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Dear Gang:

Well we all survived the Thanksgiving Turkey—all but the turkey—but Oh Boy is was tough getting over that 19-14 defeat Great Lakes handed to Notre Dame on Saturday. And in the last 30 seconds at that! 30 seconds from a unbeaten season! Well it just goes to prove you can't beat the Navy forever—three times and out! However, I see by this mornings paper the experts still not N. D. the pick of the crop for 1943. That's OK with me. They tell a good one on Bill Daley the great Michigan back who played three years for Minnesota. Everytime he got the ball on the Michigan—Notre Dame game a Notre Dame tackler was on his neck. Finally in desperation he ambled over to the N. D. huddle during a time-out and hollered "Hey fellows I'm a Catholic too, you know." Alls quiet on the sports front here now but by the time you read this Perry's Red Devils will have started against Massena and then we will see them at home in action against Canton Dec. 10. I've seen Perry's team work out and they look like one of Len's best yet to me—especially shifty are Bill Delair and Squint LaRocque. Our squad here at H. G. A. is slowly rounding into shape—they are small but fast and game and I'll bet one thing—they wont quit trying. We open at home with our arch-enemy St. Joseph's of Malone on Dec. 17.

Lots of news from the boys as usual. Dorrien Boushie got home OK. When he popped that telegram under their nose saying he was the father of twins it made him just about top man in the outfit. Wilf Beauchamp blew in from Miami, Fla. Looking fit as a fiddle too. Bob Purdy is home for good with a C. C. D. Dayton Owen made the Turkey Day holiday too and spent some time deer hunting at his camp on Bog River. Larry Quinn addressed the student body at H.G. A. Monday, giving us a vivid account of the "Borie" affair. He'll be back in action soon. Pat Quinn is on the Pacific coast waiting assignment any day now. Bill Shields and Ernie Belmore are worried about skiing conditions in Tupper—well don't worry everything is under control with about 30 inches of snow on the level. However, we need a good "instructor" you mountain troopers so come on home and show us how. Leon LaFave informs me he has been admitted as an "Unsurpassed 8 Ball in the Gremlin County Oschelon of Goopers the Great"; having become inured to the absence of wine, women and all other iniquities and having hardened his person to the frigid regions of the poly-hole privy." Wilfred Gagnier, Tupper's gift to the Mess Sargent profession is now in England. He met Gordon Peterformer golf Pro on board ship—and I'll bet it was some get together. I will remember the party we had at the Country Club when Wilf, and George Maltais (now in Italy) left. No one would ever guess they would be leaving for England together then. I hope there was a 19th hole aboard ship. Kenny Essletine is aboard the USS Trenton somewhere at sea. Even the curtain has rung down on this deer season once more. I guess the boys did pretty well. A list of the lucky nimrods would read like a litany of the Saints—or would it. So I'll just sum it all up by saying the "Red" meat stamps are much more plentiful than before.

Ran across this poetic gem the other day from the pen of John G. Magee, Jr. a 19 yr. old pilot of R. A. F. killed Dec. 11, 1941. It rates as the first American Classic of World War II.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hovering there,
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung

My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, Up the long delirious blue,
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
Where never lark, or even eagle, flew.
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

Truly John Magee joins that immortal company of Joyce Kilmer, Alon Seegar and others who sang their songs and died with youth still on their cheeks.

God Bless You All
Father Ed.Dumas

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1943

Dear Tip Toppers,

Here it is my turn again to write the *Moaner* and only a couple of days till school is out for vacation. Two whole weeks to loaf and then back to work again. Hope you all are well and in fine spirits these days. Remember every day means just one day nearer a job done and back to the old town again.

I've got to tell you that Perry has another dream team this year. The outstanding things about this years club is that they shoot and take the ball off the back board. Bob LaRocque was shooting over his head and from a dozen other positions last Friday night when we took Canton to the tune of 46 to 22. Bill Delair has his old left hand working and Lindy Hull pops from mid-court all the game. Harvey Tebo is also a tough baby and so is Frank Brown. The other night Charlie Girard shot one from mid-court and now they call him two-point Charlie. The second team is also good with big Albert Becker getting so he can handle the ball in good shape. Tuesday night we took Saranac Lake by the score of 44 to 19 and Thursday night we play O. F. A. at Ogdensburg. This team will have big scores every game if they keep clicking. Got a Xmas card from Fred Baker and his wife and one from Joe Gagnon and his wife. Joe sent a nice card and one from Joe Donovan is on the school bulletin board. Sgt. Paul 1st Engineer on a B-24 Liberator and is at Montham Field, Tucson, Ariz. Mert Somers is working hard at Maxwell Field Alabama and is getting averages between 85 and 90. He got 100 in Math the other day. How's that Lt. Baker? Larry is back in Norfolk and has been assigned a new ship. The old Borie made last weeks *Life* magazine. Pat is on his way across the Pacific somewhere. Had a nice letter from John Maid who likes the *Moaner* and wants to continue receiving it. The last few days the weather has been real cold all one can see in the morning is some car being towed or pushed. John Maid says he has been away from the U. S. for nine months but he expects to be back soon as he has received a commission and will be going to school. Roy Foote sent a V-mail card with Greetings from Britain.

There has been quite a bit of "Flu" in this section though it hasn't been serious like they had in 1917 and 1918. Here's some unpleasant news which I hope will turn out better than the present report. Raymond Poirier was reported missing in action in an air raid Nov. 26th. No later details have been heard. Hope he is a prisoner somewhere. John Bobak has been home from Sampson where he completed his boot training. He has earned a petty officers rating. Bill McCarthy (son of Pat) has been home for a few days. He is now with the postal department of

the Navy. Leo Beaudette is home for a few days. He is stationed in Boston. I asked him if he saw "Grab" Timmons but he said he usually kept shy of the MP's. Only ten more days to Xmas and we will all be thinking of you fellows at Mid-night Mass and when we are eating Xmas Dinner. It looks as if New Years would be a pretty tame affair this year. No Scotch, No Rye and very little of anything else by the looks on the shelves about town. Joe Donovan wrote me he saw the football game in which "Gus" Adami played for the Army against the Navy. By the way Roy Clogston who used to coach at S. L. U. was the Navy Coach. The Navy won.

Here's a little joke from *Readers Digest*. An English sailor was telling a hostess in a service club that he had a very bad sore throat. She asked him if he ever tried to gargle it with salt water. He replied. "You bet your fanny I have lady. I've been torpedoed three times."

The town has now moved its offices to the K of C club house which it bought and the K of C club rooms are located in the house where Dr. Bailey used to live near the fire house. Pvt. Norman Varden is in a hospital in Africa. He was burned in explosion about the right leg. Earl Hollenbeck at Valley Forge Hospital is now a Sgt. Cpl. Bernard St. Onge now has an overseas address. A/S Bill Shields has been transferred to Syracuse University where he is training for the air. Pfc. Jessie Pentlon is now located at Camp Davis.

What do you say fellows? How many want to see Len Perry crowned King of our Winter Carnival? Send in your votes and maybe we can put him across. You have from now till February to do your voting. This is my last letter this year and with it goes best wishes for a Happy New Year and a Merry Xmas. Hope you all are home soon. I'm praying for you all.

Best of Luck
Larry Quinn, Sr.

December 31, 1943

Happy New Year Fellows!

I've been drafted once more to "pinch hit" for your regular editors. Both L. P. Quinn and Len are on vacation. (It's a military secret.) –but just about the most beautiful day from the weather man's point of view that I can remember. We had a little excitement. A train was derailed near Piercefield which tied up traffic for 27 hours from 1:10 p.m. Friday till 4:45 Christmas day. Buses and taxicabs shuttled passengers from Childwold to Tupper Lake.

As you expected, a goodly number of boys got furloughs before and during Christmas. Major Almanzo Hutchins of the Aberdeen Proving Grounds visited his wife and family; Also Robert Cote, USN, with the P-T Boats at Melville, R. I. is home to see his dad, who is on the sick list. I met Henry "Mussy" Staves at the Lions Club banquet Len and gang put on for the kiddies at Christmas time. He dropped in direct from Kiska, 25 hours flying time. He told me there's a girl behind every tree up there, having seen his first tree in 1,100 miles while flying over Anchorage, Alaska.

"Mammy: Villeneuve was also at the banquet. He's very cheerful, in spite of his tough break. I'm told he's to get the D. S. C. very soon in Philadelphia. Also saw young Pvt. Chartier from Camp Edwards . . . and who showed up at midnight Mass, in the front seat, but Don Charland, with the little lady in tow. . . just home for the day. Aurele and Raymond Charbonneau were home for a short while. Aviation Cadet Don W. Bruce showed up from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa; also Arnold Olivey, drmsn, 1c. and Philip LaBrie from Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Work has been received that Cpl. Robert Snyder has arrived in Hawaii. Say Bob! –Look up Captain Paul Brunet, chaplain, and a classmate of mine, who is in Hawaii somewhere. Also if any of you fellows get down to British Samoa, look up Captain Don Kelly, at Apia. . . a boyhood chum of mine and a real guy!

Well, I suppose you are interested to know the basketball set-up. Tupper High is leading the Northern League with three straight victories. They have scored a total of 114 points to 62 for the opposition, polishing off Massena, Canton and Ogdensburg in that order. They also trimmed Saranac here. Gouverneur is second, 2-1, and Massena 3rd, 2-1. Our H. G. A. cagers have gone out twice and lost twice. As I told you, we have a green squad, --all sophomores, so I don't expect a polished club this year. Our opposition is tough, too, but we are beginning to score a little. Malone and Plattsburg took our scalp so far. We also meet St. Mary's of Ogdensburg, Indian Lake, Saranac Lake and Lake Placid in home-and home-series, so we will get some valuable experience anyhow. You can't win 'em all.

The ski tow on Sugar Loaf Mountain is now operating. David Anderson Jr. has been engaged as operator. There's about a 30 inch base, and we've had some perfect skiing, although right now there's a hard crust. The skating rink at the high school is also a popular spot right now. School again Jan. 3

--And Thirty

FATHER DUMAS

January 20, 1944

Dear Fellows,

Concerning Pin-Up Girls; --Yes sir! Every service man should have one – and every civilian too, for that matter. The trouble is Hollywood is sending you fellows a plague of semi-nudes—which they call morale-builders (in reality-morale busters) when if the truth were known they would be plenty surprised and a little ashamed to meet your real pin-up friends. A man is known by the company he keeps. God knows us by our friends, too. That's why every man should start his pin-up collection with the girl that attracted your dad—your Mother. She was first place—and a glance at her will give you a lift that won't wear off. And then too, your Mother won't mind if you place beside her the No. 1 “Pin-up girl (I use that phrase with reverence.) the Blessed Virgin Mary. The most lovely Lady in all the world. If you want a real “Queen” to adorn your room why take less than the “Queen of Heaven”. Every young man goes to his Mother for advice about his girl. Thus, if you bring all your “pin-ups” to these two Mothers for inspection, you can't miss. If they say “no”—then throw them back on the rubbish heap whence they came.

Here's a little poem one of you boys sent me—a guy named Joe—just to prove the point you fellow have this pin-up situation in hand!

She has no gorgeous wealth of golden hair,
No rainbow robes of silk to please the eye.
She shuns the blazing splendor and white glare
Of all that bright extol and glorify;
She lives within a cottage far removed
From all the worldly luxuries that thrill
But in that simple dwelling she is loved
And one Child bows submissive to her will
The beauty that is hers is from within,

A beauty that no other creature knows
Her heart has never felt the taint of sin
And all her thoughts are spotless as the snows,
And with one noble task her life is blest;
She feels the Christ Child at her viergin breast.

A beautiful description of the pin-up girl that's closest to your hearts –Thanks Joe for that lovely poem.

Notice to Bugler: The bugler rose at his usual unearthly hour to find fifteen inches of snow on the ground. Nonetheless, he blew reveille and the boys rolled over and groaned. –Then he got a bright idea—grabbed a trumpet and played: I'm dreaming of a white Christmas—and the boys all got up smiling. Imagination pays off in the Army, too. “This Ain't the Army”—scene-a crowded railroad coach. A young soldier gives the beautiful young lady his seat! She chirps. You're a jewel.” “Pardon me, lady, I'm not a jewel—I'm a Jeweler. I set jewels.” And then he proceeded to the next car.

Here are the boys called up for the January contingent – due to go for exam this Wednesday. Leslie Lomilies, Leroy Staves, Wilf. J. Martin, Albert E. Savard, Wm. LaPlante , Kenneth Wells, Wm. P. Wares, Melvin Fuller, Julien Dennis, Henry Lavigne, Harold Cranson, Leon J. Lamore, Wm. J. Peets, Mark Raymond and Percy J. Delair.

Mark Shields is home from Miami—fatter than I ever saw him. Lefty Gonyea from Madison Barracks—a “Blanket Soldier” also. Robert LaBelle and Jake Pimpstein.. Frechette was home from Kiska for a couple of days, looking fine. Also saw Mert Somers and Roy Provost on the ski slopes Sunday.

Sports Squints: Perry had a close shave from Malone Friday night 29-34. It kept the fans on edge all the way but the right team won. It's seven straight for Len now. We lost to St. Joseph's of Malone the same night to keep our string intact. Len and I are trying a double header next Friday Jan. 28 a la Madison Square Garden –H. G. A.—Indian Lake—TLHS—Massena. It's something new for the fans—we hope.

From an Army Chaplains Notes: During one of the desperate battles on Guadalcanal a Jap grenade landed squarely among the three bunkers of an American Mortar Crew. But before the grenade could explode, one of the soldiers threw himself on top of it; thus, although horribly mangled himself he saved the other two from injury. When almost miraculously it seemed the wounded boy recovered, a chaplain asked him why he had made this sacrifice. He replied, “Padre, I had gone to confession and I knew I was ready to die. I didn't know about those other two boys.” And then they used to say American youth is soft!

Hurry up home

Fr. Ed. Dumas

Jan. 20, 1944

Dear Fellows,

It's been some time since I wrote the *Moaner*, and it's a pleasure to be able to pass along the news that I have received from so many of you.

Many boys have been home on furlough and usually drop around to shoot the bull and have a work out in the gym. Had quite a bull session with Don Charland the last couple of days. Don played with the 4F's Tuesday night against my Javee squad. He still has his eye but his footwork resembles that of A. G. Spaulding when he played around 1890. John Maid was home for a few days after being on the high seas for some time. John is commissioned an Ensign, and we are pleased of his good luck. A letter arrived from Larry Quinn, and he has been promoted from Ensign to Lieut. (J. G.) Good work Larry. Stanley Wilson, who was recently commissioned, is now located in Texas. His mother wrote us to inform you boys stationed in England to look up her nephew who extends a welcome to any of you to visit his home as he would be pleased to make your acquaintance and offer you a bite and a bed. Here is his address: William D. Meek, 5 Abergeldie Road, Lee S. E. 12, London, England. Stanley's sister is also across the lake, and I venture a guess in England. Here is her address. Lt. Lillian E. Wilson, A. N. C. N. 723634, 5th General Hospital, APO 519 %Postmaster N. Y. C. Denny Root is ready to be shipped. Received a nice letter from Floyd Bashant, and he wants to say hello to his gang.

The varsity team is going great, and at the present time we are the only undefeated team in the league. We have won 6 straight. Gouverneur is in second with two defeats. By the way, we played Gouverneur Tuesday night and it was a real battle. We won to the tune of 34-31. Last Friday we defeated Potsdam there 39 to 14. We had to play the last four minutes of the game with only four players. Three went out of the game due to fouls, and the other was thrown out for being too tough. Results of Friday's other games are: Norwood 28—Malone 26, Gouverneur took Massena 41-31, Canton beat Ogdensburg 41-22. So far this season we have defeated Saranac Lake, Potsdam, Gouverneur, Canton, Massena and Ogdensburg. We play Malone here this Friday. The most outstanding player in the league without a question is Bob LaRocque. Gouverneur has two big players who also are very good. Father Dumas's green kids from H. G. A. are improving right along. They lost a tough one Tuesday to Indian Lake. It took two extra periods to decide the contest. All of his team will return next year, and he should have a good club.

Outside of an occasional chimney fire, and Dolph Trudeau chasing the fire truck, the old place is pretty dead. Other interesting events which occur now and then is A. J. DeShaw having his midnight snack at the Holland Grill, and if the snow isn't too deep, now and then we gather around either at Raymond's Liquor Store or the Holland lobby and listen to the rocking chair generals and admirals giving us the inside dope about the war. General Raymond goes down to Utica for a physical this week, and it looks as if the Army might take one of our able war advisors.

Here is some news about the boys in service: Pat Rounds' parents received a letter from him stating his wound was minor and that he is OK. Pat said a bullet just parted his hair in the middle. Walter Hauser has an APO now. He wants to be remembered to Rolland King, who is in England. We understand Smith O'Brien has arrived overseas. Good luck, Smith. George Reynolds also has an APO. Luther Farnsworth is at Camp Young. Cpl. Joe Abdallah is in Italy and has seen plenty of action. Received a recent letter from John Maroun, and he related to us of his visits with "Snoop" Maltais, Russell Gould, and Joe Abdallah. Mark Bruce is in South

America and was one of our real basketball fans. You certainly would like this team, Mark. Sgt. Wilfred Gagnier is now in England, and he wrote telling how "WAC" Chalmers would enjoy an English "pub". Clifton Boushie wrote an interesting letter. He is located somewhere in the South Pacific. "Bougou" Richer a member of the Merchant Marine is doing his bit traveling on an oil tanker. Harry Villnave told us in a letter England is OK but he would not trade all of it for just a corner of Tupper. "Eggs" McLear is now stationed in England, and he misses playing basketball. Sgt. Walter Maroun wrote us from somewhere in the South Pacific. Robert Smith, brother of Don, is in England. Ernie Belmore sent us a letter which was friendly and cheerful. Lt. Joe Donovan and Ensign Pat Quinn send us all the information from where they are located. Give those Japs hell, Pat. We understand Charley Twohey has been promoted to a Captain. Bob Kenniston is playing a hot game at forward at Stanford University. Douglas Drum, Garvey Timmons, Don Charland, Provost, Herb Dean, Bob Pimstein were all home on furlough recently. Mussy Staves who was home for a 15 day furlough has returned to his Base. Mussy completed a 15 month hitch in the Aleutians.

Len

Jan. 28, 1944

Greetings from Tupper Lake,

Here I am once more sending out the *Moaner*. I wish all you fellows could be here next Monday and Tuesday night to see the play that the faculty and some of the townspeople are putting on here for the benefit of the *Moaner*. Chet McKirahan, Dramatics teacher, is in charge and such noted stage celebrities as Mary O'Hara, Jule Proulx, Master Mind Perry, Charles Parks, Rena Proulx, Irene McGrath, Adrien Preveneau, Guino Snyder, Dolly Joy and Jimmie Potvin and others are in the cast. Perry was pretty busy but he said if Bob Hope could give his time for the benefit of our armed forces he should be able to do so. The name of the play is *George Washington Slept Here* and all advance reports indicate that it will be a riot. Some of you fellows have no doubt seen the movie but indications are that the movie will have nothing on the Tupper Lake Production. I hope it's good but the main thing is to take in a good bunch of cash so we can keep this *Moaner* going. Since I wrote last there has been some events happen that you will no doubt like to hear. Last week two separate groups were called to Utica for physical examination with the following results Henry Miller, Cliff Lemieux, Laurence Kenniston, Wilfred Silse, Frank Facticeau, Patsy Sangiovanni, George Bailey and Stanley Cluett are signed up with Uncle Sam and subject to call in from five to forty-five days. Connie Coolaw is also a member of the Navy. The following were also accepted. Albert Savard, Kenneth Wells, Harold Cranson, Percy Delair, Charlie DeCoste and "Four Roses" Mark Raymond They will also be called to training camp within four weeks. They say Percy Delair tried to get in the cavalry but the boots were too long for him. Dominic Sangiovanni & Charlie Jones Jr. are now in the Navy. I hope some petty officer doesn't have as much trouble keeping Charlie on his job as I had keeping him in school. The *Free Press* carried a picture of "Butch" Ryan and a story of how he was initiated crossing the Equator. Theresa Hache was married Jan. 8 in North Canaan, Conn. to George Mohrman. Jim Halligan has moved to Boston with his family. Malcolm Fletcher is now on the Italian front. Jack Bujold is now a pharmacist's mate second class. He is at Great Lakes Training Sta. The *Free Press* carried this item. Miss Mary Sovey & Homer Brooks were recently married. The Lions Club held a testimonial dinner for Judge Chalmers, now retired, George LaGraff was the speaker

of the evening. Votes are rolling in for Perry for King of the Carnival. Mark Shields came up all the way from Miami to cast his vote. Mark left Tuesday night. He expects an overseas assignment soon. John Maid has completed training and is now an Ensign. He will spend two months more training at Ft. Schyler. Monday night Len Perry's team won its eighth straight game at Norwood defeating them 33-21. This Friday night we have a doubleheader. HGA plays Indian Lake and TLHS plays Massena. Smith O'Briens wife joined the Air WACS the other day and is in training in California.

I've had a number of letters from you fellows since I wrote the last *Moaner*. Cpl. Dorran Boushie wrote from Camp Campbell to tell me that he wanted Len as King. I also had a nice letter from Tay Boushie somewhere in the South Pacific. He would like to be back in the US. Here is Pat's address, Tay. Ensign Pat Quinn, %Comm. SO., Pacific Force, % Postmaster San Francisco, Calif. By the way Pat says since he has been out in the New Hebrides he has met Dave "Spike" Sisson and Ensign Dick Haven. Tay asked about Millie Manning. You are behind times Kid. She hasn't been teaching here for 2 years. The last time I saw her, her hair was red; the time before she was a blonde. Ivan LaLonde S 1/Calso wrote that he is just waiting till the war is over so he can help stage a celebration in Tupper Lake. Well, I'm with you. Let's call it a date, fellows. We'll put on a real one. I had a letter from Peter Frank in Ft. Dix and Cpl. Shady Frank in Avon Park, Fla. Both would like to be here for the winter carnival. Tonight I had a letter from Herman Jessie. He is at Kessler Field, Miss. And is on his way to becoming an Aviation Cadet. Morris Villnave and Calvin Gleason both expect a call for physical next month So does Alfred Goddard.

I'm finishing this after a night's sleep and is this a lousy day. It's raining and slippery; a regular January thaw. Dr. Carter Morse's family are back in Tupper Lake. Doc is now out of the country with the Navy. Bob LaBelle has been home for a week, and Robert Mills is on a short furlough. Both are in the Navy. Tupper Lake Police report for the year says 233 arrests made over a twelve months period. You can see by this that we are keeping the home fires burning. The rink has been in fine shape but is covered with water now. Hope it is ok next week for the Carnival. I'll always be glad to hear from any of you fellows whenever you have time to do so. Well Fellows so long until I write the next *Moaner*.

Best of Luck
Larry Quinn Sr.

Tupper Lake, New York
February 4, 1944

Dear Fellows:

This edition of the *Moaner* is the 44th and we will be celebrating our first anniversary, April 2nd. Our first news letter was sent to twenty boys in service and now our circulation has reached the three hundred mark, and we are growing every day. We would like to have you boys know the excellent cooperation we are receiving from everybody here in the school and the community. As a matter of fact everybody is behind the project. Not a day goes by that someone has not contributed towards the expenses. I would also like to mention now about someone behind the scenes who is contributing a great deal towards the success of the *Moaner*. He is John McGrath, commercial teacher. He sees to it that the *Moaner* is mimeographed and that the envelopes are addressed each week. While on the subject of the workings of the *Moaner*, it is a

pleasure to write that a stage play *George Washington Slept Here* for the benefit of the *Moaner* was a grand success. At this writing, I am unable to inform you as to the profits, but was told off the record it was around \$300. For your benefit here is the cast: Chester McKirahan, dramatics teacher, was the director and took the leading role along with Juliet Proulx. Dolly Joy, girls physical education teacher, Mary O'Hara, Grace McCarthy, Rena Proulx, James Potvin, Charles Park, Adrian Prenoveau, "Gino" Snyder and Len Perry, Miss Irene McGrath was the script director. Business managers Ruth Weir, Violet Henry, Miss Malakie, and Miss Cheverette. I can assure you all of them were more than pleased to do this for the *Moaner*.

Well, I might as well get it off my chest now, because if I don't mention it, you will find it out sooner or later. Yes, Massena gave us our first licking last Friday night right here in our own back yard. Massena deserved to win as we were really bad. You fellows who have played before will understand. It's that game we play every season when everything goes wrong. Here is the Northern League standings to date: Tupper 7-1; Gouverneur 6-2; Massena 6-2; Canton 5-3; Norwood 3-5; Potsdam 3-5; Malone 2-6; Ogdensburg 0-8; Our record so far is 8 wins and 1 loss. We play Canton and Ogdensburg this week.

Now, for a bit of news from the gang. Charley Baker who taught school here a few years ago has been promoted to Lieut. (s. g.) Charley is somewhere in the Pacific. Herman Jessie is now a pre aviation cadet and is stationed at Keesler Field. Cpl. Ben Cohn is at Sampson. "Dom" likes the Navy very much. Cecil Stone of the Seabees is home for a rest after being on the sick list. Pvt. William Tebo has been transferred to Fort George Meade. Charley Jones went along with "Dom" to join the Navy, but after finding out he was only 16 years old they sent him back home. Charley's father enlisted in the Army last spring. Heard from Lieut. Fred Strisko for the first time. Here is Fred's address as he would like to hear from some of the boys who are located near him. Lieut. Frederick W. Strisko, 0-861107, 306th Airbrone Sq. A. A. B. Pueblo, Colo. Fred expects to go across soon. Braham Pimstein is at Bambridge Ga. He is an instructor, and his job is to teach pilots how to fly by instruments.

Prof. Quinn of our editorial staff was laid up for a couple of days with a hard cold. He is OK now and back on the job. Father Dumas also of the staff is being kept very busy with all of his numerous jobs. I believe it's the Father's turn to write the *Moaner* next week, and I am sure he will have something interesting to write about.

Cpl. Bill Sabin has sent us his new address with an APO. By the way, Bill's father died last week. Art Bailey also corresponded with us. Both his brothers, Albert and Al, are also in the service. Rolland Bashant is with the Navy at Banana River, Fla. Walter Bradley is with the Navy Amphibious Force and for the present he is situated at Little Creek, VA. Sgt. Gilbert Rae is at Fort Fisher in North Carolina. Pvt. John Littlefield is a t Texas Teck. Gerard Charron is doing OK by himself at Niagara University. Collin Stackhouse has been transferred to San Antonio, Texas. "Stack" expects to be assigned to Aireal Gunnery school. Luther Farnsworth wrote us from San Bernardino asking for Miss Marriot's address. Be careful Luther. Don Pelno of the Navy met a friend of Don Smith's in Africa.

Tupper Lake is to have a brand new Honor Roll and it will be erected sometime next week. The Lions Club who sponsors and maintains the Honor Roll tore down the old one. This one has a capacity for over 1100 names in order to keep up with the draft board. If any of you are in doubt about your name being on the Honer Roll let us know, and we will be glad to check the matter. So long for the time being and luck to you all.

Len

P. S. Just received notice of the following promotions: Captain John Collinson to Major and Lieut. (j. g.) Joe Donovan to Lieut. (s. g.). The *Moaner* congratulates Major Collinson, Lieuts. Donovan and Baker.

Monday P. M.
Feb. 14, 1944

Hello Fellows,

My turn once more to write the *Moaner*, so I'll write part of it today and finish up Tuesday and Wednesday. Here's some local items. Mrs. Ray Whitman was buried today. She died following an operation. Thomas Brown (father of Tommy and Fred Brown) was also buried today. Mrs. Bernard Lydamore died Sunday. She was asphyxiated with coal gas while Bernard was working at the Sunmount Canteen. Here is an item that you will all enjoy reading: Mammy Villneuve is to be awarded the D. S. C., Distinguished Service Cross, in Philadelphia Pa. The citation reads, "For extraordinary heroism in action." When the enemy approached, Mammy asked permission to go forward and man a machine gun from which the crew had been forced to retire because of enemy fire. He and another soldier advanced to the machine gun and succeeded in driving the enemy from his position. Then they moved the machine gun to another position where they could better fire on the retreating enemy. Pvt. Villneuve stayed with the gun which was mainly responsible for repulsing the enemy. Tupper Lake and you fellows, I know, are pleased that this honor should come to one of its boys. While it will not restore his lost eye sight, he will always have the satisfaction of knowing he was able to do so.

The carnival is now a thing of the past. The king, Howard Gaudet, and queen, Janet Youmell, made an excellent appearance before a large crowd. Local skaters and some from Saranac and Placid put on a fine exhibition on the ice. We had a regular party at the Altamont afterwards; The Little Magician, Master Mind Perry, was confined to his home with a bad cold. Although over 40 of you fellows voted him to be king, we found that the crown was too small. When Kelly Delancett made the crown, Perry hadn't won many basketball games, but when he came to try it on the other day, it was far too small. You wouldn't think that a veteran like Len would let a few wins affect him. Kelly said he'd be damned if he was going to spend all his time making a crown for a guy that never would wear one after he had left this world, so we had to get some one else. Thanks anyway fellows, Len certainly appreciates your casting a vote for him. Perry, Redman, Christian, Cheverette and I are going to Potsdam tonight to decide where the play offs will be held. Will tell you about the meeting tomorrow.

Tuesday and back from Potsdam. We had quite a meeting last night. It was decided to hold the play-offs at Ogdensburg. The first games are March 10th. Tupper Lake plays Gouverneur, and the same night Massena plays the team which finishes fourth. It will be either Canton, Norwood or Malone. Then on the 17th of March the two winners will battle it out for the championship. It looks as if it might be Massena and Tupper Lake again. Do you fellow remember the last battle we had with them. Some mob out that night eh? We got home last night at 1:30 in a bad storm. It's blowing bad today and the roads are pretty well plugged.

Flash! Sailor Jones was married January 21 to a Marine Corps woman in Los Angeles. Eddie Guiney is in an African hospital with an injured leg. Lt. Hank Bertrand is now in China. Charlie Turkey is now a captain with an overseas address. Pat Rounds recently received the Purple Heart. Iola Jessie and Edna Trudelle were both recently married. Mose Ginsburg is again president of the Chamber of Commerce. Abe Lumau, George Lavigne and Ray Amell recently arrived overseas in England. Had six letters yesterday from Pat. He is now addressed as Ensign Patrick Quinn, % Command 3rd Amphib. Force, P. O. San Francisco, Calif. He is moving north on an Army transport. He says he landed where Ernie Belmore had been stationed, and he also expected to see Frank Tice. Harry Kucipak writes from London that male wolves in England are known as Picadilly Rangers. He says he is near Rolland King and has visited with Carrow that used to work for Frank Dinnet and also Ray Robideau. He enjoys the *Moaner* very much. By the way the play made about \$350 for the *Moaner*. Last week we sent out 314 letters. This is getting to be big business. Paul Cote writes from District Training Center, Calif. , that he has had Dan Jessie, Dick Wells, Bob Poirier and Don Dewyea all in his hospital for treatment. Paul has been there nine months and is looking forward to a trip home. Hope you get it Kid! John Rule at Norman, Oklahoma, says he has only a few more weeks in school and then he will be out making planes. He says Jimmy Roumonado is in Chicago, and they are hoping for a furlough at the same time. Hope you get it boys, the girls will be glad to see you. John Sherwin would like to hear from some of the boys. He would like to hear from Jack Brown.

L. P. Quinn, Sr.

February 24th, 1944

Dear Fellows

Before I forget it, whenever possible, please try and send us your correct address when you are transferred to a new location. Lately many letters have been returned to us due to insufficient or incorrect address.

Now for a bit of news from the old home town. Last week a brand new "Honor Roll" sponsored by the Lions Club was erected between Goff's store and the bank. It really is a beauty. It is very large, painted in white, and looks its best at night when all lit up. No doubt you fellows wouldn't be surprised to read about someone in this neck of the woods being caught with illegal possession of venson, but its real news when they capture them alive. The other day a couple of game protectors stopped a car operated by an individual from New Hampshire and found cramped in the trunk of the car a live fawn. He told Judge Powers his story, but the Judge said, "No go!" and it cost him \$12.50. Young Earl Owen, who has been missing for some time, was reported as officially dead. Betsy Ross who taught music here up until this year was in town for the weekend. She is now connected with the Seneca Falls Schools. Fred W. Fenn, a resident of Faust for many years died last week. In basketball, we lost to Gouverneur last Friday 39 to 35. "Squint" LaRocque, who is one of the best forwards to play in this league, for some time was unable to play the entire game. He will be out of action due to a foot injury for our two remaining games with Malone there this Friday and Norwood here. Other scores last week were: Massena 29, Potsdam 28; Canton 40, Malone 34; Norwood 43, Ogdensburg 32. So far Tupper,

Gouverneur and Massena are sure of playoff berths. Canton, Malone and Norwood all have a chance for the 4th spot. Our team has scored in 12 league games – 432 points, and opponents--290. LaRocque is the individual leader with 180 points.

Dick Buckley wrote us a letter from somewhere in New Guinea. While in Australia on rest leave, he met Drum LaBarge and Charlie Valade. Arthur Martin has been promoted to seaman first class. Leo Wood has received a petty officer first class rating. Joe Gagnon who had the experience in living on a raft in the Pacific has been promoted to flight officer. Good work, Joe. Cadet Gene Paiement has been assigned to the army air field at Greenwood, Miss. For basic training as a pilot. Ensign Pat Quinn is connected to a naval base as port director somewhere in the Pacific. Pat told us he isn't very impressed with the natives as they are all black, short, and ugly. Raymond Fuller who is stationed in England claims when he gets home after the war, he will never leave it again. Collin Stackhouse is now located at a technical school in Sioux Falls, S. D. "Stack" is getting tired in going to school and wants a little action. "Hank" Fredsell, who is in England can't find his way around at night so he wrote his sister for a flashlight. Cpl. Leland Fuller is also in England. Fuller is having his troubles getting good beer. He is trying to locate Fred LaValley who is stationed near him. "Eggs" McLearn, also of England, wants to know if I still give the boys the "dying father talk." So far this year "Eggs" not very much. Mert Somers has been transferred to Clarksdale, Miss. Sgt. Bertie LaBarge is at Fort Bragg, N. C. "Bertie" who really could put that ball through the "hoop" wishes the team luck in the Playoffs. Sgt. John Reynolds has been transferred to Grand Island, Neb. and wants to say hello to his chums.

Well, fellows, I'll sign off now until my turn comes around to write the *Moaner* again.

Best wishes and luck,
Len.

April 4, 1944

Dear Fellows,

As we are all one happy family, it is a pleasure to note that this edition of our newsletter marks our first anniversary, and let us all hope that before long we can have one hell of a celebration. A year ago this week, the first letter of the *Moaner* was sent to 26 boys, and we had no idea it would reach the present score of 340 and growing each week. Since last April, we mailed a total of 11,000 letters to all of you wherever you were located, and without a question of doubt, it is a pleasure for Father Dumas, Prof. Quinn, and myself to make sure all of you get the news from the old home town. By the way, our neighboring school Indian Lake is having very much success with their newsletter, and the Saranac Lake Lions Club is expecting to send out their service letter in a week or so.

Here is the news packed in a nut shell. Another local boy, Jimmy Halligan, will receive his wings and be commissioned as an ensign April 13th. On the other hand, his little brother, who always enjoyed an argument, is in Nashville, Tenn. working like hell—so he said, but I know Billy better. Ted Morgan, a Tupper Laker in every respect, has been appointed Sup't of Schools

in Passack , N. J. He will have a total of over 500 teachers and ten thousand pupils under his jurisdiction. It couldn't happen to a better guy. Lately, it seems the infantry is getting all the attention. Bob Kenniston who was attending Stanford U. is now with the 71st Light Division at Hunter-Liggett Military Reservation, Calif. Girard Charron another army college student has hit the trail for Camp Carson, Colorado. He met Jimmy Zandie there. Charley Littlefield who cast his lot with the Navy is working hard at his V-12 course at Millsaps College and hopes soon to become an ensign, on the other hand his brother John has transferred to the good old infantry. Bob is now an aviation cadet.

Dolph Trudeau has been promoted from janitor to engineer at the Holland Grill, and his chum Bert Barber is chief fireman at the Methodist Church. The basketball team and myself wish to thank each and every one of you for your many messages of congratulations. It certainly is gratifying to know, regardless of the difficulties and hardships you are undergoing, you still have such enthusiasm for your school sports. "Cun" Lavigne who speaks three languages, French, English and broken English is now learning Indian. In a recent letter he said "she is hotter than hell here, wish I could saw some snow." The Lions Club entertained at dinner last week Coach Father Dumas and his HGA team. Walter Maltais has joined the Merchant Marine. Zeke Pimstein who can tell lies and good jokes has been transferred to Dover, Del. Lt. Stanley Wilson is at Camp Murphy, Fla. Pvt. Mark Raymond who before his induction was an "arm chair general" is at Camp Blanding, Fla. Remember him—he is the fellow who sold you the shellac without a headache, and for a short time sold Kick Peck's famous "gay chick." Due to lack of space it is impossible to mention all the details written us-so we would like to state the following sent us mail: M. H. Santerre, Arthur Beaudette, Dick Dewyea, Stanley Grant, Howard Drew, Norman Cluett, Henry Lavigne, Wilfred Demars, Adolph Brusig, Bougou Richer, Robert Jones, Robert Cluett, Ollie Audet, Gil Ray, Sadey Frank, and Bob Littlefield

Mrs. Hannah Hayes, who taught many of you fellows and who had your interest at heart, was buried at Brasher Falls last week. A very large delegation from here were present. School is out this Thursday for the Easter recess. North country weather contrasts: Robins hunting for worms on Faust lawns, and plows battling snow drifts in Tupper Lake. You can't beat the "swamp." Cpl. Dorrان Boushie, who holds the distinction of being the only Tupper soldier to produce twins has been transferred to Tullahoma, Tenn. Paul Bonapart, was awarded \$75.00 in a civil action brought against game protector Clarence Savard who shot his dog. The whole argument concerned dogs chasing deer. Dr. Henry Facticeau is now a captain. His son Paul is a cadet. Bert Patterson was left \$5,000 by J. S. Bache who recently died. The *Tupper Lake Free Press* took second honors in the annual Cornell U> contest to select the best feature stories published by the weekly press of New York State. Roger Moore took first place in the oratorical contest. Rose Maroun won first honors in the girls division. It looks like a white Easter.

A quick ending, until the next time.

Len..

Wednesday of Easter Week
April 10, 1944

Dear Fellows:

Easter was a beautiful day in old Tupper. About the only thing that marred the festivities was the fact you fellows were not here to enjoy it. The message of Easter is particularly timely this year, I think. "Peace be to you" were the words of the Risen Savior on that day of days when the glory of the Resurrection dispelled the shadows of the cross. Those sacred words proved once and for all the power of God and give us courage and hope. Today, countless men and women are enduring their Gethsemane. On many a battlefield, life is ebbing away as it did on Calvary's hill. In many a home, grief and worry are wracking human hearts; in many a soul, the struggle against the forces of evil seem hopeless and disheartening. But Easter gives us strength and courage. Christ has risen as he said. Love is triumphant. Justice is vindicated. Honor is again to men. And so today when the heavy hearts of men are longing for peace, let us turn not to the things of the earth, not to the height of amusements, not to hate and greed, and strife—for peace is not there. Peace lives in the souls of men who walk in the footsteps of Christ.

The joy of Easter received a dull shock for one family in the news that Raymond Poirier, Tech. Sgt., radioman and gunner, was killed in action in the European area Nov. 26 last. This verified a previous report that he was missing in action. We offer our sympathy to his family. Ensign Pat Quinn has been appointed recreation and welfare officer for naval units stationed at a newly established American base somewhere in the South Pacific. Pvt. Don Dewyea broke his wrist March 27 playing basketball at Ft. Maultric, South Ca. Pvt. Bob Trudeau is now in No. Africa. Pfc. E. W. Foote earned a good conduct medal at Camp Campbell, Ky. Alex Brown, U. S. M. C. has arrived safely at a So. Pacific base. Cpl. Robert Snyder is back in San Francisco after serving three months in Hawaii with a medical corps detachment. Tech. Sgt. Ernest Reando of Army Air Corps Unit at Pratt, Kansas is home on furlough. Pfc. Edward Smith recovering in a base hospital at Oahu, Hawaii, gave his family a real thrill a week ago when he talked to them via trans-Pacific phone.

Here's an item in the *Free Press* of this week—Easter Sunday—in Tupper. Sun Valley with its "shirtsleeve skiing" has nothing on Tupper Lake—for a group of local fans enjoyed the best skiing of the year on the Sugar Loaf Mountain slope with tow in operation and slope lightening fast. While these fans were racing down the slopes, the first hardy golfers were teeing off on the Tupper Lake Country Club links, a scant hundred yards away. Too bad somebody wasn't fishing through the ice at Cranberry Pond!

Bill White reports Tupper tops Red Cross quota by more than \$600. Total was \$5,109.25. Harry Curnaw, supt at Whitney Park, gave an interesting talk at Rotary the other day in the future possibilities of lumbering in the Tupper area. Dave Anderson is now President of the Rod and Gun Club and plans an active program for the year. This is another week of a great Exodus. I understand about 60 or 70 men, mostly fathers of families, are to be examined this Friday, April 14. The names haven't been published yet. We'll hand on the names to you as soon as we can. Bob Lines and family is moving to Chittenago, New York to manage a large poultry farm. We'll all miss Big Bob.

Rosalie Moody, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Moody, died this week. Dominic Dilorette, prominent brick layer and stone mason also passed away at the Mercy Hospital.

Warren Dwight just arrived on furlough. Also, Evan LaGrave arrived today from the Pacific area.

Yesterday, I became war conscious. A Holy Ghost sister was responsible. Louis Simons asked me to arrange the interview for the press with Sr. Francis Margaret who has been a prisoner of the Nazis for many months. She has just arrived here on the *Gripsholm* to take charge of our new kindergarten project at H. G. A. I've read a lot about war and its horrors, but believe me when you hear it from the lips of one who has seen and suffered, it's a different story. How it makes you think! It was simply an incredible experience! How smug and complacent we are here! I couldn't begin to tell the many interesting things she said. . . it would take a book, I guess—but her message was that America is the hope of the world and we can't fulfill that hope too quickly. May God grant that we not prove faithless to our mission.

My wish is the wish of Easter-tide
Peace be to you.
Father Ed Dumas

April 17, 1944

Greetings Once More:

Quinn is once more at bat. It's my turn to write the *Moaner* so here goes. Wednesday night, April 19th, the Lions and Rotary Clubs are giving a banquet to Perry and his "champs." It will be held in the school cafeteria and each member of the squad will get a sweater and a gold basketball. Our first track meet is set for May 6th but we still have snow, and Mr. Madore says the field won't be ready. We'll have to run in the snow, I guess. School started today after a week's vacation. Only ten more weeks, and the school year will be over.

The other day, the paper carried the news that Richard Howland had been killed in action. You remember Dick Howland, who came here from Cranberry Lake and graduated a couple years ago. There is also a story current that Joe Abdallah has been reported missing in action. Hope it isn't true, but I have reason to believe it is. Spike LaPlante, a 13 year old sixth grader, died Saturday night as the result of an accident. He was at the sandpit at Coney and jumped for a truck loaded with sand. He hit the tail gate and suffered abdominal ruptures. His father is Proctor LaPlante. Edgar Payment died at Faust last week. Lt. Norman Bashant has been awarded the oak leaf cluster. S 2/C Stanley Johnson visited his parents. He was married on his way home and brought his bride with him. Rod Schryer, who is in Fairbanks, Alaska, writes an interesting story for the *Free Press*. He told about the famous Ice Break Pool at Fairbanks. A machine registers the exact time the ice breaks up and the lucky guesser can win \$100,000. However, Uncle Sam takes \$75,000 of it. Dominic Dilerto died after being ill for some time. Lester Gale parked his car on top of a lamppost near Dr. Bury's after knocking off most of it. Loren Forkey is in Sunmount for treatment. He has never been too well since his discharge from the Army.

Here are some of the fellows who passed with flying colors their examination Friday at Utica. Real Bourdage, Floyd Burke, Lawrence Madore, Leonard LaRocque, John McGrath, Walt Edwards, Dan Hinkson, Tom Larkin, Deak Van Ranken, Willard Boushey, Ray McGill. There

were 82 examined, and all but 13 passed. Louis Simons, Gene Boyer and Jim Savage are three who did not pass. Johnny LaGrave was home the other day. He said he missed Pat Quinn by one day when he reached the New Hebrides. Pvt. Chester Garrow was home from Salina, California for a brief visit. Among the other visitors here are Lt. Fred Baker (15 days furlough, the lucky cuss), Red LaBounty is here from boot training. Norman Cluett, Bill Jewtraw, and John Amell, who is paying a visit to Tupper before leaving for the Navy. Had a nice visit with all these fellows.

Mr. and Mrs. Rounds have just received the Purple Heart awarded to Pat. Warren Dwight is leaving today after a 10 day furlough. He returns to air school at Great Bend, Kansas. Clarence Potvin writes from Camp Beale, Calif. sending regards to all. Bert Bailey is down in Memphis attending teachers' training course. He soon will start teaching rookies about machine guns, torpedoes, aerial mines and radio code. Lt. Fred Baker and his wife had a visit from Lt. Larry Quinn and his wife when Larry's ship was in Boston harbor. George LaDue sends a letter thanking us for the *Moaner* and promising a visit home in the near future. Cpl. Doug Drum at Ft. Milles, Del. has taken up the fight game. The other night at Wilmington, he won a \$100 bond in the light middle weight class. He was very sorry to hear of Hannah Hayes death and wants the *Moaner* to keep coming. Bob LaBelle writes that his outfit is packed and waiting to sail. Where to, he doesn't know, but he will soon have a new address.

Today is a dandy day out. It's quite warm, and it looks as if spring was here already. This noon, Mrs. LaCombe (Clifton's mother) died at her home. It was unexpected. Arthur Beaudette has been home for a few days, but he leaves tomorrow for Ft. Knox. Had a V-mail from Smith O'Brien. He has finally been located in England in the Signal Corps of the Dept. of Education. Alice Connors, who was Physical Ed. Teacher here a couple years ago, was recently married in California where she went after leaving Tupper Lake. Charlie Abdallah says he's going to have a caberet this summer. Well, I'll close and turn this over to the mimeograph department. Will be writing to you again in three weeks—until then, as we French say

Au revoir,
Larry Quinn

Tupper Lake, N. Y.
April 27, 1944

Dear Fellows,

Up until today Spring has not yet arrived. Our lakes, rivers and our ponds are still covered with ice. The athletic field resembles either a pond or is waiting for our Mayor Pro-Tem A. J. DeShaw to get set to lay a corner stone for a new swimming pool. What's worse, I bought a ton of coal for next winter, and it is all used up. Wood, if you can get it, is \$7.00 a cord. It is hard to believe with a dozen trees to a house, wood, above all places, should be scarce here. Aside from a little kidding, this is still great country, and it won't be long before the sun will shine again, as the fourth of July is only three months away.

Here is some local news and gossip I picked up around town: Charley Parks, local Red Cross chairman, has been made an assistant field director, and he will assume his new duties May 8th. Charley was very helpful to our local service men in many capacities. Our village fathers went on a spending spree and drew up a tentative budget of a little over \$31,000. Dorothy Noolk and Raymond Zinger were married last Saturday. Nearly 200 people attended the testimonial dinner to the high school basketball champions last Wednesday evening. Our two service clubs, Rotarian and Lions, gave the “champs” gold basketballs, and the Board of Education awarded the boys honor sweaters. Hank Hodge of Clarkson College was the speaker. From our scrap book: April 19, 1934—it stated I called baseball practice and the following reported: Captain Will Brown, John Maroun, Ray LaPorte, Henry Staves, Pete Burns, Dorran Boushie, Larry Quinn, Willard Boushie, Jack Hart, Bob Staves, Rudy Bedard, Don Smith, Chas. Twohey, Jack Wilson, Ed O’Brien, John Pisanchin, Lyman Fiddle LaBarge, Collins Stackhouse, Ken Bashant, George Shields, Clarence Bedore, and Lloyd Dumas. Who thought back in those days most of you fellows would now be scattered all over the globe playing a bigger and much more serious game. It was the same year we defeated Lake Placid for the championship when Dorran Boushie smacked a three bagger with the bases loaded. I was talking to Lieut. Bill Byrne a few days ago. Bill is right in the pink and was happy to be home for a couple of days.

Congratulations to Jimmy Halligan who received his wings. Well done Jimmy and I for one know you deserved the honor as you always gave your very best. By the way your college room mate Jay Fallon wrote to me and he also sends his best wishes. Jay is in a combat zone somewhere in the Pacific. He told me some fellows that haven’t walked on anything, but concrete sidewalks in their life really have it tough in the jungle. Ken Eseltine[sic] likes to dance with our girl’s physical director and he hopes she will be back here next year. Right you are “Ken” as she is all signed up. Lieut. John Pisanchin sent us his new address and a friendly letter. John is at Camp Mackall, N. C. Tony Colly is a father and he was home for the blessed event. Received a V letter and a newspaper from Lieut. Donovan, my old boss. Thanks Joe. Dick Dewyea wrote a newsy letter and he is thankful for the lessons he learned in sports as they have helped him a lot. Mert Somers has been transferred to Fletcher Field, Clarksdale, Mass.

Over 40 boys reported for the track team, but all our work is confined to the gym and our first meet is with Ogdensburg next week. We were both tied for the Van Dusen [sic] championship last year. Prospects aren’t very bright this season, however, we will do our best. It looks as if we will be unable to play baseball for two reasons. In the first place the diamond will not be in shape for some time and secondly many teams have discontinued the sport for the duration leaving us without opponents.

We are always more than pleased to hear from all of you, but due to lack of space it is impossible to mention all the details written to us, however, keep writing when you can find time. The mail bag brought letters from the following: Aurile Charbonneau, Howard Drew, John Salamy, Robert Trudeau, King Tardif, Mert Somers, John B. Reynolds, James Jessie, John Pisanchin, Joe Donovan, Jimmy Zandie, Robert Reynolds, Dick Dewyea, George Reynolds, Oscar Gaff, Robert Cluett, Henry Bailey, Ken Eseltine, Walt Bradley, Harold LaGraveEarl Baker, and Jay Fallon,

In closing I would like to mention somebody hit a lamp post at the Junction last week and our poor downtown friends were in darkness for an hour, cutting off all card games at the favorite spots. Best of luck to you all.

Len

May 2nd—44

Dear Fellows:

May is a month of promise and a month of Hope, when all nature begins to smile again and the dull drab earth comes to life once more. In a special way it is a month of devotion, too—devotion to Mary, the Queen of Peace. Back here at home we are trying to storm heaven just a little harder these days. Our weapon is the weapon of prayer. Each night we gather in church to say a prayer for the boys over there—and the church is well filled too with your brothers and Fathers and loved ones, praying for you—the boys of Tupper—all of you regardless of creed or race, wherever you are. We have planned something special, too, when the Invasion comes. At the first official word of invasion we plan to ring the church bell as a public call to prayer. Our St. Anne Society of Mothers is making plans to go to Mass and receive Communion Invasion Day for you boys. Besides, the different societies of the parish have Masses said each week for you. I'm sure you fellows will be glad to know this. It will help a lot in hours of trial to know that someone is praying for you. I'd like to make it clear at this point, that when I say we are praying for you—I mean all of you—not just the boys from our parish but for all the boys of Tupper Lake regardless of creed. I ran across a very fine thing the other day. "A Soldier's Way of the Cross" which has plenty of straight from the shoulder stuff in it. With Len's kind permission we are having it printed for you in the hopes that it may prove helpful in your prayers. I hope you like it. We'll send it along as soon as we have it finished.

Well the track season opens here this Friday when Ogdensburg appears on our field. In view of the fact that the ice is just now off the field our local stars have had little time to get in shape, but as is well known by now in the Northern League, Tupper will be in there busting that tape as usual. Our preferences run to baseball of course. This is a baseball town. But due to gas restrictions and late spring weather conditions the great American pastime will have to wait till more normal times. As you Pike fisherman [sic] well remember, May 1 is opening day at Bog River. The experts were on hand as usual, with Alice Bujold and Pete Arsenault keeping the American House colors flying high. The ice is just about gone out of Big Tupper which means that the Brook Trout will start to bite soon. Stan Cluett of the Marines is in town. Armand Ouellette dropped in too. Lieut. Bob LaGraff is visiting his dad. Leon LaFave is home on furlo [sic] from Camp Rimini, Mont. He got a five day extension to be with his wife, who underwent a major operation. Pat Benjamin was home and his brother Art is home on sick leave from the Pacific—suffering from Elephantiasis [sic]. Maurice Desmaris has been playing ball in England—doing a bit of pitching and going pretty good, too—last I heard he broke a finger stopping a hot one. Bernard Chariter [sic] is also in England his Mother told me today. Bugu Richer is home again. Don Boushie is now a Sgt. Major. Pvt. Clifton Lacombe's mother died suddenly. His C. O. in California arranged his passage on an East-bound Bomber which made a forced landing in Sacramento. He was pretty badly shaken up I guess but is home now recuperating—no broken bones. Lt. Freddy Baker USN and his wife and boy were home on furlo [sic]. Fred and I both skied and played golf while he was home. He threw a snappy 39 at me just

to prove the Navy has what it takes in this war. We are now sending about 365 letters a week. Don't forget to give us notice of change of address.

Sincerely

Fr. E. Dumas

P.S. Just heard the Senior Ball is Friday night. "An Under -The -Umbrella Theme". Orchestra from Potsdam

May 9, 10, 11, 1944

Fellow Mountaineers:

Greetings to you from the old home town. And now for some news. O.F. A. gave us a shellacing [sic] in track last Saturday. 140-70. Lindy Hull got our only first in the hundred. Len has a green team but they will be better by the end of the season. Some of the results would make you laugh. The shotput 36 feet, broad jump 18' pole vault 9ft. 9 in. Can't you fellows just imagine what easy picking Bill Sabins, Bob Littlefield, Bob Earl, Ollie Audet, Puffer Fuller, Pat Parent, Walt Matais and the rest of the old crew would have with such marks. The mile 5 min. 11 sec. The half 2 min 11 sec. the 440 is 56. This Saturday we go to Gouverneur and the following week Massena comes here. On May 27th we go to the VanDuzen [sic] meet. Here is an item for some of you older fellows. Laurence Tike Foeseay [sic] is now a Lieutenant in the Navy and is in Europe in charge of a large LCI boat with 25 men and five officers under him. He & Gave [sic] Demars enlisted about 12 years ago. They were both outstanding TLHS athletes. Joseph Potvin died at his home last week. He was 74 years old. He has been ill for quite some time. Msgr. Hervieux has been ill but is some better at this time. Charlie Chapple who use to work on the rink died and so did Louis Lashway and George Varden.

Otis Black was drowned Sunday while fishing with George & John Black near Underwood. He slipped from a rock and could not get out. PFC Edward Smith who was wounded at Eniwetok is now in San Francisco. He lost three fingers from his right hand. Pvt. Morris Seguin has been returned to the US from Italy. He saw hard fighting there and said the cause of him being sent home was, "Too many shells too close". The other night the State theatre showed a news reel and Lt. Don Bruce was identified as reading a book (his prayer book the news reel said). Lt. Robert LaGraff is back after a years service in anti-sub patrol in North Africa. Butch Ryan somewhere in New Guinea has been promoted to carpenter's mate 1/C. Mark Edwards writes back from somewhere down under that he's been away two summers but he thinks this will be the last. "We are hitting on all cylinders" he writes. Buck McLear has left for Bremerton, Wash. where he will return to sea duty on board a destroyer. Buck is Fire Control 2/C. Don Bruce is home on a furlough. Homer Corneau now has an overseas address. Raymond Lamorra US Marine Corps who recently saw action at Bouganville has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Evan, John & Donald LaGrave all had a furlough and were home at the same time. They live in Rensselear. Evan who is a Marine Sergeant visited Tupper Lake. He took part in the invasion of Guadacanal and the Russell Islands. S. Sgt. Levi Savage APO 230 writes that the *Moaner* is well read before he throws it away. He has met fellows from Glens Falls, Buffalo and Rome but none from Tupper Lake. It only goes to show you that the boys from this village

do not often come in contact with MP's. Keep up the Good Work Levi and hurry back: the gang at McCarthy's are anxious to see you. Cpl. Richard Boushie is going to be a first class cook. He writes from Camp Forrest, Tenn. that his training is over and they are all waiting for the big boat ride. He sent me his insignia and many thanks for it Dick. Its [sic] Hanging in my office. It looks like the Flying Tigers insignia, Cpl Armand Mayville APO 340 is in England. He & Bill Smith are toghther [sic] and enjoy the *Moaner* They have seen Peter Amonell [sic] and Buddy Villnave. They suggest we send out the APO for a few of the fellows each week. Its a good idea and we'll try it out too.

Had a very pleasant visit from AMM 2/C Paul Thomas. the Navy agrees with him alright. He tops the scales at 190. We talked about many of you fellows and where you were and what you are doing. Youmell, Adami, Noelk Bros., John Rule, Bob Mills, and many others. Its great to see when you are back. In fact the high school and the Altamont are the two favorite visiting spots in town.

Last night we received the sad news that Herb Dean Sr. had dropped dead at his home at Big Wolf. We are sorry and extend our sympathy to Herb Jr. and Mrs. Dean. Francis Root has joined the Merchant Marine and is stationed at Brooklyn. Flash!! The pike fishing is good right now at the Moody Bridge.

P.S. Del Delosh was telling me that he had been working this spring. Larry Rafferty recently had a hair cut. The senior ball last Friday was a success, Joe Callapari played. Over 60 couple [sic] at \$1.50 per. The Holland did well that night too.

So Long for a Couple of Weeks

L. P. Quinn, Sr.

May 18, 1944

Dear Fellows:

With the opening of the fishing season and the weather sunny and warm everybody seems busy around here getting in shape for summer. I understand the fishermen who tell those long tales admit even getting a bite is something to brag about. The local Victory Garden Club are [sic] making plans and encouraging all of us here to plant more. This year cash prizes will be awarded.

Miss Kathleen Murray was elected Grand Regent of the Catholic Daughters of America—American Legion Gold Star Citations have been presented by the local post to Sgt. Ray Bigrow, PFC. Ed Smith, Sgt. Earl Owen, Pfc. Jacob Steshka, Pvt. Ed. Guiney, Sgt. Pat Rounds, Sgt. Ray Poirier—Bobby Wilkinson former Tupper golf professional and now Major Wilkinson was married recently. Tupper Lake Masons will honor Dr. J. Abbott Thissell with a presentation of a 50 year service medal. 15 members of Mt. Arab Lodge are in service now. Lions Club to sponsor "Old Timers Night" May 25th. All Tupper Lake pioneers from 70 years up will be entertained. Bobby LaRocque, captain of this seasons championship team who will graduate this June will take his physical this Saturday.

Mailbag Highlights:--Pfc. Braham Pimstein has been transfered [sic] to Santa Monica, Calif. Art Beaudette is recuperating in Station Hospital Fort Knox, Ky. Lt. Josephine Sangiovanni is at Halloran Hospital, Staten Island. Col. Mark Shiels is at Miami Fla. Don Bruce

has been promoted to Captain. Ensign Pat Quinn is having plenty of experience som where in the Pacific. Pat sent me quite an article headed "Tha Arm Chair General". Col. Alphonse Marion is in New Guinea. Cpl. Wm Sabin arrived in Italy. Billy is assistant radio operator and waist gunner on a B 24.

From the scrapbook looking backwards:--Tupper Hi. old Grads reunion June 28 at Sagamore Hotel Harry Pimstein was president of the Alumni Association. Wilfred Beauchamp and Mrs. Beatrice Fournier were in charge of arrangements. Another scrapbook item:--Coach Joe Donovan Tupper Hi track team invaded Potsdam and won 117-89. Cluett, Stackhouse and Sabin starred for Tupper. Tupper baseball nine whips St. Lawrence Freshmen 8 to 6. Puffer Fuller led the locals in hitting getting two doubles, a triple and a home run. The following day behind the two hit hurling of Gus Adami the locals slaughtered Potsdam 10 to 0.

We defeated Gouverneur in a dual meet there last Saturday 95 to 92. The following took first places for us. 100, Charles Mayers; 220 Lyndon Hull; Pole Vault, Ed. Woulf; 440 Gerald LaVoie; Mile Run, Al Downs; Half Mile, Walter Kicklevitch; We meet Massena her Saturday. Massena and Ogdensburg have the power this season and they are both favored to take the Van Dusen[sic] meet which will be held either at Ogdensburg or Potsdam May 27. Last year Ogdensburg and Tupper tied for Van Dusen [sic] honors with 48 points each.

More news from the mailbag:--Cpl. Herman Jessie has been on the Anzio Beachhead for quite some time. Sgt. Willard LaBarge is in England. Eddie Madore is stationed on the USS Emery. Pat Parent and Bobby Earle are operating in the same waters, but on different ships. Pvt. Geo. Curcie is in England. Cun Lavigne is in India. Sgt. J. B. Reynolds is in England. Heard from Cpl. Billy Bowman also from England. Cpl. Dent DeLair is somewhere in New Guinea. Dent got seasick in crossing. Bob Cluett is at Amarillo, Texas. Lieut. Dan Littlefield and PFC. John Littlefield are home on furlough. Maurice Demaris [sic] is stationed in England. Reginald Cormier is in Italy. Dominic Sangiovanni is at Sampson. Philip Savage is in Italy. PFC. Clifton Trombley is in England.

As our space is limited I will close now, but before doing so would like to say the mailbag brought mail also from the following Pvt. Eddie Cussion [sic], Cpl. Richard Boushie, Bob Daggett, Don Christy, Don Larocque, Henry O. Bailey, Leo Brousseau, Billy Curcie, Howard Drew, Beans Santere and Bobby Jones.

See you next issue fellows and the very best of luck to you all.

Len

May 24----44

Dear Fellows:

I have some hot news for you today, concerning none other than our own "Original Moaner", Len Perry, himself! You see, Bill Graf of Watertown, operator of Camp Totem, a boys summer camp near Harrisville has heard about our Len—so he's got his name on the dotted line to be a instructor this summer at that camp. So it looks like Len will have to "Moan" from the distance. I had a little conference in Mr. Quinn's office yesterday and we've decided to carry on with the *Moaner* anyhow—with Len cheering from the distance (we'll even put him on our mailing list). The details have to be worked out yet but we'll keep 'em coming somehow, the best we can.

Here's an interesting note about Father Frank Desrosiers. You all know he's got himself a very interesting career. His knowledge of French came in very handy for his superiors have put him in the Intelligence Division as Liaison Officer in North Africa between the Free French and USA. He's at his post now—and we all wish him lots of success. Speaking of chaplains, I read a good one about a Chaplain Frank Reynolds, who, while in active duty in a Pacific battle lost his temper and won quite a reputation at the same time, when someone shot at him by mistake, The chaplain had fallen behind his party at night when a bullet whistled too close for comfort, suddenly another bullet came from the same source. But that was too much! for he yelled angrily, "Cease firing you-----. I'm a chaplain." The firing ceased.

The mail bag has brought news from the four corners of the Globe. Guy Lavigne and Leon LaFave checked in from Camp Rimini, Helena, Mon. to tell how they were trying the trout fishing out that way. Lt. Joe Donovan writes often. He's in the field of Naval Air Operations in the Pacific. Benny Churco just got back to his base from a furlough "Down Under". He tells us he's catching mackerel that will go 20 to 30 lbs. Just like his old line, eh! Harry Villeneuve in England would like to know Francis Colly and Clarence Villeneuve address if possible. Bobby Jones, on USS carrier wrote a fine letter. Thanks Bob. Also Lt. Bernard Facticeau, Lucien Delair, Maurice Desmarais, and Charles Twohey. James Lewis and Dick Boushie. Thanks all.

Nine more Tupper men have passed the physical and been added to the induction pool. They are Wm. Graff, Nelson Robideau, Tom Theriout, John Ellis, Wm. Louthier, Wm. Beaudet, Wm Wares, Russell Raymond and Clifford Bishop. I just heard that Howard St. Denis and Walt Edwards report to Navy on Monday and Henry Madore to the Army.

Sports Round-up: Massena rolled up a 55 point margin of victory over Tupper here Saturday at dual track meet. We had four 1st—Hull took 100 and 220 yard dashes. Chapman the 680 and Downs the mile. Len's boys go to Ogdensburg Saturday for the Van Deusen meet. The big track classic of the year. You will recal that Tupper took Ogd. last year and has two legs on the trophy cup. Malone has two and Ogd. has one. You must win five times to get permanent possession.

Latest Notes: Herbert L. Dean was one of the 31 New Yorkers to receive his 2nd Lt. rating in the Signal Corps at Ft. Marmont last Saturday. Cpl. Al Belge was promoted to rank of Sgt. at Mitchel Field, Long Island recently. Cpl. Doran Boushie has also been made a Sgt. nice going fellows.

Sgt. Paul Sabin is home for two weeks. He's in New Mexico serving as Gunnery Instructor on that big 70 ton job the B-29 Bombers. Private Nell O'Brien, WAC, AAF is a plane dispatcher at F. Kearney, Nebraska has heard from her husband Smith O'Brien in England, regularly too. Ensign Francis Bruce, USNR of Jackson Heights, Long Island has completed his indoctrination course at Fort Schyler and is in town visiting his parents. Mark Bruce's wife hears that Mark is subject to change. He has been down in Brazil and while there met Major Wm. E. Capron, chaplain, a classmate of mine down there. A bulletin from the European theater of operations tells that Private Lucien Delair is a member of a crack medical corp which recently demonstrated the latest life savings in medicine and devices while on manueveurs [sic].

We had a clean-up night at the cemetery last night. About 60 men showed up and they made the fur fly. We are getting ready for an open air Mass on Memorial Day at the cemetery and weather permitting it should be a great success. The Monsignor plans to say Mass for you boys that day.

Russell Redman is also organizing a parade with speeches and all the trimmings for the day, too. The trout are biting and so are the flies—but its a great place isn't it!

Father E. Dumas

May 30, 1944

Greetings Everyone,

Today is Memorial Day and Tupper Lake as well as every other community had its Memorial services. A parade by the service men and other organizations followed by a speech by Mr. Earl MacArthur President of Paul Smiths College. The high school band was in the parade. Its a grand day here, quite warm but with a nice breeze. Only two more weeks of school after this week and then a week of regents examinations. The old town is pretty quiet these days. Some of the boys manage to get home for a furlough. Ensign John Maid and Francis Bruce who has just been commisioned [sic] an Ensign have been visiting here for a week or so. Ray Gould was up to school yesterday. He is home till June 7th. He looks fine and has put on weight. Mass was celebrated at the cemetery of the Holy Name Church this morning by Father Finegan [sic]. Msgr. Hervieux said Mass at the St. Alphonsus cemetery. Tupper Lake High won 14 points at the Van Dusen [sic] meet last Saturday. The feature race was the half mile. Jimmy Chapman won second in the event but he pushed the fellow who won it so hard that he broke the track record. It was won in two minutes and two seconds. O. F. A. won the meet with 65 points. Saranac Lake relay team won the relay race, Hank Madore, Douglas Schauble, and Howard St. Denis left Monday for the Army. Clarence Savard, Gerald Stone, Richard Denno, Ed Morrow, Walter Edwards & Leo Fletcher left for Navy training. Herb Dean is now a 2nd. Lieutenant. Maurice Narrow and Leonard Williams had a few hours for a visit when they met on an island in the Pacific. Both of them are in the Marines. Pvt. Edgar McLear is training with the invasion force in England.

Ten years ago this time there was a big fire in the Bay Pond region. Remember quite a few fellows were out of school helping fight it. The other students made hundreds of sandwiches and sent them into the area. Troopers were picking up everyone they could find to help fight the fire. Also three Potsdam Normal teachers were killed when their car left the road on a curve between Henry Carbary's home and Gale's. Bill McGinn's wife and Mrs. Forkey had babies last week at the Mercy Hospital. Mrs. Forkey a girl and Mrs. McGinn a boy. Bill was at the hospital and pretty excited he tried to get a bottle of coke from the sisters to quiet his nerves. Herman Fuller has been spending a few days at home. He is getting better every day. Sgt. Zeke Pimstein is home on a ten day furlough. The Country Club is open and a couple from out of town are running the Club house. Dorrان Boushie has been promoted to a sergeant. Lucien Delair is with a Medical Unit in North Ireland. Eugene Paiement has completed training and is now a full fledged pilot. Last Thursday night the Lions Club had a party at the American House. They entertained over 50 old timers, all men over 70, at their regular meeting. It was quite a success. Dr. Thissell told the crowd that only once did he know of whiskey being any good. It was years ago and he was crossing the lake and his horse fell through. It took a long time to get him out & when he finally did the horse was about dead. "Well Sir" said Doc, "I got a quart of whiskey (good whiskey) and gave him about half of it and he was well as ever inside of twenty minutes, Yes Sir." Smith O'Brien writes from England. He has met his brother in law and a fellow from Utica.

Smith says we get some laughs in a Pub called the Irish House. Garth LaQuay was in town last night he's in the Merchant Marine. Says his brother Charlie is over in Italy and has put on weight enough to bring him up to 200#. Can you imagine Charlie that size? Roy Foote sent a letter from England, his APO is 1. Clarence Ray is now getting the *Moaner* out in the Pacific. He ran into Chapman Bradley and Tay Boushie when in New Caledonia. Morris Poirier is home on a furlough. Bob LaRocque and Gerald Russell have been accepted and will leave for service after they graduate. The Legion convention is at the Camp Thurs., Friday & Saturday and as usual some of the boys and girls from school are going up to work. some of you fellows who used to help out remember the convention. Well, Fellow, the next letter I write will be Regents week so I'll say

So long 'till then
Larry Quinn Sr.

Tupper Lake, N. Y.
June 3th, 1944

Hello Fellows:

The day we have waited so long has come. The true spirit of our home town Tupper Lake on D-day was reveled [sic] by the hundreds who paid visits to our churches. It was a day of prayer, of sober meditation and of anxious waiting rather than a day of excitement. Church doors stood open to welcome any who would enter in service of spiritual strength. Both of our schools closed their doors at 2 p. m. for special services in all of our churches. Services were also held in the evening.

We have a bit of good news concerning Cpl. Joe Abdallah. Joe was listed as missing in action for several months, but yesterday his family was informed that Joe is now a prisoner of war. Ten of Joe's letters were returned, but I saved them all having a hunch Joe would return some day to read them.

Leroy "Nig" Staves reported for active service in the Navy with a petty officer's rating. Robert Minnich, former school superintendent, was a visitor here during the past week end attending an American Legion meeting held at the camp. At the present time he is teaching in Cohoes, N. Y. Mrs. Martha Ellis mother of Naja Ellis, died last week. She was 75. Following AD appeared in the *Free Press* last Thursday. Will person seen taking shirt in the quarry Sunday please return to this office. Reward. No questions asked. Ray Gould spent a ten day furlough here. He is the same Ray and it was a pleasure to have a long visit with him. Jim McCartney was elected president of the Lions Club and Harry Savett is president of the Rotary Club. Miss Nancy Olson of New Rochelle has been hired as vocal music teacher to succeed Elizabeth Moore. Miss Kathleen Murray and her pupils are on the job each week to fold the *Moaner* and seal the envelopes. John McGrath our Commercial teacher and his classes see that the *Moaner* is mimographed [sic] and envelopes addressed each week. Rickey Moore is the official pleased to help out. Cpl. Clarence Grenier has been transferred to Fort Bragg, N. C. Pvt. Henry Lavigne who still carries his friendly smile is home on furlough and he looks fit as a fiddle. Charley Park is now a full fledged Red Cross assistant field director. Pat McCarthy local fire chief was elected vice president at the 48th annual Firemen's Convention held at Massena. Vivian Shields has joined the Red Cross. "Pun" Dumoulin one of our outstanding athletes years ago was home for a few days. He would like to say hello to Lieut. Foisey and CPO DeMars. Bill Lavalley [sic] had a

bed on his truck parked near Armour's. While he made a delivery the bed disappeared. Later it was found in the Grand Union Hotel. Its impossible to blame either Guiney or Maltais for the act, and Bill Sparks swears up and down it wasn't him. Fred Futterman, Red Cross Chairman who succeeded Charley Park is doing an excellent job.

Tuesday night at the American House Tupper Lake was honored in having one of the country's outstanding coaches as principal speaker. Nearly 100 people including the high school football team attended a Lions Club dinner and meeting. Dudley S. DeGroot, a gentlemen, scholar and football coach of the Washington Redskins gave a very eloquent speech which really hit home. Bill Graf, Watertown coach, was also on the program. By the way, I am sure you fellows will be pleased to learn that Lawrence Fuller and Tommy Bedore signed contracts with the Redskins. They are to report at San Diego, Cal. during the latter part of July for try outs. Antoine LaBarge who will retire in June after more than 30 years as janitor of the Faust school was given a dinner party last Saturday by Gene Madore and Romeo Bedore. Members of the faculty and board of education attended. Lymen LaBarge has been at Fort Greely, Alaska during the past 18 months. Lymen said the *Moaner* brings the old home town and its people right here in this cold and desolate country. Phil Doupis is in England. Art Beadette [sic] received a medical discharge from the Army. Bob Kenniston is at Ft. Benning, Ga. Bob certainly has been on the move. Leo Robillard is in Italy. Brainard Beausolil, an aviation cadet, is at Keesler Field, Miss. Received an interesting letter from Cpl. Helen J. Trombley wife of Pfc. George Trombley. They were married in February. Thanks for your fine compliments of the *Moaner*. Sgt. Wilfred Guiney who didn't take Bill LaValley's bed sends his best wishes from England. Douglas Drum is at a paratroopers school. Mark Raymond expects a furlough soon and will be ready for many pinochle sessions. Ogdensburg won the Section track title. Doc Bissette spent [sic] part of his furlough here. Sgt. Pug Poirier was also home on furlough. His wife accompanied him back to camp.

So long and the very best of luck and success.

Len Perry

June 14, 1944

Dear Fellows,

I liked Len's edition last week---especially his remarks on prayer. Tupper certainly did her part to emphasize prayer on D-day in all the churches. If sincerity and the quality and time we spend at it, mean anything in prayer then surely God must be pleased especially with the children of this town. Here's hoping we all keep it up---not for just a day---so that the God of battle will find us worthy of a peace with justice and charity.

We had a War Bond Drive here yesterday, with parade, bonds, song by the A Capella Choir and speeches. A good crowd attended and something like \$20,000 worth of bonds were sold. It was also announced that a Mitchell Bomber has been christened "Tupper Lake", so "heads up" when you see one coming over. It does seem kind of unnecessary though to be high-pressured into buying bonds with all the invasion news in the air and nearly 1000 Tupperites on the fighting fronts.---Kind of an insult to our record in the past, too, for last time we subscribed over \$350,000. A couple of war heroes were in attendance at the rally-a Marine, Sgt. Oakley Griffiths with 2nd Raider Bn. that invaded Bougainville and Guadalcanal and William D. Hesser,

Cox. 3/cUSN, who saw action in the North Africa and Sicily. Both these boys vowed they would much rather face machine guns or bombs than speak on a public platform.

Letters and certificates were awarded to 46 deserving and blushing athletes at the annual physical education assembly last Friday after-noon. Football, basketball and track awards were made by the Maestro himself. The Lions Club trophy and Moore Funeral Home and *Free Press* trophies were also awarded. Miss Dolly Joy, girls' phys. ed. instructor also gave out medals and awards. My alma mater, St. Mary's of Ogdensburg won the northern N. Y. high school championship from Norwood last Friday 4—3—no wonder with Fr. H. Martin former Fordham great as coach.

You heard what the Britisher said about the American GI Joe.---He's over-dressed—over-paid—over -sexed and over- here. Well you're only over there so we can have peace over here—so we wish you were over here.

Here's a few news notes about the boys that I've gathered. PFC. Leo Brousseau has received his gunnery wings from the flexible gunnery school at Kingman, Arizona. PFC Gerald Laramie has been promoted to Corporal and Sgt. Alfred Bombard has gained a staff-sargeant rating. He was severly [sic] wounded in the Italian campaign in December(Purple Heart) but now returned to duty with the famed 45th. Thunderbird division taking part in the drive in northern Italy. D-day meant discharge day for PFC Edward Smith. He arrived home from the Pacific Thursday night and has been decorated with the Purple Heart. He has some blood-curdling tales to tell of hand to hand fighting in the South Pacific. He describes the fanatical bravery of the Jap soldier by his false belief that capture by the Americans means death by torture. Staff Sgt. Ernie LeBlanc has completed his latest phase of combat training. He's gunner on a Liberator Bomber. He sent me his APO—its the Pacific. Cpl. Robert Snyder and a friend PFC Hilton Doucet of Louisiana recently spent a nine day furlough here. He is at Camp Kilmer, N> J. Jack Bujold has been promoted to Pharmacist's Mate first class and is serving on a landing craft somewhere in England. Pvt. Leon LaFave has been transfered [sic] from Camp Rimini, Helena, Montana to Camp Wood Reserve Sled Dog Det. Fort Robinson, Neb. Larry LaFave wrote from India---and said to relay his best wishes to the fellows especially Paul Corneau and Dom Camelo also George LaDue. Leonard Williams, Eddie Martin---now at El Toro, Cal. Pvt. E. R. Zevin Jr. has been transfered to Lincoln, Neb. and Homer Corneau is now at Portsmouth, Va.

Sincerely,

Father Edmund Dumas

June 21, 1944

Greetings from Tupper Lake,

Well fellows, this year of school is about over. Friday the seniors put on the senior assembly. It wasn't as good as some we've had but it went off o k, and the students enjoyed it. Somehow or other they forgot to give me the usual present; a hair net or hair tonic. Instead I received an address book. Although school is soon out for ten weeks, we are going to continue *The Moaner*. Perry is going to work this summer at Bill Graf's summer camps. So Father Dumas and I will alternate every other week writing the news. We will give you a little rest from the Master Mind. But get ready for him next fall. He will be back on the staff bigger and better than

ever. Fay Hawkins has volunteered to type and mimeograph the letter each week and seven high school girls have agreed to address the envelopes [sic]. The Sisters of H. G. A. will fold and seal up the envelopes so you see we are set to go. We will keep our end of it here so you fellows keep up the good work of pasting Hell out of the Japs and the square heads and be sure to notify us of any change in you addresses. HGA commencement is Friday, June 23 and ours is Monday June 26. We have 45 graduates. From all reports the invasion is going better than expected while the Yanks seem to be running wild in the Pacific. May be it won't be too long before the whole affair is over. Art Cronin is putting an addition on his garage, it runs from the old garage over to the gas station Morris Connors used to run. Leland Foote has a new car. Its a Studebaker. Perry has a new pair of white and tan shoes. He's beginning to dress more flashy than Jim Peller. Jerry Lalonde married last week to Albert Beudet. It begins to look as if Bob Keeler will do the same thing. I'll keep my eyes open and advise you when.

Probably many of you remember Clarence Dufort who operated planes at Malone. He was killed when his plane crashed near Saranac Hollow. He was flying alone at the time to Burlington. The *Post Standard* carried a picture of Dennis and Donald Root which came from England. It seems that the boys claim they have the largest family of any boy in service. They boast father, mother and 18 children. Rusty is a lineman and Denny is a clerk. I couldn't tell Rusty from the picture but he was hanging over a telephone pole the way he used to hang over the seats in school. When Ernie Root saw the picture his chest expanded 3 inches. Had a phone call from Larry on Father's Day. He was in Boston and was due to leave soon. He had just been over to Africa and up around Iceland. The History C examinations were tough this morning. Hope the students could do more with it than I could. Earl Wilson is selling strawberries out of his garden. We had some Sunday for dinner.

Lt. Charlie Baker writes from somewhere in the Pacific. No Charlie the *Moaner* is free to you and the rest. Hope you get around to where Pat is. He'd like to see you. And you too, Belmore, I was glad to get your card. Hope you can soon get your furlough home. We've been looking for Frank Tice for several months. Its almost time you got a trip back to the states isn't it, Frank? By the way you fellows, if you want any change in you [sic] address let me know. I'm looking after that part of the *Moaner* this summer. Had a letter Sunday from Art Spies. He is located at Ft. Bragg, NC. Last week he ran into Roy Provo and Howard Drew. He expects to see Eddie LaBrie who is also there. Glad to get your letter Arthur and hope you continue to receive the *Moaner*. Had a nice letter from Eddie Madore. He says his whole outfit enjoy reading the *Moaner*. Write us once in a while, we like to hear from you fellows too.

Joe Abdallah is a prisoner in Stalig Prison Camp. We have his address and have started the *Moaner* going to him. Keep a stiff upper lip Joe and things will break your way before long. Lt. Norman Bashant with 4 oak leaf clusters arrived home from England on a short furlough and when some one asked him how he got it he said they give them to all the guys over there. Sgt. Manfred Snatere [sic] is on a 21 day furlough. He came here from Italy. He has seen service in Africa and Sicily besides. He has had some very thrilling experiences but is glad to be here again. Jimmy Zande is also home on a furlough. He looks fit and fine. A six year old boy belonging to "Cheese" Fromaget was lost on Mt. Morris. A big crowd is looking for him. His father is fire warden and the kid wandered awa from the cabin. Well fellows, I'll say so long 'till I write again.

Best wishes and good luck

Larry Quinn, Sr.

Tupper Lake, N. Y.
June 28th, 1944

Dear Fellows;

This letter will be my last to you until school re-opens as I leave town this Saturday to work at a boy's camp during the summer vacation. I really will be kind of lonesome not to take my turn writing the *Moaner* as I enjoy it very much, however, I will only miss three editions and will be back on the job with flying colors in September. Keep writing as I enjoy receiving letters from all of you.

Mr. Quinn last week in his letter wrote about the little boy Joseph Fromaget aged six being lost on the upper slopes of Mt. Morris well, this bit of news still holds the spot light as not even a simple clue has been uncovered up until today. Upwards of 200 men daily have been searching for the little boy and last Sunday volunteers from all sections of the North which included around 400 men searched until nightfall.

Commencement exercises for Holy Ghost Academy were held Friday night and Monday night for the high school. June Williams and Alfred Downs carried off most of the honors. Lindy Hull was selected as the school's most typical boy and June Williams took the honor for the girls.

Mailbag topics;--John Maroun wrote from Italy telling us a Tupper reunion was being planned to include Ben Cohn, John, Captain Don Bruce, my old chum Russell Gould and Don Smith. Thanks for the fine token John. Homer Corneau would like to receive more news about the local fire department. Well, Homer, during the past ten days they have been doing a fine job searching for the lost boy. Lieut. Larry Quinn during one of his convoys met up with a couple of Percy Pimsteins chums and they all had one swell time. Pvt. (general Mark Raymond, Percy Delair and Albert Savard are home on furlough [sic] from Florida. Raymond lost 28 pounds. Enjoyed your letter Hank Bertrand. By the way Hank is now a Captain and he is located in China. Malcolm Fletcher has seen action in Italy, Africa and Sicily since joining up with the Army. Bob Trudeau one of the boys from Whiskey Hill is in Italy. Its a good thing you are not home Bob as the old man has quite a wood pile.

By the way fellows I would like to mention the following boys in junior high school who helped every week to send out the *Moaner*; Francis Benjamin, Ken McLear, Robert Brusso, Homer LaVoie, Carl Sutter, Shaheen Shaheen, Billy Crandall, Edgar Leonard and Arthur Sparks. I promised them I would let you fellows know who they are. They enjoyed doing it. Next fall the Northern Football League will function again with each team playing a total of 7 games. Charley Park, Red Cross field director, is at Fort Hamilton Brooklyn. Cpl Richard Murray is now located at Camp Swift, Texas and so is Cpl. Robert Richer. Pvt. Hubert Godin sent in his APO address and so did Charles R. Wells, Cpl. Dent Delair. is interested in knowing if any of the boys have APO numbers including 711, 712 or 713. Charles Lettlefield [sic] is home on furlough. Pvt. Geo. Curcie is trying to locate his brother Billy as they are both in England. Heard from Pvt. Bob Payment and he want to say hello to his pals. Sgt. Birdy LaBarge is somewhere in India. He wrote telling us it rains all the time and the native women are getting whiter every day. Glad to hear from you Birdy and heres hoping we see you soon. Earl Baker dropped a line to inform us

he now has a permanent post in the R. M. O. office, Navy. He enjoys the *Moaner* very much. Jim Roumanado wrote a very interesting letter and he has been transferred to sea duty. Sgt. E. R. LaGrave is now at Norman, Okla.

Today was one of the hottest days we have had on record and both Coney Beach and Moody were swamped with people trying to evade the heat. Most all of the school kids who are able to work have jobs for summer most of them out of town. Many of the boys who expect to play football are going to work as section hands on the railroad. Sgt. John R. Reynolds who attended high school here and who lived in Cranberry Lake is still missing. Reynolds was a bombardier with the 544th. Bomb Sqdr. Sgt. Geo. Hollenbeck wrote today telling us he got married and enjoys it very much. For your information Geo. both John LaBrake and Rafferty are still behind the bar at the Altamont. I am sure Father Dumas, Prof Quinn and myself are pleased to learn how much the *Moaner* means to you and the rest of the gang.

Well, so long fellows until September. With luck and success.

Len Perry

July 12, 1944

Is this hot weather? I'll say so. The old sun has beat down the last four days and no rain. No I'm not kicking for some of you fellows are where its ten times hotter. This week is not a very newsy week. Nothing exciting as yet. Just came home from 9 o'clock Mass and was it hot and sticky. Have just heard that Sgt. Jack Brown died about June 14th of wounds received on Wakde [sic] Island, June 9th, you all remember Jack. He graduated in 1940 from TLHS and worked at W. D. Wilson's. Jim Brown an 86 year old retired engineer died the other day. At least all you down town boys remember him, he stayed for years at Tobins. Lt. Jackie Miller of Malone received a medal the other day at an air base in England. He used to work at the Birches. Eddie Hoose and I had a little visit at Rafferty's, he wanted to be remembered to all you fellows who used to visit him at the stockade. Lew Ness who is at an air base in England has been made a Captain. Good work, Lew. I suppose you can handle gun powder better than you could a few years ago in the Chemistry Lab. We have a school meeting Tuesday night. Art Cronin is running for reelection. I haven't heard of any excitement, buy you know it does not take long for a battle to develop, eh? Manfred Santerre left a few days ago for camp. Dorran Boushey is home for a 15 day furlough and is having quite a bit of fun taking his twin daughters around.

Its now Monday noon and the weather is cooler, we had a hard storm last night about 6 o'clock. It blew a tree down across the road near the water tank and put the lights out. We had another storm about ten and the lights went out again. We've had a nice rain and it was badly needed. Since writing my last letter I've had a number of nice letters from some of you fellows. One was an annoucement [sic] from Lt. Paul Facticeau who graduated from AAF Navigation school at Selman Field, Monroe La. June 26th. Good luck, Paul and keep 'em flying. One from Ens. Charles Chapman who is instructing in Radar at Jacksonville. He is flying a Vaga Ventura and says its the hottest twin engine bomber there is. Clarence Potvin APO 7770 San Francisco is now over seas. Smith O'Brien APO 149 is now in Air Transport Service probably in England likes the new work very much. Sgt. Don MacDonald is instructing in Judo at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Cpl. Dan Bruce has had several visits with Ray Gould at Camp Breckinridge, Ky. He says the lake they swim in is like a frog pond when compared with some of the lakes here. Cpl. Clarence Grenier is stationed at Camp Bragg, N. C. Maurice LaFave says he enjoys the *Moaner*, he is

overseas and has a N.Y. C. address. Lt. Joe Donovan writes he is now going on 17 months in the Pacific, how time flies! He received a letter from Pat, it was delivered by a fellow who was transferred from Pat's base to Pearl Harbor. We received your prize Joe and many thanks. Sgt. Victor Noelk APO654 hasn't seen any one from home but in the same camp he was in he found the names of Ray Fuller and Amell on the walls, quite a coincidence, eh? He's in England or was there June 1st. Johnny Rule writes me that he enjoys the work, he is AMM, 3/c and is stationed at Watsonville, Calif. He has had several visits with Jimmy Roumonado. Eddie Bohin left for the Navy the day after graduation. James Lewis was able to get home for HGA graduation and Dominic Sangiovanni Was here for T:HS graduation. Tupper Lake has gone over the top for the 5th. War Bond Sale. The quota was \$250,000. Coney Beach has been a popular spot the past week, Eddie Woulf is life guard, Harvey Tebo is life guard at the Birches. Roger Moore has started college at St. Lawrence University. A German was [sic] prisoner escaped from a camp near Harrisville but was picked up in a few hours at Carthage. Sgt. Ben Cohn and a few of his buddies succeeded in evacuating 40 parients [sic] from a hosptial [sic] to a ditch in about eight minutes during a raid in Italy. Mammy Villneuve is learning braille in Schenectady. He was pictured wrestling with a champion college wrestler, Pat says he soon will get ten days to spend in Sydney, Australia

School meeting was last night. Art Cronin was elected for 5 years. No opposition. Had a party at the Villa afterwards. Maurice Narrow was mentioned in recent dispatches for his work with the Marines in Saipan Island. Lt. John Pisanchin is home on furlough. This is Wednesday a. m. and its cooler. Guess I'll close for this week and say best of luck to you all and a speedy return to the tip top town.

Larry Quinn, Sr.

July 18, 1944

Dear Fellows,

I've been noticing something very striking of late about your letters home, especially you men on the firing line of the invasion, you used to be content with newsy items about the new and strange sights around you, your batting average on the camp ball team, a joke or two, a little dig about life here in Tupper, etc. but all that has changed, the fire and thunder of war is burning away the trivialities of life and it seems the closer you get to action the closer you are to God. For now, your letters ring with beautifully spiritual thoughts on prayer and eternity and relations to God. One can see that you are each one of you closer to God each day. Its an inspiration to us here at home and it makes us realize our own unworthiness too, in the face of the splendid effort you all are making to bring peace and order in the world. Your life is a vocation-a noble vocation-and you may well consider yourselves as crusaders in a great crusade. Locordaire, a great French orator once said the vocation of a soldier stands next in dignity to the priesthood, not only because it commissions a man to defend justice in the field of battle and order on the field of peace, but also because it calls him to the spirit and intention of sacrafice [sic]. Recent figures released by the war department claiming that more boys have made the great sacrafice in this war already than in the last World Ware are mute but eloquent testimony of the sacrifices being made, they are realities that are hard to face. In line with this

thought, I'd like to quote this poem one of you boys sent me. It was found on the body of an American soldier killed in action somewhere in Italy. It speaks for itself.

Look God, I have never spoken to you,
But now, I want to say, "How do you do,"
You see, God, they told me you didn't exist,
And like a fool, I beleived [sic] all this,
Last night from a shell hole I saw your sky,
I figured right then they had told me a lie
Had I taken the time to see things you made,
I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.
I wonder, God, if you'd shake my hand,
Somehow I feel that you will understand.
Funny I had to come to his hellish place
Before I had time to see your face.
Well, I guess there isn't much more to say,
But I'm sure glad, God, I met you today.
I guess, "Zero Hour" will soon be here
But I'm not afraid scince [sic] I know you're near,
The signal! Well, God, I'll have to go.
I like you lots, this I want you to know,
Look now, this will be a horrible fight;
Who knows, I may come to your house tonight
Though I wasn't friendly to you before,
I wonder, God, if you'd wait at your door
Look, I'm crying! Me! shedding tears,
I wish I had known you these many years,
Well, I have to go now, God, so good-bye,
Strange scince [sic] I met you, I'm not afraid to die.

The Mail bag brought news from Bob Trudeau in Italy, he gave me an interesting description of St. Peters and the Coliseum. He also claims the women are very pretty but we have little time to talk to them we are so busy taking in the sights. John Salamy checked in from Camp Wheeler. He's been learning all about bivouacs and other Vacs. Chief Pharmacists Mate Geo. Ladue arrived last weekend with his wife and little daughter Grace. Its his first time home in six years and he looks splendid in his gray uniform. He has a Silver Star for distinguished service in evacuating wounded under fire on Guadalcanal, also presidential citation and the So. Pacific ribbon with four stars for engagements on Guadalcanal, Cape Glouster and New Britain. Sherwood Coolaw was here over the weekend from Sampson, he was telling me about that great ball team they have there – 17 victories and 1 lone defeat against mostly major league opposition- Johnny Vander Meer is their star hurler. Cpl. Leland Fuller and Cpl. Fred LaValley bumped into each other in France the other day. Garvey Timmons gave his folks a real thrill the other morning. they thought he was in Europe when the door bell rang, he has been guarding German prisoners being transported from the European area. By the way those prisoners think we haven't got a chance to win this war. They tell us New York has been bombed right out of existence. Pvt. Ray Tobideau was wounded on the Normandy

invasion coast on June 9—bullet wounds through the right leg and arm. He's back in this country. Jack Narrow and Wm. Gaff have been ordered to active duty.

Good sailing
Father Dumas

Tuesday, July 25, 1944

Greetings Everyone;

Here it is the last week of July and it won't be long till the Redford picnic and then winter. Time sure flies and it won't be too many more months before this war is over and you fellows will be going back to Tupper. We will be glad when you can get back and so will you, too. Pete Oshier died last week so did John Cluett. Stan Norman and Frank Cluett all were able to get home for their father's funeral. George Oshier also arrived home from overseas. He has been ill with malaria. Some of you fellows remember Don Sherwood who played baseball at St. Lawrence and here one summer. His brother Vic who was pretty good pitcher at SLU was killed in Italy around July 1. Two prisoners that escaped from Dannemora are being hunted in the North country by troopers. I've had a bunch of mail in the last two weeks. Philip Savage APO 85 was slightly wounded in France but is now out of the hospital [sic] and back with a medical unit. When we received Joe Abdallah's address (in a German prison camp) I sent him a copy of the *Moaner*. The other day it was returned by the censor because it contained material objectionable for enemy territory. Bernard Chartiers writes from New Guinea where he had several visits with Doc Lanthier and Lionel LaGrave, his APO is 322, Duke Delair's is 711. Norman Varden APO 361 has been overseas almost a year and a half. He likes the *Moaner*, the *Free Press* and wants to thank the Red Cross for his outfit. Leo Brousseau is at AAF Base Unit Souix City [sic] Iowa, Bill Shields is in Denver, Colo. Both boys enjoy their work. Tupper has a carnival this week and guess who is with it? Our old friend Howard Dickinson, Dick has charge of one of the games and says he has some very choice prizes for his Tupper friends. I'm sorry Perry is out of town for he'd have quite a visit with Dick, they were at one time on the stage together. By the way Len is working so hard that he doesn't have time to write to his wife. He has lost 12 pounds of that roll just above where he wears his belt. George Pilon APO 654 says that his Tupper French has been valuable to him in Normandy. He wants to be remembered to all his friends in service. Willie LaBarge complains that he's getting his fill of K rations and hasn't had a bath in a month. Bob Littlefield is at Tyndall Field, Fla. Jack Villnave is in the Sea Bees and expects his outfit to be sent to [sic] Saipan. Keep us posted Jack as to any new address. All you fellows do the same thing. When your address changes let me know. Dick Murray has been transferred to Ft. Ord Cal. He enjoys the *Moaner*. Just had a letter from Pat and Larry. Pat says its 135 degrees where he is at Navy Base 3202 and Larry says he's quite comfortable wearing long underwear. Auite [sic] a contrast. Pat says the only fun besides the pictures they see is listening to Tokyo Rose tell what is going to happen to the Americans in the Pacific. Walt Bradley USS Alkaid is now Ma MM 3/o. He likes his work and enjoys the *Moaner*. Eddie Bohin is down at Keesler Field, Miss. sweating away a few pounds and working hard to make the grade as a flyer.

Cpl. Tamer Elliss [sic] APO 558 writes from England that the Red Cross is doing a wonderful job for the boys who are over there. Ray Robideau was badly wounded June 9 in France, it is reported he will lose a leg and has two machine gun wounds in his chest. Word was received today that Norman Bedore is critically ill from wounds received in France. Roy Foote is in a hospital in England. He has malaria, he was in the bed next to Ray Robideau. Harry Kucipak was wounded in France June 24th. Beulah Shumway has enlisted in the WAC. David Lavoie, Don Bates and Stanley Amell were accepted last Thursday for Army service, they are waiting their call. Martin Edwards has been promoted to the rank of corporal down in New Guinea. Maurice Desmaris was wounded in France in the hands and legs. Dr. James Norris who was here for two years at Sunmount and was recently transferred to Northampton, Mass. committed suicide by shooting himself last week. Francis LaBarge (father of Jack and Jeanne) was recently married. Ann Coyle a former nurse at Sunmount was found dead at her camp on Little Wolf. Woodrow Livernois and Corbin Lavoie are home discharged from the Army. the villa is getting ready for a clam bake Sept. 3rd. Dan Jessie is home on a week's furlough. John LA France [sic] has been reported missing in action. Last minute flash! The troopers raided the Country Club yesterday and took out a nickle and a quarter machine.

So long until next time,
Larry Quinn, Sr.

August 1, 1944

Dear Fellows,

I'm writing you this letter on the feast of St. Ignatius. I was reading a sketch of his life this morning and I couldn't help remarking what an ideal model this great soldier makes for each one of you. He was a soldier of fortune who had chosen a military career in the Spanish army way back in the days of Columbus. Of course, warfare in those days was a lot different than the warfare of to-day. Then it was hand to hand stuff and Ignatius soon distinguished himself for his bravery and generosity of spirit. The understanding nature made him a universal favorite. One day at the seige of Pompelano, Ignatius in the midst of battle fell, his right leg severly [sic] wounded. The French were victorious but their admiration of the bravery of Ignatius was so great that they sent him to the castle of his family not far from Pompelano. There a violent fever overtook him and he nearly died. His convalescence was a long affair and it was during that period that he began to read the lives of the Saints that brought peace to his soul. The example of painful self-abrogation, contempt for the world and the honors filled him with reproach that the springtime of his life had been filled with the pursuit of such worldly glory. His admiration turned to devotion and he resolved to imitate those heroes who triumphed over the most powerful of enemies—their own hearts. That decision was the beginning of a brilliant career—a career whose effect we still feel today, for it was Ignatius the soldier-saint who founded that society of Jesuits the shock-troops and commandoes of the church today, you've all heard of Fordham, Holy Cross and Georgetown, Loyola, St. Mary's, Creighton and many other great schools, well, running these schools is just one thing the Jesuits are doing today—and all because one soldier cooperated with God's grace. Its

[sic] wonderful what one man can do. Becoming a saint may seem a gigantic task but thats [sic] what we have to do eventually—a saint is just a sinner who tries harder than the next fellow.

So much for the feverino, maybe its because I saw *Going My Way* while its playing here to packed houses. It is the finest in a long time—don't miss it. There was a funeral at the junction last Tuesday—Sgt. Arthur Dubey who died in a Bronx hospital from a spinal tumor resulting from an injury suffered in Panama. He makes number 9 – one number we are not happy about. Tuesday was a bad day for the LaFrance family, too. Word came in that Pvt. John LaFrance is missing in action on D-Day while his brother-in-law Norman Bedard was seriously wounded in Italy on July 9. Both telegrams arrived the same day. Pvt. Maurice Desmaris has been wounded in action somewhere in France—and is at present hospitalized in England. The news came not by telegram—but by a letter written for him by a nurse. By the way, speaking of nurses when you see a Red Cross program director take a second look, because Vivian Shields and Earthel Anderson, former school teachers., are at an overseas base somewhere. Five local young fellows were sworn in and are now at Sampson, they are Real Chretien, Howard Gaudet, Leland Delair, Charles Girard, Jr. and Milton Wells—there goes my best guard on my basketball team. Tommy Bedore and Lawrence Fuller left for tryouts with the Washington Redskins. By the way, I heard Bill Stern say that if Notre Dame has a good team this year they will play an all-service squad in London on Dec. 23. Here's hoping they change that city to New York. Mrs. Sam Shaw died Monday night. Pat McCarthy, Sr. is very low—doctor gave up hope. Fr. Killian Chaplain in the Canadian Army—former assistant to Fr. Willcott at Long Lake had a close escape when a fire swept the barracks near Halifax, he just got out with his skin. Capt. Paul Brunet a classmate of mine and Chaplain on Saipan was wounded by snipers, he is a brother of Fr. Armand Brunet who was here in Tupper for a while. Roy Foote in in a hospital in France down with malaria. He's been in the service nearly four years, I remember taking him to Malone to enlist back in the days when nobody thought there would be a war. Pvt. Raymond Robideau is home from France, he was injured in the invasion—hit twice in three days—a bomb fragment shattered his right knee cap and they have had to amputate his leg. He's at Rhodes Hospital in Utica for about six months while being fitted with anew leg. Cpl. Herman Fuller underwent an operartion recently in Atlantic City, he's recovering from leg wounds received in North Africa. Lt. Eugene Zevin former X-ray technician at Sunmount is in Russia.

Thanks for your kind letters, fellows.

As ever,
Father Edmund Dumas

Sunday, August 6, 1944

Greetings Everyone,

I've just returned from Mass and I hope all of you fellows have been to some religious service today. I heard a Priest speak on foreign missions and it was most inspiring. But no doubt many of you fellows in the Pacific, India or China can tell from first hand observation, the wonderful work being done by American men and women in our Foreign missions.

Today is real cool and drizzly you remember the kind of days in the Adirondacks. But last week was a beaner. The thermometer stood at 97 to 99 in New York for several days. It was hot here but we could sleep well. How about a little news! Charles Chapman was home in his white Ensigns uniform, looked like a million. I was also glad to see Leo Lavalley USN back in Tupper Lake. He hopes to be home for good inside of a year. Bob Mooney has returned to Camp McCoy after a leave. Dyton Owen, Nelson Mofert and John Salamy are all here for a few days. Ray Gould is home on a two day pass, on his return he will be transferred to Camp Mead, Md. Eddie Foote is also here on leave and is looking over the girls once again. Doris Delisle visited here for a few days, he is an aerial gunner and looks fit and fine. Haven't seen him in a long time. Saw Clifford Stackhouse and he wanted to be remembered to all the gang. His brother Collins is stationed at Yuma which is next to Needles the hottest place in the U.S.A. Bill Parisien has been reported missing. His father had a telegram. Louie Trombley who has been with the Marines has been wounded. Richard (Alex)Lacounte has also received the Purple Heart for wounds received in Normandy. Lt. Eugene Zevin Sr. is with the Eastern Command USAAF somewhere in Russia. Theresa O'Hern was recently married to Chief Petty Officer J. L. Watson, New London Conn. Pat McCarthy Sr. died and was buried Saturday. The fresh air kids are here for two weeks. Eugene Corneau was quite excited Saturday, p.m. when he found his Chrysler missing. The troopers got it back in three or four hours. Some visiting soldier thought he'd go for a ride. He got as far as Star Lake. PFC Robert Lavair whose mother is Mrs. George Debiaw of Piercefield, is a prisoner of war in Germany. Bill McCarthy is now at a naval base in the Pacific. I'll bet he wishes he had his father's car down there. How about it Bill! Capt. Don Keeler is now in France in an infantry unit. The Tupper Lake Bank has started an addition in the rear to have more room for its bookkeeping dept. Art Cronin is enlarging his garage to take in the gas station Maurice Connors used to operate. Jack Bujold is home for 15 days after serving with a LGI in France. Len Perry's wife has gone to Camp Token to stay till Len's work is done down there. Got a letter from Abbott Abdallah and he wanted me to tell Larry Quinn that it is still dangerous business to try to fill an outside straight. Douglas Drum who is now a paratrooper is also a papa once more. Levi Savage APO 250 is anxious to get back to pay a visit to Raffert'ys [sic]. Well, Levi, we are all waiting for you too. Clarence Lemieux has a new APO. It is 210. Harry Villineuve APO 233 says he's seen action and plenty of it in France. John Maroun APO 512 is in Italy on his way to Berlin. He and Russ Gould were together for quite a spell. John tells about going out to get some watermelons from a field and when they got ready to eat them he found he had picked squash. What a man Maroun! Bill Malligan is getting the works at Camp Campbell, Ky. Best of luck, Bill! Next to Duke Delair you were my most frequent caller. We used to have some heart to heart talks eh, Bill? Kenneth Eseltine is home for 10 days from the hospital in Portsmouth

Va. His back was hurt in an accident on his ship. He is getting better. Had a letter from Lt. Lillian Wilson Army Nurse Corps from somewhere in France, her APO is 350. She says the boys are doing a swell job. Dan Littlefield is now a 1st Lieut. in the AAF. Vivian Shields who is with the Red Cross in England met Smith O'Brien at Mass recently. Bet they had quite a chat. Evan LaGrave sent us a picture from San Diego of himself and Lawrence Fuller and Tommy Bedore. He sees the football players every day. Wednesday morning and time to go to press. Bob Keeler and Kathleen Murray were married this morning, Good luck to them and ----

Good luck to all of you
Larry Quinn, Sr.

This page appears to be out of order. It is without a date, but the contents indicates that it was written either late in October or early November, 1944.

Today, in one brief instant clear
I saw the stark horror of war!

There was laughter in that mother's eyes
And pride that her hour had come!
And pride, too, that she had gone close to death,
That the world might see her son.

And that soldier boy of hers,
her loved one far away,
Of him too, she was prouder still,
With a pride so fierce and gay
That I envied her as I envied him
The joys that fell their way.

But suddenly that joy was changed
Oh! the horror of it all!
(Sweet Mary! Ease the pain
Please, listen to my call!
Gentle Saviour! Forgive again!
My Lord, my God, my All!)

Dear girl! A message sore distressed
I must unfold!
(Lord, help me to do my best)
My heart is cold!
A telegram came today!
What is it? Tell me, pray?
Missing in action! Oh! No!
I cannot believe 'tis so!

No! No! Dear God! Please!
Why must mothers suffer so!

Yes today I saw the stark horror of it all!
In those tear-dimmed eyes I saw Anzio and Salerno fall!
I heard the whine of bullets and the crash of bombs
I saw the red, gaping, bleeding wounds
Of heroes one and all!
Today I saw the stark horror of it all!

And I vowed a vow, I can hear it now
Amid the torrent of tears!
You war mongers! You rulers of nations
Listen, amid your fears!
Listen! Through the wail of mother's weeping
And wives with hearts so sick—
When you make your peace in heaven's name,

Make it stick!

E. H. D.

These thoughts were in my heart yesterday when I was called on to do a most difficult task—to tell Irene Gravelin (Irene Tebo) in the hospital on confinement that her husband has been reported missing in action in Italy.

Sports note:

Len's boys did it again! OFA of Ogdensburg was the hopeless victim this time and to the tune of 26-2. Three beautiful touchdowns run by Woulf, Tebo and Hull highlighted the game. Canton held Massena to one score in the first half but the Massena boys turned on the power, 38-0. Gouverneur beat Postdam [sic] 20-13, Malone 27 Saranac 12 and St. Mary's took Watertown Jayvees 26-12. The big event in the sports world here is the coming game with Massena week after next—Len is pointing for that one—and he has the best chance in a long time to upset the dope bucket. Massena has a game scheduled later for the championship of the north with Watertown—so wouldn't it be a shame to spoil that picture! Well the World Series is over---Cards 4-2 in a pitchers series which saw 95 strike outs. Its [sic] the first one I missed in a long time and I felt kind of gypped somehow. Notre Dame crushed Tulane 26-0. They have scored 92 points to 9 for opponents in 2 games. A couple of Italian boys Maggiole and Gosporelia are doing most of it—but they still have a Kelly and O'Connor to make them the Fighting Irish. They play Dartmouth this Sat. at Boston, sold out for months. Army North Carolina Ire Flight are powerhouse. Saw where Larry Fuller scored against Phil for the Redskins, also Bedore has been in every game. Its quite a jump from high school to pro rands [sic] but they made it—Hats off!

Chas Houghton tells me his son H. L. Houghton is a flight leader in a bomber group in the So. Pacific and has seen action on several missions in the Nakin Island attack. Pfc. Ray Fuller wounded in action in Germany on Sept. 19 is now convalescing in

a hospital in England. He was flown out of the battle area and is getting along fine. Cpl Herb Carrow is now serving with a signal corps in Luxembourg. Pfc. Joe Maroun has arrived at a bomber base in the So. Pacific. Charles Myers S 2c is home from Sampson on furlo [sic]. Francis Lavoy reported at Albayn [sic] to begin his boot training in U. S. N. R. Melvin Bruce died Sat. at the hospital after a long illness. Adeline Carrow and Ernie Belmore were married here Monday. Ernie is home after 22 months in the Pacific. Walter Tollier has been accepted in USNR and left Wed. for assignment. Sgt. Richard Godin is home from California. Robert Richer is home from Camp Swift.

Thanks for your letters. I'll get around to answering them personally soon I hope.

As ever,

Father Edmund Dumas

Tuesday Morning, August 16, 1944

Dear Fellows,

I'm sort of dry editorially speaking this week—no news is good news—maybe the dryness is due to the weather. The weather is usually a pretty popular topic anyhow but right now Old Man Weather is hitting the jack-pot hereabouts. I haven't seen any statistics on it lately but we're having a real old-fashioned hot spell that would even satisfy you fellows out in the Pacific or down South. The lawns are burnt to a frazzle, gardens are drying up, the fairways and greens at the Country Club are brown as a berry and Bisson has us rationed. We had to turn off the hose on our lawn today. In many localities nearby the problem is critical. However, in spite of many moans about the heat, here's the guy that likes it. It'll be a long winter I bet.

Guess who flew in from [indecipherable] this weekend—None other than Lt. Fred Baker, he has been assigned to Foreign Service in Oman, Algiers and No. Africa and will have charge of a training unit in [indecipherable] of Marine warfare. His family is moving back to Tupper. The Elks Club of Malone had a slam bang clam bake Sunday—with 25 nickel and quarter machines going full blast. They had better luck than our own Country Club for our machines got clipped by the law a short time ago and the club house has been like a morgue ever since [sic]. A Lion's Club party at the club this Thursday with Joe Calipari and his orchestra promises to be a big affair. Pfc. Vic Provo has arrived with an infantry outfit at an Army base in Hawaii. Sgt. Pat Benjamin has been transferred to Camp Ellis. Robert Daggett U.S.N.R. is now with a personell [sic]dept. at Earle, N.Y. Lt. Herb Dean has been home on a weeks [sic] furlo.[sic] He has left for service with 847th. Signal Trans. Btn at Camp Crowder, Mo. .George Osheir [sic] S 1/c left Sunday for Sun Valley to spend 3 months treatment for malaria. Pfc. Leo Brousseau is completing his combat training at Sioux City, Iowa., he is in a heavy bomber crew. Lawrence Fuller and Tommy Bedore now working out with the Washington Redskins on the Pac. coast and Sgt. Evan LaGrave at San Diego. Pvt. Art Spies is home on furlo and reports with the mountain troops at Camp Swift, Texas and later on expects to see Camp Hale. Guy Lavigne is in town from Ft. Robinson, he tells me he and Leon LaFave expects to go either to Alaska or Siberia along with their dog teams and supplies. Eddie Martin

U.S.M.C is on his way somewhere in the Pacific. His side kick F 1/c Ken Esseltine was home last week—looked fit as a fiddle and recovered from his narrow escape. He goes back on active duty at once. The Lake Placid Club has been taken over by the Army as a relocation center, it accomodates about 1200 G Is who will relax there for two or three months after returning from battle areas, using the golf courses in the summer and the ski facilities in the winter. The club officials are trying to scare off the gov. but to no avail. So it looks like some of you boys will spend your vacations there close to home. Len Perry is doing fine at Camp Totem. they are having a coaching school for high school coaches there on Sept. 1-2-3 and Len has been selected to help Hank Hodge with the basketball course.

Here is a thought from the Gileraftor.

Sitting on my G I bed,
My G I hat on my head
My G I pants, my G I shoes,
Everything free, nothing to lose.
They issue everything we need
Paper to write on, books to read;
Your belt, your shoes, your G I tie,
Everything free, nothing to buy,
You get your food from G I plates
All your needs at G I rates,
Its G I this and G I that,
G I haircut, G I hat,
G I razor G I comb
G I wish that I were home!

That goes for me too!

Father Edmund Dumas

August 21, 1944

Greetings from the North,

Note: The first nine lines of this piece are undecipherable. We pick up at line ten:

. . . pretty good shape. So I'll try it out in the next few days. Leo Tobin died at Ray Brook and was buried here this morning. The Legion Camp has bought the old camp Deer Trail property at Horseshoe and will enlarge their camp. Joe Burns has resigned as manager to take effect this fall. I attended a Ladies Night party Thursday night at the Country Club. Had a great time. Got home about two o'clock. Made two women tell me what a fine dancer I was. You can draw your own conclusions. Either I'm getting good or they find it harder to get good dancers. Maurice Villeneuve has been accepted for the Army. Squint LaRocque hopes to take Physical Education at Syracuse if the Army doesn't catch up with him. Perry expects to take his football squad down to camp Totem for the coaching school Sept. 1-2-3. He's going to get three days jump on the rest of the school.

Leo Hache is home on furlough. Pat McCarthy and Bob Brown have returned from the firemen's convention in Rochester. Its getting very difficult to buy a cigar here these days. The only ones you can get are 5 for 50 cents or a quarter each. I'm going to get me a corncob. Harold Lipscomb was home from Sampson. He's looking pretty snappy as a sailor. Donald and Dennis Root are still together. They are in France and quite busy from what their father says. Fred Baker is moving his wife and children back to Tupper Lake. he is being transfered from Boston to Oran, Algeirs. Had a phone call from Larry Sunday from Norfolk Va. he and John Maid had been together the night before. He expected to go out on another trip soon. We had word the other day that Pfc. James Haney who used to live at Piercefield was killed in action July 9th. on Saipan. Many of you fellows will remember he went to school from Piercefield here in 1942-42. The village has issued a warning to the people to conserve water. We have had but one rain in six weeks and everything is drying up around here. In St. Lawrence county things are worse, everything is burned up by the sun. Weather reports say we will have rain tomorrow [Tuesday]. Larry Rafferty has hired a new bar tender. Johnny LaBrake's brother Darcy LaBrake is now working there. Larry says they both are so fat that he will have to move the bar out a foot when they are working so they can pass each other. Rafferty has a new stunt to keep young fellows out of the bar, he makes them show their draft cards. Norman Schriver and his wife who are living in Fairbanks, Alaska had a big wirtie up in their local paper calling them the family of the week. Norman is manager of a softball team up there that is going places. Nelson Robert has earned his sergeants chevrons at Camp Rucker, Ala. Cpl Hi Grenier was graduated from a non-commissioned officers course in chemical warfare at Edgewood Arsenal. Jay Fallon who is in the South Pacific with an artillery unit has earned his corporals stripes. Vic Provo has arrived with his outfit in Hawaii. Henry Williams is now a corporal at Fitzsimons General Hosp. Denver. Have had quite a few letters in the last two weeks. Duke Delair down in New Guinea says old Tojo is catching hell from his outfit. Mrs. Brusig writes the Bubu has been wounded in Guinea and is in a hospital in New Caledonia. He was gunner on a LCY, he is coming ok. Jack Lemieux writes from a hospital where he is having his 7th attack of malaria. Joe Neault was with the paratroopers D-day. They jumped 5 hours before the beach landings. He had a shrapnel wound but is better. He said he received three *Moaners* while dug in around Carentau and they helped keep up the moral. Bill Tebo writes that his outfit in France and hopes to run into Wm. Curcie soon. Father DesRosiers writes us from Africa. He says the people there could give the black market crowd in the US lots of pointers. Ruth Leonard is in the WACs at FT. Oglethorpe, Ga. How about looking her up Beulah Shumway. Tuffield Lavigne burned himself and went to the hospital at Ft. [undecipherable]. May you get a week off Tuff and you and I will visit Rafferty's. Collins Stackhouse expects to be on overseas duty soon. He's at Yuma Army Air Field. Well fellows the next letter I write to you school will be in session. Evelyn Santerre was married.

Well so long till next time.

Larry Quinn, Sr.

August 29, 1944

Dear Fellows:

The fall of Berlin has brought a thrill to us all and it stands a portent of coming events. We are even making plans in town to celebrate that great day of liberation coming soon. The bells and whistles will sound out the note of joy. Stores will close and churches will open for an hour of thanksgiving. I'll let your imagination take it up from there on in—you will even be a part in it.

Well the record heat spell is finally over and so is the summer vacation—only one more week and then school on Sept. 5. The leaves haven't started to turn yet but the mercury dropped to the lowest since June 3—36F last night so it won't be long now. It has been reported to Joseph Gail through a letter from an Army nurse the Lt. G. E. Gail died in a Japanese prison camp on July 7 1943. The family is checking with the Red Cross to verify the report. Most of you fellows remember Lt. Dan Mahoney, former resident here. His name has come into the news of late for he was the bombardier of the big night flying Liberator which dropped the bombs over the Davos airport in the Battle of Philippine liberation. Garth LaQuay arrived here this week to spend a 30 day leave. He served aboard a LST and took part in the invasion of the Normandy Coast, his ship being hit twice by shell fire. Pvt. Art Spies had a little tough luck on his way to Camp Swift, Texas, when he lost his wallet with all his papers. Cpl. Manfred Santerre arrived here from Fort [*undecipherable*] to spend a short furlo [*sic*]. He is attached to an armored division as an instructor. Jack Bujold Ph.Mate 1/c USNR has been assigned to the U.S. Naval Hosp. At St. Albans, L. I. for a tour of duty. He had his hitch in the Normandy invasion. Sgt. Gilbert Roc has been transferred from Camp Davis, N.C. to the Army Air Field at Farmingdale, L. I. Mert Somers is at Lowery Field, Denver, Colo. I met Pvt. Raymond Rabideau the other day. He sustained severe wounds in France—was shot through the shoulder and had a leg shot away. He's now at Rhoads Hosp. in Utica and is getting along fine. He has a new leg and gets around amazingly well. Also had a visit with Pat Benjamin, who is at Camp Ellis, Ill. recuperating from a tropical disease, filariosis. He is being trained to be an X-ray technician. He's pulling strong for an all St. Louis World Series and plans to go---lucky guy! Leon LaFave has received word that he has soon to head out for Greenland. His work will be with sled dogs [*next three words undecipherable*]. He has to leave his dog team at Camp Robinson but fortunately he is leaving them under the care of Guy Lavigne. I'd like to tell Leon and you other fishermen that the Rod and Gun Club planted 3400 lake trout from the Conservation Dept. in the waters of Gull Pond and Deer Pond, and 900 brook trout in the streams of the Kildare section. I hope they all survive and give you fellows some real sport. Two Tupper girls have been accepted in the Waves—Miss Isabelle Paiement and Miss Dorothy Eberle. They report to Hunter College on Sept. 21. Maurice Villeneuve and Calvin Gleason have been accepted for Military service. Sgt. Alamond Snyder arrived here after 26 months service in the So. Pacific—he has faced Jap gunfire on Guadalcanal, New Guinea and New Britain and came through without a scratch. However malaria has had him down nearly five times. So Tupper looks pretty good to him. Cpl. Bill Sabin wrote, a very descriptive letter on his visit to Rome. He saw the Holy Father and had a Mass said for his mother at St. Peters. The biggest “catch” of the season was made by the police Thursday. One of Alec Stepinocks work horses got out of the pasture and wandered down to the river for a drink. The sun was hot and the water cool so old dobbin wandered out—and lo, before he knew it, he was mired down in the mud. It took the troopers and Albert Tromblay with the village truck plus a hoist and a double hitch to free him. The best

wisecrack of the week came from the same Albert Tromblay. A storm last night tore down some electric wires out front—to my warning “Watch out, Al that’s hot stuff!” he answered, “I like it, it’s good for my rheumatism!” Mark Raymond is in Italy. Wilfred Beauchamp is doing aerial photography work in India.

Father Dumas

There seems to be room left on this letter and as Father Dumas is taking a few days well earned vacation, I’ll add a few items. Rumor has it that the ABC board has told the Brass Rail to close its doors for awhile. Pat Quinn just wrote that he had a two days visit with Teddy Madore awhile ago. Ted’s ship was at Pat’s Naval Base and they met. Pat said he enjoyed it greatly. Heres another sad note. Voito Zande was killed in France Aug. 8th. His chum, who was with him when he was hit in the head by shrapnel wrote his mother that he died at once.

September 6, 1944

Dear Fellows;-

After being away for the past nine weeks it seems good to be back on the job and assume my part in witing the *Moaner* although I am inclined to be a little rusty since my leave and perhaps not too well up on the news, however I will do the best I can and let it go at that. While away from town I, too, received the *Moaner* and it certainly was great to get it and I can imagine how much more you fellows appreciate it being away from home and out of the country.

School opened Tuesday morning and considering everything our enrollment will be pretty good. Students in high school at Holy Ghost Academy start at 8 in the morning and finish the day at 1 p m in order to give them an opportunity to work.

By the way, we all experienced an earthquake early Tuesday morning, and as usual everybody had a different to tell, some going so far as to relate how their bed was moved from one room to the other by the earthquake. The day before another earthquake occured [sic] at a clam bake which the troopers walked in and caught the boys sitting around the tables playing rummy. All of them were fined anywhere from \$10.00 to \$25.00. So much for the indoor games.

Tom Bedore and Fats Fuller are still with the Washington Redskins. It might interest you to know they are the only two high school boys on the squad. The other night young Roger Morse was tuning up the radio when he heard the announcer mention that Fuller a Tupper Lake boy was going good for the Redskins in that particular game.

During my absence I received many letters from you fellows and at this time I want to tell all of you I enjoyed them all and I hope you will keep me posted in the future. It certainly was a shock to learn of Veito Zande’s death. He was one of the best pitchers we ever had here and while a student at St. Lawrence University he hung up a good record and continued to do so while in pro. ball. Mark Raymond and Percy DeLair both landed in Italy. Paul Corneau is somewhere in France. Pfc. Richard Sovey is in a British hospital. Bill Jewtraw married a Utica girl in Baltimore. Pfc. Ed. LaBrie arrived in England. A number of soldiers will arrive at the Lake Placid Club this Friday which has been taken over by the Army to accommodate veterans home on rotation from battlefronts. The capacity of the club is 1,200. Adolph Brusig, gunner’s mate, was

wounded in action July 21st, and is now confined to a naval hospital in New Caledonia. Pfc. Francis LaCombe has arrived in France. Miss Alma Trombley, Edythe Giblin, June McAleese and Isabel McManus, last June high school graduates, are cadet nurses at Champlain Valley Hospital, Plattsburg, N.Y. "Squint" LaRocque is expected to receive a full athletic scholarship at Syracuse University.

Football practice started Tuesday with 40 candidates reporting and I will say the boys are big and husky. We are using the T formation with man in motion this year and we all hope we will have a good season. Our home games will be played on the high school field instead of the park. The field has a good sod and is in very good condition. Our opponents for the first game is Potsdam and the game will be played here. Other home games include Ogdensburg and Massena. We play Saranac Lake, Canton, Malone and Gouverneur away. Present indication [sic] are that most of the teams have veteran material and a close race will take place for the league title. On paper it now appears Massena, Potsdam and Gouverneur will have the most power. Every boy who played with Gouverneur last year is back this season. I wonder what happened to the Draft Board there? We will keep you informed about the results and the league race as the season progresses.

So long and good luck to you,
Len Perry

September 1944

Dear Fellows:

It was good to see Perry back in the harness again—now we are hitting on all three cracked cylinders as per usual—so here goes.

What with earthquakes and threatened hurricanes you can expect anything in Tupper these days. Leonard Lyons in his wilely [sic] read syndicated column thinks so anyhow—he tells of seeing a pistol packing momma with shooting iron and all, on the streets of the Tip Top town, however, at this writing she hasn't [sic] been located so my guess is he was looking through rose-colored glasses from some bar window. You might be glad to know the trapping season has opened on Deer Street—nine skunks were caught in one night in somebody's back yard. That smells! For the benefit of the hunters in service—the partridge and woodcock season opens Oct. 1; there are lots of ducks on the flow and general consensus of opinion seems to be that the deer herd is very small this year. I guess that Doe season last year was a mistake. We never liked that season here anyway.

SPORTS NOTES;

Len Perry's football team opens here Saturday against Potsdam. All home games will be played on the athletic field behind the high school—a decided improvement from the fors [sic]. Don;t quote me, but I think Len has a surprise for the Northern League. He's got some fine material—a line that really looks like a college line for size and plenty of experience on the backfield. Besides he is using the T formation which, as you know, has been very successful. Bill Graf, best coach at Watertown and a successful exponent of the "T" spent a couple hours with the boys Sunday giving them some fine points. It

looks like the year. On the national football front, it looks like Army and Navy and Great Lakes are the team to beat. Michigan knocked off Iowa Seahawks, a powerhouse, 12-7 last Saturday and was as tough.. Notre Dame is a question mark so far with Leon K Leahy in the Navy and Ed. McKeever at the helm. They are high on a new 17 year old quarter-back, Joe Gasperella who is supposed to make us forget Bertelli and Lujock. Both the N.D. Army and A. D. Dartmouth games have been sold out for sometime proving once more that Knute Rockne molded the greatest single attraction in the history of sports. Here's hoping they still have the sport. And what a race for the pennant that is in the American League! It looks like Detroit right now—but anything can happen. We were host to Malone and Saranac at the Country Club last Sunday—in the play-off tournament for the Perkins Cup. Saranac took top honors for the third straight year. The course was in beautiful shape and it was a perfect day. A banquet was held after in the Club house. Larry Cheverette made everyone feel at home.

NEWS NOTES:

Pvt. Roy W. Amell, 19 is a prisoner of war somewhere in Germany. The report came through the International Red Cross and ended more than three months of suspense. That makes three Tupper men prisoners—Sgt. Low Reandeau and Cpt. Joe Abbdallah [sic]. Prof. Quinn is a grandfather—and is he proud. His name is Lawrence Allen and he was born last Sunday. Also Sgt. and Mrs. Leslie Mason are the parents of a baby girl. Kathlein Zappia S 1/c Waves was recently married to Wm. Pumghrey at the Mare Island Naval Base at San Francisco. The American Legion has purchased the property at Horseshoe to add to its already attractive estate. Joe Burns is no longer manager—having been replaced by a Mr. Gallagher. This makes an ideal improvement for the Legion Camp and links up with the railroad station at Horseshoe. Clara D'avignon [sic] died suddenly last Thursday afternoon. She had one of the largest funerals in a long time. Clara will be missed for her many charitable works. Lt. Josephine Sangeovonni a Tupper nurse overseas in England met a Tupper boy, Pfc, Richard Sovey convalescing in the same hospital [sic] She reports he is making a good recovery from mortar wounds. Wallace Kenville was accepted in the Navy at Utica Monday. Mammy Villeneuve is home to stay and is a familiar figure on the streets in spite of his handicap. Cpl. Low. Hervieux, formerly of Tupper, has been wounded in action somewhere in Italy. Helen Grenier was married yesterday to Tech. Sgt. Wm. Mostroccio of Rome, New York. And so life moves on in this small town.

Keep Smiling,
Fr. Ed. Dumas

P. S. Charles Baker of U.S.S. Martin spent a day with Ensign Pat Quinn in Guam Island recently. Serial [sic] Gunner Leo Brousseau dropped in on furlo [sic] yesterday from Sioux City.
E. H. D.

September 13, 1944

Greetings G. I.s and the rest,

Mt [sic] turn again. How did it seem to get a letter from Old Man Perry? I call him that now for his hair is almost as thin as mine. Its Sunday and school is already a

week old. Guess what! Our registration is larger than at any time last year. I'll let you in on a secret, too. Perry has the heaviest team our [sic] for football in the history of T.L.H.S. Maybe we will shellac Massena. We've been waiting for years to do it. The next time I write I'll send you the line-up with the weight of each man. Say you fellows at Sampson. Look up Albert Madore from Utica. He's the kid brother of Teddy and Anna and he is in Co. 233-D-16-Upper. How about it Girard, Chretien Delair and the rest of you boys. Lt. Bill Byrnes and his wife are home over Sunday. Its just like fall here. In the morning there is a heavy fog and the grass is wet and its cold. Here's the proze [sic] story of the week. Clayton Cote met a good looking girl over in France and had a date with her but her father went along on the date. I guess you fellows out in the Pacific get a better break with the weaker sex. Last Sunday at the clam bake the troopers broke up a poker game and it cost 11 fellows \$10 each. Verkman had just played one hand when the raid occured. [sic] David Lavoy, Don Bates, Freddie Woods, Percy Angus and Maurice Villeneuve are reporting Thursday for service and Larry Martell, Arthur Young, Floyd Dumas and William Lamica are reporting for examination. Charlie Knox died Thursday and is buried today (Sunday). He has been ill for three or four years. Dick Barnett has been promoted to a Staff Sergeant. He is in New Guinea. Sgt. Les Noelk who had a long hitch in Africa and Italy is now stationed at the Army air base at Fairfield, Calif. Bert Savage is home from India after being in the Air Forces 30 months. In spite of the fact that the Himalayas are taller he thinks the old Adirondacks are still best. Bertie LaBarge writes also from India that he's living among monkeys, snakes and black people with mud knee deep. The people are backward and have no modern machinery or ideas. We have been having a few earthquakes since the big one the day after Labor Day. Was I scared that night. I thought my oil furnace had blown up. It damaged 800 chimneys in Massena. Malone schools have not started yet, they have 13 or 15 cases of Infavtile [sic] in the village. Don't know how its going to effect the football season. Had a letter from Cap. Hank Bertrand from China. I guess he thinks the place not too hot. We will be glad Hank when you and the rest of the boys out there get back home. Here are some of the fellows I've heard from since I last wrote the *Moaner*. Lt. Jim Halligan, Sgt. Pat Rac former Big Wolf big shot in golf, APO 493. Clarence Lamere, Camp Shelby, Miss. S 1/c Dominic Sangiovanni waiting his chance to sail from Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Ba. Vic Provo, PFC somewhere in the Pacific APO 81 is OK and will to come home as soon as he keeps his date with Tokyo Rose. John Laramee S 1/c on the S.S. Phillip F. Thomas. Pvt. Felix Duby who has probably shoved off already from Camp Reynolds for points east or west. Eddie Bohin who is with AAF at Keesler Field, Miss and working harder than he ever did in H.S. and Chaplain F. L. Desrosiers who has been to Rome and had an audience with the Holy Father. Many of you boys from downtown will be sorry that a former Holy Name Pastor, Father Charles Desrosiers who was at Malone has had to retire from his pastorate because of failing health. Both Fats Fuller and Tom Bedore are still with the Redskins in spite of their cut from 60 to 30 men. They both manage to get in the pre season games quite often. Thats great work for the other fellows on the squad all had college training. Robert (Hank) Snyder is home on a furlough with some interesting tales of his experiences during the robot bombings in England. He said he saw, one day, a familiar figure in a group of Yankee servicemen. The stranger turned out to be Smith O'Brien. They had a three hour gab-fest about the Adirondacks in general and Tupper in particular.

Miss O'Hara will be leaving us next month for the Army. She will receive a 2nd. Lt's commission in the Nurses Corps. Cigarettes, cigars and Scotch are still scarce here although Charlie Girard says he will have Scotch at the Waukesha as long as the roof leaks.

Well, so long and good luck,
Larry Quinn, Sr.

Tupper Lake, N. Y.
September 28th, 1944

Dear Fellows,

A great many of the letters we receive now is from our gang on the fighting fronts and at times it is hard to imagine boys that were taking part in sports just a short time ago are seasoned veterans stationed and fighting in all parts of the globe. We here at home are hoping and praying that the time is near for the kill [sic] when all of you can return to good old Tupper Lake. By the way before I go any further its a pleasure to announce we gave Potsdam a good shellacking last Saturday to the tune of 31 to 7. Believe it or not the second team played most of the last quarter.

Last night the Board of Education and the faculty gave a dinner in honor of Mary O'Hara, school nurse, now Lieut. O'Hara who will be leaving us shortly. A beautiful gift was presented to her and we all wish the Lieut. all the luck and success she deserves.

Now for a little gossip. Wac Chalmers has left the employe of the Village to give his full time to his own business. Could Wac be a dollar a year man? Its just about impossible to rent a house here. You either buy or move out. The Chamber of Commerce is laying plans for a housing program to start immediately. Walter Kicklevitch will be leaving town soon to enter Clarkson College. Squint LaRocque has accepted a scholarship at Cortland State College instead of Syracuse. The local Lions Club is sponsoring a benefit bond drive. This Friday all Northern teachers will attend their annual convention at Potsdam. Drew Pearson is the speaker. Lyndon Hull one of the best athletes to attend our school has offers from Syracuse, Cornell and Rochester, A large service flag now hangs in the main street with the total number of local boys in the service. St. Alphonsus church is sponsoring a clothing drive for the people in Europe. Latest reports are that Fats Fuller and Tom Bedore have made the Washington Redskins. They open their season against the Chicago Bears next Sunday. If any of you fellows are stationed near professional football cities look them up. Tom is complaining about wearing a tie all the time, in a letter he stated the only time he wore one was when he made his first communion.

Ernie Belmore is back after 22 months service with the Seabees in the South Pacific. Ernie's mother is very ill. He himself had a severe attack of malaria which hospitalized him. Pvt. Hubert Godin sustained schrapnel [sic] wounds in France. Collins Stackhouse was home on furlough and so was Leo Brousseau. Cpl. Jimmy Zande arrived

in France with an infantry unit. Pvt Mark Raymond who is now in Italy is having one hell of a time to understand the "pisans". Pvt. William Shields has been transfered [sic] to Las Vegas. Lieut. Stan Wilson is now located in Baltimore. My old manager PFC. Cliff LaBarge is in New Guinea. He met Ollie Audet and Drum LaBarge there. Kiffy hopes for a good football team. Sgt. Evan LaGrave met up with two local buddies in Bud Hortan and Bennett. Don Charland is still plugging around in the Army. Don stated in his letter he will celebrate his fourth anniversary in service this November. John Maroun told us what he missed in Mr. Quinn's history classes he found out in the good old GI way. Bougou Richer is again sailing the high seas as a merchatn [sic] seaman. I had to leave for a moment to answer the telephone, well, I'm back again and before I forget it perhaps you would be interested in the results of our league football games. Massena with 21 veterans back on the squad defeated Saranac 21 to 6. St. Marys of Ogdensburg took Canton across in a non-league football games 7-6. Gouverneur another powerhouse this season won over Ogdensburg 26-12. Malone did not play. This Saturday we play Canton there. King Tardif is now stationed at Patuxent River, Maryland. He was surprised to read the sports page of a Baltimore newspaper giving an account of our two local boys playing pro. ball with the Redskins. By the way, Lieut. Bill Byrne is also stationed in Patuxent River.

Due to the shortage of help postmaster Pat McCarthy is now a walking mailman and he brought letters from the following. Lieut. Joe Donovan, Bob Littlefield, Stanley Cluett, Ed Bohin, Clifton Trombley, Wilfred Demars, Walter Hause, r John Littlefield and Roy Provo. Pat doesn't mind delivering letters, but what burns him is catalogues from Montgomery Ward, Sears & Roebuck and Speigels.

So long and good luck until the next letter
Len Perry

October 2-3-4, 1944

Greetings Everyone;

Notice the date on this letter. I'll write it over a period of three days. First the football news. Tupper beat Canton 14-6. Massena beat Potsdam 31-6, the same score we beat them by last week. St. Marys [sic] beat Ogdensburg Free Academy 7-0 and Gouverneur beat Saranac Lake 18-0. It looks as if Tupper, Massena and Ogdensburg were the three teams to watch. Malone plays its first game next week and we play Ogdensburg here. One big upset last week was Rochester beating Colgate 20-13. Notre Dame beat Pittsburg 58 to 0. The St. Liou [sic] Americans came through in their league and the World Series starts Wednesday. We will tune in as usual so I suppose there will be not too much studying from 2:30 on for the last 3 school days this week. We have lost our school nurse, Mary O'Hara is now Lt. O'Hara of the Army Nurses Corps. She left today for basic training. We will miss Gussie here for she has done a swell job and I'm sure she will do an excellent job for the Army. I told her if she met any Tupper lake soldiers not to send them home just because they had a few red spots on their hands or face. Tom Somers is doing a lot of repairs to his garage. He has plate glass windows in the front left hand part and will have his offices and stock room in there. He is going to

have a pit and place to oil cars where the offices were. Yesterday I got into a dress suit (rented for five bucks) and took the K of C 4th defree [sic] with 174 others at Saranac Lake. We had a banquet at the Whiteface Inn at \$4.00 a plate. You could get the same thing at the Holland for \$1.50. Had a good time. Joe Sheehan was also in a dress suit. He looked like Haile Salassie. Election is beginning to get heated with Roosevelt and Dewey calling each other names. Just a little excitement and something to talk about. Alton LaMora writes from the Pacific that some of the natives are sharper in a trade than some of the local merchants. Had a nice long letter from Laurence Brown. He just received his basketball annual that Perry sent out. He was tickled and showed it to his outfit. He ran into Drummond LaBarge and Ben Churco in Sydney. I imagine they had some time and visit. He also had a visit with Don Thatcher. Smith O'Brien has seen Paris several times. He's handicapped by not being able to talk French. But I'll bet he will get by some way. Leo Jessie writes that he sees Bill Johnson very often. He gets the *Moaner* and enjoys it. David LaVoie is in Florida and says its too hot there for him. Adolph Brusig writes that he is recovered from the wounds received at Saipan and may get to Tupper for Christmas.

Louie Simons says his brother Frank is in Italy in a hospital with a broken leg. Has not heard how it was received. Here it is Tuesday night and I'll finish this letter. Ernie Belmore is home from the Pacific. He has 30 days and during that time he and Addie expect to be married. Had word today that Fred Lemere died. He was 38 years old and had been failing in health. We will miss him here. Many of you fellows will remember him as manager of the toboggan slide in the days when Tupper had dreams of doing a thriving business in winter sports. Both Collins Stackhouse and Don LaDue were here for the Potsdam game. LaDue is in the south and Stack was on his way to another camp from his former one at Yuma. Frank Bellows was home but I didn't get to see him. Pvt. Joseph Bailey has been reported missing in action in France. His brother Lionel was wounded in July. Hubert Desmaris is back with his outfit once more. Patricia Hosley has been commissioned an Ensign with the Waves. Pfc. Emory Coutu has been awarded a combat award on the Italian front. Ray Amell who has been missing for some months is a prisoner in Germany. Eva Vallee has announced her engagement to Cpl. Alfred Skiff. Rolland Richer is the father of a son born here September 21. Jimmy Zande recently arrived in France with an infantry outfit. Homer Corneau has been discharged from the Navy and will be back here in a few weeks. Leland Foote has had the whooping cough. Ted Seigel is in the hospital at Albany. Haven't heard why except that he has had a high temperature. Sgt. Francis LaCounte writes that he never had so many girls kiss him as did the day his outfit arrived in Paris and Sherman once said: "War is hell". Just heard that former Gov. Al Smith died. Dick Moubar has been entertaining four British flyers. He says he is practising [sic] lend-lease.

So long and good luck,

[No signature, but writer likely Lawrence Quinn Sr.]

Tupper Lake, N.Y.
October 20, 1944

Dear Fellows,

Good old fashioned local news and all the gossip that is fit to print is indeed very scarce [sic] this week. However, we have many new items in the sporting department with the Massena—Tupper Lake football game the battle of the week. Believe it or not for the first time in the history of Tupper Lake football we arrive at the Massena game with an even chance. Both teams are undefeated with four straight victories. Massena has defeated Saranac Lake 26 to 6, Canton 38 to 0, Potsdam 31 to 6, and Ogdensburg 26 to 2. Our record is Potsdam 31 to 7, Canton 14 to 6, Ogdensburg 26 to 2, and Saranac Lake 20 to 6.. The game will be played here in town and one of the largest football crowds in Tupper Lake history is expected this Saturday. The following boys will start for Tupper; Left end, Buck Dumolin, left tackle, Frank Brown; left guard, Leonard LaDue; center Glenwood Paye; right guard, Walter Grraviski [sic], right tackle, Albert Becker; right end, Albert Vom Scheidt; right half, Earl Fletcher; left half, Edward Woulf; quarterback, Lyndon Hull and fullback, Harvey Tebo. Our line is indeed small and we only average around 173 pounds with a very light backfield, 170 pounds. By the way a newspaper item appeared in one of our rival town papers claiming we are to [sic] tough and too big for a high school team and that we should be investigated. Well, fellows, we are all working hard this week for victory and we know all of you are pulling for us to come through.

The mail bag was kind of low this past week and what news we have will pass along. Collins Stackhouse wrote sending us his new address, Avon Park, Fla. and quite anxious to know the results of the games. Stack worked out with us while home on furlough. Vincent Jessie is home and will be leaving Thursday for Avon Park. Lieut. Joe Gagnon promised to put a football suit on while he was home, but didn't come up, so he wrote apologizing and blaming it all on his wife. Sgt. Evan LaGrave has been transferred [sic] to Corvallis, Ore. Robert Cote is now at Camp Perry, Williamsburg, Va. Heard from Nelson Hofert who is at Camp Rucker, Ala. Lieut. Larry Quinn, who is now a father was home for a few days, and by the way Larry is quite an eloquent speaker. While he was here he spoke at the Rotary and Lions Clubs and at a schoolmasters banquet held at Pottersville, N.Y. My ace manager, Lieut. Dan Littlefield is now a married man. Congratulations Dan and good luck. Eugene Rule enlisted in the Navy and is at Sampson for boot training.

Lawrence Fuller is going great guns in pro. football with the Redskins. He scored a touchdown after making a sensational catch against the Philadelphia team. King Tardif sent me a newspaper clipping of the game. Results of Northern league games last week; Tupper 20, Saranac 6. This game was played in a sea of mud and a heavy rain fell though out. Massena had a tough battle with Ogdensburg and won by the score of 12 to 0. Potsdam defeated Malone 27-7 and Gouverneur and Canton played a scoreless tie. Massena and Tupper are tied for first with 4 victories; Gouverneur is second, Malone third, Potsdam fourth; Canton fifth, and Saranac and Ogdensburg have not won a game. Father Dumas is laying plans for his second season as Holy Ghost Academy basketball coach. His material is very green and scarce, but they will give a good account of themselves and win their share of games.

It seems as if all of Sampson is home on furlough this week. Many of the boys have finished boot training and they will be assigned to new units. Charley Girard, Harold Lipscomb, Swede Wills, Charley Meyers were among [sic] the sailors home. Edward Cusson, Lawrence Hache sent in their APO addresses. Sgt. Lawrence Fredsell is at OTC school in Atlanta, Ga. Sailor Bob LaRocque has [sic] for his ship the USS Tulgi.

Bougou Richer met Red LaBounty on one of his trips. Bougou is with the Merchant Marine and Red is with the Navy. Paratrooper John LaFrance who was listed missing in action is now a prisoner of the Germans. Latest reports are that he is in good health. Dolph Trudeau has moved from the Holland House to the Altamont, as hotel engineer. Dolph just come [sic] back after taking a refresher course and Larry Rafferty who is always up to date hired Dolph. Jack McCoy has been rpomoted [sic] from night clerk to assistant manager. We had our first snow fall Sunday morning and our first touch of winter.

Due to the scarcity of cigars and cigarettes ‘buttpicking’ has again become an art. So long and good luck to all of you.

Len Perry

October 23, 1944

Hello Everybody,

Here’s a piece of news that will make some of you former football players and fans smile. Tupper beat Massena here Saturday 6to0. What a game and what a day! It rained Friday night and all day Saturday and the field was covered with water and mud. Massena had the ball in our territory most of the first quarter but they didn’t get it beyond the 20 yard line. Early in the second quarter Lindy Hull took the ball through the right side of our line and then cut back and with good blocking he carried it 45 yards for a touch-down. He failed to kick the extra point, from then on to the last quarter the ball was in midfield. The last quarter Massena carried it to our 15 yard line and lost it on downs. Later they carried it to the 10 yard line but we recovered a fumble and when the game ended we had the ball in mid-field. Hull was punting farther than Massena and that helped a lot. You ought to see the suits. Watertown has offered us \$500 to play there Thanksgiving Day, but that means practicing for a couple of weeks in the snow and not being able to get a good start in basketball. If we beat Gouverneur this week and Malone next week that will be enough. We played the eleven men all through the game without a substitution. Fat Gerstman was betting 2 to 1 on Massena and lost a hundred bucks to Nate Propp and Dick Hosford. The team was so happy they tore down their own goal posts which made Gene Madore almost sick. Malone and Gouverneur played 13 to 13. Canton beat OFA 13 to 7, and Saranac beat Postdam [sic] 6 to 0. We have won 5 and lost 0. Massena won 4 and lost one and Gouverneur won 3 and tied 2. Hope we have no bad luck the next two games. The boys are all in first class condition and are playing together fine. Lots of the old fight! Had a letter from Joe Donovan. He had taken a trip where he could buy first class steaks and very cheap. Sounds like Australia. He sent me a picture and I can guess the Navy agrees with him for he’s fat and healthy.

Hunting season is opened since Friday.. Archie Monakey got a buck Sunday, I haven’t heard of anyone else but no doubt Harry Jones and Len Duane got their share. Syd Thomas had been home for a few days. He has just finished his boot training at Sampson. Bob Daggett flew in for a 12 day leave. He looks like an Admiral. Had a letter from Pat today. He expects to get 10 days leave Nov. 1st. and will spend it in Sydney. We are going to put on “Abies Irish Rose”: for the *Moaner* fund. I will probably be Patrick Murphy, Bill McCarthy will be Solomon Levy and Len Perry, Isaac Cohen. They ought

to pay real good money to see that trio. Now if we only had a part for Howard Dickinson and could find him. I had a letter recently from Evan LaGrave with a picture of himself, Lloyed [sic] Bennett and Basil Horton. A close inspection showed Horton with a moustache. They were all at a camp at Corvallis, Oregon. Here Evan is the address you wanted. Cpl Basil Horton U.S.M.c.; SMS 33 MAG 33; c/o Fleet P.O.; San Francisco, Calif. I had another letter from Bill Curcie who was in Luxembourg. He wants to send best regards to Joe Heault, Ray Gould and Bill Tebo. Curcie said he had a visit from a group of French boys and girls who could really sing Alouette. Bob Dewyea who is attending OCS at Ft. Benning has been in the hospital with a breakdown. He enjoys the *Moaner* and says he'd pay quite a bit of cold cash to see the Tupper-Massena game. Les Eseltine got a nice buck and did much celebrating after the Massena game but Sack Trombley wasn't able to wake up Monday morning till after 9 o'clock. We only had one bus that morning. He lays it all on his alarm clock. Mary O'Hara is busy at Atlantic City training for her duties as Army Nurse we miss her around the high school and would appreciate a word about the work there. Eugene Bernier writes that he stopped at a farm in Italy and saw a lot of names of soldiers written on the side of a barn. Among them were Mark Raymond and Percy Delair. What do you know about that. Expect news of a wedding soon. Roy Brown and Esther LaFave have announced their engagement. Chuck Bellows has returned to Fort Sill after a 12 day furlough. "Ki" Grenier is home for a short furlough. Leo Snyder has bought the Bowling Alleys and the balls are rolling again. Bud Schryver is trying to organize a league so he won't have to go to Saranac Lake every Tuesday. Well this is enough for this time.

So long for now and lots of luck,

Larry Quinn, Sr.

All Saints Day
November 1, 1944

Dear Fellows;

November is with us once more—although you wouldn't know it from the weather—it's been actually balmy—and we've had a wonderful fall so far. Last night was Hallowe'en—and although the cops warned the youngsters beforehand, the kids were out in force with horns and jack o'lanterns and then ghosts frightening the oldsters with their "invasion tactics". Floyd Burke, our most fleet-footed cop, is the most popular guy in town if you judge by the number of times his name was written on store windows. However as far as I can see the kids of today are soft compared to our day—we didn't fool around with soap on windows—we went in for real honest devastation.

Len's boys are still on top in the Northern League by way of a 13-7 victory over Gouverneur, one more to go—and it will be a perfect season. Malone is the last hurdle—Massena rebounded from the 6-0 defeat of last week to wallop a good Malone team 26-0 and then—in spite of the fact that 6 first-string stars were suspended for infraction of training rules, Potsdam took the measure of Ogdensburg 7-6. Saranac beat Canton. This Friday winds up activities in the Northern League—except the Watertown and Massena

game for the mythical championship of the north. Watertown wants to play Tupper in late November but authorities ruled against it since the conflicts with the basketball season—the northern league starts practice Nov. 15. We are starting at HGA this Thursday. I've been fortunate in getting Bob 'Squint' LaRocque to give us a hand with the coaching this year. Its a popular choice with all and we expect a big squad of about 25 candidates. We lost some key men to the Navy especially Milton Wells but we hope to have a good year. The Catholic League officials are meeting here to-day to formulate plans for the year's play.

Heard a good one from a chaplain Wm. O'Neal of Solomon Islands. It seems that in spite of official discouragement some of the men were falling for the girls in a south Pacific port where the regiment had gone for a rest. The chaplain solved the problem by placing a photograph of Dorothy Lamour on the Bulletin Board outside his tent with the notation "unless the girl you want to marry is as good-looking as this—DON'T SEE ME"—and it worked. I saw those pictures you sent home, Pat Quinn.

News notes: and this means you! Pvt. Dennis Root had a chance reunion with Percy Delair somewhere in France recently. Leon LaFave spent two days with his family recently. He's now at Taunton, Mass. and has been issued all sorts of winter equipment and expects Iceland or Norway as next stop. Leon Savard hooked a record "Northern" recently in Gull Pond. It weighted 21 ½ lbs. and was 39 inches long. The deer season so far has been disappointing---although a few nimrods have gotten their bucks. Albert Tremblay, Archie Monakey, Basil Ryan, Henry Martin, Henry LaVigne, Gene Boyer are some of the lucky ones so far. Sgt. Joe Neault is recovering at a hospital in England from shrapnel wounds sustained in the airborne landings in Holland on Sept. 25. This is his second casualty—but wounds are not serious. Pvt. Henry "Smiley" Madore injured his back in a practice parachute jump recently, the harness of his chute broke and he fell about 25 feet. No broken bones though. 2nd Lt. Annette Rich ANC is reported in the New Hebrides area. PFC Edgar Mayville has been reported missing in action in Italy since October 18. He is one of four brothers.

There's plenty of interest here in bowling this year—the alley is under new management and twelve teams have already been entered in competition. Fred Ives, Jr. is president of the T. L. Bowling Assoc. Lt. Bernard Facticeau USNR is in town on a four day furlough, has seen Africa and the near East. Lt. Paul Paiement has been assigned to the first fighter command as a P 47 Thunderbolt fighter pilot. Lt. Larry Quinn is an instructor at Norfolk, Va. Staff Sgt. Don Boushie has been transfered [sic] to Camp Reynold, Va, Pvt. Walter Hauser was wounded in action on October 11—is getting on all right. Election day next Tuesday and things are getting hot.

As ever,

Father Edmond Dumas

November 10, 1944

Dear Fellows;-

We closed our football season last Saturday with a 33 to 0 victory over Malone, it was our seventh straight which gave us an undefeated season and the northern N.Y. football championship. We put away our football togs until next fall and called off the post season game with Watertown which was to be played there on Thanksgiving Day.

Last year we gave you the system in how we get the *Moaner* out to you each week and its no more than right that we give you the names of many who help to put the job across. Mr. McGrath, commercial teacher, has charge of addressing the envelopes and mimeographing department. Fay Hawkins, a senior in high school, has been mimeographing the letter since last summer and doing a very excellent job. The pupils of the 7th grade are sealing the envelopes this year and Dan Gauthier is the official mailman. I promised the pupils in the 7th. grade I would list their names which are as follows; Ann Sparks, Alvin LaRose, Betty Couason, [sic] Betty Anderson, Virginia Colly, Ted Sabins, Eleanor Williams, Donna Dechene, Harley Richardson, Roy Parent, Edward Brousseau, Henry Campbell, Roger Delair, Alma Oshier, Shirley Watson, David Ouillet, Gert Ayotte, John LaFave, Telesphore Libert, Merilyn Moody, Donald Gonyea, Jean Abdallah, Maynard Arnold, Joan Martin, Doris Mae Ellis, Theres Bishop, Midgie Jackson, Doris Meyers, Sally Cummings, Ethel Anderson, Emily Johnson, Josephine Girardi, Leonard Gonyea, Mary Jane Montion, Edward Narrow, and Nolan Charon. Collections to continue the *Moaner* this year are coming in right along and in the near future Mr. McKirahan, dramatics teacher, is staging a play "Abie's Irish Rose": for the benefit of the *Moaner*. All in all we have quite an organization and we are all pleased to see that you get the letter each week.

We had our first real touch of winter Saturday night and up to the present time we have snow, although it is just a warning we are making plans for what is in store for us until spring comes again which will be any time between May and July. Little Joe LaLonde whose mother operates the Waverly [sic] House in the French village was run over by a car Monday. The car skidded on the road and pinned the youngster underneath. He is six years old and his condition is very serious. Many of the hunters are moaning about the scarcity of deer this year this year, but many of our old timers still have the knack to knock them off. By the way Sgt. Augie Zande arrived yesterday and immediately he put on his hunting togs and left for the woods. Sgt. Joe Neault was wounded in action somewhere in Holland. The V. F. W. is sponsoring the 6th War drive in the community. Their goal is \$175,000. The drive will open this Saturday with a parade. Frank Ettinger, commander, is in charge. Roy Foote who spent two years overseas, arrived home on a thirty day furlough. He has been hospitalized in Texas. Northern League final standings; Tupper lake won 7; Massena 6 and 1; Gouverneur won 3 lost 2; and tied 2; Saranac Lake 3 and 4; Potsdam 3 and 4; Malone won 1 tied 1 and lost 3; Canton won 1, tied 1 and lost 4; Ogdensburg lost 6. Walter Hauser was wounded in action in Germany. Father Dumas started workouts with his HGA squad this week. Bob LaRocque who captained Tupper Hi. last season is helping him. Prospects for a good season are in view. The bowling alleys are in operation once again. League teams are being formed for the season. Fred Ives, Jr. is the president of the league

Now we will open the mail bag and pass on the news to you; Cp. Pug Poirier who made a name for himself as an Army boxer while in Alabama, was doing OK by himself in Texas when he injured his hand after knocking many of the top nochers [sic] out for the count. Pug is at Camp Maxey, Texas. Cpl. Oliver Prespare is at Camp Claiborne, La.

Pvt. C. S. McKillip a former Metropolitan insurance representative is somewhere in France. Mac would like to say hello to his friends, Pvt. James R. Wilson is at Camp How, Texas. Liert Bernard Facticeau returned to Washington after a short furlough here. Don Dewyea was home after being released following an operation in Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. His brother Bob has been accepted for OCS congratulations and good luck Bob. Bob Kenniston who did a lot of basketball playing for Tupper is also at OCS at Fort Benning. Keep up the good work and we all wish you get your bars soon. Lieut. Paul Paiement is now stationed at Richmond Va. Sgt. Zeke Pimstein has been transfered [sic] to Selfridge Field, Mich. Dyton Owen is at Fort Jackson, SS. John Sherwin has for his ship the USS Donnell, Dick Dewyea would like to say hello to Lieut. Joe Gagnon and wants his address, that you will get Dick. Had a nice letter from Tuffield Lavigne,. Bob Tupper who hails from Potsdam and who has been overseas for many months arrived in the good old USA. Bob thanks us very much for getting the *Moaner*, although not a resident of Tupper. He is to be married to Theresa LaFountain, a Tupper girl, the 12th of this month.

Best wishes and good luck to you all.

Len Perry.

November 15, 1944

Another election day has come and gone leaving Flanklin [sic] and Eleanor in the White House for another four years. It turned out the way everyone but Nte [sic] Propp thought it would. Nate listened to every Republican speaker he could get on the radio. He'd even leave a poker game when it came time for Dewey to speak. Tupper Lake gave F.D.R a majority of 158 votes.

Saturday Perry took his champions to Watertown to see Watertown play Massena. The game ended in a no score tie. Len said his lumberjacks could beat both teams put together. He came through in fine shape this season and he and the boys deserve all the credit they are being given. They were a tough rugged outfit and when they hit anyone they knew they were hit. Now comes basketball with four of last year's first team back. The season opens Nov. 28th. with Tupper Lake playing at Canton and on Dec. 1st. we play our first home game against Ogdensburg. The league is having its annual meeting here Wednesday night with a venison supper in the Cafeteria. I wish you were here Joe to enjoy it with us and also Smith O'Brien and Fred Baker.

Have had several letters since I wrote the last *Moaner*. Smith O'Brien sends us a new APO number. He says he is teaching some of the boys to play pitch (at a nominal fee). He has already earned a cluster or two for rummy and poker. Ernest Annette had a visit with Peter Frank a few weeks ago in Paris. He happened to see him in a crowd on the street. I received a Xmas card from Bobby Earle and thanks very much Robert. Armand Mayville received the Purple Heart for wounds received in Holland. He is well enough now to be back with his outfit. He says the *Moaner* and *Free Press* make the weeks pass faster. Hope you get the *Moaner* regularly Armand. Harold Lipscomb who recently completed boot training at Sampson is now at Camp Endicott, R. I. Good luck, Harold and let us hear from you occasionally. Cpl. Shadey Frank is at Avon Park, Fla.

That's where Collins Stackhouse is also. Augie Zande has a furlough, he has already killed his buck. Mert Somers is located at Kingman, Arizona for eight weeks. Lt. Mary O'Hara sends us a letter congratulating the team on its victory over Massena. She has finished preliminary training and is stationed at Regional Hosp. Ft. Monmouth, N. JH. Lilah Sparks was one of the successful hunters bagging a nice 7 point buck. Ray Gould is now in Germany. After he got started he didn't make too many stops. Norman Cluett, Albert Savard and Bill Shields were up to school today for a visit. They all look in first class shape. Haven't heard from Pat since he started his leave of 10 days in Sydney. Hope he hasn't been adopted by some Australian family . Larry is now in gunnery school at Norfolk, Va. He expects appointment to a new destroyer as soon as its finished. Clarence Kenniston has been wounded in action and so has Walter Hauser and Lt. John Dwyer. Lt. Dan Littlefield has been sent overseas to the Pacific theater. Lt. Paul Paiement is training as a P47 Thunderbolt Pilot at Richmond, Va. He was assigned to First Fighter Command. Raymond Brunet S 1c is home after seeing action at Saipan and Palau. Peggy Minnich is engaged to Lt. Charles Yetman of Holland Patent. Phyllis McCauley and Cpl. Richard Boushie were married here Saturday. Bowling is going strong here, there are 13 or 14 teams in the league. Even Dr. Thisall is seriously thinking of joining some team. Cpl. Art D'Aprix is with a cavalry unit in India. Roy Foote is home after 27 months service. He will return to a hospital in Texas where he is receiving treatment for malaria. Just heard that Roy Provo and Lawrence Dwyer are in the same outfit in France. Dwyer is a Sgt. and has Pvt. Provo under his thumb. Had a letter from Theresa LaFountain. She and Bob Tupper of Potsdam were married. He has been in England two years but is now stationed at Solomons A. T. B., Md. Here's a hunting accident. A fellow named Santimaw of Gouverneur and to other were hunting and drinking. They were shooting at all kinds of targets. Finally Santimaw put a beer bottle on his head for a target and one of his chums hit him between the eyes. Richard Godin is at OCS at the New Orleans Army Air Base. After 17 weeks training he will be commissioned 2nd Lt. The Chamber of Commerce are again doing a little agitating for an air field. Maybe when some of you come home you will land at this air field and taxi into town with Louis Charland or Joe Clement.

Until then good luck and best wishes,

Larry Quinn, Sr

November 21, 1944

Dear Fellows,

Its a tough job meeting the dead line this week-we go to press a few days early due to Turkey Day. School lets out Wed. noon which means our efficeint [sic] and generous staff must get the dope early—and you know what a job it is to follow that newshawk, L.P.Quinn, he gobbles up everything in sight, like an alley cat on the prowl, so what chance has a fellow got anyhow.

Thanksgiving Day is a significant occasion this year for we all have received many and signal favors from Almighty God. Its [sic] a mighty healthy sign when a nation takes time out from everything else to thank God for the many benefits we have all received. That was a great habit the Pilgrims and our first president got us into and if

there's anything that will move God to continue to bless us individually and as a nation, it [sic] just the fine yearly habit of gratitude that will turn the trick, of course, we all realize the 'Gratitude' is the neglected virtue in all the world, especially gratitude to God and we also realize its [sic] a mighty important duty to say "Thank you" once in a while. We all have much to be thankful for this year. Tupper Lake's glorious record in the arena of war is truly great blessing. The past year has seen many military victories that have brought our nation closer to victory and peace. The low countries, France itself, much of Italy have been liberated and returned to the people. In the Pacific long strides have been made-and already the first successful invasion of the Philipines is at hand. Nor can we forget the bountious [sic] harvest of the fruits of the land which God has provided for us, so that we might become in all truth the Granary of the world.—Of course, we know its [sic] a long road ahead and a bloody one ott [sic] but that only makes our present thanks all the more sincere. So, we are trying here at home to concentrate not so much on feasting as on a humble prayer of thanks, and a prayer, too, for continued Divine Favors—with the fervent wish that when another Thanksgiving rolls around we can all gather around the festive board not on the far flung battle fields of the world—but together here at home, may your dream come true. In keeping with the spirit of Thanksgiving a local bard dashes off the following verse—I think it very worthy of the *Moaner*—you didn't dream there were poets in T. L. did you? Name furnished on request.----

We give Thee thanks, Almighty Lord,
 That from that vast and raging horde
 Of enemies, you have kept us free
 And so, this day on bended knee
 We thank Thee for Thy gracious aid
 A mighty price some boys have paid.
 But with Thy omniscient favor
 You see us through each bitter hour.
 We thank Thee that our land is free
 A home of homes---Democracy!
 We give Thee thanks for rulers brave
 Who ward off dangers, always grave.
 We thank Thee for the right to say
 What's in our hearts from day to day
 We give Thee thanks that each may go
 Into his church-----even G. I. Joe
 We thank Thee for our many pleasures
 And for the other countless treasures
 Such as the silly hats that women wear
 That cause poor foolish men to stare—
 We give Thee thanks for rationed gas
 That enables a poor lad and lass
 To get together on two nights or three
 And discuss their plans and a family.
 We thank Thee for rubber, although synthetic
 The number of flat tires now is pathetic.

We give Thee thanks for the World Series games
And football classics with terrible names
We can't pronounce—like Joe Gaspariolla
A note of thanks for “Prince Matchabelli”—
We're grateful for butter, even though it's rare
And tenderloin steak and avocado pear—
In fact, dear Lord, we thank Thee for living
On this beautiful day of days---Thanksgiving!!!

So long
Father Edmund Dumas

Tupper Lake, N. Y.
December 1st, 1944

Dear Fellows;

This coming Monday night the G.I.'s at the rehabilitation center at Lake Placid are staging a Broadway show here in the high school auditorium. They say its [sic] real New York stuff. Various organizations are sponsoring the show for our local bond drive. Following the show the G. I.'s will be entertained at Rafferty's Waldorf located across from the post office. We opened our basketball season last night at Canton and believe it or not the final score was 75 to 22 in our favor. Canton hasn't much and our boys just couldn't miss miss [sic]. We meet OFA here this Friday. SEEN ABOUT TOWN" Some of the old familiar places are still closed including Eseltines, Brass Rail and the Villa. Art Cronin and Tom Somers have nearly completed enlarging and modernizing their garages. The Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club are endeavoring to interest the town fathers in an airport project. So far the program is in the "windbag stage". Stores now display signs "no cigarettes today" although some hide them under the counter. United War Fund Drive nets \$1,200. Tupper's War Loan goal of \$175,000 well under way. Latest report shows over \$50,000 raised. High powered lights now adorn the new honor roll which adds much to its beauty. Judge Landis baseball czar died. Clarkson, St. Lawrence and Syracuse will play basketball again this season after dropping the sport for a year. Walt Kicklevitch, a member of our squad last year, is with Clarkson. Merle Livermore, former OFA coach, will handle the St. Lawrence team, in addition to his teaching job. Miss Elizabeth Anable, daughter of Lee Anabel, was married to Lieut. Frank Wiesner. Clarence and Maurice Villneive, Brainard Beausoliol and James Roumanado were home on furloughs. Albert Savard returned to his post after spending ten days here. Sgt. Richard Murray has been transferred [sic] to Fort McClellan. Two main changes in the basketball rules this year, five personals and unlimited subs. Mrs. V. H. LaRocque died last Tuesday. Lt. Herb Dean has a San Francisco APO. HGA opens their basketball season Friday at Indian Lake. Sorry to learn Bob Dewyea had to leave OCS on account of his health. Remember the good old pinocle and pitch games with

Maltais, Bruce, Raymond, Will Gagnon and Jim Creighton providing the action. Had a very interesting letter from Joseph Lanthier who is now in France. By the way Joe has other brothers in the same country fighting. Mildred Manning was recently married (Remember her?) Basketball powerhouses in our league this season are Gouverneur, Massena, and Tupper. Darkhorses [sic] are Potsdam, OFA, and Malone. The football team and myself thank all of you for your fine letters of congratulation. We also appreciate the letters of three former coaches, Lt. Bill Blake of OFA, Bill Conroy of Malone and Lt. Joe Donovan. Mrs. Wesley MacDonald of London, England arrived in Conifer to make her home here. Sgt. MacDonald is still overseas. Cpl. Oscar Gaff has left for overseas with his bomb. group. Cpl. Dan Bruce has a new address with an N.Y. APO. Members of this year's basketball team include; Captain, Bill Delair; Lyndon Hull, Harvey Tebo, Frank Brown, Don LaValley, Al VomScheidt, Ed Woulf, Albert Becker, Potsdam too Malone Tuesday by 15 points. Ens. Charley Chapman met Lieut. Larry Quinn and Paul Thomas of Conifer while stationed in Norfolk, Va. Charley has been transfered [sic] to a B 24. He was with the P.V.'s. Heard from Ray Gould describing his trips through England, France, Belgium and Holland. His mail hasn't as yet caught up with him and he is anxious to know the football results. We are mailing around 500 *Moaners* each week. Sgt. Eldee Martineau is at Victorville, Cal. Pvt. Edward Bohin is now flying He is stationed at Tyndall Field, Fla. He states he is studying much harder than he did in high school.

Pvt. Clifton LaCombe is doing switchboard work at Stinson Field, Texas. He said after two years as a switchboard operator he now has a job that he doesn't have to worry about KP duty. He met his cousin Dorrان Boushie in Lakeland and they had quite a time. Clifton misses the good old days when he was a member of the J.V. squad. Cpl. Shadey Frank writes about meeting Stackhouse in Florida. They are both stationed at Avon Park. Cpl. Clifton Boushie of the Marines who has been in the South Pacific area is on his way back to the States.

In closing I would like to inform you that we haven't had any snow as yet and I doubt if anyone here is worrying about it. Good luck,

Len Perry

December 4th, 1944

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Many of you will get this letter ahead of the holidays but there are quite a few who will receive it after 1945 has started. I've been planning what to say to you fellows and gals for the last 24 hours. So here goes. We beat Canton in our opening basketball game 76 to 23 and then Ogdensburg threw a scare into us Saturday night when we were just able to nose them out 29-28. We play Potsdam Wednesday and then meet Massena here Friday, Dec. 8th. We sure had a savage old storm last week. It snowed Thursday and Friday almost 15 inches of snow feoo. All games were canceled Friday night. Ogdensburg couldn't get here and H.G.A. couldn't get down to Indian Lake. Squint LaRocque is helping Father Dumas Coach H.G.A. They play St. Mary's here tomorrow night. Soldiers from Placid are helping put across the 6th. bond sale with a show. We

didn't need it for we have sold more than our quota #75,000 already, but we are all glad to such a good show. The Army has taken over Lake Placid Club and are using it for a reclassification center for soldiers who are being returned to civilian life. "Tany" Keniston has been wounded again at Metz. Allen Fournierg was killed in a plane crash in Italy. St. Alfred Bombard is now in a hospital in Cleveland. He was wounded in both legs in France. PFC Walter Bujold has been reported missing in Germany. Donald Pelno is aboard a destroyer somewhere in the Philippines. Betty Anable was married to Lt. Frank Wiesner of Brooklyn. Thursday night the 3 act H. S. play *Best Foot Forward* will be staged in the auditorium. Jack LaBarge, Len LaDuc, Irma Dayton, Fay Hawkins, Edna May Jones, Betty MacAleese, Frank Brown, Art Crandall, James Frenette, Ann Shields, Jenny Felio, Dave Littlefield, Noreen LaBarge Ben Demars, Jack Giblin and John Campe are all included in the cast. We are going to have our usual community Christmas Program. with the American Legion Auxiliary in charge. Dot Girard, Rose Maroun and Bernadette Rule are all working in Washington. so is Alta Twoer. By the way , Alta recently was home assisting in the birth of a baby sister. Clarence is now smoking two for a quarter cigars. Clarence Grenier is now a Sgt. at Ft. Bragg. PFC Stanley Grant is now in the Philippines. Sgt. Lawrence Brown, who has been overseas 33 months is there also. PFC Denny Root has earned official commendation for his record of service with the Signal Corps in France. Had a letter from Tuffield Leviigne. He is in Station Hosptal [sic] Camp Rucker. He has some symptoms of T. B. Hope you come along ok Tuffield and can soon be back in old New York State. I also had a nice long letter from Clarence Root in Germany He says the *Moaner* so far has reached him promptly in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, France, Belgium and Germany. That's fine and I'll bet when some of you fellows get to Berlin you will find it will follow you there. I must tell you about our G.I. show last night. They had some outstanding talent and put on the best show ever seen here. They had a twelve piece band, Charlie Girard would like to have it at the Waukesha 3 nights a week. The auditorium was filled. We gave them a buffet feed afterwards at the Altamont, Turkey and ham sandwiches, beans, salad bar and coke. They stayed till after 12. Nate Propp, Moubar, Russ Redman, Potvin, Savett, Perry, Chalmers and Quinn were on the entertainment committee and we all kept sober. Got a letter from Bob Cote today, He's in N. Africa. He likes the *Moaner* very much. His address is Robert E. Cote 1 M 3/c Navy 827 MTB c/o fleet Postoffice, New York. Bob LaBelle writes from the Pacific that he got 15 *Moaners* all at one time; he said he got quite a thrill one night when he heard the Saipan radio station broadcast the Tupper Lake had had its first snow fall. Roy Savage is at Sampson and Gerald Barcomb has his call to report to camp for training Dec. 21. Darwin Gensel met an old school chum of mine on ship. He was a cook. Gensel writes me this Pinky Jones says I was a devil in school. Now I'm sure none of you fellows believe it. That was a nice letter Darwin; write again soon. Art Bailey is back in the U.S. after a 5 months trip to Italy and North Africa. Eddie Madore said when he visited Pat, his ship sailed without him and he had to get a plane to catch up with it. By the way, its [sic] about six weeks since we have heard from Pat and we are getting anxious. The last was Oct. 25 the day before he was to have a 10 day leave in Sydney. Regie Cormier just sent me a propaganda sheet from Germany. It called the battle of Formosa a second Pearl Harbor. Thanks "Reg" for the sheet. Norman Bedore is back in the states in a hospital. He was wounded quite a while ago. St. Mary's beat H.G.A. last night. John Salamy has been reported wounded in German. [sic]

So Long and good luck, everyone,
Larry Quinn, Sr.

Dec. 11, 1944

Dear Fellows:

I've seen lots of basketball games but for pure, honest-to-goodness thrill give me that Tupper-Massena game of last Friday night. Woe is me! What a dog-fight those boys put on! A ding-dong battle from start to finish. Len's boys used a zone defense the first half and couldn't get going. Massena did some fine shooting and were very effective on their foul shots. Score at the half was 14-22 favor Massena. I don't exactly know what medicine Len Perry uses at half time—whether its vitamen [sic] pills of the famed Rockne strategy (incidentally, I'd like to peek some time to find out for myself) but at any rate the team that scored 14 points in the first half came back to score 32 in the second they came from way behind—using man-to-man defense—and did it the hard way and in spite of a great number of tough breaks tied the score with about 15 seconds to go. You can just imagine the crowd. It went wild as only that Tupper crowd can go, at the end of the first 3 minute over time it was still a tie ball game each team having made a basket—and in the sudden death period—after Massena had missed a couple of heart-breaking chances. Bill Delair swished through a one-hander and there was your ball game—that's twice in a row the boys have come from behind to win—and from the fan's point of view, its mighty hard on the heart—Last night (Tues.) Tupper went to Saranac in a blinding snow storm and when they arrived Saranac wouldn't play them because of a wrangle over officials—Len offered to play them with the Saranac coach as official but no soap. We lost another to MAI.

I get a lucky break again this year, a chance to wish you all a happy, holy Christmas. The world is suffering from a great epidemic today—the disease of homesickness which gnaws at the hearts of millions of men all over the world. So as a remedy let's think of that first Christmas morn so long ago when the world's first Christmas gift, the gift above all gifts, was bestowed on us all—and give this Child place in our hearts. Each of us is hoping and praying and longing for Peace—but we too often forget there can be no peace when the Prince of Peace is ignored. To celebrate Christmas and have no gift for Him, the Giver of all good Gifts, is vain—it means leaving a ragged urchin in the snow with an aching void in His Heart. So let us give this child place—and welcome the Prince of Peace. In other years and in other wars a spontaneous truce sprang up between Germans and British and French. After 27 years will history repeat? God alone knows, but unless the foolish world lifts the latch of friendship and understanding, unless it takes down the barrier of hate and greed, it will be hanging its gifts—not on a Christmas tree but on another tree whose blasted trunk is fashioned like a cross crimson with His blood.

School is out this week for the Christmas vacation—Friday being the great Exodus—reopens Jan. 2—gives two full weeks. Beautiful snow conditions for skiing right now—about a 4 inch powder on a twenty inch base—tow is not in operation yet. I've heard lumberjacks say its [sic] going to be an open winter—very mild—with all our snow in

December—they base their predictions on the position of the bee-hives on the trees in the big woods. Anyhow, it'll be a white Christmas—just about 6-10 more inches last night. Pvt. Don Adams is in town. A surplus of \$104.49 from the Sixth War Loan rally of last week was handed over to the *Moaner* fund—so we'll keep 'em coming for a while more. Sgt. Lawrence Fredsell, Len Perry's brother-in-law, was present at the Massena-Tupper game. It was reported last night that Pvt. Edgar Mayville is a prisoner of war in Germany. Lt. John Dwyer and Pvt. Bob Trudeau with the 363rd [sic] in Italy were with first troops in Leghorn and Pisa. the 363rd. has seen plenty [sic] of action. Sgt. Raymond LaMora 27 months in Pacific is home, having seen four major operations. Sgt. Lawrence Hache is in So. France. S 1/c Pat Parent injured his hand in So. Pacific. Smith O'Brien wishes you all a Merry Christmas, too. Ran across an interesting piece of news from Chaplain Francis Desrosiers. He putting on a Christmas party for the kids in an orphanage where he's stationed in Not. Africa. His men have donated about \$4000 worth of presents in the form of gum, candy, peanuts, fruit cake, etc. Most precious gift of all is about 200 bars of soap. (about 80 cents a bar on the black market over there) He informs us the generosity of the men is splendid – a fine compliment for G.I. Joe.

God love you and keep you safe,
Father Edmund Dumas

December 25, 1944

Greetings Everyone,

Well, its [sic] the day before Xmas and my turn to write the *Moaner*. Just had a phone call from Larry. He's in Sherrill with his wife and son. He goes to Philadelphia Monday night for a 3 weeks course in damage control. Also had a letter from Pat. While I was worrying about his he was on leave in Australia, says he had a grand time there. Saw Cecil Stone today, he is on a 4 day leave from St. Albans hospital. Mary O'Hara is home for 2 days, her outfit expects to go overseas soon. Tay Boushie was expected to get to "Tupper this morning, he's been away a long time. Joe O'Hara has been discharged from service and is home. Saw a picture Duke Delair and his pal taken in the jungles of New Guinea. Evan LaGrave was in town last week on his honeymoon. He is stationed at El Centro Calif. I hear Tommy Gratton married a girl in Africa and is sending her home to Tupper Lake. Charlie Laramy also was married in Trinidad. Boy its [sic] tough to get a cigar in this "Burgh". The only ones left are 3 for a buck in Reg Hawkins. The other night Joe Maroun came into the K of C Club with a broken cigar bound up with adhesive tape. Perry and I are going to Syracuse Tuesday for a couple of days. Len will be telling all the other coaches how to win games. We have quite a time. Wish you fellows were here for Midnight Mass. It will be a happy day when you can all be back in the old town for good again. Mrs. Bernard Falls from Mt. Arab died the other day and Frank LaPelle's mother also died. Jule Proulx still has a cast on her foot, she broke a bone in it several weeks ago. Vic Provo sent Mrs. Quinn a Japanese bill as a souvenir of his first battle at Pelilu. Dan Littlefield is flying out of Saipan. He says he sees Joe Maroun quite often. Have heard from quite a few fellows lately. Buba Brusig and George Reynolds both sent greetings. Gay Demars also sent me a letter saying how much he appreciated the *Moaner*. Had a nice letter from Wilfred Brown from out in the Pacific. He says he'd taken the trip home

just to see Tupper beat Massena. Douglas Drum sends Xmas greetings from Ft. Benning. Ruth Gould is going to be married Tuesday. She is marrying a soldier who was at Sunmount for a while. His name is Paul Lalich. Had a letter from Cpl. Edward Foote from somewhere in Europe. He says he may see Bill Curcie soon. Glad you like the *Moaner* Eddie. Percy Delair had an ad in the *Free Press* last week wishing his friends a Merry Xmas from somewhere in France. Red McLear should be getting to town soon. Charlie Girard, Howard Gaudet and Leland Delair are home from Camp Endicott for the holidays.

I had a Xmas card from Dick Barnett down on New Guinea. He said he and Harold LaGrave had quite a few visits. Frank Tice came this morning. It is now Xmas day. He looks well but is glad of his 32 days here. I went up to St. Alphonsus for Midnight Mass but the church was filled right to the doors. Then we went up to Sunmount. The Mass only lasted 30 minutes. Had a greeting card from Marcel LaFave who is in India. Well, Roy Brown and Esther LaFave are now married. Msgr. Hervieux tied the knot Sunday afternoon. Marshall Bruce was down this morning and we had a sip of good cheer together. Had word last week that Alex Mayville is missing in Germany. Word also received that Eugene LaFountain was killed in action in November. Earl Fuller who was killed several months ago was driving a jeep when it went over a hidden mine. Mussy Staves has returned to the Aleutians after a short furlough here. Del McNeil is home after 42 months overseas duty. Lionel Bailey is now back in the U.S. in a hospital. Major Stanley Sisson is supervising all Allied Lumber operations in Europe. Zeke Pimstein is home for six days. Both John Rule and Eugene Rule have been home on leave. Pat Benjamin has also been able to get home for over the holidays. Roy Rogers and Vera Ralston will be crowned King and Queen at Lake Placid Dec. 30th. Charlie Robitaille is in the hospital with a broken arm. He was working in the woods for D;Avignon. Charlie Girard is accepting reservations for his New Years Party. He says he will have Scotch as long as the roof leaks. Will close for now and turn this over to Fay Hawkins who is doing an excellent job as typist.

So long for this time and New Years' Greeting!

Larry Quinn, Sr.

January 1, 1945

Dear Fellows,

Here it is New Year's Day once more, and old man weather is dishing out a slushy, rainy day, with everything and everybody grounded—about the only thing navigating today would be a PBY flying boat. I had visions of skiing in Placid today and seeing Art Devlin home from 50 missions, show the G. I.s there how he got to be National Ski Jumping Champion—but a guy is lucky to get as far as Sears Hill. So, I guess we'll just sit tight, listen to the bowl games and make resolutions. The cynics tell us "Hell is paved with good resolutions"—but if they can resist the fires of hell, if they can stand up under the constant pounding of the throngs supposed to be heading hellward—well, it's worth a try—once more anyhow, like for instance, being a little more cheerful of disposition [sic], accepting the graces of each day—as well as its trials, determining not to be any more stupid than we have to be—and endeavoring to create a lasting peace in

our hearts. The busy diplomats are trying to remake the world but there only one person who can remake one little corner of it—So Happy New Year to one and all and a Grace—Fill 1945 with peace, victory and heavenly blessing. There are no small and durable resolutions on the pavements of hell, only big and useless ones. —Here's a meditation on the Vanity of Earthly Greatness from the pen of Hilaire Belloc. It's dedicated to Hitler.

The tusks clashed in mighty brawls
Of mastadons, are billiard balls,
The sword of Charlemagne the Just
Is ferric-oxide, known as rust.
The grizzly bear whose potent hug
Was feared by all is now a rug.
Great Ceasar's bust is on the shelf-
And I don't feel so well myself.

Jan. 3; Well I thought by the time that New Year's storm would over buy its still with us. and the most popular topic of conversation, trains running hours last [sic]—there was a wash-out at Thendara to tie up traffic—all bus schedules are cancelled by the worst storm of the winter—Brother we really have snow! A dozen people were marooned in the N.Y.C. station all New Year's night-and not a taxi could get to them. School let out yesterday noon due to storm conditions and a poor attendance. All is normal this morning. Lawrence Sabin's house was gutted by fire last Friday—all his electrical equipment and furniture were ruined, mostly covered by insurance fortunately [sic]. Lt. Comm. Morse, popular local doctor, has arrived after a year over seas for a two weeks furlough, mustache and all. Gas LaPorte has resigned as Supt. of Highways and Isaac Bourdage has been selected for the post. Everyone gives Gas a big hand for the fine job he has been doing in keeping our roads open, and especially for his whole-hearted co-operation with the Ski Club in the past, by the way, the tow ran for the first time Sunday and from now on there will be good crowds. Sugarloaf is the only real slope in these parts functioning this year. There is nothing at Saranac and only Fawn Ridge at Placid—really only a beginners slope.

Len Perry's squad tackles its toughest opponent to date in Gouverneur here Friday. They have the same team as last year and are a high scoring aggregation. Len's boys have been working out with Frank Tice, McClear, Don LaDue, Brown and Co. It should be a thriller. We go to Malone tonight to tangle with a terrific St. Joseph's team which pulverized all oppositions. Our boys are improving—did a nice job against Immaculate Heart of Watertown during Holidays. The skating rink is a popular spot these days, too. A local flying club is being sponsored by the Lion's Club, classes at Saranac airport.

Say Walter Tellior, Howard Gaudet, Leland Delair, Marcel Richer, Don LaDue, Red McLearn, Frank Tice and other boys have been home over the holidays. Denny Eseltine S 1/c has been medically discharged and is home.

So Long
Father Edmund Dumas

January 11, 1945

Dear Fellows:

Walked into Verkman's tailor shop the other day and was surprised to see a service flag hanging with 14 stars. "I had no idea Verky you had so many relatives in the service." "Benny" replied they're not relatives, they're customers. Just had a long conversation with Frank Tice who returned from the Pacific and he had some pretty good tales to tell.

SPECIAL *MOANER* MAIL FORWARDING DEPARTMENT: Here's how it works. For example: Sgt. Red McLear in the South Pacific would like to write Pvt. Ray Gould in Belgium, but does not know his address, so Red addresses his letter to Pvt. Gould % of *Moaner*, Tupper Lake,, N.Y. We go through our card file and on the envelope write the correct address of Pvt. Gould and forward the letter on to him. Get it? We got the idea from another service letter and we hope it can be of some help to you.

Ray Fuller arrived home from the Western Front, he will leave town soon for an operation caused by wounds he recieved while in action. His brother "Puffer" is at Lake Placid. Girard Charron one of our high school graduates and as fine a lad as you would want to know was reported killed in action on the Western Front. Cpl. Mert Somers left Tuesday to report for duty at Tampa, Fla. Pat Quinn has been promoted to Lieut. (j.g.) good work Pat. Cpl. Don Charland has arrived in England. Cpl. Manfred Santerre left Friday night for Fredericksburg, Va. to do test work of new tank weapons. Robert E Cote MM 3/C arrived at an overseas Atlantic base. Coast Guardsman Robert Staves is now serving with coast guard forces in the Southwest Pacific. Sgt. R. J. LeBlanc took part in raids on Luzon. Maj. John Collinson has been assigned to the command and general staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Lawrence Gumm was graduated from the US Maritime Service at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y.

It seemed like old times once again as Tupper's first GI basketball team performed last Friday night on the home floor, and by the way the boys still have their eyes for the hoop, as they gave the jayvees a good shellacking. "Mammy" Villeneuve did an able job of coaching and the following were in the line up: Cpl. Frank Tice who scored 17 points, Sgt. Dorrان Boushie, Pfc. Raymond Mayotte, Pvt. Armand Charbonneau, Sgt. Red McLear, Cpl. Clifton LaCombe, Cpl. Clifton Boushie missed train connections and Sgt. Lawrence Brown back from the Pacific area was a little too tired to don a uniform after a long train ride.

Bits of News From Letters Received: Lt. Dan Littlefield, . "I am here on Saipan with two other Tupper Lake boys, Joe Maroun, and Ernie Reando. I have had quite a hand in the raids on Tokyo. Sgt. Lawrence Hache, "I am in France but can't tell you where. Charles LaQuay is in the same outfit. John Bressette, "I am still routing for the red and black. I am on a LCI. Sgt. Rus Gould, "John Maroun's nogger is bald as hell. Pvt. Edgar McLear, I met Jim Zande some place in a fox hole. Pvt. Gerard J. Lanthier, "I have been wounded in France and I am writing this from a hospital. Lt. Lawrence Foisy, "The *Moaner* follows me everywhere I go. I left France Oct. 16 and I am now located at Little Creek, Virginia. Pvt. Herman Jessie, "I have been to the Hollywood Canteen and the people on the west coast treat a G.I. as a king. Morris Villnave, "Girard, Delair, Gaudette, Wells, LaMora have all been transferred. I hope I get mine soon. Pvt. John Maroun, "Gould and I met quite often in Italy. We are about two miles apart. Brainard Beausoleil,

I am now a part of the B-29 program stationed in Lincoln, Nebraska. I saw Eggs McLearn on the Western Front and Vivian Shields in France. I will say I was glad to see Eggs, although Vivian Shields is cuter looking than Eggs. Pfc. Lucien Delair, "My first visit to Paris was quite eventful. Paris is sure a swell place. Cpl. Shady Frank "I have met here in Avon Park, Billy Bertrand, Collins Stackhouse, Clifton LaComb and Sgt. Bob Boushie. Thanks for the *Moaner*. Pvt. Victor Provo,

"I haven't seen a woman in eight months, not even a black one

We completed the first half of the basketball schedule undefeated by winning over Gouverneur, 46-45. That victory marked our eight straight [sic]. The prospect for the second half are [sic] not too bright as Lindon Hull and Harvey Tebo are expected to be wearing military uniforms for the biggest game of their lives. We have a good lead and should be represented in the playoffs. without too much trouble. Congratulations to Gus Adami for his splendid showing as a tackle on the Seventh Army Air Force Football Team, which played the Navy in Hawaii's first bowl game. By the way, the Navy won.

So long and good luck,

Coach Len Perry

January 15, 1945

Greeting Again,

Here it is 1945 and my first *Moaner* this year. New Years was pretty quiet for me. Had a couple up at Charlie Fletcher's and was at the Northland a while but I had such a cold that I had to give up and go home about 12:45. You probably know we beat Gouverneur by one point here Jan. 5. The 12th we rested and this Friday night we play Canton here. It ought to be easy. Perry was telling me that Malone defeated Ogdensburg last week and Saranac knocked off Massena. Massena hasn't won a game since we beat them in two overtime periods. Had a little visit with Punch Delair. He wanted me to ask Mark Raymond in the next *Moaner* if they had Haig & Haig over where he was and how much a quart. By the way, they are telling about town that Punch is going to be married. Someone said the lucky woman was Stella Narrow. "Tilly" Zande is home on a furlough. Don Dewyea is home for a few days. He says Jack and Dick are both in the South Pacific. Pat Quinn is now Lt (Jg.). Larry has just finished damage control school at Philly and will report to Norfolk. Ben Churco's grandfather died a few days ago. Dolph Varden died last night following an operation at the Mercy General. Bill Hinkson is back from Europe and expected home tonight. The *Free Press* reports 10 births and 7 deaths for December. Sgt. Frank Reed of the troopers has resigned and will start a radio store in Massena. Bill Donovan and Gene Corneau and their wives will leave next week for Fla. The Government Work of Fight bill has Bob Toye worried. He says one is as bad as the other. Even Oscar Wells is wondering if he will be called. Mary says she hopes he is so she can get an allotment. The Army just sent the *Free Press* a news item about Cpl. Smith O'Brien and Vivian Shields meeting in an old chateau that had been taken over by the Red Cross. Chuck Bellows has arrived in England. Don't forget what Perry said, if you want to write to some pal in service and don't know his address just write the letter put

his name on it, send it on to the *Moaner* and we will see that it is sent to his last address. Cpl. Wilbert Boucher is with the Quartermaster Corps now in England. Just had to pause for a half hour. "Tay" Boushie was in the office accompanied by Red McLearn. I was sure glad to see him. He looked natural but just a little thin and serious. Red has signed him up for the GI team and will have him out for practice tonight. In spite of the fact that you fellows are all away, Chief Timmons had 372 arrests last year. This is 130 more than [sic] in 1943.

Do you remember the gang that used to squeeze into the taxi stand shack for pinochle. Well, they have moved to the K of C club. Last night Floyd Gould forgot to lead a lone ace and they caught it on him and he went down by one. Was the air blue for a while! Louie Charland says he's seen as high as 26 people with their entire body or some part of it in that old shack at one time. Nate Propp has gone to Florida for a few weeks. Had a nice letter from Jack Villnave in the South Pacific. He likes the *Moaner* and is anxious to visit the Tip Top town as soon as the war is over. I received a clever Xmas card from Walter Hauser and a letter from Buba Brusig. He expects to be returned to the states for a leave in the near future. Lindy Hull was accepted by the Army and will probably leave here in 3 weeks. Ray Stott was also accepted. Won't the Master Mind do some moaning now. Probably Tebo will be going next month. I received a letter from Henry Bailey this morning. He and his brother Arthur are next door to each other attending school in Norfolk, Va. They both are at Armed Guard School, Shelton (U.S. Rt. 60 Norfolk. Donald MacDonald writes that he has finally received a Lieutenant's Commission and is in "Weapon School" Ft. Lewis, Wash. Walter Maroun is in the Phillipines. He says the small towns there are nothing to rave about. John Grant has just been married in New York. Dan DeLair has just received word that Percy has been wounded over in Europe. It may not be too serious as "Perc" was able to write the letter from a hospital, [sic] Here it is Wednesday morning and we had a letter from Pat saying he left for home January 10th. Hope to see him in 3 weeks. The K of C Club just sent \$25 to the Moaner fund for which we heartily thank them We.., I'll close for now.

Best Wishes and Good Luck,
Larry Quinn, Sr.

Tuesday, January 23, 1945

Greetings Everyone;

Father Dumas was set to write the *Moaner* this week but he had to go away so I'll write the first part of it and Perry will write the last part. Regents examinations are in full blast in both H.G.A. and T.L.H.S this week. Bob LaRocque has joined the Merchant Marine and the H. G.A. team is without his services as coach. The team will play out the season. Ogdensburg is our next battle. We play there Friday night. Donald Keniston, Howard Ober, Gerald Clement, Edward Morrow and Francis Brockway went to Albany and enlisted and are now at Camp Dix. David LaVoy was home on a five day pass from the Army. He has an idea that his outfit which came north from [sic] Florida to Maryland will be on its way across the pond soon. How many remember 20 years ago Jan. 24th? We were all out with colored glasses looking at an eclipse of the sun. Dr. Parker who was stationed at Sunmount for quite a few years died suddenly at Kankasha, Wis. Mary Jean Mason, daughter of Mrs. Agnes Mason, and a W.A.C. sergeant stationed in Florida was married with an all-military ceremony to Cpl. Arthur Middeke of

Breese, Ill. Paul Reed who is in Schenectady working was home for a few days visit. I had quite a nice chat with Major Alden Hinkson who is stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo. He and his wife and son have been visiting their parents here for a few days. The school bus took over 30 people to Potsdam Sunday. They went down to donate blood to the blood bank. Francis Fee is quite ill in the Mercy General Hospital following an operation for appendicitis. Lawrence Madore has been accepted by the Seabees. Cpl Robert Godin is spending a 15 day furlo [sic] with his parents. The engagement of Anita Smith of Arden St. has been announced to Em 3/c Mahlon Lavasseur who has been hom [sic] on leave. Laura Nepton has announced her intention of putting on a party for the *Moaner*. We received \$25 from the Hospital Auxiliary. To date we have collected and spent \$1000 in this venture. Perry says we are getting up into big business. Well, we all do it because we like to. Larry has just been assigned to the U.S.S. destroyer *Somers*. Tupper Lake Rotarians will eat tomorrow dinner in the school cafeteria. I'm taking Perry. I'd like at least one of the Lions to enjoy this chicken dinner. This is my part of the weeks [sic] letter so I'll let the pinochle shark put the finishing touches to it. -----Larry Quinn, Sr.

Mr. Quinn just left to give an examination so I'll take over from where he left off. We won our ninth straight victory taking Canton across 59 to 17. Delair, Tebo and Hull making most of the points. Lindy passed his physical which means he will be leaving us very shortly. He will be missed as he was one of hte best athletes ever turned out in the Northern League. It is not only my opinion, but that of all the coaches in the league.

My former right hand man PFC Bill Halligan who is somewhere in Franec [sic] wrote me a very interesting four page letter. Bill mentioned I once told him while playing basketball to get the "lead out of his pants"—I don't know about then, said Bill, but let me tell you I certainly move and drag in this game. Write again Bill when you have time. Maurice Villeneuve S 2/c has left Sampson for San Diego, Cal. Collins Stackhouse received his APO which is New York, by now Stack has arrived with his bomber group. Good luck, Eldee Martineau has been transfered [sic] to Dayton, Ohio. OVT Lawrence Gaff has left for overseas according to his letter and APO number.

Lieut. Cmm. Morse spoke here on treatment of the wounded while he was stationed in England. According to his statements a great deal of progress has been made to eleviate [sic] suffering and that 98% of the wounded recovered. Which is good news to all of us.

Frank Tice and Red McLear have returned to their bases after a thirty day furlough. Clifton Boushie who arrived home a few days later is still in town for another week. All three were in action in the Pacific.

With roads blocked—gas rationing and all good bridge and poker players in the service, pinochle is the big pastime now. The bug has even bit Prof. Quinn and Frank Seigel, both bridge artists. Better brush up on your pinochle Smith O'Brien if you want to compete again with your old chums. Pvt. Mark Raymond must have had some of that crap he had here when a four hundred bid was nothing for Mark; because from latest reports he sent home some of that green stuff. The boys and myself of the Lion's Club want to say hello to you Mark and we send our best wishes.

So long until next week.

Len Perry

Wednesday, January 31, 1945

Dear Fellows

The news I have for you this week is not good. There's nothing can soften the blow so here it is---Raymond Gould was killed in action Jan. 14. Only Thursday night many of his friends listening to the March of Time Radio show were thrilled to hear his name as one of the five boys who broke up a German tank attack at Malmedy, Belgium, before Christmas. Ray's rifle fire protected the now famous Larry Currey,, nick-named "the one man army" when the 120th (Old Hickory) division broke up a part of that savage Belgian thrust. After that attack in which there were about 8000 casualties. Ray was made a platoon runner a mighty tough assignment--and it was in that capacity that Ray met his death. I'll wager he was "running" towards the Germans at the time. Last night, at the Potsdam-Tupper basketball game a little ceremony of striking beauty was held. Ray was a former star and captain of the team and as a tribute "taps" were sounded, in the gym just before the game. Many a silent tear was shed and many a heartfelt prayer ascended to the throne of grace for the soul of that gallant boy—who died—we can be sure—with that same smile on his face—we loved so well. He gave me his G. I. gloves as a little token his last night home. News also came in Sunday night that Mark Raymond is critically wounded—and is in a hospital in France—no further details available—also Danny Bruce is in a hospital, but told his mother it was nothing that a little plastic surgery and Dr. Larocque couldn't fix. I was taking inventory with Louis Simmonds [sic] this p.m. and it may be of interest to you to know that we now have 913 local people in the service—with 74 casualties. Here's the break-down—14 killed—5 missing in action—8 prisoners of war and 47 wounded—that's a service record that's hard to beat anywhere. Furthermore, now that I'M [sic] on statistics, here's a few we unearthed concerning the *Moaner*. It started back in April 2, 1943, with 26 letters and now has reached the 500 per week class. Up to date 30,000 letters have been sent out. The total expenditures [sic] amount to \$1001.38 we have never missed going to press—a record of which we are quite proud. Our financial condition isn't too rosy right now, but something will come up—never fear. Your hundreds of letters of appreciation to the Editorial Staff are reward enough for all of us here—and our one wish is that we can keep them coming as long as you boys are out there.

On the sports front Len's Flying Tip Toppers are still in the undefeated class. They were stoutly challenged by good Ogdensburg and Potsdam teams but came through in the usual dramatic fashion. In Ogdensburg it took two overtime periods and Harvey Tebo had to actually steal the ball away from an OFA boy to turn the trick. 36-34. Last night another nip and tuck battle 20-20 at the half-final score 37-39. Those kids just break your heart. In five out of 11 games they have come from behind to win. Even last night they were behind by 8 points at one time—they are a great team under pressure—then experience tells when the heat is on—and take it from me they are fighting from the drop of the hat (ask Tay Boushie-Tice-McLear & Co. and those guys are Marines)

Dorothy Magrino was married Sunday to PFC Marco Dalpiaz, formerly stationed at Sunmount—a boy from Lafferty, Ohio. Fred Montion dropped dead of a heart attack Sat. afternoon. Paul Maroun was buried yesterday, too.

Old man winter is still with us, snow snow and more snow. In fact just about the biggest freight tie-up in history has hit the state, 17000 freight cars are snow-bound in Buffalo, Utica, and the coal situation is serious all public places of amusement, as well as schools and churches have been ordered closed in Syracuse, Utica and Albany. In the north country Malone and Potsdam already have closed doors of schools etc. There's no crisis here with a car and a half of coal on hand. We have a weeks [sic] supply at HGA and are hoping for a break. I understand the

students in both schools would be delighted to follow the lead of the surrounding communities—even a few of the teachers would.

So long,
Father Edmund Dumas

PS—It was just reported that Staff Sgt. Arthur Dubey is missing in action in the Belgian theater.

Tupper Lake, N.Y.
Feb. 7, 1945

Dear Fellows,

Mr. Madore told me the ground-hog didn't see his shadow so our winter should be over very soon, ground-hog or no ground-hog the snow is piled so high there is no room for more and the coal bin is about as low as a Jap. As a matter of fact business places and public buildings in many of our large cities shut down completely last week on account of lack of fuel. Malone and Potsdam were towns here in the North.

A number of our boys finished their high school following mid-year examinations and will be leaving this Tuesday, February 13th. by bus [sic] for Albany. Some have inducted and others have enlisted in the Navy. Included in the contingent are three of Tupper's outstanding athletes-Lindy Hull, Harvey and Earl Fletcher. Others in the group are Jack Brickey, Larry Martell, Gerald Lavoie, Clarence McKenney, Al Denis, Paul Given, Raymond Stott and Robert Trombley. I understand Deke VanRankin, the father of five children, will also take his physical.

Notes from the Boys: -Sgt Wilbur Delair (Pacific Area) Things are fine here now-just as quiet as Bill Martin's after a raid, Say hello to all of the old gang. Cpl. Dan Brace; (Belgium) I am writing from a small town in Belgium. I made contact with Louis Trombley from home. Since receiving this letter from Dan we understand he was wounded in action and is in a hospital in Paris, he is expected to join his outfit soon. Seaman Earl Baker; I hear from Larry Rafferty every now and then, next time you see Rafferty tell him I wonder if he is still keeping the Rotarians and Lions thin. Keep the *Moaner* coming. Cpl. Billy Curcie; (Western front) Up to date I haven't met up with anyone from home. We were pretty busy here for a while. Regards to my friend and the *Moaner* family. Sgt. Lawrence McLearn; Back on duty again and I miss the old burg. I nearly ruined my feet practising [sic] against your wildcats. Red is at Cherry Point, J.J. PFC Gordon (Dracula) Lavigne (China) After a swell New Year party I thought I would let you know where in hell I am, but after the hangover I got I am not so sure myself. I remember the poster in the post office "joining [sic] the army and see the world" well, I'm seeing it-India, Burma and now China.

Home Front Notes-American Legion to sponsor home talent show in near future. Chamber of Commerce held their annual election [sic] of officers Monday. Bill Sparks is the new president. Tupper Lake Lions will have charter night affair this coming Monday night. Funds for the *Moaner* are coming daily. Laura Nepton and a group of other women are sponsoring a dinner for the *Moaner*, Feb. 14. Mrs. Peldo of Faust is also soliciting funds. The blackout and brownout hits Tupper. The Holland Grill closes at 9 o'clock—Reason—no help. Joe Bouliat quit. Six high school boys including Billy and Jimmy Frenette, Ted Ling, Robert Sutliff, David Anderson and Jim Potvin took part in the Watertown Hi Ske [sic] Meet. The slalom event was won by Bill Frenette. The Winter Sports Association put up the green stuff for

their expenses. We were upset Friday as Massena took us across to our first defeat since Feb. 1944. However, we came back strong to win over Watertown Sat. 26-24 and Saranac Tues. 48 to 31. We now have 13 victories and one defeat. With Tebo and Hull leaving us Tuesday we are going to have our hands full to continue our winning ways. Both these boys played on teams with outstanding records. Last year they won the basketball championship and the football championship. In two years time in a total of 28 basketball games they won 24 lost 4 add 7 football games and it gibes [sic] them a grand total of 31 contests and 4 defeats and two championships with a third in sight.

Connie Coolaw SP is still on duty in New York city beating the pavement with his flat feet. Ensign Charles Littlefield is in Hollywood, Fla. Charley Park, former local Red Cross Director, has been appointed Red Cross Assistant Director of Supplies [sic] for the Pacific ocean area. Cpl. Vincent Jessie, Cpl. Collins Stackhouse and Lt. Jimmy Halligan are across the pond. All are air corps men. Lt. Halligan is a fighter pilot. Cpl. Clifton Boushie USMC left Sunday night for a Marine base at Parris Island. He will join his old fighting chum, Cpl. Frank Tice. Tay say 25 months of hard service in the South Pacific. Sgt. Attilio Zandie reported to Fort Dix, N.J. for reassignment. Zandie served 25 months in Africa, Italy and France. Lieut. Bob Littlefield, and Pvt. Eddie Bohin were home on furloughs.

With best wishes and good luck.

Coach Len Perry

February 13, 1945

Greetins Everyone;

Lincoln's Birthday was celebrated yesterday in a most fitting manner at the Altamont Hotel by the Lion's Club. It was the tenth anniversary and did they let their hair down! Joe Caliperrai and his orchestra together with a ham supper. Everything was fine and time moved so fast it was three o'clock before I even thought of going home. Yes, you guessed it. I was one of the guests. Dick Moubar had the flags of most every nation on display but along about 1:30 I took him to task for not having one from Ireland. He promised to have one by the next party. Quite a bunch left for Fort Dix this morning, Harvey Tebo, Lindy Hull, Earl Fletcher, Ray Stott, Larry Martell, Bob Trombley and Jack Brickey were among those who left from T.L.H.S. Deak Van Rankin was all set to go too but the board notified him to wait longer. The boys gave Deak a party at Pat McCarthy's camp the other night. Deak said he knew all along he wasn't going but he let them put on the party anyway. He said he was all out of cigars and the boys had a box of them for a present. Since writing the last *Moaner* we lost to Massena but beat Watertown, Saranac Lake and last Friday we took Norwood down ther 30-25. Its [sic] the last game for Hull and Tebo. We still have Malone here and Gouverneur there and the sectionals. I wonder what the rest of the games will be with two green men in the line up? Not too good I fear. The Legion is putting on a musical comedy here Feb. 21 and 22. They have a good looking blonde director. Laura Nepton is putting on a supper at the Windsor for the benefit of the *Moaner*.

Poor old Doc Thissell was moved out on the street in a foreclosure proceeding. He had to store all his belongings and is staying at the Altamont with Brother Rafferty. Everyone feels sorry for him but no one was sorry enough to dig down and pay off the mortgage. Lent starts tomorrow. Guess I'll swear off smoking cigars (I can't get them anyway). Clarence Villnave

wrote me from Norfolk well, Clarence, Larry has now been assigned to the USS Somers and is no longer in Norfolk. Pat wrote us he and his outfit will be moving up closer in a short time and he will have a new address. Archie and Walter Bradley met down in the Pacific recently and had quite a family reunion. Leo Lavalley has been granted a discharge from the US Navy after 28 months service. Eleanor LeBoeuf and Joe Pisanchin were married here Sunday. King Tardiff US Navy and Don Bates dropped into the office today. They return to Maryland Sat. Sgt. Clarence Grenier is with a field artillery unit somewhere in France. Roy Garrow was slightly wounded in Germany. Received word that Bill Curcie had been wounded in Germany and was in a hospital in Belgium. Bill Sparks is the new Pres. of the chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Clate Elliott died in Potsdam today. Mr. Marshall Sheppy died recently in Florida. Ray Youmell and Larry LaFave had a reunion in Burma a while back. Demase Treppanier died last week from a heart attack and "Punk" Wood is seriously ill with the same trouble. The village has two large metal scoops fastened in front of trucks and are doing a good job cleaning the streets of snow. They do a good quick job. Walter Bujold who has been reported missing is now a prisoner in Germany. George Oshier has been discharged from the Navy. Charlie Parks has been appointed ass't Director by the Red Cross of the Pacific area. Phil Dattola has been promoted to a sergeant at Camp Croft S.C. His wife and children are with him. Smith O'Brien spent Xmas Eve 50000 feet in the air. His outfit was called out for an emergency trip. He had his turkey and ice cream after he came back to England. Arthur Paiment [sic] joined the Navy recently. His brother is pilot of a fighter plane stationed at Camp Bradley, Conn.

Lt. Mary O'Hara is headed for the Pacific area as an Army nurse. Duke Delair down in New Guinea is now a sergeant. Tay Boushie is at Pariss [sic] Island Marine base with Frank Tice. Cpl Dan Bruce who was wounded in Belgium is now in a hospital in Paris. The race for the basketball playoffs is close. In ordet the teams are Tupper Lake, Gouverneur, Potsdam with Massena and Ogdensburg tied for fourth place. January showed 14 births and 8 deaths in Tupper Lake.

Well enough for this time and good luck to all.

Larry Quinn Sr.

February, 1944

Dear Fellows;

Can you believe it; Lent is with us once more! Yes, Sir, Last Wednesday saw us all bowing our heads with the stoop of humility while those jolting words crashed through to our hearts—"Remeber man that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return". We here at home are casting about for penance these days—but you fellows are freed from all that—your whole life is a penance—the filth and mud and separation and back-aches—the K ration and the GI privations. War, a self-imposed penance of first magnitude. Of course, there are one or two things we, too, have to give up on the home front—but what's butter and cigarettes and gasoline—and a few other things compared to your sacrifice; We do mind, however, giving up "you"—and each one of you—and we hope that all these highly optimistic news reports mean only one thing—that it won't be long now!

While looking through the Gospels the other day I remarked how often soldiers walked into the lime-light of this timeless story. It's interesting to see the charming consideration Christ had for the Roman Soldier. True it was that when Peter offered the Master his sword in the

garden, He refused it sharply; but He did have a special place in his heart for soldiers. It was a Roman Centurion, the C.O. of a garrison at Capharnaum who made one of the greatest professions of faith in the whole Gospel story. His servant was seriously ill and about to die. The officer went to Christ seeking a cure—and at His words “I will come and heal him”, the soldier protested with that great act of faith “Lord I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof, say but the word and my soul shall be healed.”—and so these magnificent [sic] words whispered countless times every day around the altars of the world are an echo of the faith in that soldier’s great heart – a faith which to the credit of his profession wrung a unique compliment from the lips of Christ Himself, “Amen I say to you, I have not found so great faith no even in Israel” Again, at another and darker hour, when the sun was darkened and nature stirred in protest at the crime of Calvary, it was the words of a soldier which cried out for all the world to hear—“Indeed, this man was the Son of God”—century after century that cry has echoed down the corridors of time, as men have bowed their heads and repeated that single statement of faith of the awe-stricken soldier. And there on that self-same hill of Calvary, during the world’s blackout, it was a soldier’s spear poised at duty’s behest, that plunged into the heart of Christ, only to open its torrents of love for man—only to show man that God has a heart—a Sacred Heart bleeding for them, thus it was a soldier’s spear that made the discovery that rocked the world—that God [sic] can appreciate a heart that is broken with love. And from that day to this, the pages of history speak of many glorious soldiers whose careers testify that God still walks in the wake of marching feet. There was the battle-broken Spaniard, Ignatius Loyola, who founded the shock-troops of Christ, the Jesuits, a battalion whose career is covered with glory. There was the soldier, Jean Vianney, who stopped to pray and lost his regiment; Christ stole him from Napoleon, but he brought all France to the feet of Christ by his life. And, too, there was Joseph Dutton, brave officer in the Union Army during the Civil War—his faith led him to far-off Molokai where he spent 44 years working among Fr. Damien’s unfortunate lepers—these are only a few of a great army whose captain is Christ—and so my wish to you, at this hour is that the climax of your life be—not the winning of a battle—but the discovery of the love of God.

Saw this gag in Stars and Stripes—Brown:”What was all that swearing and cussing I heard when I went by your house on my way to church this AM? Blue: “That was Grand-Pa. He could not find his prayer book.” Ernie Pyle, in a series of articles is giving a great picture of the Pacific theatre. Heard Admiral Halsey’s talk on the radio last night—It was great stuff—He said the Japs made two mistakes (1)when they thought they could lick an American (2)when they decided to play dirty. He also made reservation to ride the Imperial “White Horse” down the streets of Tokyo. Laura Nepton and her aides made about \$110 on a supper last Thursday for our *Moaner* just to show you that you’re not forgotten. Bob Poirier writes that he got himself a German at the point of a bayonet—to make up for his brother Ray. He also bumped into Dick Wells, his next door neighbor in Holland. Everything is pretty quiet in the old town and now that Jimmy Byrnes has closed down the night clubs after midnight it’ll be quieter than ever. The American Legion’s “Funzapoppin” is getting huge crowds. Len’s boys lost to Malone last Friday 21-27. They miss Hull and Tebo. I think they still have a mighty good ball club—I’d rather see them go into the finals the underdog. Root, Beaudet and LaValley look like competent replacements. Bob Kenniston is in town also Edwards, and Facticeau.

Fr. Ed Dumas

March 22, 1945

Dear Fellows,

The first day of spring arrived and very much to our satisfaction and delight we haven't any snow and the weather during the month of March so far has been quite mild.

Basketball is now something of the past. Ogdensburg who finished in third place won the championship by defeating a high powered team 36 to 22. It was one of the biggest upsets in Northern League history as they were defeating teams by wide margins. Ogdensburg played championship ball and deserved to win. We finished our season with a record of 14 victories and 4 defeats holding first place until the last week of play. The all Northern team was announced at the championship game, we placed two boys on the first team, Pvt. Lyndon Hull and Billy Delair, other players included Free of Ogdensburg Walters of Gouverneur, Hatch of Massena. Pvt. Harvey and Frank Brown were selected for second team positions. The Freshmen won our Senior league championship. Tuesday the uptown gave the junction a good shellacking, and this week the finals in the Junior league will be played After Easter we will start track.

Word arrived today the Pvt. Mark Raymond had one of his legs amputated. We are indeed sorry Mark. Sgt. Richard J. Sovey was seriously wounded in Germany of Feb. 26th. Albert Wood, son of Punk Wood, was also wounded in the arm. Just heard that Francis LaFountain was killed in action.

With no opposition Dr. T. W. Collinson was again elected mayor and Henry Rule and Bill White trustees. Baseball czar A. J. Deshaw and Stanley Clark are other members of the "Board". Geraldine Francis has accepted a teaching post in the Massena school system Last Thursday the basketball team was honored at a dinner given by the Lions Club. Lt. Joseph Donovan was the principal speaker. He is home on leave after serving nearly two years overseas. His next destination is Norman, Okla. We understand Lt. Fred Baker is also on his way home from North Africa. Pat Quinn has been promoted to Lieut. (j. g.) Pat has been overseas for over 16 months. The annual American Legion banquet was held Sunday night at the Northland hotel. Plans are underway to reorganize the Rod and Gun Club. Officers will be elected at a special meeting March 27. David Anderson is president. The annual high school athletic dinner will take place sometime after Easter vacation. Dudley DeGroot, football coach of the Washington Redskins will be the speaker. Cpl. Manfred Santerre is basketball coach of the engineer Rattlesnakes at Port Royal Virginia. From a clipping "Coach Santerre declared today that his basketball squad is determined to bring a navy scalp to wind up the basketball season. (Heard from Santerre today-the rattlesnakes lost.) "A Princess Comes to College" a comedy staged by HGA high school students was a big success and played to capacity crowds. Sister Joseph directed the play and a job well done. Gerald Lavoy has enlisted in the Army Air Force. Albert Becker a member of our football and basketball teams has enlisted in the Marines. Becker is 6ft. 1 and weighs 230. Don Hodges, Newberry store manager, has accepted another job in Syracuse.

MAIL BAG;--Cpl. Francis Cluette; -For two years I have been reading the *Moaner* and I hope its [sic] not too late to send my appreciation it followed me form [sic] basic training to France and now this forsaken hole in Germany. R. J. Stevens: -Tough you had to drop that game to Ogdensburg. I hope Ogdensburg takes Gouvernuer (your wishes came true). Sgt Collins Stackhouse;- I was sorry to hear about Ray Gould. We have been very active over here. Regards to Bill Sabin and John Maroun. Pvt. Earl Fletcher:-This is a tough Army. Charles Jones: -The Navy is different than going to school you have to be present every day. Robert Richer:-I met

Mark Bruce down here (British West Indies)At times it gets very hot here. Pvt. Lyndon Hull:-I dropped my gun and I had to carry it with me wherever I went for a whole day. The U.S. Army is quite a team. How is Magrino making out with Mrs. Gilmore? Pvt Kenneth Chartier:- I haven't met any fellows form [sic] home but I'm on the lookout. PFC Bill Curcie:-I am again feeling swell(Billy is recovering from wounds received in action). Pvt. Lawrence Goff:-While in a hospital here I met Dan Bruce. Reginald Cormier:-I read in the *Moaner* that Provo didn't see a woman in eight months. Tell him to see the chaplain. Walter Krehl:-I finally ended up here on the West Coast. I got shore duty here in Berkely, Cal. Bob Cluett: -Once again I've hit another new camp awaiting orders for shippin.

This is all for now, but be on the watch for something new which will be added to the *Moaner*.

Len Perry

April 3, 1945

Dear Fellows;

This is a difficult letter to write. I've torn up several rough drafts already. There are so many things I'd like to say and so little space. This is my "swan song" on the *Moaner* staff and I'm all mixed up inside. You fellows all know better than anyone how it hurts to leave Tupper—and that what's happening to me. Your departure came as 1A draft card—mine as a call to St. Francis Xavier Parish, Redwood, N.Y. I'm going to miss this delightful task, for nothing I've ever done has brought me so much personal satisfaction as writing the *Moaner*. Its [sic] gotten to be quite an instution [sic]—beginning its third year this month—add [sic] something Tupper can well be proud of indeed. I'm going to miss your very interesting letters—miss being part of the town—but when you're ever down Redwood way—the welcome mat will be out for one and all, and please don't cross me off your list.

Well, things have been moving around lately-the ice went off Raquette Pond March 29, and Big Tupper cleared March 30, earliest in the memory of the inhabitants—its going to knock the early fishing galley-west for the season doesn't open on speckles until April 21. The Rod and Gun Club has a new lease on life, with 226 paid up members. Dave Anderson is president again, Pat McCarthy vice pres., Bill Sparks treas and Larry Cheverette secretary. Chas. Fletcher, R. L. Hawkins, Ernest Dechene, Tom Larkin and Joe O'Hara are directors and an ambitious program has been arranged. The Tupper Red Cross drive went over the top goal was \$6500. Business palaces [sic] closed Good Friday from noon till 3:00.

PFC Hubert Godin was wounded in action in Germany March 13. Its the second time for him. Cpl Gerald Laramée was wounded in the terrific battle of Iwa Jima [sic]. Len Perry's brother, Pat, was also listed as wounded in action in Belgium late in December during the battle of the bulge. Cpl. Herman Fuller underwent another operation of his leg. Jimmy Woods has completed an eight weeks course in physical instruction at Bainbridge, Md. with the rating specialist (A) 3/c. Sgt. James Jessie radio operater in a B 17 has won the air medal. T/5 W. H. Hauser has been awarded the Bronze star medal for heroic achievement. Coast Guardsman Robert Staves proves the fact that our "shallow water navy" really gets around he has been in four invasions on an LST in the Pacific. Cpl. Larry Hervieux is home for a long furlo [sic] after 30 months overseas. Lt. Fred Baker is also back in the U.S. from a submarine base in North

Africa. Bob Brunell, Armand Charbonneau, Dominic Camelo Sgt Melvin Drew and Lt. Roy Laport, Sgt. E. LeCounte were home for Easter. Sgt. Collins Stackhouse has been reported missing over Austria.

Even though a bit late, I'd like to wish you all Happy Easter—God Bless you all—and keep you safe—The new address is Redwood, N.Y. and I'd still enjoy your letters.

Sincerely,

Father Edmond Dumas

4/10/45

Dear Fellows

As you probably know Rev. Father Dumas has become pastor of his own church at Redwood, N.Y. With out [sic] a question of doubt we will miss the good father who was a real asset to our community and a member of our *Moaner* staff. The *Moaner* thanks Father Dumas for his efforts and wish his happiness and a successful pastorate, Tribute was paid to Father Dumas last Wednesday evening at a dinner held in his honor given by the Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus.

I regret to write this, but Sgt. Collins Stackhouse has been reported missing in action over Austria March 12. As I know Stack if there is the least possible chance I am sure he will show up in the very near future. Harry Jones and Mike Pisanchin have organized a flying school here. They have purchased a Piper Cub and will use the Pisanchin farm as a field. (Good luck boys.) Floyd Burke, Harvey Van Rankin, Floyd Passino, Leo Madore, Nelson Poirier, Armand Girourd and Rene Delair left Tuesday to report for induction. Red Cross drive a success. Quota \$6,500 we raised \$6,515.59. George Shields, Chairman. Prof. Quinn spent a couple of days in Utica last week to get new glasses so he would be able to read the V mail letters you fellows send. Tom Bedore is an officer of the law now. He assumed his new duties as a Tupper cop Tuesday. Tom will report to the Redskins sometime in July. I was in New York last, week, while there I attended the show "Oklahoma". Believe it or not my seat was reserved next to Lieut. Fred Baker who arrived from overseas. We had a re-union after the show. The local Lions Club have presented a Proposition to the Village Board to develop Municipal Park as a play ground for Tupper children during the summer. Track prospects are the leanest in many years with only three lettermen reporting. First meet scheduled May 5. Pulpwood Cutting Contest will be held here April 14. Winners will take part in state championship contest scheduled for Old Forge, April 28.

Sgt. Vincent Jessie has been awarded the Air Medal. T-5 Walter Hauser has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroism. He also wears the Puprle [sic] Heart. Pvt. Albert Wood awarded Purple Heart for wounds received in action in German March 1st. Sgt. Bernard Dunham was wounded in Germany in mid-March. Sgt Francis LaCounte has arrived home after 15 months service in the European theatre.

Mail Bag;-Dan Bruce; (Germany) I am writing form [sic] Adolph's superland. I met Goff, Don Smith also visited Mark Raymond who is hospitalized near here. Edmund Berneir (Germany) I am sending some German money for souvenirs. I have crossed the river in many places and it is a little rough.(thanks Ed) Lieut. Jimmy Halligan (Europe) The *Moaner* keeps me

in contact with the gang especially [sic] my brother Bill who hasn't written for months. We have a big show on tomorrow some where over Germany. Say hello to the gang. A. Charbonneau S1/c No doubt you recognize Rafferty's stationery. Leave it to the Irish for free publicity. Larry Abare, (India) I met Ray Youmell and Larry LeFave here. PFC Ed Cusson (Europe) Will be glad when the war is over. Tupper is the best palce [sic] I know of. George Parrotte;-Since my arrival from Europe I married an Albany girl. I have been awarded the Combat Infantry medal and the Purple Heart. Pvt. Bill Jewtraw (Germany) I read where Tupper defeated Watertown. My pal here is from Watertown. I razzed him, but not much as he is a cook. PFC Donald LaFrave [sic]; I am trying to locate some fellows form [sic] Tupper. Hope I have luck (Co.B39th Repl. Draft) John Rule; I visit Jim Roumanado now and then. Pvt. Harvey Tebo; Do the boys still moan when they get exercises. We get plenty here and the more we moan the more we get. Pvt. Earl Fletcher; I am now in the hospital with my bad knee. Thanks for the *Moaner* Pvt. Lyndon Hull; The other night I reached in the tent for my shoes and pulled out a copper head. Cpl Fred LaFountain (England) I am an electrician and like the work.

Change of address; Major John Collinson, Marcel Richer, Clarence Bessette, Walter Cluett, Lt. Bob Kenniston, Sgt. Geo. Hollenbeck, Pfc. Ken Allard, William Hull, Dorran Boushie, Zeke Pimstein, Ted Bressette, Robert Cluett, Captain Peter Burns, Geo. Ladue and Don Ladue.

Lawrence Fredsell has arrived in the Phillipines. Pfc Bob Burnell home for the Aleutians. Dom Camelo left after a short furlo. [sic] Wac Chalmers Tupper's radio man and Dick Moubar the banana king plan to purchase the American House.

So Long and good luck,
Len Perry

Monday, April 18, 1945

Fellow Americans

Probably no incident has caused more profound sorrow than the death of your Commander in Chief Franklin D. Roosevelt. . We back home feel that our nation has lost a leader; one that we will find it hard to repalce [sic]. I know that you men and women in the services of our country had a gread [sic] and wholesome respect for the president. In spite of his physical handicap he did a he-mans job and stuck to it till the end. As years pass on Franklin D. Roosevelt will be known as one of our really great presidents. His successor in a speech this afternoon promised to carry on to the utmost the policies of Mr. Roosevelt. We all hope and pray for the best trusting that God will endow President Truman with wisdom and judgment.

In last weeks letter Len Perry told you that Father Dumas had been given a parish of his own at Redwood and would no longer be available to write the *Moaner*. You people will miss his letters I know. However the Master Mind and I will "Carry on". By the way, wome [sic] of the townspeople attended mass a Redwood last Sunday and they reported that there were three collections during the Mass. Father Dumas is coming on all right, eh? I'll send him a copy of this letter, I am sure he won't mind our story. In my last letter I said something about the scarsity [sic] of cigars and S 1/c Aurele Charbonneau took me seriously and sent along 6 cigars. By the way he's writing his letters on Altamont hotel (open all the year, L. A. Rafferty, Prop.) stationery. Thanks Brother Charbonneau I didn't let Moubar know I had them.. Saturday P.M. there was a pulp cutting contest at the Park and Arthur Albert won \$50 first prize by cutting over half a cord in fifteen minutes. Alfred Gauthier was second and Fred Parent was third. There were

quite a few contestants but some of them celebrated too much ahead of time and found the pace pretty hot. There is a state contest April 28th at Old Forge. Alfred Daggett died suddenly Saturday and will be buried Tuesday. Fred Baker has returned to the U>S. and will be at the St. Albans hospital [sic] for treatment. he is home for a few days. Stanley Cluett was at school today. He is home on furlough. Had a nice letter from Art Spies. He is with the 10th Mountain Division in Italy. Art wanted to know if I remembered him. Sure, I remember you. Do you remember when Redman had some of you fellows in the office because Ling Bruce put in a complaint? Glad you like the *Moaner* Art. Its the thought that you fellows appreciate what we say that keeps us going. Joe Donovan is now stationed at the Navy Air Station, Norman, Okla. Guess he doesn't like it as well as the work he had at Pearl Harbor. Don Adams has had a medical discharge form [sic] the Army and is home. Pat McCarthy has been reelected fire chief. Al Deshaw is chief of the sidewalk firmen. I am ass't chief. There are only tow [sic] in the company. Clarence Root was wounded sometime ago, but is back again with his company. We were all sorry to hear of Lt. Paul Facticeau's death with the 8th Air force. Collins Stackhouse, who is reported missing, has been awarded the air medal for meritorious conduct. Warren McCuens house at Childwold was recently burned (no insurance). Jack Dewyea is now a sergeant in the Hawaiian Islands. Calvin Gleason has been inducted into the army. Deak Van Rankin is now at Ft. Dix and Floyd Burke is at Sampson. Tupper track team will have 3 meets at Canton, at Saranac, and Malone. Perry says we haven't a chance this year. Becker left school today. He goes in the Marines this week. Stanley Amell is with Pattton's outfit. Art Farnsorth is driving a jeep in Germany and Says [sic] he doesn't have to worry about Ed Timmons and the speed laws. Lt. John Dwyer has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action in Italy on Oct. 21. Lawrence Dwyer has been married in California. Jack Laramie USNR is home for a months leave. He has just returned from a trip to Africa. The other day Larry Rafferty had all his tables and chairs out doors. When someone asked him what he was doing he said he was going to have a sidewalk cafe like they have in Paris so when the boys returned from Europe they would feel at home at the Altamont. Pat McCarthy and Bob Brown took the fire hose down to wash the front of the Altamont but the pressure forced the water through the wall and it ran through the ceiling and into the lobby. Now Larry is going to sue the fire department.

Well fellow so long for two weeks.

Best of luck and a happy reunion soon here in Tupper Lake.

Larry Quinn Sr.

April 26, 1945

Dear Fellows;

You will find enclosed with your letter our first picture edition and from time to time we will do our best to keep you posted with pictures as well as news. Nest [sic] week Prof Quinn will send you the second edition. We hope you like the idea and if you have pictures of interest send them along.

We are happy to inform you that Sgt. Collins Stackhouse who has been listed as missing since March 12 is SAFE in Roumania. Posthumously Ray Gould has been awarded the Silver Star and an Oak Leaf Cluster. 8th annual athletic dinner will be held this Saturday April 28. Tupper Lake's flying school under the management of Harry Jones and Mike Pisanchin are doing OK. Theresa McCauley to wed Pvt. Donald Brunette. Pvt. Andrew Villnave has been

granted a medical discharge. Sgt. Harry (Zeke) Pimstein is somewhere in New Guinea. Albert Becker left Tuesday for duty with the Marines. A Northern League Council consisting of 32 schools has been formed to promote varsity and intramural athletics. Mark Raymond who lost a foot has arrived in the US. A playground program sponsored by the Tupper Lake Lions Club under the direction of the school and village boards is being planned for the summer. With the arrival of spring and the sidewalks cleared of snow, people are again coming to town. Tupper's famous indoor hangouts are empty until another cold spell. Tim the barber can still cut your hair, fish and hunt at the same time. Kick Peck and some of the boys gather at Futterman's store to hear him tell lies. A. J. Deshaw usually violates the curfew looking for a pinochle game. Del Delosh after a few swigs of alki hits for his camp and Dr. Newton Foote takes longer walks. Just received a letter from Chauncey Brown who was inducted into the army a couple of weeks ago. Al Smith, Wendell Willkie, Franklin Roosevelt, and Ernie Pyle all have died within the last 12 months—they all were great men, whether you agreed with them or not, and all of them had that same great gift—they had the common touch. Dr. Bert W. Newton dentist at Sunmount has been transferred to Rutland Heights, Mass. Larry Cheverette, Country Club President calls meeting for election of officers. Frie [sic] destroyed Joe Bouli's home last week. Mrs. Georgianna Girard, 78, mother of sheriff Bill died last week. Have been informed that young Charley has completed his naval training and is now a full fledged "greaseball".

Sgt. Thomas Ryan of Malone: I assure you the *Moaner* is very welcome though I am from Malone I have spent many happy days in Tupper. Lieut. Bob Kenniston: I am in Germany now and pretty bust. Say hello to Frank Tice, Ollie Audet and Don Charland. By the way Bob censors the mail for his outfit. Roger Moore: Since arriving here I have met Harold Payrot, John Arsenault, Hank Turcott and LaMoy. All except Payrot are in my unit. Jimmy Zandie: He is a member of the 104th Inf. the famous Timberwolves. Bill Curcie: Is getting along fine recovering from wounds received in action. Lt. Joseph Donovan: Is now stationed at Norman Okla, although he liked his post overseas much better. Pvt. Robert Adami is an M.P. riding a motorcycle. Gus has signed with the Washington Redskins and will report after the war. Don Charland who is in Germany stated in his letter he couldn't talk to any one there except in line of duty—thereby he couldn't do very well with the women. Pvt. Ken Chartier: The French do our laundry and they don't charge very much. Buba Brusig: I am back on duty—I met Edward Madore he said he was going to officers school. I asked for duty on a destroyer. Pvt. Lawrence Goff: My French comes in handy here. I am out of the hospital now. My job is guarding German prisoners. G.S. Pilon: In a few words I want to thank you for the *Moaner*.

PICTURES: Waukeshia; [sic]; Eddie Woulf, co-captain [sic] 1945 football team; Verkman's tailor shop; the old bird with the rod is Rondeau the hermit he was Tupper's quarterback back in the days of Maltais, Foisey and Demars; the three boys in uniform are Vito Zande; Ray Gould and Ray Poirier killed in action; Tupper Lake's 1945 Championship [sic] football team. Top picture the linemen—left to right; -Buck Dumoulin, Albert Becker, Walt Zurawski, Glen Paye, Len LaDue, Frank Brown, Albert Vom Schiedt. Belwo [sic] are Glen Paye, center, Lyndon Hull, Q.B., Harvey Tebo full back. We regret Halfback and CoCaptain Earl Fletcher was left out. We will try and have it in another edition. Below is Jimmy Frenette, manager, and Len Perry.

So long and good luck

Len Perry

Sunday, April 29, 1945

Dear Friends,

Guess I'll start this weeks *Moaner* now and finish it Monday or Tuesday. Last night we had our annual athletic dinner. Bill Graf of Wathertown & Milt Pope of Indian Lake our guests and Father Russell O'Neil of Malone was our speaker. He gave a marvelous speech. We had a good feed & the master mind was in rare form. All in all it was one of the best affairs of its kind we've had. We missed a lot of you boys who have left during the year; Fletcher, Hull, Tebo and Al Becker as well as some of you who were with us last year. Windy Stott was home from Sampson and was in attendance. How did you like the pictorial section of last weeks letter? Here comes another one this week. No. 23 is Lindy Hull and No. 27 Bill Delair. You recognize the High School and LaFaves dog team. The boys with the canes are Mammy Villnave and a buddy of his from the hospital where "Mammy" was being treated. The Irish looking gentleman with the \$2 smile is "Mine Host" Lawrence Rafferty Esq. It was taken shortly after he had counted the cash following a big Saturday night. That explains the broad smile. The dear! Well that's a picture Earl Vosburg took a few years ago of "Cheese" Fromagees private park. How would you like to walk into that place next October or even next July? Can you identify the boys in the bottom picture. I'll tell you who they are & you locate them. Bertie LaBarge, Herb Dean, Pat Quinn, Don LaDue, Dick Buckley, Willie Labarge Mark Shiels, Tay Boushey, John Maroun, Collins Stackhouse, Frank Tice & Len Perry. Hope you enjoy these pictures. We are planning on other deitions[sic]. Notice every boy in the bottom picture is somewhere in service pouring it on just like they always did. Sgt. Rus Gould has been awarded the bronze star for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations between August & December of last year. He is somewhere in Germany. Roy Provo sent his mother a picture of himself with a large and well cultivated moustache. Tommy Christian is spending his spare time fishing. Luck hasn't been too good for anyone here. The weather is disagreeable and cold and rainy. March was better than April. Archie Bradley is with the SeaBee's on Okinaw. Robert Syder was here for a few days but has returned to duty. He has completed eight trips across the Atlantic on a hospital ship. Bill McCarthy is stationed at Guam. Harold Cranson was here for a visit. He has recovered from his wounds. Mark Raymond is in a hospital in the USA. He may be home this week on a 30 day furlough. He lost a foot from the ankle down when he stepped on a land mine. Monday night the Bowling Banquet at the American House. The teams finished in this order 1st Sunmount Employees, Jones' Roofers, Moose, Holland Grill, Adirondack Bakery, OWD, Rotary, Lions, Yando's Haulers, Sunmount Soldiers and Sunmount Medical Officers. Well the banquet is over and the star of the show was Fred Belmore. Fred is getting old. He just cant [sic] take it. But he put on a good act. The mail bag brought a letter from Vic Provo who is worried about the girls in Tupper Lake. They're OK Vic. Donald Bates over in the Ruhr pocket likes the *Moaner* but is lonesome for a sight of some one from Tupper Lake. George LaDue writes that he may see John Maid Pat Quinn and Stanley Grant. He is with the Apr Flotilla 5 (Staff). Bob Trombley has been appointed to attend school at Naval Tech Tr. Ctr. Memphis, Tenn. Word has been received of the death in the Pacific of Bob Thomas who went to school here in 1941 from Cranberry Lake. He was a blond goo [sic] natured kid and a cousin to the Noelk boys and Paul and Syd Thomas. Walter Maroun writes the he met Robert Payment in the Philippines. We hear that Zeke Pimstein is now in New Guinea. Harry Jones is turning Pisanchins farm into an air field. He has a Piper Cub and pilot and is giving flying lessons.

Tonight I went to Malone to attend a banquet for Supt. Lamberton who has been head of the schools there 25 years. Couldn't [help] thinking that in 2 more years I'd be here 25 years. Maybe I'll have a big celebration and all of you will be home for it. We'll have a real one eh? Hadn't heard from Pat in 3 weeks. Was wondering where he was. Got two letters last night and he'd been out on a ship for two weeks surveying the straights between the Philippine Islands. Major John Collinson has reached the Aleutian Islands. The Post Standard had a picture of Bill Shields and two chums on their way across the ocean to England. Pvt. Charles Leeto twice wounded in Germany is home on a furlough.

Well fellows I'll close now. No doubt the next time I write things will be a lot different in Europe. News is good and coming so yours for a quick peace.

Best of Luck
Larry Quinn, Sr.

VE Day, May 8, 1945

Hello Fellows;

After many conflicting reports V-E Day was officially confirmed. It will bring joy to all of us. Soon, some of you will be coming home, all, we feel will be home before many months pass. There will be sorrow, too, in homes from which our boys left so bravely, but will never return. V-E Day in Tupper Lake wasn't a day of wild celebrations, but one of solemnity, one of thankfulness, one of prayer. School remained in session until three o'clock. At that hour the entire community went to church of their denomination to pray and thank God for victory in Europe.

Fire destroyed the Victor Mayville residence at Park Street, Monday, PFC Charles Leete, home on furlough, lost all his clothing and personal possessions. The first shipment of speckled brook trout were released last week. Napoleon Carrow, 64, died Sunday morning at the St. Lawrence State Hospital in Ogdensburg. Pvt. Alphonse Demars has been assigned to duty at Camp Lee, Va. He was at Lake Placid after serving 14 months overseas. Curtis Read and Frank Seigel are Country Club directors. Larry Cheverette is again the president. We won our first track meet Saturday defeating Canton there 119 to 91. We meet Malone here this Friday. Saranac Lake is also in our section. In the other section Ogdensburg took over Gouverneur, and Massena gave Potsdam a good licking. Saranac won over Malone. Massena and Ogdensburg have the power this year. First places in the Canton meet for us went to Frenette in the 440; Brown, Crandall and Woulf tied in pole vault; Harris, shot; Chapman half mile and Brown and Crandall high jump. Dr. Francis Trudeau of Saranac Lake was the principal speaker at the Tupper Lake Boy Scout father and son banquet. PFC George Pilon has been wounded in action in Germany. Corp. Rene Demars and his brother Cpl. Wil Demars met in the Philippines. Sgt. Eva Cruse is somewhere in England with a WAC detachment. Major John Collinson is serving at an American base somewhere in the Aleutian area. Sgt. Collins Stackhouse who was reported missing over Austria is now back at his base at Foggia in Italy. Bill Johnson former State Trooper here has been reported killed in action at sea in the South Pacific.

Douglas Murray, Jr. is attached to a Military Government Hospital somewhere in the Western Pacific. Bob Otis of Malone is pleased to receive the *Moaner* although not from Tupper Lake. Charley Meyers of the Navy is doing guard duty. Cpl. Clifton Boushie is now training to

be a drill instructor with the Marines9 [sic] take it easy on Becker, Tay) write again. George LaDue is back again in the Pacific. He wrote requesting a number of addresses. Bob Jessie is still serving on the USS Miami and his ship has taken part in most of the important battles in the Pacific. Neal Brown a Marine is a veteran of the Iwo Jima battle. He is with the 5th Marine Div. Cpl. Bob Cluette has been transferred to Lincoln, Neb. Pvt. Braham Pimstein after some service with the infantry has returned to the Air Force as an instructor. Glad to hear from you Braham. Buba Brusig was all set for another trip to the Pacific but a physical examination revealed he was unfit for any more tropical duty. Sgt. Red McLear stated in his letter that old Rondeau looked good in our picture edition compared to North Carolina. Lindy Hull after 5 weeks of basic training writes and informs us he and his gang are starting to look and act like soldiers. PFC William Tebo has been with the 4th Armored Division since they landed overseas. Pvt. Al Becker writes from his Marine base this is the place to get a football team in condition. Lt. Bob Kenniston is now an officer in the 6th armored Division with Patton's Army. Bob has high praise for our GI's. Good luck Bob and I hope to see you soon. Sgt. Oscar Gaff wants to say hello to his uncle Pvt. Lawrence Gaff and all his chums. He is somewhere in England and Holds [sic] the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. Cpl. Henry Cote sent us a letter published by the Palestine, Texas Chamber of Commerce. He suggests our village fathers look it over. PFC Donald LaGrave is with the 4th Armored Division somewhere in the Pacific. William Hull is at midshipment's school in New York.

We are waiting for another picture edition to come from the printers which we hope to have soon. We would appreciate some of your pictures. If You [sic] have any send them along. By the way will you please help us out by sending your correct address.

From one of the boys;

Oh, Lord; Geve me strength
to keep my big mouth shut
When I don't know what
The hell I'm talking about.

So long on VE Day

Len Perry

May 13, 14, 15

Greetings Friends:

Here's your Mother's Day *Moaner*. Everyone in Tupper Lake observed Mother's Day by going to church and sporting a carnation. I went to Mass with the Knights of Columbus and we had breakfast at the Altamont with Judge Carey as speaker. Rafferty promised us lots of ham and eggs and toast. He did a pretty good job too but Sam Corey was the waiter and he was mad at Albert Deshaw and made Deshaw wait till the last one to eat. Doctor Thissell died Sunday night at the Mercy General. His funeral was today. He had been in New York for several weeks and someone took his watch and his money, I guess. When he got back here he was quite ill. Guess he's as well off. He was quite a character and landmark in Tupper Lake. Have been busy with my grandson. He and his mother came Saturday. Larry is in New York for 5 days but couldn't get off to come up. He is now a Lieutenant Senior Grade. His ship will probably go to the

Pacific. Billy Curcie has been a visitor for several days. He looks fine in spite of having been wounded. Ray Youmell is home after 30 months in India and Burma. He had a tough grind and is glad of a furlough. Red Elwood LaBounty is home from Panama and looks like a regular old sea dog. Bob Daggett was home Sunday. Len says Daggett is about ready to become an Admiral. Larry said the New Berie, the old one he was on was sunk, was also sunk by a suicide bomber a few weeks ago in the Pacific. Guess this news isn't forbidden. The seniors had a very successful dance. They had Cee Calierri and went 5 or 6 dollars in the hole. Richard (Alex) Sovey and his wife are home for a visit. Alex has had his share of excitement and he's been wounded tow [sic] different times. We won our second Dual Track meet from Malone here Monday 110 to 94. We were supposed to hole [sic] it last Friday but there was three inches of snow. Next Saturday we go to Saranac Lake and the following Saturday the Van Dusen meet will be held at Ogdensburg. Monday night (it's Tuesday now) we had the annual prize speaking contest. Here's the result; David Littlefield 1st; Rene Lavalley 2nd; Mary Ellen Ackerman 1st; Irma Layton 2nd. If any of you fellows who will receive your diplomas in June can get home for the graduation we'd like to have you. It is June 25 in the H.S. Auditorium. Two Potsdam G I's mad [sic] the headlines the other day. They had seen 200 days of combat without a let up with the 573rd. Tand [sic] Battalion. One of the boys is Lawrence Hervieux. Lt. George McCarthy has been visiting his grandmother for a few days. Cpl Harry Bellows is in town for a few days on a visit. John Littlefield is in Germany with a medical outfit that has just received a presedential [sic] citation. Pat Quinn writes that he has run into Bob St. Mary several times out in the Phillipines. He's busy as can be getting out convoys. Hopes to get home this summer. We hope to get out another picture edition soon. The American Legion are planning on Memorial Day services and we have another G I show coming up May 22, to stimulate bond sales. Mark Raymond has returned to the hospital at Atlantic City. Clarkson beat St. Lawrence the other day 3-2 in the only game they have played. All the rest have been rained out. It has rained every day here for several weeks. There was a story around that the VFW were trying to buy Tom Colly's hotel for a club house. I don't know if it went through.

Harry Jones is still going to town with his landing field on Pisanchins farm. His plane is kept busy with passengers and students David Anderson has quit the village and works for Seigel. Word has been received that John LaFrance who was a German prisoner has been released and may soon be expected home. We should soon be hearing from several other Tupper men who were prisoners of the Germans. Edna Delair Y 3/c of the Waves has been called home because of the serious illness of her father. Gobs Syd Thomas and Charlie Lamora are both home for a brief leave. Lt. Elmer Jebo has been a visitor in town for a few days. Had a card from Chauncey Brown who is now at Camp Croft, S. C. Ivan Savard is aboard the USS St. Paul. Christian says the fishing is lousy and I say so long until two weeks from now

With best wishes for your good luck and a speedy end to the Japs.

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Larry Quinn, Sr.

May 25, 1945

Dear Fellows:

Finally after thirty days of consecutive rainfall, we saw the sun for a day, but at the present time its fall weather and raining again. By the way, please try and help out by informing

us when you have a change of address or mustered out of service. Cpl. George Maltais sent a letter mentioning if things keep up I'll have to call old "Rondeau" back to play football. Guess you are right "Malt" as our athletes are enlisting every day. We hope to have our third picture edition next week. Our bottleneck is getting film. If you fellows are able to get film regardless of size send what you have and we will gladly repay you back in cash. Tonight the Lions Club will be host to Tupper Lake's "Old Timers" at a dinner. This will be the second. Since the last dinner 8 of the old boys have passed away. Property around here is changing hands like the boom days of "29" The VFW bought Tom Colly's Hotel for their club house. Off the record we heard the Waukesha Grill and hotel has been sold. Dan Thomas sold his house to Mike Tagaras. Red McCulley bought the Ginsberg house next to the fire station, and Bill Donovan advertised in the *Free Press* his home for sale. Mrs. Jacob Pimstein has opened a restaurant in their block. We [sic] lost our first meet to Saranac, Saturday. The Vandusen meet is slated for this weekend, and Massena has the power with Ogdensburg and Gouverneur following. It should be a good meet as many boys with experience will be taking part for the last time. Plans are all set for Armistice Day which include parade memorial services and principle speaker Allen Newell of Ogdensburg. Tommy Bedore and Lawrence Fuller have signed and returned their contracts to the Washington Redskins. Pvt. Bob Adami has also signed to report to the same team immediately after his discharge from service. In pro ball the New York Giants are burning the league with Brooklyn close behind. Captain Lew Ness has arrived here from England. Pvt. Mark Raymond has returned to English General Hospital, Atlantic City, N.J. where he will have another operation. Mrs. George Parsons is chairman for the Women's Field Army for cancer Control. Seaman Jack Brickey is in a naval hospital as a result of an accident in physical training class. Mr. Gene Madore and his wife celebrated their fortyieth [sic] wedding anniversary Tuesday. Bob LaRocque is with the Merchant Marine at Sheepshead Bay, NY Bob tried long ago to get in both the Army and Navy. Cpl Robert Cluett has been transfered [sic] from a B-17 to a gunner on a B-29. Smith O'Brien is an instructor in the Army education program on post war jobs. Major Harold Hinkson is home on furlough. The Major serves in the Signal Corps at Camp Crowder, Mo. Ernest Belmore, Seebees, left for the South Pacific for his second trip. Pfc. Frank Bellows is home on furlough. Sgt. Ernest LaBlanc, Billy McCarthy, and Edward Gaudet all met recently on Guam. Mrs. Edith Denno is Grand Regent of the Catholic Daughters. Pfc. Lucien Duplantie and Pfc. Joseph Manning two of our local Marines are home on furlough after two and a half years in the Pacific Theater. Over 700 people jammed the high school auditorium [sic] Tuesday night to enjoy [sic] a stage show by the Army Ground and Service Forces redistribution center at Lake Placid. The show was brought here for the purpose of the 7th War Loan which is being sponsored by the K of C and Masons. Over \$80,000 has been subscribed to already. Sgt. Dorran Boushie is at a Southwest Pacific base. Dorran is a propellor specialist. HGA Sophomore Hop tonight and annual high school junior prom next Wednesday. Forrest Goodfellow is the new commander of Sunmount Legion Post. Mrs. Jane Callender, S i/c is attached to a Wave unit serving in Washington, D. C. Sgt Leslie Mason injured in attack on German village. Pvt. John LaFrance received discharge under the Army point system. Sgt. Zeke Pimstein is somewhere in the Admiralties and hollering like hell, because he hasn't received the *Moaner*. Its [sic] OK now Zeke as we have your correct address. Seaman Floyd Burke is at Sampson and would like to hear from his pals. PFC Donald LaGrave of the 4th Marine Div. Co I 23rd Marines would like to contact other local boys if they are in that territory.

Adress [sic] changes; - Seaman Albert Madore FPO San Francisco; Francis Pilon FPO San Francisco; Sgt. Clarence Grenier APO N.Y.; Lt. Stanley Wilson, Ft. Bliss Texas; M/Sgt.

Vernon Blair, APO San Francisco; Floyd Burke Sampson; Pvt. Chauncey Brown, Camp Croft, S. C.; Cpl S.J. Cluett San Diego, Cal.; Cpl Harry Bellows, Kearns, Utah; PFC Aurele Charbonneau, Quantico, Va.; Lawrence Madore FPO San Francisco; Ivan Savard, FPO N.Y. Robert LaRocque, Sheepshead Bay, N.Y.; Andrew Villnave, Vets. Hosp. Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

So long and good luck,

Len Perry

Tuesday June 12, 1945

Greetings from Tupper Lake,

Before I forget it Sunday is father's day and I'll like to remind you fellows and gals if you haven't already done so, send a necktie, a pack of cigarettes or something that will show him you have given at least a thought.

The last few days have been gradd [sic]. After being cold and rainy for 40 days it has come out warm. Everything is growing by inches here and everyone is busy at gardening. This is the time of year when you fellows would enjoy it here. Going around all day in shirt sleeves but cool enough at night to sleep. Guess by the looks it won't be too long till Tojo will holler quit and then the migration back to God's country will start. 15 births and only 6 deaths in Tupper Lake last month seems to indicate that there will be a need for school teachers here for some time. Lt. Commander Morse & his family were here for a short leave. Doc is at the Chelsea Naval Hospital near Boston. Pvt. Richard Jessie is back after 18 months in Iceland. Chester McKiraban and his Drama class raised \$100 for the *Moaner* and Laura Nepton put on a supper at the Windsor and cleared over \$112. We have about \$425 cash on hand and if this war is over before school starts in Sept. Len Perry and I are taking the balance for one high, wide and handsome outing. Laura Nepton was assisted by her mother, Mary Dwight, Early Earle, Emma Lincoln, Mrs. Howard LaDue, Mrs. Rounds, Anna Chalmers, Mrs. McLear, Mrs. Ettinger, Mrs. Bowman, Jim Kelly and John Kelly of Sunmount, Georgia Titcomb and Mrs. Adami. Ray Amell and Alex Mayville are both out of German prison camps and should soon be home. The old rod and gun club has been revised with 300 members and is going strong. Pat Parent is home on leave, Clarence Parent is also home after 3 years in Hawaii. Albert Wood is home. He has his arm in a cast from a shrapnel wound in Europe. Louis Robideau writes of a chance meeting with Capt. Hank Bertrand in China. Howard and Francis Drew met in England. Norman Bedard has a medical discharge and is back in Tupper. PFC Walter Bujold has been freed from a German prison. He is the last of ten Tupper men who were German prisoners. Tupper has hit \$250,000 in the 7th war bond drive.

My Mail bag is full this time. Gilbert Rae sent me an air mail letter on Hitler's private stationery which he forgot to take in his hurry to get away. He says Pat is a Staff Sgt. and Clarence is in the Pacific while his younger brother is in Texas. He sent a clipping from the Stars & Stripes about Lawrence Reandean changing identities with a British soldier while in a German prison camp. Charlie Jones who is with the Navy in the Pacific writes me a nice letter and signs it "your part time pupil." Well Charlie is right. He usually managed to get to school two days out of every five. George LaDue has sent a couple of leytters [sic]. He is down around the Philippines and would like any fellows in that area to contact him. His address is George LaDue CPHM

USN APC Flotilla 5 (Staff) c/o Fleet Post office San Francisco, Cal. He says his younger brother keeps pulling his rank on him. S/Sgt Dorran Boushie is at a Fighter Squad. bass [sic] in the Pacific. He was sea sick on the way over and has had to make a few quick trips [sic] to a fox hole since landing because of Jap bombers. Smith O'Brien is teaching GI's in England. I wonder if he gets time for a little instruction in the old army game. The Altamont hotel is being given a brick covering. You won't know the place when you come home.

There seems to be quite a few sales of property in Tupper Lake. The other day Mrs. Delisser sold her house to Trooper Resbrook. Bob Littlefield has completed his training as a Navigator on a Liberator bomber. Roy Lavoy is recovering from an operation in Boston for high blood pressure, John Hull recently received his Doctor's Degree at Johns Hopkins. Wilfred Lamare has enlisted in the Navy. The Hermit of Cold River says the deer are going to be more plentiful. Al Deshaw is getting ready to join the U.S. Cavalry. He was out riding his horse today and he was dressed up like General Patton. I'm trying to figure on how he ever got on. Pat McCarthy was elected pres. of the N.N.Y. Volunteer Fire Dept. They had a three day meeting at Lowville. The next letter I write school will be out.

So long and good luck

Larry Quinn, Sr.

8/5/45

Dear Fellows,

As usual our summer season is slipping by very fast and its hard to believe we only have four more weeks to go before we start banking the house. With the slight increase in gas the entire Adirondacks are crowded with city visitors who are buying all the meat. Frank McCarthy and Dick Moubar are busy from morning until night slaughtering to keep the city folks well fed. Harvey Tebo and Val LeBlanc came over to say good-bye. Harvey expects to be shipped to the Pacific area while LeBlanc was called back from his furlough to report to flight school. Prof Quinn and the Mrs. are spending a couple of days at their old camp which Wac Chalmers, Fred Belmore and I purchased from Prof. Its [sic] the first breathing spell Mr. Quinn has had since last Sept. Ted Morgan, superintendent of schools in New Jersey, called Sun. Ted and his wife are spending a few days here. Ted hasn't changed a bit and looks as fit as a fiddle. Last Friday night we had "Parents Night" and a pet show at the park with well over 400 people attending. Everybody had a s well time outside of a few dog and cat fights. The playground project is going over OK. and now the village fathers plan to develop [sic] the park furthur [sic] by building a swimming pool and some tennis courts. Frank Bruce is in town and he brought along the complete picture of the Alabama-Duke bowl game last January. He is going to show the pictures at Lions meeting Thursday. Glen Gale who is the new superintendent of lights and water is doing a very good job. Both Pat and Larry Quinn are due home for a furlough. Lawrence Fuller is home for a week or so before starting practice with the Redskins. He was down at the park yesterday throwing the football around. Fat should see plenty of action this season. Buck Dumoulin who was a member of our high school team last fall has signed a contract with the Redskins and will report for a try out. Zurawski who played guard for us was given the same opportunity but accepted an athletic scholarship [sic] at Boston College instead. Collins Stackhouse reported for duty Sunday. The local Fire Department gave him a send off last Friday

night. Tom Bedore has received a leave of absence from the local police department to report for practice with the Redskins. Bob Smith is home on a thirty day furlough. He expects duty in the Pacific following his stay at home. Robert Poirier, Francis LaCombe and Clarence Trombley will arrive in New York City today from the ETO aboard the Queen Mary.

The Chicago Cubs are in first place in the National League and the Detroit Tigers are the leading the American League. Montreal is on top in the International. PFC Hubert Godin has been given a medical discharge from the Army. Funeral services were held for Nelson LaPlante. Sgt. Bill Sabin is home after 18 months service overseas. Sgt. Victor LaDue received an honorable discharge from the Army. Dewey Root was inducted into the Navy. Bill Frenette reports to the Marines August 8. Camil Maroun landed a 16 pound lake trout. Prof Quinn has been appointed district deputy of the Knights of Columbus. The Lions Club annual summer dance is slated for next Thursday and the Country Club. John Maroun wrote that he expects to arrive in the good old USA some time in August. Don LaValley and Eddie Woulf who are at Sampson played some basketball against New York boys and they claim they are not so tough. John Olivers, son, Canton coach, is in the same barracks with Don and Eddie. Woulf gave Olivers tow [sic] to one that Tupper takes them in football. I hope we can come through for you Eddie. Lt. Bob Kenniston sent me word when he arrives home from Frankfort, Germany he is going to marry Gloria Fuller. Bob is going to be awarded the silver star. He sends greetings to Vin Jessie, Ollie Audet and Don Charland. Lindy Hull and Lawrence Martell are on their way to the Pacific area. Lawrence Abare is out [of] service with many points to spare. Len LaDue is expected home shortly from Sampson. Clifton Trombley with 2 years and 8 months overseas might be shipped home according to his letter. Don Dewyea is now located at Rhodes Hospital Utica. Cpl Stanley Cluett is in the southwest Pacific. Emerson Hutt has received a civil service appointment as meter inspector for the village. The Republican Caucus will be held August 9. George Delair is again running for Town Clerk and Paul Martin for supervisor. Pvt. John Edwards has reported at the Atlantic City AAF Redistribution station after service in Europe. Billy Delair is stationed at Camp Croft, S.C. Alex Mayville who was a prisoner of war has arrived home and so has Lawrence Reandean. Dolly Joy, girl's physical director is attending summer school at Ithaca College. Sgt. Leslie Nason placed second in the high jump and third in the broad jump in a regimental track meet held at Maenchen, Germany. Harry Jones' flying school is now giving night flying instructions. The weather during the past two weeks has been very nice and very hot. I'll conclude now by saying so long and good luck.

Len Perry

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