



NEWS FROM THE FRONT

June 26, 1943

Dear Editor:

I have received my second copy of the "Hoover Mail", and I think it is a grand paper. I am very grateful to you and your staff for such a wonderful paper. I know all the boys in the armed forces appreciate your paper as much as I do. I will look forward to receiving your monthly issue with great hope.

My experiences in Africa follows: On an unexpected date I landed in - - - -, and have traveled many a mile. I saw the famous Kassarine Pass and the ruins of Thelepe. We then continued our march westward to

Sened Station. The name Maknassy sounds big. It is big to me for I shall never forget it. Our boys from North Carolina did a great job. There was a great many in this battle. We traveled by night and fought by day. I want you all to know that the Germans have a powerful weapon; the 88 mm. but they are no where near as good or effective as the American guns.

Our march from Maknassy to Sed Janane was a great surprise to the Jerries. Quote our Editor of the "Stars and Stripes" that the terrain in which we boys at Sed Janane had fought was the most mountainous and rugged in all Tunisia. But with the American blood our boys fought with courage and spirit for final victory. The final stage of the battle for us came in Bizerte.

The members of our wire combat team consisted of the following: T/4 Carl Wood of Livingston Manor, N. Y.; T/5 Fred H. Arndt of Claremont, North Carolina; T/5 Cornelious L. Pazyra of Chelsea, Mass; T/5 John Chakan of Barnsborough, Pa; P.F.C. J. B. Champion of Lawndale, North Carolina; P.F.C. Frank Samole of Southern Pines, North Carolina; Pvt. Leslie Bell, of Detroit, Michigan; Pvt. Jack B. McKinney of Asheville, North Carolina; Pvt. Ramey of Kentucky; and Pvt. Walter Garfinkle of New York City.

These boys are a very fine group of soldiers; they work eat and fight together. Never was there any gripes when the fighting was hot. We were all fighting for the same cause of liberty and freedom. Note the rebels and yankees.

I know our boys that are overseas realize the situation that we are in and they are willing to give up their lives for their loved ones and their country.

I am so rry to hear about Whitey McNeeley. I hope he will receive the same or equal attention as the German prisoners get from the Americans.

I want to thank you for the splendid work you people have done for us. May victory be ours most quickly and surely.

Sincerely,
P.F.C. Jethro B. Champion

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Dear Sir:

Received the "Hoover Mail" and was more than glad to get it. I think that it is wonderful and I like it better every time.

Sure would like to be up there in good old Lawndale, but the paper brings old Lawndale to us boys and girls in service. Thanks a lot for it, and I would like to have one every time. Could you tell me J. D. Cook's address.

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