

INTERVIEWS

Corky Webb enroute from St. Louis to Texas, grounded in to see us. Is in Air Corps radar training. Looked fine and says everything O. K. Says Brother Tobie coming back from states from Pacific where he has been sick several months. Brother Bill at West Point- now weighs in at 215. Too big for a man and too little for a horse. A great trio and have what it really takes.

James F. Knox, Fl/C, a lad of 18, paid us a swell visit. Said he had been in Navy 1 1/2 Yrs. Was aboard destroyer escort (Burke) and has made 3 crossings of the Atlantic to Africa, Italy, and France. James was home on 7 day leave and looked fine. He said that Rudolph Rogerson was on a sister ship - that he saw him often. Herbert Rawls came in with James, he being home on 3 day leave. Herbert still with Glider Airborne Outfit at McColl.

Remember Harold and Allie Atkinson boys? Well, Lt. Harold visited us early in January. Said brother Allie was aboard ship (AEM2/C) in Pacific. Harold has been out to West Coast for couple years and is now B-25 Pilot in Arizona. Family lives in Fayetteville. A fine pair of boys, were good athletes here in school and leave scores of friends who wish them well out there.

We were glad to see Roland Harrison, who paid us a call. Is at Selman Field, Monroe, La., and has been there. Has been in 30 Mos. Is with AAF Base Unit and wouldn't mind going over. Says rain, rain, rain in La., and would welcome change. Has brother Thomas K. in Germany.

Big Marine Boy Killebrew, just in from 20 mos. in Pacific, scared hell out of us when he came in. Boy has Presidential citation and numerous other medals strewn across his chest. About 6' 3", and brown as a berry. This guy can really tell you of early days at Guadalcanal, New Georgia and other outposts in Pacific. Boy had the terrible misfortune to lose his father and brother Louis while he was away. Louis was paratrooper and killed in Invasion in France.

Joseph F. Jones, Fl/C on U. S. Edmonds (DE406) has participated in 3 invasions and entitled to membership in West of Tokyo Missionary Society, this founded by Gen. Jimmie Doolittle. Was in invasion of Leyte. Joe's mother called on us and exhibited a citation for gallantry won by him - said he had been in Navy three years.

Turner A. Burnette came in to chat with us. He was on short furlough and had been in training in Camp Hood, Texas. Enroute to Ft. Meade and apparently on the way, but says O. K. by him. A fine 20 yr. old good-looking lad, but unafraid. (Happy hunting, Turner, and keep your eyes on those enemies of ours.)

Private Bill Babcock grabs off a furlough from San Antonio, & spends several days at home. Everybody grinned at Lawyer-editor-soldier-playboy Bill and if all reports are true he really spread joy while here. Of course Bill came by several times and inquired of his boys in the service and offered his best to HFF. A heck of a good guy. We hated to send him on to you, Mr. Hersey said, "Come along, Bill", and he didn't know any better than to go.

Sam Brown called on us, having returned from hospitals in France, England, Germany, New York and West Va. Sam was wounded in Germany, was picked off by a sniper, cutting away the bone in his upper right arm. He carries the limb in a carriage effect which will be removed when modern surgery partially restores his arm. The story Sam tells of the life the GI's live out there with the infantry, is blood-curdling. He says the Krauts are good soldiers but yellow bastards when the chips are down. Always ready to take advantage if the ups are in their favor but "Kamerad" if the chances are even. What a pity our boys have to journey thousand of miles and be subjected to such as this - what a pity they could not be exterminated with the throwing of some gadget, or switch. And this goes for the slit eyes called the sons of nippon. Sam wears the Purple Heart and Presidential Citation.