

THE WEATHER: Every indication is that August will be a stem-winder if-sofar as the heat is concerned. But nobody's surprised. As Weather Forecaster Gene Emigh remarked in a recent newspaper story "August always has been hot and probably always will." Except to note that we're having frequent thunder-showers, that's the week's weather story. (Might add that cotton is high-balling.)

Here's Your

Letter From Home

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STORY OF THE WEEK: Hoke Vandigriff and John DeMotte were returning from an outing at the T. B. Hill farm a few nights ago. A back tire went flat. It was plenty dark. Hoke manned the jack while John was unhitching the spare. After much effort and many grunts Hoke, after 15 or 20 minutes, got the left wheel off the ground. Only to discover, as a car came around the bend, that it was the right wheel which was flat!

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DEAR GANG: As this was being written the news came in that the Russians have declared war on the Japs ... This great news right on the heels of the fantastically true stories about the atom bomb really has the old town buzzing ... and hoping for you know what.

These two overnight developments, coupled up with the lickings and the plasterings you fellows in the Pacific have been dealing the Nips, naturally has set everyone to hoping desperately that the day of your homecoming actually is drawing near ... There's one thing about your town, though ... Although Montgomery may hope, and dream, and wonder if the finish is close at hand, there's absolutely no slowing up in the things that can be done to back your own efforts.

The home front things seem mighty insignificant, compared to the jobs you guys are doing ... But, after all, they have to be done ... such as the scrap paper collections, the Red Cross activities, war bonds, etc. ... Back here those things all are being done and soundly done ... even though the hoping goes right along!

"COMINGS AND GOINGS" ... Petty Officer Robert Hope ... Lieut. Richard Stanley Newman ... Sgt. Scudday Horner ... Flight Officer Gordon B. Odiane ... Pfc. S. L. Russell, Jr. ... Gerald O. Wallace ... Lieut. Col. L. B. Whitfield ... Spar Eleanor Manegold ... Chief Petty Officer E. W. Dodd, Jr. ... John A. Hauser ... Cpl. J. T. Sadler ... Petty Officer Herbert A. Turner, Jr. ... Pfc. W. K. Graydon ... Capt. Charles H. Woodley ... S/Sgt. William J. Toole ... Lieut. Evan B. Shine ... Lieut. Thomas Jeffcoat, Jr. ... Ocie C. Penton, Jr. ... Lieut. A. C. Rogers ... Capt. William Virgin ... Maj. Fred Howe ... Maj. Sam Rice Baker ... Pfc. Robert Steiner, Jr. ... Capt. Stanley Quisenberry.

AROUND THE TOWN ... An industrial upturn, in evidence since close of the German war, is beginning to hit full stride in Alabama, reports John M. Ward of the State Chamber of Commerce as he lists eight sizeable new plants that will utilize raw products produced in the state ... Based on inquiries received at his office, Mr. Ward says the postwar expansion will develop in three main fields; garment or needle industries; fabricated steel and metal products plants; and wood-working and furniture factories ... July building permits exceeds those of last year, the difference resulting from the building of many more homes for Montgomery ... State revenue is up \$2,656,413 in ten months ... Alabama ranks third in the nation in the placement of handicapped veterans in employment ... Southeastern Air Express plans to bring to Montgomery new air service linking Montgomery with 62 other cities in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee ... Col. R. L. Winn is transferred from Gunter Field to the Eastern Flying Training Command ... He was succeeded as CO of Gunter by Col. John F. Guillet ... I. J. Browder, better known as IKE, quits his job of Personnel Director of the State of Alabama to assume post as director of University Center in Birmingham ... Montgomery leads the area in nurse recruitments; beat all the cities in eight southern states as a result of the campaign headed by Sister Lawrence with Mrs. Raymond L. Winn, as promotional director ... All the services of the Montgomery chapter of the American Red Cross are now housed in the big home on South Court formerly occupied by Juvenile Court ... Col. William A. Gayle catches a 7-foot sailfish at Miami while awaiting reassignment ... Major Haynes Thompson gets another big story in Advertiser on his jeep ride through the ruins of Berlin ... Atty. General Robert B. Harwood rules that absentee ballots can be used in the October 2 election ... Because the few new cars reaching private owners in Alabama this year are not expected to equal in number the old cars put out of service, the state expects demand for car tags to drop considerably ... In appreciation of more than 20 years of service in the interest of public school education in Alabama, Dr. W. L. Spencer is honored by the Association of School Principals and gets a number of gifts, including a fine watch ... Fire destroys the A. & P. Tea Company's supermarket at 606 Highland Avenue and also the Oak Park Beauty and Barber Shop ... City Commission adopts resolution asking the Montgomery City Lines to extend service to the Woodley Road and Allendale section of Cloverdale; and to the Georgia and Mill Streets section of Cleveland Avenue ... A 4-year degree course in forestry, a forest ranger course and an expanded research program in forestry will be started at Auburn this fall

... An Alabama Calf Sale, featuring all types of beef, slaughter, dairy and stocker calves, the first sale of its kind in Alabama, will be held at the Capital Stock Yards August 31st with more than two thousand calves expected, according to announcement of L. C. Henley, general manager ... Heart attack is fatal for Patrick Horgan, manager of Beauvoir Club for many years ... W. Cleve Stokes offers a \$250 scholarship in the Hurt School for Boys ... Revenue Commissioner H. G. Dowling indicates that he may do away with the sales tax token nuisance and substitute what is known as the bracket system ... Lanier graduated at the special mid-term exercises ... Will open on September 5 with a faculty of 52 members ... Maxwell graduates 51 as Lieutenants from its OCS class ... Dr. Paul Mertins ... excuse us, please ... Captain Paul Mertins writes from the Ryukyus that the LFH telling of the birth of his daughter reached him the same day he received the cablegram telling of the same event ... State Planning Commission approves a master plan for a 6-year hospital building program in Alabama that will involve expenditures totaling \$23,917,000 according to a master plan that recommends one base hospital in Birmingham, seven regional hospitals at Mobile, Dothan, Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, Gadsden and Decatur.

"BEST CONGRATULATIONS TO" ... William Logue Farmer and Dorothy Spinks ... Lieut. Griffin Key and Betty Ann Lee ... Lieut. Malcolm Chisholm Hall and Betty Baggett ... Lieut. Ellis Cameron Stewart, Jr., and Mildred Thomas Ridley, Jr.

MEDALS, PROMOTIONS, GOOD NEWS ... Swell seeing John Barrett now home on furlough after completing training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center ... and glad to hear Lieut. John A. Parham is en route home after seeing plenty of action in Normandy and Germany ... Also hear Irvin M. Lockwood, Jr., is aboard destroyer in Pacific and spends his spare time looking for his brother, Petty Officer Henry A. Lockwood, on a destroyer in same area. South Pacific area also claims George Allen Peppers who writes that although he is getting along fine he would like to be back home in Alabama ... Glad to see E. R. Burdick, recently returned to Pacific after furlough home ... And news is that Seaman William (Bill) Fry, Jr. (23 Garden St.), is attending radio school in Indianapolis, Ind., and says he's glad he chose the Navy ... Bronze Star goes to Capt. Joseph A. Mitchell, Jr., Lanier graduate, for meritorious service with the Seventh in Germany ... Jack Albert Cox (51 West Jeff Davis Avenue) is in rehabilitation area after Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima ... Lieut. Cyril J. Huss (623 South Court St.) is with Guerilla squadron in China ... and T/Sgt. Scott H. Forrester (9 Frederick St.) now serving on Luzon with 19th Portable Surgical Hospital, is first sergeant of organization who received letter of commendation from Commanding General of 38th Division ... Also Herbert M. Price (23 Brassell St.) has interesting job in India getting supplies through to our Chinese allies ... and Kenneth R. Hughes (609 Locust St.) fought for 90 days aboard destroyer off Japanese home islands and Ryukyus chain stretching southward to Okinawa ... Hear David Harris (138 Franklin St.) is in training at Newport, R. I., and has been assigned to duty aboard heavy cruiser ... Also Robert Andrew Wood, Jr., is aboard ship which can look back on 121,500 miles of fighting the Axis from the invasion of Sicily to the battle of Okinawa ... Other news concerns James D. Nixon (Martha St.) who serves aboard destroyer which took part in surprise attack on Japanese shipping in Kurile Islands, sinking a 2,000-ton cargo vessel, a large tug, and a smaller cargo ship ... Combat Infantryman's Badge goes to Pvt. Richard C. Medlin ... And Damon N. Cowbell (207 Harmon St.) is currently enrolled in B-29 School at Maxwell ... Lieut. James W. Powell (414 Yancey) is en route home from Charleston, S. C. ... Big hand-shake for Larry M. Hollingsworth, recently graduated from Aviation Electrician's School at Jacksonville ... Hear Pfc. Allen C. McCammon is at Redistribution Station in Miami ... Good news is that Sgt. Herbert L. Anthony has returned to States after three years service with bombardment group in Pacific theater ... Maj. John E. Hall and Sgt. Roy Buchanan of Montgomery were members of group which destroyed and damaged 119 German aircraft

on March 20th ... Croix de Guerre with Palm goes to Lieut. Col. Ansel J. Wheeler ... And it's Tech Sgt. now for Kena G. Ingle, Jr., with Fifth Airforce Service Command unit in Philippines ... Hear Cpl. George H. Griffin and Cpl. Joseph Blackman of Montgomery were members of Signal Corps unit which helped build telephone line from Calcutta to Kunming, China ... Frederick E. Tidwell will remain in Europe with occupational Air Force ... Alabama members of 15th AAF in Italy returning to U. S. soon for leave and reassignment include Sgt. Otis C. Crowder, Cpl. James M. De Shields, and Pfc. Clyde Miller of Montgomery ... Checking over addresses, we find a number of promotions this week ... Among them Lt. Col. O. Hundley Thompson ... and three Captains—Vaughan Hill Robinson, George F. Coleman and James B. Jolley ... It's Lieutenant for H. G. Hudgens and William C. Williams ... Watkins C. Bradberry has added Tech. to his sergeant's rating while we note two new Staff Sergeants—William A. Clarks, Jr., and E. K. Stevens ... John L. Pinckney has upped to Sergeant ... T/5 is the present title of James W. Dennis and Joseph Dickerson ... The following are now Corporals: Martin W. Young, Glen L. Pollard, John J. Partin, Nathan D. Payne and Joe Duck ... It's PFC. for Luther M. Berry, Louis J. Watts, Sr., Billie Solomon, Willie Clayton, Mark Arthur and Henry B. Richards, Jr. ... Along come Merrell E. Wilson and C. R. Crowder as Pharmacist Mates, first class, and Joseph P. Allen, second class ... J. T. Spencer, QM 3/c, George E. Douglas, MM 2/c, James G. Edwards, HA 1/c, Tillman T. Spear, SSML 2/c, and William P. Folsom, Jr., S 2/c, show promotions to their present titles ... So, congratulations to all you fellows ... We've been interested in gathering bits of information from your letters about MONTGOMERIANS MEETING, and thought you might be glad to know that J. P. (Duke) Paterson met Ernest Thompson somewhere out in the Pacific area ... W. E. Busby found Ocie Wilson in New Guinea ... William E. Duncan and Charlie Carr staged a get-together in Marseille ... Clarence Jenkins ran into Wilma Day (former school-mate) and William Bell on Luzon ... Christine Smith sees Johnny Parrish in India ... S/Sgt. Seymour Wilkes and Bobby Chambers, old-time friends, had been living within 200 yards of each other for five months out in the Pacific area ... Neither knew of the other's proximity until their mothers happened to meet on the Square in the home town, exchanged notes on their sons ... Result—boys meet ... Ralph Stanford walked unexpectedly into Seymour's tent recently ... Buron V. Ward (the boy who sent us the cherished flag) and his brother Levy met in Germany and have arranged to see each other several times since V-E day ... Jack Murphy and Joe Majors are in the same company on Biak Island ... Yep, it's a small world!

"GLAD TO HEAR" ... Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Tracy, a son ... Mr. and Mrs. Walker W. Milford, Jr. (Laura Harris), a daughter ... T/Sgt. and Mrs. Walker Arrington Egge (Margaret Connell), a daughter ... Mr. and Mrs. Milford Dean, a daughter ... Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barnes, a daughter ... Capt. and Mrs. A. M. Hendry, Jr. (Jo Butler), a son ... Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Butler, a daughter ... Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Burch, a daughter ... Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Taylor, a daughter ... Cpl. and Mrs. James C. Wheeler, a daughter ... Mr. and Mrs. Louis King (Sara Amon), a son ... Pvt. and Mrs. Raymond Hays (Virginia Greene), a daughter ... Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sellers (Polly Keener), a daughter.

QUOTES

S/SGT. JAMES A. WARD (Eschback, Germany)—"I'm another step nearer home now. Have been transferred from the famous 3rd Division to the 70th. We are near Frankfurt now. Was sent to this division to be shipped back to the U. S. and we are listed for sailing the first of '46. I have a total of 94 points."

T/5 JOSEPH DICKERSON (Germany)—"So far I've worked with Italian, Spanish, German, Russian and Polish people. With all these different languages I wonder some time what I will be speaking when I get back to the States (maybe an unknown tongue, who knows?)"

LT. CLYDE P. McLENDON (Soldau, Bavaria)—"We are at present near the beautiful Danube river about 30 miles from the Austrian border. I recently was transferred to the 771st Tank Destroyer Bn."

T/SGT. WATKINS BRADBERRY (Bergdorf, Germany)—

"I am with the 15th 'Dragoons' Regt. of the 3rd 'Rock of the Marne' Infantry Division, which has won the respect of friend and foe alike as one of the greatest attack divisions in the business and unaffectionately referred to by the former Krauts as the 'Sturm Div.' (Storm), also as the Blue and White Devils. Considering only four months lost due to frozen feet, I've come through with flying colors."

Others signing in by letter include: Tillman T. Spear, SSML 2/c, LaPine, Ala. ... Pfc. Louis J. Watts, Sr., Camp Adair, Ore. ... M/Sgt. Thomas L. Browning, Grady, Ala. ... Ed Compton, GM 2/c, Washington, D. C. ... N. E. Miller, CM 1/c, USN Hospital, Norman, Okla. ... T/Sgt. Warren G. Carter, Chicago, Ill. ... Pvt. Arthur F. Arnold, Fort Ord, Calif. ... 2nd Lt. George I. Perryman, Jr., Ft. Lewis, Wash. ... Pfc. Frank D. Powell, Jr., Camp Lejeune, N. C. ... William A. Osborne, S 1/c, Brooklyn, N. Y. ... Pvt. David A. Pugh, Daytona Beach, Fla. ... William P. Folsom, Jr., S 2/c, Bremerton, Wash. ... F/O Gerald E. Rushton, Hondo, Texas.

APO, San Francisco: Lt. Col. O. Hundley Thompson ... Sgt. Robert W. Brown ... 1st Lt. Ronald E. Sellers, Jr. ... Cpl. Walter C. Newberry ... Sgt. Howard D. Coughenour ... T/Sgt. Marvin G. Bennett ... Cpl. W. E. Busby ... Sgt. Dover Goolsby.

FPO, same city: Vassar R. Davis, S 1/c ... J. P. (Duke) Paterson, BM 1/c ... James A. Pagett, ART 1/c ... J. C. Hall, SSMB 2/c ... A. E. Nichols, AOM 2/c ... E. E. Ming, SF 2/c ... John C. Boothe, Jr., MAM 1/c ... J. G. Edwards, HA 1/c.

FPO, New York: George M. Spivey, PhM 2/c. c/o P. M., New York: Capt. James B. Jolley ... Sgt. H. B. Loeb ... Cpl. Sam B. Stearns ... Lt. K. O. Cumbus ... Capt. Haynes C. Byrnes ... Pvt. Allen D. Bodiford ... T/5 James W. Dennis ... 2nd Lt. William N. Rowell ... Cpl. Ben C. Boykin ... Cpl. Thomas H. Hicks, Sr. ... Pvt. Charles E. Foreman ... Sgt. Barney Parsons.

APO, Seattle: Sgt. William R. Brown. Manila: S/Sgt. H. H. Simmons. France: Pfc. William E. Duncan ... Sgt. Bernard Davis (Camp Old Gold) ... Pvt. Robert Lambert (Le Havre) ... Pfc. James E. Jackson (Reims) ... Pfc. Donald Beasley ... Pfc. Julius F. Hall ... Sgt. Warren Keen (Paris).

India: 1st Lt. Robert M. Page ... Cpl. Martin W. Young. Germany: Pfc. Walter Graydon (Uffenheim) ... Lt. David E. Wilson (Stotten) ... T/Sgt. T. L. Payne ... Cpl. John J. Partin (Berlin) ... Sgt. James H. Dilbeck ... Pfc. Henry B. Richards, Jr. (Mering).

Guam: George E. Douglas, MM 2/c. New Caledonia: Andrew Colley, S 1/c.

A million thanks to E. E. Ming for those beautiful pen and ink drawings of the 93rd U. S. Naval Const. Bn. in the Southwest Pacific ... They are a fine addition to our souvenirs ... Publications received include the book, PATTON'S WHEELS, from Capt. James B. Jolley ... copies of the SHORELINER, contributed by John C. Booth ... THE LIGHTNING BUG, from Sgt. James H. Dilbeck and also T/Sgt. T. L. Payne ... THE OCTAGRAM, from Sgt. Robert W. Brown ... DIXIE DOODLE, Pfc. James B. Hill ... THE THUNDERING HERD, Lt. David E. Wilson ... THE JOLLY ROGER, A. E. Nichols, AOM 2/c ... The Nazi flag arrived Saturday and we certainly got a big thrill out of that, thanks to Cpl. Buron V. Ward ... Pfc. Donald Beasley, expecting a discharge, writes from Southern France and encloses a Nazi air insigne ... Also expecting to arrive in the USA are Sgt. Bernard Davis, S/Sgt. H. H. Simmons, Sgt. Barney Parsons ... Cpl. John J. Partin, in Berlin, wrote while the Potsdam conference was in session, said he saw the house of Pres. Truman ... Julius Hall, after being in eight countries, declares "the old home town excels them all" ... Pvt. David A. Pugh is back in the States, now at Welch Convalescent hospital in Daytona Beach ... ex-Marine Cpl. R. L. Tidwell dropped by the shop to greet us and to say he has a discharge ... Other visitors were Amos A. Beasley, MM, 1/c, who is on the last few days of his leave ... Incidentally, we learned that seven out of the eight Beasley boys are in or have been in the service ... Cpl. Richard Medlen, wearing the Combat Infantryman's Badge, paid us a visit ... He is on furlough from the hospital at Daytona Beach ... Pfc. Daniel Mills, at home on 30-day furlough, dropped by for an enjoyable chat ... His brother, Rabun, is still overseas ... Also at home are Tillman Spear, M/Sgt. William Tidwell and Pfc. Joe Bush ... Brother Jack is sweating out his return from England ... Here's hoping he makes it while Joe is at home ... M/Sgt. Thomas L. Browning is at home in Grady ... and H. R. Whitaker tells us that it's MR. for him now ... Thanks to G. E. Rushton for the announcement of his graduation at Hondo AAF, Texas ... Congratulations, and best of luck, fellow ... And while we are writing this column we learn via telephone that John E. Betts, discharged under the point system, is back in civilian life ... We always appreciate the visits from you guys on leave and furlough, for we know how precious time is under such circumstances ... Thanks to all of you for writing in and for the boost you give us ... Best of everything to you ... Be seeing you next week.

YOUR GANG AT HOME.

Baseball League Standings of August 8, 1945:

NATIONAL LEAGUE				AMERICAN LEAGUE				SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
League Standings				League Standings				League Standing			
Teams	Won	Lost	Pct.	Teams	Won	Lost	Pct.	Teams	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	63	34	.649	Detroit	54	41	.568	Atlanta	69	36	.657
St. Louis	59	42	.584	Washington	54	42	.563	Chattanooga	65	40	.619
Brooklyn	54	43	.561	New York	50	43	.538	New Orleans	63	41	.606
New York	54	47	.535	Chicago	50	47	.515	Mobile	60	43	.583
Pittsburgh	51	50	.505	Boston	48	49	.495	Memphis	45	52	.437
Boston	46	55	.455	Cleveland	48	48	.500	Nashville	39	64	.379
Cincinnati	43	53	.448	St. Louis	45	49	.479	Birmingham	38	66	.365
Philadelphia	26	73	.263	Philadelphia	32	62	.340	Little Rock	36	67	.350