



NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Dear Jim:

I received my fourth copy of the Hoover Rail and enjoyed it very much. I believe it gets better each month. I know many of you must work pretty hard getting this paper out and I hope you realize in part how much we appreciate all you good people are doing. We are pretty busy sometimes and fail to write as much as we should but nevertheless we are thinking of those back home and hurrying the day when we will be back swapping yarns on the corner and doing the things we left off when we came into the army.

I want to thank you for the sewing kit. It will come in handy and it also reminds me of folks back home whenever I use it.

I hope your garden and chickens do well for I am planning to come home on furlough about the middle of July, and it has been a long time since I ate fried chicken.

Best wishes,
Durham Grigg

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Dear Jim:

Received my third copy of the Hoover Rail today and it gets better every time. I wish to take this time to thank all who are responsible for the paper, and thanks also for the sewing kit. It sure will come in handy. In fact I think my socks need darning now. Anyway its a great idea and a swell paper. So just keep'em coming. I haven't had the pleasure of meeting anybody from back home yet so it gets kinda' lonesome sometimes but I just get my paper out and start reading it and it gives me a new strength and I feel that someday somewhere I will meet somebody from back there during my army career. I think that if all the boys that worked in the Dye House or Mill could get together over there we could sure mop up on the Japs in a big way.

Well, guess I had better park for this time, but don't forget me when the next paper starts rolling.

Sgt. Charles Dayberry

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Dear Sirs:

Just received my third copy of "Hot off the Hoover Rail" today. I think its a grand little paper. I enjoy reading it very much. Some of the other guys here on the ship get a kick out of reading the jokes and poems. Some of them wanted to read it today before I had a chance to read it myself.

I also receive a copy of "The Rotary Gran" sent out by the citizens of Shelby, which is a very nice little paper. I found the names of some of the boys from our county who have been reported missing in action. I was very much shocked to know Everette McNeely, one of my best friends, has been reported missing in action. We know you people back home are sti cking behind us and we are all willing to go just the w ay Everette did if it will keep Old Glory waving high.

Well, wish I could tell where I am and what I am doing, but can't. I still think the "Navy" is the best branch of service. I was promoted to Seaman First Class the first of this month.

That's about all I can write, but I will be looking forward to the next copy of your fine little paper.

Yours sincerely,
Ezell V. Poole