

Men in Service

Editor's Note—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send news of the boys, whereabouts and activities. Letters are sent out to the country, are being for news of their friends. Even the address of a very distant soldier may be of interest.

Bill Terrell Writes Of Battling Along Front Line In Europe

Writing to friends in Birmingham, Bill Terrell, former Eccentric employee, tells of front line battling from the south of France on up through Germany. He suffered wounds but has returned to duty. He hopes to be sent home soon. A brother, Jack, is in Texas for treatment for battle wounds.

Bill's letter follows:

May 24, 1945.

Dear Friend:

I have just received your most interesting letter. I think it is the nicest one yet, and I do appreciate you writing to me very much.

Move Dead from Germany. You asked why I was sent to France to a rest camp. Well, we don't have any rest camps in Germany, and no American is supposed to be buried on German soil. We just aren't having a thing to do with them. You can't blame us can you? However, I do know of cases where G.I.s were buried in

Germany, but it was emergency cases, due to the condition of the body. But if possible, no one will be left there, we are sure of that.

Getting back to the rest camps again, we also have them in Paris, France, also in Nancy; then there is one in Brussels, and also one at the Riviera in Southern France.

We have plenty of places to see, but the percent of men going is small due to transportation difficulties. But I imagine things will be better later on.

Well, here is the low down on my points, and you were right; I do have enough to come home—in fact 92 points.

So you can see for yourself I don't lack any in numbers if that's all it takes to get sent home.

I have a very good chance of receiving the birthday package you sent me, as we are frozen in Germany for 60 days. Nobody is going anywhere, at least that is the last hope we heard, but the army is as changeable as the weather.

We are now a part of the 3rd Army instead of the 7th. That's just a rumor too, nothing official do with them. You can't blame us can you? However, I do know of cases where G.I.s were buried in

I am now in Salzburg, Austria,

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We sweat from heat and yet can't move off on the mountain tops. Hitler's hideout was very beautiful, but S.S. Troops burned most of it down.

We did manage to get a little of "bottled stuff" from his special train. Who would have thought a year ago I would be drinking champagne meant for old man Hitler and his friends?

The Army has given us quite a tour of Europe since we came over here. We landed in Casablanca, Africa; and then we went to Oran to Naples, Italy. From there we went to Naples, Italy. From there we went to Naples, Italy. From there we went to Naples, Italy.

We returned to Naples and trained for the landing at Salerno, France near St. Lo. After that we hit most of France, the Siegfried Line, and the flooded Rhine River. In both cases I was in the assault wave. Also the landing we came in at H. Hill, IA, with losses 15 minutes after the assault wave hit.

We also passed through the Vosges mountains but the first time in history. From the Rhine, we hit many German towns, among some of them were Eisenberg, Augsburg, Nurnberg, Munich, Bertschegg and Salzburg. Of course there was many more that I don't even know how to spell. Now I am in Austria, so you see I have been some where in Europe since I left the good old U.S.A.

Likes News from Home

I receive the Eccentric regularly, by now for which I look forward, even though the news is a little late. It's news of folks back home and what's going on in Birmingham. Just wish I were back there right now myself.

Today the issue of April 8th arrived and this is the 24th of May so you see newspapers don't travel very fast but I welcome it even if the date on it was 44 instead of 45.

One day I am called to the C.P. I think "Terrell, you're headed home," in fact I thought that this morning but the first time to inform me was that I was on K.P. duty for the day.

When I was in the hospital, my dish water hands have scratched enough for this time.

Hoping to hear from you again soon,

Your friend,

BILL TERRELL

Pef. Leo LePage, writing from Okinawa to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adney LePage, 21900 12 Mile road, tells of his participation with his anti-aircraft battery in shooting down a number of Jap planes. Shooting at the Jap war men is keeping the anti-aircraft battery plenty busy lately, his letter relates and the 12 Mile road youth has been through some really tough scraps. He has been overseas about a year.

Marvin Leon Lecuru, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Alvin Lecuru, 840 Carter avenue, Birmingham, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

GETS NAVY PROMOTION

U.S. NAVAL AIR STATION, Barber's Point, Oahu, T. H.—John F. Adams, of Birmingham, Mich., now serving at this station, has advanced to torpedoman's mate, second class. Adams is the son of Edith Adams, 961 Bufner street, Birmingham.

Two Birmingham men are receiving their initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. They are Kenneth A. Burnett, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Burnett, 583 Hanna street, and Andrew D. Burlingame, 18, son of Mrs. Caroline L. Burlingame, 436 Bonnie Briar.

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Paul Hall In Hospital At San Francisco For Medical Treatment

U.S. NAVAL RECEIVING HOSPITAL, San Francisco—John S. Hall, quartermaster 3/c, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. Hall, 398 Greenwood street, Birmingham, Mich., has arrived at the hospital for further medical treatment for shrapnel wounds suffered when his ship was attacked and destroyed by enemy aerial action while on patrol duty off Okinawa coast.

He anticipates transfer soon to a naval hospital nearer his home. This hospital receives most of the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard casualties returning to the mainland from the Pacific combat areas.

Before going to Okinawa, Hall had participated in action at Eniwetok, the Philippines and Kororan Retta. He took apprentice seaman training at U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., and attended quartermaster school at Gulfport, Miss.

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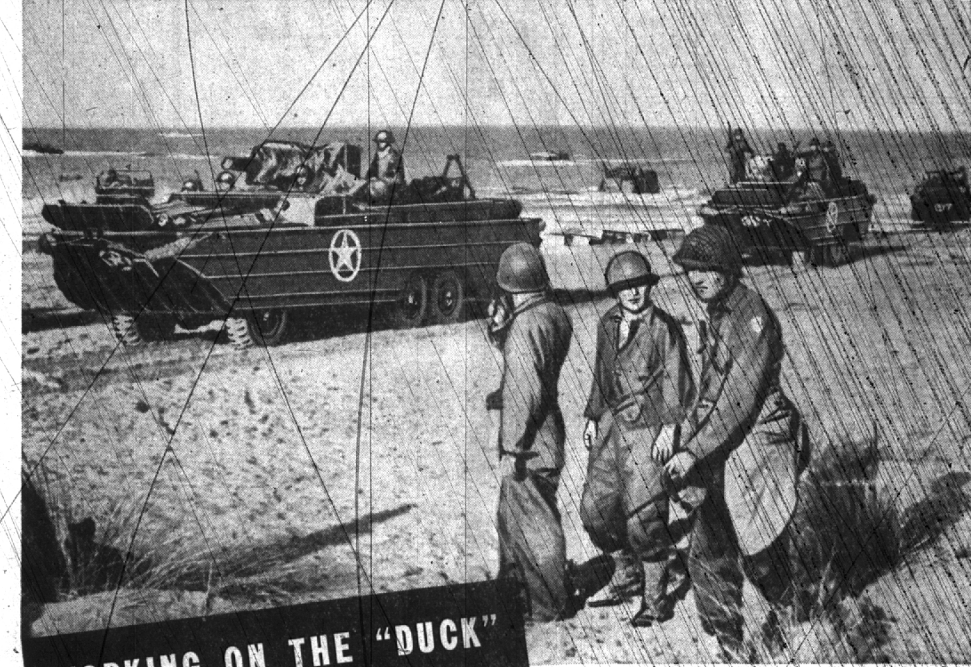
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