

NEWS FROM

THE FRONT



Dear Sir:

I've been getting my copy of the "Hoover Rail" every month. Thank you very much. It's very interesting and makes good reading. I like to read it because I can keep up with the news from home.

I'm in Italy now and I think we're doing a good job here. I'm with the Field Artillery. I like it very much.

I noticed in your last issue, you have a page or two dedicated to "News from the Front". Most of the writers in that column seem to be from the States. You may publish a few of these lines in your paper, from a soldier who really has seen the front. It's no picnic, I'm telling you. I've had my share of troubles at times, I've used rain water and melted snow for my coffee and slept in slit trenches and fox holes with only one blanket! That's pretty rough.

The boys and I were discussing the beauty merits of Miss Elizabeth Bridges and Miss Merryl Whisnant. I showed the boys what real southern beauty is. Say, Lib does look a little like Ginger Rogers, doesn't she?

Well, I guess this will be all for now. I've got to go out and clean up my guns, can't have them rusty, you know. By the way, I've been promoted to a Corporal. Please notice the change in my address.

Thank you very much for bearing with me. I like your paper and appreciate it very much. Give my kindest regards to Lawndale and Shelby. Keep up the good work.

Cpl. Carl Gantt
Italy

Dear Staff of The Hoover Rail:

I'm sure you, the Staff of the Hoover Rail, receive lots of letters from the local boy's and girls in the service and maybe lots from guy's like me, who could hardly be called local boys anymore, for I have been away from Lawndale around sixteen years. I do receive a copy monthly of the Hoover Rail and even though I don't know many of the names which appear in it, I still think it's a grand thing to keep everyone posted on the situation around home.

I've been in the Naval service for better than three years now and have almost two years in the Pacific on different Islands, etc.

I was promoted to the rate of Chief Pharmacist mate U. S. Navy - March 1, 1944. One of the youngest Chief Petty Officers in the Navy for I haven't reached my 21st birthday yet.

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