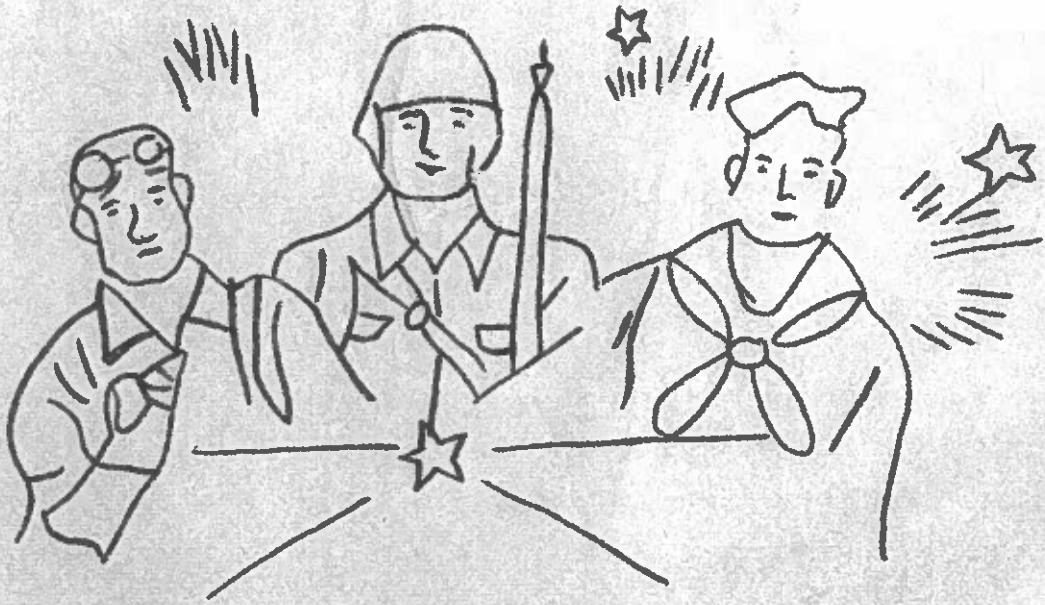


# ROCK HILL MESSENGER



JUNE 1944

TO OUR MEN IN THE SERVICE  
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Without any preliminaries we'll get to the letters. Mr. & Mrs. Nelson received the first two v-mails, and all are pretty interesting. We're giving you a whole new list of addresses this time. Quite a few have been changed since you had the last list.

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From Lt. Col. Elbert L. Nelson, now somewhere in England: Am in the best of health and getting three squares a day. Hope you can send me the church publication and also hope you find time to write. Have not seen anyone from Rock Hill. You can give the rest of the family my address. Have seen some beautiful country but will tell you about that later. Give my regards to everyone.

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Roy.

Bob McAllister has just recently arrived in England and writes:

Hello Everybody, received your letter today and sure glad to hear from you. You have probably learned by now that I have been moved around a little lately, across the "pool" and everything is as good as could be expected. The first time is pretty exciting, especially for us country jakes who never saw the ocean before. The sea was pretty calm considering everything. The waves jumped the deck once in awhile but was considered calm. This country is beautiful around here, so green and well kept. Every inch of ground is made use of, and looks fertile too. Ideal farming land. So Charles is back in the old harness again, eh? Well they couldn't have picked a better man for the job. I can feel for him tho, for I imagine the church and S.S. is going down some and will be harder to get things done. Glad to know there is regular preaching services, was wondering what the church was able to do. Am looking forward to receiving the "Messenger" in the mail soon. Always glad to get it. Tell the rest Hello.

Sincerely, Bob.

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From Wilson in China: Dear Loretta, I have been intending to write many times but you know how those things are. I do though want to thank you for the papers that you sent me and for the various cards I have received from my friends on the Hill. Needless to say, mail is our most prized luxury here in China so that every bit of it is most appreciated. The papers were very interesting as they gave me the latest news from the Hill. Though John continues to let me know about you people in his letters, I had been wondering just what the other fellows, who I had pal'd with so long, were doing. It makes me most happy to learn that they have been getting along so well. My life here in China has been rather varied but most interesting. I was very fortunate to be given my own station a few weeks ago so I am now busy getting it organized to suit my own tastes and needs. My work has been mostly with A.T.C. in forecasting the weather over their Hump route. Everyone knows the ruggedness of the Hump so they can appreciate the weatherman's problems. The ordinary rules which are so nice in the States just can't hold in this setup. At other times it has been necessary to become acquainted with the French Indo China and Burma area as there is a group of "Buss" boys near here who rely on us for help. All in all I think we are doing a fair job and give promise of doing much more as we learn the various intricacies of China. The climate of this section has been very nice. I imagine that it compares favorably with the best in the States though the Summer Monsoon may change my mind. Anyway being up over 6000 feet in the air has been most healthful and the rugged land and beautiful lakes has provided us with some pretty good hunting. The people of this section are most backward. They appear to have been through a lot. They are quite friendly and very good natured though they haven't a thing but the bare essentials. Naturally they disgust us at times but one really can't help but feel sorry for them. Well I must close and get back on the job. Give my regards to your folks and all my friends.

As ever, Wilson.