

Pfc. Walter Elgin Is At Fort Oglethorpe

Army Ground And Service Forces Redistribution Station, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. — Pfc. Walter N. Elgin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Elgin, Kings Mountain, N. C., and husband of Mrs. Grace Elgin, is currently stationed at the Redistribution Station, where he will spend two weeks before reporting to his new assignment

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in the United States. Pfc. Elgin was returned recently to the United States after having served 11 months in the European theatre of operations, where he served as a rifleman in the Infantry. He holds the Good Conduct Medal and European Theatre of Operations Ribbons with 1 Bronze Campaign Star. Before joining the army he worked in the Phenix Textile Mills in Kings Mountain, N. C.

Returning veterans are given every opportunity to rest, relax, and regain their bearings while they are being processed. The three days of processing include a complete physical examination, tests and interviews to determine their proper assignment, discussion groups at which each soldier is given information on the GI Bill of Rights, the progress of the war, post-war problems, as well as an opportunity to air any personal or impersonal gripes.

The remainder of the veteran's time may be spent in visiting surrounding communities, playing golf, bowling, bicycling, or just sitting in the Post Exchange, or the Snack Shack where coffee and doughnuts

are free, talking to veterans from other theaters.

MABRY PROMOTED

In The Western Pacific. — John H. Mabry, son of John H. Mabry, 307 Gaston street, Kings Mountain, N. C., has been advanced to seaman, first class, aboard the USS SIERRA, a destroyer tender.

Former employee of the Neisler Mills, Mabry has been in the Navy 16 months and overseas 13 months. He took basic training at Camp Perry, Va.

Whittington Set For Pacific Duty

Assembly Area Command, France. — Staff Sgt. H. R. Whittington, whose mother, Mrs. J. F. Fredell lives on route 3, Kings Mountain, N. C., has arrived at Camp Philadelphia, in the Assembly Area Command, with a General Hospital which is now being processed for direct redeployment to the Pacific. Sgt. Whittington has been overseas for nine months.

The unit of which he is a member sailed from Boston in November, 1944, arriving in Scotland and moving to stations in England before reaching France New Year's Eve. Moving up, the unit served two field armies during its tour of active operations in the ETO.

Before he entered the service July 19, 1941, Sgt. Whittington resided with his aunt, Mrs. Novella Phillips who now lives at 109 City street. His ETO ribbon carries one battle participation star earned in the Rhineland campaigns. He has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the American Defense Ribbon.

Re-classifications Are Given By Board

The local selecting service board announced this week re-classifications of a large number of registrants. The re-classifications represented action taken at board meetings of August 7 and 11.

The re-classifications follow:

Baxter W. Owens	4F 2A (f)
Stanley R. Mullinax	4F 2A (f)
Paul P. Hartsoe	4F 2A (f)
Walter H. Bridges	4F 2A (f)
Andrew A. Smith	4F 2A (f)
Jack E. Gaddy	4F 1A
Dan Bridges	4F 1A
James P. Panther	4F 2A (f)
Broncus M. Montgomery	4F 2A (f)
David G. McDaniel	4F 2A (f)
Lloyd W. Fredell	4F 2A (f)
William K. Mauney, Jr.	4F 2A (f)
Alex D. Owens	2C (L) 1 AB
Thomas A. Benton	3D 2A (f)
Charles R. Pike	1A 2A (f)
J. B. Mackey	1A 2A (f)
Robert E. Costner	1A 2C (f)
Hugh J. Kelly	New Reg. O
Manuel R. L. Parris	New Reg. O
Earl Lee Grigg	New Reg. O
Julius Elbery Seism, Jr.	New Reg. O
George Kenneth Camp	New Reg. O
William Floyd Carroll	New Reg. O
Warren G. Ellison	New Reg. O
William H. Blackman	New Reg. O
Austin J. Elmore	New Reg. O
William P. Carthen	1A 2B
Everette C. Propst	1A 4F
Ray W. Blackburn	1A 1C In
James A. Eubanks	1A 2A (f)
Richard C. Hamrick	1A 2A
William B. Harry	2A 1A
Alvin E. Bell	2C 4A
Sherman J. Wright	1A 2A (f)
Robert L. Lewis	1A 2A (f)
Leroy G. Champion	2A 1A
Carl West, Jr.	1A 2A (f)
Herman Sprouse	O 1A
Arthur L. Anderson	O 1A
Floyce Sandler	O 1A

division played a leading role in the whirlwind spring finale that led to unconditional surrender of all enemy forces in Italy. The division, commanded by Major General John B. Coulter, is the first Selective Service division to be inactivated.

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Dead Wood

In my early 20's I had frequent dealings with a small but old and reputable manufacturing corporation. One day I lunched with a gray-haired employee, the superintendent, who was quite unhappy. They had lost their biggest contract. The lost customer was a young and thrifty retail firm whose needs had finally grown too large for the old manufacturer to supply.

Price had been a consideration, of course. My companion admitted that several competitors could quote a lower price and make a profit when his plant could not. It was on account of the modern, high-speed equipment which the competitors used. Naturally I asked why the old house couldn't install better machinery. The superintendent simply wagged his head and said, "dead wood."

Unused Hands

"Our big boss is the chairman," he explained. "His brother is president of the company. Each of them has a son who is a vice-president. The secretary and the treasurer are both sons-in-law. I don't see any of them twice a year but they draw salaries as big as mine. We can't buy new equipment. Sometimes we are hard put to pay for current materials promptly."

This was 25 years ago when a lot of ranting (not altogether unjustified), was heard about the "idle rich." But the tables have turned. America's threat now is "idle poor." This is more dangerous because the poor are more numerous. Idle hands can ride any business to the ground because they retard production. Indifferent workers are no less guilty than pampered payrollers.

Public Enemies

I was much impressed by an article in the Houston Press a few weeks ago, written by a returned service man. He had started to work in an office soon after he was discharged and, six weeks later, penned his contempt for civilian workers, men and women. They systematically fritter away 50% of their working time, he charged. They can do it because of the scarcity of workers.

There is an imported, alien doctrine that capitalists will make too much profit for the good of the public unless workers retard production some way. It is venomous. National enemies at whom American soldiers are thrusting bayonets today are relatively harmless. They are much less liable to do humanity permanent harm than the slick saboteurs who plant a philosophy of idleness in the minds of honest workers.

Work and Live

America's unique place among world powers, the singularly high standard of living among American workers and farmers, our national income and our national safety, depend on work. Ability and willingness to make things well and make them fast have put the United States on top of the world. It is the secret of American prosperity, but in a startling degree our people are being led away from the idea.

The world soon will be a market for manufactured goods, a market of millions of people in poverty. If America fails to supply their needs, quickly and at a price (possible with efficient production) then cheap-labor countries will take the business. Dead wood can cheat Uncle Sam out of world trade and leave us to stew again in our own over-supply, with low wages and poor living conditions which we don't want and which aren't necessary.

Max B. Sellers Is Slated For U. S.

With The U. S. Army, Italy — Pfc. Max B. Sellers, son of Mrs. Jake Sellers, route 3, Kings Mountain, N. C., a jeep driver, is a member of the retiring 85th "Custer" Division, is slated to sail from Italy to the United States during August and undergo final screening to determine whether he will return to civilian life. Unless the army classifies him as essential and can find no one to replace him, he will be honorably discharged soon after his arrival in the United States.

He is scheduled for transfer to the personnel center nearest his home within 48 hours of the time of his arrival in the United States. Until he is transferred, he will be at a port or in a staging area, either of which is closed to the public.

The 85th, a Selective Service outfit that fought in the Italian campaign under Fifth Army, has been restaffed and is now composed entirely of men who have adjusted service rating scores of 85 or more and are eligible for release from the army, contingent only on the final screening. They served in the Italian campaign as members of the 34th "Red Bull" Division, the 91st "Powder River" Division, the 10th Mountain Infantry Division or some other Fifth Army unit. Some of them were members of the 85th before it was restaffed.

The 85th was first activated in August, 1917, at Camp Custer, Mich., and served in the World War on both the Western and Eastern fronts. It was reactivated in May, 1942, was put through maneuvers in Louisiana in the spring of 1943 and moved to the Mediterranean theater in December of that year.

The 85th met the German enemy along the Gustav Line in Italy in April, 1944, as a unit of the Fifth Army and advanced from Minturno to join Allied beachhead forces after the breakthrough from Anzio. The Custer men fought through Rome to 50 miles beyond the Eternal City, then were drawn back for rest. They were put in reserve positions below the Arno River, later being moved to holding positions on the river. Crossing the Arno after Florence had fallen, the 85th battled through the Gothic Line, fighting over mountainous terrain in rain and mud against stiff enemy resistance. When Allied forces broke into the Po Valley the

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