can get home, their dues will be paid for them. 4 May 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Bartch. Only three weeks until graduation. Sends a list of those recently married from Millersville. 4 May 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Issy thanking George for photograph, poem and postcards. Student Council is trying to set up a point system. Play Night was called off. Nancy is up for an office in Speech Choir. Jack gave Mary a diamond on Easter. 6 May 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Mrs. J. A. who thought George's picture was grand and remembers a past May Day celebration. She heard from Bob on April 26; the address was New York and she thinks he shipped over seas. She finished the kitchen and returned George's stepladder and paper scrapers. Girls are working the night shift. 6 May 1943.

Insert 13 Letter from Issy asking George to send another photograph for the case by the Chapel. She likes his poem and talks about Jack being a conscientious objector. She also explains the point system and encloses a copy of the breakdown. 8 May 1943.



Insert 14 Letter from Aunt Emma. She mentions the chance of George coming home or transferring somewhere closer, Army pay, and Church. 9 May 1943.

Insert 15 Letter from Roy Garber who writes about the lack of Sunday School attendance and planning for Children's Day in June. 9 May 1943.

Insert 16 Letter from Aunt Emma. George's father quit his job and moved to Philadelphia to be with his mother. Everyone is planting gardens and Uncle Tom is planting tomatoes. 9 May 1943.

Box 2, Folder 14 May 10-16, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Uncle James Knipe. Got together with friends to discuss various topics. Went to Uncle John's Soda and Drugstore for a double pecan maple sundae with whipped cream but was told whipped cream was no longer available. Talks about Columbia life in general. 10 May 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Bartch. Dr. Hill was sick last week. The *Touchstone* should be out the week of the 17th. 10 May 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Bob Rill. Leaving from Texas to go to OCS in North Carolina in 2 days. Talks about Millersville news. 10 May 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Lorna. Had the measles last week. Talks about people at Millersville and has decided to be a French teacher. 10 May 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Aunt Emma. Taylor Weaver is stationed in Greensboro, North Carolina. Two newspaper clippings enclosed. 11 May 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Miriam Billet taling about Church and Sunday School. Lots of Victory Gardens around. 11 May 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Nancy. Bob will be going to North Carolina. Bill Mahoney has a chance to go to OCS. 11 May 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Eleanor. Bernard has one-and-a-half weeks at Quantico, then furlough, then go to New River, NC or San Diego, CA. She will either teach summer school or work for the government this summer. 12 May 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Dick. Has been out of the army for two weeks and is working at Armstrong making aluminum parts for planes. Tom Marley married Alice Kilgove and is in Nebraska with the Medical Corp. 15 May 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Cora Friend. Got his letter through Ann Fry. Recently bought a silver meat fork and paddle to remove pies from the oven. Got a hoe to work in her Victory Garden and talks about work at the factory. 16 May 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from mother. In April she suffered eye strain at work was told to go home. On the way home, she fell down the subway steps. Had to get bi-focals before allowed to come back to work. 16 May 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom. Aunt Alice came for a visit and so did George's father who now lives in Philadelphia. Uncle Tom has kidney stones. 16 May 1943.

Insert 13 Letter from Grandma. George's father was with her for about six weeks. She bought him a new suit and other stuff. He, Josephine and Doris moved to Philadelphia to be with his wife. The Luncheoneers have not met since March and want George to cook for them when he returns. Asks him to write to Aunt Bessie Broome in New Jersey. 16 May 1943.



Insert 14 Letter from Robert Renner. He is still going to Sunday School and school will be out for the summer soon. 16 May 1943.

Insert 15 Letter from Paul Broome talking about life in the army and visiting Washington, D.C. for the day. 16 May 1943.

Box 2, Folder 15 May 17-21, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Catherine B. Stotz. Sorry to hear about his foot. Included a copy of the church bulletin. 17 May 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Doris. Dad was in Columbia and brought her mail back to Philadelphia. He is a weaver at a defense factory and they live in a two-room apartment on the third floor of a hotel. She works in the dining room as a waitress. 17 May 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Bob Roll. He made his destination on Saturday and has been very busy. 17 May 1943.

Insert 4 Get well card from Hettie Richardson. 17 May 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Mrs. Staab. The girls are working night shift, Bernice and Laura are rolling bandages at the Red Cross and Joe is painting the outside of the house. Went to the West Grove Rose Gardens and bought rose bushes and a bird bath. 18 May 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jackson. Got his offering. The pipe organ repairs will cost about \$300 instead of \$150. Charles Brummer is at Great Lakes. 18 May 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Max. Declared 4-F. Beryl and Luch are in New York. 19 May 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Flora Arnold. The Assembly at Mt. Gretna is from June 23-30. Not sure how much longer Lloyd will be around and is worried he will be called to service. 20 May 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom. She hopes that when he leaves Ft. Riley in three months he will be closer to home instead of farther away. 20 May 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Dora wondering why more women can't join up and hasten us to path of victory. 20 May 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Betty Grueling. Heard that Walter is in the hospital but is fine. She doesn't know what is going on. 21 May 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Anna Fry. Her victory garden is doing well. Talks about factory. 21 May 1943.

Insert 13 Letter from Gladys O'Neal. Her walking is improving now that she can get outside. There is a ban on pleasure driving. 21 May 1943.

Box 2, Folder 16 May 23-29, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Jean Torbert. Almost time for exams. Got their yearbooks and she is sending George a copy. Heard they are planning to open a USO in the Episcopal Church. The Girl Reserve Dance is at school on Friday. 23 May 1943.



Insert 2 Letter from Mack. Hopes the foot is better soon so he can go out and clean up the “Japs.” Letter in envelope says 23 April 1943, but postmark and placement with letter suggests 23 May 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Issy. Exams are over and she’s home in Carlisle. Discusses a friend’s belief in strict Pacifism. Nancy has been “pinned” by Zoomie. Encourages George to attend USO events and meet a nice girl. 23 May 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom. Hopes to clean upstairs this week. Bought a coat. Ninety three more men from church in the service. 23 May 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Uncle George saying “hi.” 23 May 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Bob Kraft. The plant is slow right now. They have orders to fill, but nothing to ship. Jim Gambler is stationed at Brooklyn, New York. 24 May 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Gloria talking about girls near the base. 24 May 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Jeanne Biemsderfer. Had graduation ceremonies today. 25 May 1943.

Insert 9 Postcard from Jeannette Potter with two “moron” jokes. 26 May 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Abram Eisenberger. Been promoted to T/5 (Corporal Technician) and doesn’t have KP anymore. 26 May 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Nancy. Bob is at Camp Davis in North Carolina. Went to Harrisburg last Saturday and had fun. 26 May 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Issy talking about her brother and school politics. 26 May 1943.

Insert 13 Letter from Janet. Got a job at Hamilton for the summer and plans to go into nursing this fall. 28 May 1943.

Insert 14 Letter from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom. Talks about the cousins in Oklahoma George was able to visit and spring cleaning. 29 May 1943.

Box 2, Folder 17 May 30-31, 1943

Insert 1 Get well card from Carroll McKnight. 30 May 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Mary. She is home on her father’s farm, doing well. It’s hard to get potatoes around there. 30 May 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Pvt. Clair L. Ehrlager. He likes the Army but would rather be back in Columbia. Talks about army life and school. 30 May 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Kitch thanking George for the compact he sent. Reminds him that war can’t last forever. Talks about graduation and yearbook. 30 May 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from the Staabs. They had a small parade for Memorial Day. Bob is in North Africa. Bernice was not well. Joe is painting the house. 30 May 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Mercedes Flynn thanking him for the graduation present, a pin. Talks about Millersville, play night, class officers. Has a summer job at J.C. Penney’s while looking for a teaching job. 30 May 1943.



Insert 7 Letter from Dorothy Mae Kelley. Received George's cards and plans to send him a few extras that she got from Luther. She and some friends went to Lancaster to see *Crash Dive*. The circus was in Columbia last week. 30 May 1943.

Inset 8 Letter from Cpl. Paul Broome reminiscing about the good old days in Columbia and programs on the radio. Hopes to get leave in time to go to the Camp Meeting at Mt. Gretna. Sprained his ankle while playing ball. Reminds George they were planning a trip to England and if he doesn't get there during the war, he plans to go after. 30 May 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from R. W. "Giff" Rill. Asks how George likes being a cook. Talks about school. 30 May 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Uncle John and Aunt Ethel Caley talking about life in Columbia and the family. 30 May 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Mrs. Joseph (Biddy) Lockard. Dick is making parts for airplanes and expects to be back in the service in July. Talks about the weather. 31 May 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from "Bartch" thanking George for the compact. Pat and Rachel were married. Talks about commencement and graduation parties. Is hoping to get a position in the Columbia School District. 31 May 1943.

Box 2, Folder 18 June 1-13, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Uncle Tom and Aunt Emma Caley. Weather at home (Columbia) is cold and rainy. Cut down some trees because they died. 1 June 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Aunt Alice. Family is well. Likes the photograph he sent. Asks about his injured foot. 1 June 1943.

Insert 3 Postcard from Salome Church UBC. 1 June 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Issy. Nancy got pinned. Her boyfriend is preaching in the Midwest. Talks about the poem George wrote. 2 June 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Aunt Lill Knipe. It's quiet at home with everyone interesting off with the Army or Navy. The gang can't meet as often, Lloyd and Mary can't get gas. There was a parade on Memorial Day but the crowd was slim. Eleanor's school in Arlington finishes on June 11. Because gas is scarce, milk is delivered every other day. 5 June 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Uncle Tom and Aunt Emma Caley. Potatoes are scarce. Not sure if she will get to go to Columbia High School's graduation because they are handing out tickets. She likes to listen to the speakers. 1943 class has 156 graduates. At graduation any boy in the service and not present will have his parents receive his diploma and they will turn on an electric "V" for Victory. 7 June 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Max. Jim Gambler is in the Coast Guard. The factory got a plaque listing the names of men in the service. The carnival is back again this year. 9 June 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Hattie Richardson. The Mt. Gretna Assembly is cancelled because of gas shortages. 10 June 1943.



Insert 9 Letter from Gladys Jean O'Neal thanking George for the cards. Asks about his KP duties. Saw *Star Spangled Rhythm* and liked it, although it was not what she expected. 10 June 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Flora Arnold. The Assembly was cancelled because of the food shortage and gas ban. Abe Eisenberger was in town. Donald Metzger shipped to Sampson, New York. 11 June 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Aunt Emma Caley enclosing two newspaper clippings and a church bulletin. Betty Long got married. 11 June 1943.

Insert 12 Father's Day card from Betty. (no personal message). 12 June 1943.

Insert 13 Letter from Uncle George Caley talking about work. 12 June 1943.

Insert 14 Letter from Cousin Jean Forbert. Graduated from high school and got the nursing school scholarship from the Moose Lodge. Her boyfriend (Don Metzger) left for the Navy last week. 13 June 1943.

Box 2, Folder 19 June 14-23, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Mrs. Anna S. Frey. Suggests that George bake a sour pie and send it to Hitler to make the war end sooner. Mr. Becker put up an honor roll of service men. 14 June 1943.

Insert 2 Postcard from camp from Issy. 14 June 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Life Magazine thanking George for writing a letter about a story about Lancaster County printed May 24th. 15 June 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Gloria. Brother home on leave. 15 June 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from John C. Caley. Helen's husband, Bud, leaves for the Navy this Saturday. Enclosed George's cancelled checks and bank statement. 16 June 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Mrs. Marguarette Jackson. Children's Day was last Sunday at church. Time to pick cherries. The boys like to take them before they are ripe. Wanted to know if George experienced the potato shortages like Pennsylvania did. 16 June 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Uncle Jim Knipe. Talks about OPA and gas shortage. Kate has a summer job at the Hamilton Watch Co. 16 June 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Betty wondering if Walter is still at Ft. Riley with George as she has not heard from him in two weeks. 16 June 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Dick. Has been officially declared 4-F. Hopes to go back to college in September. The buses are so crowded now that girls need to sit on boy's laps. 17 June 1943.

Insert 10 Letter and church bulletin from Uncle Tom and Aunt Emma Caley. Has six dozen eggs stored in water glass for winter and plans to make sauerkraut, can tomatoes and make jelly. 18 June 1943.

Insert 11 Postcard from Salome UBC. The church has ninety one members in service. 18 June 1943.

Insert 12 Card from the Staab Family. The family is well and hope George is too. The groceries have no good presents—no cookies or candy. 18 June 1943.



Insert 13 Letter from Mrs. Biddy Lockard. Talks about Dick leaving the service and going back to school. Jokes that George will cook like a great wife when he marries "Rosie the Riveter." 20 June 1943.

Insert 14 Letter from Pvt. Gordon Groome. Been in Mississippi since February. Finished basic training but they are still working hard. 22 June 1943.

Insert 15 Letter from Issy at camp. 23 June 1943.

Insert 16 Letter from Doris McManus thanking George for the gift of a compact and regarding graduation, where she and their friends are working, and asking if he has seen any movie stars. 15 June 1943.

Box 2, Folder 20 June 24-30, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Gladys Jean O'Neal. They are re-papering the upstairs. She is doing better with her walking and hopes to lose the crutches some day. 24 June 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from "Giff." Stationed on the West Coast. 24 June 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Betty thanking George for telling her Walter is still at Ft. Riley. 24 June 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Janet. Talks about marriages, engagements and George's poetry. Two air raid drills this week. 24 June 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Uncle Tom and Aunt Emma Caley. Uncle Tom is at St. Joseph Hospital in Lancaster with gall stones. She is staying with Aunt Alice until Uncle Tom is better. 25 June 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Max. Time for inventory at the factory. 25 June 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Gertrude M. Lefever. Stella Groom received a photograph from "Red" in his uniform. Clarence Knighton is in Florida. Harry Kauffman is in Iowa. Charles McCarty sent a woman's outfit home from New Guinea. It is on display at the J. C. Penney store. 27 June 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Jean Torbet. Nancy Roye is working at Watt & Shand. Talks about engagements. Wants to become a Navy nurse. 28 June 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Paul Broome. Talks about his training program. 28 June 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Esther Lenhardt. Her housekeeper left. Talks about her cherry crop and who moved to where. 29 June 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Bob Renner. Sunday School picnic will be on July 21. 29 June 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from OS Staabs. Bob is in Africa. Laura and Bernice still work nights and roll bandages at the Red Cross. Joe is still painting the house. 29 June 1943.

Insert 13 From Columbia Mennonite Mission. A collection of spiritual pamphlets. 30 June 1943.



Box 2, Folder 21 July 1-5, 1943

Insert 1 Wedding announcement, sender unknown. Eleanor Martha Nolte wed Lt. Bernard St. Clair Logan. 1 July 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Cpl. Abram Eisenberger. Just got back from furlough and has a lot of mail to answer. Went back to Columbia on furlough. Visited friends and went on dates. 1 July 1943.

Insert 3 Letter and church news letter from Dora. Can't wait to have George come back and cook for her. The organ is repaired. The Luncheoneers are getting together Saturday nights. 1 July 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from James Knipe. Answers George's questions about tracing family histories. 1 July 1943.

Insert 5 Postcard from Salome UBC Church. Have ninety one men and women in the service. Looking forward to having all of them return to Sunday School. 2 July 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Pvt. J. Strawbridge. Has been in the army four months. Got his driver's license. Asks about furloughs. A fellow soldier died when the machine gun he was cleaning discharged and hit him. 2 July 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Gloria. Her brother is at Camp Hood in Texas. She starts her vacation next week. 3 July 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Aunt Emma with inserted letter from Thelma. Uncle Tom is still in the hospital. 3 July 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Issy. Her brother finishes Quartermaster school next week. Reminisces about camp. 3 July 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Nancy. She is working at Hamilton Watch Company and slots and polishes the tiny screws. 4 July 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Lorna. The buses in Lancaster are so crowded "you couldn't fall even if you passed out." Play night has been completely cancelled. 4 July 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Aunt Mary. Glad to hear from him. Will pass his questions onto her sister in Harrisburg. 4 July 1943.

Insert 13 Letter from Thelma. Thanks him for the graduation gift. After graduation went with Gwen to Ohio and got to spend time with Kline. Currently works as an assistant to a chemical engineer at RCA. Talks about weddings and engagements. 4 July 1943.

Insert 14 Letter from El. Went to the circus last Wednesday and thinks she caught a cold. Talks about her garden and his aunt and uncle. 4 July 1943.

Insert 15 Letter from Issy. Talks about George's interest in a girl named Nancy. Harriet announced her engagement last Monday. Last Thursday her fiance was listed as missing after a training accident. 5 July 1943.

Box 2, Folder 22 July 6-11, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Uncle John Caley. Enclosed a receipt for a refund from Millersville. John is not interested in family trees. Uncle Tom underwent surgery and is looking better. 6 July 1943.



Insert 2 Letter from Dick. Talks about his feelings for Gwen. Will be the health and safety director at a boy scout camp in Perry County. 6 July 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Mrs. Staab. Talks about how the family spent July 4th, the uncommonly cold weather, and the movies. Her girls are working day shift and don't like it. She is sending him a package. 6 July 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from "Tess" (L. H. Tessier). Sick and writing from the hospital. Asks George to mail him his toothbrush, razor, money and requests that George write him a short letter. 6 July 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Max. He mailed George's aunt's address out and is sorry about George's uncle's sickness. 7 July 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Bartch about becoming a teacher on Manor Street. She fell while picking cherries. Talks about the weather, gossip and weddings. 8 July 1943.

Insert 7 Envelope from George Caley to Mrs. Janet Hougendoubler. No letter but envelope states address cannot be found. 9 July 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Caley. Uncle Tom is recovering but will need another surgery to remove a rectal growth. Talks about family news and weather. 10 July 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Dorothy regarding people coming home, movies and July 4th. 11 July 1943.

Box 2, Folder 23 July 12-15, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Doris Greenleaf. Response regarding George's accident and starting college at Wilson. Mountville is boring and the YWCA is creating a hang out for young people. 12 July 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Aunt Jill. Talks about weather, town being quiet, a fire on 2nd and Perry Streets, Uncle Tom's recovery and Eleanor Nollis' hasty marriage. 12 July 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Uncle Tom. Gives a list of genealogists with headquarters in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Elmer E. Curry, Mrs. Natalie Richmond Feinald and Mrs. Catherine G. Gottschalk. 12 July 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Bob Kraft. News about the plant, various servicemen and Max's new home. 12 July 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Gladys O'Neal. Talks about the weather, July 4th, movies, and George's cooking and baking. 12 July 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Mrs. Staab. Condolences regarding Uncle Tom's illness. She has sent him a package. Talks about the weather. Extra sheet enclosed with a story about purchasing Coke, signed by Mrs. J. A. 12 July 1943.

Insert 7 Postcard from Jeannette Potter. She is in southern Illinois with a youth caravan on a Presbyterian project. Will be a school teacher afterward. 12 July 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Betty (Mrs. Walter W. Gnilyk). Walter wants her out there with him. Walter might be shipped out. She doesn't want Walter to know she writes to George. 12 July 1943.



Insert 9 Letter from Jack who is at a Lutheran church camp. Plans to get an apartment in Gettysburg and propose to Mary. Talks about his views on war and religion. 13 July 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from "Giff" from Camp Davis, North Carolina. Talks about how hard the military is, weather and lack of girls. Says George should be choosy about when he gets a vacation. 14 July 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Biddy. Talks about the weather. Dick is the health and safety director at Scout Camp. Her father was sworn into the armed forces at age 74. Jimmy Quinn died. There was a fire on 2nd Street and the church was struck by lightning. 14 July 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Hettie Richardson. Talks about family news and church struck by lightning. 15 July 1943.



Box 3

Box 3, Folder 24 July 17-31, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Aunt Nemie. News about Uncle Tom family, weather and church struck by lightning. Also enclosed a letter from Thelma talking about the weather and sentiments. 17 July 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Issy. Visited Millersville. Change in staff. Saw Nancy and she is not wearing Zoomie's fraternity pin anymore. Jack and Mary want to get married. 17 July 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Flora (teacher). News about classmates in the service, convention was cancelled and how the convention money was used. 19 July 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Abe. Back in the army after furlough. Is crazy about Betty Richards. Why is George having trouble getting a furlough? Postmarked 19 July 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Janet. Talks about finding the right girl. Pickel is dating a 28 year old first lieutenant. Janet reports to the hospital for classes September 27th and will be joining the Army in 1945 or 1946. Jimmy was transferred to Louisiana. Janet's brother is getting married and her job is going well. 21 July 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Anna. Was sick for two weeks. Edris' wife is moving in with them while her husband is away. News about the factory and the weather. 21 July 1943.

Insert 7 Postcard from John L. Beryn, Director of Christian Education with religious advice to follow. 22 July 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Doris. Her father Ken's, address. News about Ken's camp, location, training and her planning to visit a "certain soldier" in Texas. 22 July 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Aunt Nemie. Uncle Tom had the operation to remove his rectal growth and is doing well. News about the family and the boys who came home. 24 July 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Emily H. Snyder. Discusses literary work, English and Millersville University, which has a new president, Mr. D. Luke Biemesderfer. Mr. McComsey's nephew made a speech regarding planes and Australian and Japanese food and customs. He was part of 200 combat flights in the Pacific. John Kammerer was married and other class news. 25 July 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Biddy. Brief note thanking George for the autographs and news about Dick coming home from camp for a day. 28 July 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from the Staab family. News about Uncle Tom. Aunt Em is staying with Aunt Alice. The girls are still working day shift. 29 July 1943.

Insert 13 Letter from the National Geographic Society. States that the War Production Board is regulating the use of magazine paper by all publishers, therefore, less magazines will be printed at a time. Asks for renewal dues early for guaranteed magazines. Postmarked 30 July 1943.



Insert 14 Letter from E. Lenhardt. News about Mr. Biemesderfer becoming the new president at Millersville and news about various classmates. Postmarked 31 July 1943.

Box 3, Folder 25 August 1-9, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Pvt. Gordon "Buck" Groome. Was on furlough for eleven days. Saw George's Aunt Em and heard Uncle Tom was doing well. The town is dead without boys around. It was hard to leave his lady friend behind. Red is in ammunition training in Florida. 1 August 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Grandmom Sadie. News about Uncle Tom, weather and town news about marriages and deaths. The Sunday School picnic was held at Twin Oaks. Bad hail storm. 1 August 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Clair (Pvt. Male). Put in for a furlough, hoping to get one by September or October. Hated the infiltration course. Tells George to write Jim. Laughs at his own "corny" sense of humor. Has no young men's Christian Service where he is located. 2 August 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Gloria. Glad to hear things or going well with George and Nancy and curious as to where and when George would be shipped out. 1 August 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Aunt Nemie. Thanks George for \$10. Relates news about Uncle Tom, money troubles with the house, family news and church repairs. Please write Uncle Tom and congratulations on graduating as first cook. 3 August 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Issy. Talks about George's manuscript, tells him not to jump to conclusions about Nancy, congratulates him for being president of the Service Man's Christian League. Her brother was shipped to California. 3 August 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Betty. Asks about her husband, Walter, because he doesn't write and talks about the weather. 4 August 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Uncle Jim telling George about a soldier in Louisiana who died in the infiltration course from a snake bite. 5 August 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Betty. Has not heard from Walter in three weeks and is worried sick. Has written his commanding officer for news. 6 August 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Max. Jokes about George and the horse, sympathies regarding Uncle Tom's surgeries and makes fun of stupid people. 6 August 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from H. S. Jackson. Jokes about infiltration camp and the flies. News about church choir and services. 6 August 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Gladys. Talks about infiltration camp, family and girlfriends, weather and books. Asks George to get her a hankie from Fort Riley for her collection. 7 August 1943.

Insert 13 Letter from Dick. He is getting to know Nancy to get information for George. He is in a predicament with two lovely ladies, is working as Health and Safety Director, was glad to hear George's WAC date wasn't a prostitute and comments on his own womanizing. 9 August 1943.



Box 3, Folder 26 August 12-19, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Giff. Only has six more weeks at Camp Davis. Talks about how tough the army is, sending each other photographs, the status of classmates and George dating a WAC. 12 August 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Jeannette. Congratulates George for becoming a first cook, tells George to be careful of WACs, and talks about Kansas and the status of classmates. 13 August 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Annie. Talks about the weather and factory news. Earl got a week off and he and his wife visited. More skepticism of the WAC George is seeing. Len Diana hates being in Texas. 13 August 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Catherine B. Slotz. She hasn't been well but is not concerned. Questions George about army life. Virginia is busy doing nothing worth while for the cause and Virginia's mother rented out her house and went to Rochester. Postmarked 14 August 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Aunt Nemie. News about Uncle Tom. He needs a third operation. About 300 boys from Franklin and Marshall left for camp. News about family members. Teases George about his job, baking and washing dogs. 14 August 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Uncle George apologizing for not writing but has been busy going to the hospital and helping Aunt Emma. He is going to give Aunt Emma money to pay hospital bills but swears George to secrecy. 15 August 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Abe. Still doing the same work. Very curious about George's WAC and reminds George that Columbia girls are the best. Met a companion himself and describes her. Still misses Betty the most. Betty sent him a picture and tells George not to get married too soon. Teases George about his cooking. 17 August 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from John C. Caley. News about Uncle Tom's 3rd operation. Doctor says there is a 9 in 10 chance he will recover. Helen went to Williamsburg, Virginia to see her husband and Betty went to Louisville, Kentucky for nursing. 18 August 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Nancy. Jack and Mary got their marriage license. She is not going back to school but is going to continue working. 18 August 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Issy thanking George for the pillowcase and hankie he sent her. She has had a bad cold since the beginning of August. Has been reading plays and working in the Dickinson College library. Talks about Ann Wolf's wedding and asks if he has heard from Nancy. 19 August 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Dorrie (Doris). Apologizes that Ken has been too busy to write and send her sympathies for Nancy not returning George's feelings. She and Ken are considering getting married the next time he comes home. 19 August 1943.

Box 3, Folder 27 August 20-26, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Aunt Emma. Uncle Tom needed a second transfusion. Uncle John and Uncle George helped to pay for the first one. She has visited



nearly everyday for the past nine weeks and gets Uncle Tom ice cream whenever he can eat. 20 August 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Mrs. J. (Biddy) Lockard. The boys' dormitory at Millersville will house 150 women working at the Armstrong Munitions Dept. in Lancaster. Pat Bard, who rode the ice truck in town, was in the fighting in Italy. 21 August 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Pvt. Lawrence A. Daniels writing to say "hi." His unit keeps moving and has moved four times since Sunday. 24 August 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Grandma Sadie. She is at Aunt Bessie's at Asbury Park for a rest. Ran into Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary of Columbia who asked about him. 24 August 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Hettie Richardson. A group went to the camp in Landisville for ten days. She still gets together with the Luncheoners and they get together to quilt on Wednesdays. Wayne Arnold was home for a visit and Donald Michael was sent to school in Harrisburg. 24 August 1943.

Insert 6 Greeting card from Mrs. J. A. Staab. 25 August 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Gladys O'Neal. Received the handkerchief George sent her. Glad that he was stationed at Ft. Riley after training and he should be used to the place by now. Working on canning for the year, listening to baseball games, catching up on reading. Betty Lutz is a Navy nurse now and rumor has it the ban on pleasure driving will be lifted September 1. 25 August 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Pvt. Clair Elslager. Received George's letter, is going on furlough and will be home by September 4. 26 August 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Mrs. Betty Greeley (Mrs. Walter Greeley). Walter is now in Troop B, 29th Car. He has been in the guard house. She had to write to the troop Captain to get her husband to write to her. He is supposed to write once a week now.

Insert 10 Letter from Gloria. Thinks it is great he is stationed in Kansas and now he has a good chance to get a furlough. She has been going out with service men, has been working on the morphine syrettes and got a raise. 26 August 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Doris Greenleaf. She is working at Armstrong in the camouflage department and getting ready for school. 26 August 1943.

Box 3, Folder 28 August 27-31, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Dick. One hundred and fifty female war workers moved into the boys' dorm at Millersville and the twelve boys boarding there will move to the first floor of the girls' dorm. He registered for classes Tuesday and has seven straight classes on Thursday. Current student body ratio 300 girls:20 boys. He took George's earlier advice and dated both girls but one lives in Harrisburg and is too far away with so many at school. 27 August 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Aunt Arabella. She and Dorothy are with Gramma Caley. 27 August 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Max. Wonders where all the Columbia boys are stationed. The Standard Social Society had a party. 27 August 1943.



Insert 4 Letter from Cousin Cadet Paul Broome. He is attending OCS and expects to be commissioned October 27th. Has been seeing Caroline Borden of Richmond. Is writing the letter while on guard duty at a power plant. 27 August 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Anna Frey. Carl's wife's name is Gay. Everything is the same at the factory. Guy Mummau was buried before Carl got home on leave. 28 August 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Flora. She is making a scrapbook of all friends and family in the service and would like a photograph of George for the project. The Mt. Gretna group meets only once a month now. She canned tomatoes and corn. 29 August 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Aunt Emma. The doctors say Uncle Tom is coming along fine. She thinks George has about \$100 in his account and got the things he sent home just fine. Uncle Bill is not too good. He had been going to Grandma's for one hot meal daily, but she is at a revival in Wild Wood for three weeks. 30 August 1943.

Insert 8 Greeting card from the Staab family. 31 August 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Dorothy. Lou Lutz enlisted in the WAVES and left last week. Jean Dawn wed Charlie Rineer. She went to Pittsburgh for two weeks and leaves for Atlantic City this Friday. 31 August 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Mary, Lorna, Ozette, Alldice, and "Lil Red." Just returned from Atlantic City (the girls alternate writing the letter). Adelaide Null is engaged and Bill Allabach was married. 31 August 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Issy. Nancy has not responded to George's letter and the poem he wrote her. She doesn't know if she even likes Nancy anymore. She is glad George is dating. She is having trouble dating. Talks about classes, works at the library until the 8th and her Sunday School class is having a rummage sale. 31 August 1943.

Box 3, Folder 29 September 1-9, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Aunt Mary. Has a 2nd Lieutenant and his wife at the house and just had her sister and niece there as well. She is sewing for the Red Cross every afternoon. September 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Uncle Jim. Disappointed George hasn't been reassigned and plans to try to do something about it. Driving ban has been lifted until after the election. Tells George to wait until he is closer to home to get a furlough so transportation won't be so expensive. 2 September 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Aunt Nemie. Will send George handkerchiefs, Uncle Tom is still in the hospital (it has been 3 weeks) and his recovery is slow. She will get George's watch and ring for him. 3 September 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Uncle George. He put the \$15.00 George got from Millersville in the bank and he now has \$90. A lot of family money is going towards Uncle Tom's surgeries and two blood transfusions. 4 September 1943.



Insert 5 Letter from Laurie. Thanks George for the string of pearls he sent for her graduation. She and Kitch are both at Hunter College in WAVES. Still in love with Hube and they plan to marry. 4 September 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Doris Staab. Recalls Labor Day the previous year. Bob is in Sicily. Spent the day at Hershey Park and the movies. Tells George not to worry about getting a rating. George's sister is back in Philadelphia. Included a poem at the end. 5 September 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Aunt Jill. Eleanor visited and they celebrated her 70th birthday on August 24. Bernard had a ten-day furlough and married Eleanor. They got a new apartment in New Bern. Talks about the weather, town news and Uncle Tom, who is healing slowly. 5 September 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Lou. Included three newspaper clippings of Columbia Water Follies. Lives in a six-room apartment with fourteen people and bunk beds. Cleans everyday, navy standards and asks George how army is going. 5 September 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Issy. Jack and Mary got their marriage license and she guesses they are already married because she heard so late. Her brother, a Marine, is home from California on a ten-day furlough. He is visiting a bunch of girls he has been writing since entering the service but isn't serious about any because he is 18. Sunday School class had a rummage sale and raised \$80.39. She goes back to school September 11 and she and George have agreed to write once a week. Explains that she will now sign her letters with "love." 7 September 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Abe. CHS plays Lancaster Catholic for the first football game of the season and he's sorry to miss it. Spent the weekend in St. Louis, saw a baseball game and a show and went dancing. Met some nice girls and is seeing a WAC named Edith from Miami, Florida. Will send George a postcard. 9 September 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Mrs. J. A. Staab. Hopes George received the card they sent from Hershey. The park was a mess because there aren't enough people to keep it clean. Bob says ice cream is \$.25 for a shot glass size in Italy compared to \$.10 a box in America. Bob is still in Italy. Hopes George found his wallet. Bernice started school and the girls are still working day shift. 9 September 1943.

Box 3, Folder 30 September 10-15, 1943

Insert 1 Sender unknown. Packet of color picture postcards from Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. 10 September 1943.

Insert 2 Greeting card from the Staabs and friends saying they miss him. 11 September 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Louise M. Lutz writing from the Naval Training School in Bronx, New York. Wanted to show George what kind of training she was getting, so letter is a booklet including photographs of the school. Bob and Leo are at C.H.S. this year. Got a letter from a classmate which made her homesick for



Millersville. Promises to send George a picture of herself in uniform if she gets one. 11 September 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Aunt Emma. Came home last week to house clean and get the stores ready for when Tom comes home. Glad George is happy where he is stationed. Talks about money concerns. 12 September 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Nancy. Has decided not to go back to Millersville. Wants to be a nurse and will try to go to St. Joseph Hospital's Nursing School. Talks about possibly joining the Army or Navy. 13 September 1943.

Insert 6 Letter and greeting card from Mrs. Carrie Peters. Mr. Peters had eye surgery in July and was in the hospital for 15 days. Visited Ruth for two weeks. She is almost done canning--making catsup and sauerkraut this fall. 13 September 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Esther Lenhardt. Classes began at Millersville. Talks about Jack's wedding this past summer. 14 September 1943.

Insert 8 Letter and pamphlet, "Triumph Over Death," from Uncle Harry and Aunt Clara. Got George's address from Aunt Emma. Talks about a train wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Philadelphia. 14 September 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Issy. Back at Millersville. Gossip about classmates. Offered a chance to work for and study at Dickinson College and then go directly to Columbia for a library degree but turned it down. 14 September 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Clara Jane Hendrickson. Liked the poem George wrote titled "Victory." 15 September 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Dick. Having fun at school, but wishes George were there too. Was recommended for Orientation Committee, so he might be dealing with the freshmen move. 15 September 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Biddy Lockard. Canning pears, tomatoes, relish and more. Promises to send George some candy once the butter situation improves. Has to use margarine in her cooking. 15 September 1943.

Insert 13 Letter from Gladys. Her walking is improving. Saw the movie *Presenting Lily Mars* on Labor Day weekend. Went to the carnival in town. 15 September 1943.

Box 3, Folder 31 September 18-23, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Betty. Thanks George for finding out about Walter who now writes her three times a week. Her brother has been in the army four years and is stationed in Hawaii and was there when Pearl Harbor was attacked. One of his ear drums was broken. He was moved to Australia and the army has started drafting men with wives and children. 18 September 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from "Buck." Hasn't written because he was on alert to go overseas but switched camps instead. Talks about women, dating, new camp and asks about Uncle Tom. 18 September 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from John Caley. Bud Bucher was transferred from Virginia to Rhode Island. Uncle Tom goes home Monday and won't work for a year. Included two bank charge slips. 18 September 1943.



Insert 4 Letter from Issy. Thanks George for the poems. John Fuller did not put George's picture in the display case like she asked him. The secretary of Student Council is writing John about it. Dick Keller told everyone George's WAC girl sure could kiss and tells George not to tell Dick much anymore.

Touchstones went up to \$2.50. She will send him *The Snapper*. She and Nancy are on good terms and Nancy had a date with a sailor from F&M. 19 September 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Giff. Graduates Thursday and will be moved to C. Stewart in Georgia. Wanted to be stationed in Massachusetts but was turned down. Getting ten days leave in Lancaster. 19 September 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Uncle Jim. Says George is "slipping" and hopes George gets his furlough so he can take the train. Mary K. leaves for college October 2 and Aunt Mary is still running the Army Shell Shop. Tells George to beware the WACs. 21 September 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Gloria. Is in love with an engaged sailor. When she started seeing him she was engaged, then didn't see him for a long time. They still write. Her brother is a paratrooper. 21 September 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Annie. Got stationery from a church. The girls say hello. Lee Moore is back in America and has bad nerves. Sent him a snapshot. 21 September 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Harriett. Many girls did not return to Millersville and she is transferring to a school in Ohio. Worked over the summer in the Camouflage Dept. of Armstrong. Her brother is in the Navy, stationed at Yale University. Her cousin, Charles, is living with her while waiting for the draft but probably won't pass because he has asthma and poor eyesight. Her cousin, James, was ordained as a Naval Chaplain. 22 September 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Doris, his sister. Uncle George Price is in the Marines. She is living with Aunt Muriel and helping with the children. She is proud of George, misses him. Uncle Lou is in Italy behind the guns. 23 September 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Max. Jack Markel is stationed in Texas. Girls are beautiful and "easy to make," Johnny Metzger is dating a nurse from Louisville, Kentucky. Was falling asleep while writing so parts don't make sense. 23 September 1943.

Box 3, Folder 32 September 24-30, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from mother and dad. She is not working due to a nervous stomach and nervous eyes. Dad is working under the U.S. Defense on 26th and Reed Street making tents for the army. Doris is working for Aunt Muriel, watching two kids, while Muriel is working at the diner. Granddad Price is not well and out of his mind. Brother Gene will die at any time. Aunt Gladys is extremely sick with her third case of pneumonia and almost died in July from a burst appendix. Bob is still working for the government. Josephine goes to school and loves history and geography and is proud of George for graduating as first cook. Wants to know what George wants for Christmas. Uncle Lou was in North Africa, moved to Sicily and is now invading northern Italy to fight the Nazis. 24 September 1943.



Insert 2 Letter from Aunt Nemie. Uncle Tom came home on Monday the 20th but still requires a lot of care. Tells George to send her money for coal, but not tell anyone. Has not received the hospital bill yet. Sent newspaper clippings for the opening of Millersville. 24 September 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Dick. He is going to the Columbia vs. McCaskey game with Gwen. Was elected president of the Sophomore Class, nominated by N.A.C. election in Men's Day Student Room too. John Hinkle was nominated for president. Is on the Orientation Committee, Social Committee, the Play Committee and Student Council. He's glad George's WAC can kiss. Virginia Bartch and Charlie Mowrey are engaged. 25 September 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Uncle George. Got George's bond from Miss Lyle. Told George not to send money for coal as he got some and is helping Aunt Emma. Tells George not to tell he is also paying bills with Uncle John. 26 September 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Issy. She just turned 21 on the 22nd and thanks George for the book, *The Liberty Memorial* that he sent her. She enjoys teaching but is upset that her kids did poorly on an easy test. Tells George to ask Nancy for a date, not just tell her he's taking her out. She ordered and paid for his *Touchstone*. Talks about activities at Millersville. 26 September 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from the Staabs. Have not heard from Bob in two weeks. He sent her four hand-embroidered doilies. Uncle Tom is up and about. Carnival was in town last week and a circus this week. Went to the McCaskey vs. Columbia game. Columbia lost 26-7 and has a losing record. 27 September 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Abe. Was moved into another office where he works on discharges, takes care of all Section III: bad habits and character traits. Misses Betty and Columbia football games. Comments on George seeing a different girl in every letter. Paul is almost done his course at camp. 29 September 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Doris. She started college on the 16th and her schoolwork isn't going well. Glad to hear that George is dating and thinks life is boring with no men. 30 September 1943.

Insert 9 One card: "The Secret" on one side, "Rules for Daily Life" on the other. Pamphlet: "Was Jesus Three Days and Three Nights in the Grave," by Edward Drew. Slip of paper: "What then?" John 3:16, Malachi 4:1. One tag: Pvt. George L. Caley 13094215 Dest. Lancaster City, PA. Slip of paper: Address for Pvt. Lena Blatton at Fort Riley, Kansas. No date.

Box 3, Folder 33 October 1-31, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Flora. Thanks George for the information he sent and she will try to find the book he described. She has had a cold. Every Thursday is Stamp and Board Day, they have made over \$1,000 each week. The football game was rained out. The organ is doing well. Asks George how serious he is about the WAC he is seeing. 1 October 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Jane. Her Marine was home last week. Thanks George for the poems. Weather has been very rainy. 1 October 1943.



Insert 3 Letter from John C. Caley. He is working through Red Cross to get Emma an allotment. Uncle Tom is doing well. 2 October 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Gladys. Went to town on Saturday as the ban is off pleasure driving. The weather is rainy and chilly. Bette Lutz is a Navy Nurse awaiting active duty. 2 October 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom. Uncle Tom is eating well and walks every day. Heard that George may be transferred and hopes it is another U.S. base and not overseas. Last Sunday was World Wide Communion (bulletin enclosed). Enclosed five newspaper clippings: "Nazi Prisoner wed by proxy at Camp Polk," "Rev. H.J. Behney returns to Salome," "Curfew in Effect," "Goes to Hunter College," and "Miss Klinefelter will enter WAVES." 4 October 1943.

Insert 6 Subscription renewal letter from *Life Magazine*. 9 October 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Anna Mae Weaver. Writing to cancel a date planned for Sunday while George is home and also sent a ring back to him. 16 October 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Margaret Gibson. Got her discharge papers October 9 and is back home in Philadelphia. Taking two weeks off before going back to her old job. 18 October 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom. Visited Jim at Smokers Drugstore about some photographs which are all finished and on their way to George. Columbia football team lost again. Had some good fresh river fish for dinner. 23 October 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Dorothy. Luther is coming home sometime before November 15. Mary Ellen likes Arkansas very much. 24 October 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Nancy M. Pickel. She hears from Bob every now and then. Wants to join the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. Janet is in training and working hard. Bettie Cooper says "hi." 27 October 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Mrs. J. (Biddy) Lockard. It has rained heavily four days this week. Dick went to get their No. 4 ration books. At school, people are calling him Clark Gable Keller. He is at the masked dance tonight and is going to the McCombs/Hable wedding tomorrow. Hopes to to the Penn vs. Navy game in Philadelphia next week. 29 October 1943.

Insert 13 Preprinted postcard from Salome UBC. 29 October 1943.

Insert 14 Letter from Mrs. Anna Frey. Had hoped to see George before he went back. Gay had a little girl, Amelia Ann (going by Ann). She hasn't worked for four weeks, but will go back tomorrow. 31 October 1943.

Insert 15 Letter from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom Caley. It rained all last week and she couldn't move around because her back hurt. Uncle John got her a Red Cross plaster to put on it and it's better. Dr. Pickle was in to see Uncle Tom but can't do much until he hears from Dr. Atlee. Went to Cherry Street school to sign for the No. 4 ration book. Was placed in the first classroom George attended at the school and ran into Miss Elexander, George's old teacher. She remembered him fondly. She got his ration papers, 96 points gets her two cans of peas, 4-1/2 lbs of lard, and 1 lb. of sugar. Hunting season for rabbits opens Saturday. She doesn't trust eating rabbit as two years ago people died from yellow fever-



infected meat. Enclosed newspaper articles, "Columbia High trips Patton by 19-7 Count" and "Thelma J. McCombs to wed Lt. Hable." 31 October 1943.

Insert 16 Letter from Jim Schlotthauer enclosing photographs (no longer with the letter). Label of Howard G. Smoker, Five Points Drug Store, Columbia. 21 October 1943.

Box 3, Folder 34 November 1-5, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Mrs. Betty Greeley. There were troop trains going from Taunton to Boston. She could see them from her house and it was a sad thing to see. Her husband is still at Ft. Riley and has become very mean. She is through worrying about him and is going out more with her sisters. 1 November 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Gloria. Gloria's parents are on vacation for two weeks. She had to work through and stayed home. 1 November 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from George "Red" Groome. His unit is waiting for a boat to ship them out. Have been on maneuvers periodically. Went home last weekend, was a half-hour late getting back and was restricted for seven days. 4 November 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Dora (member of the Luncheoneer Society). Promises to send pictures from George's visit as soon as they finish the roll of film. The Sunday School class had a Halloween party. 4 November 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Uncle Goerge. Uncle Tom seems to be pretty good. Talks about work. 6 November 1943.

Insert 6 From Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom Caley. No letter, only an empty envelope. 8 November 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Mrs. Staab. Received a v-mail from her son, Bob, and he's doing well. She sent Bob a box on July 6 and he received it on Oct. 19. She put stuff in his Christmas box that should keep better in case something like this happens again. Bernice has a side-ache and hopes it's not her appendix. Laura, Joe, Josie and Doris are working. 8 November 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Sara. It is a rainy evening and the sound of the rain on the tin roof is an inspiration for evening activities. Yesterday she went for a hike with Verna Hill. She really loves being a teacher. 9 November 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Gladys. She has been learning how to stand without her crutches and hopes to walk without them soon. Went to a Halloween party on October 30 and 31. Went to a Square Dance and had fun. Last movie she saw was *Hello, Frisco, Hello*. 10 November 1943.

insert 10 Letter from Hettie Richardson. The luncheoneers had a sauerkraut supper in honor of George's grandmother's birthday. The Missionary Society has prayers daily for world peace. 11 November 1943.

Insert 11 Wedding announcement for Mercedes Flynn to Lt. John Mahoney, to be held Tuesday, 14 September 1943. 12 November 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Dorothy. Thinks she saw Paul Broome in town today but not sure. George Gramm is home this week. Luther's furlough was cancelled and is not sure where he is right now. Saw the movie *Behind the Rising Sun*. Became an assistant Girl Scout leader but not sure she will like it. Janet Yentzer



married Lee Hollingsworth. Nancy Gufin has a little girl. Mary Ellen came home because her husband, Raymond, was transferred and she couldn't go with him. 14 November 1943.

Insert 13 Letter from Bob Bauman. The Latin Quarter Club Program mailed card. Bob is leaving New York tomorrow. Got tickets to "about everything." 15 November 1943.

Box 3, Folder 35 November 16-30, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom. Uncle Tom is good some days and bad others. Grandma Arabella visited for Sunday supper. 16 November 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Pvt. H. E. Burris. Is in a new camp (Camp Maxey, Texas) and doing fine. 16 November 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Pvt. Otis E. Butler. Still at Ft. Riley. Not sure if they'll get shipped or not. 17 November 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Aunt Lill. Eleanor hopes to come up and visit before Christmas if they can get the gas. 18 November 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from Bartch. Her students are hellions and she is ready to find a new job. Describes Tim's wedding. Bob Dively was in the Pacific Theater and now is at Valley Forge Hospital. Had an operation (not sure for what). Lists recent weddings. Lists new births. Saw movie *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. 19 November 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Jessie M. Cleland. Was glad he could come home and nice to hear how much he appreciates Columbia. Interesting programs coming up at school: Strickland Gillilan, poet and lecturer; Jack Rank, Shakespearean actor performing *MacBeth*; Arnold Young lecture titled, "English As She is Spoke." Lou Lutz and Hubert Peters to marry at Christmas. Miss Herr, Home Economics teacher, married Rev. George Harting. Hopes to see him home next Thanksgiving. 20 November 1943.

Insert 7 Letter from Cpl. Abram Eisenberger. Still at Fort Leonard Wood passing time going to shows and dances. This is his second Thanksgiving in the service and is now in over a year. Dating several WACs but nothing serious. Wishes George a Happy Thanksgiving. 22 November 1943.

Insert 8 List from Standard Garment Company with addresses of boys in service. 23 November 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from James L. Knipe (Uncle Jim) wishing George a Merry Christmas and be sure to stay warm. 24 November 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Doris. Busy at school with mid-term exams. Last week went home with a roommate to Radnor. Saw several good hockey games, went shopping in Philadelphia. 24 November 1943.

Insert 11 Postcard of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. No message. 24 November 1943.

Letter from Cpl. Paul Broome. Was at OCS and three days before graduation was dismissed from school. Now working in an orderly room as Company Clerk which he doesn't like much. Will soon be shipped out. Has been attending First



Baptist Church, postcard included. Remembers good times with George. 24 November 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Jackson. Aunt Emma has not been to church in several weeks. Charley Moore injured and big toe of right foot cut off. Choir gave musical program Sunday. 25 November 1943.

Insert 13 Christmas card from Betty. 29 November 1943.

Insert 14 Letter from Max. Bob Kraft examined and expects to go to Harrisburg December 9. Jake Marley is home. Was awarded a Purple Heart. Has been in fifteen battles, four were major. Fifty-two of his crew were lost in the torpedoing. Gerry Musser is depressed. Her husband is with the 2nd Marines which is expecting to give out a high casualty rate from the Gilbert Island Campaign. 29 November 1943.

Insert 15 Letter from Nancy M. Pickel. Has been having fun going to Harrisburg. Mahoney and Mert gave everyone a surprise. Will send Bob's new address when she gets it. Bob and Beatrice Schmidt are engaged. Will marry December 1. She has met a school teacher from South Dakota, a 2nd Lt. She is considering going into training at Jefferson or the University of Pennsylvania. 30 November 1943.

Insert 16 Letter from Ruth Bomberger. Mr. Beckmeyer told people to write to George. Was in Speech Choir with George last year. Speech Choir is working on their pageant. Two weeks ago the Red Cross Blood Donor Service was on campus. The day students are not invited to the Christmas dinner this year. Are inviting the Naval Cadets from F&M. There will not be a dance either, but a play instead. Mr. Beckmeyer's Physical Science class is going to have a doggie roast at his house tomorrow. On Friday they are using the telescopes at F&M observatory. 30 November 1943.



Box 4

Box 4, Folder 36 December 1-7, 1943

Insert 1 Christmas card from Hettie Richardson and family. 1 December 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Dora. Enclosed two pictures of George and asks about Thanksgiving. 2 December 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Betty. Had a nice Thanksgiving but everyone had to work so it felt just like another day. No snow yet, but it has been cold. 3 December 1943.

Insert 4 Letter from Mrs. Annie Frey. Has not heard from Carl for two weeks. Her granddaughter is sleeping through the night. She hurt her back and hasn't worked for two weeks. News from the radio reported they want the war with Germany over by Christmas. 3 December 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from George "Red" H. Groome. Dick is in Tennessee for six weeks on maneuvers. Red married the girl he has been dating from Lititz. Just finished a course in firing an anti-aircraft gun and will be boarding a ship soon. Thinks George should help Aunt Caley bake Fasnachts after the war. 4 December 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Jennie. Bawled out George for being melancholy over Nancy. Said Bob is asking for a furlough. He and several friends had a dinner prepared for Thanksgiving at a restaurant. New Year's Eve was very quiet with no bells and whistles. 4 December 1943 [January 1944].

Second letter included from Mrs. Staab. Tells George how nice it was to have him stay with them on his furlough. His Aunt Em is doing better and he must cheer up. 4 December 1943 [January 1944].

Insert 7 Letter from Kathleen Altwegg. Last Wednesday was the Homecoming dance and today is the day after the formal pledge party. She is going to Arkansas for the Christmas holiday. 5 December 1943.

Insert 8 Christmas card from Joe and Biddy Lockard. Letter said Dick did not like Tennessee. Also tried out for a part in the play, *Every Family Has One*. 5 December 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Gloria. Her brother, a paratrooper, is home for thirteen days. Heard rumors that Germany will "crack" soon. Had snow. 5 December 1943.

Insert 10 Letter from Lorna Jean (Alldice Eshleman). Thanks George for the poem. Has been listening to *Truth & Consequences* on the radio. Talks about observing teachers for a class and the school paper, *The Snapper*. Glued a newspaper clipping to the last page of the letter. Lt. Edison G. Engle graduated from Meteorology School at U. Cal. 6 December 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Mrs. J. O. Bob is in Italy and lost a friend in a bombing (Nace from OH). Mae Shertzer reports that Dick is in Italy. The girls worked Thanksgiving Day. 6 December 1943.

Insert 12 Letter from Pvt. Homer E. Burris. Is stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas and still cooking for the company. 6 December 1943.

Insert 13 Letter from Dora. The Luncheoneers, those that are well enough, are going to York today. 7 December 1943.



Insert 14 Christmas card with letter from George A. Frank. The Hable boy got married. The weather has been mild and he is happy not to have to burn so much coal. Another group of boys from Columbia go to Harrisburg this week for their exams to enter the military. 7 December 1943.

Insert 15 Christmas card from the Staabs. 7 December 1943.

Box 4, Folder 37 December 8-11, 1943

Insert 1 Christmas card from Dorothy and Martin Fidler. 8 December 1943.

Insert 2 Christmas card from Carrie and Bennett. 8 December 1943.

Insert 3 Note from Lorna (Alldice Eshleman). Enclosed some postcards for his collection. 9 December 1943.

Insert 4 Christmas card from Mary Jane and the Eisenberger family. 9 December 1943.

Insert 5 Letter from David R. Longenecker, Jr. Is working a desk job and hopes to move up to captain soon. 9 December 1943.

Insert 6 Letter from Melyer R. Porter. Sent the theatrical section of the *New York Herald* and George wrote that he would be in New York and might see an opera. Newspaper photo copied. 10 December 1943.

Insert 7 Christmas card from Laura. 10 December 1943.

Insert 8 Christmas card from Lillian Kurtz. 10 December 1943.

Insert 9 Christmas card from Nancy Pickel. 11 December 1943.

Insert 10 Christmas card from mother, dad, Doris and Josephine. 11 December 1943.

Insert 11 Letter from Dick. George's photo is up outside the Chapel at Millersville. Is having girl troubles at school, too many girls to handle. Edison Engle visited. He's a shavetail in from UCLA. 11 December 1943.

Insert 12 Christmas card from Gloria. 11 December 1943.

Insert 13 Christmas card and note from John C. Caley. Both Emma and Tom are in the Columbia Hospital. 11 December 1943.

Box 4, Folder 38 December 12-13, 1943

Insert 1 Letter from Pvt. Lena Bratton. They have snow at Ft. Riley and are wearing artics. Busy in the post office with all the Christmas mail. A former roommate, Juanita Byrd, was a Southern Baptist missionary in China. She was a POW in Japan for two years and finally came home. 12 December 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Dave. Went to a basketball match and rode the train for the first time in two years. There is a lull in the fighting in Russia because of the mud and rain. Heard from veterans of the Pacific Theater that the war with Japan could last another two to four years. Talks about the United Nations. 12 December 1943.

Insert 3 Letter from Pat. Will perform in a radio play. Will be home in Abilene, Kansas for four weeks. 12 December 1943.

Insert 4 Christmas card from Sara. 13 December 1943.

Insert 5 Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Arnold. 13 December 1943.



Insert 6 Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sheckard ,Sr. 13 December 1943.

Insert 7 Christmas card from Thera. 13 December 1943.

Insert 8 Letter from Sara Caley. If George comes home on Wednesday, come to Grandma Caley's as both Emma and Uncle Tom are in Columbia Hospital. They have been there for two weeks and wanted George to know no one is at home. 13 December 1943.

Insert 9 Christmas card and note from Jane Hubbell. Glad to hear from him. Christmas vacation begins in one week. 13 December 1943.

Insert 10 Christmas card from Pvt. Ralph Contreras. 13 December 1943.

Box 4, Folder 39 December 14-15, 1943

Insert 1 Christmas card from Lorna Jean Eshelman. 14 December 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Melvin thanking George for the picture. 14 December 1943.

Insert 3 Christmas card from the Arnold family. 14 December 1943.

Insert 4 Christmas card from David. 14 December 1943.

Insert 5 Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. George E. Weigel. 14 December 1943.

Insert 6 Christmas card from Aunt Mary. 14 December 1943.

Insert 7 Christmas card from Dora. 14 December 1943.

Insert 8 Christmas card from Melvin. 14 December 1943.

Insert 9 Letter from Doris. Apologizes for not writing. She is getting married to Ken on December 31st at 9:00am in St. James Church. They are going to New York City on their honeymoon. Bob Eshelman is going overseas soon. Ken will be going out into the field for two months and then will be shipped out. 15 December 1943.

Insert 10 Christmas card from Dorothy. 15 December 1943.

Insert 11 Christmas card and note from Kathleen Allwigg. Vacation starts soon. She has been decorating. 15 December 1943.

Insert 12 Christmas card and note from Issy Huston. Thanks George for the pictures. 15 December 1943.

Insert 13 Christmas card from Jack and Mary Lenhardt. 15 December 1943.

Insert 14 Christmas card from Edna Forrey. 15 December 1943.

Insert 15 Christmas card from Uncle Cris and Aunt Bessie. 15 December 1943.

Insert 16 Christmas card from Emiy H. Snyder. 15 December 1943.

Box 4, Folder 40 December 16-31, 1943

Insert 1 Christmas card with note from Marion Spencer thanking him for the pictures. 16 December 1943.

Insert 2 Letter from Gloria. Cannot buy tickets for a serviceman without the fellow being present. Gives George directions to her house. 16 December 1943.

Insert 3 Christmas card from Daniel. 16 December 1943.

Insert 4 Christmas card, no signature. 17 December 1943.



Insert 5 Christmas card with note from Emma. Going to mother's for Christmas. Glad he is seeing some of the USA. 17 December 1943.

Insert 6 Christmas card from Audree. 18 December 1943.

Insert 7 Christmas card from Gertrude M. Lefever. 18 December 1943.

Insert 8 Christmas card and note from Mary A. Herbert. Sorry they missed him when he was home. Everyone has a cold. 19 December 1943.

Insert 9 Christmas card from Doris. 20 December 1943.

Insert 10 Card with note wishing him a Merry Christmas from Bill and Helen Kemble. 20 December 1943.

Insert 11 Christmas card from Italy from G. Shertzer. 21 December 1943.

Insert 12 Christmas card from Mert and Bill Mahoney. 22 December 1943.

Insert 13 Christmas card from Sgt. Martha Layne. 22 December 1943.

Insert 14 List from Standard Garment Co. with addresses of boys in the service. 29 December 1943.

Insert 15 Letter from Pvt. Raymond "Red" Eastwood. Has been moved to MP Escort Service in Fort Custer, Michigan for seventeen weeks of basic training. Doesn't know if he will be going overseas. Would like a furlough. 31 December 1943.

Box 4, Folder 41 January 1-10, 1944

Insert 1 Christmas card from Emma, Earl and Daisy. 1 January 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from Audrie stating that she got his address from Homer and had a nice Christmas. Homer is at Fort [Ord] and hopes to get a furlough to be home around January 20. She thinks O'Shea is in North Carolina. She's working at the lunch counter and soda fountain at the PX at the army hospital outside Cambridge, Ohio. Most of the patients were wounded in combat and sent back to the state and she listens to their stories. Nancy Kelley visited the hospital and signed autographs. 1 January 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Betty stating that Walter came home the Wednesday before Christmas and was there until the night before New Year's. He had been kicked by a horse recently and his leg bothered him. 4 January 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Gladys who had a nice Christmas, receiving 106 cards. She went to a party at a friend's home for New Year's Eve. The river has been frozen for three weeks and the children are out skating. 4 January 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from Margaret who has been discharged from the army due to her gall bladder. Margaret had surgery to remove it and developed pleurisy. She's at home near Philadelphia recovering. 7 January 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from Uncle Jim Knipe who is enjoying seeing George on his furlough. Kate has returned to Dickinson College. 7 January 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Hettie Richardson who states that the Luncheoneers are having a chicken soup supper for Dora's birthday. George's grandmother is doing better but has no news about Aunt Emma or Uncle Tom. The week of prayer is taking place. 8 January 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Nancy M. Pickel who attended Bob and Beattie's wedding. Nancy is applying to the University of Pennsylvania. The next class begins 1



June 1944. Hamilton Watch Co. received the "E" flag six months ago and now has a star for it. They employ over 500 people. They had a dance the day they got their awards from the Navy. 8 January 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Uncle George who got the dollar George sent home but could not find his bank book in Emma and Tom's house because all the drawers in the house were locked. Uncle George got a cold when he went there so he doesn't go there much but he and Uncle John do visit the people in the hospital every Tuesday and Thursday evening. 8 January 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from Max who wonders if George will rent out his aunt and uncle's house instead of letting it sit empty. Kathryn Studenroth and Billy Stevens are getting married. Billy Kraft goes to Harrisburg for his exam but Max hopes he doesn't pass as the shipping department would suffer. 8 January 1944.

Insert 11 Letter from Jerry Musser who will take care of George's stamps for him. He saw George's uncle in the hospital and he looks fine. 8 January 1944.

Insert 12 Letter from Alldice (Lorna). Miss Diemer went to Florida for the holidays and met a wealthy man. She is considering joining the military but not sure whether WAACS, WAVES or Marines. 8 January 1944.

Insert 13 Wedding announcement for Doris Lillian Furnwal and PFC Kenneth Wickersham Miller for Wednesday, 31 December 1943 in Lancaster. 10 January 1944.

Box 4, Folder 42 January 11-20, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from Mrs. Anna S. Fry who says Earl is somewhere in England. Bob Kraft is going up to Harrisburg. 11 January 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from Uncle John who deposited the dollar George sent home. Emma is in bad shape, but Tom is holding his own. John encourages George to write Tom who misses hearing from him. 11 January 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Ruth who says there will be a dance tomorrow night and the sailors from Franklin and Marshall are invited. The lake is full of skaters. The Speech Choir is preparing for their pageant and doing fundraising selling postcards of Millersville campus. The college is short of student teachers so even the underclassmen are teaching. 14 January 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Helen Trimble who says Bill doesn't like her playing music for dances and threatened to leave her on a defense job if she continued to play. Bill is currently working on a highway. Beverly is a drum majorette and Don plays basketball. 15 January 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from Abe who had his first experience reacting under live ammunition. He met a girl three weeks ago. 18 January 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from Marquerite Jackson who heard of Aunt Emma's death and sends her condolences. 18 January 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Aunt Lillie M. Knipe who talks about the weather and how quiet the town is. 18 January 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Ben who talks about camp life. 19 January 1944.



Insert 9 Letter from Capt. Harvey D. McGraw, Chaplain, who offers his sympathy in George's time of bereavement, trusting that George's father is resting as well as can be expected. 19 January 1944.

Insert 10 Pre-printed sympathy card from the Richardson family. 20 January 1944.

Box 4, Folder 43 January 21-29, 1944

Insert 1 Pre-printed sympathy card from Agnes Carnahan. 21 January 1944.

Insert 2 Pre-printed sympathy card from Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dombach. 21 January 1944.

Insert 3 Pre-printed sympathy card from Agnes Carnahan. 21 January 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Catherine B. Stotz offering her condolences for Emma's death. Bill was to report for induction January 5 but has appealed his reclassification and was allowed to stay where he is. 22 January 1944.

Insert 5 Letter of condolence from Jenie M. Clelaud. 23 January 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from Clair expressing sympathy for Emma's death. He is currently stationed in South Camp Polk, Louisiana and has a girlfriend; he is in love. 26 January 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Pvt. Lena Bratton who is on furlough in Mississippi and is sorry to hear about the health of George's aunt and uncle. 27 January 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Kathleen who says Johanna Folch is engaged. A new squadron of aviation students arrived. 28 January 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Doris talking about life at Millersville and exams. 29 January 1944.

Box 4, Folder 44 February 1-9, 1944

Insert 1 Pre-printed Valentine card from Betty. 1 February 1944.

Insert 2 Pre-printed Valentine card from Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Weigle. 1 February 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Dorothy Mae Kelley who says it's snowing at home. Mamie Lihed was in town for a visit. Dorothy saw the movies "Destination Tokyo" and "Thousands Cheer." Her cousin Thelma visited for the weekend. 2 February 1944.

Insert 4 Pre-printed Valentine card from Mrs. Bessie Deitzel. 3 February 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from Virginia Webster, Margie Rambo, Virginia Kilgore, Jeanette Wike, Betty Utz, Laura Coleman, and Ruth Bomberger. (These ladies from Millersville each wrote a small note on a letter sent to him from the YWCA.) Mr. Beckmeyer plans to take the science class on a coasting party. The Speech Choir has sold over 600 postcards. Next Saturday is the annual [Ceitemarel] play. 3 February 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from Blanche Dennison who sends her sympathy for Aunt Emma's death. Blanche is renting a house from an 83 year old lady that spends the winter in the South. Virginia met a bombardier and went out with him. He was



later shot down in Germany. The war has a new meaning for her now. 5 February 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Clara Jane Hendrickson sending sympathy about Aunt Emma. She reminds George that she is waiting for her Marine and asks if George will be shipped overseas soon. 7 February 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Doris Staab saying that her paternal uncle is visiting from Detroit. She encourages George to see "Thousands Cheer." 6 February 1944.

Insert 9 Pre-printed Valentine from Aunt [Bid]. 7 February 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from T. G. Caley reminding George to take care of some things or else he'll have to sell the house. He wants George to have it. 8 February 1944.

Insert 11 Letter from Esther Elenhardt who said the [Ceitemarel] Play was a success. She was asked to help two New York representatives of CBS with a transatlantic call being broadcast from McCaskey High School. They developed a story about Lancaster County around a country sale. Speech Choir will perform as part of Mother's Weekend (March 17). 9 February 1944

Insert 12 Letter from George (Red) Groome who only just got the letter George wrote him on January 1. Sorry to hear about Aunt Emma but glad to hear Tom is doing better. 9 February 1944.

Insert 13 Letter from Mrs. J. A. Staab who says Joe's brother Frank is visiting them for two weeks. Bob is in Ireland and spent a nine-day furlough in London. 9 February 1944.

Box 4, Folder 45 February 11-19, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from Max wondering how the sale went and about Uncle Tom's future if he gets out of the hospital. He's starting to see a lot more local married men going in the draft. 11 February 1944.

Insert 2 Pre-printed Valentine card from Thera. 11 February 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Jerry Musser who informs George that he will need a copy of the death certificate to change the names on the bonds. 12 February 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Uncle George saying almost everything is sold but hasn't had the house cleaned out yet as it's too cold. George's things are in storage. He talks about Emma's will. 12 February 1944.

Insert 5 Pre-printed Valentine card from the Staab family. 13 February 1944.

Insert 6 Pre-printed Valentine card from the Senior Gretna Group. 13 February 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Nancy stating that she and a friend went to Harrisburg and met a lieutenant in the Air Corps. She went out with an All-American football player last week. Bob is married. 15 February 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Uncle Tom that the stove George sold was returned so Uncle George will sell it to the junk man. They papered two rooms in the house. Ray Himes died. Uncle Tom talks about Emma. 18 February 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Max asking about George's skill as a cook. He asks about Uncle Tom and would like to buy some more stuff from George if it's available. 19 February 1944.



Insert 10 Postcard from Pvt. Ben _____. (Postcard has some water damage and is torn at the bottom.) He can't write a full letter now but asks George to tell him more about his camp life. 19 February 1944.

Insert 11 Letter from Gladys who saw two movies *The Gang's All Here* and *Best Foot Forward*. She is trying to get a pen pal stationed in every state. 19 February 1944.



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Box 5, Folder 46 February 21-28, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from cousins George and Emma from Kansas. The married men are all disappearing into the service. They ask about the family in Columbia. 21 February 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from Bartch who is a substitute teacher for third grade on Cherry Street. The preacher is leaving April 10. 21 February 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from the Staabs saying it's been two weeks since they heard from Bob who usually writes once a week. A man is going door to door looking for workers for the RCA plant in Lancaster. 21 February 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Mrs. Anna Frey who says Ren is in India and is about to receive his 6th citation. Bob Kraft did not pass [his physical]. 21 February 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from Thera who suggests that George find a way to be stationed in Texas. (She liked it.) 23 February 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from Harry and Marquerite Jackson saying that Mrs. Mumma was buried yesterday. Letter talks about the war and God. 24 February 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Uncle Tom saying that Uncle George and Uncle John visit him once a week, but no one else comes. He talks about Emma, the house and the war. 26 February 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Dick that says Dr. Hall died in an auto accident. The play went well. He asks about George's life. 26 February 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Uncle John saying he believes the new tenants will move into the house about March 15th. Uncle Tom moved to St. Joseph Hospital. He thinks it is temporary and he will be back at Columbia Hospital soon. 27 February 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from Betty saying that Walter has a stripe. 28 February 1944.

Box 5, Folder 47 March 1-8, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from Mrs. Sarah Caley (Grandma Sadie) who is still recovering from an illness. She has gone visiting friends and family. Mrs. Biddy died at the age of 92. 1 March 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from Hettie who says Uncle Tom is in Lancaster again. Grandma Sadie has been able to go out with the Luncheoneers. 3 March 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Mrs. Beverly Kimball. She says she is doing okay in school and with her baton routine. The dances at the Alma are fewer because of Lent. She went to a dance in Newbury where they had a Nickelodeon to play music. 4 March 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Mrs. Joseph Lockard (Biddy) who thanks George for the photograph. She wrote him a poem to describe the weather. Dick made the honor roll at Millersville and his birthday is tomorrow. He turns 20. Stanley Albright was reported missing as of January 14. He was in Italy. Ruth Quinn has a baby boy born seven months after her husband died in England. 4 March 1944.



Insert 5 Letter from Mrs. J. A. Staats who gives him girl advice and warns about allotment hunters. Bob is in England. She saw in the paper that Uncle Tom is in St. Joseph Hospital. 5 March 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from Pvt. Lena Bratton who says that Chaplain Earnhardt and Chaplain Bryant left Ft Riley. She talks about the prayer meeting. Cpl. Adams was assigned to Whiteside Hospital. The WACS draw KP every two weeks or so. 5 March 1944.

Insert 7 V-mail from Pvt. Robert Bauman. He got George's letter dated November 29 in February. He is in England and describes the countryside and some activities. 5 March 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Max who wants George to prove the girl he described in his last letter is real. A photograph is requested. They had about seven inches of snow on Saturday. 6 March 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Lorna Eshleman who is planning to join the service next January if she has her degree by then. She suggests George get his furlough at graduation instead of Easter. She suggests they swap recipes. 6 March 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from Catherine B. Stotz who gives advice about marriage. 8 March 1944.

Insert 11 Letter from Gladys O'Neal who talks about the weather and says she wants to see *Thousands Cheer* and *Lassie Come Home* when they come to the theaters. She now writes to about thirty servicemen. 8 March 1944.

Insert 12 Letter from Clara who writes about work and complains how "dead" independence is. She liked his poem. 8 March 1944.

Insert 13 Letter from Audree who received George's letter shortly after Homer returned to service after a furlough. She is still working at the PX (in Cambridge, Ohio) She talks about shows she has seen. 8 March 1944.

Insert 14 Letter from Uncle Tom who discusses insurance, the house and his health. 8 March 1944.

Box 5, Folder 48 March 9-18 1944

Insert 1 Letter from Emily Snyder saying that Dr. Biemesderfer created a committee to keep in contact with servicemen. They hope to write once a month. She went to a bridge party and is invited to another one. She is also invited to attend the Clio meeting in Lancaster. She saw *The Song of Russia*. 9 March 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from George (Red) Groome who talked about his time in Miami. He is currently in New Orleans. He talked about his mom renting George's house. 10 March 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Harry and Marquerite Jackson who received George's request to pay for the Easter bulletin. That one was already taken, so would he like Palm Sunday instead? 10 March 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from G. H. Caley who talks about the house in Columbia. 12 March 1944.



Insert 5 Letter from Mrs. Anna Frey who talks about marriage. She has been working nine hours a day at the factory. Lee Moore was discharged and is home. 12 March 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from Pvt. Clair Elsboyer who says he has guard duty tonight and talks about his post. 12 March 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Mrs. Staab who offers to store personal items of his if he is shipped overseas. 14 March 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Betty (Walter's wife) who says they had a snow and ice storm last night. She talks about Walter. 16 March 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Uncle Jim Knipe who suggests that if George is shipped to England he should visit the Armstrong Cork Company in London. Also mentions Armstrong locations at Djidjelli (North Africa), Casablanca, Tabarka (Tunisia) and Bone (Algeria). 16 March 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from T. E. Caley (Uncle Tom) who talks about his visitors and his treat merits. 17 March 1944.

Insert 11 Letter from Cpl. H. E. Burris who says he is in charge of a shift and still cooking. No talk about moving out yet. He expects Audree to arrive in Texas today. 17 March 1944.

Insert 12 Letter from Doris saying spring vacation began. 18 March 1944.

Insert 13 Letter from sister Doris and "Mother." Doris saw Emma one week before she died. Dad would not let her return for the funeral. She has a boyfriend overseas and they plan to wed when he returns, Mother gives advice about marriage. 18 March 1944. *(Photo included here removed to photo collection.)*

Insert 14 Letter from Dorothy who talks about the movies. Janet and Ace moved into Red Smoker's old place. Jean Daum and Charles Rinier are getting divorced. Alma and Don Young have a baby girl and Don leaves with the next batch of draftees next month. 18 March 1944.

Box 5, Folder 49 March 19-27, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from John C. Caley who says that Uncle Thomas had another operation. Uncle Bill cannot stay with Grandma. He has a problem with the allotment checks. He found an article about Millersville (see enclosed photocopy.) Paper also has information on rationing, salvage drives, home front activities, GI Bill, unemployment, and war news. 19 March 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from Issy who is worried about their friendship because George has changed how he acts around her and what he writes. Her brother was at the invasion of Marshall Islands. Her old boyfriend is a 1st Lieutenant in the Marines and is in the south Pacific. 19 March 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Uncle Tom Caley who had an operation last Saturday. The doctor believes Tom will be able to get back to work. March 20th is Tom's birthday. 20 March 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Aunt Bissie who invites George to her home in Jersey when he has a furlough. 20 March 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from Ruth A. Bomberger who describes Mother's weekend at Millersville. Dr. Hull died. The school did not have a Valentine dance, but the



freshmen and sophomores plan to have a Bunny Bounce instead. 21 March 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from Henry and Marguerite Jackson who said Dan Dellinger's wife died. They suggested that George purchase the bulletin for Mother's Day. 21 March 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Dick who talks about rumors regarding his marriage (not true) and rumors about George wanting to marry. He talks about school. Harry Schuler passed his physical and will be joining the Navy. 21 March 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Thera who did not attend Millersville as it was not financially possible. Her brother is an MP in the Air Corp stationed in Texas. 21 March 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Nancy who has fallen in love and shares this information. 23 March 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from "Bartch" who is at Cherry Street (teaching) until Stella Marie comes back; but if S. M.'s husband is stationed in this country she will probably go with him and Bartch will have a permanent job. He shares the local gossip. 27 March 1944.

Insert 11 Pre-printed Easter card from Laura. 27 March 1944.

Box 5, Folder 50 March 28-31, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from Mom who warns George to have girlfriends, but not to get too serious with all of them. She reminds him that there are many good girls here. Today is her birthday. She is 45. Bob is in England and Jonny Lyle is in New Guinea. The girls are busy at The Hamilton. 28 March 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from Aunt Lill who talks about the weather. The Red Cross did not make quota. 29 March 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Kathleen who talks about Fort Riley and about marriage. 29 March 1944.

Insert 4 Pre-printed Easter card from Biddy L. Message on the card says her son has acute rheumatic fever. She also enclosed a poem; a magazine clipping, "Lesson in Horticulture"; a magazine clipping, "Late Last Night"; and a magazine illustration. 29 March 1944.

Insert 5 Pre-printed Easter card from Hettie Richardson. 30 March 1944.

Insert 6 Pre-printed birthday card from Gladys O'Neal. An enclosed letter talks about how her walking has improved and she is learning to cook. 30 March 1944.

Insert 7 A form letter about the Easter season from Pastor H. J. Behney (Salome Church). 30 March 1944.

Insert 8 Pre-printed birthday card from Mr. and Mrs. John C. Caley. 31 March 1944.

Insert 9 Pre-printed birthday card from Uncle George. 31 March 1944.

Box 5, Folder 51 April 1-11, 1944



Insert 1 Letter from Bev saying the school is having an Easter dance. Patty's boyfriend is home. Dean Dunn is in the Navy but is still in school for the term. She painted her kitchen and put up new curtains. 1 April 1944.

Insert 2 Pre-printed Easter card from the United Brethren Church, Columbia, PA. 3 April 1944.

Insert 3 Pre-printed Easter card from the Lutz family. 4 April 1944.

Insert 4 Pre-printed Easter card and enclosed letter from the Straab family. They received one package from George but the other one he mentioned to them has not arrived. They hope George has a safe journey overseas and ask that he tell them where he is as soon as he can. 4 April 1944.

Insert 5 Pre-printed Easter card from Patty. 4 April 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from Uncle Tom Caley saying he has not heard from George for 12 days. He is having trouble receiving the allotment checks. He is still in the hospital. Uncle George and Uncle John visit him every Tuesday, but no one else does. 4 April 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from "Mom" Staab saying she received a whole lot of letters from servicemen at the same time. She heard from Bob in England, Barney Rupp in the South Pacific, John L. in the South Pacific and Joe Oberholtzer in Kentucky. She found the letters George needed them to mail and sent them out, and will store the things he shipped until he comes back home. She talks about Uncle Tom saying she believes the plan is still to have him live at the County Home once he is released from the hospital. 7 April 1944.

Insert 8 Pre-printed birthday card from Laura (in NY). She included a copy of the Asbury First Methodist bulletin. 10 April 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Catherine B. Stotz saying the church was very full for Easter Sunday. She is looking for a new home. 10 April 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from Pat Shearer saying she has been studying and writing papers. Her parents were up for a visit. 11 April 1944.

Box 5, Folder 52 April 12-28, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from Esther Lenhardt talking about Mother's weekend at Millersville. She heard from Clyde Cover who talks about eating a lot of pineapple. 12 April 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from Margaret apologizing for the late reply to his letter. She was sorry to hear about Aunt Emma. She went to a roller skating show. 16 April 1944.

Insert 3 Empty envelope from Brunswick, NJ. 17 April 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Pat Shearer who says she'll be modeling this summer and is now majoring in psychology. 18 April 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from Nancy saying she was glad to hear George was home for Easter. George's bus companion was a friend of Nancy's. Her husband is in the army and she is at home with three small boys. Nancy is thinking about marriage. He is a pilot in the Air Corps and is stationed in Richmond, VA. 23 April 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from Uncle Tom Caley who says that Aunt Alice visited him on Monday April 17 and Uncle John visited on Tuesday April 18. Uncle Bill is living



with Grandmother, but that won't be for much longer as she only cares for her side of the family. 23 April 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Johnny Metzger who was just transferred to Fort Jackson and is looking for George. He tried calling but nobody answered. 24 April 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Cpl. Homer Burris who is still working at the stoves. He asks about other soldiers at other posts. 24 April 1944

Insert 9 Millersville State Teachers College Servicemen's Newsletter. Newsletter includes news about Millersville and local boys in the Service. 28 April 1944.

Box 5, Folder 53 May 3-18, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from "Mom" Staab saying she is working on spring cleaning. She heard from Bob. He says he needs a hat and asks his mom to get one at the "Army Navy Store." She also sent some photos. 3 May 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from Lorna Jean Eshleemann who talks about the school paper and is memorizing poetry. 3 May 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from H. L. McCoy, Director of Insurance, VA saying he received George's request to change his beneficiary and it was made. 4 May 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Cpl. Lena Bratton saying she did not get to church on Easter as she was the Barracks Police that day. She talks about people from Fort Riley. 9 May 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from Uncle Tom Caley saying that Uncle John and his wife are going to visit for two weeks. Uncle Bill is now living in the [fish house]. 10 May 1944.

Insert 6 V-mail from Mrs. Staab who says she received George's cablegram. She is glad George landed okay at his new destination. Sorry to hear he was seasick. 14 May 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Doris Staab saying George is lucky he's in England or she and her sisters would get him for calling them lazy. She is countersinking holes in plates for time fuses. Frank Sinatra was not on the radio last night because of a sore throat. 14 May 1944.

Insert 8 V-mail from Isabelle Huston saying the Citamard members went to Philly to see Katharine Cornell in *Lovers and Friends*. While in Philly they had lunch at a tea room and had their fortunes told. She and Kay took the girl scouts on a supper hike. 15 May 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from the Standard Garment Company giving a list of employees in the Service and their known addresses. 18 May 1944.

Insert 10 V-mail from Deborah Deacon. A love letter talking about seeing him in her dreams. 18 May 1944.

Box 5, Folder 54 May 19-31, 1944

Insert 1 V-mail from "Mom" Staub to lift his morale and let him know that she misses him. 20 May 1944.



Insert 2 Letter from Annie saying she believes that half the boys from Columbia are in England now. Bob Kraft had surgery in Lancaster. Her victory garden is doing well. 21 May 1944.

Insert 3 V-mail from Mrs. Staub stating that she will get the graduation gift he asked for and mentions Army cooking and laundry. 23 May 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Gloria who is working at the Navy yard. She reads blueprints and writes numbers. Her boyfriend came home last month and her brother is in England. 23 May 1944

Insert 5 Letter from "Mom" Staub stating she could not get the gift with pearls, so she got a silver pin. Strawberries are 45¢ to 60¢ right now. 25 May 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from James L. Knipe who reminds George to meet the people he wrote to him about. He also encourages George to see Westminster Abbey, claiming there are more Knipes buried there than any other family name. 26 May 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from "Mom" Staab who sent him the photos they took at Easter. Joe is listening to boxing on the radio and Josie and Doris are working the 3-11 pm shift. 26 May 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Issy saying she got the silver pin he picked out for her. It is Alumnae Day at Millersville today. Yesterday they had the Senior Banquet at Hostetter's Play Barn and she went to the Fulton. 27 May 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Uncle John congratulating George on his promotion to a corporal. Uncle Tom has not received his allotment and he plans to go home on his own soon, despite what his relatives think. 27 May 1944.

Insert 10 A pre-printed card from "Mom" Lutz congratulating George on his promotion. Included a written note saying Bill is a sergeant now and in England. He should look for his ancestors while there. 27 May 1944.

Insert 11 V-mail from G. M. Bartch saying he is busy at school which will end June 14th. He is now a permanent teacher and very happy. 28 May 1944.

Insert 12 Letter from Nancy who talks about American girls losing their boyfriends to English girls. 29 May 1944.

Insert 13 Letter from Catherine B. Stotz who talks about the Memorial Day church service. She also moved into a new house. 29 May 1944.

Insert 14 This is a Millersville Servicemen's Newsletter. 29 May 1944.

Insert 15 V-mail from Mrs. W. T. Peters who talks about seeing England and talks about the USO in Columbia, SC. 31 May 1944.

Box 5, Folder 55 June 1-14, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from Grandma Sadie saying that Uncle Tom and Uncle Bill are at the house on 218 Laurence Street. Carl's exams start next week and on June 3rd the OK ladies plan to visit Mr. and Mrs. Deitz on Manor Street for a feast. Grandma Sadie heard that the churches will all be open on D-Day to allow people to pray. The schools close next week and Aunt Arabella's son Billie Kohler will then enlist. 1 June 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from Margaret Gibson saying that a friend of hers is a WAC over near George. Her name is Sergeant Billie Gasway. Margaret works six days a



week and is trying to keep her own house doing the wash, ironing, baking etc. 1 June 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from “Mom” Staab saying that the papers report no mail is coming to the states from Europe. On Memorial Day she took flowers to the Mt. Bethel Cemetery and went to the river to check Bob’s boats. She then watched the parade. The parade only had a half dozen people and two bands because most of the organizations are broken up. They had a picnic lunch at Long’s Park. Two newspaper articles were included. 4 June 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Uncle George is dated 3 July but postmark is 4 June 1944. He says that Uncle Tom is still in the hospital but Uncle Bill is home. Uncle John and Uncle George are trying to get Bill into a home. He is still working. Uncle George went to Lancaster for a pair of new glasses which will take three weeks and will cost \$35.00 4 June 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from Uncle George who says Uncle Tom is home now but should be in the County Hospital because he’ll never get work. 4 June 1944.

Insert 6 V-mail from Mrs. Staab who is writing on invasion day and is very scared. There is still no mail from the troops, but will keep writing. She hopes her letters are getting through. 6 June 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Issy who has been commuting from Carlisle to Steelton where she is working in the Steelton High School library. She will be going to the church camp as a counselor. 11 June 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Jim Schlotthauer saying he will keep George’s books for him. 13 June 1944.

Insert 9 V-mail from Richard Keller congratulating George on his new rating. He is in summer school now and plans to go until August 1945. Kline Hable was sent on a special mission overseas and Harry Schuler is in the Navy now. 13 June 1944.

Insert 10 V-mail from Mrs. Lockard (“Aunt “ Biddy) who wants George to tell her all about the places he has seen. Columbia High School had their commencement with 92 graduates with three absent because they are already in the service. Mr. Rupp, the pretzel baker, was hit by a car in Lancaster and killed. 13 June 1944.

Insert 11 Letter from Betty saying that Walter is still at Fort Riley. 14 June 1944.

Insert 12 Letter from Uncle George asking who George would like to have get Aunt Emma’s bonds. He is working on getting them put in another name. Uncle Tom went back to St. Joseph’s. He knew it wouldn’t work out. 14 June 1944.

Insert 13 V-mail from Mrs. Staab stating that the roses are in bloom and that Bernice passed her sophomore year. 14 June 1944.

Box 5, Folder 56 June 15 -24, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from Mary & Jack saying that Jack is in summer school and that any day now they will have a church and home of their own. They also went to Mt. Gretna for a week’s vacation. 15 June 1944.

Insert 2 V-mail from Doris Greenleaf who has finished her freshman year and last week had began working at Hamilton. 15 June 1944.



Insert 3 Letter from Uncle Tom who is still in Lancaster. Tomorrow will be the five month anniversary of Emma's passing. 17 June 1944.

Insert 4 V-mail from Mrs. Staab who has received letters from him and is willing to help George with stuff but does not want to interfere with any family business. 19 June 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from Issy saying she will be at camp most of the summer as a counselor. Nancy went with them to Philly when they saw the fortune teller. She has George's yearbook at her house. 20 June 1944.

Insert 6 V-mail from Mrs. Staab asking about a girl George had mentioned in his letter. 20 June 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Mrs. Trull giving George some news from around Charlotte, NC. 21 June 1944.

Insert 8 V-mail from Lorna Jean saying she liked George's poems about England and the description of the Embarkation. 22 June 1944.

Insert 9 Postcard from Mary Jane Webster saying they miss George. 23 June 1944.

Insert 10 Postcard from Flora saying she missed seeing George this year. 23 June 1944.

Insert 11 V-mail from Mrs. Staab saying she got a v mail from both George and Bob. She was glad to hear from them both after the invasion. She has heard no news about George's uncle and the funeral arrangements. 24 June 1944.

Insert 12 Postcard from Mr. Eisenberger saying she is sorry George isn't at Mt. Gretna. 24 June 1944.

Box 5, Folder 57 June 25-29, 1944

Insert 1 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying she saw the movies *Miracle of Morgan's Creek* and *A Guy Named Joe*. 25 June 1944.

Insert 2 V-mail from Dorothy Kelley saying Luther is in Panama and it has been twenty months since she has seen him. She saw *Tobacco Road* at the National Theater. 25 June 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Issy talking about camp. 25 June 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Uncle Tom saying Uncle John and Uncle George visit him once a week but they are the only ones that come. He did get all his allotment checks. 25 June 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from Flora who talks about camp and says the plans are in place to build a new church. 26 June 1944

Insert 6 Postcard from Dot Broome saying Paul is in England, too. 26 June 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Emily Snyder talking about visiting England and the summer term. She went to NYC and took in some shows. 26 June 1944.

Insert 8 V-mail from Issy saying she heard from her brother. He is in the Pacific. She will be teaching Luke at the next camp. 28 June 1944.

Insert 9 V-mail from Mrs. Staab saying that Bob is in the hospital with a skin disease. She will save the front pages of the *Intelligencer Journal* for him. 28 June 1944.



Insert 10 Letter from Uncle Jim saying that Kate was home from college and has a summer job. Annie Wagner is suffering from sciatic rheumatism. Nancy from Millersville and Race Street is a messenger at his office. She will bring some of George's poems to him to read. She talks about copyright and publishing the poems. 29 June 1944.

Insert 11 Letter from Annie stating that the factory closed early so everyone could go to church and pray during the invasion. Gay and the baby are moving west. Bob Kraft was wounded in the face and because the doctors didn't do very well, he had to back into the hospital. 25 June 1944.

Box 5, Folder 58 July 1-10 1944

Insert 1 Letter from Uncle Tom saying he misses the way things were two years ago when George was home and Emma was alive. He said that cherries cost 50 cents a quart, strawberries are 60 cents a small box and lima beans are 35 cents a pint. 1 July 1944.

Insert 2 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying her uncle and his family are staying with her family for the 4th of July. She is canning things from her garden. 2 July 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from John Caley who tells George that Uncle Tom needs more surgery. When he recovers from that surgery the only place he can go and receive proper care is the County Hospital. Uncle Bill is doing okay and his name is on a waiting list for St. Anne's Home. 2 July 1944.

Insert 4 Pre-printed greeting card from Grandmother. It has a message on the back saying that Carl made it to the last grade of school and is working in Marietta. She listens to the radio. Billy Kohler's boy enlisted in the Navy but did not [land] yet. 4 July 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from Anna Mae Kochler saying Bob is in the Pacific. She talks about a party George missed when he was back home and named some of the people that attended. Anna has been going to the dances in Hershey and she lists the orchestras that played there. She also spent a week at Wildwood, NJ and finally talks about work at the bank. 4 July 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from "Mom" Staab saying she received the letter George sent her and asks about the [laundry business]. Josie and Doris worked the 3-11pm shift on the 4th of July, while the rest went down to Rocky Springs Park. The park has come back to life since the war began. Bob's last letter came June 26th. He is in the hospital with a skin disease. 5 July 1944.

Insert 7 V-mail from Ruth A. Bomberger saying she is working in the factory since she got home from school. She talks about Millersville State College. 5 July 1944.

Insert 8 V-mail from Jessie Cleland suggesting places for George to visit in England before he returns home. Her brother is also in England. Jessie states that the Elks home had a fire Tuesday night sustaining heavy damage. 6 July 1944.



Insert 9 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying she had a good 4th of July with family and friends. She continues to listen to the radio and is still canning things from the garden. She also has raspberries and is growing potatoes. 9 July 1944.

Insert 10 A copy of a church bulletin from Cpl. Lena Bratton who is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. The bulletin has a personal note written on the back saying it is hot in Kansas but they are not allowed to use the lake for any outings as it is being used for war purposes. 9 July 1944.

Insert 11 V-mail from "Mom" Staab who says she is listening on the radio to the ball game from Hyde Park. She has some gas in her tank but only one stamp left so she will be walking or staying home for now. New stamps don't come out until August 8th. She did talk to George's Uncle John the other day. 9 July 1944.

Insert 12 Letter from Thelma congratulating George on becoming corporal. Kline had been shipped to Utah in June and then will head overseas. She is expecting a baby in less than seven weeks. A group of them went to see *Gaslight*. She lists her relatives and the current duty assignments. 10 July 1944.

Insert 13 Letter from Harry and Marguerite Jackson saying they received George's money to pay for church bulletins and they plan to reserve Christmas for him. 10 July 1944.

Box 5, Folder 59 July 15 - 20, 1944

Insert 1 V-mail from G. M. Bartch telling George he is working in Marietta six days a week and tutoring three nights a week. He tries to get to Lancaster once a week to see Thelma. 11 July 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from Thera saying that Walter Mueller is still in Mississippi. She picked tomatoes today and got sunburned. 15 July 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from David saying that he graduated from high school and is trying to get as much college-time as he can before he turns eighteen in the winter as he will then be drafted. 16 July 1944.

Insert 4 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal stating that she has some friends from New Jersey visiting her now and went to Newport for the first time. 17 July 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from Esther Lenhardt who taught English literature during the intermission but won't teach this summer. They are having trouble with Japanese beetles. They are all over her roses. Esther took her mother to Gettysburg to visit Jack. He will preach at St. John's in Lancaster in August. 17 July 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from Dora saying her son Clair is somewhere in New Guinea. June will graduate July 22nd and will go out to sea soon, but Oliver was rejected. Arlene's husband, William Welsh, is stationed in Hawaii and was there when Pearl Harbor was attacked. 18 July 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Uncle Tom telling George that he doesn't need to buy the house from him as he can just have it. Uncle John is suggesting to him financial matters. A three-ring circus is coming to town on July 20th. Uncle Bill is growing tomatoes and charging 6¢ a piece for them, \$1.00 each for watermelon, 6¢ a piece for peaches, 40¢ a piece for cantaloupes and 50¢ to \$1.00 for a dozen ears of corn. 18 July 1944.



Insert 8 V-mail from Dorothy Kelley who says she was in Pittsburgh for the 4th of July and that she and Ann are going to Atlantic City in August. There was also a 5th War Loan Show at the high school. 18 July 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Uncle Jim Knipe talking about the invasion, about family history connected to Westminster Abbey and about George's poetry. 19 July 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from Catherine B. Stotz saying that Virginia is interested in horses and Bill is now in bed with an intestinal gripe. She then updates George on marriages and engagements. 19 July 1944.

Insert 11 Letter from Jane Habbell talks about graduation from Millersville and former school classmates. 20 July 1944.

Insert 12 V-mail from Corporal John Metzger who is stationed in Canada and talks about his last posting at Fort Jackson. 20 July 1944.

Insert 13 Letter from "Mom" Staab saying that Bob is still in the hospital as of July 8th and getting IV treatments. She talks about George's poems and Mr. Knipe's interest in them. 20 July 1944.

Box 5, Folder 60 July 21-30, 1944

Insert 1 V-mail from Issy Huston thanking George for the money he had sent for the Touchstones. She is at camp as a counselor until August 13th. George had asked her to send his poems to someone else but she can't until then. Issy asks him about the November election. 21 July 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from Uncle George saying he went to visit Uncle Tom, taking him some cherries, tomatoes, cheese sandwiches and a carton of cigarettes. Uncle George will get a new pair of glasses on Saturday having ordered the glasses from the Berks Optical Company. Uncle Bill is painting the fence at Mill Street. Uncle George thinks that Roosevelt will win in November. 23 July 1944.

Insert 3 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying that a friend and her son had visited her as well as her uncle and his family. She is listening to the radio while she writes letters. For supper she had her first corn of the season and will be canning again soon. 23 July 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Doris Jane that included a cartoon from a magazine. She talks about shoe stamps and Sinatra. She is working on time fuses and doesn't like it very much. 23 July 1944.

Insert 5 V-mail from Nancy Pickel telling George she can't forward his poetry like he had asked because he never sent her any. She dated a marine who was at Guadalcanal and Australia. 24 July 1944.

Insert 6 Printed newsletter from Millersville to its servicemen. 25 July 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Pvt. Gordon Groome who is currently stationed in Italy. He got married in South Carolina before he shipped out to Italy. 26 July 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Pvt. Clair Elslager who is somewhere in New Guinea and is seeing a lot of stage shows and movies. 26 July 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Uncle Tom Caley who says that corn is selling at \$1.20 a dozen. There has been no rain for three weeks and the coal miners keep striking



so that the prices of coal for the winter will probably be bad. He asks for a souvenir from England. 30 July 1944.

Box 5, Folder 61 July 30 - August 20, 1944

Insert 1 Four v-mail letters in one envelope from Gladys O'Neal.

First one says she has been listening to the radio while doing her homework. She has also been canning. 30 July 1944.

Second one says she went to Newport Saturday night and went to the movies to see *The Eve of St. Mark*. 7 August 1944.

Third one she talks about the rain and went to see the movie *Two Girls and a Sailor*. 13 August 1944.

Fourth one says she went to a friend's house on Wednesday and went to see a movie called *Home in Indiana*. 20 August 1944.

Insert 2 Two v-mails in one envelope from "Mom" Staab.

The first one says she is still waiting for coal that was ordered in the spring and it hasn't come yet. She is worried about winter heating. Josie and Doris typed up George's poems and sent them like George had asked. "Mom" is canning anything she can get her hands on because the blue points don't always reach. 16 August 1944.

The second one asks what George would like for Christmas. 23 August 1944.

Insert 3 V-mail from Lorna Jean Eshleman who tells George that someone bought the "House on the Hill" that George had dreamed of owning one day. She can not help George get published as she has not received any poems and has not looked for the ones he sent her. 3 August 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Gloria saying that her brother was part of the invasion and she thinks he's still fighting in France. She really enjoys working in the Navy Yard. 3 August 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from "Mom" Staab saying Bob was discharged from the hospital. She asks how George likes France. Jean and Doris went on a week vacation. "Mom" recalls a story of Josie teaching George to knit. She talks about some of the letters they received. 3 August 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from Uncle Tom Caley that was postmarked August 6th but letter dated July 4th. He talks about the family and misses his wife Emma. He talks about labor problems and strikes in the state. 6 August 1944.

Insert 7 V-mail from Dick Keller talking about Millersville boys killed or wounded. He also talks about the GI Bill of Rights and gives other news about school. 7 August 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from "Mom" Staab telling George that her sister passed away. She did receive his package from England. 10 August 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Annie tells about the mail and work at the factory where they are low on supplies. 10 August 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from Flora where she talks about the new church and lists people from church and where they are stationed. The Gretna group had bought a \$110.00 bond. She is busy canning. 11 August 1944.

Insert 11 Letter from Issy that talks about Nancy. 11 August 1944.



Insert 12 Letter from Louise M. Peters talks about old friends and her visit to Columbia. 11 August 1944.

Insert 13 Letter from Uncle George saying he got his glasses. Uncle Bill is still at 218 Lawrence, but is trying to get him into a home. Grandmother is at Aunt Bessy's until Labor Day. 12 August 1944.

Insert 14 V-mail from Dorothy Bloom saying she moved from 8th Street to Locust St. and she gives George Paul's address. 12 August 1944.

Insert 15 V-mail from Dorothy Keller saying she went to Atlantic City for a week. She also gives news about other soldiers and sailors from school. 13 August 1944.



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Box 6, Folder 62 August 16-31, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from Mrs. B. H. Trull who says she has been canning the past three weeks and has a good victory garden this year. School was delayed until September 18th because of an outbreak of infantile paralysis. 16 August 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from Uncle John, postmarked 8 August 1944, letter dated 2 February 1944. Uncle Thomas is still in the hospital, Uncle Bill is still in Thomas' house and Uncle George is still working. 16 August 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Jim Schlotthauer saying that Abe is in the Pacific. 19 August 1944.

Insert 4 V-mail from Issy saying she went camping with the girl scouts. 20 August 1944.

Insert 5 V-mail from Mrs. Lockard saying she did lots of canning and that polio is bad right now. She heard schools might start late because of it. 20 August 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from Uncle Thomas saying he misses Emma and that Uncle John and Uncle George visit him. He also talks about the weather. 20 August 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Paul Broome talking about England. Ernie Nau is home from the Navy and might be discharged because of shock. 20 August 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Betty talking about the weather and that her husband Walter is still at Fort Riley and still not writing to her. 21 August 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Mrs. K. W. Miller saying Kennie is now overseas. She quit her job in May to be with him at Fort Riley until July 7 but got it back when she returned from Kansas. Bob Eshleman is in India and that Dutch Ryfsnyder died in the South Pacific. 23 August 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from Nancy Ann Clime explains very clearly why she would never love, date or marry George and tells him she will not be writing him again. 23 August 1944.

Insert 11 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying that on Wednesday a friend and her husband visited her and on Thursday another friend visited. 26 August 1944.

Insert 12 Letter from Uncle Tom giving lists of produce prices in Columbia: cantaloupes 40-50¢ each, watermelon 90¢ - \$1.00 each, potatoes \$3.00 a bushel, cabbage 10¢ a pound, peaches \$4.00 a bushel, plums 30¢ a dozen, pears 5-6¢ each and tomatoes \$10.00 a bushel. He mentions about family also. 27 August 1944.

Insert 13 Letter from Uncle George talking about the house on Lawrence St. and talks about visiting Thomas. 27 August 1944.

Insert 14 Letter from Issy saying she is getting ready to move to Steelton. She tells George about Mary Clark and talks about her brother and other servicemen. 31 August 1944.

Insert 15 V-mail from Ruth A. Bomberger saying she helped care for her grandfather this summer and also worked in the factory. 31 August 1944.

Box 6, Folder 63 September 1-16, 1944



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Insert 1 V-mail from “Mom” Staab saying that Laura’s friend Bertha Sellers died. Laura was on vacation at Atlantic City. 1 September 1944

Insert 2 Letter from Grandma Sadie saying she had been with Uncle Chris and Aunt Bessie for the past month. Aunt Bessie listens to the radio all the time. George’s father and family went to Wildwood, Carl is practicing football, and Uncle Tom is still in the hospital. 1 September 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Uncle Tom Caley is postmarked 2 March 1944, but Tom consistently marks the wrong month on his letters. He says Uncle George and Uncle John come to visit him every Sunday. The Polio outbreak might delay school opening. 2 September 1944.

Insert 4 V-mail from Dorothy Kelley saying that Raymond Hubbard is in Italy and her grandmother died. 2 September 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from Margaret that included a pamphlet, “The Traveler.” On her vacation she went to Fort Devens in Massachusetts. 3 September 1944.

Insert 6 V-mail from Gladys O’Neal saying that an aunt and uncle are here for a visit and she has been canning peaches. 3 September 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from mother saying she has a new house in Philadelphia, not in the slums. Her pay is \$30.00 a month. Josephine goes back to school on September 11th. Mother went to a convention over Labor Day weekend and had gone to Wildwood for a week. On June 10th she attended the 25th Anniversary Banquet of the Silent Athletic Deaf Club. Last week she went to Columbia on business and to see family. Doris will go to work and go to school three nights a week. 9 September 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from “Mom” Staab saying she took a walk across the bridge to view the scenery. The A&P is moving into the Bachenheimer building. Bob is still in England. 10 September 1944.

Insert 9 V-mail from Gladys O’Neal saying she is working on canning peaches and collecting apples. She sold 6.5 bushels of fresh peaches.

Insert 10 Letter from Thera talking about the places George has been. She describes a Coke vending machine. 10 September 1944.

Insert 11 Letter from Uncle Tom Caley saying that doctors told him he could leave the hospital. Labor is scarce with little children earning \$4.00-5.00 a day to pick tomatoes. 11 September 1944.

Insert 12 Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Jackson saying the church had a good year financially. 13 September 1944.

Insert 13 Empty envelope from Corporal George Caley to Mrs. J. A. Staab. 13 September 1944.

Insert 14 Letter from Emily Snyder saying that regular classes began September 9th at Millersville. She has a nephew in England, a brother Richard in the Pacific, and a brother Frederic in California. 14 September 1944.

Insert 15 Letter from Issy talks about her job as the Steelton High School librarian. A friend from high school is in the Marines and is in California at a hospital because of malaria. 15 September 1944.

Insert 16 Letter from Uncle Tom saying he is home from the hospital. He included a newspaper article about Columbia football. 16 September 1944.



Box 6, Folder 64 September 17-30, 1944

Insert 1 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying she is still canning peaches and will can pears next week. She saw the movie *Bathing Beauty*. 17 September 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from Lillie Knipe saying that Columbia is so quiet now. [Culis] is home while her husband Bernard is in the South Pacific. Volt's grandson is in France. The painters are coming next week to paint her house. Mary Louise Marley is teaching in Dearborn, Michigan. 17 September 1944.

Insert 3 V-mail from "Mom" Staab who says she hasn't heard from Bob for two weeks when the last letter came from England. She is spending the afternoon packing up Christmas boxes to send overseas. 17 September 1944.

Insert 4 V-mail from Mrs. Jerry Musser who says she used money from George to buy him ten \$1.00 defense stamps and then helped him transfer war bonds from one name to another. 18 September 1944.

Insert 5 Pre-printed Christmas card from Betty with a real four leaf clover inside for luck. 18 September 1944.

Insert 6 Pre-printed Christmas card from "Mom" Staab with an enclosed letter with comments about sending Christmas cards and presents in September. 19 September 1944.

Insert 7 Pre-printed Christmas card from Josie with a note written on the back saying she started knitting again. 20 September 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Issy who says she's been a "school marm" for three weeks. It was her birthday so her mom baked a chocolate cake and her dad gave her money for a new raincoat. She went to the Carlisle vs. Susquehanna football game and she is going to have a Girl Scout troop. She is also going to take night classes in Harrisburg at Penn State extension school to make her teaching certificate permanent. 23 September 1944.

Insert 9 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal who says she is still listening to the radio. 24 September 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from "Mom" Staab saying she is still able to get fresh produce at the market and hopes the weather holds so she can for a while longer. Josie and Doris are working the night shift. Bernice is interested in Glee Club. Everyone went to the Columbia vs. Lancaster Catholic football game (Columbia won 19-0), Columbia vs. Elizabethtown game and will go to the Columbia vs. McCaskey game. 24 September 1944.

Insert 11 V-mail from G. M. Bartch who says Diane Marie Halde was born 9 September 1944 and that the Sponangles have a new boy born 12 September 1944. 24 September 1944.

Insert 12 Pre-printed Christmas card from Laura with a note on the back. 25 September 1944.

Insert 13 V-mail from Nancy M. Pickel asking about the women in France. She is learning how to fly. 30 September 1944.

Insert 14 Letter from Uncle John saying that Uncle Tom Caley passed away Monday morning at the Columbia Hospital. He is arranging the same type of funeral as Aunt Emma's. He talks about the expenses of the funeral and the



hospital bills. Bill is insisting on staying in his cabin so the house will be cleaned out except for the third floor. 30 September 1944.

Box 6, Folder 65 October 2-11, 1944

Insert 1 V-mail from Margaret Gibson saying it has been a year since she was discharged. She remembers an evening that she and George went out together. 2 October 1944.

Insert 2 V-mail from Esther Lenhardt who saw in the paper that Uncle Tom had passed away. They are holding try-outs for the senior play *Love's Labor Lost*. Ted Malone [radio personality], met James O'Neill in a café in Paris. She enjoyed a brief vacation over Labor Day with Jack and Mary. 3 October 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Annie saying she got a letter from Earl and Gay. Ren Harig is home after being overseas for twenty six months and now has a twenty one day furlough. Earl is in France, Ed Greider is in the Pacific, Paul Metzler on Saipan and Len and Diana's places unknown. 3 October 1944.

Insert 4 V-mail from "Mom" Staab saying she is trying to buy George a pen. She also sends her condolences on Tom's death. 5 October 1944.

Insert 5 Pre-printed Christmas card from "Mom" Staab with a letter enclosed saying that Joe's birthday is October 11th. Everyone gave him cash and he went shopping and bought one pair of furry boots, six good ties, one Van Heusen white shirt and underwear. 7 October 1944.

Insert 6 V-mail from Dorothy Kelly who says she is stuck in Italy. Buddy Smoker is home and looks good in his lieutenant's uniform. She is seeing some movies including *Marine Raiders*, *I Love a Soldier*, *Since You Went Away* and *This is the Army*. 7 October 1944.

Insert 7 V-mail from Margaret Gibson saying she is sending him a fruit cake. She is working from 11pm-7am at Linton's which is a chain restaurant in Philadelphia. 7 October 1944.

Insert 8 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying she saw the movie *The Story of Dr. Wassil*. 8 October 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Uncle George Caley saying that Uncle Tom's funeral was similar to Aunt Emma's. 8 October 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from Margaret who sent a miniature copy, a special overseas edition, of "The Evening Bulletin" out of Philadelphia.

Insert 11 Letter from "Mom" Staab saying the girls received their Christmas presents from George. They insisted on wearing the bracelets right away. They will be hosting her nephew and his friend, a sailor, for the night. 11 October 1944.

Insert 12 Letter from Issy Huston saying that Ruth Warfel had joined the WAVES and that Dick is somewhere near George. 11 October 1944.

Box 6, Folder 66 October 12-22, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from Clair saying he is in New Guinea and tired of looking at palm trees, coconut trees and jungles. Walt Mann is in North Africa and Jim Strawbridge is expecting a furlough soon. 12 October 1944.



Insert 2 Letter from Pooch Peters who says that Flynn Mahoney is teaching in West Lampeter, Dennis McManus is near Washington D.C. ,and [Hube] is going to gunners mate school in Florida. 14 October 1944.

Insert 3 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying she is finally finished canning. 14 October 1944.

Insert 4 Pre-printed Christmas card from Josie. 15 October 1944.

Insert 5 Letter from Issy Huston saying she got the bracelet and the pin that George sent her. She went to Penn State to visit Mary Margaret Punlop. 15 October 1944.

Insert 6 Pre-printed Christmas card from Doris Staab. 15 October 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Mrs. Stoltz in which she enclosed bulletin from the Asbury First Methodist Church in Rochester, NY. She said she is planning to visit Columbia soon. 17 October 1944.

Insert 8 V-mail from Aunt Bid Lockard saying that Dick is getting serious with Frances. Aunt Bid only sees him twice a week when he swaps dirty clothes for clean ones. In order to send cookies or candy overseas, she needs George to write and ask for it so she can use that letter to get the package sent. 21 October 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Emily Snyder thanking him for the gift. The classes are putting together William Penn programs in honor of Penn's 300th birthday. 22 October 1944.

Insert 10 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying there isn't much happening other than she cleaned a downstairs room. 22 October 1944.

Box 6, Folder 67 October 24-30, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from Ruth Bomberger saying there are sixty one freshmen at school of which nine are boys. She goes on to describe freshmen rules. The senior class play will be *Love's Labor Lost*. The YWCA became the Student Christian Movement and the Normal Literacy Society had their 88th anniversary meeting. 24 October 1944.

Insert 2 Pre-printed Christmas card from Ruth Bomberger with a note on the back. 24 October 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Esther Lenhardt who says that it is hard to find time to shop in Lancaster. The society elections were held. Some entertainment featured were a cellist and pianist, a Halloween party, the senior play and a program about the presidential election campaign. 24 October 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Uncle John including a copy of Uncle Tom's will. He lists names of people who sent flowers and said his house is rented. 25 October 1944.

Insert 5 V-mail from Dorothy Keeley who says she is listening to the president on the radio. Columbia lost the football game to Hanover 26-0. Buch is in Germany and she got a letter from Luther. Finally she visited her husband in Trenton last weekend. 28 October 1944.



Insert 6 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal who says she saw a group of cowboy entertainers at the high school. She also visited a cousin in Newport. 28 October 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Uncle George discussing Uncle Tom's will and Uncle Bill's living arrangements as well as his own living arrangements. 29 October 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from "Mom" Staab saying it is hard to find pens but got George a green one. 30 October 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from James Knipe (Uncle Jim) discussing France and other places he knew from WWI and his later travels, as well as George's poems. He visited Aunt Lil and said that Mary Katherine is in her final year at Dickinson College. 30 October 1944.

Insert 10 V-mail from Dick Keller saying he is teaching geography and science. The managing editor of *The Snapper* is no longer sending *The Snapper* to servicemen. Dick is going to Baltimore to see the Navy vs. Notre Dame football game. 30 October 1944.

Box 6, Folder 68 November 2-11, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from Isabelle (Issy) Huston talking about George writing a book. Issy also talks about her old boyfriend Bob who is home now but they are no longer interested in each other. She is going with Ana Ziegler to a Brethren love feast. 2 November 1944.

Insert 2 A copy of Millersville Servicemen's Newsletter sent to George. 3 November 1944.

Insert 3 V-mail written by Gladys O'Neal talking about canned pears and the upcoming hunting season. 4 November 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from Aunt Lil talking about Uncle Tom's funeral and about Uncle Bill. She shared that the Masonic lodge is having a religious service in Elizabethtown. Aunt Lil talked about the election and that gas is scarce. 5 November 1944.

Insert 5 V-mail from Nancy Pickel talking about Jay O'Neal and gives George his address. 6 November 1944.

Insert 6 Pre-printed Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Lockard. 6 November 1944.

Insert 7 Pre-printed Christmas card from Dorothy Kelley. 6 November 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Betty saying that her brother was home for a visit. She also says that Walter is in California and is not happy about that so she is thinking about a divorce. 6 November 1944.

Insert 9 V-mail from "Mom" Staab saying she voted last night. She also talks about missing George and Bob. 8 November 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from Isabelle (Issy) Huston talking about certification and her master's degree. Issy voted for the first time. 8 November 1944.

Insert 11 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying she is still listening to the radio. 11 November 1944.

Insert 12 V-mail from Nancy Pickel saying that O'Neal is still in France and she will be going to Middletown to visit "her Lt." 11 November 1944.



Box 6, Folder 69 November 12-22, 1944

Insert 1 Letter from the Veteran's Administration, Washington, D.C. stating they had changed the beneficiary on his life insurance policy. 12 November 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from Uncle George sharing that he had rented the house to Uncle Bill. 12 November 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Max saying that Bob Kraft had quit the factory and went to Middletown. Max did not vote in the election. For WM 13 November 1944

Insert 4 Letter from Margaret sharing that Roy Diehl is in New Guinea and talked about news of the Fort Riley people. 15 November 1944.

Insert 5 Pre-printed stats card about Lancaster County from Lancaster Newspaper, Inc. 17 November 1944.

Insert 6 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal talking about the weather and saying that friends visited her on Wednesday. 18 November 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Josie telling George she has to work on Thanksgiving Day. She also talks about her bus trips, church librarian duties and knitting three sweaters. Ben Sieple organized a community orchestra and she is also trying to join the Gallon Club which is people who have donated one gallon or more of blood. There is a shortage of cigarettes, whiskey and chewing gum. ACP remodeled the Bachenheimer building and painted it red. Finally Josie saw the movies *Naughty*, *Marietta* and *Laura*. 19 November 1944.

Insert 8 V-mail from Dorothy Keeley who says she started Christmas shopping early because of the limited supplies. She shared that Jean Walsh got married. 19 November 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from Doris stating that Eddie Bartch is now in the service. He is only fifteen but lied about his age. Bernie Rupp who had been in the South Pacific is now in a mental hospital in D.C. 19 November 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from Thera saying she saw the senior play at Millersville State Teacher's College. She is now filling orders at the factory for dresses for war torn countries. 20 November 1944.

Insert 11 Pre-printed Christmas card from Margaret. 21 November 1944.

Insert 12 Pre-printed Christmas card and letter from H. S. Jackson. 22 November 1944.

Box 6, Folder 70 November 24-30, 1944

Insert 1 Pre-printed Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. David Duncan. 24 November 1944.

Insert 2 Pre-printed Christmas card with an enclosed letter from Gladys O'Neal sharing that Thursday was Thanksgiving but she did not have company or visit anyone. She started wrapping Christmas presents. 25 November 1944.

Insert 3 Pre-printed Christmas card with a letter written on the back from M. B. Musser. 26 November 1944.

Insert 4 A letter from Issy Huston talking about her friendship with Bob and Dick. She is planning to attend Millersville's annual Christmas concert on December 8.



This year Issy's uncle's family and her great aunts joined her family for Thanksgiving. 26 November 1944.

Insert 5 Pre-printed Christmas card from Lillie Knipe. 27 November 1944.

Insert 6 Two letters in one envelope that were both dated November 27 from John Caley. He thinks that Uncle Bill gave Uncle Tom ptomaine food poisoning and that is why Uncle Tom died. Dr Atlee will not send a bill right away so John and George can pay all the other bills from Tom's hospital stay first. He goes on to talk of estate business. 27 November 1944.

Insert 7 Pre-printed Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nikolaus and family. 27 November 1944.

Insert 8 Pre-printed Christmas card from Issy Huston. 29 November 1944.

Insert 9 Pre-printed Christmas card from Pearl [Ansalrish]. 29 November 1944.

Insert 10 A letter from Issy Huston saying she got a letter from Dick. Ruth is now an ensign stationed in D.C. She also went and saw the movie *And Now Tomorrow*. Jane married John De Grange. 29 November 1944.

Insert 11 V-mail from Mrs. Lockard saying she mailed George a box of cookies and candy. She could not make much candy because butter is so scarce and there is no chewing gum only cheap, trashy candy bars. Finally there are not any good toys for 10 and 11 year olds as everything is either too babyish or too expensive. 29 November 1944.

Insert 12 Pre-printed Christmas card from Marie Courtney Scheaffer. 30 November 1944.

Insert 13 V-mail from "Mom" Staab saying she is getting ready for Christmas but it is harder each year without the boys. 30 November 1944.

Box 6, Folder 71 December 2-4, 1944

Insert 1 V-mail from Gladys saying that she had a large group visit her from Hershey. The hogs were butchered last Tuesday. 2 December 1944.

Insert 2 Letter from "Mom" Staab talking about some pictures George sent her. She listened to the Army vs. Navy game on the radio. 2 December 1944.

Insert 3 Pre-printed Christmas card from Jessie M. Cleland. 2 December 1944.

Insert 4 Pre-printed Christmas card from Jean. 3 December 1944.

Insert 5 Pre-printed Christmas card from Betty. 4 December 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from H. M. Peters relaying addresses and talking about Millersville. H. M. comments on George's story about his baking during an artillery barrage and describes people not feeling very celebratory about Christmas this year. 4 December 1944.

Insert 7 Pre-printed Christmas card from Mary Jane Webster. 4 December 1944.

Insert 8 Pre-printed Christmas card from Sarah Urban. 4 December 1944.

Insert 9 Pre-printed Christmas card from Uncle [Crist] and Aunt Bessie. 9 December 1944.

Insert 10 Pre-printed Christmas card from Martin and Dorothy Vidler. 4 December 1944.

Insert 11 Pre-printed Christmas card from Florence. 4 December 1944.



Insert 12 Letter from Annie saying that Earl, Len, Diana and John Metzger are in France. Right now there is not much work at the factory. 4 December 1944.

Box 6, Folder 72 December 5-9, 1944

Insert 1 Pre-printed Christmas card from Doris Miller. 5 December 1944.

Insert 2 Pre-printed Christmas card from Thera Kauffman. 5 December 1944.

Insert 3 V-mail from "Mom" Staab saying she did some Christmas shopping at George's request. 5 December 1944.

Insert 4 Pre-printed Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Baufort, Sr. 6 December 1944.

Insert 5 Pre-printed Christmas card from the Eisenberger family. 6 December 1944.

Insert 6 Pre-printed Christmas card from Uncle George. 6 December 1944.

Insert 7 Pre-printed Christmas card from "Mom" Lutz. 7 December 1944.

Insert 8 Pre-printed Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Kiefer. 7 December 1944.

Insert 9 A form letter from Pastor Belemy at the Salome Church, UBC. 7 December 1944.

Insert 10 Pre-printed Christmas card from Nancy Pickel. 7 December 1944.

Insert 11 Pre-printed Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. John G. Caley. 7 December 1944.

Insert 12 Pre-printed Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Sanders P. McComsey. 9 December 1944.

Insert 13 V-mail from Doris Greenly saying that Christmas does not feel like Christmas this year. 9 December 1944.

Insert 14 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal who says she received visits from friends and is doing some Christmas shopping. 9 December 1944.

Insert 15 Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. B.H.Trull. 9 December 1944.

Insert 16 Letter from Margaret who says she had visits from some soldiers, talks about the WACS and describes her Thanksgiving. 9 December 1944.

Box 6, Folder 73 December 10-12, 1944

Insert 1 Christmas card from Virginia Trull. 10 December 1944.

Insert 2 Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. John H. Smith. 10 December 1944.

Insert 3 Christmas card from the Noltes. 11 December 1944.

Insert 4 Christmas card from Alldice. 11 December 1944.

Insert 5 Christmas card from Dorothy Broome saying that there is a new dramatic club coach and the club will be performing *One Mad Night*. 11 December 1944.

Insert 6 Christmas card from Josie and Doris. 11 December 1944.

Insert 7 Christmas card from Mom, Dad, Josie and Doris. 11 December 1944.

Insert 8 Christmas card from Mrs. Courtney. 11 December 1944.

Insert 9 Christmas card from Lillian Kurtz. 11 December 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from Aunt Lillie Knipe in which she enclosed three small articles about Seaman Elslager. Aunt Lillie says she gets her news about the war from



the radio, talks of family, and describes changes to 4th Street in Columbia. 12 December 1944.

Insert 11 Christmas card from Uncle Albert and Aunt Myra. 12 December 1944.

Insert 12 Letter from James Knipe in which he talks about Aunt Lil and about Patton's offensive. 12 December 1944.

Box 6, Folder 74 December 13-20, 1944

Insert 1 Christmas card from Mrs. Stotz. 13 December 1944.

Insert 2 Christmas card from Mary and Jack. 13 December 1944.

Insert 3 Letter from Margaret in which she says a Mexican band is playing at the Philadelphia Hotel. She has also been to some hockey games.

Insert 4 Christmas card from Esther Linhardt. 15 December 1944.

Insert 5 A card from Issy Huston letting George know that she has bought him a subscription to Omnibook. 15 December 1944.

Insert 6 Christmas card from Alldice. 16 December 1944.

Insert 7 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying she is getting ready for Christmas. 16 December 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Uncle George talking about Uncle Bill and the mail service. 17 December 1944.

Insert 9 V-mail from Dorothy Kelley saying she is preparing for Christmas and that Abe Eisenberger is home on furlough. 17 December 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from Isabelle Huston talking about the snow and that the girl scouts are going caroling. Issy also talked about her visit to Millersville two weeks ago. 19 December 1944.

Insert 11 Christmas card and letter from Grandma Sadie sharing family news and saying that she had a Christmas party. 20 December 1944.

Insert 12 V-mail from Laura Staab thanking George for the present. She also says the river is frozen and the kids are out sledding. 20 December 1944.



Box 7

Box 7, Folder 75 December 22-29, 1944

Insert 1 Christmas card from J. L. Schlotthauer. 22 December 1944.

Insert 2 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying she has been Christmas shopping and bought the tree. 23 December 1944.

Insert 3 V-mail from Doris Greenleaf sharing that she is listening to Christmas broadcasts from the South Pacific and England. 25 December 1944.

Insert 4 Letter from "Mom" Staab saying that she went to the Cantata and she describes the tree to George. 25 December 1944.

Insert 5 V-mail from Dick Keller saying that Nancy is taking the library course at Millersville. He also told George that Marian Hess and Bill Thompson got married as well as Eleanor Vogt and Larry Olewine. 26 December 1944.

Insert 6 Letter from Kathleen Altwegg Acker saying that she got engaged to Jim back in May and married him in August. Now Jim is in Panama as a pilot on B-24s. She is planning to go back to school in January. 26 December 1944.

Insert 7 Letter from Emily Harriet Snyder saying she spent Christmas with her sister, mother and nieces in Newark, NJ and she saw the movie *Winged Victory*. The card included a small booklet of Bible messages. 28 December 1944.

Insert 8 Letter from Harry and Marguerite Jackson including a copy of a church bulletin. They give George updates from the church, including members' health and the schedule for the holiday services. 28 December 1944.

Insert 9 Letter from George's mother sharing that John is working day-shift at the [Beking] Company. Doris has quit her job because of her poor health and Josie is still in school. She also gives George news of extended family and friends. 28 December 1944.

Insert 10 Letter from Mrs. Groom saying that Bill was discharged and that Dick is okay. His wife lives here and will be a new mother in March. Jennie has a little girl. 29 December 1944.

Insert 11 Letter from Isabelle Huston saying that she went to a party in Harrisburg and that Mary went out with Ken. 29 December 1944.

Insert 12 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying she had a good Christmas with friends visiting and a soldier she is a pen pal with also stopped in for a visit. Gladys wondered about Billy Preston. 30 December 1944.

Insert 13 Letter from Doris Staab saying that she is still working at Hamilton Watch Factory making time fuses. She also shared that Johnny Lyle is in New Guinea and that Barney Rupp is in the U.S. in a mental hospital after 13 months in the South Pacific. Doris described the family Christmas and celebrated her birthday on December 28. 30 December 1944.

Insert 14 George was sent the Millersville State Teacher's College Servicemen's Newsletter. 30 December 1944.

Insert 15 Letter from "Mom" Staab talking about the mail sent and received and the postal rules. "Mom" talks about the decorations, weather, memories and presents for this Christmas. 30 December 1944.

Insert 16 Letter from Catherine B. Stotz saying that she visited family for five weeks. Dottie Miller is in the WAVES and is stationed in Philadelphia. She told



George there are snow problems in Rochester, NY as no one plowed the streets.
31 December 1944.

Box 7, Folder 76 January 1-15, 1945

Insert 1 V-mail from Aunt Biddy Lockard saying that Dick returned to Millersville already and wanted to hear the Rose Bowl game. She sends New Year wishes to George. 1 January 1945.

Insert 2 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal sharing the New Year activities and to say she is busy writing letters. 6 January 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from Aunt Lill Knipe saying that the Noltes visited and she is busy trying to keep track of George with the radio reports on Patton's Army. Locally right now oil is scarce for heat. Finally, Effie Detweiler deeded the old legion home to the Red Cross. 6 January 1945.

Insert 4 Letter from Uncle George discussing the paying off of all Uncle Tom's expenses. He sold his house to Mr. and Mrs. McComsey. Uncle George is working 30 hours a week and visits Uncle Bill bringing him coal. 6 January 1945.

Insert 5 Letter from Eleanor saying that her husband Bernard was sent to the South Pacific in August. Meanwhile, she got a job at a nearby bank. She shares that Mary Louise Madly is now a teacher, Nancy Shank is working at the Marietta Depot, Jimmy was married last September to a girl in Alaska and Lee is now a captain in the U.S. Army. She says that food and other items are becoming scarce. 7 January 1945.

Insert 6 V-mail from "Mom" Staab saying she received a letter from Bob. 8 January 1945.

Insert 7 V-mail from "Mom" Staab describing ice jams along the Susquehanna River. 8 January 1945.

Insert 8 Letter from Isabelle (Issy) Huston in which she copied by hand a newspaper article about water shortages in Columbia because of ice jams and flooding. She also read *Strange Fruit*, by Lillian Smith and discussed trends in infidelity. 10 January 1945.

Insert 9 A Valentine card and enclosed letter from "Mom" Staab where she talks about the ice jammed between Turkey Hill and Middletown which caused water to flood the pumping station at Locust Street. 11 January 1945.

Insert 10 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying her dad caught an opossum in the chicken coop. 13 January 1945.

Insert 11 There were two letters in the same envelope. First was from Mother (Mrs. Caley) who sent a copy of the *Philadelphia Enquirer* article about the ice jams. She also said that Josie dislocated her shoulder, Father is working at Mies' Baking Co. and Doris might get a job as a Singer operator for a Navy contract. Finally, she saw a picture of George in the paper and saved it. 14 January 1944. The second letter is from George's sister, Doris Caley, who talks about their relationship as brother and sister. Doris says it is hard to find cigarettes and finally talks about her boyfriend. 14 January 1945.

Insert 12 A Valentine card from Aunt Bid Lockard. 14 January 1945.



Insert 13 Letter from Uncle John giving George updates on Uncle Tom's estate expenses. 14 January 1945.

Insert 14 A Valentine card from Doris Staab. 15 January 1945.

Insert 15 A Valentine card from Josie Staab. 15 January 1945.

Box 7, Folder 77 January 16-20, 1945

Insert 1 Letter from James L. Knipe describing his time in France during WWI. 16 January 1945.

Insert 2 A Valentine card from the Duncans. 16 January 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from Isabelle (Issy) Huston encouraging George to write a book about being an army cook. She also visited Millersville. 16 January 1945.

Insert 4 V-mail from Nancy Pickel talking about last Christmas and the lack of decorations in Lancaster. 16 January 1945.

Insert 5 Letter from Corporal Lena Bratton describing some changes at Fort Riley, Kansas. Also found inside this envelope was a letter from Dad, not dated, reminding George to avoid temptations and to hold to his faith. 16 January 1945.

Insert 6 Letter from Dora saying that June was wounded on November 7 and Claire was wounded on November 13. 17 January 1945.

Insert 7 Letter from Isabelle (Issy) Huston saying there were school closings due to snow. She also talks about her work at the school library and finally that Jean Gray married Harry Gerlden. 18 January 1945.

Insert 8 Letter from Esther E. Lenhardt saying the play is a Charlie Chan mystery with Dick Keller as Charlie Chan. She says that Jack got a position in Rossville, York County and he will graduate 16 February 1945.

Insert 9 Letter from Margaret saying she went to Boston sharing the train with the hockey team and getting tickets to two games. 19 January 1945.

Insert 10 A Valentine card from Thera. 20 January 1945.

Insert 11 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying it snowed 21 inches closing roads with no mail delivery for four days. She has been listening to "The Saint" on the radio. 20 January 1945.

Box 7, Folder 78 January 21-31, 1945

Insert 1 Letter from Uncle George talking about the weather in Columbia and updates on Uncle Tom's expenses and Uncle Bill. 21 January 1945.

Insert 2 Letter from Virginia Senneson talking about the weather in Rochester, NY and working for General Electric. 21 January 1945.

Insert 3 V-mail from Ruth A. Bomberger saying that more men are coming to Millersville at the beginning of the semester. 23 January 1945.

Insert 4 A Valentine card from the Dinkels. 24 January 1945.

Insert 5 V-mail from Alldice Eshlemen talking about ration stamps and student teaching. 25 January 1945.

Insert 6 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal talking about the weather and that a friend visited. 27 January 1945.



Insert 7 Letter from Jane Hobbell saying she is still at Ursinus College and got to go home for the weekend. 28 January 1945.

Insert 8 V-mail from Dorothy Kelly talking about the weather and that she saw *Winged Victory* and *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo*. She also went for a sleigh ride. 28 January 1945.

Insert 9 V-mail from Laura Roye talking to George about high school and the weather. 28 January 1945.

Insert 10 Letter from Betty saying she took a trip south and that Walter sent her two letters. 30 January 1945.

Insert 11 Letter from Gloria telling George that her brother was killed in action in Holland on 6 October 1944. She also gave him a weather report and talking about her work in the Navy yard. 30 January 1945.

Insert 12 V-mail from "Mom" Staab saying she received George's packages and has not heard from Bob since Christmas Day. 31 January 1945.

Insert 13 Letter from Dick Warfel saying he is in England and was the first pilot on a B-17. He has now completed his missions and plans to go home soon. 31 January 1945.

Box 7, Folder 79 February 2-8, 1945

Insert 1 V-mail from "Mom" Staab saying that Bill Painter was killed in action December 16 on Leyte Island and she has not heard from Bob since Christmas. 2 February 1945.

Insert 2 Letter from Margaret saying two girls from Fort Devons are coming for a visit. She has also gotten to go to some hockey games. 2 February 1945.

Insert 3 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal telling George that there was a train wreck about two miles from her house. 3 February 1945.

Insert 4 Letter from Issy Huston telling George that from the snow highways are clear but the secondary roads are still bad. She is reading *Omni Book*. Issy also went to a high school play and to hear the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra. She had a Girl Scout meeting, visited Louise Hemphill and saw *Meet Me in St. Louis*. 3 February 1945.

Insert 5 Letter including a copy of the program from Columbia High School play from "Mom" Staab. "Mom" says the play had a full house all three nights. She tells George that Bob is in Belgium and talks about George's house and Uncle Tom's will. 4 February 1945.

Insert 6 A postcard from Salome UBC saying they are keeping George in their prayers. 6 February 1945.

Insert 7 V-mail from Doris Greenleaf telling George that the semester has started and that she is interested in political science maybe making it her major. 8 February 1945.

Insert 8 A Valentines' Day card from Jean. 8 February 1945.

Insert 9 Letter from George A. Frank telling George he sees Uncle John and Uncle George occasionally. He also describes the ice on the river. 8 February 1945.



Insert 10 Letter from Dorothy telling George that she went to Lancaster one Sunday and could not get back to Columbia until Monday noon because of icy roads and cancelled buses. 8 February 1945.

Box 7, Folder 80 February 10-21, 1945

Insert 1 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal that talked about the weather and having friends visit. 10 February 1945.

Insert 2 Letter from Uncle George saying he will turn 75 on February 28. It also included a newspaper photo of the ice jams along the Susquehanna River. 11 February 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from Grandma Sadie telling George that the [Sheckard's] son has been MIA since Christmas. Grandma told George she sprained her ankle. The area has been low on coal with stores closing two days a week. Because of this shortage, churches are gathering in people's homes or they have been cancelling meetings. The letter also included a newspaper photo of the flooded water treatment plant. 11 February 1945.

Insert 4 Letter from Dot Broome included a copy of the program from Columbia High School's play. She describes working on the play with the kids and says the building was so cold because of the fuel shortage. Dot plans to move next year's play to November so it is not so cold. Right now Lititz and Columbia's boys basketball teams are tied for first place. 12 February 1945.

Insert 5 Letter from Laura saying she hurt her foot climbing on a mound of snow to take a picture. She tells George her minister is from Austria and had studied at the University of Budapest. Finally, she saw *Meet Me in St. Louis*. 12 February 1945.

Insert 6 Letter from "Mom" Lutz saying that Bill is in Germany with Leo in Florida. Bettes is at the naval hospital in NC, Lou is at Sampson and George was in the Dutch East Indies but had now moved. 13 February 1945.

Insert 7 Letter from "Mom" Staab asking George about a wedding he attended. 13 February 1945.

Insert 8 Letter from Lillie Knipe telling George that some boys wrote home reporting that Columbia's water shortage was on the radio. She also talked about the coal shortage and that the groundhog had seen its shadow. 13 February 1945.

Insert 9 A newsletter for servicemen was sent from Millersville State Teacher's College. 17 February 1945.

Insert 10 Letter from Thera describing the ice jam and talking about the weather. She also included a copy of the program from the Columbia High school play. 18 February 1945.

Insert 11 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal telling George she is writing many letters and saying that the weather is still very cold and snow-filled. 21 February 1945.

Box 7, Folder 81 February 22-28, 1945



Insert 1 Letter from Isabelle (Issy) Huston telling George she does not feel like she is contributing to the war effort. A friend of hers is joining the Army Nurse Corp, and her brother is in Iwo Jima. She plans to donate blood in Harrisburg. 22 February 1945.

Insert 2 V-mail from Laura Eshleman saying that ten to twelve men have returned from their military service to continue their studies in Millersville. She also performed a parody on army life. 25 February 1945.

Insert 3 V-mail from "Mom" Staab telling George she picked up his *Reader's Digest*. She recently took a walk along the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge. 25 February 1945.

Insert 4 Easter card and letter from "Lady Laura" saying she recently saw the movie *Here Come the WAVES* and the river is up. She also says the Gans boy is marrying a woman from Australia. 25 February 1945.

Insert 5 Newspaper clipping, Easter card and a letter from "Mom" Staab telling George that Bob is in Germany. 25 February 1945.

Insert 6 Letter from Gladys telling George she had visitors to the house and has pen pals. She also talked about her postcard collection and souvenirs. 25 February 1945.

Insert 7 Letter from Betty saying she lives near the Myles Standish Camp. They brought 400 wounded soldiers to the hospital on Saturday. She also said they have German POWs working where her father works. Finally, she tells George that Walter is in India. 26 February 1945.

Insert 8 Letter from Esther E. Lenhardt telling George that Dick Keller played Charlie Chan in the *Charlie Chan Mystery*. She is also preparing for Mothers' Weekend and said that Jack graduated from the seminary on February 16. Finally, some fellows put on an army show in the chapel.

Insert 9 V-mail from Nancy M. Pickel sharing that she is dating three men at the moment. She tells George that Lt. Rills is going to be a father. 27 February 1945.

Insert 10 Easter card from Margaret. 28 February 1945.

Insert 11 V-mail from Aunt Biddy Lockard telling George she hurt her knee. Dick has gotten all As and even subbed at McCaskey and Penn Manor High Schools. Dick also brought Francis for a few visits. Finally she shared that the ice on the river did some damage but not as much as in 1936. 28 February 1945.

Insert 12 Letter from J. L. Schotthauer thanking George for the letter and sending him good wishes for an end to the war. 28 February 1945.

Box 7, Folder 82 March 1-7, 1945

Insert 1 Easter card from Betty. 1 March 1945.

Insert 2 Letter from Uncle Jim Knipe who describes the Rhine like the Susquehanna Valley. He also encourages George to visit Paris. 1 March 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from PFC Clair Elslager who is stationed in the Philippines and describes the landing to George. States that Vinnie [Urchenheuler] died. 3 March 1945.

Insert 4 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal telling George she listens to the radio and went to town for the first time in three months. 3 March 1945.



Insert 5 Letter from Isabelle (Issy) Huston written in response to a letter from George. She discusses sex and the loose women at Millersville. 3 March 1945.

Insert 6 Letter from Uncle Jim telling George that Mother Lutz is not doing well and Uncle Bill Lutz died at S. Anne's Home. His other Uncle Bill who is living in Uncle Tom's old house is refusing to go to St. Anne's Home. Uncle Jim and Mrs. Caley were able to go to a concert at the UB Church. He ends with telling George that Ned Crist is getting married to Jean Kepper. 4 March 1945.

Insert 7 Letter from Margaret telling George she is enjoying the hockey games. 5 March 1945.

Insert 8 Easter card from Dorothy. 5 March 1945.

Insert 9 Easter card from Isabelle (Issy) Huston. 5 March 1945.

Insert 10 Letter from Carrie telling George her side aches and that father's eye surgery went well. She also talks about her children and grandchildren and that she has been volunteering for many war activities. 6 March 1945.

Insert 11 Letter from "Mom" Staab answering George's letter. She tells him that Bob is in Germany and that Barney Rupp has received a medical discharge and is now home. 6 March 1945.

Insert 12 Letter from Jean thanking George for the poem. 6 March 1945.

Insert 13 Birthday card from Uncle George. 7 March 1945.

Insert 14 Letter from Jane Hubbell in which she talks about her semester at Millersville State Teacher's College. 7 March 1945.

Box 7, Folder 83 March 8-11, 1945

Insert 1 Birthday card from Grandma Sadie. 8 March 1945.

Insert 2 Birthday card from Carol F. Morrow. 8 March 1945.

Insert 3 Birthday card from Aunt Frances. 8 March 1945.

Insert 4 Birthday card from Emma Arnold. 8 March 1945.

Insert 5 Birthday card and letter with birthday wishes from Aunt Laura. 8 March 1945.

Insert 6 Birthday card and letter with birthday wishes from "Mom" Staab. 8 March 1945.

Insert 7 Birthday card and letter with birthday wishes from "Mom" Staab. 8 March 1945.

Insert 8 Easter card from Hettie Richardson. 8 March 1945.

Insert 9 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal saying she has caught up on her letter writing and is collecting postcards from overseas. 10 March 1945.

Insert 10 Easter card from Thera. 10 March 1945.

Insert 11 Letter from Ginna telling George she heard William Stegel speak at her church. She also said that Lou Lutz is at Sampson. 10 March 1945.

Insert 12 Easter card from the Sr. Mt. Gretna Group. 11 March 1945.

Insert 13 V-mail from Dorothy Kelley saying that Mary Ellen heard from another soldier that Ray is safe. Dorothy was able to see *Holly Road Canteen* and *Music For Millions*. 11 March 1945.

Insert 14 Letter from "Mom" Staab telling George he received some postcards at the house. 11 March 1945.



Insert 15 Letter from Uncle George giving George updates on the house and estate. 11 March 1945.

Insert 16 Letter from Isabelle (Issy) Huston in which she talks about Dick. She has read *Strange Fruit* and has enjoyed playing basketball. 11 March 1945.

Box 7, Folder 84 March 15-31, 1945

Insert 1 Letter from Isabelle (Issy) Huston tells George she got two letters from her brother Bill. He survived the battle at Iwo Jima. She said that a fellow teacher at Steelton lost a brother in the Bataan and a woman from the same town just got word that her husband died. 15 March 1945.

Insert 2 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal telling George she has a toothache and has received three new pen pals. 17 March 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from Uncle George in which he tells George that Uncle John got sick on March 6 and is in the hospital. 17 March 1945.

Insert 4 V-mail from the Dickels letting George know that Donald Murray went into the Navy and got married, Sonny Hogentogler was stationed near George, and Billy Dinkel who just got back from Italy is now stationed at Gettysburg. Furthermore, Chet Corrigan is in Germany and Charles Kirchner was wounded at Iwo Jima. He also said that Dottie Torbert can not talk and Jean is training to be a nurse in Philadelphia. 19 March 1945.

Insert 5 Easter card from Mary B. Musser. 19 March 1945.

Insert 6 Letter from Uncle Jim Knipe in which he says his daughter will graduate from college in eight weeks and has gotten a job as a social service worker in Lancaster. He tells George that nine of the girls gave him the poetry that George wrote for them. 20 March 1945.

Insert 7 Letter from Henry and Marguarite Jackson saying that Clair is in the Philippines and was wounded in the leg but is now back in active service. Harry is in the hospital. 20 March 1945.

Insert 8 V-mail from Ruth Bomberger talking about an alumni banquet and Mothers' Weekend. 21 March 1945.

Insert 9 V-mail from Richard (Dick) Keller telling George that there were about twenty-five men at Millersville State Teacher's College with about half of them being ex-GIs. Furthermore, Lorna and Ozetta joined the Marines and Dick Warfel had come home on furlough after 35 missions. 25 March 1945.

Insert 10 Birthday card and letter from Gladys. 25 March 1945.

Insert 11 Birthday card from Aunt Lill. 27 March 1945.

Insert 12 Birthday card from George's parents and an Easter card from Mother and Dad and sisters, Doris and Josie. 28 March 1945.

Insert 13 Form letter and newsletter from Salome Church written on March 1 but not sent until March 28. It shared church news and updates. 28 March 1945.

Insert 14 Letter from Isabelle (Issy) Huston saying that her brother was okay after being in the Battle of Iwo Jima. Issy includes a copy of a reply Ruth Warfel sent responding to Issy's questions about Ruth's joining the WAVES. Issy ends with writing about marriage and men. 30 March 1945.



Insert 15 V-mail from Gladys O'Neal telling George that her garden is doing well. 31 March 1945.

Box 7, Folder 85 April 1-12, 1945

Insert 1 Letter from Uncle George Caley telling George he had changed churches and now was a member of Salome UB Church and that Uncle John had come home from the hospital. 1 April 1945.

Insert 2 Letter from Aunt Lill saying she has been sick, so Eleanor and her family had been staying with her for awhile. She went on to say though that they could not come up for Easter because gas was too scarce. Aunt Lill is now listening to the radio to get her news because she can not read well anymore. She also tells George how life is getting harder in that one needs ration stamps for meat, coal is scarce and there is fighting at market for the chickens. They are not rationed but very expensive. Lastly she heard Kline Hoble is a captain in the Pacific. 2 April 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from Nancy Pickel saying that she went first to Philadelphia and then Red Bank, NJ over Easter. She tells George she is in love with a sailor in Washington, D.C. 3 April 1945.

Insert 4 Letter from Betty telling George that Walter is now in the Field Replacement Department. 5 April 1945.

Insert 5 Letter from Annie saying that Earl is now in France. 6 April 1945.

Insert 6 Letter, including a copy of the church's Easter bulletin, from Grandma Sadie. She tells George that she has sprained her ankle. She said that the luncheoneers had gotten together at the church house and baked 72 dozen crullers netting \$16.00. The churches are all getting together every two weeks at one place for group hymn sings. Furthermore, she told George that Carl might join the Navy and Raymond Broom is already in the Navy. 8 April 1945.

Insert 7 Letter from George A. Frank talking about the folklore of the onion snow. 10 April 1945.

Insert 8 Letter from "Ginny" saying she is still working for the telephone company. This correspondence was dated 11 April 1944, but postmarked 1945. 11 April [1945].

Insert 9 Letter from Gloria saying that the people are planting their victory gardens again. She is still working at the Navy Yard and Washington (the federal government) is enforcing a curfew of midnight. 11 April 1945.

Insert 10 A copy of the Millersville State Teacher's College Servicemen's Newsletter sent to George. 12 April 1945.

Insert 11 Letter from Gladys O'Neal telling George her mother has passed away. 12 April 1945.

Insert 12 Belated birthday card from Dora telling George that Clair is in the Philippines. 12 April 1945.



Box 8

Box 8, Folder 86 April 13-19, 1945

Insert 1 Letter from Jane Hubbely in which she talks about President Roosevelt's death. She tells George that Ursinus College had performed the operetta *Sweethearts* and she, along with her abnormal psychology class, had toured [Bibary] in Philadelphia. 13 April 1945.

Insert 2 Letter from Emily Snyder letting him know that the April copy of *The Journal* is at the printers, that they had a memorial service for President Roosevelt, and that she read two books. 13 April 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from Pat, who wrote about the president's death and that she is starting school in September. 13 April 1945.

Insert 4 Letter from Isabelle Huston (Issy), stating that she plans to visit Millersville for the weekend and talks about Dick Warfel. 13 April 1945.

Insert 5 V-Mail from Dorothy Broome, who talks about news on the radio about President Roosevelt's death, mentions Sarah Urban, and reports that Paul is in Germany. 13 April 1945.

Insert 6 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who is now writing letters to over sixty Service Men, and reports that her Dad planted potatoes. 14 April 1945.

Insert 7 Letter from Isabelle Huston (Issy), who reports on her visit to Millersville, including that there are now twenty-seven men on the Millersville Campus, and that she saw the Junior Class play at the high school in Millersville. 15 April 1945.

Insert 8 Letter from Sarah Urban, who describes herself to George. She then reports that Clark Grimm's wife had an operation, Mr. Seifred's mother passed away, and the Malleable are on strike. 15 April 1945.

Insert 9 Letter from Uncle George Caley, who attended a memorial service for President Roosevelt and talks about the tombstone the family picked out for Aunt Emma and Uncle Tom. 15 April 1945.

Insert 10 Letter from Betty, who hears from her husband, Walter, once a week. 16 April 1945.

Insert 11 V-Mail from Mary Jane Webster, who reports that she had operations on her feet and that Lynn and Betty had a baby girl. 18 April 1945.

Insert 12 Letter from Uncle John and Aunt Ethel Caley, who mention that Betty is in Cincinnati and that there are 200 Military Police stationed in Marietta. 18 April 1945.

Insert 13 Letter from Mrs. Staab (Mom) reporting on the scarcity of some objects. Her mother passed away and her son, Bob, is in Germany. 19 April 1945.

Insert 14 Two letters from Cpl. Lena Bratton, the earlier of the two letters mentions that she sent a pin to Pat Shearer to give to George. The other letter gives status reports on Chaplain Bush and John Witchel, she mourns the death of Ernie Pyle and is impressed so far with President Truman. 11 April 1945, 19 April 1945.



Box 8, Folder 87 April 21-29, 1945

Insert 1 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal. 21 April 1945. *Document damaged and unreadable, DO NOT USE.*

Insert 2 Letter from Carrie, who talks about her family and Columbia. 21 April 1945.

Insert 3 V-Mail from Dorothy Kelley, who talks about her vacation. Also reports that Raymond is MIA and Charles Fry was wounded on Iwo Jima. 21 April 1945.

Insert 4 Letter from Uncle Jim Knipe, who reports the scarcity of certain articles of clothing in the stores. 25 April 1945.

Insert 5 Letter from Laura, who visited Freddie Kirstein to get George more film, is currently corresponding with an Englishman, and asks George about his new Russian friends. 25 April 1945.

Insert 6 Letter from Uncle John Caley, who has been sick but is working again. Reports on the news about the peace talks and that Bud Bucher is in the Pacific. 25 April 1945.

Insert 7 V-Mail from Aunt Biddy Lockard, who has been ill since Easter. Reports that Dick is graduating and has gotten several job offers. 25 April 1945.

Insert 8 V-Mail from Dorothy Kelley, who is listening to the radio for official word of Germany's surrender and talks about the movies she recently saw. 28 April 1945.

Insert 9 Letter from Uncle George Caley, who sold his house. 29 April 1945.

Insert 10 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who talks about the weather and planting things and had a visit from her cousin. 29 April 1945.

Box 8, Folder 88 May 1-17, 1945

Insert 1 Newsletter from the Salome UBC Church sent to George by Clara Miller. 1 May 1945.

Insert 2 Letter from Mrs. Staab (Mom), who is removing wallpaper from some rooms in the house and talks about President Roosevelt's death. She reports that Josie and Doris ordered a spinet piano for Bernice's birthday. 3 May 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from Emma Arnold, who reports that Shickard's is waiting to hear from Raymond and that Wayne is at Camp Gordon in Georgia. 4 May 1945.

Insert 4 Letter from Isabelle Huston (Issy), who saw some news reels showing the German atrocities and is chaperoning the spring dance. 5 May 1945.

Insert 5 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who went shopping in Newport, PA. 5 May 1945.

Insert 6 Letter from Thera Kauffman, who likes how George describes Germany and wants to know more about Hitler's death. She is busy working at *The Standard*. 6 May 1945.

Insert 7 V-Mail from Mrs. Staab (Mom), who heard the good news about the war over the radio. She is cleaning the house and putting up new wallpaper. Talks about Bernice's new piano. 10 May 1945.

Insert 8 Letter from Betty, who going to buy presents for her mother and mother-in-law for Mother's Day. 11 May 1945.



Insert 9 Letter from Martha Griffin, whose brother serves with George, introduces herself. 11 May 1945.

Insert 10 Letter from Uncle James Knipe, who hopes the censor ban will lift soon so he can hear about George's travels. He reports on Aunt Lill's health, his daughter's upcoming graduation, and Annie Wagner's upcoming visit. 11 May 1945.

Insert 11 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who is glad to hear that the war is almost over. 12 May 1945.

Insert 12 V-Mail from Mrs. Staab (Mom), who hopes Bob and George can come home instead of staying in Europe or being transferred to the Pacific. 15 May 1945.

Insert 13 Letter from Annie, who planted her garden and is still working at the factory. She has not heard from Earl for three weeks, he was in Germany. 17 May 1945.

Box 8, Folder 89 May 19-28, 1945

Insert 1 Letter from Dick, who reports that the *Touchstone* is out. He and Frances are engaged and he has a teaching job in Scotch Pines. He hopes to go to Columbia University for graduate school. 19 May 1945.

Insert 2 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who has a toothache. She is working on spring cleaning and is asking people to send her foreign money for her collection. 19 May 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from Uncle George Caley, who talks about Uncle John's health. 20 May 1945.

Insert 4 Letter from Marguerite Jackson, who talks about the End Times. She mentions that her son, Ray, was at the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia and is now home. 21 May 1945.

Insert 5 Graduation announcement for Carl F Morrow, Jr. from Columbia High School. 23 May 1945.

Insert 6 Letter from Isabelle Huston (Issy), who attended the annual teachers' banquet and talks about her thoughts on drinking and temperance. 23 May 1945.

Insert 7 V-Mail from Mrs. Staab (Mom), who talks about her family and comments on the photographs George sent to her. 24 May 1945.

Insert 8 Letter from Nancy, who is dating a sailor stationed near Philadelphia. She bought a new swimming suit. She reports that Janet is dating a sailor and that her Dad is working in Polaski, VA. 26 May 1945.

Insert 9 Letter from Isabelle Huston (Issy), who saw a movie, went to a weenie roast hosted by the Jr. Red Cross, and will go to Hershey with the seniors on their picnic. She may need to find a new home in Steelton for the next school year and is thinking about buying a car. 26 May 1945.

Insert 10 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who talks about the weather, who visited her and what she is listening to on the radio. 26 May 1945.

Insert 11 Letter from Uncle George Caley, who reports on Uncle John's health and visited Uncle Bill. He talks about the circus coming to town and that Carl F Morrow Jr. graduates. 26 May 1945.



Insert 12 Letter from Ginny, who plans to go to Norfolk for vacation in July. She read in the newspaper that the 1st Army would return to the state and then go to the Pacific. 26 May 1945.

Insert 13 Letter from Hettie Richardson, who has been ill for seven weeks. She reports that Raymond Shepard and Stanley Albright were released from prison, that Mary Jane Webster had an operation, and Elsie Seigfred had an accident. 28 May 1945.

Insert 14 Letter from J. Hubbell, who reports on the end of the semester activities at Millersville, including the annual May Day event. Reports that E. Stoner will graduate, M. Reisinger has a playground position for the summer, Dorothy Barthwick will go to Texas with her husband and Laura Lee Sharpless is going to University of Penn to study Social Work. 28 May 1945.

Box 8, Folder 90 June 2-13, 1945

Insert 1 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who took flowers to the cemetery on Memorial Day and will be turning 22 next Saturday. 2 June 1945.

Insert 2 Letter from Gloria, who is worried that all the boys coming home from Europe will be shipped off to the Pacific. Reports that the Dodgers are doing well. 3 June 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from Thera Kauffman, who listened to President Truman announce V-E day. She mentions that George was in the local paper as the first local man to enter Czechoslovakia. Describes how Columbia High School decorated to honor alumni in the service. OPA put a price cap on strawberries, describes sales. 3 June 1945.

Insert 4 Letter from Esther Lenhardt, who describes spring activities at Millersville University, including the Mother's Weekend play and May Queen. 8 June 1945.

Insert 5 Letter from Isabelle Huston (Issy), who wants George to send her more poems and is working at summer camp again this year. 9 June 1945.

Insert 6 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who is cleaning house and enjoying the presents she got for her birthday. 9 June 1945.

Insert 7 Letter from Isabelle Huston (Issy), who read in the newspaper that the 3rd Army will be the Army of Occupation. She attended the Sunday School's progressive dinner and helped them sew diapers to give to the Red Cross. Talks about sex. 12 June 1945.

Insert 8 Letter from Lorna, who is at Camp Lejeune and shares that Groff moved to Elvars, California. 13 June 1945.

Insert 9 VMAIL from Biddy Lockard, who shares that Dick is engaged to Frances and he will be teaching in Scotch Pines, New Jersey and she will be a librarian in Phoenixville. She shares the problems civilians have with getting photograph film. Ralph requests that George send him some insignia patches for his collection.



Insert 10 Letter from James Knipe, whose daughter graduated from Dickenson College. He is sending one of George's letters to Pete Gable, editor of *The Columbia Daily News* so it can be printed in the paper. 13 June 1945.

Box 8, Folder 91 June 15-30 1945

Insert 1 Letter from Betty, who writes about her husband, Walter, and talks about George's comments concerning her marriage. 15 June 1945.

Insert 2 V-Mail from Dorothy, who shares that Raymond Sheckard is home and Paul Broome is in Lehrte, Germany. She saw a movie. 17 June 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from Laura, who sent a copy of the Columbia High School Commencement Bulletin. She heard from Fred that film is back-ordered and not coming in. She went to the multi-denominational hymn sing and she warns George to stay away from the German girls. 18 June 1945.

Insert 4 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who had a visit from relatives from Baltimore. 19 June 1945.

Insert 5 V-Mail from Mrs. Staab (Mom), who reports that Doris went to a chicken dinner and Bernice is practicing the piano. George's items from Germany, including a Nazi flag, arrived safely. 19 June 1945.

Insert 6 Letter from James Knipe, who plans to give George's letter to the editor of the *Columbia Daily News*. 19 June 1945.

Insert 7 V-Mail from Mrs. Staab (Mom), who received several boxes of items from George and a registered letter with 2 war bonds that George had transferred from Aunt Emma to Mrs. Staab and Mrs. Lutz. 21 June 1945.

Insert 8 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who helped to can peas, is writing letters and visiting with friends. 24 June 1945.

Insert 9 Letter from Jim Schlotthauer, who gave George's letters and poems to Charlie Gable at the *Columbia Daily News*. He lost the primary election for Burgess but intends to run in the general election as an Independent. 28 June 1945.

Insert 10 Letter from Carrie, who heard that Mrs. Lutz's son caught scarlet fever, Hubert came home but was already recalled to Alameda, California, and Mrs. Michaels was in the hospital. She lists known locations of other servicemen from Columbia. 30 June 1945.

Box 8, Folder 92 July 1-14, 1945

Insert 1 Letter from Annie, who reports that Earl is coming home, but will probably be sent to the Pacific and that Ken Haug is in China. The factory took a week off with pay. 1 July 1945.

Insert 2 Letter from Uncle George Caley, who updates George on financial concerns. 1 July 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from LM Peters, who relates family news, including that her husband is in California waiting to ship out to the Pacific. 1 July 1945.



Insert 4 V-Mail from Aunt Biddy Lockard, who would like George to send her some of the new postage stamps created for the American-occupied Germany. 1 July 1945.

Insert 5 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who saw a movie and looked through her postcard collection. 2 July 1945.

Insert 6 Letter from Mrs. Staab (Mom), who sent a package to George with film, soap and a washcloth. She heard that Bob was in Epinal, France, and she share the family's activities for the 4th of July holiday. 6 July 1945.

Insert 7 Letter from Gladys O'Neal, who talks about books she read and movies she saw, and shares how her family spent the 4th of July holiday. 7 July 1945.

Insert 8 Letter from Aunt Lillian Knipe, who found that the local vegetables at the market are very expensive and reports that Bernard is in the hospital in Guam. 8 July 1945.

Insert 9 Letter from Harry and Marguerite Jackson, who report that soldiers home from the fighting shared their stories in Church. 10 July 1945.

Insert 10 Letter from Uncle John Caley, who reports that Uncle George and Uncle Bill were doing fine, has a theory about George's assignment in the Army and comments on how many Mexicans are moving into Columbia. 10 July 1945.

Insert 11 Letter from Isabelle Huston (Issy), who is at camp as a counselor. 10 July 1945.

Insert 12 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who talks about her family and the weather. 14 July 1945.

Box 8, Folder 93 July 16-31, 1945

Insert 1 Letter from Hettie, who reports that Raymond Sheperd and Stanley Albright are home on furlough, Arlene Elslager's husband was discharged and works in Wrightsville, and Charles Brommer is back in the States. 16 July 1945.

Insert 2 Letter from Catherine B Stotz, who went to Detroit to be with her sister-in-law and her sister. 16 July 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from Betty, who shares that Walter will be going on furlough. 19 July 1945.

Insert 4 Letter from Isabelle Huston (Issy), who talks to George about books and her time at camp, and shares that her brother is in Hawaii. 19 July 1945.

Insert 5 Letter from Aunt Biddy Lockard, who complains about the lack of certain foods and how the high point system is causing food to sit on shelves and go bad. 22 July 1945.

Insert 6 Letter from Gladys O'Neal, who had family visit, worked in her garden, read a book, and went into town to shop. 22 July 1945.

Insert 7 V-Mail from Mrs. Staab (Mom), who shares her opinion about American boys getting together with German girls and shares her opinion about how innocent the German citizenry were of the Nazi activities. 25 July 1945.

Insert 8 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who read a book and is listening to the radio. 28 July 1945.

Insert 9 Letter from Annie, who shares that Earl was coming home, but may be sent to the Pacific. 29 July 1945.



Insert 10 Letter from Uncle George Caley, who talks about George's war bonds and updates George on Uncle Bill. 29 July 1945.

Insert 11 Letter from Ginny, who went to Norfolk, Virginia for two weeks and reports that Mrs. Trull was in the hospital. 30 July 1945.

Insert 12 Newsletter for Servicemen from Millersville State Teachers College. 30 July 1945.

Insert 13 Letter from Dorrie, who reports that Bob only has eighty-three points, that she and Josie have a vacation this week, and that Mexicans have been in the Columbia area for over a year. She shares that Alice Carter married Bill Long, but then had an affair with one of the Mexicans and had a child. 30 July 1945.

Insert 14 V-Mail from Mrs. Staab (Mom), who shares that "Grandpa" Staab was in St. Joseph's Hospital. 31 July 1945.

Box 8, Folder 94 August 1-15, 1945

Insert 1 V-Mail from Aunt Biddy Lockard, who was making apple dumplings for dinner. She canned tomatoes, peas and green gage plums. She reports that Dick is going to move at the end of the month. 1 August 1945.

Insert 2 Letter from Isabelle Huston (Issy), who is still at camp and is reading some of George's poems. 2 August 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from Gladys O'Neal, whose collection of postcards and foreign money grows. She has been watching the worker lay rail outside of her house. She talks about the people that visit and the books she read. 5 August 1945.

Insert 4 V-Mail from Mrs. Staab (Mom), who shares the family's activities at the river. 6 August 1945.

Insert 5 Letter from Uncle James Knipe, who encourages George to visit people he met in Europe during World War I. He reports that Aunt Lill is going blind, that Eleanor Logan is in Brooklyn, and that Taylor weaver and Bernard are in the Pacific. 7 August 1945.

Insert 6 Letter from Isabelle Huston (Issy), who had a discussion with some other women about sex and women in the service and wanted to share it with George. 7 August 1945.

Insert 7 V-Mail from Isabelle Huston (Issy), who talks about friendship and shares the news she heard about the atomic bomb. 9 August 1945.

Insert 8 Letter from Esther Lenhardt, who shares her experiences with her garden, her canning, and her lack of sugar in the house. She updates George on the whereabouts of some fellow classmates from Millersville and reports that more G.I.s are registering for classes this coming term. 11 August 1945.

Insert 9 Letter from Dorothy Mae Kelley, who updates George on the lives of residents of Columbia. She is waiting for the president to announce Japan's surrender. She saw two movies. 12 August 1945.

Insert 10 Letter from Aunt Lill, who was sick again. She has had several visitors lately. She talks about the high prices of fresh vegetables and worries about having enough stamps for butter and meat. 12 August 1945.



Insert 11 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who canned beans from the garden and went to a movie. 12 August 1945.

Insert 12 Letter from Betty, who relays the information in the newspaper that the war is over. She talks about the point system and whether her husband has enough to come home. 15 August 1945.

Box 8, Folder 95 August 17-30 1945

Insert 1 Letter from Uncle George, who discusses finances and expenses. He writes about the Japanese surrender and the celebrations in town. 17 August 1945.

Insert 2 Letter from Gladys O'Neal, who talks about the radio reports about the end of the war, shares that gasoline rationing is over, canned corn and beans. 19 August 1945.

Insert 3 Letters from Harry and Marguerite Jackson, who are happy the war is over. They are getting the new offering envelopes ready for the church and share concerns about the church merging with the Evangelical Church. They talk about how society has moved away from spiritual matters and they comment about a petition to keep the cinema open on Sundays. 20 August 1945.

Insert 4 Letter from Isabelle Huston (Issy), who reports on the love lives of some former classmates and asks about George's coin collection. 20 August 1945.

Insert 5 Letter from Doris, who describes the celebration in Mountville when Japan surrendered. 23 August 1945.

Insert 6 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who canned tomatoes and helped clean the one-room school house. 25 August 1945.

Insert 7 Letter from Uncle John Caley, who reports that Columbia will have a victory parade on September 15. He shares that George's father is now working at the Marietta Silk Mill in Columbia. 26 August 1945.

Insert 8 Letter from Aunt Biddy, who is worried about an early winter and the scarcity of coal. She talks about items that have been removed from the ration list and the things that are still hard to find. She canned three baskets of white peaches. 26 August 1945.

Insert 9 Letter from Grandma Sadie, who shares that George's father was laid off from his job in Philadelphia and got another one in Columbia. She shares that Mr. Bolander retired from being a butcher. 27 August 1945.

Insert 10 Letter from Isabelle Huston (Issy), who talks about some books she read and some movies she saw. 30 August 1945.

Insert 11 Letter from Thera, who shares how the local plants are laying off workers and going back to peace-time manufacturing. She mentions that her younger brother will be part of the occupying force in Japan. 30 August 1945.

Box 8, Folder 96 September 2-23, 1945

Insert 1 Letter from Lena, who went to Kansas City back in July. She reports that there are no more WAC mail clerks on base and that she now works in



section S-3, that Chaplain Moshier is in Germany, and that he is making a souvenir pillow out of military patches. 2 September 1945.

Insert 2 Letter from Uncle George, who painted the kitchen ceiling and plans to clean the stove and stove pipe with Uncle John on Labor Day. He reports that September 1st is now V-J Day since the Japanese signed the surrender papers and that the city Columbia will have a V-J Day Parade on September 15th. 2 September 1945.

Insert 3 Letter from Aunt Biddy, who canned 57 quarts of peaches and would like to send George some Toll House cookies if she can get some sugar and shortening. She also shares that Dick moved to Plainfield, NJ. 3 September 1945.

Insert 4 V-Mail from Mrs. Staab (Mom), who received George's coin collection and reports that Columbia High School's first football game this year will be at Ephrata on Friday. 6 September 1945.

Insert 5 Letter from Mrs. Staab (Mom), who went to a doggie roast on the Susquehanna River. She reports that Bob Ross expects a discharge from the Service and Barney Rupp is going to Millersville State Teachers' College. 9 September 1945.

Insert 6 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who went to the Carnival and helped with the canning. 9 September 1945.

Insert 7 Letter from Doris Staab (Dorrie), who reports that the Mexicans are leaving Columbia and 'going back to their own country'. She went to a doggie roast that got rained out. She went to work at Hamilton Watch the day after the Japanese surrender to find out that she no longer had a job with them. She went to Tidy Products and was able to get her old, pre-war job back. She describes some of the V-J celebrations in Lancaster and Columbia. She reports that Bob is in Berlin with 83 points and Johnny Lyle is in Manila. 12 September 1945.

Insert 8 Letter from Hettie, who had her 50th wedding anniversary on August 5th and reports that Grandma Sadie is home from visiting. 12 September 1945.

Insert 9 Letter from Emily Snyder, who shares that 60 more students are enrolled at Millersville this year, that the Armstrong workers have vacated the dorms and male students are back in the dorms. She shares information about former students and lists the books she read over the summer. 14 September 1945.

Insert 10 V-Mail from Gladys O'Neal, who canned this week and had a visit from her Aunt from Baltimore. 15 September 1945.

Insert 11 Letter from Annie reporting on the Victory Day Parade and her work at the factory. She hopes that everyone is home for Christmas. 16 September 1945.

Insert 12 Letter from Uncle James L. Knipe, who received letters from George. 17 September 1945.

Insert 13 Letter from Isabelle Huston (Issy), who is happy to hear that George will be home soon. The newspapers announce when the Divisions arrive in New York, Boston and Virginia. 19 September 1945.

Insert 14 Letter from Paul Broome, who got to visit England on a furlough. He has 72 points and is being transferred to the 12th Armored Division. He talks



about his and George's plans to open a restaurant when they get home. 23 September 1945.

Box 8, Folder 97 No Date

Insert 1 Christmas Card from the Shipping Department of Standard Garment Co. No date.

Insert 2 Christmas/New Year's Card from Blanche and Virginia Dennison. No date.

Insert 3 Christmas Card from his parents. No date.

Insert 4 Small Christmas Card—sender unknown. No date.

Insert 5 V-Mail from Pvt. Lorna Eshleman (Alldice), who joined the Army instead of becoming a WAC or a WAVE. No date.

Insert 6 V-Mail from Josie Staab reporting that Rose Mary got married and that the family record player was sent in for repairs two months ago and is not back yet. No date.

Insert 7 V-Mail from Mia Stotz, who talks about Palm Sunday service and reports that Dotty Miller is in the Service and stationed in Philadelphia. No date.

Insert 8 V-Mail from Minerva Keefer sharing birth announcements and news about V-E Day. No date.

Insert 9 V-Mail from Dorothy Broome reporting on the Drama Club and its performances. No date.

Insert 10 Picture Postcard of Dambach-La Mairie et l'Eglise. This item was neither sent by nor addressed to George. No date.

Insert 11 Picture Postcard of Siegburg-Wolsdorf vom Michaelsberg aus. This item was neither sent by nor addressed to George. No date.

Insert 12 Pocket devotional guide for servicemen. No date.

