

without getting molasses on her. Then she started laughing and I was really surprised. She said, "What in the world has happened?" She helped me get where I could move and I cleaned off my shoes as best I could and went for the bus.

Now, remember my ticket was to be bought by the other fellow with my money. I got to Spartanburg kinder' late or at least I thought so, but the game had not started. I rushed to Ralph's room, found it locked, and Ralph gone. I rushed out to the ball park and asked the gate keeper if he knew Ralph and fortunately he did. I told him that Ralph had a ticket for me and asked him to let me go in and see if I could find him. I told the man I was Ralph's Papa and he let me take a look for Ralph, but I failed to find him on that round, so I returned to the gate and made my report. The man was real nice. He felt like I wasn't telling him a lie, but I was all the time and didn't know it myself. Ralph said he would have my ticket so the gate keeper told me to go have a seat and enjoy the game and he would see Ralph afterwards and get the ticket. After so long I did find Ralph and he told me he hadn't bought me any ticket after all. Well, there I was - I had seen the game and told lots of lies about the ticket. The only thing I knew to do was to go to the gate keeper and try, as best I could to explain what had happened, and pay my admission for the game, so that he wouldn't call on Ralph for the ticket. When I got back to the gate the man was gone and I didn't know his name. The only thing left for me to do was to try to find a man that looked like he wanted a dollar. I found one with that kind of a look on his face, so I gave him a dollar and he said he would give it to the ticket committee. So, boys, I think I saw the game, I am not sure. There are a few other things that happened on this trip but I had rather not mention them, they're another story.

Hurry back boys and let's have bigger and better football games!!

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JOSEPH WALKER COMMISSIONED IN THE FIELD

Joseph M. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Walker of route 4, Shelby, has been commissioned in the field to Second lieutenant after having served as Master Sergeant and chief engineering non-com in charge of maintenance for the "Panzer Dusters" squadron in the 368th Fighter group of the Ninth Air force. Lt. Walker entered the Army in April, 1941.

Lt. Joe Walker is the brother of Mrs. Charles D. Forney, Jr.

He entered the Army Air Corps in 1941 as a private and has steadily earned promotions and now his commission. At the time of his induction, Joe's picture and a big write-up were carried in the Charlotte Observer as he was the first inductee to enter the Army Air Corps at the Charlotte Air Base.

Lt. Walker is one of three brothers in service, the others being Sgt. Claude Walker, and Pfc. Aubrey Walker, all serving overseas.

We're proud of you Lt. Walker and join your sister, Mrs. Forney, in congratulating you upon your commission.

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PFC. CHARLEY CHAMPION, JR., GETS INFANTRY BADGE

Pfc. Charley Champion, Jr., has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy. He is serving with the 7th Army and is a member of the 79th Div.

Standards for this badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proven his fighting ability in combat for a period of 30 days. The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

Charley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Champion, Sr. His wife and small son, Steve, along with his parents all live in Lawndale.

The Hoover Rail Staff is proud of your award, Charley, but prouder of the ability that won for you this award. Nice going, soldier, we take off our hats to you boys of the infantry.