

NEWS FROM THE FRONT



Dear Hoover Rail Staff:

Just received my February copy of Hot Off the Hoover Rail and sure was more than pleased to get it, as I always am looking for it at the end of every month.

In my outfit there isn't a fellow from old North Carolina, but lots of them get a great kick out of reading it. It has been some time since I have had any time to write you and tell you how very much I do enjoy the copies I get.

Here for the last five weeks we have been pushing the Germans so fast we haven't had time to write our home folks like we should, but as I write this I am dug in way down in a fox hole and am very proud of the good solid ground we have to dig ourselves into. I am now somewhere deep in Germany and we are still pushing them.

Well, as I have been trying to keep up with all the news I can, I read in our paper, which we get every day and is called the "Stars and Stripes", the war in the South Pacific is going well -- here's hoping some night I will go to sleep and wake up and the war will be over and I mean completely over.

Well, I want to ask for Pvt. Jack Cloninger's address for I would like to write him, and now I want to say hello to all of the people in Lawndale and to my mother, Mrs. Janie Spurling and father, R. V. Spurling, J. C. Daniel, Mr. & Mrs. James Bridges, Mr. & Mrs. John Philbeck and Calvin and Ruby Spurling.

Pfc. Winslow Spurling
Somewhere in Germany

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Dear Jim & All:

I guess its about time for me to write again, and thank you for the copies of the Hoover Rail. Just received the March edition and I really enjoyed it a lot. I always look forward for your copies each month.

I would have written you sooner, but our spare minutes are very limited over here. These "nips" keep us pretty busy sometimes. I noticed where a lot of the boys from home are over here. I sure would like to run into some of them some time. My brother and I were both on Saipan at the same time, but we didn't get to see each other.

We were in our first invasion not so long ago. It was Iwo Jima. That Island was pretty hard to take, but after we got a lot of men on the beach it didn't take long then. There were some horrible scenes there for a few days. I will never forget the morning that the Marines hit the beach on D-Day. They deserve all the credit they got there.

I will close for now. Thanks to all who make it possible that I receive the Hoover Rail.

Best of luck to all of you.

Harold Cobb C.M. 2/c
Somewhere in the Pacific