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WVMA  
Elkins, W. Va.  
June 18, 1944

Dear Dean Bounney,

Volume VII of The Junior College News just reached me here in the hills of Monongahela National Forest where we're bivouaced, and like nothing else I've ever gotten in the mail it actually created a nostalgia in me that took me in memory back to the happiest days of my life, at P. J. C.

. It was wonderful receiving letters from my old instructors and professors like that and the little paper served well to bolster my own personal hopes that one day again there will be a Portland Junior College administered under the principles which you set up for it.



I'm glad you're still in Portland and still part of the College. Your presence there is reassurance to me and, I'm sure, to hundreds of other P.J.C. alumni who hope that no time will be lost in creating a bigger and better College in Portland.

The news that the P.J.C. "News" came out three whole dollars ahead was wonderful, and I can well remember the constant deadline struggle we used to have between advertisers and news copy.

In case the alumni records on one Melvin Epstein are not complete, I'll begin to bore you on what has become of said individual since he left the fold at P.J.C.



I spent almost two years at Boston University majoring in journalism and when the Enlisted Reserve was called up in February of last year I had completed enough of my degree requirements to take a final exam. My B.S. in J. was awarded cum laude in May, last year, while I was at O.C.S.

From basic training at Camp Lee the gates of the Quartersmaster O.C.S. beckoned and in July of '43 your former student had his best girl pin on his bars.

After a month at an officers school at Fort Benning, Ga. I was transferred to the Corps of Engineers without a word of explanation. A course at



Fort Belvoir was to have made an Engineer of a Quatermaster-journalist. I'm still skeptical of the results.

at Camp White Oregon I helped organize this Battalion and am still with it, obviously.

My job is Administrative officer in "C" Company but I serve as Battalion Special Services Officer and that takes most of my time. I love the work!

I was engaged last September to Miss Frances Tempert of Lewiston and W.I.C. and we're planning a wedding next month.

Give my regards to all the P.I.C. family.

Respectfully,  
Melvin L. Epstein  
2nd St 187th Eng'g.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Lempert  
announce the marriage of their daughter  
Frances Marsha

to

Melvin Lewis Epstein  
Lieutenant, United States Army  
on Sunday the twenty-third of July  
Nineteen hundred and forty-four  
Lewiston Maine