

Stewart Is Rifleman With Airborne Unit

Pvt. Charles Stewart, son of Mrs. Clara Stewart, of Franklin, has been assigned to Item Company of the 511th Airborne

Infantry, which is part of the 11th Airborne Division stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., it has been announced.

At the present time he is assigned as a rifleman with the unit.

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Babblin' About

Hunting For Hurricanes

J. P. Brady

Those gifted men who so accurately plot the course of hurricanes won't have to worry about competition as far as I am concerned. And I was concerned up until last week when something convinced me that as a hurricane plotter I am about as useful as an extra wart on a frog.

What convinced me was a leisurely vacation I took last week. It took me and my family two days to make it from Franklin to the in-laws in Asheville — and if that doesn't qualify as leisurely, what does? Once in Asheville, and with no

set vacation destination in mind, I started to reason out the situation. As things stood then, the wife and I had \$20 and a gasoline credit card with which to vacation for a whole week. Since \$20 is hardly tipping money, I reasoned that the thing for me to do was to parley my vacation into some spending money.

Hurricane Ione seemed to be the best answer. The storm was just making front page news in most of the dailies of the state and from all indications would hit along the Atlantic coast.

My whole idea (I failed to mention it to the wife until much later—women, you know, have a way of changing one's plans, especially if one's plans entail searching out a nice unfriendly hurricane) was to track this hurricane and be on hand with my cameras when it hit the coast. By peddling pictures of the storm and damage I figured I could fatten the coffers of the Brady Vacation Fund.

So, with added zeal I set about to track Hurricane Ione. I studied all the weather maps I could find (and interpret) and with a hastily devised system I reached the conclusion that the storm would break in the vicinity of Charleston, S. C.

With this secret I suggested to the wife:

"Why don't we drop down to Charleston . . . historic old city, you know . . . just bristles with interesting hurr — I mean, homes."

Unsuspecting soul that she is, she thought the idea was a choice one. The first part of my plot was hatched. We headed for Charleston.

"Why don't we take our time and spend the night in Columbia," the wife suggested. "There's really no hurry, is there?"

"I'm really not tired," I answered, almost too hastily. "It's just a couple of hundred miles on to Charleston . . . and, hah, hah, what's a couple of hundred miles when you're on vacation."

"I smell a rat!" Clarice declared, almost menacingly.

"Really, let's stop and see if we can find it," I acknowledged jovially.

Her eyebrow shot up suddenly: "Don't be a wise one! You know very well what I mean. You're up to something."

And then a light of dawning flashed in her eyes: "Where is the hurricane, Mr. Hotshot Reporter?"

"Oh, somewhere out in the big, broad, blue Atlantic," I answered lightly.

"You are a first class . . ." "Tsh, Tsh . . ." I interrupted. " . . . STINKER!" she finished.

The next few miles of South Carolina highway rolled along in silence, save for an occasional chirp of a cricket.

"Gettin' dark," I observed.

Silence.

"Tired?"

More silence.

"Hungry?"

And still more.

Then finally: "What a vacation this is going to be . . . the first one we've had in seven years and you want to tackle a hurricane."

More silence.

Meanwhile, out at the corral; well, that is, down in Charleston, they were sure enough readying for the hurricane, which, according to my calculations, was barreling toward the coast, and which, if it stayed on present course, would hit Charleston squarely between the Cooper River Bridge and the Battery.

In still more silence the wife and I settled down to supper and then disposed of \$6 more at a motel. It was here, at the motel, that I was officially welcomed to the seacoast. A vulture-type mosquito vaccinated me as soon as I entered the room, raising a welt big enough to hang a hat on.

And this was just the beginning.

As you probably know, Hurricane Ione changed her mind at the last minute and turned away from Charleston. The only indication of her presence was a little wind, which served only to centralize the bugs and mosquitoes.

Sun absolutely ("It serves you right for being so smart," was the wife's retort) refused to shine so I obviously have no pictures to show.

And no sun means also that I have no coat of tan to brag about. However, I do have an enviable coat of mosquito bites, if anyone is interested — that is, if you can see the mosquito bites for the sand fly bites.

Not to be completely bested by this abortive vacation attempt, I did go swimming in the ocean one time. This was the day following Ione and the undertow nearly pulled me out to sea — ("Which is where you

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should be after pulling the stunt you did," said you know who.)
The \$20 we had vanished in the wake of motels, seafood dinners, and insect repellent — ("They should have a repellent for husbands who louse up vacations by chasing hurricanes," said she.)
In two days we were back in Asheville again, sponging off the in-laws — which is where we should have stayed in the first place!

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