Letter from Gurley Barlow to Patrick Haverty's Parents Patrick & Ollie Haverty

April 16, 1945

Dear Mom & Dad H.-

Received your letter of March 4 a few days ago and was very glad indeed to hear from you.

I was very sorry to hear of Pat being killed over here. I just received a letter from him last week, which he wrote on March 11 and he seemed to be in very good spirits. Said he had just reached the Rhine and now had time to write a few letters. We had been trying to meet over here for about two months now. It's really a shame but Pat had done more than his part for his country and future peace.

of the Navy yard they are always very interesting trips.

I like Belgium very much more so than any of the countries I've been in. Jams more like the U. S. and so many of the people here speak English. I was up in Holland a few days ago, it looked practically like Belgium & couldn't get up into the true Holland that is so characteristic of the Dutch as the Germans were still there however they are being driven out now.

The war is progressing wonderfully now and by

be taken however I don't think the Germans will give, they'll all have to be captured. Maybe if we can capture the leaders as we did Von Paper it would be shorter.

Mr. Roosevelts death was shocking to the world, and to have to pass away at such a crucial time was tragic however he had laid the foundation for future world security so his officials should be able to carry on.

I am fine and enjoying good health. Weather continues to be beautiful here. Take good care of yourselves.

Love to you,

Curley.

Letter from Gurley Barlow to Patrick Haverty's Cousin Helen Haverty

April 23, 1945

23 April 1945
Belgium

Dear Helen,

I have received your letters of April 2-4-6-9-15 and don't believe I have answered any of them as yet. I was really so glad to get them, as I always am, and you'll have to forgive me if I get a little behind in answering them at times. I have enjoyed the sections of "Dear Sir" to no end, you can picture each person as they wrote them. I think they are very, very good. Ask Charlie on what basis he thinks they should be censored. The world is full of people like the ones that wrote those notes. Don't you agree - or do you? Am getting the Star just fine

2. and enjoy it so much. - so do all the rest of the fellows, also thanks very much for the clippings from Enfld. Times & get the Enfld Times last its usually a month or two late.

I received a long letter from Dad & Mom H - telling of how the news of Pte death had to be broken to his [illegible] ete and it is pitiful, such a shame, war is hell and so many lives are being lost daily. Germany will resist to the last, just to weaken the allies as much as possible before her final defeat. I imagine you have been reading each day of the torture method they have been using, unknown to us until the

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invading armies uncovered them.
The Germans are just as
bad as the Japs in their
treatment of their captives.
How we are going to re-educate
these people is beyond me
they've had so much Nazism
stuffed into their heads.

I enjoyed your letter so much
describing the funeral procession
of the late Pres. Roosevelt. It
was such a shock to the
whole world. He

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such a wonderful job, however
I believe his cabinet can
carry on as he had laid
the foundation for future
world security. Pres Truman
seems to have gotten off on a
good start, and has made

4. a favorable impression on anyone.

That is a field of clover in the picture I sent you, however I don't know what kind as it wasn't in bloom at the time, I believe it was white clover.

I think writing a history of Isle of Wight would be very interesting for you I would like very much to know the history of it. That one trouble with Americans they want to travel the world and learn about outside things and all the time they don't know all within a 25 mile radius of them.

Apple trees, we are all in bloom here, haven't seen any

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dogwood here. It is getting gloomy and cool here, after about 3 weeks of the most beautiful weather. Natives say that this gloomy weather might last for a month, I hope not.

I have some pictures of the castle we are now in, I hope I get some pictures of the Count + Countess soon and will send you some as soon as I can get them developed. They are wonderful to us; I've been bicycling with them twice now, had loads of fun. We ride about 20 miles after supper when we go. I haven't ridden a bicycle in so long but every thing went O.K. Royalty hasn't gone to their heads, its just

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like talking to Americans except they don't speak so fluent English but that's a lot better than the French I don't speak. I should take some French lessons I guess while I have the chance, but I'm certain that if I started they would be continuely interrupted and I would not like that.

Four of us (3 majors & 1 Capt) were invited over to the Counts visiting house for an informal dance. We took over a victrola & records from our official dance Hqrt. Had loads of fun dancing & talking. There were 12 people there, all spoke English. For one of the Counts relatives - a girl of about 25, it was quite an occasion as we were the first Americans she had ever

I met and talked to. The Count's castle doesn't compare with the Duke castle in France however it is very nice.

Glad you are getting a nice vacation you certainly deserve it Helen. Wish I could be there at the same time.

About Bobbie & her work - I continually caution her about putting in too many hours - however I hesitate in asking her I quite because she seems to be satisfied most of the time with her work and it seems to occupy her time and doesn't give her so much time to think about every thing, which is good. I do not, however, want her to take over Ruth's job if Ruth

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goes into the Red Cross.

Kelly, I've rambled all over the place in this letter and hope you will excuse it, I had no track of what I wrote last and have probably repeated some things which I have written in previous letters. You do remain my most faithful correspondent (other than Babbie of course) and I wholeheartedly join in with your Dad who says "you are fighting this war as hard as anyone in the world, not [illegible] actually [illegible] in the service". and as I said before there should be more like you there.

Kelly. Love to you,

Bro Turkey.

Letter from Gurley Barlow to Patrick Haverty's Parents

June 11, 1945

11 June 1945
Germany

Dear mother and Dad H. -

Received your letters of May 15 + 20 and it was good indeed to hear from you. Sis Bobbie has no doubt told you I was on a 3 day pass in Brussels starting 27 June and since returning have been awfully busy making arrangements for the rest of our unit to move up from the Rhine consequently I have gotten behind in writing to everyone except Bobbie so have asked her to keep every-

2. one informed of my activities.
Didn't go up to see the Count +
Countess while in Brussels as
all I wanted to do was lounge
around and take it easy
which I did. We will be getting
passes back to Belgium or
France about once a month
in the future so I plan to
spend the next pass with
them.

I was back to the Rhine
last week making arrangements
for moving the unit up here
to Eschweiler. While back there
I went up to see the Remagen
Bridge, of course its another
fallen bridge, which Germany has
plenty of now but that one

3. will always be quite
historical. Have been going
around & inspect the past
week to was over to Kassel
again and to Cramach
a few times. The country
remains beautiful here.
Had some rain yesterday and
today otherwise the weather
has been beautiful - like
spring in the states.

Don't have any information
as to whether or not we
will be going to the Pacific
I believe that since I am
now in Germany I had
just as soon stick out
the occupation here, however
it's going to be awfully boring

as it has already gotten that way. At least there is some activity in the Pacific.

I thanks for the diagram of the new additions & the house, I had been wondering what the plans were, know you will like it and it will be very convinient for you.

I told you about me finding Pat's grave & put flowers on it Memorial Day and took many pictures of it and the cemetary. I was awfully glad I found it and pay tribute & him on Memorial Day. It was hard

5. I believe that Pat was gone and was visiting there. I know the yard and farm is beautiful now would like to see it, of course.

News is rather scarce so will close now. Take good care of yourselves.

Love to you,

Gwenly.

Letter to Gurley Barlow from Patrick Haverty's Parents

June 15, 1945

June. 15: 1945

Dear Gurley:

Barkra was down Sunday night and brought me the plat and lay out of the Cometery Pat is buried. Gurley words just can't be found to say in regards to how much I appreciate you doing that for us. Benny he has to be buried in one those cemetaups over there its just wonderful to know where it is. and to hear from some one you know personally to say it is at such and such a place. Yes and to know some close friend has put some flowers on his grave. I've heard folks say your mother said she would never get over agree death well I felt so sorry for her and thought I sympthize with her. But I didn't I just thought so. I know now how to really sympthize with her. Yet there's nothing no one can say or do in those cases. We want to have him brought back home to our lot here soon as Goverment will allow those things done.

Gurley we haven't recided one thing of his not even one his letters back. Of course I know he around 6. months he -fore his Personal things he sent. But I know I had letters out to him that he never got. So did many girls he was en- -gaged too. all so Packages he never got. How about his College ring. Will it be with his thangs. I can't help but wonder about those things. He must of had his wedding band with him for we can't find it any where and he did have the band. Mary said she had it for a while. But she was in a girls Boarding school, & Queens College, N.C. and she gave back to him last May year ago.

Well Gurley hows life over there now. Better I hope we are doing well or good I guess. Of course is a little shortage here and there and the american way is to Gripe over the least little inconvenints. We just would'nt be a true amerecan if we could'nt gripe a little I guess. But the telegram of Pats death really gave me the realization of the fact that we've never had any thing to gripe about before.

Well Sunday evening June 17th and is it hot, we've had a week of the hottest weather 2nd ever. Hermice and no relief in sight yet. ever day since wednesday weather man has stated hottest day on record. and Pats has been harvesting wheat and Oats, and you can Imagine what a hot time they have had. it just about got them. they harvested about 2 000. Bushels both wheat and Oats. So you can Imagine about what a hot job it has been. we are setting here at home instead going Sunday School. I know we should went but honest it was so hot. but we do have a nice breze now.

yes Surley I got 3. my letters of Pats back yesterday first thing. and Oh how it hurts to have them come back it just is to awful for words. I all so got [illegible] from Helen with Clipping of the Henri Chapelle Cemetary said she clipped out one Washington Paper. thinking maybe may be where Pat was buried, and when she heard you had found it then she knew and sent to me. Again I want to try Thank you for finding it for me and doing so much for us. you'll never know just how much it has meant.

yes did you know Ed Black. Blackie as he was called at V.P.I. He was a very good friend of Pats at V.P.I. and when he heard of Pats death. He came to Mary's home as he knew her very well too. Got Her and they started up here. But had Car trouble and never made it. Mary said he knew what we were going through for about 6 months ago his Sweetheart was killed by a car.

Seems this old world is full some kind of trouble. well here's hoping you are well and enjoying life as well as could be expected over there. If you are allowed to tell, some time you have the time write us a little about it all. Yours as ever. Pat + Allie,

Letter to Gurley Barlow from Patrick Haverty's Father

July 2, 1945

July 2 1945

Dear Gurley:

How are you fine? hope. Is it hot over there. Oh Boy for Past week we have been having it very hot. But now a storm Seems to be in Progress and some cooler. and is very much appreciated I know. and by mens in Peanut field I am sure. We are having a very good season here so far.

Gurley Barbra sent me the snapshots of Pat's Grave. Son I Can't fine words to express how grateful we are to you. it has brought him closer to us. or in other words his burial spot does not seem to be a far off spot some where in the unkown. if you get what I mean:

Mary came up Thursday and stayed until to-day. Poor girl it is so hard for her. She is such a sweet girl and it hurts so bad to see how broke up she is:

Gurley I am going to ask you a kind of a Personal question. But Please do give me your honest opinion on it. I feel you knew Pat well enough to express your self on it. and to I feel you and him both were in a way alike enough to give me and Idea on this.

There is talk here in States about wether the Boys should be brought home or left over there. Seems the

~~Boys~~ the report is from reporters that most Boys say if we are killed leave us oder here don't take us up. Well I expected to have Pat brought back But yet I want to do the Proper thing. I don't want want to be considered un-reasonably in the matter. I hope you under-stand what I am trying to get oder. I'd just like your opinion on it.

Please don't feel like you might make worse for me. you want. It could not be any worse. for guess him up was the terriblest thing that could possible happen. But being it is and has had to be. I want to do the right thing.

Again Thanks a million for what you have done just to know a very dear friend of his has visit his grave and Placed flowers there. does our very souls so much good that words can't began to express it. I only hope we can do something for you some day, to try show you our appreciation

Gurley did you know Lt. W. B. Baird. now a 1st Lt. some where over there. He was a very good friend of Pats at U.P.I. He was married last yr up there and Pat was best man. Mary was Maid of honor.

I got letter from him to-day.

Excuse two kinds Paper. when I started I did not know was last sheet that kind. so I finished with this.

Well Gurley here's hoping you are fine in best of health and the best of luck to you from us all. take care your-self and write when you can. Yours as ever

Allie & Pat

P.S.

Gurley did you know Pfc Franklin T. Turner. 33521517. He was in Co B. 261. Med. B. A. His sister married Corbitt Turney. He is from Windsor. reason I ask this question. He was killed before Christmas

sometime. I for-got when. he was killed by a German Prisoner in France while on guard one night. He was buried in Normandy. Will Corbitt's wife Brother to this Boy was here with Daisy ~~Mantiy~~ Married Stanley Gwantley. Stanley and Daisy live in Corbitts house. and in talking she was saying they could'nt find out a thing. all they knew was he was buried in Normandy. Daisy said she thought it you were over in Normandy you would'nt mind trying to find it. So they ask me to ask you. Personally I felt was asking a little to much but they gave me his name and what could I do but say I'd tell you. for I know how hard it is for them. He was married. So if you don't feel you can do this. Just ignore ~~the~~ that I even mentioned it. and I can gradually ease it off. until they find out some way. I hope this wont worry you. But I just could'nt write and for-get it. Such things aren't easy to for-get.

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Letter to Gurley Barlow from Patrick Haverty's Parents

August 7, 1945

Aug. 7. 1945:

Dear Gurley:

Have been sewing, and thinking of Pat and all the other Boys in this terrible mess we are in and of the oh so very nice and welcome letter of yours. I can't find words to tell you how much I appreciate your loyal friendship, and especially for Pat's Personal Past Friend. I knew Pat Henry all ways thought so much of you.

Yes Gurley your opinion on wether to have Pat brought home has been worth well everything to me. So many different ones have expressed different reason as to why they would not have him brought back, that it has confused me, but had not changed my mind, and to have a friend like you other then to give me three personal views helps. I know now I was right I want him brought back senseless something or for seem takes place between and time to make that love, to change wher thing. Yes I ask Mary his fiancee what she thought about it, and her answer was very much as yours. Said Pat all ways was talking of his home and seem to love it so much that she felt he would want to be brought back if he was ask the question.

As to his Personal things, Gurley we got a Package around middle July. We first got letter from war Department Kansas city, saying were sending some his Personal things and with the letter his Oak Leaf Cluster Citation, the Bronze Star citation Pat sent to Mary him self few weeks before he was killed.

Then Package came with his billfolds. 3. and 3 all. 3. were his, Pictures. a Fountain Pen. rest was Germam money. Knife + trinkets he had collected over there. so you see a very little of his things were there. in about another week another letter came with a Check from Bank in Kansas city of $7.60. Letter stated was money of Pats. I suppose was in his Billfolds. I wrote back to office immediatly explaining that it was not wer had his Personals

But as to date no reply. Of course I am going to give them more time. But in mean time I think I will give you list of his things, and if I hear any thing definity from them next week or so I'll write you.

His rings are one thing I am very anxious to have. Of course if the U.P.I. ring was left on his Person when buried, I'd have no comment on that. Just O.K. with me. But if not. I do want it. then he had two more. nice fountain Pens this one came he has bought since left home all though a nice one a Parker blue Diamond I Perfer the others because they went through U.P.I. with him. But of course he could lost them. reason for this me. He had a very nice Shaving Kit. then there his medals I have not received them. nor the Citation of Purple Heart. How about his clothes do they send them to the parents. you know he was expecting his first Lieutenants. and in these things were first Lt Bars. none his 2nd. He wrote told me to tell Dad he had two German Pistols & German Luggers and said he wanted to send home to us to keep so bad, but Singer-shipe would not Permit. But says tell Dad I am bringing them home [illegible]

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Well now Pat wants them very bad. He says he feels as and honor to him and what price he has had to pay. should allow them to come on in his honor. do you think they will. yes there is his watch. His own personal watch was a nice mans size watch Green dial thin. and he sent it to me in January. saying from I am sending my watch to you. and get a band and wear it as it's to delidate for me. and don't worry about me having a watch for I intend to get me a nice German watch. and he wrote Mary and told her he had him self a very nice German watch. see me he sent back was one we gave him when he graduated from U.P.I.

His March Pay of $166.00 and some cents went to him over there, and a doubt he ever received it. for he was killed on 20th how about that. and what steps should we take to find out about that.

He all so wrote Mary and told her he had sweath Bonds made out in his and her name. She has never received them. on 18th March. he wrote me telling me

he was sending home a Package containing captured Germans articles, we received the Package last of April same date he told Mary he had a Package to send her would not tell her what was for wanted to be a surprise. But she never got it. See why we wonder about his things. when such a few have come about this again after I get Well I will write about this again after I get answer back from my letter.

Yes soon as I see Mrs. Nunny I will tell her what you said about her Brother. I know they will appreciate very much. I just can't put in words what it means to have Pictures of the Grandsons like that. Well Shirley I know you are going get tired reading this mess, and yet I hate not tell you a thing about home. Well crops are looking fine. But yet am afraid want be so terrible fine, on account so much rain. It honestly rains nearly ever day. with awful heavy dews. Boys are the farmers having a time with the grass and weeds. and after one mell and working as hard as ever. I saw Bess and Ruth Sunday. But been couple weeks since I've seen Barbra. But I know she is fine. Helen suppose come in home to-day. for a rest and a long one I guess. Helen has such bad Nerves it seems.

Haven't seen your folks for some time now, except your Dad. He was in Peanut field other day as we went by. in field other here cross Smithfield as we on our way Newport News. Yes Bonnie her Hubby and five son been home, 3 weeks Vacation. was wonderful to have her home. She back in Jacksonville as her Husband Brownie is stationed there.

Yes Walter Mountjoy is home on few days leave from Hawaiian Islands. been there 18 months. will be stationed Jacksonville Florida for a 3 months schooling. Sure nice see these Boys coming home. But makes the fact that Pat can't come much sader or something I can't explain. Just so hard. Yes I know you be glad when you can come, But try being as gay as you can and remember we are all thinking of you and praying for your soon return. I must

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you if you can't read this scribbling just bring
it over and I'll read it for you. Ha and give you
a nice dinner to go with it.

By be good. Write when you can as
we do so much enjoy your nice letters.

Ollie + Pat

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