

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Pvt. Lane Price of Key West, Fla., was here during the past month for a two-weeks furlough with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Price, and his sister, Shirley. Mrs. Price has three sons in the service and is rightfully proud of the fine record they are all making. Two of her sons are now overseas.

Pvt. Jack Cloninger, stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., has been spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cloninger. Mrs. Cloninger is another proud mother as she too has three sons in the service. Jack looks fine and seemed to always enjoy just loafin' around with the fellows, while here.

Pvt. Graham Click has been here for a short visit with his sister, Mrs. Laxton Mauney and Mr. Mauney. As you know, Mrs. Mauney writes the monthly column "Time On My Hands" and does a swell job too. She has four brothers in the service -- Seems we have lots of these "3 and 4-Star" people around here.

S/Sgt. Shuf. Ramsaur is spending a 15-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Blanton and also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.S. Ramsaur. Doris spent sometime this past month with Shuf down at Fort Benning, Ga, and they returned home together. Doris reports she had a marvelous time -- met lots of soldiers and their attractive wives.

Pvt. Parker Wray, who has been stationed in North Africa for sometime is back in the States now on an extended furlough. He is recuperating from a wound received while in front line action. His friends wish for him a speedy recovery, and also for his wife, the former Miss Maggie Bridges, who is now a patient in the Western, N.C. Sanatorium at Black Mountain.

Paul McMurray, A/S, spent a furlough this past month with his wife and other members of his family. He has now returned to Bainbridge, Md, where he will be assigned to active duty. Paul has a brother, Ralph, who is serving overseas and writes us of very interesting experiences.

Pvt. "Junior" Richards of Camp Forrest, Tenn., recently spent a four-day pass with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P.P. Richards. His Dad was wearing a mighty big grin the other day when we saw him mailing Christmas packages to his two sons in service, "Hunior" and Cecil.

Midshipman Dwight Hord of Chapel Hill, N.C., spent several days this past month with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hord. Dwight looked grand in his uniform, has gained a lot of weight, and really makes a fine looking "gob". He expects to soon be transferred to Great Lakes, Ill. for further training. One night, while Dwight was at home, his sister, Frances Hord Phillips, gave a lovely party in his honor. The writer had the pleasure of being "among those present" and can vouch for all having loads of fun.

Lt. Bob Forney recently spent a week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Forney. Bob brought a friend, Lt. Pete Geiser, with him as his week-end guest. Pete is from Salem, Oregon, just a "whoop and a holler" from here. Bob and Pete are two handsome Lieutenants and seemed to be having a swell time. Bob is stationed at Maxton-Laurinburg Air Base at Maxton, N.C., and gets to come home often.

Pvt. David James, of Camp Stewart, Ga., was home for a recent week-end with his wife, and baby, Diane. Doubtless you have already noticed the darling baby on this month's front cover -- Well, she's David's "pride n' joy". We have a sneaking suspicion David is going to enjoy showing this month's Hoover Rail to all his buddies.