

Ye editors plan to head for the woods of Maine next week to return after Labor Day, and during that time to capture a few trout in the ponds near the base of Mt. Katahdin. Vacation address will be Kidney Pond Camps, Millinocket, Me. Ziegler Sargent, editor; Agnes W. B. Sargent, assistant editor.

First Lieutenant David C. Sargent of the Engineers, recently in England, wrote "On the High Seas" on July 19th: "This looks like the beginning of a new chapter in 'The Record', for we are at last aboard ship and sailing to points unknown. Beyond this there's not much that censorship will allow me to say. What lies ahead should be interesting, and I hope our unit makes a record for itself in which it can take pride. If it does, perhaps you may read something about us occasionally in the newspapers and may thereby learn more about what is going on than I am or will be at liberty to tell you. The last few days have been hectic ones but now we are able largely to relax, since the burden of worry and responsibility rests almost entirely with the ship's crew and the navy. I can't tell you anything about the ship except that I was happy to find Sargent hardware aboard. Opening a door and finding that familiar trade-mark engraved on the lock was like meeting an old friend in a totally unexpected corner of the globe. It's a real relief at last to be going where we have felt for so many months now that we should be. So don't worry. Everything will come out all right in the end, and perhaps it may all end earlier than we dare hope...."

Private (first class) Joseph Weir Sargent, Jr., of the Marines wrote from the training camp somewhere in the Pacific on July 15th: "Those robot planes must be terrific. I read where the German officials tell their people how the entire southern half of England has been wrecked and lies in ruins—how they have killed 12,000,000 people. No wonder the Germans fight so hard, they think they are winning and this takes off all the invasion pressure. I only hope the U. S. doesn't tell us such fantastic tales in our recent air battles or land victories. I guess unless one is there he will never know the truth. Daddy's plan, thee mentioned in thy last letter, sounds pretty good, but it won't work that way. It will be all new for me. Don't start sending me many books yet. I can't find time to read the best book out & when I do have time I am always resting." On July 24th Weir wrote: "I just got 'Life', June 26th, & it had quite an article on a South Sea island we have been to twice. If thee doesn't remember, look it up as the article is true & a remarkably clear picture of our life at one time. Everything going O.K. ... P.S. I see by 'Sargentrivia' a couple of cousins were on the U.S.S. Texas during invasion." (Ensign Caleb Loring, Jr., was on the U.S.S. Texas and his brother, Ensign David Loring, was on the U.S.S. Henrico-Ed.)

Private (first class) John N. Deming of the Infantry wrote V-mail from France on July 20th: "Dear Editors, Got your issues Nos. 9, 11, 12 yesterday along with 35 other letters, so it was quite a day for me. It was the first mail I had had in over seven weeks. Went from England to France without being able to see anyone I had hoped to see, and at present am with the 4th Division which has made such a good name for itself since D-day. We have had some pretty good shows and we in the line companies of the infantry get to get pretty close to Jerry—at times too darn close for comfort. I am a radio operator and going over these Normandy hedgerows with a fifty-pound set becomes a bit difficult at times. Got stuck in a fox hole during one show and had to have two guys pull me out, for my set wedged me in. So far am in good health, well fed and just hoping that lady luck stays with me. What we have seen of France is rather nice, all cut up into farms and orchards. So much for now."

First Lieutenant James C. Sargent's address is 0573249, 43d Bomb. Group, 63d Squadron, APO920, Care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. In connection with his move Jim wrote: "It will put me in a forward area, and this pleases me. I don't like the idea of being a rear guard or an arm-chair warrior; and even though we are in New Guinea, there are a great many of these strategists. Besides the squadron I am going to is composed of a great many very fine officers and men. Incidentally, it is the oldest operating heavy bomber squadron in this theater and it has an excellent record."

A second daughter was born to First Lieutenant Frederick K. and Janet Wyer Sargent on July 20th in the Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn. She has been named Sandra and weighed 7 1/2 lbs. at birth. She is the fourth grandchild of Richard C. and Ruth Kingsbury Sargent. Mother and daughter are reported as doing well. While Fred has been stationed in Utah Janet and her daughter Leslie have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wyer, at their summer home in Wayzata, Minn.

Cadet Daniel L. Tate, II, great grandson of Homer Earle Sargent, last winter injured his back in "Plebe" wrestling at West Point. He was in a cast from neck to hips for six weeks and hospitalized two and a half months. In June he was given a two and a half months sick leave. He expects to return to the Academy on September 1st, but because of his long enforced absence from classes he will be a member of the Class of 1947. Dan and his fiancée, Miss Jean Lewis, have been spending some time with his mother, Mrs. Sargent Tate, at their home in Saint Augustine, Fla.

Private Margaret S. Fisher of the Marines wrote from Congaree Field, Columbia, S.C., where she is teaching Recognition, on July 13th: "....The field was commissioned on Monday and now I am permanently attached to Head Quarters Squadron and will remain here at Congaree from now on. At least for the next ten months at any rate, as so far the Field is only commissioned for that length of time. But then you can't count on anything in the Marine Corps, so no telling what may happen between now and then. Yesterday most of our equipment, that we have been waiting for for over a month, arrived, and now we can really run this department properly. We got two new slide projectors and about a thousand slides of ships and planes. It certainly is a great relief to have them, and will make a lot of difference as far as teaching is concerned. So far all we have taught is the Jap Air Force, which we teach to the pilots, but starting next week we are going to instruct the Guard Detachment, which means starting from scratch with the American planes and working on up. That is the way I like to teach and it makes it more interesting, also now I can give tests so that way I can keep track of the progress of each individual. This slide projector has adjustable timing on it, and you can flash the pictures on the screen from a 5th of a second to a 100th. Also you can put it on fixation while explaining a plane. At Cherry Point we had a nice indoor pool, but here we have nothing on the base and the nearest lake is twenty-five miles away and rather difficult to get to. However I have been swimming twice. On July 19th Daisy wrote: "....The last four or five days the heat down here has been beyond anything - it is just awful. I am in the Dept. all alone now as Marie went back to the Point and I am doing all the work and taking all the classes. It is quite a job. Also everyone on the base has to drill from four until five every afternoon, and drilling in the hottest part of the day for one solid hour after a hard day's work takes everything out of us. The reason I haven't called thee is because we aren't allowed to make long distance calls from the base, and I haven't been ashore for over a month, except that one Saturday three weeks ago when I went in to get my shoes in the middle of the day and came right back. A lot of the girls that came down here with me on detached duty have returned to the Point and others have been sent to take their places. However there are still approximately fifty girls here - the field was commissioned last Monday and now we all are permanently attached to Headquarters."

Second Lieutenant Lawton G. Sargent, Jr., wrote from Millville, N. J., on July 17th: "....I enjoy my work here and am getting a lot of practical experience and flying time as well as gunnery. It's good to be able to lead formations for once and not to be responsible to someone else; of course you're responsible for your flight, but what you say goes. We usually fire a gunnery mission and then rat-race about the sky for a while doing rolls and such and practicing formation flying. I'm on 24 hours and off 24, so I have quite a bit of free time, though now I must take on certain tours of duty, such as Airdrome officer of working on mobile control (a radio unit set up at the beginning of the landing runway which assists in directing traffic and preventing accidents). We are now working a six day week (providing the weather is O.K.) so Sundays are free, and I can run up to Phila. either for the day, or go up Sat. night, depending on how my time is worked out. So life is fine and I'm enjoying my work and learning a great deal as well as doing a bit of extra-curricula activity on the outside. I'd like to be here about 2-3 months, as by the end of that I'll have a lot of flying time and some good experience behind me, and by then I'll feel I know a little bit more about fighter aircraft." Lawt spent 24 hours in New Haven with his family during the last week in July.

Candidate Bradford S. Tilney wrote from the Engineers Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Va., on July 20th: "....Last night I was assistant C.Q. Tonight at 5 my tour begins. I will sleep in the orderly room, miss classes on Friday and finish up at 5 P.M. It will make a good change. Yesterday was an interesting day in the field - firing the Bazooka, the sub-machine gun, the rifle grenade and the hand grenade. In addition it was the kind of day we often get at home with clear atmosphere and cumulous clouds. It made me quite homesick." Brad recently had a short visit from Josephine, his better half.

Dorothy Joan Wiser, daughter of Dorothy Sargent and Henry James Wiser, is to be married to Duncan Lyall MacDougall, of the Canadian Armored Corps, on Saturday, August 12th, at three P.M. in All Saints Church, Ottawa, Canada. The matron of honor is to be Mrs. E. C. McDonald, Jr., granddaughter of Lady Sherwood of Ottawa and wife of a U. S. Marine and Yale man stationed in the South Pacific. The bridesmaids are to be Jacqueline Whiton of Westport, Conn., Mrs. C. H. West of New York (sister of the groom) and Jean Brown of Ottawa. Joan has been referred to erroneously in these pages as Joan Ripley Wiser, the way she is listed in the "Supplement to Sargent Genealogy" (1925).

Flying Officer James Sargent Wiser received his promotion in rank shortly before his marriage. He hopes to attend his sister's wedding. Norma, his wife, is a Staff Sergeant in the C.W.A.C. and is "posted" now in Ottawa.

Thomas H. Wiser has recently gone to Fort William, Ontario, to take a position in the airplane factory of the Canadian Car and Foundry Co. He wrote on August 1st: "....The trip around the fringe of Lake Superior was beautiful, rock islands set way inland almost touching the shore, lumber camps nestling in the valleys along the edge of the water, even a German prison camp. I expected the land to be quite flat, but it was anything but that. Here and there were large Great Lake steamers unloading coal into nearby cars, great flour mills, and huge grain elevators."

Now I am in Brisbane. Alfred Shaw & Co. have a large business here. (Peabody) There are five or six other good concerns here. We are to leave here Nov 26th on the 'Pan-dua' one of the 'British India' line of mail steamers from London to Brisbane via Suez, Columbo, Batavia. We are booked for Batavia in the island of Java, where I expect to drink some real Java Coffee. From Batavia I am not sure where I shall go but I guess to Rangoon at the mouth of the Irrawaddy river in Burmah. (More likely to go to Ceylon from Batavia and then back East through Southern India to Madrass and then to Calcutta and then Rangoon.) From Rangoon I intend to go up some 800 miles into the interior of Burmah - at least as far as the British have gone - to Mandalay where the King of Birmah lives under British rule. The English captured the country a year or so since. Burmah is said to be a great country for all tropical fruits, such as Bananas, Pine apples, poisonous Snakes, Tigers, Oranges, dates, Leopards, Bread fruit - Elephants Cooanuts, tea, bears, coffee, spices of all sorts and very grand forests and rivers packed full of deadly fevers. We will go up the long sluggish river for six days to Mandalay and six days back - and see how the fever looks. We will stay in Mandalay and neighborhood jungles a month or two perhaps and then come down to Rangoon and go East - stopping at Perang Singapore and other cities that we can reach on our way to Hong Kong - At Hong Kong we shall expect letters care of Russell & Co. Hong Kong - via San Francisco. From Hong Kong we shall go to Japan - where our address will be care of Jardine, Mattheson & Co. via San Francisco care of Russell & Co. Hong Kong via San Francisco for letters mailed up to March 1, care of Jardine Mattheson & Co Yokohama via San Francisco letters mailed after March 1st. Just now I am of the opinion that I shall send home my samples from Yokohama, and go home and refit for South Africa or South America if best to go there. I have too many unsalable & heavy samples that do no good to carry about. Yours truly J.R.S."

Pictured below are three of the five daughters (who grew to maturity) of Curtis Lewis (1800-1882) and his wife Jane Gardner Collier (1807-1861) of Greensboro and Griffin, Ga. From left to right Elizabeth Collier Lewis (1829-1874), who married Joseph Bradford Sargent and became the ancestress of most of us, Laura Frances Lewis (1835-1908, who married Nathaniel Job Hammond) and Mary Jane Lewis (1841-1880, who married Joseph Palmer).



Lieutenant (J.G.) William M. McCawley, II's address is U.S.S. LaPrade, DE407, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif. The "D.E." stands for "Destroyer Escort". It is a fighting ship that guards convoys. Bill's wife, Sally Fisher McCawley, and baby daughter Sally are summering at the Sheldon House, Pine Orchard, Conn., in a bungalow with Sally's mother, Atlee Downs Fisher. Ye editors called on July 22d and saw the family including Weir and Fhebe Sargent, who were also Sheldon House guests, and Bill (William F.) Sargent. The baby, though having seen 365 days, lacked one day of being a year old and looked very much like her Aunt Louise Fisher (now cruising on Long Island Sound) at the same age. Ye editor was unsuccessful in persuading Sally to let him take the baby home with him.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- July 27 - Virginia Rice
daughter of May Sargent Rice
- August 1 - Jenifer Appleton Clark (3d)
daughter of John A. Clark
- 3 - Margaret Sargent Williams
daughter of Margaret Sargent Rice Williams
- 6 - Daniel Lisle Tate, II (22d)
son of Alice Maud Sargent Tate
- 9 - Howard Lewis Sargent
son of George Lewis Sargent

Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907) wrote the following letter to a son from Brisbane, Queensland, in Australia on November 18, 1889, while on a trip around the world: "Dear Lewis: The prices I have given prices on Looks and that now stand good in Brisbane, Sydney Melbourne and Adelaide and to Charles Rogers & Co. of Goulburn N.S.W. and Capper Son & Co. of West Maitland N.S.W. and Capper Bros. & Co of Newcastle N.S.W. are as below. See another sheet. I donot think it is the best way use a list and discount on the Looks to the parties as above but make out the invoices with these looks net - net cash - But if any order direct and want the terms to be ninety days sight draft payable in Brisbane, Sydney Melbourne or Adelaide, then make no difference in price and charge no interest. I donot suppose more than twoor three will order direct; but if they do it will be in anticipation of doing a growing business in our goods and with us. Don't let a little spurt of manufacturing and business activity at home drive away the little foreign business we may get, and especially not by curtness or inattention. Prices in England have advanced all along the line a little, but more on goods that are the nearest to the ore. I donot think looks and such articles are advanced at all but Screws have. It is Bar iron, sheet iron, galvanized iron & wire that are very much up. Immense amounts of corrugated galvanized sheet iron (heavy) is used for fences around home lots and nearly every house & other buildings are roofed with it. The whole country is being fenced with wire fencing. All these colonies (as large as the U.S.) are being settled rather rapidly but sparsely as to human population. I have a Melbourne friend who has recently taken up on 30 years lease from Queensland government 30,000 acres in the name of each of his five children (4 girls & 1 boy) and 30,000 for himself - all of which is to be as rapidly as possible divided into large fields or paddocks as they say here, say 1,000 to 5,000 acres to a paddock, and fenced with wire fences, and all must be within wire fences. Rent is one penny per acre per year - But government requires the fencing - Hundred & thousands of big farms have been taken up on same terms. I have another friend in Melbourne who with two others have 500,000 acres in New South Wales and Victoria, divided up by fences and 230,000 Sheep on the land - Their flocks averaged this Spring fully 6 lbs (wool) per Sheep or total, 1,380,000 lbs which sold in Melbourne at an average of 11d 22cts per lb cash at auction - (all wool sales are at auction) - over \$3,000,000 for the years crop and the flock was added to by lambs more than 100,000 which will make over 330,000 for next year if not sold for mutton or for new sheep farms. It takes from one to ten acres of wild land to support one sheep. But the land that will not support one sheep to 2 acres is not desirable. Sheep shearing is a great business here, sometimes 200 men being employed in one shed for one owner - a good shearer shears 100 sheep per day for £1- per 100 sheep - 20,000 sheep per day sheared in one shed. Wolselys sheep-shearing machines, run by power, are largely used. They out like a horse clipping shears and power is carried to them about as a dentist gets his when he is cutting away teeth - sheep business is wonderfully good this year and no losses. Best year in a dozen. Sometimes 25% of all the sheep die from hunger & thirst. Some owners lose almost their entire flocks and go into insolvency in years of great drought. Banks & Capitalists advance very largely on sheep and wool crop mortgages, the sheep farmers not often having the necessary means to own much in the sheep. A monstrous crop of wool averaging the best in quality as well as total weight ever raised. Grass has been so plenty and good that the Wool is good in every respect, long, strong and soft and flexible and elastic. Nearly the whole goes to England Germany & France free of duty where they make it up into clothing for protected American fools. As to my trip - I concluded to out New Zealand. I concluded that they are not yet quite in the market for many goods, not sufficiently so to make the trip there pay. They have been feeling very poor - as they did when I was there in Jan'y 1888. They are recovering however, and will soon take hold. But for a small market altogether it is divided into so many places that poor pickings in each costs too much to get. Melbourne or Sydney - either - does five times as much as all the cities of New Zealand put together.