Yesterday I prowled the beach in shorts and poked around for the curious animals that one can find out here and in no other place. I found a few rare shells known only to this area. They have a smooth satinlike finish with a small opening and can only be cleaned out by putting the shell on an ant hill and letting the ants eat it out. I had my forty-five automatic along and fired at things floating in the water - how's that for a postman's holiday. The sound of that gun was more terrifying than those on the plane which just seem to be a part of the plane, like an engine or control surface....There was a movie last night with Ann Harding playing.....Two newsletters arrived a few days ago and gave a great deal of pleasurable reading way out here. I usually pass them on to a couple of other fellows who seem to enjoy them almost as much as I do.....Molly Gregory's report on the work accomplishments of the past year was very interesting, especially the way she wrote it...."

Nan Oldenburg writes from Vermont: "I am working on a farm that is owned by a Harvard professor....I like it here a lot - the people and the place and the work. The country is lovely, with softly rolling green hills. I like it best in the mornings when the mist lies in the valleys and the green hilltops just stick out above it. At night it is quiet and I have much time to read...."

Leslie Paul writes from Cambridge, Massachusetts: "Another term at Radcliffe has begun....I am taking four very interesting courses three of which are literature courses. My fourth course is impressively entitled 'Intellectual History of Europe in the Seventeenth Century'! It is by far the best I have ever had at Radcliffe and should be of great value.....There is little dramatic activity at the college this summer. I have done nothing since the Spanish play last Spring except direct a oneact play in three rehearsals for the Dramatic Club's opening tea. I am, at present, secretary of the Club, which means nothing except that I have a vote in the choice of plays.....I am living in a 'cooperative house' with fifteen other girls where we do all the cooking and managing. It is a good deal of work when your turn comes around, but on the whole there is little inconvenience. I prefer the atmosphere of a place like this to that of the dormitories....."

George Randall writes from Camp Edwards: "One thing (in the Bulletins) that is most impressive is the reports of the progress of the farm and the community. Somehow I can't help but remember the days of struggle with the moving of the pigs from Blue Ridge to Eden. Now it appears that things definitely are prospering and for that my heartiest congratulations. That the College is proving one of its oldest theories (and on that up to now had remained unproven) is something for which you all should be proud. We always thought that it could and should be done but when I see in writing that you are eating your own vegetables, drinking your own milk, making your own butter, I say a strong 'Good Work'!.... Pete Hill is still working with us here at the Training Group. He's been moved into the S-2 section (Internal Intelligence, to you civilians)....I got a promotion last month, so now I am a Technical Sgt. My job, originally the Sgt Major of a small separate training unit has now greatly expanded.....We are training recruits for overseas replacements and it is not only interesting work, but very intensive as we have only a limited time in which to prepare them for shipment. However, our Commanding Officer just came back from Africa where he was in charge of one of the landings last November, and he really knows what a man has to be trained to do in order to be properly equipped for amphibian landings....."

Corporal John Stix is spending a short furlough from Fort Jackson in South Carolina with his family in St Louis.

WITH FORMER STAFF MEMBERS

Dorothy Trayer writes from Concord, New Hampshire that Ray is being transferred to an agricultural experiment station at Storrs, Connecticut. She will join him in October but has to stay to train in her successor in the laboratory. Her work here has been bacteriology in the State Laboratory - trying to isolate typhoid and other infectious organisms meancing to public health.