

## **John Beyer's World War II Letters, 1945**

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Scope and Content Note: This collection contains correspondence with servicemen and newsletters during World War II. The fourteen newsletters date from January to June 1945. They were written by John W. Beyer, Esq., but with some content provided by those lawyers who were serving in the war, as well as from individuals who were still working stateside at the Lancaster County Courthouse. The newsletters are a collection of stories and anecdotes from the local legal community, as well as about their fellow lawyers serving elsewhere. It was Beyer's way to help those from the Lancaster Bar Association who were serving during the war to feel a little more connected with what was going on back home in Lancaster, at their courthouse, and with their colleagues.

The other half of the collection are the letters that Beyer received from his colleagues who were serving in the military. Many of the letters thanked Beyer for the newsletters and for the news from home and the court. They also informed him about where they were serving and what was happening during their time of service. There are also letters from Beyer to others regarding the newsletters.

An issue of the *Lancaster Law Review* contains the names and addresses of members of the Lancaster Bar Association who were serving in the military.

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Biographical and Historical Note:

John W. Beyer was born on September 19, 1914 in Palmyra, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, to Caroline and Robert Beyer. He graduated from Upper Leacock Township High School in 1932, and then attended Franklin and Marshall College. After graduating in 1936, Beyer attended the University of Pennsylvania, and received his law degree in 1939. Beyer began practicing law in 1940 as a partner in the law offices of

Arnold, Beyer & Homsher. Beyer served in the Lancaster County District Attorney's office from 1943 until 1953 when he resigned from the position. Beyer served on many committees and was involved in multiple civic organizations including the Lancaster Aero Club, the Lancaster Exchange Club, and the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra. He passed away August 14, 1990.

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## **Folder 1** Newsletters, January 1945

**Insert 1** In this first newsletter John Beyer gave an introduction to his newsletter and included tidbits about the current big snow storm in Lancaster, what was going on at the Lancaster County Courthouse with current cases (such as: Paul Mueller's case "involving the death of a child due to cyanide gas" and the "locally famous case of Irma Kuhn"). There were updates about the Lancaster Bar's lawyers, both at home and abroad. Individuals mentioned: Sumner Hosterman, Harold Ripple, Charlie Goos, Paul Mueller, Harvey Lutz, Mart Harnish, Irma Kuhn, Charlie Marshall, Ted Brubaker, Joe Martin, John Stolfus, Charlie Baker, John Hill byrne, Clay Ryan, K.L. Shirk, Pete Bricker. 15 January 1945. (2 copies) (2 items, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** The death of Judge Keller is the main article which includes details about the legal community's response to his passing. There are also articles about the first lawyer soldier returning home from World War II, a trolley accident, Common Pleas Court updates, updates from "the front" about the other Lancaster lawyers, and the resignation of Probation officer Beatrice Pollack. Individuals mentioned: Judge Kenworthy, Joe Beck, Walter Mellinger, [Judge] John Malone, Lyman, Judge Appel, , Bill Arnold, Tiny Fryberger, Johnny Rohrer, Howard Hoffman, Gene Schuberth [E.E. Schuberth], , Menno Rohrer, Beatrice Pollack, and Louella Benedict. 23 January 1945. (2 copies) (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

**Insert 3** This newsletter starts with "Litigation" which discusses three court cases: the famous Irma Kuhn's case, the Lancaster Fire Fighters' Union case, and a divorce case. There are updates on service members' health, weddings, and baby announcements. Professional news is also noted. Servicemen's addresses and news are updated. Individuals mentioned: Marshall Cohen, Irma Kuhn, Sumner Hosterman, Jake Brown, Joe Byars, Margaret Burkholder, Merrill Hassel, Senator John Homsher, Randolph Ryder, "Babe" Ripple, Charlie Aument, Judge Bard, Judge Jones, Sam Wenger, John Bowman, Al Alspach, Johnny Rengier, Bernard Zimmerman, Menno Rohrer, and Andy Frantz. 31 January 1945. (2 copies) (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

## **Folder 2** Newsletters, February 1945

**Insert 1** The main article is about the "Bar Meeting" which was held in December [1944]. It includes: budgets, appointments, and resolutions. It mentions the Lancaster Law Review and the Lancaster Law Library. There are also articles that mention servicemen's updates and law office updates. This newsletter is signed by John W. Beyer. Individuals mentioned: Pete Bricker, Charlie Baker, Bill Arnold, Gene Schuberth, Ted Brubaker, Clay Ryan, Jim Coho, and Helen Heist. 7 February 1945. (2 copies) (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** This newsletter mentions the continuing snow in Lancaster. There is a plethora of court news mentioned, such as: the "Hotel Weber Sale", the feud between the Prothonotary's office and the *Lancaster Law Review*, the "Lancaster Trust", and the "Orphan's Court Drama". There are updates for some soldiers' information. Individual mentioned: R. E. Huber, Charlie Waters, Andy Frantz, Geisenberger, Harr, Byrnes,

Judge Atlee, John Byrne, Dr. Ressler, Charlie Dobler, Johnny Ranck, and Iona Metzger.  
14 February 1945. (2 copies) (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

**Insert 3** The snow updates continue in this newsletter and then onto a P.R.R. [Pennsylvania Railroad] accident in Lancaster and a "Prosecutor turns policeman". A light hearted short story entitled "The Tale of the Little Brown Jugs" which includes local lawyers and judges. There are updates on local servicemen, including the promotion of Dan Strickler to Colonel. Individuals mentioned: Clay Ryan, Jim Coho, Ted Brubaker, Frank Thurlow, Dr. J. Lyte Ressler, Hon. Charles R. Doeblen, Walter Mellinger, Harold Ripple, Bill Blank, Dick Martin, Merrill Hassel, Sgt. Austin McCollough, John Hamaker, Mrs. Ressler, Louis S. May, Judge Apple, Mr. Jacoby, Randolph Ryder, John Hill Byrne, Dan Strickler, Samuel Wenger, Louise Elizabeth [Wenger]. 21 February 1945. (2 copies of newsletter and 1 copy of "The Tale of the Little Brown Jugs") (3 items, 6 pages to scan)

**Folder 3** Newsletters, March 1945

**Insert 1** Noted as No. 7. John Beyer wants to help keep the lawyer servicemen's legal skills sharp by providing two bar exam questions for them to ponder. He also updates them on the state of Lancaster's "Juvenile Delinquency". There is another update for the Hotel Weber sale. There are servicemen updates as well. This newsletter is signed by John W. Beyer. Individuals mentioned: John Byrne, A.T. Stein, Sam [Stein], Al Alspach, Dan Strickler, Elliot Roosevelt, and Dick Snyder. 5 March 1945. (2 copies) (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** Noted as No. 8. This newsletter answers the previous edition's Bar questions, and continues the "divorce master" dispute news. The Hotel Weber was sold and there are also updates on several court cases. Also included is a lawyer health list and servicemen updates. Individuals mentioned: Dick Martin, Andy Frantz, Geisenberger, Pete Bricker, Alex Stein, Mart Harnish, F. Lyman, Marshall Cohen, Irma Kuhn, Levi Mumma, Charlie Waters, Charlie Miller, Iona Metzger, Sumner Hosterman, Ripple, John Hill Byrne, Mac McCollough. 12 March 1945. (2 copies) (1 item, 3 pages to scan)

**Insert 3** Noted as No. 9. Weather is top news again. This time it is for being a hot spring so far. Then onto various court news articles, including: "Abe's Troubles", "Tony Boy", "Criminal Court", and "The Corpse". There are updates on births, taxes, primary elections, lawyers running for city council, waiting to hear who will fill the PA Superior Court vacancy left by the death of Judge Keller. There is also news about the activities of a few of the servicemen. Individuals mentioned: Abe Lane, Charlie Eaby, Irma Kuhn, "Judge Tony B. Wissler", John Bowman, Hensel Brown, John Rengier, Bill Arnold, Johnny Rohrer, Al Alspach, Paul Murray, Paul Mueller, Governor Martin, Lt. Governor John Bell, Attorney Arnold (Clearfield Co.), F. Lyman Windolph, Judge Kenworthy, Kay Leaman, Charlie Miller, Dave Chambers, K.L. Shirk. 21 March 1945. (1 copy) (1 item, 3 pages to scan)

**Insert 4** Noted as No. 10. The newsletter starts off with court news about extra work at the Recorder's office and discusses the housing shortage. There are letters to lawyers from clients and government departments that seem unbelievable. More court related news is throughout the newsletter as well as updates on their fellow servicemen. Individuals mentioned: Jim Brady, Johnny Rohrer, Tiny Fryberger, Charlie Pierce, Lou Harnish, John Hill Byrne, Ted Brubaker, Sam Wenger, Pete Bricker, Joe Byars, Louise May, J.R. Klepser, Leonard A. Mancini, Charlie Miller, David Chambers, Sarah Jones, Jane Smith, Joseph Geltz, Bill Eberly, Mrs. Sheeler, Harold Budding, Governor Martin, Attorney Arnold (Clearfield Co.), Ed Wetzal, and C. Donald Brehm. 30 March 1945. (2 copies) (2 items, 4 pages to scan)

**Folder 4** Newsletters, April 1945

**Insert 1** Noted as No. 11. The initial articles discuss the death of President F.D.R. and fellow attorney, Clyde Heath. Lancaster bar member updates and lawyer-servicemen updates, including excerpts of their letters home. Individuals mentioned: President F.D.R, J. Clyde Heath, Joe Byars, Harold Ripple, John Peifer, Nissley Gingrich, Alfred Sheaffer, Eddie Glass, K.L. Shirk, Jr., Ralph Barley, Minno Rohrer, Ted Brubaker, John Byren, Ralph Eaby, Dave Chambers, Menno Rohrer, Ted Martin, and Joe Martin. 23 April 1945. (2 copies) (2 items, 4 pages to scan)

**Folder 5** Newsletters, May 1945

**Insert 1** Noted as No. 12. A letter to the servicemen from Judge Appel with updates about court business and court staff. Then there is updates on local politics and who has been home for a visit. A full letter from lawyer-serviceman Ralph Barley is included. "Paragraph contributed by T. Roberts Appel" original version that would then be put into the newsletter. Individuals mentioned: Judge Appel, John Beyer, Frank Thurlow, Eddy Glass, Fred Oren, Miss Price, Don Mylin, Frank Sekinger, Doc Shearer, Dan Coulter, Pete Kreisle, Mayor Cary, Johnny Rohrer, Alger H. Shirk, Earl Miller, Clay Burkholder, Pete McCollough, Tony Appel, Bob Rupp, Ralph Barley. 4 May 1945. (2 copies of newsletter) (3 items, 7 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** Noted as No. 13. Detailed description of how Lancaster celebrated V-E Day. Court news updates and antidotes. A full letter from lawyer-serviceman, Gene Schuberth who was serving in the Navy. Includes skits from the Blackstone Club's Annual Dinner and original copy of fishing antidotes. This newsletter is signed by John W. Beyer. Individuals mentioned: G. Graybill, Governor Ed Martin, Clyde Heath, Pete Bricker, Ted Brubaker, John Byrne, Merrill Hassel, Eddie Barnes, W. Hensel Brown, Frank Thurlow, Will Arnold, Gene Schuberth, Axel Rengier. 23 May 1945. (2 copies of newsletter) (4 items, 17 pages to scan)

**Folder 6** Newsletters, June 1945

**Insert 1** Noted as No. 14. The newsletter discusses the change in emphasis from Memorial Day to Flag Day and includes the Gettysburg [legal] Battlefield, and court

news, including the Irma Kuhn case, staff updates with returning servicemen information. Also mentioned is the meat rationing and raising of turkeys. There are letters from lawyer-servicemen, Menno Rohrer and Dave Chambers. Includes hand-written correction notes. Individuals mentioned: Mart Harnish, Irma Kuhn, Jufhr Keller, Warden Fautz, Judge Wissler, Paul Mueller, Leon Jacobs, Frank Thurlow, Joe Martin, Charlie Pierce, Clyde Heath, Wes Shenberger, Margaret Burkholder, Menno Rohrer, Dave Chambers, Ralph Eaby, John Ranck. 9 June 1945. (5 copies) (5 items, 5 pages to scan)

**Folder 7** Lancaster Law Review & Contributions, 1944-1945

**Insert 1** "Names and addresses of members of the Lancaster Bar in military service as of November 14, 1944". *Lancaster Law Review*, Vol. 49, No. 48, p. 249-252. This issue contains the names and addresses of those lawyer-servicemen who were called up for duty during World War II and would be on the mailing list to receive John Beyer's newsletters. Includes hand-written notes. 1 December 1944. (1 item, 12 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** Two note cards. The first card is Society News. Individuals mentioned: Mrs. Ted Brubaker and Walter Winchell. The second card is a notice: Turkey Farm of Thurlow. Individuals mentioned: Isabel M.R. Martin, Joe Martin and Tom Martin. (2 items, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 8** Correspondence from John W. Beyer, 1945

**Insert 1** Letter to Lt. John M. Ranck, U.S.M.C.R. John Beyer's letter is introducing the newsletters to Lt. Ranck. Individuals mentioned: Lt. John M. Ranck, Iona Metzger, John W. Beyer. 20 February 1945. (1 item, 1 page to scan)

**Insert 2** Letter to Mrs. Betty Barley. Newsletter introduction letter. 2 April 1945. (1 item, 1 page to scan)

**Insert 3** Letter to Louis S. May, Esq. Thanks Louis for loaning him his letter from the Office of Price Administration". 3 April 1945. (1 item, 1 page to scan)

Letter to John W. Beyer, Esq. From: Louis S. May. Acknowledges receipt of returned letter and commending Beyer on the "real service of writing these letters to the boys". Signed by Louis S. May. 6 April 1945. (1 item, 1 page to scan)

**Insert 4** Letter to Charles L. Miller, Esq. Beyer is returns loaned letter and thanks Miller for his contribution. 24 April 1945. (1 item, 1 page to scan)

**Folder 9** Correspondence to John W. Beyer, December 1944

**Insert 1** From Private Menno B. Rohrer. Stationed in: France. He mentions becoming a battalion personnel clerk. He writes about French women. Written on postcard: Picture of soldier with children on his lap with wording "Merry Xmas 1944". Handwritten and

signed: Menno. 3 December 1944. Envelope from Pvt. Menno B. Rohrer, 33505907, to John W. Beyer. Postmarked 5 December 1944. (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** From Eugene E. Schuberth. Was stationed in India, now is heading home. Gene appreciated hearing news about “Annie’s antics” in the newsletters. He writes this letter “at Sea”. Handwritten and signed: Gene. 8 December 1944. Envelope from Lt.(jg) E.E. Schuberth, USNR to John W. Beyer. Postmarked 20 December 1944. (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

**Folder 10** Correspondence to John W. Beyer, January – February 1945

**Insert 1** From Lt. John B. Rengier. Stationed at Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts [by address on envelope]. He comments on the weather there. He would appreciate the addresses of the others who are serving. Written on United States Navy letterhead. Handwritten and signed: John. 19 January 1945. Envelope from Lt. John B. Rengier, USNR to John W. Beyer. Postmarked 20 January 1945. (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** From Captain Bernard M. Zimmerman. Stationed in Philadelphia, PA. He sends a letter of appreciation and then discusses an incident that shows the closest he was to any of the shooting. Handwritten and signed: Bernard. 25 January 1945. Envelope from Capt. B. M. Zimmerman, War Department: Philadelphia Ordnance District to John W. Beyer. Postmarked 25 January 1945. (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

**Insert 3** From Lt. Alfred C. Alspach. Stationed in Atlanta, GA. He writes about military mentality and his time in Atlanta, specifically whiskey and women. He congratulates Dan Strickler on his promotion. Written on Navy Department, Office of Inspector of Naval Material letterhead. Handwritten and signed: Al. 17 February 1945. Envelope from Lt. (jg) A.C. Alspach, USNR to John W. Beyer. Postmarked 17 February 1945. (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

**Insert 4** From Major K.L. Shirk. He sends his appreciation and that he sent the newsletter on to his son, who is serving in the Air Force. Shirk serves as Trial Judge Advocate. Handwritten and signed: K.L. Shirk. 22 February 1945. Envelope from Major K.L. Shirk, 0-520272 to Hon. John W. Beyer. Postmarked 23 February 1945. (2 items, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 5** From T/5 Austin E. McCollough, Jr. Stationed in Camp Blanding, Florida. He writes about his work in the “Interviewing and Testing section of Classification” for Camp Blanding which is an “Infantry Replacement Training Center”. Typed with handwritten notations: 22 February 1945. No envelope. (1 item, 1 page to scan)

**Insert 6** From Lt. Richard M. Martin. Stationed in Lexington, Virginia. He writes about his assignment to the Army Service Forces at the School for Personnel Services as an instructor. Typed and signed: Dick. 23 February 1945. No envelope. (1 item, 1 page to scan)

**Folder 11** Correspondence to John W. Beyer, March 1945

**Insert 1** From Ens. Ralph W. Eby, Jr. Stationed at Headquarters in Guam. Eby comments about binding the letters for future historians and that he appreciates the news from the court. He describes living in Guam, but does not write much about his work. Individuals mentioned: Summer Hosterman, I Schuberth, Dan Chambers, Menno Rohrer, Ted and Joe Martin. Handwritten and signed: E. R. W. Eby, Jr. 2 March 1945. Envelope from Ens. Ralph W. Eby, Jr., USNR to John W. Beyer. Postmarked 3 March 1945. (2 items, 5 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** From Lt. H. [Harold] W. Budding. Stationed in Belgium and Germany. He works in a "signal air warning outfit". He also discusses women and issues with venereal diseases. Individuals mentioned: John Rengier and Menno Rohrer. Typed and sent V-Mail, includes signature. 5 March 1945. No envelope. (1 item, 1 page to scan)

**Insert 3** From Sgt. Ralph M. Barley. Stationed in Germany. Barley discusses his trip to Paris, his winter tour in Holland, and then back to France. He writes about his various living conditions, the culture and entertainment, and some war insights, including the Battle of the Bulge. Individuals mentioned: Billy Seiple. Typed, includes signature. 24 March 1945. Envelope from Sgt. Ralph M. Barley, 33774755 to John W. Beyer, Esq. Postmarked 27 March 1945. (2 items, 4 pages to scan)

**Insert 4** From Lt. Eugene "Gene" E. Schuberth. Stationed "At Sea" in the North Atlantic. Schuberth writes about the miserable weather and sea conditions, which then turns to a discussion about clothing and always being prepared. He mentions his visit home and looking forward to another visit. He also notes he may be sent to the Pacific soon. Written on United States Navy letterhead. Handwritten and signed: Gene. 31 March 1945. Envelope from Lt.(jg) E. E. Schuberth, USNR to John W. Beyer, Esq. Postmarked 4 April 1945. (2 items, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 12** Correspondence to John W. Beyer, April 1945

**Insert 1** From Lt. Eugene "Gene" E. Schuberth Stationed "At Anchor" in the British Isles. Schuberth writes about the beauty of the British Isles, but then writes about seeing all of the survivors and waiting for their turn for "running the gauntlet". He expresses appreciation for travelling the world, amidst the boredom at sea. He discusses his role as the "only commissioned Navy officer aboard ship" and the duties that go with that role. Individuals mentioned: Axel Rengier. Written on United States Navy letterhead. Handwritten and signed: Gene. 4 April 1945. Envelope from Lt.(jg) E. E. Schuberth, USNR to John W. Beyer, Esq. Postmarked 13 April 1945. (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** From Cpl. Menno B. Rohrer. Stationed in France. Rohrer sends his appreciation for the newsletters and to the Blackstonian Club. He goes on to mention his various living conditions throughout France, including his impressions of Paris.



Individuals mentioned: Judge Keller and Lyman Windolph. Typed and sent V-Mail, includes signature. 21 April 1945. No envelope. (1 item, 1 page to scan)

**Insert 3** From Lt. Eugene "Gene" E. Schuberth. Stationed "At Sea" in the North Atlantic, "destination the White Sea". Gene discusses the current blizzard and ship conditions in the harsh Arctic spring and then proceeds to compare it to his previous winter in tropical India. He discusses celebrating V-E Day with the Russians and then comments on their perspective in life. He writes with great anticipation receiving mail finally, as he mentions "there's no place like home". He briefly touches on his journey of being at sea off of the Finnish-Russian coast; Arkhangelsk, Russia; Norwegian coast; and England. Written on United States Navy letterhead. Handwritten and signed: Gene. 22 April, 4 May, 10 May, 18 May, 27 May, 27, and 28 May 1945. Envelope from Lt.(jg) E. E. Schuberth, USNR to John W. Beyer, Esq. Postmarked 1 June 1945. (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

**Insert 4** From David Chambers, Jr. Stationed: Pacific, no specific location given. David "greatly appreciates" the newsletters and the connection with Lancaster. He has seen some action in the Pacific theater. He also discusses the death of President F.D.R. Individuals mentioned: Ralph Eaby, John Rauck, Handwritten and signed: Dave. 23 April 1945. Envelope from D. F. Chambers, Jr. QM 2/c to John Beyer, Esq. Postmarked 24 April 1945. (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

**Insert 5** From David Chambers, Jr. Stationed in Germany. David writes about his varying accommodations and the unusually cold weather. He mentions that he is "homesick for Duke Street" and the practice of law. He also compares the length of this war to that of the Spanish – [American] War. Individuals mentioned: John Beyer. He mentions his service locations, including: Paris, France ; Holland, Germany, and the Bavarian Alps. Handwritten and signed: Ralph. 30 April 1945. Envelope from Sgt. Ralph M. Barley, 33774755 to Mr. Frank L. Thurlow. Postmarked 18 May 1945. (2 items, 5 pages to scan)

**Folder 13** Correspondence to John W. Beyer, May - June 1945

**Insert 1** From Ted Brubaker. Stationed at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas. He writes a brief note about the first week of basic training. He is the "squad leader of the 2nd squad of the 2nd platoon". Individuals mentioned: John Byars. Written on United States Army letterhead. Handwritten and signed: Ted. 13 May 1945. Envelope from Pvt. Theo. L. Brubaker, 33769178 to John W. Beyer, Esq. Postmarked 14 May 1945. (2 items, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** From Thomas H. Wentz. Stationed on U.S.S. Gilligan, a destroyer escort. Thomas mentions that he "made the invasion of Luzon at Lingayen Gulf [Philippines]" and writes about the suicide planes of Okinawa. He sends his appreciation for the newsletters, especially about the news of other "fellows in the service". Individuals mentioned: Bud Mearig and Ralph Eaby, Jr., Handwritten and signed: Tom Wentz. 16

June 1945. Envelope from Lt. T.H. Wentz, USNR to John Beyer, Esq. Postmarked 17 June 1945. (2 items, 4 pages to scan)

**Insert 3** From Tec. 4, Menno B. Rohrer, 33515907. Stationed at Deauville, France in “the Office of the Provost Marshal of Normandy Base Headquarters. Menno writes that he is in the Army’ Criminal Investigations Office. He also writes about his living situations over his time of service by discussing his sleeping arrangements, liquor, and the French women. Individuals mentioned: Gene Schuberth, Ralph Barley, Ralph Eby, Mac McCollough and Col. F. M. Gaven. Typed and sent V-Mail, includes signature. 18 June 1945. No envelope. (1 item, 1 page to scan)

From Col. Daniel B. Strickler. Stationed at Saarbrucken, Germany. A short note of appreciation for the newsletters about “the Bar and doings around Lancaster”, especially the Blackstone skits issue. Typed and sent V-Mail, includes signature. 18 June 1945. No envelope. (1 item, 1 page to scan)

**Insert 4** From Lt. A. C. Koehler, USNR. Stationed at Civil Communications Intelligence School, Stanford University, California . Ady updates John of all his travels around the United States before ending up in California. He briefly mentions that the divorce business in “this place is even better than in Lancaster”. He also wants to be kept posted with the “dandy letter” and to also send his regards to “the boys”. Individuals mentioned: Mr. Thurlow, Gene [Schuberth]. Written on Elks Club 3, San Francisco letterhead. Handwritten and signed: Ady. 22 June 1945. No envelope. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 5** From Lt. Harold. W. Budding, 0584266. Stationed at Gelchsheim, Germany (Bavaria). Budding writes about the challenge of boredom in a small farming village as he awaits his time to leave Germany. He discusses the anti-climactic events of V-E Day, as well as and how the “lovelies...were verboten”. However he states that it is the day that followed that he “shall long remember”. He and several men came across a miles long convoy of Huns, including Hun soldiers and their women. He gives a detailed description of what they saw of this unusual encounter. Individuals mentioned: Menno [Rohrer]. Typed and sent V-Mail, includes signature. 28 June 1945. No envelope. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Folder 14** Correspondence to John W. Beyer, July - October 1945

**Insert 1** From Cpl. Ralph M. Barley, [33774755]. Stationed in Germany. Barley discusses events surrounding the announcement of V-E Day, including the recordings by “Truman, Churchill and the King. He discusses celebratory drinking, guard duty, and the small changes in daily life after the announcement that the war was over. Written on The Judge Advocate General’s School, Ann Arbor, Michigan letterhead. Handwritten and signed: Ralph. Small scrap of paper: Ralph M. Barley, 33774755, 13th O.C. Class [13th Officer’s Candidate Class]. 15 June 1945. No envelope. (1 item, 4 pages to scan)

**Insert 2** From N.G.R. for Agent Menno [Rohrer]. Menno is stationed in Liege, Belgium. N.G.R. is writing to John with information about Menno, including his new address. N.G.R. also informs John that Menno is now with a Criminal Investigation Detachment. Written on: Postcard. Handwritten and signed: N.G.R. July 1945. No envelope. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)

**Insert 3** From Lt. Roger Simpson. Stationed at Haimen, China. Simpson writes about his fourteen months in China and the fighting with the “Japs” during his time there. He also writes about the end of the war as being “great, but extremely pleasant surprise. Must have been those atomic bombs that decided it.” He discusses his living situation and how much he is waiting to get home. Handwritten and signed: Roger Simpson. 28 August 1945. Envelope from Lt. Roger Simpson to John W. Beyer, Esq. Postmarked 22 September 1945. (2 items, 3 pages to scan)

**Insert 4** From Agent Menno B. Rohrer. Stationed in Brussels, Belgium. Menno discusses how he is on route for home via Antwerp but with at least a week’s delay. He mentions his time as a CID [Criminal Investigation Detachment] agent. And he wraps up his letter by thanking John for his letters and that he is “forever grateful. Next to letter from my wife, they were the most eagerly looked-for mail.” V-Mail form: Handwritten and signed: Menno. 29 October 1945. No envelope. (1 item, 2 pages to scan)