

Facts and Fancies from Fieldale



Fieldale News

By Faye P. Warren

Dear Servicemen and Friends:

News is really awful scarce but maybe the small amount I have to tell you this issue will be of some interest to you. I hope so.

Ernest "Buck" Merriman, of the U. S. Navy, spent a short leave with his wife last week-end.

Lawrence Wray of the U. S. Navy, who has been in the Southwest Pacific for several months, is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wray. Incidentally, Mr. and Mrs. Wray are the parents of six sons who are in the services of Uncle Sam. The other five sons and the branch of service of which they are a part are Pvt. Clouzell T. Wray, of the Army Air Corps, now stationed in England; Pfc. Roy T. Wray, of the U. S. Navy, now stationed in Italy; Audrey Wray, S1/C, of the Navy, is now somewhere in the Southwest Pacific; Pvt. James H. Wray of the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.; Everett J. Wray, A/S, of the Merchant Marine, who is stationed in New York. Lawrence, the son who is now visiting at home, was stationed at Pearl Harbor when war was declared. Best wishes to you fellows.

Sherman Hale, of the U. S. Navy, returned last week from the Southwest Pacific, after being in that zone for several months. Seaman Hale was given a medical discharge after serving in the navy for 13 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sawyers, of Newport News, spent the week-end with relatives and friends.

Miss Bessie Beheler, of Cleveland, Ohio, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Beheler, last week.

Earle Bullard, of the Navy, spent a leave here last week with relatives and friends.

Bill Harlowe returned home last week from Sheepshead Bay, N. Y. when he was given a medical discharge from the Merchant Marines.

Cpl. Bernard "Pie Face" Griggs, of Camp Breckenbridge, Ky., spent a furlough here last week with relatives and friends.

Pfc. and Mrs. Akens Fulcher announce the birth of a son on August 5.

Eugene Arnold, of the U. S. Navy, spent a leave here with his parents recently.

Pvt. Ted Martin visited his mother and other relatives for several days last week.

Mrs. Robert Lee Morris, of Portsmouth, spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry, last week.

Tommy Haynes, of the U. S. Navy, spent last week-end with his parents and friends.

Miss Edress Looney has returned to Washington, D. C., after spending a week with her parents.

Raymond Purdy, of the U. S. Army, better known to his friends as "Crankshaft", spent a furlough with relatives here last week. Pvt. Purdy has been in a foreign zone for the past two and a half years.

Well fellows, it seems that's about all the news except the "Town Drag", so until next time may I say for everybody back home, may God bless you all.

FAYE WARREN.

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"TOWN DRAG"

Ruth Atkins seen walking up the street with that fellow of hers.—Virginia Compton getting her picture in the Mill Whistle.—Emory Hundley and all the insurance men standing on that familiar corner every Thursday.—Nathan Harlowe taking a trip to Stanton.—Daisy Slaughter losing a bet to George Merriman.—Pauline Merriman observed walking to the post office.—Mildred Fox and Margaret Few looking forward to becoming Navy nurses.—Mary Turner and Marie Wade getting those packages from California.—Rosella Cannaday taking that nice vacation.—Mr. Ripple having a lot of luck on that last fishing trip. Nice going, Mr. Ripple; your luck seems to have changed.—Albert Lyons buying hamburgers.—Gaither Overby praising that new paint job at the "Y".—Coy Campbell looking forward to that trip to New York.—O. D. Fox's pal, Otis, visiting him last Saturday.—That Fieldale officer, John Johnson, buying wooden eggs.—Miss Mullins playing another game of bridge.—Fieldale winning over Covington in last Saturday's game.—Mrs. R. I. Morris getting an air mail letter from Ridgeway, Va.—Kyle Perry taking that trip to Portsmouth and Virginia Beach.—"Pieface" Griggs still working crossword puzzles.

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Brother Of Fieldale Man Reported Killed In Action

It has been reported that Walter Crawford, of Paston, South Carolina, has been killed in action while engaged in combat in France. Pvt. Crawford was 22 years of age and had served two years in the Infantry and had been located for the past twelve months in England and France.

His brother, Samuel Crawford, has been employed in the Hosiery Mill for a number of years.



The fact that this soldier wore his dogtag (identification number) over his heart accounts for his being alive today. He is Pfc. Joseph Carl Clark, of Elon College, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clark, live in Fieldale. Three sisters, Blanche, Mary, and Mrs. Harry Martin, are employed in the Hosiery Mill there. According to an account in The Greensboro Daily News last Sunday, Pfc. Clark was slightly wounded on July 4th in the fighting around St. Lo. Returning to duty the same day he was in active combat until July 10th. But let him tell it:

"I had just received a letter from my wife, Allene Young Clark. Out on the battlefield the first thing we do when we get a letter is to tear off the address, so that in event of capture by the enemy they will not be able to identify our outfit.

"Well, just then something struck me in the chest and knocked my breath away. A medical soldier came over, tore my shirt, and found a German bullet had just punctured the flesh over my heart and was imbedded there. But it would have gone through me if it hadn't been for the aluminum dogtag I was wearing."

Pfc. Clark is now in a hospital in England but expects to be sent back to active duty at any time now.

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"And what is the first thing you do when cleaning your rifle?" asked the sergeant.

"Look at the number, sergeant," replied the private, smartly.

"Look at the number," snorted the sergeant, in surprise. "Whatever for?"

"To make sure I don't clean one for some other guy."