

## SARGENTRIVIA

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Ye editors foresee that it is going to be difficult to stick to their knitting. Sargentrivia began as a sort of letter to the editors' nephews in the service. While the mailing list has grown to nearly 50, we still think our primary obligation is to tell the boys in the service what is going on in the family "back home" and what the other boys are doing. This is war time, and we know how strict the military authorities are as to what may not be written about, so as to avoid giving possible help to the enemy. But even so, there is much that may be told and is being told in letters to parents that give clear and interesting pictures of activities. We welcome such letters, and try to use discretion in selecting the portions for our publication.

Lieutenant Bruce Fenn has been transferred from the Naval Air Station at Brunswick, Me., to Great Britain. His address is Care of Naval Attache of Air, American Embassy, 20 Grosvenor Square, London, England. He flew over in July. He and Gloria celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on July 3d. She is now living with her mother, Mrs. Frederick Gross, in Auburn, Me.

Bradford Sargent Tilney has volunteered and on July 29th was accepted for the Construction Workers Corps of the Army. He has been ordered to report at Camp Devens, Mass., on August 19th for induction into the Army. He expects to be assigned to the Engineer Corps and sent to Camp Claiborne, La. Brad is an architect by profession and for some months past has been working as a civilian attached to the United States Engineers' office in New York City. In order to give their baby the benefit of our Connecticut climate Josephine moved in the spring to their Cheshire house (which Brad designed and much of which built with his own hands). Pressure of work has prevented his spending more than one night a week at Cheshire with his family. Rhoda Tilney, his mother, has been sharing his apartment at 20 East 67th St., New York.

Promotions came during the last week in July to two of the Murray Sargent boys, both now officers in the Army Air Corps. James C. Sargent became a First Lieutenant on July 29th and two days later Murray Sargent, Jr., became a Captain. Jim is still stationed in Harrisburg, Pa., but hopes to get a few days' leave at the end of August and to go with Becky to the family's camp at Mountainy Pond, East Holden, Me. The Captain's station continues at Miami Beach, Fla. He hopes to get leave in early September to join Lucy and their two sons. She brought the boys north in June to get a change from Florida heat and has been visiting her mother, Mrs. R.R. Garfield at 833 Livingston Ave., Syracuse, N.Y.

Howard L. Sargent celebrated his birthday on August 9th. Many happy returns of the day.

Major Robert L. Fisher's present address is School of Applied Tactics, Army Air Base, Orlando, Florida. He has a new claim to distinction in being a grandfather - grandfather of tiny Sally McGawley.

First Lieutenant David C. Sargent writes from Camp Cooke, Calif., on July 25th: "Your queries as to what I do are always difficult to answer. I sit in the Chief-of-Staff's private office and act as his assistant. I read everything that comes into the office (and that's a good deal) whether it be restricted, secret or confidential. I decide what the Chief-of-Staff needs to see and usually try to mark those things which are most deserving of his attention. I supervise the work of the warrant officer and corporal who are connected with section and see that the routine office work runs smoothly. When the Chief-of-Staff wants something done, I quite often act as the middle man. Sometimes "The Chief" needs research on a certain subject such as the ceremony of retreat parades or officers insignia and I am often delegated to do the research required. My main job involves learning all I can of Division operations so that I can be better prepared to do my job of liaison in the field. I don't know if this gives any better picture than you had previously, but it may help. The thing boils down pretty much to this - I am not a "big-shot," but I am working with practically all the "big-shots", and that's always interesting." The Chief-of-Staff is second in command to the Commanding General of the Division. Under the Chief-of-Staff are the following, which gives an idea of the Staff set-up: G-1 (Administration), G-2 (Intelligence), G-3 (Training & Tactical Planning), G-4 (Supply), AG (Adjutant General Section), IG (Inspection General), JA (Judge Advocate), Surg. (Division Surgeon), CWO (Chemical Warfare Officer), Finance (Division Finance), SSO (Special Service Officer), Signal (Division Signal Officer), QM (Division Quartermaster), Ord. (Ordnance Officer), Amn. (Ammunition Officer), Chap. (Division Chaplain), Arty. (Division Artillery Command). On August 1st Dave writes: " \* \* \* The more I see of the world the more I like New England - even with its cold winters and hot summers - its slush and its rain - its floods and its droughts. And I don't think this is just a case of absence making the heart grow fonder. We have had a number of "bull sessions" of late and those that have taken a political turn have uncovered a lot of anti-administration sentiment among the officers of this Division. Perhaps this bodes well for 1944. Another thing one notices is a hatred of John L. Lewis, an impatience with labor strikes of any kind and disgust for the obvious politics within the President's official family. Points upon which agreement is hardest to find are post-war plans. And the net impression you get is that there are very



few people who have in their minds even the ingredients of a solution for the post-war world. There is pretty much agreement up to the point that the Axis must be defeated, but from that point on little has formulated in the way of concrete ideas. Most people seem to take an attitude of hope that someone has the solution, but unless more thought is given to this subject than appears on the surface, I fear great issues will be decided by a thoroughly unenlightened electorate. I have been trying to read something on the subject, having waded through Spykman's American Strategy in World Politics, and having before me Michael Straight's Make This The Last War \* \* \* and Vincent Sheean's Between the Thunder and the Sun. \* \* \* I don't yet know if these will help or not to point the way to a solution. \* \* \* Another book - Storm, by George Stewart - I am reading and enjoying now. \* \* \*

Private Joseph Weir Sargent, Jr., of the Marines wrote from his Pacific station on July 19th: "Many thanks for the book 'Vichy, two years at deception'. I was very much interested in it and never found it boring, but got a lot out of it which before was rather hazy. Parts were deep for a guy stuck out here but I learned a lot and it cleared up a lot which I didn't understand before. Another Sargent-trivia has arrived and I enjoy it although I don't know many of my relations. At night it gets pretty cool, in fact cold to us. These months are supposed to be winter and the trade winds blow pretty hard. I should judge it gets down to 65 and God does that feel cold to us!! \* \* \*

Lucy Holland Putnam writes from Prout's Neck, Maine, her old vacation spot: "The last Holland news is that Rupert's only daughter, Eleanor (Eleanor Sargent by the way), has just graduated from college and has become a WAC. She is now at Fort Ogelthorpe, Georgia. Hot enough, I imagine! Leicester Holland's wife, Louise, has had a very interesting job with the Midvale Steel in Germantown working in one of the laboratories repairing the delicate instruments known as Pyrometers and Potentiometers for measuring the heat of the blast furnaces. Tho small they sometimes have as many as 200 parts. Rupert has been doing the "literary" end of the descriptions of gun mounts in some big factory. George and I are humble citizens, but we have no help of any kind, so as cook and butler we are holding up our end."

Captain Nathaniel Hammond Bailey, of the Quartermaster Corps of the Army, as reported in our Number 4 issue, has recently moved to an apartment at 183 South Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, Pa. His wife and daughter (both Marys) are with him. His nephew, Ensign Caleb Loring, Jr., is on the U.S.S. "Texas", Care Fleet P.O., New York City, N.Y.

Tennis and school presidencies seem to run in the G.I. Sargent family. Molly McCance writes: "Forbes, our son, has just taken the tennis championship at his school - Darrow in New York State - and too he is President of the school. We think that's worth recording! Can't keep the Sargents down."

Hilda Sargent Ham has recently christened a ship, the "Mary Lyon".

Margaret Sargent Williams celebrated her 23d birthday on August 3d. Many happy returns of the day. She is employed by Day, Stoddard & Williams, Inc., 95 Elm Street, New Haven. As a grandchild of Aunt May Sargent Rice, Margie shared in the recent distribution by the Sargent Trust Estate.

Captain Thomas D. Sargent in response to a request from the editors gives a lucid description of his work under date of August 5th: "I'm not starting a "Letters to the Editors" department nor am I going to cancel my subscription. I'm not a subscriber, not even on the mailing list - just a reader - but I got a couple of kicks on your pub. You have Weir Sargent, Jr. and Lawton Sargent, Jr., crowding us a little. If they're getting paid by the line that's one thing, but now that we all know the one is counting dogs and the other is counting girls let's give more space to some others. I want to know more about Becky. I think we've got something there. Confidentially, Editor, who is she? And can she really cook, Bob? She certainly can write. Let's have some more Becky. To get back to Lawton, Jr., he's leaving a trail through the Middle South, just like his father. Cleveland still remembers Lawton, Sr., at least all the (word blurred - Ed.) do, and one Charlie Vilas. I suggest Sargent-trivia prints no names of young things without also giving addresses & telephone numbers. Mrs. Handley & Caroline Wood are both in my territory. Besides I get paid eight cents a mile rail fare by you taxpayers, so it's really quite simple to get around. Went to Omaha (that's in Nebraska, Weir Jr., or have you got a map now) last week but nobody was there, not even my commanding general whom I went to see. Suppose all the Sargents in the service are bored with the confusion of titles, but I think some will smile at one experience I had in Cleveland. A Major Chace and I went to see the head of the W.P.B. and as I approached the information desk I said "Capt. Sargent and Major Chace to see the Director". "My God" he bellowed in the girl's ear "make up your mind and tell Capt.--Sergeant-Major Chace to come in." He felt much better toward General Ulio when two of us walked in. Wish to call your attention to a slight error on page 3, Vol. 1 of your July 27, '43 edition and hope you will publish correction at first opportunity. I didn't move my office from Cleveland to St. Louis. General Ulio at Gen'l Somerville's request (at the suggestion of Gen'l Carter, Fiscal Director) found that St. Louis was hotter than Cleveland and moved me instead.

This is certainly a Yale town even to the (another blurr - Ed.) but Wes Shapleigh and I are soon going to play customers golf unless my office gets moved again. Aside from the slight criticism mentioned above I think your "sheet" is great and a grand way to learn in two easy lessons who's where & what and to whom, but give us a little more of "to whom". As the Epitaph (Readers Digest Aug.) read, "Tip us a little toward Tillie". P.S. In spite of what Private (F.C.) John M. Deming says, don't spend your S. & Co. dividend on "Stage Door Canteen". It's a lousy movie, at least the part I saw was. P.S.S. If you've got a lost & found dept. ask the Skerretts where Lt. H. M. Bulen et ux. are or is Westover Field blown off the map."

Louise Sargent Hinkley and her family in June moved from Catskill, N.Y., to an old colonial house on Lowder St., Dedham, Mass., while her husband, J. William Hinkley, 3d, is doing work in connection with the war effort at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge. Bill has a leave of absence for the "duration" from the Central Hudson Power and Light Company. The Hinkleys have three children: Jimmie aged 9; Suzie aged 6 and Joseph aged 4.

Russell Sargent Fenn, Jr., is working for Sargent & Company, now largely producing for the government, and is responsible for getting materials from W.P.B. to keep the wheels turning. Sargent and Franny live at 11 Autumn St., New Haven, with their two children, Francine, aged 4 1/2; and Bruce, aged two.

Aunt Edith Woolsey on August 3d moved to her house, "Ballyhack", at Cornwall, Conn., where she expects to be with her niece, Miss Laura Heermance, for the remainder of the summer. Agnes went with them as chauffeur in the latter's car (with O.P.A.'s blessing) to spend a couple of days and nights in old familiar haunts.

Sally Fisher McCawley's baby reported in the last Sargentrivia has been named Sally Grymes McCawley. She was born in the Bryn Mawr (Pa.) Hospital at 10 a.m. on July 23d weighing 8 lbs. 1 1/2 oz. Mother and baby are reported to be doing well. Bill (William Morris McCawley, 2d), the baby's father and a Navy ensign on sea duty, arrived on four days leave just five minutes before his daughter saw the light of day. Tiny Sally probably has not yet tumbled to the fact that she holds distinction in possessing four living great grandparents: Mrs. William Morris McCawley, the Samuel H. Fishers and Mrs. Downs.

Ye editors plan a two weeks' vacation in the Maine woods at the end of August to dodge the hay fever bug and to help the meat shortage by the substitution of trout. Headquarters will be at Kidney Pond, at the foot of Mt. Katahdin.

We hear that one member of the family when he can find neither his chauffeur nor his car calls up the mayor and has a police car do the searching.

Commendation is due to the grandfathers and grandmothers in the family (though in no sense limited to that group) for the way they have sacrificed their comforts and pitched in during the war emergency in all sorts of ways, some devoting many hours to the war agencies and others doing homely but necessary work, all contributing to the winning of the war. A sample is the activity of John Sargent, Meadow Lane, Greenwich, Conn., as told in a letter to one of his children: "I am probably the busiest man in the world these days - no exceptions. This past week I have mounted all the maps you sent us (and a darned good job, too, in spite of the "help" from one J.H. Buck, III.); have been to New Haven on S. & Co. business; worked in the garden; clipped an enormous lot of stuff to the east side of the house - to keep it all from reverting to jungle; have helped considerably in the marketing (no easy job these days); have gathered quantities of Jap. bottles; reupholstered chairs; and you should see the painting - iron work and tubs etc. That is just a sample - not all by any means. Now I must hustle into my jeans and get to 'work'."

Some months ago ye editor attended a luncheon meeting of a group of New Haven manufacturers where Mr. Wilson H. Lee, aged 91 but still active in business, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his long service to the City and to industry. He responded by saying, among other things, that he "was pleased to see some of the old timers present, Levi Snow (aged over 80 - Ed.) and Ziegler Sargent." . . . Some days ago a government official was at Sargent & Company, and ye editor and several others (but not Forbes Sargent, who was out of town) had an interesting session with him. A few days later the same government official appeared again, saw Forbes and told him that on his previous visit he had met Forbes' father! Phew!



To answer questions of some members of the family the twelve children of Joseph Bradford Sargent and Elizabeth Collier Lewis are listed below in the first column and their thirty grandchildren and fifty great grandchildren in the second and third columns.

Elizabeth Craft Sargent  
m. Bruce Fenn

Henry Bradford Sargent  
m. Harriet Amelia Oaks

Laura Sargent  
William Boggs Sargent  
Edward Rupert Sargent  
m. Helen Lawton  
Joseph Denny Sargent  
m. Clara Louise Weir

George Lewis Sargent  
m. Alice Bessie Forbes

Russell Sargent  
m. Margaret Berrien Motte

May Sargent  
m. William Acker Rice

Ellen Page Sargent  
m. Bruce Fenn  
Margaret Sargent  
m. Samuel Herbert Fisher

John Sargent  
m. Mrs. Anne Hoyt Clark

Not shown above: John A. Clark, stepson of John Sargent, two stepsons of Hilda Sargent Ham and two stepdaughters of Catherine Rice Pulford

Russell Sargent Fenn

Elizabeth Collier Sargent  
Ziegler Sargent  
Rhoda Miles Sargent  
m. Robert F. Tilney, 2d

Murray Sargent

Bradford Sargent

Lawton Griswold Sargent

Joseph Weir Sargent

Julian Ferguson Sargent  
Thomas Denny Sargent

William Fisher Sargent  
Louise Ferguson Sargent  
m. James William Hinkley, 3d

Eleanor Strong Sargent  
Richard Collier Sargent

Sydney Forbes Sargent  
Dorothy Sargent  
m. Henry James Wiser

Hilda Sargent  
m. Roswell G. Ham  
Mary Denny Sargent  
m. William Hodge McCance  
Howard Lewis Sargent

Charles Forbes Sargent

Loring Motte Sargent  
Barbara Louise Sargent  
m. (1) George Wilson Grove

m. (2) Ludwig K. Moorehead  
Catherine Rice  
m. Alfred Ely Pulford  
Margaret Sargent Rice  
m. Marshall Henry Williams  
Laura Lewis Rice  
m. Charles Kenneth Deming

Virginia Rice

Margaret Crossette Fisher  
m. Theodore Babbitt

Robert Lewis Fisher

Jean Sargent  
m. Richard Albin Buck  
David Collier Sargent

Bruce Fenn, 2d  
Russell Sargent Fenn, Jr.  
Converse Gray Fenn

Bradford Sargent Tilney  
Sylvia Murray Tilney  
m. H.H. Skerrett, Jr.  
Murray Sargent, Jr.  
James Cunningham Sargent  
Henry Bradford Sargent  
John Moffat Sargent

Lawton Griswold Sargent, Jr.

Joseph Weir Sargent, Jr.  
Phebe McKean Sargent  
m. Willing Howard  
Stevia Warner Sargent

Thomas Owen Sargent  
Joseph Denny Sargent

Jimmie Hinkley  
Suzie Hinkley  
Joseph Denny Sargent Hinkley

Richard Collier Sargent, Jr.  
Frederick Kingsbury Sargent

James Sargent Wiser  
Thomas Huntington Wiser  
Joan Ripley Wiser  
David Sargent Ham

Pressley Forbes McCance  
Mary Sargent McCance  
Florence Louise Sargent  
Howard Lewis Sargent, Jr.  
Dorothy Sargent  
Elizabeth Day Sargent  
Charles Forbes Sargent, Jr.

Ann Loring Grove  
m. Arthur Nicholson Turner  
George Sargent Grove  
Michael Motte Grove  
Barbara Moorehead

Margaret Sargent Williams

John Nelson Deming  
Elizabeth Lewis Deming  
Catherine Virginia Deming  
Linda Deming  
William Acker Rice Deming

Theodore Fisher Babbitt  
Thomas Collier Babbitt  
Samuel Thayer Babbitt  
Sarah Atlee Fisher  
Margaret Sargent Fisher  
Phebe Norton Fisher  
Roberta Louise Fisher  
Sandra Buck  
John Halsey Buck, 3d