



HOME ON FURLOUGH

Pfc. Ralph Eaker of Duke University recently spent several days with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Eaker. Ralph looked grand, despite lots of hard work. He expects to graduate in the near future and will then be Doctor Ralph, at your service. We've recently heard some very funny stories on Ralph that happened when he was a child. We'll have to see about getting them written up for a future edition of the Hoover Rail.

Pvt. Homer Eskridge, son of Mr. & Mrs. Grover Eskridge spent a 14-day furlough at home this past month. Since his last furlough, Homer had gained pounds and pounds, and his big gain was very, very becoming. At the conclusion of his furlough, Homer reported to Ft. Meade, Md. for overseas duty.

Pfc. D. A. Cline, Jr. who served for three years in Pearl Harbor is now enjoying a well-earned furlough with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Davey Cline. His parents are our "Moms & Pop" of the month and we know you all will enjoy their letters. D. A. Has been having a grand time, renewing old friendships and making new friends. We understand he has volunteered to go back overseas at the expiration of his 30-day furlough. More power to you, D. A.

Gene Wallace GM 3/c son of Mr. & Mrs. Charley Wallace spent a 23-day leave at home this past month. While here, Gene together with Bob Johnson and Mrs. J. D. Wallace went to Louisville, Ky. to visit Gene's brother, Charles. Charles served with the Navy for sometime but was recently given a Medical Discharge and is now working in a defense plant in Louisville. From all reports, they had a "swellegant" time, doing the shows, night clubs, etc. In a rather swanky club one night, a waiter told Bob that no dancing was allowed without coat and tie - not to be outdone, Bob pulled his sport collar together and used Mary Lou's red chiffon handkerchief to make a bow tie and they danced on and on. Some ingenuity Bob!!! Gene has now returned to New York to join his ship in the Atlantic Fleet.

Austin Dayberry of Camp Gruber, Okla. was here this past month for a 14-day furlough with his wife. Austin and Grace went fishing several times and had lots of fun. Bet he'll tell the fellows back at camp some tall fish tales.

Pfc. Jimmy Osborne of Greenville, S. C. was home for a couple week ends this past month. One week-end he had with him as his house guest, S/Sgt. Paul Fettingger, a Hoosier lad, stationed also at Greenville. On the other week-end, Jimmy made a mountain trip in company with a congenial crowd, the Bob Burns, the Jim Southards Miss Louise Clay and Tom Fornéy, and Misses Margaret Putnam, Patty Osborne and Mrs. Bob Harrelson. They climbed mountains, waded in the cold streams, and in general had loads of fun.

