

# Wilkes Man Tells About North Africa

## Captain Pardue Finds N. Africa Very Interesting

Captain T. O. Pardue, Air Corps, 840th Bombardment Sq., whose mother, Mrs. P. H. Pardue, lives at Ronda, has written his sister, Mrs. M. F. Bumgarner of Wilkesboro route one, the following letter:

"North Africa, Jan. 23, 1943.

"Dear Sister:

Your letter received a few days ago. Sure was glad to hear from you. Yes, when I was in England I guess my mail went across a little more speedily than it will from here. Although, I think all our mail from here goes by plane. In fact, that is about the only means we have for mail here. The French railway system is busy otherwise.

"I never did picture in my mind Africa being like it is. I have seen quite a bit of the northern portion, and there are many beautiful places. A wide variety, ranging from snow-capped mountains to desert plains, and from dry and warm to wet and cold. At one place where I stayed for a while I wore my galoshes 'most every day, but I must say I have not had to wear them here at this place. The weather is very nice here, practically no rain. Some frigidation is carried on by the natives.

"There are many oases within sight and the mountains are beautiful, even though they are practically all stone and bare. I have been mountain climbing twice in the past two weeks and find it very amusing. The last time my partner and I hiked about 30 miles one day and climbed a 2000-foot stone mountain. There were no inhabitants in the area except for a few scattered Arabs. In fact, other than a few French people, there are none other than Arabs here.

"The Arabs are very friendly but of course we can't talk very much with them. I believe they can learn English easier than we can. Arabic. Their costumes are very odd (old) and to us backward. Most of them wear their robes and sandals, if they wear any shoes at all, and live in mud-built huts. I haven't been in to visit any of them, but it appears that they live in a very dirty condition. Little if any furnishing in their houses, and the sheep, goats and donkeys live in the house with them; at least it appears so to me. I suppose there are the better classes, of course.

"I guess you think this is a very poorly composed letter, but I write as my mind travels, and that is very jumpy. "Just a word about our living conditions. First, I must say we get along just fine and have plenty to eat. I like most all others, live in my pup-tent. The tent floor is about two feet below ground level, except the portion where my bed is, which is only about half so deep. I have a nice Arab-woven grass carpet on the floor. So, all being considered, I have pretty comfortable quarters. Close by, at my neighbor's tent,

### STAR SPANGLED RHYTHM



Bing Crosby keeps great company in Paramount's show of shows, "Star Spangled Rhythm", which comes soon to the Liberty Theatre. Here he is with three of the more than forty famous stars in the film, Dorothy Lamour, Veronica Lake, Paulette Goddard.

we have a down-stairs room. Here we just have room to sit in the evenings to read and write until bedtime. We are lucky to have a nice Coleman gasoline lantern to give light. It does not glow outside from our position, and too it is a very comfortable place to be when the other forces try to do to us what we are doing to them.

"My neighbor is an officer in the dental corps. The doctor and I spend a good bit of our time together when not working. He got some Christmas packages today; so I am helping eat candies, cake and such. Here in our DeLuxe compartment we have all the luxuries of field life. We even have an accordion. The doctor is learning to play pretty well, and even I can get a tune from it.

"During the day the weather is warm, sometimes enough to get a sun bath, but by the time the sun sets I always need my coat. And at night I usually sleep under about four blankets, although it has not been freezing here.

"We get all the dates, oranges and tangerines here that we care for.

"You should have seen me doing my week's washing today. Guess I will do the ironing when I get home—ha!

"There is a hot sulphur spring some distance from here that I go to occasionally and, like I used to do as a child, go wading in the branch. I really enjoy the hot bath. The water is about as hot as one can stand—something like 105 degrees.

"Will close now and get to my music lesson! Write soon.

"Love, from TOM"

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## WILKES Men In The SERVICE

### Roberts Brothers Are In Army Service

Pvt. Luther A. Roberts, who was inducted on January 13, 1943, has been assigned to Camp Lee, Va., for training. His brother, Pfc. Culus Roberts, has been in the army since June, 1942, and is now stationed at Camp Blanding, Florida. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Roberts, of Cycle.

### Pfc. Roger Gregory Is In North Africa

Pfc. Roger Gregory, who has been in the army since August, 1941, is now in North Africa, according to letters received by relatives here. Pfc. Gregory is a son of R. W. Gregory, of Union Grove.

### Pfc. James V. Staley In New Orleans

Pfc. James V. Staley, who is in the medical corps and is stationed in New Orleans, is spending a 12-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roby Staley, of Reddes River.

### Pvt. Paul M. Johnson Now Overseas

Pvt. Paul M. Johnson entered the service April 14, 1942. He received his training at Fort Eustis, Va., and Camp Edwards, Mass., and is now in service somewhere in Great Britain. He is the son of Meadie E. Harold Johnson and the late Galtner Johnson, of Hays. He also has a brother, Warren G. Johnson, in service at Camp Bowie, Texas.

### Earl Triplett Promoted To Corporal Rank

Camp Polk, La. — Private Earl Triplett has been promoted to corporal, it was announced today by his commanding officer, Col. Paul Steele. Corporal Triplett is a member of 31st Armored Regiment.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy G. Triplett of route one, Purlair, North Carolina.

### Pvt. Adams In New Jersey

Pvt. William B. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Adams, of Halls Mills, is now stationed with the air signal corps at Atlantic City, New Jersey. In a recent letter home, Pvt. Adams stated that he was liking the army fine.

### Pvt. Dean A. Dillard In California

Pvt. Dean A. Dillard, son of Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Dillard, of Hays, who was inducted into the army on January 22, is now stationed at Camp Young, Calif.

### Pvt. Roby Shumate Visits Home

Pvt. Roby Shumate has returned to Campbell, Ky., after spending a eight-day furlough with his father, F. L. Shumate. While at home he visited his grandmother, Mrs. Frances Roberts, of Hays and several other friends at North Wilkesboro and Millers Creek. Pvt. Shumate has been in service nine months.

Pvt. Robert L. Brown in California. Pvt. Robert L. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brown, of Halls Mills, is now stationed at Camp Young, California.

### James Bumgarner Visits Home

James Bumgarner, who enlisted in the navy three months ago and has completed his basic training at San Diego, California, is spending a few days in Wilkesboro with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rom Bumgarner.

### On Duty Overseas

Archie M. Sale, son of Robert L. Sale, who enlisted in the navy last October with an officer rating, is on duty on an island somewhere in the South Pacific. He took basic training at Providence, R. I. He writes he is well and getting along fine.

### Benjamin S. Estes Visits Home

Benjamin S. Estes, who is in the navy and is stationed at Baltimore, Md., spent Tuesday and Wednesday here with his father, B. F. Estes. His wife, who makes her home in Newton, was also here Tuesday and Wednesday.

### Pvt. M. W. Green, Jr., Airplane Mechanic

Pvt. M. W. Green, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Green, of North Wilkesboro, graduated today from the airplane mechanics' school at Gulport, Miss. Pvt. Green entered the army on September 15 and is expected home soon on his first furlough.

### Flight Officer Story To Return Friday

Flight Officer Don Story will return to Greenville army air base Friday after spending several days at home in Wilkesboro. He is a son of Representative and Mrs. T. E. Story.

### Pvt. Deans At Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Pvt. Thomas Richard Deans, who has been stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., has been transferred to Camp Wheeler, Ga. Pvt. Deans is proprietor of Deans Jewelry store here.

### Seaman Morrison Visits Parents

Seaman (sc) Hubert Morrison, who is stationed at Norfolk, Va., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Morrison, near Wilkesboro.

### Miss Kennedy Is Y. W. A. Hostess

The Y. W. A. of the Wilkesboro Baptist church held its monthly meeting Monday evening at the home of Miss Frances Kennedy.

To open the meeting the group sang the Y. W. A. hymn and repeated the Lord's Prayer. Frances Kennedy, the president, was in charge of a short business session after which plans were discussed for personal service work.

Refreshments were served by the hostess during the social hour.

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## Yellow Jacket Will Continue To Be Published

### Small Editions To Appear Until Plant Is Rebuilt At Moravian Falls

R. Don Laws said today that the Yellow Jacket, nationally known political paper of wide circulation, will continue to be published despite the fire which destroyed his plant Monday at Moravian Falls.

Mr. Laws, whose Yellow Jacket has been going into every state in large numbers for many years, said an abbreviated edition will be put out for February and March and by April his plant will be back in operation.

He plans to rebuild the large automatic press, which was not badly damaged in the fire which destroyed the building, and to salvage all equipment possible from the ruins. Mr. Laws' building on the opposite side of the highway will be used to house the plant.

The large building containing the shop with about \$30,000

worth of equipment, and which also houses the Moravian Falls Postoffice, was entirely burned.

## Poultry Seen As Rationing Help

Fr. Collins, Colo. — Improved meat rationing and the nation's huge surplus of wheat combined today to accentuate the growing importance of the chicken.

O. C. Ufford, of the Colorado State college extension service, predicted that the meat shortage and the wheat surplus would "work each other off" through increased production of poultry.

The chicken, said Ufford, can produce more pounds of meat from feed grains than any animal—and more important, can do the job more quickly.

A baby beef, he said, probably will eat about 12 pounds of feed in producing a pound of meat, a lamb about one pound, a hog about five and one-half pounds.

But the chicken needs only three to four pounds of feed, Ufford suggests that hens and roosters like wheat grain just about as well as anything else, so why not use up the surplus in production of meat?

## Violations Labor Laws Reported

Raleigh.—A total of 138 inspection cases were closed under the federal wage and hour law in North Carolina during January, and 604 establishments employing 13,468 workers were inspected under the North Carolina labor laws, State Labor Commissioner Forrest H. Shuford reported.

Among 129 manufacturing and commercial establishments found covered by the wage and hour law, 49 were in full compliance and 80 were violating various provisions of the statute. Thirty-one establishments were violating the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the act and 49 were failing to keep the required employee and payroll records.

Restitution of back wages in the sum of \$13,768 were secured during the month for 323 employees from 36 firms which had underpaid their employees according to wage-hour standards.

A total of 937 violations of the state labor laws and rules and regulations found by inspectors during January were reported as follows: Hour law, 29; time records, 16; child labor, 614; sanitation, 45; seats, 1; drinking fountain facilities, 9; safety code violations, 90; other violations, 133.

Corrections of the violations were reported in 574 instances, 354 of which concerned child labor.

### PROMPT DISCHARGE

Boy (Applying for a job)— "Yes, I want a job." Farmer— "How will you work?" Boy— "I want a job that will start at 12 o'clock, take one hour off for lunch and stop at 1 o'clock—\$200 a month and a new car." Farmer— "Well, you are fired before you start."

### Joseph C. Grew Warns

## Half-Effort Will Not Defeat Japan

By JOSEPH C. GREW

United States Ambassador to Japan until the outbreak of war, and author of "Report From Tokio."

(Written for the Treasury Department in connection with the Retainers' "SAY YES" campaign to complete the nation's 100,000,000 partially filled War Stamp albums.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In describing one of the big air battles over Guadalcanal a recent newspaper account tells of an American flyer who parachuted from his crippled plane to the waters of Lunga Bay. The Navy craft which picked him up next went to the rescue of a Japanese pilot seen struggling in the water nearby. As the rescue boat reached the Japanese flyer he suddenly pulled out his revolver, aimed it at the drenched American pilot and pulled the trigger. The cartridge failed to explode. Then the Japanese officer turned the gun on himself with suicidal intent. Again he pulled the trigger and again his revolver failed him. At this point an American sailor knocked him out with a boat hook and pulled him aboard the American craft a prisoner.

Almost daily one reads eye-witness stories such as this one, and all of them clearly demonstrate that war with our enemy in the Pacific cannot end in compromise.

For ten years I lived in Japan. The truth as I know it from close observation is this: Nothing less than the exertion of our maximum capacities, individually and collectively, in a war of offense will bring our beloved country safely to the longed-for haven of victorious peace. The Japanese are pawns of a senseless but mighty militarism—

a warrior caste which is ruthless and cruel beyond comprehension.

From the flood of eye witness accounts of atrocity and bestiality one



JOSEPH C. GREW Says It's Fight to Finish

fact shines clear. We must utterly crush that machine and caste and system. If however, we Americans think this senselessly and individ-

ally we can continue to lead our normal lives, leaving the spirit of self-sacrifice to our soldiers and sailors, we shall unquestionably run the risk of a stalemate with Japan. I do not have the slightest doubt of our eventual victory. But I do not wish to see the period of our blood, sweat and tears indefinitely and unnecessarily prolonged. We must not fail to realize that we are up against a powerful fighting machine, a people whose morale cannot be broken even by successive defeats and untold economic hardship, a people who gladly sacrifice their lives for their Emperor and their nation. We must also remember that Japan did not start this war without carefully laid military plans for victory over the United States and a peace dictated by their war lords at the White House.

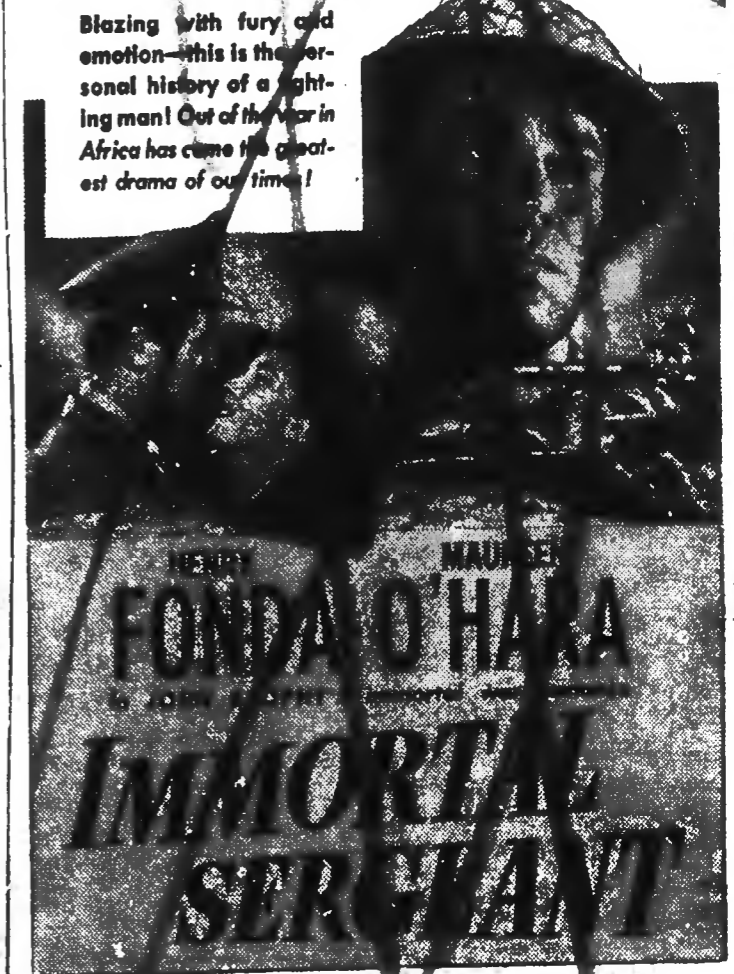
This is a total war, the only answer to which is a total American victory. It is a war in which half measures of any kind mean incredible waste of material, energy and human life. In this sense a half-filled War Savings Stamp album is symbolic of a half effort. There are, I am told, roughly 400 million partially complete War Stamp albums now in circulation. These uncompleted Stamp albums are, in a measure, like a 100 million threats to a speedy and victorious peace. On the other hand, for every War Savings album completed and cashed in for a bond, you the owner have helped some soldier or sailor take a forward step on the uphill road to total victory. U. S. Treasury Department

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