

## Gi Describes D-Day Invasion Preparations

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McLarty of Route 2, Windrop, have received the following letter from their son, Pvt. Fred Chase Robert H. McLarty, who entered in the army and started active service in a quartermaster service company Jan. 27, 1943.

Dear Mother:  
Now that the war in the ETO is over, I can tell you a few things that I was unable to before.

I will start with the time I left Camp Pickett, Va., and went to the actual base at Camp Bradford, Va., and took a course in amphibious training with the navy for about three weeks.

I arrived at Camp Miles Standish, Mass., about Oct. 12, where I got a one-night pass to Boston.

On Oct. 22, I boarded the U. S. S. Evangeline in Boston harbor. It was a nice but small ship with only 2,500 aboard. We left the same night and did not see land again until we arrived off the coast of Nova Scotia and picked up the rest of our company.

After a quiet trip except for a few alerts, we landed at Glasgow, Scotland, on Nov. 3. After four more days aboard ship, we went by rail to Swansea, South Wales. We stayed there until the middle of January, when we left for Port St. Anthony in Cornwall, England, on the channel. That is where we left the quartermaster company and joined the "First Special Amphibious Brigade."

Life there was just one boat ride after another in the channel, sometimes coming as close as 15 miles to the coast of France, but always returning and landing at Slapton Sands in Devon, England for a three or four day problem, until we began to wonder if the Pay Run was ever coming off. While I was there I got a seven day furlough to London, which was about 250 miles away. In spite of the fact that I was alone, I had a grand time.

In the middle of May we left again on what we thought was another problem, until we arrived at Torquay, England, and were briefed and paid 400 francs, and put aboard an LCT on June 1.

We landed on Normandy Beach about 10 a.m. on June 6 and quickly found why we had to go on all those problems on good Old Slapton Sands.

Now that the war is over, we are all wondering "what now?" I signed my point system card for 63 points, which is a long way from the required 85. I have 28 months of service, 19 of them spent overseas; three battle stars and the Bronze Arrow Head awarded for the first assault troops on the beach. The Arrow Head does not count on points. Hoping to hear from you soon,  
Your Son  
Robert

### NAVY RECRUIT OFFICER WILL VISIT POTSDAM

Potsdam and Canton will be visited by a representative of the Watertown Navy Recruiting Station on Thursday, June 21, it was announced by Chief Specialist Robert J. Shillinglaw, recruiter in charge.

Chief Specialist James R. McManus will be at the Potsdam Post Office at 11 A. M. and at Canton at 2 P. M. Only those applicants who are at the respective Post Offices at the hours indicated will be able to be accommodated since other appointments will require Chief McManus to leave on schedule.

Applicants must bring birth certificates and should arrange to have fathers report with them to sign consent papers.  
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## Raymondville

Mrs. Earl Selbeck Sr. is the proud possessor of a species of cactus, "Mid-Night Bloomer." This plant is supposed to bloom only every seven years but has blossomed yearly at midnite and the bloom only lasts a few days. The plant blossomed this year at midnite Tuesday June 12th. The bloom was about 4 inches in diameter, white on the inside and orchid on the outside. The following ladies of the community called to view this beautiful bloom: Mrs. Thos. Lawrence, Mrs. Peter Dove, Mrs. Florence Dowo, Mrs. Pat Collins, Mrs. Mike O'Brien and Mrs. George McNulty Sr.

Mrs. George Lyons R. N. and Miss Mildred Lawrence R. N. have gone to California to see their sister Lieut. Bernice Lawrence R. N. who soon leaves for overseas duty. Mrs. John Spotswood Jr. and son Jackie of Norfolk spent Wednesday afternoon at the Lefe Seebor home.

Mrs. Annie Armstrong of Pa. is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary Conzdon.

Mrs. Rayona Clough and children of Massena spent Tuesday with Mrs. Alfred Raymo. Sgt. Francis Raymo of the 15th Air Force arrived home Wednesday p.m. June 13th from Patrick Henry Hospital in Va., where he was hospitalized for two weeks with pneumonia after his arrival from Italy. Sgt. Raymo will spend a furlough of thirty days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Raymo and then report to Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Pvt. Neville Dowo who is stationed in Georgia arrived home Saturday night June 17 for a 15 day furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dove.

Mrs. George McNulty Sr. and Mr. Si Pelo were business callers in Chase Mills June 18th.

The local school closed for the summer vacation, Friday June 16th with appropriate exercises, prizes and promotion certificates. Sgt. Francis Raymo gave a very interesting talk on experiences as a gunner on a B-24 in Italy.

Miss Jean Carr who has been employed in Syracuse has returned to her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Raymo and son Sgt. Francis Raymo were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens in Norfolk.

## Skinnerville

Miss Muriel Crane closed her school in the Munson District on Friday, June 15th with a picnic dinner at her home for the pupils and their parents. Miss Crane expects to teach in Massena next year. Mrs. Cecil Flint is to be the teacher in the Munson District next year.

Mrs. Grace Pote of Potsdam spent Saturday at Fred Crane's.

## Alburg

Fred Boyce who has been receiving treatment in a Potsdam hospital, has improved and is expected to return to his home soon. His wife, Mildred, Boyce, visited him last Saturday.

The W.S.C.S. meeting at Mrs. Laura Bailey's was well attended and plans were made for a combined Children's Day and Father's Day program Sunday evening, June 17. It also will be the reception for the new pastor, Rev. Lewis McConnell, his wife and daughter, Mary Lou. Following the program light refreshments will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy McAllister of Hopkinton, Mrs. Ivan Hollenbeck, Jr., and Jack, were Sunday afternoon callers at Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Dygert's.

Mrs. Mina Richards is reported better after a relapse of her recent illness.

Mrs. Viola Clark, Lawrenceville, spent a few days with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson LaPree have rented and recently moved in the Floyd Vilnave house.

George Page was entertained at his daughter's, Mrs. Ed Barnett and husband, on Father's Day, at their home on Depot street, Lawrenceville.

Mrs. Ralph Hooker closed her school in Dist. No. 10 by taking the children to the movies in Malone.

Mrs. Margaret Clark and Mrs. Lena Dygert called on Mrs. Bernice Page at Saturday afternoon.

Miss Iris Page, a teacher at Alexandria Bay, will spend the summer at home with her parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Page and Wesley Page.

## Sinclair Corners

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Herriman of Toad Hollow, spent one Sunday recently with Mr. and Mrs. Flint Russell.

Dolphus and George Glidden of Rensselaer Falls, spent last Tuesday night at the Fountain home. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hart the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Flint Russell were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Moses at Parishville, recently.

William Hill returned home from the Potsdam hospital last Friday. Mrs. Flint Russell spent one day last week with Mrs. Francis Crump at Parishville Center.

The monthly meeting of the Sinclair Corners 16-4-H Club was held at the school house June 12.

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## North Lawrence

Max Morraller of Plainfield, N. J., who has been a guest for a few days at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. George Burke and Miss Gertrude Butler returned to New Jersey on Tuesday.

Cards are out announcing the North Lawrence High School Alumni Banquet to be served at The Tavern, North Lawrence at seven o'clock on Saturday evening June 20th. Katherine Chaffee is the president of the Association this year and Irene Haggert the vice-president.

Glen and Jay Fleming of Copenhagen, brothers of Mrs. E. L. Crump were guests on Sunday at the Crump home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mason of Gouverneur were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. H. E. Merrill.

Commencement Exercises at North Lawrence High School will begin on Friday evening June 22nd at eight o'clock with grade exercises and grade promotions. On Sunday evening there will be a Baccalaureate sermon at eight o'clock by the Pastor of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and on Monday evening Commencement exercises. The speaker for the evening will be a former North Lawrence resident, Watson Berry of New York City. Members of the graduating class are Miss Joyce Keenan who is the valedictorian and Miss Pauline Lindsey the salutatorian. Miss Eileen Burnham, Miss

Marjorie Hallihan, Jack Doyle and Donald Francis who left the past week for his boot training at Samsun, New York and entry into the U. S. Navy.

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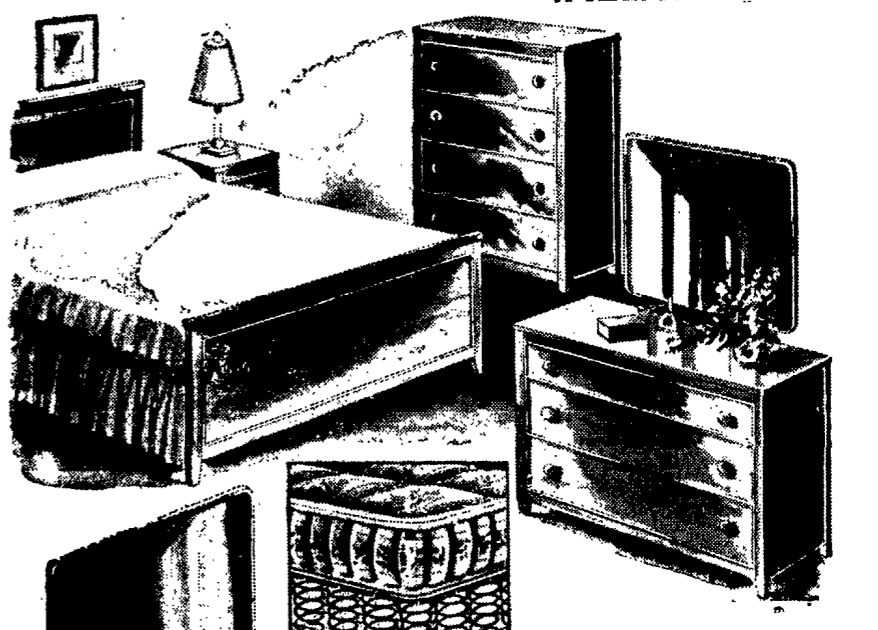
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