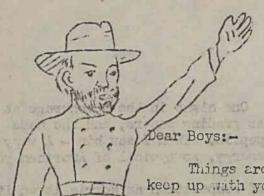
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Things are happening fast these days, and it's hard to keep up with you. All of you are doing a swell job, and we home folks are so proud of you we are about to burst.

I am carrying my head high these days as George, Jri writes that he has received official credit for destroying one German fighter plane. We do not like to think of our boys having to engage in such work, but it has to be done, and we are very, very proud of him for contribut-

ing to our cause.

This is vacation time in the office, and the staff of the Hoover Rail is pretty well shot, but we are just putting a little more push to it, so that you boys will not fail to get your magazine on time. You always make extra effort when called on, so we will do the same thing.

With Charlie Forney, Jr. in the service, we have had to make some changes in the running of the mill, but every one is entering into the thing with enthusiasm, and we will carry on until his return, which we trust will be in the not too distant future

We know you boys would like to be here especially at this time to feast on some of the fine watermelons being brought in. We have not had many in the office as we hear the crop on Maple Creek and at Belwood was not so good this year.

You should see our Honor Roll these days. It is getting so large that it almost covers the window, and we have other names to add just as soon as we can get them. It takes several months to get the names after the boys leave, which we do not like, as we would like to put them up immediately, but just have to do the best we can.

Occasionally we see one of OUR BOYS at home on furlough, and it really does make the girls wear a winning smile, but we do not see as many as we would like. However, we know you are busy at your work, and we will have to wait until you have completed your task before we can expect to see many of you. We pray for you every day, and hope from the bottom of our hearts the war will soon be over.

Some of you boys are swell about writing to us, while others have never written us, and we certainly would appreciate hearing from all of you at any time you find time to write, as your letters add so much to the paper, and we enjoy reading your letters ourselves.

The Hoover Rail swarms with checker players these days, and there are many arguments about the relative skill of the different moves, but they all have a good time at it, and it gives the crowd a big laugh.

Take care of yourselves, be good soldiers, fight a good fight, and remember we praying and pulling for you with all our might.