

Dear Jim:

June 6, 1943

Just received my copy of the April issue of the Hoover Rail. Just wrote you a letter a few days ago, but it doesn't make any difference how many times I write, I can't express how much I enjoy and appreciate the paper. I know how much trouble it is, for I once, long ago, helped a little on the school paper back there on the "Hil Top."

Say! What is this I hear about you losing a member off the staff of "Old Maids Row?" She must have kept him in that car a little too long.

I don't remember if I asked you in my last letter to give me Glenn William's address or not. Just to make sure, I would appreciate it very much if you would. Also Bob Philbeck's. I hear that he's in New Guinea.

Thanks a lot to Mr. Schenck for the service kit. Hope that we soon get back to civilization where we will have to start sewing buttons on our shirts and pants again.

Tell Mr. Tom Richard that he should be over here if he wanted to put in some good time fishing. The way we fish is not quit legal back there. Mass production. Lots of fun.

Well, Jim, this is all I have for this time except that I and all the boys here, from home, are getting along swell. Give our regards to all.

As Ever,
Jim Southard

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Dear Jim:

I have just finished reading my copy of Hot Off the Hoover Rail and I enjoyed every line. It brought back memories of days gone by. I can just imagine how quiet and peaceful it would be to be back there, sitting on the old Hoover Rail, with the boys, tho I see the names of boys I do not remember, but there were lots I do know that are in the service, doing their bit, and I feel sure everyone of them enjoys reading Hot Off the Hoover Rail, just as much as I, especially those that are overseas, for the boys will gladly miss chaw to answer mail call, and a copy of the Hoover Rail is just like getting a letter from everyone back home, so I am anxiously looking forward to receiving my next copy.

We are faring pretty well over here now, but it isn't like the good old U.S.A. The folks over there just don't know how to appreciate the wonderful country we have. We often read of the strikes they have had for higher wages, and the boys over here do not like it, for they don't feel like they are doing their part. If they could get a gash of the front lines, then I think they would not kick. The boys are really burnt up over those coal strikes back in the states.

Well, Jim, there isn't very much in the way of news that I can write because of military regulations, tho I could tell some very interesting things, but that will have to wait until the boys all get together back there on the old Hoover Rail.

I wish to thank you for the sewing kit for it will come in handy for the life we have is pretty rough on rags.

Wishing you all the luck with your paper, Hott Off the Hoover Rail.

Sincerely,
Parker Wray

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In the Desert,
June 30, 1943

Hello Hot Off the Hoover Rail:

Just received my copy of your paper and think it is one of the best things I have seen that has been published for our boys in service. I am no writer, as you all can see, but to get one of the copies out in the desert really makes a fellow feel good. When I opened it and saw J.T. Pearson, I really felt good. He, and his borther Earl, and I used to have some good scraps together..

Keep up the good work back home.

Cpl. Winslow Spurling