

WITH THIS NUMBER IS BEING MAILED AN INDEX TO THE ISSUES PUBLISHED FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 1955 (VOL. 13, NOS. 1-6). ZIEGLER SARGENT, EDITOR; AGNES W.B. SARGENT, ASSISTANT EDITOR.

CYNTHIA GARFIELD SARGENT, DAUGHTER OF MURRAY, JR., AND LUCY GARFIELD SARGENT, WAS BORN ON THURSDAY, JUNE 23, AT THE NORWALK (CONN.) HOSPITAL. SHE IS THEIR FOURTH CHILD AND FIRST DAUGHTER. SHE WEIGHED 7 LBS., 13 OZ., AND ACCORDING TO HER FATHER "IS THE SHORTEST AND CHUBBIEST OF OUR BABIES." HE ADDED THAT SHE AND LUCY "WILL COME HOME (WESTPORT, CONN.) SUNDAY OR MONDAY. EVERYBODY INCLUDING THE FATHER IS DOING FINE." DURING A WEEK OF EXPECTANCY MURRAY MOTORED TO NEW HAVEN TO ATTEND HIS YALE CLASS' TWENTIETH REUNION, RETURNING HOME AT NIGHT. THE BABY IS THE EIGHTH GRANDCHILD OF MURRAY AND MARY CUMMINGHAM SARGENT. SHE IS A GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER OF HENRY BRADFORD SARGENT (1851-1927) AND IS THE 73D GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILD OF JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907). SHE IS NAMED FOR HER MOTHER'S SISTER.

PETER TULLOCH SARGENT, SON OF THOMAS OWEN AND KATHRYN TULLOCH SARGENT, WAS BORN ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, AT 7:16 P.M. IN THE DEACONESS HOSPITAL AT BILLINGS, MONT. HE IS THEIR SECOND SON, OWEN BEING NOW TWO YEARS OLD. HE WEIGHED 6 LBS., 14 OZ. HE WAS NAMED PETER BECAUSE HE WAS BORN ON ST. PETER'S DAY. HE IS A GRANDSON OF THOMAS DENNY AND ELIZABETH (LIB) OWEN SARGENT, A GREAT GRANDSON OF JOSEPH DENNY SARGENT (1860-1936), AND THE 74TH GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILD OF JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907). KATHY WROTE: "PETER IS AS SWEET AS CAN BE. HE IS AS BLOND AS OWEN IS DARK. AT THE MOMENT WE ARE JUST ATTEMPTING TO RIDE OUT THIS MONTANA SUMMER HEAT BY EXERTING AS LITTLE EFFORT AS POSSIBLE IN ANY DIRECTION." TOM IS CURATE IN ST. LUKE'S CHURCH. THEY LIVE AT 119 NORTH 33D ST., BILLINGS, MONT.

JOSEPH DENNY SARGENT, YOUNGER SON OF THOMAS DENNY AND ELIZABETH (LIB) OWEN SARGENT OF FARMINGTON, CONN., WAS MARRIED ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25, AT 4 O'CLOCK, TO MISS MARY ALEXANDRA TENNANT, DAUGHTER OF DR. AND MRS. ROBERT TENNANT OF WEST HARTFORD, CONN. THE MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE IN ST. JAMES CHURCH IN WEST HARTFORD, THE REVEREND DOUGLAS W. KENNEDY OFFICIATING. THE ALTAR WAS DECORATED WITH WHITE CARNATIONS, SNAPDRAGONS AND BABY'S BREATH. A RECEPTION FOLLOWED AT THE COUNTRY CLUB OF FARMINGTON. THE BRIDE WAS GIVEN IN MARRIAGE BY HER FATHER. SHE WORE A GOWN OF IVORY DUCHESS SATIN, STYLED WITH A BASQUE BODICE WITH A BERTHA AND LONG SLEEVES OF CHANTILLY LACE TOPPING A VOLUMINOUS SKIRT OF UNPRESSED PLEATS FLOWING INTO A FULL CATHEDRAL TRAIN. HER TRIPLE LAYERED VEIL OF ILLUSION FELL FROM A JULIET CAP OF SATIN AND SILVER THREADED LACE. SHE CARRIED A BOUQUET OF WHITE BUTTERFLY ROSES. MISS BARBARA D. TENNANT, WHO WAS HER SISTER'S MAID OF HONOR, WORE A GOWN OF MAIZE SUMMER TAFFETA AND A TINY OPEN CROWN HAT OF MAIZE FLOWERS, AND CARRIED FRENCH ROSES. THE FIVE BRIDESMAIDS WERE: MISS JEANNE B. BELDEN OF SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO; MISS JOAN N. BRINKLEY OF GREENWICH; MISS SUZANNE SHARPE OF HARTFORD, MISS WINIFRED V. WEMPLE OF SCHENECTADY, N.Y.; AND MISS CAROLYN E. WEEKS OF WEST HARTFORD. THEY WORE SEA FOAM BLUE TAFFETA GOWNS AND CARRIED GOLDEN RAPTURE ROSES.

QUENTIN A. DEWING OF HARTFORD WAS BEST MAN. THE USHERS WERE DONALD S. COONS OF NEW YORK, BROOKS M. KELLEY OF LAKE FOREST, ILL., EDWARD G. EWING OF GARRISON, MD., LAWRENCE R. SMITH, JR., OF WEST HARTFORD, ARTHUR N. MILLIKEN OF SIMSBURY, JOSEPH VAN VLECK, 3D, OF WEST HARTFORD, JAMES STEVENSON OF NEW YORK, AND DONALD B. READ OF FARMINGTON.

MARY GRADUATED FROM THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AND HAS COMPLETED HER SOPHOMORE YEAR AT SMITH COLLEGE. SHE WAS HONORED AT THE HOLLY BALL IN 1953 AND IS A MEMBER OF THE COTILLION CLUB IN HARTFORD. JOE IS A GRADUATE OF ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL AND OF YALE, CLASS OF 1952. HE IS WITH CONNING & CO., HARTFORD INVESTMENT BROKERS.

NORMAN PETTIT, SON OF MILLICENT LEWIS PETTIT, WAS MARRIED ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25, AT 4 O'CLOCK TO MISS BEATRICE BINGER, DAUGHTER OF DR. AND MRS. CARL BINGER OF CAMBRIDGE, MASS. THE MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE IN THE ROSE GARDEN OF THE BINGERS' SUMMER HOME IN LITTLE COMPTON, R.I. THE REVEREND FREDERICK R. GRIFFIN, D.D., MINISTER EMERITUS OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA, PERFORMED THE CEREMONY. HE HAD UNITED IN MATRIMONY THE BRIDEGROOM'S MOTHER, HIS SISTER, EMILY PETTIT WHITNEY, ALSO HIS UNCLE, W. SARGENT LEWIS, AND THE LATTER'S DAUGHTER, EMILY LEWIS LATTIMORE. CHAMBER MUSIC BEFORE AND AFTER THE CEREMONY WAS PLAYED BY A QUINLET OF STRINGS, OBOE, AND FLUTE. THE PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL WAS AN ARRANGEMENT OF A PURCELL TRUMPET VOLUNTARY (ORIGINALLY COMPOSED FOR ORGAN AND TRUMPET). MUSIC PLAYED DURING THE RECEPTION INCLUDED PIECES BY BYRD AND MOZART, (THE TRUMPET VOLUNTARY MAY BECOME A FAMILY TRADITION AS A PROCESSIONAL, FOR IT WAS ALSO PLAYED AT THE LEWIS-LATTIMORE WEDDING ON FEBRUARY 24, 1951.) THE RECEPTION WAS HELD IN A TENT ON THE LAWN.

THE BRIDE WAS GIVEN IN MARRIAGE BY HER FATHER. SHE WORE A LOVELY DRESS, BARE AT THE THROAT AND FULL IN THE TRAIN OF ANTIQUE IVORY SATIN. HER VEIL WAS OF IVORY ANTIQUE LACE HELD BY AN ORANGE BLOSSOM WREATH. HER BOUQUET WAS WHITE. HER ATTENDANTS WERE MISS JOAN BROCKWAY (HER ROOMMATE AT RADCLIFFE), MRS. KITTY BINGER EAMES (HER SISTER), AND LUCIA NORTON (HER YOUNG COUSIN). THEY WERE ATTIRED IN STREET-LENGTH DRESSES OF PEACH LINEN WITH MOSS GREEN VELVETEEN SASHES AND GREEN LINEN SHOES. SIMPLE GREEN AND FLOWERED FILLETS HELD THEIR HAIR. THE BRIDE'S MOTHER WAS GOWNED IN A TAILORED PEACH LINEN DRESS. THE GROOM'S MOTHER WORE BLUE AND WHITE PLAID VOILE AND A SMALL HAT.

HORACE PETTIT, JR., WAS HIS BROTHER'S BEST MAN. THE USHERS WERE DAVID BINGER, THE BRIDE'S BROTHER, AND HAMILTON HORN OF PHILADELPHIA. AFTER TOSSING HER BOUQUET OUT OF A SECOND STORY WINDOW (CAUGHT BY JOAN BROCKWAY) THE BRIDE AND GROOM DROVE AWAY IN A GOVERNESS CART PULLED BY A CHESTNUT PONY, THE BRIDE WEARING A BECOMING COTTON DRESS OF VARIOUS SHADES OF GREEN, CUT SQUARE AT THE THROAT AND A VERY FULL SKIRT. THEIR HONEYMOON WAS SPENT IN MAINE, PART OF THE TIME AT THE PETTIT HOUSE AT NORTH HAVEN. THEY PLAN TO LEAVE FOR NORWAY AT THE END OF JULY FOR A WALKING TRIP AND THEN TO ENGLAND,

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WHERE NORMAN, A GRADUATE OF HARVARD, HAS ONE MORE YEAR AT WADHAM COLLEGE, OXFORD. AFTER COMPLETING THIS COURSE HE PLANS TO ENTER THE PUBLISHING BUSINESS IN THIS COUNTRY. BICI'S MOTHER WAS CLARINDA GARRISON, A DESCENDANT OF WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON, PUBLISHER OF THE LIBERATOR.

EMILY LEWIS LATTIMORE ADDS: "ONE OF THE UNIQUE AND CONGENIAL FEATURES OF THIS WEDDING WAS THAT MANY OF THE GUESTS CAME THE EVENING BEFORE, TO ENJOY TOGETHER A CLAMBAKE FOLLOWED BY A DANCE. THIS GAVE MANY OF US WHO HAD NOT SEEN EACH OTHER IN SEVERAL YEARS A CHANCE TO ENJOY EACH OTHER'S COMPANY. THERE WERE SEVERAL VERY YOUNG COUSINS AND NOT A FEW OLDER ONES FOR WHOM A ONE DAY ROUND TRIP WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT. LAST BUT NOT LEAST WE REALLY GOT A CHANCE TO MEET THE BINGERS AND THEIR FRIENDS, AND FOUND THEM DELIGHTFUL AND INTERESTING."

DIANA YANDELL DILLON, STEPDAUGHTER OF JOHN APPLETON CLARK AND DAUGHTER OF ELIZABETH YANDELL CLARK, IS ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED TO ELIOT CHANNING CLARKE, SON OF JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE OF BOSTON AND THE LATE MRS. CLARKE. DIANA IS THE DAUGHTER OF JOHN H. DILLON AND IS A GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE LATE MR. AND MRS. LUNSFORD PITTS YANDELL OF GREENWICH, CONN. SHE GRADUATED FROM MILTON (MASS.) ACADEMY AND ATTENDED RADCLIFFE COLLEGE. SHE MADE HER DEBUT IN 1953 IN NEW YORK AT THE JUNIOR ASSEMBLIES AND IN BOSTON AT THE DEBUTANTE COTILLION. ELIOT IS AN ALUMNUS OF THE MIDDLESEX SCHOOL, CONCORD, MASS., GRADUATED FROM HARVARD IN 1951, WHERE HE BELONGED TO THE D.U. CLUB AND HASTY PUDDING-INSTITUTE OF 1770, AND ALSO FROM THE HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. THE WEDDING IS PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER. THE JOHN CLARKS LIVE AT 301 SWARTHMORE AVENUE, PACIFIC PALISADES, CALIF.

HOWARD (PETER) L. SARGENT, JR., RECEIVED THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19. HIS FATHER WROTE TO YE EDITOR FROM SAN FRANCISCO ON JUNE 21: ". . . THE REASON FOR OUR BEING HERE IS THE CONFERRING OF AN M.D. LAST SUNDAY ON DR. PETER H.L. SARGENT. YES, THERE IS ANOTHER DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE OF SARGENT. IT HAS BEEN A LONG GRIND OF 8 YEARS AT STANFORD, BUT WELL WORTH IT, AND NOW OF COURSE WE ARE VERY PROUD OF HIM. HE WILL INTERNE STARTING JULY 1ST AT STANFORD LANE HOSPITAL IN SAN FRANCISCO."

THOMAS H. WISER, SON OF DOROTHY SARGENT WISER, HAS RECENTLY BECOME A SALES ENGINEER FOR AEROQUIP (CANADA) LTD., AIRCRAFT DIVISION, WHICH HAS JUST OPENED A PLANT IN TORONTO, CANADA, WHERE TOM LIVES. AS AN ADDITIONAL INTEREST TOM HAS BEEN TRYING TO DO SOME WRITING, IN CONNECTION WITH WHICH HE HAS TAKEN A COURSE IN JOURNALISM. AN ARTICLE BY HIM APPEARED IN THE GLOBE AND MAIL OF TORONTO ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25, ENTITLED "SHAMROCK V'S SAIL HOME - STRUGGLE WITH FIERCE SEAS". IT IS THE EXCITING STORY OF THE TRIP BACK TO ENGLAND OF THE "SLOOP WHICH WAS SIR THOMAS LIPTON'S LAST AND FINEST CHALLENGER FOR THE AMERICA'S CUP", IN OCTOBER 1930 AFTER ITS DEFEAT BY THE ENTERPRISE. TOM AND ELAINE WITH THEIR YOUNG SON LIVE AT 15 COLONIAL AVE., TORONTO 13, CANADA.

SARGENT & COMPANY, NEW HAVEN, HAS RECENTLY MADE THREE TOP ADMINISTRATIVE PROMOTIONS. HERMAN R. GIESE, VICE PRESIDENT AND WORKS MANAGER, WAS MADE GENERAL MANAGER AND A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. CHARLES A. ELLIS, MANAGER OF PRODUCT ENGINEERING AND RESEARCH, WAS ELECTED A VICE PRESIDENT. STANLEY R. CULLEN, WHO HAS BEEN ASSISTANT WORKS MANAGER, WAS PROMOTED TO WORKS MANAGER. MR. GIESE, A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AND OF THE HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, JOINED THE SARGENT ORGANIZATION IN 1942 AS WORKS MANAGER, BECAME A VICE PRESIDENT IN 1945 AND A DIRECTOR IN 1951. MR. ELLIS, A GRADUATE OF MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CAME TO THE COMPANY IN 1953 AS ASSISTANT MANAGER OF PRODUCT ENGINEERING AND RESEARCH. WITHIN THE YEAR HE BECAME MANAGER, SUCCEEDING W. SARGENT LEWIS, VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY, WHO ORGANIZED THE DEPARTMENT IN 1942. MR. CULLEN, A GRADUATE OF YALE, JOINED THE SARGENT ORGANIZATION IN 1941, HAS BEEN PERSONNEL MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.

HENRY BRADFORD SARGENT (1851-1927) IS BRIEFLY DESCRIBED IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF HARDWARE CONSULTANT BY JOHN R. SCHOEMER, THE EDITOR AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL BUILDERS' HARDWARE ASSOCIATION. THE ARTICLE IS CHAPTER 4 OF "PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS", AND INCLUDES RECOLLECTIONS INTERESTINGLY TOLD OF HIS ACTIVITIES AS A SALESMAN FOR SARGENT & COMPANY. BEFORE ENTERING ON DUTIES IN THE SOUTH HE SPENT A BRIEF PERIOD IN NEW HAVEN. "THE SARGENT FAMILY WAS A LARGE ONE - ALL SONS AND SONS-IN-LAW OF THE FOUNDER, JOSEPH B. SARGENT, WHO WAS NOW DECEASED. THE PRESIDENT WAS HIS OLDEST SON, HENRY B. SARGENT, A MAN OF CONSIDERABLE CHARM AND ERUDITION. IN FACT, CHARM WAS INBRED IN EVERY MEMBER OF THE SARGENT FAMILY THAT I KNEW, SONS AND GRANDSONS. THEY WERE DELIGHTFUL PEOPLE TO WORK FOR. H.B.S. WAS A PROFESSORIAL TYPE AND I LOVED TO SIT SILENTLY BY IN THE EVENING LISTENING TO HIM TALK. HE HAD A GREAT FUND OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE. HIS HEALTH WAS ROBUST AND HE NEVER WORE AN OVERCOAT, EVEN IN THE SEVEREST WEATHER. THE SARGENTS WERE ALWAYS INTERESTED IN THE SOUTH AND THE FIRM HAD A FINE REPUTATION IN THAT AREA. DURING THE TRYING DAYS FOLLOWING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES, THEY HAD EXTENDED LIBERAL TERMS TO MANY FIRMS TO ENABLE THEM TO SURVIVE AND I FOUND EVIDENCES OF APPRECIATION OF THIS WHEN I TRAVELED ON MY NEW TERRITORY."

SARGENT & COMPANY OF NEW HAVEN FIRST BEGAN TO MAKE PAPER BOXES REQUIRED FOR THE BUSINESS IN 1880. IN DECEMBER 1879 THE THIRD FLOOR IN THE FORMER PAVILION HOTEL, RECENTLY USED TO HOUSE FAMILIES OF EMPLOYEES, WAS FITTED UP FOR THE PURPOSE. HENRY ODENKIRCHEN WAS THE FIRST FOREMAN OF THE PAPER BOX DEPARTMENT IN WHAT WAS NOW CALLED BUILDING X. THE HEAVIER USE OF THE BUILDING REQUIRED MUCH STRENGTHENING OF FLOORS, INCLUDING BEAMS AND POSTS, ALSO THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATOR AND STAIRWAY ADDITION ON THE WALLACE STREET END.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- AUGUST 1 - (14TH) JENIFER APPLETON CLARK, DAUGHTER OF JOHN APPLETON CLARK  
 3 - MARGARET SARGENT WILLIAMS CASANOVA, DAUGHTER OF MARGARET RICE WILLIAMS  
 4 - LEICESTER SARGENT LEWIS, SON OF EMILY SARGENT LEWIS  
 (3D) JEAN HOLLAND DONNELL, DAUGHTER OF ROXANA HOLLAND (TATE) DONNELL  
 5 - (8TH) STEPHEN DENNY SARGENT, SON OF JAMES CUNNINGHAM SARGENT  
 6 - DANIEL LISLE TATE, SON OF ALICE SARGENT TATE  
 8 - (9TH) AMY RICE GOELLER, DAUGHTER OF ELIZABETH (BIBBY) DEMING GOELLER  
 (8TH) EMLI-ANN (BEE) CRANDALL PARKER, DAUGHTER OF PHEBE-NORTON FISHER PARKER  
 9 - HOWARD LEWIS SARGENT, SON OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT  
 10 - (6TH) BRUCE KINGSBURY SARGENT, SON OF FREDERICK KINGSBURY SARGENT  
 11 - (25TH) LAWRENCE ROZIER HOLLAND, SON OF LEICESTER BODINE HOLLAND  
 14 - (9TH) CORNELIUS KIMBALL HAM II, SON OF ROSWELL GRAY HAM, JR.  
 (7TH) WILLIAM CONLEY DONNELL, JR., SON OF ROXANA HOLLAND (TATE) DONNELL  
 17 - (10TH) BRUCE FENN, 3D, SON OF BRUCE FENN, 2D  
 18 - (14TH) MURRAY (ROBIN) SARGENT, 3D, SON OF MURRAY SARGENT, JR.  
 19 - HEATH DENTON BUMGARDNER, HUSBAND OF MARY SARGENT BUMGARDNER  
 (14TH) WALLACE BRUCE FENN, SON OF RUSSELL SARGENT FENN, JR.  
 20 - (4TH) ROBERT LEWIS FLETCHER, SON OF ROBERTA LOUISE FISHER FLETCHER  
 21 - BARBARA LOIS MALE SARGENT, WIFE OF RICHARD COLLIER SARGENT, JR.  
 22 - BRADFORD SARGENT TILNEY, SON OF RHODA MILES SARGENT TILNEY  
 (5TH) CHARLES SPRAGUE PARKER, JR., SON OF PHEBE-NORTON FISHER PARKER  
 26 - JOHN WARREN BARNETT, HUSBAND OF ELIZABETH (BETSY) SARGENT BARNETT  
 (3D) ALEXIS FITZHUGH, DAUGHTER OF MARY CUMMING FITZHUGH  
 28 - ELEANOR SARGENT HOLLAND ODRONIC, DAUGHTER OF RUPERT SARGENT HOLLAND  
 (13TH) LESLIE SARGENT, DAUGHTER OF FREDERICK KINGSBURY SARGENT  
 29 - RUTH KINGSBURY SARGENT, WIFE OF RICHARD COLLIER SARGENT  
 RICHARD COLLIER SARGENT, SON OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT  
 (1ST) KATHLEEN SARGENT, DAUGHTER OF FREDERICK KINGSBURY SARGENT  
 30 - MURRAY SARGENT, SON OF HENRY BRADFORD SARGENT  
 31 - SARA PEET LEWIS, WIFE OF LEICESTER SARGENT LEWIS

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- AUGUST 6 - (6TH) R. LOUISE FISHER AND R. ANDREW FLETCHER, JR.  
 7 - (7TH) DANIEL L. AND HOPE MAXWELL TATE  
 12 - (11TH) DOROTHY JOAN WISER AND DUNCAN L. MACDOUGALL  
 (6TH) J. WEIR, JR., AND ANNE WEBB SARGENT  
 18 - (4TH) DOROTHY SARGENT AND KARL JACK SAUER  
 23 - (14TH) FREDERICK K. AND JANET WYER SARGENT  
 24 - (22D) ROBERT L. AND LUCILLE DEEMER FISHER

ANOTHER EXTRACT FROM THE DIARY OF LIEUT. COL. JOSEPH SCRANTON TATE, JR., UNDER DATE OF DECEMBER 30, 1942, OPERATING FROM A BASE IN NORTH AFRICA, FOLLOWS.

"IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE YEAR IS DRAWING SO NEAR ITS END. TIME AS SUCH HAS MORE OR LESS CEASED TO BE FOR ME. FOUR MONTHS HAVE CERTAINLY CROSSED ME UP. I HAVEN'T KNOWN WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK IT IS FOR AT LEAST THREE OF THE FOUR MONTHS AND FURTHERMORE I HAVE HARDLY BEEN INTERESTED. I GUESS WE WILL GO OUT AGAIN TOMORROW. THEY SEEM TO BE WORKING US ON A SCHEDULE OF TWO DAYS REST AFTER EVERY LONG RAID. WE HARDLY NEED THAT. I EXPECT THE PLANES NEED IT MORE THAN WE DO. I HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN GETTING MY SHARE OF SLEEP DOWN HERE. TODAY I SLEPT LATE AGAIN AND AFTER DINNER SAT AROUND TALKING WITH STEW AND JOHN MURPHY ABOUT ABOU SUER AS IT NOW SEEMS TO BE SPELLED. THEY HAVE CHANGED THE SYSTEM ON THOSE DAY OF REST THINGS. IT NOW TURNS OUT THAT WE CANNOT TAKE OUR OWN PLANES DOWN THERE BUT MUST LOAD TWO CREWS ON ONE DC 3 — WHICH MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR A COUPLE OF MEN TO GO BECAUSE A DC 3 ISN'T SUPPOSED TO CARRY MORE THAN A SET NUMBER. SINCE TWO CREWS GO A DAY — BOTH FROM THE SAME SQUADRON — AND ONE SET FROM MY SQUADRON HAS ALREADY GONE TODAY TWO FROM THE 409TH LEFT, TOMORROW TWO FROM THE 330TH THEN RIGGS AND PAT MURPHY, THEN ANOTHER 409TH AND ANOTHER 330TH SET AND THEN PROBABLY RINEHART AND I OR RINEHART AND SIMS IT WILL BE AT LEAST JANUARY 4TH AND PROBABLY JANUARY SEVENTH BEFORE I GET TO GO — YOW! THAT MEANS AT LEAST 14 DAYS WITHOUT A BATH AND PROBABLY SEVENTEEN! AFTER THIS FIRST GO ROUND IT IS TO BE ARRANGED THAT EACH CREW GETS A THREE DAY LEAVE IN EITHER ALEXANDRIA OR CAIRO! SO THEY SAY. I SUPPOSE IT WILL BE JUST ABOUT OUR TURN WHEN IT COMES TIME TO PULL UP STAKES AND GO BACK TO ENGLAND. WELL I DON'T GIVE MUCH OF A DAMN EXCEPT IT WILL BE A SHAME TO BE DOWN HERE AND MISS GOING TO EITHER OF THOSE SPOTS. AFTER EXERCISING MY VOCAL CHORDS WITH STEW AND JOHN I READ THE LATEST NEWS BULLITON WHICH TELLS OF THE RUSSIANS DRIVING BACK THE GERMANS AND VORISHILOV, MORE OF GIRAUD'S APPOINTMENT TO SUCCEED DARLAN AND A LITTLE OF THE FIGHTING AROUND TUNIS. I PLAYED BASEBALL OR RATHER BATTED OUT FLIES FOR STORMY SICKLES AND LENT FOR A WHILE AND THEN WENT OUT AND SHAGGED A FEW BATTED BY STORMY, GENERAL ELSTON AND TOMMY ROLL. WE BATTED AND MISSED A FEW RIGHT THROUGH A COUPLE OF STAFF CONFERENCES AND T-LAKE FINALLY DROVE US OFF. TOMMY AND I CAUGHT A TRUCK AND DROVE DOWN TO SEE HOW BOB JR. IS COMING ALONG AND FOUND THE SHIP IN PERFECT

SHAPE AND LOADED WITH BOMBS AND AMMUNITION FOR OUR NEXT RAID. SHE IS CLEAN AS A WHISTLE INSIDE AND ALL THE MINOR DEFECTS OF THE OTHER NIGHT HAVE BEEN REPAIRED. WE HAVE A LOCKHEED LANDING LIGHT TO REPLACE THE LEFT ONE WHICH BURNED OUT THE OTHER NIGHT AND THE RIGHT ONE HAS HAD ITS MOTOR GEARS CLEANED OUT AND IS OKAY. THE NEW TIRE SEEMS TO BE HOLDING UP OKAY SO ASIDE FROM A FEW MINOR SCRATCHES FROM FLAK WE ARE READY TO GO AGAIN. ART CRANDALL IS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL TO COVER THE TAIL GUN AGAIN SO ALL I LACK NOW IS THE TUNNEL GUNNER AND I SUPPOSE I CAN GET A SUBSTITUTE FOR THAT EVEN IF THEY DON'T LET CAMERON GO AGAIN. IT IS A SHAME TO WORK HIM LIKE THAT BUT HE IS TOO GOOD A MAN TO WASTE ON COMBAT I GUESS. NO WONDER BRAVAD AND BABCOCK GET MAD WHEN HE GOES. HAD SUPPER WITH STEW TONIGHT AND SINCE THEN HAVE BEEN SITTING AROUND FIGHTING THE WAR VOCALLY. I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT MY ATTITUDE TOWARD IT ALL AND STEW HAS REACHED THE SAME BLANK WALL CONCLUSION THAT I HAVE. I WANTED TO COME — AM GLAD I CAME AND STILL LIKE IT AND WANT TO KEEP ON AT THE JOB THAT I'VE GOT UNTIL IT IS OVER. I'M NOT AFRAID OF WHAT WE ARE DOING, IN FACT I HAVE LITTLE OR NO FEELING ABOUT IT. SOMETIMES WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT THOUGH I LOOK AT MY SEAT AND FIGURE MY CHANCES WHAT WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF FLAK, FIGHTERS, WEATHER, MECHANICAL FAILURE OR MY OWN FAILURE AND THE ENDLESS TIME ELEMENT OF IT ALL — THE CHANCES SEEM TO BE HUNDREDS TO ONE THAT WE'LL NOT GET OUT OF IT ALIVE AND AS I LOOK AT MY SEAT I CAN ALMOST SAY WELL THAT OR RATHER THIS IS PROBABLY EXACTLY WHERE I'M GOING TO DIE! AND IT DOES SURPRISE ME THAT I LOOK AT IT THAT WAY. THE ONLY THING THAT I FEEL IS A TREMENDOUS URGE WITHIN ME TO LIVE — A FEELING THAT I MUST SOMEHOW GET HOME AT LEAST BEFORE I DO KICK OFF. AND RIGHT ABOUT HERE MY THOUGHTS GET HAZY. HOW I'M TO GET HOME AND ALL THAT AND WHEN AND FOR HOW LONG AND WHAT I WOULD DO ARE TOO VAGUE AND THE POSSIBILITY SO REMOTE THAT MY MIND CANNOT CONJURE UP A VISION. NATURALLY I HAVE A HUNDRED AND ONE THINGS I WANT TO DO BUT THE PICTURE IS TOO BIG TO FIGURE OUT WITH SO MANY DETAILS AND THEN I AM CONFRONTED WITH THE PRESENT REALITY AND I COME BACK TO LOOKING AT MY SEAT AND THE WHEEL AND THROTTLES AND OUT THE WINDOWS WHERE I SPEND SO MUCH TIME AND I'M LOST AGAIN. THEN OF COURSE THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I GET DOWN IN THE DUMPS BUT WHEN I DO I CAN'T FIGURE WHY EXCEPT THAT PERHAPS I MISS YOU SO MUCH AND FOR OR RATHER TO A DEGREE AM HOMESICK. OFTEN I PULL MYSELF OUT OF THESE SAME DUMPS WITH A TREMENDOUS BURST OF ENERGY AND GET ON SOMETHING TO IMPROVE MYSELF, BUT AFTER I WORK ON IT A WHILE I GET TO THINKING ABOUT IT AGAIN AND SAY 'WHAT THE HELL' AND I'M RIGHT BACK WHERE I STARTED AGAIN. ANYWAY I KNOW THAT IF I DO DIE IT WILL BE IN A HELL OF A WORTHY CAUSE AND I'M NOT AFRAID OF IT SO WHEN YOU READ THIS — AND I HOPE IT WILL BE AFTER THE WAR AND I'LL BE HOME WITH YOU AND WE'LL BE HAPPY — YOU'LL KNOW THAT IF I AM GONE THAT'S THE WAY I FELT ABOUT IT AND IF I'M NOT GONE WE CAN LAUGH TOGETHER AT WHAT I COULDN'T QUITE PUT DOWN IN WORDS. I MUST WRITE YOU A NOTE NOW DARLING AND THEN GO GET SOME SLEEP BECAUSE WE SHOULD HAVE ANOTHER LONG ONE TOMORROW. IF WE DO I'LL PROBABLY PASS MY HUNDRED OF HOURS OF COMBAT FLYING MARK. GOODNIGHT MARGIE DEAREST I LOVE YOU. TOMORROW IS NEW YEARS EVE AND RUMOR HAS IT THAT WE WILL PUT 2,500 PLANES OVER CRETE! LET'S SEE WHAT GOOD THAT RUMOR IS———."

BELOW IS A PICTURE OF THE CHILDREN OF PHEBE-NORTON FISHER AND CHARLES SPRAGUE PARKER AT THEIR HOME IN MERCER ISLAND, WASH.: SHARON, 9, BEE, 7, SPRAGUE, JR., 4, AND ROBBIE, 3, ALSO LIGHTNING, THEIR ST. BERNARD DOG. THE YOUNGSTERS ARE GRANDCHILDREN OF ROBERT L. FISHER AND OF ATLFE DOWNS FISHER.

