

Following Alleghany



This column is devoted to news of men serving their country. Such news is solicited from parents and friends of these men. "Revenge Pearl Harbor."

J. B. Tucker has recently been made acting Sergeant or Platoon leader of his group at Camp Blanding, Florida. He has been in the army for the past two months and is with the anti-tank corps. His wife, the former Miss Hazel Lyons, and two sons, Joe and Bryan, reside in Sparta.

Pfc. Bert Oscar Evans writes his sister, Mrs. Kilby Atwood, from Italy, saying that he is all right, that he had been in Rome and had visited in St. Peter's Cathedral. "It is a beautiful city" he writes. Pfc. Evans graduated from Sparta high school May 6, 1943, and was inducted into the Army the following day. He trained at Camp Shelby, Miss., and Ft. Meade, Md., and was sent to North Africa in October. He was wounded in Italy on February 12, but was able to return to his company eleven days later. He has been in the battle of Italy since that time.

Billy Hardin, F 2-C, of the U. S. Navy, is spending a leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hardin. He will return to his base at Philadelphia, Pa.

Pfc. Meredith Earl Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Richardson, of Whitehead, is spending a furlough here with his wife and other relatives. Pfc. Richardson was recently graduated from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery school, Laredo, Texas. He is now qualified to take his place as a member of a bomber combat crew. Along with his diploma, Pfc. Richardson received a pair of Aerial Gunner's silver wings.

Ed. Bower Irwin writes from France that he is well and feeling fine. "He has plenty to eat and enough sleep. France is a lot different from Ireland," he relates,

and he likes it much better. The people there are quite friendly and would give the American soldier anything they have. "There is a lot of rain and mud but we are doing well just the same," Lt. Irwin writes. He also said that he was proud of the boys he had trained and who are with him there in France; and he hopes they will all be coming home again soon.

Captain Charles Robbins recently notified his wife, the former Miss Helen Maines, of Sparta, that he has arrived safely somewhere in England.

Pvt. Guy C. Collins has notified his wife, Mrs. Clea Collins, that he is now stationed in France. Pvt. Collins entered the service July 17, 1943, and received his basic training at Aberdeen, Md. After training in Greenville, Pa., he was transferred overseas to England for five months.

Pfc. Ray C. Greene has recently notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Greene, that he is now in France. He was stationed in England for five months after going overseas.

Pvt. Bruce E. Wyatt recently notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wyatt, of Piney Creek, that he had arrived safely somewhere in England.

Woodie Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Cox, of Laurel Springs, is a member of the new class of future Army Air Forces fighter pilots undergoing flight training at the AAF Center Flying Training Command pilot school at Foster Field, Texas. At Foster Field, student fliers receive instruction in the fine points of military flying, including precision formation maneuvers, naviga-

tion and aerial gunnery.

Lieutenant William A. Clendenin, formerly of Wilmington and Raleigh, and grandson of Dr. H. K. Boyer, who is spending the summer at Four Oaks Tavern here, has recently been decorated with the Air Medal in the Pacific War zone. Lt. Clendenin has been in the New Guinea area since November, 1943. He was recently promoted to first lieutenant. He entered the Army in 1942 and received his pilot's wings at Army airfield at Eagle Pass, Texas, in May, 1943, and was assigned to a troop carrier command.

Bill Woodruff, Seaman 2-C, who is stationed at Melbourne, Fla., is spending a leave with relatives after completing his "boot" training.

Marine Pfc. Lester W. Hoppers, son of Mrs. Myrtle Hoppers, of Stratford, has been graduated from the Infantry and Browning Automatic Rifle Section school at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California. Pfc. Hoppers has completed thorough training with the B. A. R., M-1 Garand and Carbine rifles, hand grenades and anti-tank grenades and is well versed in the use of the bayonet and knife for jungle warfare. He will be assigned to an infantry battalion. Before enlisting in the Marines at Roanoke, Va., in July, 1944, Pfc. Hoppers was employed as a clerk for the Norfolk and Western Railway.

Aviation Cadet James Lewis Wagoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wagoner, of Sparta, has completed his pre-flight training at Santa Ana, Calif., and has arrived at the Rankin Aeronautical Academy, Tulare, California, where he will receive a ten weeks course of primary flight training. This academy is operated by J. G. "Tex" Rankin, world champion acrobatic pilot and a teacher of flying for the past 25 years. Aviation Cadet Wagoner will train in the same airplanes and under the same instructors who has taught many of America's famous aces, including Major Richard I. Bong, the first American pilot to surpass the record of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker by shooting down 27 Jap planes.

Sgt. Carlyle Anderson, of Winston-Salem and formerly of Alleghany county, writes his aunt, Mrs. J. B. Caudill, that he is in



M. Luther Aldridge, Seaman 2C, who is now somewhere in New Guinea, entered the Navy in November, 1943, and received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He has been overseas since February, 1944. Seaman Aldridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Aldridge, of Concord, is married to the former Miss Pauline Reynolds, of Glade Valley. Seaman and Mrs. Aldridge have two children.



Aviation Cadet Harrell C. Joines, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Joines, is now stationed at the Naval Air Training Center in Pensacola, Florida, where he is receiving intermediate training. Upon completion of the intensive course at the "Annapolis of the Air," Cadet Joines will receive his Navy wings and will be commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve.



Pvt. George Robert Redd, son of Mrs. Verna Redd, of Sparta, entered the service in May, 1944, and is stationed at Camp Croft. He writes that he likes army life fine and to tell all his friends, "hello."

France and is getting along fine. Sgt. Anderson took part in the recent invasion.

Pvt. Norford Hall, formerly of Washington, D. C., who has been overseas for the past 21 months, writes his wife that he has been in the hospital for the past month but is getting along fine. He expects to be home in the near future. Pvt. Hall is married to the former Miss Edith Caudill, of Roaring Gap.

Pvt. Fred Roberts, who is stationed somewhere in North Africa, writes that he is well and to tell all his friends "hello."

First Sgt. Robert C. Tilley, who has been in the Army for the past thirty years and who has been stationed in almost every state in the United States in addition to six years spent in Panama, writes his sister, Mrs. J. B. Caudill, that he has arrived safely in England. First Sgt. Tilley has not visited in Alleghany for the past 20 years.

Mildred Dancy, S-2C, Waves, of Washington, D. C., recently spent a seven-day furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dancy, at Laurel Springs.

Cpl. Donald Dancy, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dancy, of Laurel Springs, recently spent a week end with his aunt, Mrs. James O'Grady, of Chicago, Ill. Mrs. O'Grady was the former Miss Aileen Dancy, of Laurel Springs. Cpl. Dancy is stationed at Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

Pvt. Willard Reeves, who is

stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., is spending a seven-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reeves.

Sgt. Ray Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Reeves, of Sparta, is now stationed somewhere in Italy. Sgt. Reeves is a gunner of a bomber squadron in the Air Corps.

Cpl. Earl Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davis, of Whitehead, wrote his parents recently that he had been wounded in the invasion and that he was now back in England and was being well cared for. Cpl. Davis suffered a fractured left arm and leg. He has been in the service for more than three years and has been overseas for the past two years.

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