

Dear Friend:

I'm a bit late in writing you, but it's better late than never. It sure makes a fellow feel good to know that the folk back home are thinking of him. Incidentally, he too is thinking of them. I appreciate my copy of the "Hoover Rail", and I am looking forward to the next issue. It's a grand paper and sure does bring you up to date on the tings that are going on around good old Lawndale.

Keep up the good work.

A Friend,
Pvt. W. H. Bridges (Harold)
Ft. Bragg, N.C.

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Hello Jim:

I want to write and tell you how much I appreciate "Hot off the Hoover Rail." I really enjoyed reading every page. I think it is the best copy you have printed. Each month you make an improvement on it. I read it while I was home and thought it was a fine paper; but I didn't really know what it would mean to read one if I was in the Army. I know now though.

I want to say Hello to all the folk back home. I haven't had time to write all that I promised to write. I hope they understand. When you are taking your basic training, you don't have very much time to do anything. I'm glad every one in Lawndale are getting along so well. I know that all of you are backing the boys in the service. Please keep it up—we need it.

Most of you know Jimmie Carter, Gene Wease and I are here together. We are all three liking the medical detachment fine. We have a good time, when we get together, talking about what the folk back home are doing.

There isn't much to this camp here. After we got here it rained every day for about two weeks. Mud was about ankle deep. The first Sunday we were here we had to work making walks from the tents to the mess hall. After we made the walks, it cleared off and hasn't rained much since.

Jim, I started playing in the Drum and Bugle Corp yesterday. I really like it fine and am learning the calls fast.

I will close now. When I started writing, I didn't think I would write but a line, but I got started and can't get stopped.

Sincerely,

Boyce Pritchard

P.S. I want to say to the boys from Lawndale that a re in the service to keep their chin up and keep fighting. Maybe it wont be so long before we will all be back home and tell of our experiences in the Army—maybe stretch some of it.

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Hello Jim:

Received my copy of the service mens news. I think it is swell and want to thank each and every one that took part in publishing this paper for all the local service boys. As I read the addresses, I find that the greater percent of the boys as yet are stationed through out the states.

I can say I am glad for those guys who haven't left the States yet. I know they think it's tough; but they don't know the half of it.

I saw the swell write up Mr. Forney gave Hildred Canipe. You can bet your boots those guys deserve more than that. I have seen and seen where those guys have gone into action, and believe me they are the best—The United States Marines. Don't know where or when I'll pick up your next copy but I hope to receive it soon.

Tell all the boys I said Hello—I haven't the time to write each one as I would like to.

I would like for you to find the address of my old pal, Eddie Wright. I would like to see his name on the list.

Until next time—so long—and thanks a million from the best branch of the service "The U.S. Navy".

Thanks again
Charles Wallace, Jr. F 1/c