

# Excerpts From Letters To The "Old Mountaineer"

John Floyd, "The Old Mountaineer," veteran of two world wars, who writes monthly letters to the employees of the Neider Mills, now in the armed service has received many and varied letters from "His Boys." He devoted his last letter to excerpts from letters he had received from service men scattered all over the face of the globe. Because of the interest of the letters The Herald secured permission from "The Old Mountaineer" to reprint them here so that readers at home and abroad can enjoy these fine comments from former Kings Mountain Citizens now giving their all for their country. Readers will not know how much the "boys" appreciate receiving the monthly letter, and this is just a reminder to write the men in service as often as you possibly can.

Here are the comments and congratulations to Mr. Floyd on his thoughtful idea of sending so many letters in his one monthly journal:

Cpl. Lester Watterson — Somewhere in Italy I am sending you a picture of myself, but it don't look like me. Somehow, I don't make a very good picture.

Cpl. George J. Hill — Somewhere in India, Col. George Barber's son Harold, was at the other camp I was in, but I didn't get to see him. I saw Bill Jackson on my trip here and he told me about Harold.

Cpl. Lester L. Etters — North Africa. I ran into George Ware over here a couple of months ago. I also saw John Royster.

Sgt. Howard R. Godfrey, co. Fleet P. O. New York. Boy you ought to be over here and see some of the beautiful women and get a good drink of beer. The color is black and I mean black. (Note: I haven't been able to figure out whether he means the women or the beer.)

Pfc. Henry Ford — Amin

**EXHAUSTION leads to Headache**



**CAPUDINE**

write from a different location on the globe I am now in North Africa. The man crop over here to grapes for making wines. After drinking so much you have to stop otherwise your feet will fall out from under you.

Sgt. M. C. H. C. Cloninger — I'll try to write a few lines but can see that it is going to be quite a job for the old ship is rolling quite a bit.

R. M. S. C. Robert Morrison — I am sure many of the boys from home were in the invasion of Sicily, and I hope all of the boys came out of it as lucky as I did.

Lt. Luther S. Morrison — Somewhere in the Pacific I am now over seas, think I will be permitted to say where I am located the first of next month I will write you some of the things of interest on the island when I can do so.

Pvt. Earl Gladden — Somewhere in the Aleutian Area. When I get back home I want them to throw a beer party with Geo. Barber as Master of Ceremonies and let Broadway Moss make a speech.

Pfc. Vernon L. Smith — At last I have time to drop you a line from Italy. The longer I stay here the better I like it. It is a wonderful country. Perfect climate and plenty of wine at ten cents a quart, shave five cents hair cut ten.

Pfc. James O. Jolly — Somewhere in Italy I am getting along fine and feel good. I am up at the front line.

Pfc. Dewey Murray — In this letter you will find a one Krona note. That is what they use for money here in Iceland. One Krona has a value of about 15 cents. I would like to send you some Aurar, but we can't send coins in a letter.

R. M. S. C. Luther P. Ware — USS Baltimore. We have these rats on the run and now they are going to stay on the run.

Cpl. C. E. Watterson — I can say that I like England a little better now, and to hear the girls talk is lots of fun.

Pfc. Leonard Beattie — Ask our Marine Buddy Charles Black for a good headline story for your letters. He could give you a perfect picture of these Tropical Skies and surroundings. Wish you could give Santa Claus a few snow balls for me as I have almost forgotten what they look like.

Cpl. Ralph Ware — Somewhere

## Showing At Imperial Monday and Tuesday



John Garfield and Maureen O'Hara showing at the Imperial next Monday and Tuesday.

in the Southwest Pacific was in Australia for a while I tried to locate my brother Chero there but moved before I could get any information.

Pvt. Harry D. Wilson — Sure would like to be there working, you see I am now somewhere in Italy. Believe me so far I am doing all right by myself. Yes, I am telling you I don't like Combat. I have been in Combat for sometime and we have the Germans on the run.

T-5 Sam Beam — I like Italy fine. Sure beats North Africa. Lots of interesting things to see here, especially the girls.

Sgt. S. J. Hughes, USS Christopher — I have been aboard this ship for a few weeks and like it fine.

Sgt. Ernest D. Harbin, USS Essex — I am getting along fine except a little homesick. Now, I said Homesick, and not Seasick.

Pfc. John A. Royster — North Africa — As for the Purple Heart, well, it might be a badge of Courage to you, but to us guys that got it, it's just a gentle reminder that we didn't "Duck fast enough."

Pvt. Jack K. Bennett — North Africa — But as you know we were over here when the battle was going on and I thought for a while I was going to have to start digging a fox-hole but I didn't.

Pvt. John C. Early — Have been averaging about ten hours per day

up where the Gremlins play. You know how these "Wahines" are. As for me, I could really go for a white Wahine I don't give a damn how ugly she is as long as she is white.

Pvt. Gus Page — I guess after two or three months I better tell "The Old Mountaineer" how I've been in England and now Consors let me tell you its Leedsbury and near Darls.

Pfc. Curtis Gaffney — Write me everything you can about the news, because that keeps the morale up and chases the Blues away. I was at Gaddan'nal for a couple of months it wasn't such a bad place.

Sgt. Roy L. Howell — England. Think I told you sometime ago that I'm a Ganner on a 13th Air Force. I'd like to send you one of the Eighth Air Force Shoulder Patches but I don't have just now. (Since reported MISSING IN ACTION.)

Pvt. Arvel Laughter — Well I am still here in India and I am having a time trying to talk to them.

Cpl. Maxin Whisonant — Been out of Civilization so long I'm beginning to go native. I may be sweating here in the jungles, but I'll still be wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Sgt. W. J. Fulherson — An Arab saw one of me sheets the other day and said, "Special Business, me give you 1000 francs for sheet."

Cpl. Chas. E. Spearman — I have been in Italy for sometime now. Before I left Sicily I ran into Jim Pace.

Sgt. Karl S. Sawyer — After five weeks of all a guy could want in England I landed in Africa.

Cpl. Wm. Lynn — I am somewhere in England and like a pretty good but I had rather be back there.

Cpl. James Ledford — I am somewhere in England and it is not such a bad place.

Pvt. Herschel Wright — I am now in Australia. It is real hot here—about like August at the Maroon.

NEED NEWS  
H. Y. Bell

Pvt. Johnnie Lauerfeld of Mississippi is visiting his parents on the York road.

Pvt. Frank Thomas has returned to Camp Butler after visiting his parents.

Tom Brown from Charlotte spent Sunday out at Noho.

Miss Mary Bell from Winthrop college is visiting her uncle, H. Y. Bell.

A fellow told me he didn't believe what he heard over the radio or in the papers. I doubt if he believes his own lies.

John Logan put a little ad in the Herald about his good things to eat I went down there Monday. Looks like they had a fire sale—most everything was gone.

When I wrote the Fairview news "Hector" Merrill came by every few days going down to the farm

to see about his sea island cotton. He'd stop in the store, get him a Coca-Cola and a cash cigar, tell a funny joke, and finally one day he said to Harvey Hambricht, "Where is Fairview what that fellow Merrill writes about?" Harvey said, "You are that here now pull off your hat and stay awhile."

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