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## 'Color Means Nothing at Front'-Soldier

### News Briefs From Far and Near

#### BRETTON WOODS PARLEY IN WORKSHOP FEB. 28

The Bretton Woods Conference will be considered on Wednesday, February 28, in the special Workshop Series being conducted at the Public Library by the Department of Adult Education of the public schools. The meeting will be held from 8 to 9:30 p. m. in the auditorium. Mr. Raymond Mikese of the United States Treasury Department is the speaker. This is the fourth meeting in the series at which America's role in various international organizations has been discussed. Admission is by ticket, without cost. Interested individuals or representatives of groups may request tickets from the Department of Adult Education, 4-2105.

#### BOOK REVIEW AT YOUTH COUNCIL FRIDAY NIGHT

The Youth Council of the NAACP raised fifty dollars in its last financial project which closed on Feb. 14. Mrs. William J. Paris of 1120 17th street, was awarded the basket.

At the next meeting Friday night, Feb. 23, Mr. Nimrod Townsend will review "Freedom Road" (Howard Fast).

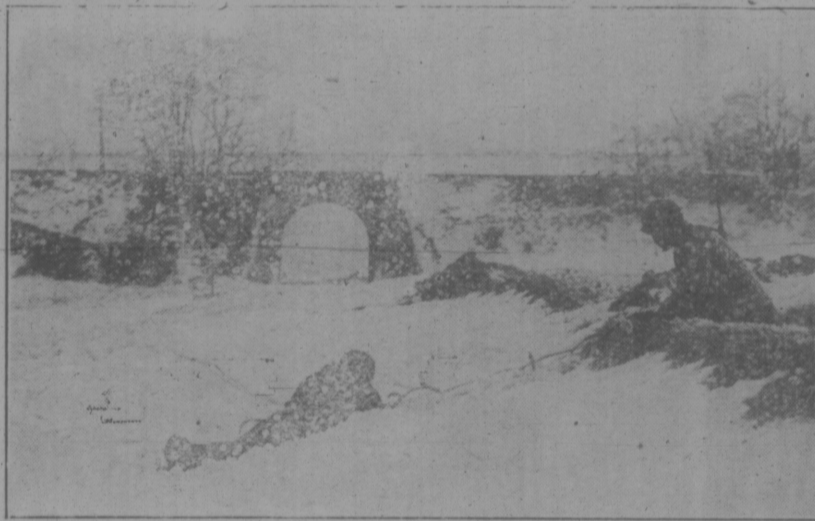
Participating in forum last Sunday at the USO were: Prof. Thomas Dunn of Drake University who lead a panel discussion on race relations, Miss Lillian Spencer, Miss Shirley Dye, Mr. Jackson Takayanagi, Mr. Townsend and Mr. Herbert Shirley.

#### FORMER IOWAN DIES IN CHICAGO

Mr. I. A. Shelton left last Monday evening for Chicago to attend the funeral of his brother, Lou Shelton, former resident of Des Moines who operated several tontorial parlors in this city prior to twenty years ago. He was a partner with the late E. Tracey Blagburn in the erection of the building now owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell at West 12th and Center streets. At the time of its erection was named the "Shellburn" building, the name having been coined from the first half of that of Mr. Shelton and the last half of that of Mr. Blagburn.



NEGRO TANKMEN IN ACTION IN GERMANY—Soldiers of a Negro tank battalion of the 104th Division are shown calmly passing ammunition to their cannon, during heavy fighting near Merode, Germany. Remains of German soldier in foreground bear mute testimony to the ferocity of the Allied drive. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo from BPR.)



DESTROY GERMAN WINE ON GERMANY SOIL—In a driving snow storm somewhere in Germany two Negro soldiers of the 375th Central Postal Directory are shown demolishing a Nazi wine cellar. These soldiers are removing Der Fuehrer's railroad trackage for use elsewhere. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo from BPR.)

#### McCRACKEN HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fire of undetermined origin on last Saturday afternoon destroyed the room of a two and a half story frame residence occupied by the Fred McCracken family at 1950 Sixteenth street. Firemen saved the contents of the building from damage except for smoke and water. The loss was covered by insurance.

#### MR. SMALLS TO ADDRESS PTA

Mr. Ike Smalls will address the North High School Parent Teacher Association on Friday afternoon, Feb. 23, at 1 o'clock, on the subject, "The Services the Medical Fund Is Rendering to Des Moines."

#### RED CROSS SPEAKERS' MEETING MARCH 2

The B.T.W. team will sponsor a Red Cross Speakers' meeting at St. Paul AME church March 2, 8 p. m., at which time an overseas Negro Red Cross worker will be principal speaker. The lieutenants of B.T.W. team will act as hostesses. The public is invited to attend.

#### REPORTS ON BOND SALE

Mrs. Cecil Lewis, chairman of the war bond committee of the Iowa Association of Colored Women, reported \$225 from sales during the Sixth War Loan drive.

#### First Methodists in 100th Celebration

Just short of one hundred years after its founding on March 4, 1845, plans for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of First Methodist church in Des Moines were announced this week by Dr. C. Clifford Bacon, pastor.

A feature of the program will be a series of three lectures by the guest speaker, Dr. Ernest Fremont Tittle, pastor of First Methodist church of Evanston, Ill. The lectures will be presented on February 28, March 1 and 2 at 8:00 p. m. in the church auditorium.

The three lectures Dr. Tittle will present in celebration of First Methodist Church's 100th Anniversary will be open to the public without charge, and no offering will be taken inasmuch as the meetings are provided for by the Will E. Tone Foundation, which has been set aside in trust to be used in the deepening and the extension of Christian life in this community.

G. Hubbard and his home town is Des Moines, Ia.

High I. Q. Scoring 152 in AGCT and possessing an I. Q. of 150, Pfc. Hubbard has had a brilliant academic record. When he was inducted into the army he had studied chemical engineering for three years at the University of Iowa and had specialized in the study of electronics at Pennsylvania State for one year. He holds a B.S. degree in electric engineering from Penn State which he received in June, 1943.

Pfc. Hubbard is a member of three honorary societies besides having many other recognitions bestowed upon him. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi, the Tau Beta Pi (engineering equivalent to liberal arts Phi Beta Kappa) and Phi Lambda Upsilon (honorary chemical society).

During his junior year at college, he won a prize for the highest scholastic record among members of Phi Lambda Upsilon and he has been president of the Interracial Commission at the University of Iowa and vice-president of the Negro Forum.

Pfc. Hubbard's discharge was granted at the request of the University of Iowa, which sought his aid in conducting research in electronics. He will be connected with the office of Scientific Research and Development, a sub-division of the War Manpower Commission.

Son of Mrs. W. W. Jones of 1318 Ascension street, Des Moines, he is married to Mrs. Winona Griffin Hubbard of West Des Moines, Ia.

#### Iowa Soldier Is Electronics Genius; Released for Study



PFC. P. G. HUBBARD

Fl. Huachuca, Ariz., a 23-year-old soldier whose knowledge of electronics is so great that the government has released him from the army in order that he might continue research work in that subject at the University of Iowa, was discharged from Headquarters Co. of the 372nd Inf. Regt. the latter part of January. His name is Pvt. First Class Phillip

#### FUNERAL RITES FOR MR. MITCHELL

Fred Mitchell, 91, died Tuesday morning, Feb. 13, at his home, 1212 Center street, following an illness of several months. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Estes funeral home with burial in Glendale cemetery.

#### WCTU TO MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

The WCTU will meet at the home of Mrs. Sadie Hammit, 1126 Eleventh street. The subject, "Value of the Negro Press in a Community," will be discussed. Mrs. Hammit will sing.

#### MNIAA PLANS ANNOUNCED

Jefferson City, Mo.—Plans are being completed for the annual high school basketball tournament to be held in Jefferson City at Lincoln University (Mo.) March 9-10. The expectation is that, in spite of war and transportation difficulties, a large number of teams will participate. A. L. Campbell, assistant secretary-treasurer, will carry on his usual duties as business manager, while Raymond Kemp will have charge of officials, drawings, and team play.

Outstanding teams are Lincoln High of Kansas City (undefeated), Washington High of St. Louis, boasting a powerful team. Webster Groves, Columbia, and Dalton also have teams in pretty good form, while Lincoln High school team shows improvement with every contest.

#### Two Iowans Among First Negro WACs to England

Headquarters, United Kingdom Base, England—The arrival in England on February 12 of 738 Negro members of the Women's Army Corps, the first such contingent to be assigned to an overseas station, was announced last week by the War Department. Twenty-three Negro officers accompanied them.

These capable WACs, who augment the more than 300,000 male members of their race in the European Theater of Operations, comprise the first United States Army postal unit composed entirely of women to be sent overseas.

Lieutenant General John C. H. Lee, Commanding General of the Communications Zone, ETO, and supply officer to General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, greeted them at their debarkation point near Birmingham, where a Scot band bagpipied them to their train.

#### From Every State

Representing nearly every state in the Union, with 85 percent of them either ex-school teachers or holders of college degrees, the women, also were welcomed by Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis, Inspector General's office, ETO, and by Chaplain (Captain) Beverly Ward, Harrisburg, Penn. An American band ser-

enaded them as they marched into waiting buses at their destination.

The youngest member of the group is Pvt. Hilda E. Wood, Philadelphia, Pa., who will observe her twenty-first birthday on February 15, while Sgt. Erma Lee Eifer, 51 Chicago, Ill., the oldest, joined up because her eight-year-old grandson, Jerome, wanted one member of the family represented in the armed forces. The grandmother claims she goes in "just under the wire."

With two sons serving in the Pacific theater, Pvt. Mary Fairweather, New York City, a comely widow of 48, joined the Colors, she says, to make it a solid family affair. Her son, Elwyn, 26, a lieutenant in the army, was headed for the South Pacific when she left the U. S. for England. Another son, Arthur, 21, has served with the Marines at the Pacific post for two years.

#### Officers

Following is a list of the officers: Major Charity Adams, Columbia, S. C.; Capt. Mildred D. Carter, Boston, Mass.; Capt. Vera A. Harrison, Hamilton, Ohio; First Lieut. Violet W. Hill, St. Louis, Mo.; First Lieut. Mildred V. Dupes, Detroit, Mich.; First Lieut. Bernice Gimes

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#### Member of 92nd Division Says 'More Democracy Is There Than Back in States'

By SGT. AUGUST LOEB, Rank Staff Correspondent

With the 5th Army, Italy—Cpl. Charles Orrett, a 33-year-old artillery scout who describes his pre-service profession as "operator of duck and dodge games," ducked and dodged three German shells that hit his battery. There was a fourth shell he didn't see. That one got him in the lung and back.

After 30 days in a hospital in Leghorn, Cpl. Orrett had a choice of being reclassified or of going back to his old outfit. "That was easy to decide," he said. "My outfit is a Field Artillery battalion of the 92nd Division, and I couldn't do better. I know what I'm talking about because I came to the 42d from another outfit. I've felt like a different man since I got into the 92d."

Orrett's outfit is the only division in Europe whose ranks are made up entirely of Negroes. Its Black Buffalo shoulder patch is envied by hundreds of other Negroes in other units. Everybody else in the 92 agrees that Cpl. Orrett made the right decision back in that Leghorn hospital.

Pvt. Charles Bowden of Rocky Mount, N. C., a wireman in the same battalion, is one of the men who agrees. He and Orrett and most of their friends have been with the battalion since it was activated in November 1942 at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. He went to Arkansas and Arizona and then on Louisiana maneuvers and finally to Italy as part of the complete 92d division under command of Maj. Gen. Edward M. Almond.

"Our training back home was rough," said Bowden, "but now we know why. On this front a man must be in top shape. He's no good if he limps around. There's no way to catch a ride up here, and you might have to march 25 miles. If you've done it back home, it's a little easier here."

#### Always Came Back

Bowden ought to know what he's talking about because, according to Orrett and others, he has one of the riskiest jobs in the battalion—stringing wire under the eyes of the Germans. He has been out with forward observation parties several times and has stayed so long everybody felt certain he had been captured. He always came back though, guided by his friends' think, by the smell of S/sgt. Ezekiel Butt's cookery.

Cpl. B. C. McClain, a gunner from St. Louis, Mo., is another man who now knows the value of the endless drill they put him through back in the States. He now thinks automatically in the once-terrifying metric system. Sgt. Maurice Walker, a 23-year-old radio operator from Washington, D. C., said something in praise of the outfit's fire direction. McClain agreed and added: "And we can get ready to fire in 15 minutes or less."

Walker said he thought the outfit had been very lucky in getting the officers it did. "I think I speak for most of the men in saying that it doesn't matter to us whether the officers are white or Negro," he said. "Color means nothing at the front. Everybody has a rough life, and that does a lot to bring the men together. The important thing is not what color an officer is but whether he knows his job. If he does, he'll get the respect of his men. Most of our officers are regular."

#### Rising Steadily

The proportion of Negro officers in the 92d has been rising steadily. When Gen. Almond took command of the division all the officers were white. Now two-thirds are Negroes. There are three Negro lieutenant colonels, two of them in command of all-Negro Field Artillery battalions and the third the division chaplain.

The outfit white CO, Lt. Col. Robert C. Ross of New York City, came in for a great deal of praise. Sgt. Walker said whether an officer came from the North or from the South has nothing to do with his effectiveness. The others agreed with him and mentioned Lt. Bradley of Mississippi, Lt. Kibble of North Carolina and Lt. Davidson of Georgia as some of the Southern officers who have the respect of the men.

"The front," said Walker, "is a great leveling force. There's a great deal more actual democracy up there than in garrisons back in the states, where people have time to get into arguments about things like the seating arrangements on buses."

#### No Seats

McClain frowned at the mention of buses. "I was on one in Alexandria, La., coming back from a furlough," he said. "There were no seats in the back part that was reserved for colored people, and two white soldiers

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#### Negro Press 118th Year Begins; Broadcast Friday

Chicago—The annual celebration of National Negro Newspaper Week will be observed during the week February 25 to March 3. The 1945 celebration marks the 118th anniversary of the Negro press.

In a statement announcing this yearly celebration, John S. Sengstacke, Negro Newspaper Publishers Association president, said:

"Since Russwurm's Freedom's Journal in 1827, the Negro press has played a significant part in the evolution of democracy. Negro newspapers have been the testing ground for the principles of democracy and have been in the vanguard of all efforts designed to raise all Americans to the rank of first class citizenship."

#### Conducting Crusade

In the broadest sense, the Negro press is conducting a crusade for the preservation and extension of our democratic ideals. By doing so the fundamental interest in Americans, regardless of race, color, creed or national origin, are served.

With the theme, "The Negro Press

in Tomorrow's America," the Negro press is again raising its sight in envisioning greater democracy and a lasting peace in the world of tomorrow.

The Negro Newspaper Publishers Association urges all newspapers to participate in this celebration and to give coverage to all phases of this Combined Negro Press activity. During this celebration, citizens of all races and creeds should be given complete information on the purpose and function of the Negro press.

#### Broadcasts

Two national radio broadcasts will be scheduled during the week. The first broadcast will be Saturday, Feb. 24, at 1:30 central standard time, over NBC network with Jack Benny and Rochester, Lionel Hampton and Paul Robeson as featured stars. The second national broadcast will be Friday, March 2, at 6:15 central standard time over CBS.

The racial tensions and group animosities within our own borders constitute a major problem in planning

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# 92<sup>ND</sup>'S WOUNDED COME HOME



Wounded in battle during 1944, these veterans of the 92nd ("Buffalo") Infantry Division, principal U. S. combat ground unit with the Fifth Army in Italy, recently were returned to the United States for hospitalization. They were hit by German fire in actions ranging from the Arno River sector to the Serchio Valley. Most of them are under 25 years of age and married. All are convinced the "Buffaloes" will lick the Nazis. (1) Pvt. Shan-Z. Brooks, Chicago, Ill., wounded November 9, near Po valley, while attempting to KO three German machineguns. (2) Staff Sgt. Samuel Carlisle, Brent, Ala., wounded twice near Mt. Belvidera on November 15 during enemy counter-attack. (3) Pfc. Leon Byrd, New York City, hit on November 23 while holding an outpost. (4) Pfc. Nathan Smith, Jackson, Ala., wounded November 8 near Cerezio while attacking enemy pillbox. (5) 2nd Lt. Gilbert L. Johnson, Brighton, Ala., a rifle platoon leader, returned for treatment. (6) Sgt. Henry Powell, Selma, Ala., wounded September 14. (7) Sgt. Eugene Larkins, Jersey City, N. J., hit near Pisa during attack. (8) Staff Sgt. Sherman Fisher, Chester, Pa., hit December 5, near Lucca during counter-attack. (9) 1st Lieut. Arcilous E. Jackson, Brooklyn, N. Y., wounded November 20 near Pisa, hit near Pisa during attack. (10) Pfc. Leon Watson, Kershaw, S. C., hit in November during attack. (11) Pfc. Kenneth E. Layne, Brooklyn, N. Y., wounded November 26 between Lucca and Bologna. (12) Pfc. Lawrence Chapman, Easley, S. C., hit near Pisa during attack. (13) Pfc. Clifton Traylor, Los Angeles, Calif., hit October 4 while attacking a hill position. (14) Pfc. Ray Peñ, Romé, Ga., hit October 26. (15) Pfc. Isaac Jemison, Chattanooga, Tenn., wounded November 27 above Leghorn during attack. (16) Pvt. Flander McElway, Crampton, Ark., hit November 8 while checking artillery communication lines. (17) 1st Sgt. Jack A. Ellis, Dayton, Ohio, hit at Cuggio while on patrol. (18) Sgt. Frederick D. Thornton, Coaldale, W. Va., wounded near Bologna November 18. (19) Pfc. William D. Henning, Luxora, Ark., hit November 26. (20) Staff Sgt. Forrest G. Manning, San Marcus, Texas, wounded October 7 near Cerezio. (21) Pfc. Travis L. Johnson, Newport News, Va., wounded August 24 near Pisa. (22) Pfc. Elzie Timmons, Ellabelle, Ga., hit October 6 near Leghorn. (23) Pvt. Leroy Cox, Cortelyou, Ala., wounded November 9. (All photos by U. S. Army Signal Corps.)

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## Where to Attend Church in Des Moines



**BROWN'S CHAPEL**  
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Rev. R. A. Wilhite, pastor, 1448 Walker.  
Order of services: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; Morning worship, 11:30 a. m.; A. C. E. League 6:30 p. m.; Evening worship, 8:30 p. m.; Midweek service and choir rehearsal, 8:00 p. m. Wednesday. Everybody is welcome.

**FOURTH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
610 S. E. 28th street. Elder George Ward, pastor; Elder Frank Hawkins, assistant pastor. Order of services: Sunday school 10:30 a. m.; Sunday service at 12 o'clock (noon) and 8 p. m. Y. P. W. W. at 7:30 p. m. Weekday services, Tuesday evening Bible Band; Thursday evening regular services. You are cordially invited to attend all services.

**MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Maple and East Sixteenth streets, Rev. C. Lope McAllister, D.D., pastor; parsonage 1637 Walker street.  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Baptist Training Union 9 p. m. Evening worship 7:45 p. m. Midweek prayer services on Wednesday at 8 p. m. Missionary Society each Friday at 2 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend our services.

**DAVID SPIRITUAL TEMPLE CHRIST CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS**  
1224 Stewart street, Evangelist Leona Brown, pastor; Evangelist C. L. Branham, assistant pastor. Order of service: Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching services 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Week Day-Friday, 8 p. m. Bible class. You are cordially invited to attend all services.

**CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
East Seventeenth and University. Elder P. T. Taylor, Pastor. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Preaching at 12 o'clock (noon), Y. P. W. W. at 6:30 p. m. Regular services, Tuesdays and Friday nights at 8 p. m. Elder Richard Bogie, assistant pastor. You are welcome to our services.

**ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
623 S. E. 28th street. Rev. G. H. Kendrick, pastor; residence, 1621 DeWulf street. Order of services: Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Supt. C. H. Cavill; Morning worship, 11:30 a. m.; Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.; Midweek prayer service, 7:30 p. m.; Wednesday, Mission Circle; Thursday, 7:30 p. m. President, Mrs. Gertrude McCann.

**NEWSPAPER WEEK**  
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ning for America's tomorrow. Only through knowledge of the facts and complete understanding can America's realization of her dreams be consummated.

The Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, the official sponsor of National Negro Newspaper Week, has designated Mr. Frank L. Stanley, Editor of the Louisville Defender to serve as chairman of the National Negro Newspaper Week Committee consisting of Dowdall H. Davis, Advertising Manager of the Kansas City Call, and Thomas W. Young, Business Manager of the Norfolk Journal and Guide. All participating papers should work closely with this com-

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**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1213 Scott street. Rev. C. A. Record, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U. at 8:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Senior choir rehearsal Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday 7:30 p. m. midweek prayer service. Friday at 2 p. m. Missionary meeting.

**ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH**  
12th and Crocker streets. Rev. A. J. Irvine, pastor; Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; Morning worship, 10:45 o'clock; A. C. E. League 6:30 p. m.; Evening Worship, 7:45 o'clock. Official Board-Monday, 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal, Friday, 8:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

**BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH**  
1224 E. University, Rev. W. F. Ogleton, pastor. Order of Services: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Allen League 6 p. m. Evening worship 7:45 p. m. Official Board Monday 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer service and Bible study Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Elder Board meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal Thursday 8 p. m.

**KYLES A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**  
15th and Shaw streets, Rev. H. A. Simmons, pastor.  
Order of services: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock; Ver- rick C. E. Society, 7 p. m. Evening Worship, 7:45 o'clock. Midweek prayer Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

**FIRST CME CHURCH**  
S. E. 28th and Maury streets, Rev. J. T. Johnson, pastor; address, 1182 14th street, phone 3-0463. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning service at 11 a. m. Evening service at 8 p. m. Beulah Heavy reporter.

mittee. Essay contests, forums, roundtable discussions and international radio broadcasts will help to make up the week's activities.

The Negro Newspaper Publishers Association urges all Negro papers to do their part and help make this program tell the story of the Negro press and the growth of democracy.

**UNION MISSIONARY SERVICE SUNDAY**  
The East Side Union Missionary Society will hold its Sunday service, Feb. 25, at the First Baptist church in West Des Moines, Ia., with the Rev. R. A. Wilhite, pastor of the Brown Chapel A.M.E. Zion church, who will deliver the message. The World Day of Prayer program sponsored annually by this group, was well attended last Friday at the Brown Chapel church. Mrs. E. Houston is president.

### IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our mother, Zaida Washington, who died seven years ago on February 19.  
Not dead to us who loved her, Not lost, but gone before. She lives with us in our memory And will forever more.  
Sadly missed by Bobby and Kenneth Washington, sons; and Mrs. Bernita Cardwell, daughter.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the Rev. C. L. McAllister and the many friends of the Maple Street Baptist church and members of other organizations for their many deeds of kindness, expres-

sions of sympathy, cards and condolences and telegrams, extended us at the death of our beloved daughter and sister, Mary Jean Mash. We also thank those who contributed beautiful floral offerings and use of cars.  
Signed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mash and family.

### IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our beloved husband and uncle, William R. Moore who departed this life one year ago, Feb. 23, 1944. Sadly missed by  
Mrs. Geneva Moore, widow; and Aberdeen Shephard, niece.

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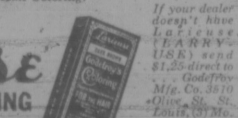


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# IOWANS SERVING THEIR COUNTRY

## TRENT BROTHERS



**M/SGT. GENTRY G. GROSS**  
Master Sgt. Gentry G. Gross of Camp Shelby, Miss., was in the city recently visiting his wife, Mrs. Lena Gross, and son, James, 932 Fifteenth street. He is a graduate of Ft. Crook, Nebr., as a wheel vehicle inspector foreman for the U. S. government. He is an engineer at Camp Shelby.



**SGT. F. M. GRAHAM**  
Sgt. Frederick M. Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham of 803 Boyd street, and nephew of Mrs. Paris Skanes, is chief surveyor at an aviation base in the South Pacific. In the army since August 1943, he has been overseas since February 1944. Sgt. Graham was an engineering student at Drake university.



**S/SGT. WM. TRENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Trent, 1141 School street, are the proud parents of three sons who are in the military services of the country. Pvt. Vachel Trent the oldest son, with the army in Belgium. He has been overseas



**SGT. H. C. TRENT**  
14 months. S/Sgt. William Trent is stationed at Camp John T. Knight in Oakland, Cal., where his wife, Mrs. Jessie Trent, resides with him. Sgt. Henry C. Trent who went overseas with the army last August is in Italy.



**PVT. VACHEL TRENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Trent are the parents of seven children, four of whom are boys. They moved to Des Moines three years ago from Tracy, Ia., and are members of the Corinthian Baptist church.



**LT. WM. LA MASTERS**  
Lt. William La Masters, a former resident of Des Moines, was commissioned a second lieutenant recently. While stationed in the Asiatic Pacific Theater of war, his commanding officer arranged to have him sent to Officer Candidate School in Texas. Following his commissioning he spent ten days in Los Angeles, Cal., with his mother, Mrs. Maude Mash, and cousin, Eddie Rochester (Anderson), and numerous friends. He left the coast for Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., where he will receive his first assignment as an officer. While living in



**LT. M. M. CALDERON**  
Lt. M. M. Calderon, son of Mrs. Signora Calderon of 337 E. Livingston, is somewhere in Italy with the army. He is the brother of Mrs. Josephine Gadsden of the above address.

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ing of you an absolute divorce on the grounds that you deserted the plaintiff without cause for a period of more than three years and cruel and inhuman treatment such as to endanger her life and health. Said petition further prays that the court decree that she continue the custody of Edith Marie Sparks, daughter of plaintiff and defendant until further order of the court and for such other and further relief as she may be entitled to under the premises.

For further particulars see petition now on file. Unless you appear in the District Court of Iowa in and for Polk County on or before the 30th day of March, 1945, at 9 o'clock of said day at the Polk County Court house, Fifth and Mulberry Streets, Des Moines, Iowa, and defend, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon as prayed for in plaintiff's petition. Dated February 21, 1945. JAMES B. MORRIS, Attorney for Plaintiff. 221 1/2 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Printed and published in the Iowa By-stander February 22, March 1, March 8, 1945.

## DACUS BROTHERS



**BENJAMIN AND CALVIN DACUS**  
Cpl. Benjamin Dacus, at an army Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md., and Sgt. Calvin Dacus, who has been stationed in Italy for 19 months with the 332nd Fighter Group, are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Dacus, 3110 Bowden street. Sgt. Dacus is the husband of Mrs. Minnie Dacus of 1143 Enos.



**CPL. IRWIN WHITE - EXTENDED MANY SOCIAL AFFAIRS**  
Cpl. Irwin White left Friday night to return to his base at Staten Island, N. Y., after a 12-day furlough here with his wife, Mrs. Ruth White, and family at 1228 Dixon, and his mother, Mrs. William Warfield, 127 Ridge. Among the many courtesies extended him were: a breakfast by Mrs. J. F. Jones; dinner by his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. D. Logan; entertainment by Cub Scout Committee; dinner by his mother, Mrs. Warfield. Mrs. White honored him at dinner which was shared by Mesdames Martha Goodwin, Katherine Crawford, Leona Crawford, Harriet Rhodes, Ella Wardfield, Celeste Jones, Miss Elizabeth Logan, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Orice Boyers, and children, Lela Bell and Annette White, Melvin Crawford and Helen Boyers.

Next of kin or men and women in service should get at once a copy of the new "GI Handbook," which explains all details about benefits and legal rights under both federal and state laws. Send stamped addressed envelope to G. I. Handbook, Des Moines Register-Tribune, Des Moines 6, Ia.

Next meeting of Lincoln Post is March 6. On Feb. 18 the American Legion Service Association members appeared before the Department executive committee and requested that the department place a Legion representative in the Iowa Senate and House to look after bills of interest to veterans' rights in Iowa; and that the department place a hired full time Legion representative in the Polk County Veterans Information Center. W. T. Burns, Post Publicity; 4-2956

**MAPLE ST. USHERS**  
The Maple Street Usher club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin, 1408 Center street, Feb. 9. Members commended for their service were Mrs. Willie M. Wells and Miss Marcella Dant, youngest usher on the board. The club will meet at the home of Miss Katherine Robinson, 1640 Walker, Feb. 23. William Elmore is president. George A. Wells, publicity chairman.

**FIRST CME QUARTERLY CONFERENCE SUNDAY**  
The First CME Second quarterly conference will start Sunday, Feb. 25, with the presiding elder, Rev. R. A. Simpson, of Kansas City, Mo., delivering the messages Sunday morning and evening. The Rev. W. F. Ogletton of Bethel AME church will preach Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and his choir will sing.

**CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES**  
Dr. Emil D. Green, field evangelist of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, spoke last Sunday morning on "Christ Brotherhood," at Corinthian church.

Pastor Robinson returned from Atlanta Ga., where he attended the National Baptist Board of Directors meeting. The pastor spoke at the Young People's hour at the Central Presbyterian church. Sunday evening the Mothers' Board gave a program. Rev. R. C. Crawford preached.

Mrs. Victor Creson of Higbee, Mo., was a visitor. Sunday, Feb. 25, at 3 p.m. a Negro history program will be presented, under the auspices of Pvt. A. M. Porter with the cooperation of the young people of Corinthian and members of the WAC at Ft. Des Moines.

Sunday night the Deacon Board will give a program. Messages will be given by the pastor and William Smith, deacon. Get your news to Miss Roxie Igou by Tuesday evening. Phone 4-9226.

**BETHEL CHURCH HAS FOUNDER'S DAY**  
On February 11 at 8 p. m. the Bethel AME choir observed Founder's

## LAWRENCE HILL

Lawrence Hill, SP(A) second class, is somewhere in New Guinea with the navy. The son of Mr. Charles Hill of Oskaloosa, Ia., he entered the navy in November 1943 and received boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and Bainbridge, Md., where he completed training as a physical education instructor. He is the brother of Mrs. Lavonia Strothers of 977 24th street.

## PVT. R. L. PARKER

Pvt. Robert L. Parker who is somewhere in India with the army, is the son of Mrs. Vivian Parker of Chicago, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Warrick, of 1006 Thirteenth street.

**ORIGINAL NOTICE**  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IOWA IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY  
ESTELLA HOLT, Plaintiff  
vs.  
BENJAMINE FRANKLIN HOLT, Defendant.  
To BENJAMINE FRANKLIN HOLT: You are hereby notified that the application of the above named plaintiff is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Polk County, Iowa, asking the court to set aside the order dismissing the above entitled case, and to reinstate the same and permit her to prove up on same. For further particulars see application. Now, unless you appear thereto and defend before above named court in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, on or before the 30th day of March, 1945, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon as asked for in said application. GERTRUDE E. RUSH, Attorney for Plaintiff, Des Moines, Iowa. Printed and published in the Iowa By-stander February 22, March 1 and 8, 1945.

**NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION**  
To MARGARET SMYTH, JOHN HONL, name the real estate herein described is faxed.

## MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

The Baptist Training Union is presenting interesting programs each Sunday evening at six o'clock. Mrs. Siberia Moore is president.

The senior choir will present sacred concert Sunday at 7:30 p. m. It is request night. Mrs. Ottomae Robinson will accept request numbers.

The sick of the church are: Harry Lewis at Broadlawn; W. H. Elmore at home; Thomas Raleigh at home; Mrs. Grace Wade at home; Mrs. Pearl Jeffers at home; Miss Allie Ligon on Maple street.

Deacon Dant has been suffering with a sore hand, but is now able to be up.

Private Linden Robinson was a visitor for several days to his mother and family, 1640 Walker street. He is stationed at Tuskegee, Alabama.

The Usher Board of the church will meet Friday night with Miss Catherine Robinson, 1640 Walker street. W. H. Elmore is president of the board.

Talent night Monday was well attended. It was sponsored by the February club of which Mrs. Mildred Fields is president.

Mrs. Ruth H. McAllister has been on the sick list during the week. The Sunday school attendance is growing rapidly under the leadership of the new superintendent, William Fields.

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## 1ST. SGT. FRANK S. MOORE

First Sgt. Frank S. Moore, who is somewhere in India with the army, is the husband of Mrs. Mary E. Moore of 1212 Center street, and son-in-law of Mrs. Cora Moore of the above address.

**ORIGINAL NOTICE**  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY  
GERTRUDE D. SPARKS, Plaintiff  
vs.  
ALVIN JAMES SPARKS, Defendant.  
To ALVIN JAMES SPARKS, Defendant: You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Iowa in and for Polk County the petition of the plaintiff claim-

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SOUND ADVICE FOR THE SOUTH

In a recent address before the Georgia Academy of Political and Social Sciences in Atlanta, Mark Ethridge of the Louisville (Ky.) Courier Journal gave the south a type of advice reasonable people will applaud. Mr. Ethridge is one of the leading liberals of the south so what he says is advice from a southerner and not from "one of those northerners who can't understand their peculiar problem."

"The hope of the south does not lie in men like that. They do not represent what its people are thinking and they do not advocate the extension of democracy and take their chance on what the people are thinking," Ethridge said.

Among those political leaders he mentioned are "Democratic Senators Walter George of Georgia, Harry Byrd of Virginia, Josiah Bailey of North Carolina, Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee and Tom Connally of Texas."

The manager of a large branch institution in Des Moines and a southerner said to the Bystander last year that when the south got rid of those political leaders who win their elections by flying the red flag of racial hatred, relations between the races will improve immeasurably.

The Bystander fully approves the views of these two men; many southerners do likewise. But the pernicious system has kept the people so ignorant that these jingo politicians have so manipulated things that they continue to garner enough votes to reelect themselves year in and year out.

These men know that this is one of the things which has kept the south backward. It takes time and effort to keep another fellow down; this these demagogues and their predecessors have done to the detriment of themselves, their section and the whole nation.

And this is good advice to those northern people who don't realize that there are forward looking white people in the south who share the views of Mark Ethridge.

OBSERVE NEGRO NEWSPAPER WEEK

Friday Negro Newspaper week begins. It emphasizes the 118th year Negro newspapers have been published and the responsibility that group has carried and has for its future program.

During this period, the Negro press has come a long way. When the first one was published, slavery existed in one section of America. Negroes had nothing. In fact the publication was just a propaganda sheet extolling the justice of the cause of abolition.

Following the emancipation and for years thereafter, possibly our best newspapers were the official organs of some lodge or church. Their sponsors realized the meagre advertising possibilities within their own group and feared to venture as an independent business.

Undoubtedly the greatest stride has been made during the past twenty-five years, for in that period have sprung up or developed some outstanding weekly newspapers which compare favorably with daily papers in our large cities both in appearance and as money making ventures.

The main contributions to this growth are that Negroes have gone to schools of journalism and business methods where they learned just how to conduct a newspaper successfully.

the added capital investments they have made in their plants and the awakening of the market that Negroes have great buying power and that the best way to reach it is the Negro press.

There are few Negroes who don't read a Negro newspaper nowadays. Many white people do likewise for they realize that in order to understand him and get a clear view of the world's progress as he sees it, this source is the best for that information.

National broadcasts have been arranged as a part of this celebration augmented by local programs all of which should command the attention of the public generally.

The Negro press has made a real contribution to America. It has fought for democracy for all people; it has called attention to inequalities existing between what is offered Negroes and other groups; it has cautioned their readers for better living, good citizenship and loyalty to their government.

And in recognition of the service of the Negro press business men, churches, clubs and other organizations as well as the public generally should join in this celebration re-assuring the publishers that they approve their efforts and stand to help maintain their work through continued operation.

Of course, we realize that one has to be trained for these things, but the instinct and the courage are not trapped into anyone. Perhaps when all the boys get back they will be able to instill a better respect for athletics as carried on in Des Moines, for they have certainly shown that they are at least as good as some of the ones we have been reading about in the larger Negro papers.

In Italy

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up in front made room for me. When I sat down, the driver stopped the bus and told me to go to the back. I couldn't squeeze through the crowd but that made no difference; the driver thought it was something to argue about.

Cpl. Orrett compared his treatment at the Leghorn hospital with the situation at Fort Eustis, Va. "I was born in Toronto, of West Indian parents," he said, "and spent my early life in Jamaica, in the British West Indies. Then I went to New York with my parents and went to school and worked there. I never knew what discrimination meant until I went to Fort Eustis, where there were three big post movies, one for colored soldiers and two for white and colored. After the few rows reserved for us in the two mixed theaters were filled we couldn't get in."

"When I was being treated for my wounds in Leghorn, there was no such thing as white and colored. Everybody was alike. Fighting together and suffering together brings people closer. I think most people are too pessimistic about race relations after the war. The white American soldier has learned what artificial barriers of any sort mean and will be just as determined as the colored soldier to do away with them later. Of course, the demagogues may try to stir things up, but I don't think they'll get very far with the veterans of this war. The veterans will be smarter than the demagogues think."

Most of the men have thought about what the future will bring them and how such plans as the GI Bill of Rights will affect them. "After the war," said Sgt. Walker, "I'd like to take an advanced course in radio under the Bill. I'd stand more of a chance then of getting a good job. I'd say that most of the men in this outfit are interested in learning a trade, so they won't be thrown on the unskilled labor market for sale to the lowest bidder."

Cpl. Orrett, with a wife, an 11-year-old son and an 8-year-old daughter back in Harlem, has similar plans. He wants to study and become a radio repairman in Harlem, where "everybody knows me, including the people who lost."

Orrett was talking about his days as a policy collector. "It was so lucrative, so bright, so enticing," he said, sighing, "that I never thought much about making an honest living. It was an easy life—sometimes \$80 a day for doing nothing."

Then men in the outfit have had privileges in Italy they never had back in the states. But that hasn't

SPORTS

By ALLEN ASHBY

The great (it says here) battle between the two Sugars has become history, and we didn't get to see it. Probably just as well, because, they say that if you turned your head that you missed the finale, and we might have done just that.

But, there is one thing that the bout did settle forever, and that is the old arguments that a bout between two Negroes would not draw. The thing packed the Stadium, and pulled about twenty thousand cash customers in, and around eighty thousand dollars.

Ray was about twenty-five thousand dollars richer, and in addition had earned the grudging respect of all the Chicago fight fans and writers who had little, more than contempt for him before the fight, on account of what some angry writers had said about his service record, which we are sure was not in his own choosing.

With that out of the way, we can now turn our undivided attention to the Golden Gloves, and get ready to look that show over. Don't think that the Chicago Tribune isn't glad that the fight is over.

Local Sports

It seemed kind of good to be back home again over the week-end, and to notice in the papers the doings of local sports celebrities. For instance, we read with keen interest that John Estes played a large part in his team's success as the North high boys downed Ft. Dodge last weekend. Then there was the perennial Don Welcher tossing the shot for Drake and winning, a fine habit to form. This time he was aided by a Negro, Paul Ware, who grabbed the sprint honors.

Then there was the performance of the three lads at Iowa City, Moore, Brown and another fellow, who took over the Iowa University in an indoor track meet, and just about ran away with it.

We had quite a chat with Harold Carr, who used to handle just about the best softball team in town, and also had a fair basketball team before he joined the Coast Guard. Harold says that wherever he goes, the Des Moines boys stand out like sore thumbs. They are almost always to be found in the top ranking groups of athletes among the Negroes of the rest of the country. We probably didn't realize what good athletes we did have in this little town, largely because the competition of one against the other was so keen. But Carr's observations merely serve to bear out our arguments of earlier days when we contended that our local athletes were at least as good as most of those around the country.

But they really stood out in box- lessened their feeling of homesickness. "It isn't just wanting to get back to our families," said Cpl. Orrett. "It's because we feel more than ever that the U.S.A. is the best place in the world for us to live."

738 NEGRO WACS ARRIVE IN ENGLAND; GREETED BY GENERALS LEE AND DAVIS

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Henderson, Xenia, Ohio; First Lieut. Margaret E. Barnes, Oberlin, Ohio; First Lieut. Catherine G. Landry, New Orleans, La.; First Lieut. Blanche L. Scott, Washington, D.C.; First Lieut. Dorothy H. Scott, Alton, Ill.; Second Lieut. Gussaye D. Stewart, Chicago, Ill.; Second Lieut. Alice E. Edwards, Los Angeles, Cal.; Second Lieut. Vivian N. Elzie, Crisfield, Md.; Second Lieut. Aubrey A. Stokes, Gloucester, Va.; Second Lieut. Hazel E. Craddock, Des Moines, Ia.; Second Lieut. El Freda St. Anne LeBeau, New Orleans, La.; Second Lieut. Frances E. Flatts, New York City; Second Lieut. Bertie M. Edwards, Danville, Va.

Enlisted members of the contingent represent nearly every state in the union. From Iowa is Pfc. Gerne, Council Bluffs.

The unit, known as RT-510-c arrived at Camp Shanks, New York, under the temporary command of Captain M. E. Carter, Boston. The actual commanding officer of the organization, Major Charity Adams, of South Carolina, preceded her charges overseas, accompanied by Capt. Abbey Campbell, Tuskegee, Ala., executive officer of the unit. Almost as soon as they arrived the processing began.

Company commanders were: Company A, Capt. Mary F. Kearney, Bridgeport, Conn.; Company B, First Lieut. Dorothy H. Scott, Alton, Ill.; Company C, Captain Vera Harrison, Hamilton, Ohio; Company D, First Lieut. Violet W. Hill, St. Louis, Mo. Convoy officers for the shipment were: Major Virginia G. Hurley, Office of the Chief of Staff, Washington, D. C., Captain Ellen B. Hayea, 115 Halstead street, East Orange, New Jersey, and Captain Mary E. Miller, Lincoln, Neb.

Other officers accompanying the shipment were First Lieuts. Corrie S. Sherard, Atlanta, Ga., Ella B. Tatum,

ing. The boys who went to Chicago and competed in the Tournament of Champions there were rarely outclassed, even though they were beaten. Then our softball teams held their own wherever they went, and seldom got trounced soundly, as did most of our basketball teams. Then there were several individual baseball players who were good enough to make most of the outstanding teams.

We never had any wrestlers who got a chance to meet the best among Negroes, and so we couldn't compare in that group. It seems that Des Moines Negroes didn't go in for wrestling in a big way, and we never developed any group of mat men, although we had a few individuals who were pretty good at it. But a lot of the boys who later got into the service became military policemen and shore patrol members where one has to have a knowledge of hand to hand combat, and none of these has shown up badly in comparison with the members of any other group, so maybe our little street and gang fights payed off in a rather peculiar manner.

POST EXCHANGE

LETTERS FROM MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICES

You Keep Writing—They'll Keep Fighting

By MARIE ROSS

Sgt. Wiley Dixon Has Been Overseas a Year

"Thanks for your letters and pictures of the home fronts which help to make the distance seem not so far away," wrote Sgt. Wiley D. Dixon from New Guinea recently.

"So with them and your description of definition everything is straight. I know Tate and Rhodes will enjoy seeing them. It is seldom I get a chance to see either of them but as of Sunday past both are okey and send their regards.

"Well, now the natives here seem friendly and quite a number as one fellow said are about to get 'hep.' Two villages are not so far away neither of which I have yet visited.

"Quite a number of movies, out-door course, of which I liked best—'Kismet,' 'Saratoga Trunk,' 'Gaslight' and 'Secret Command'.

"Incidentally, yesterday (January 23) marked our first year overseas. That about does it so I will close. I know that you keep pretty busy in connection with your PX news—which is tops. Give best regards to the rest of the staff.

Sgt. Dixon's address: 37194678, Hq. Co., 2 Bn. 25th Inf., APO 93, C/O M., San Francisco, Calif.

Iowan Writes That Home Town is Becoming a 'Memory Lane'

"By the way—our friend, W. M. Bettis, is a bit under the weather and he is confined to the hospital," wrote Pfc. Joseph R. Scott from the Philippines recently.

"I hope that the holiday season was nothing but the best for you. The town is really becoming a sort of memory lane for the moment as I hear that quite a few boys have become my comrades in arms.

"Well, the show still goes on over here as you are probably reading in the newspaper—also in speaking of

that, my new APO is 321. Like every one else, we are putting a lot of thought and faith in the year of 1945 as I guess everyone, regardless of what his station may be, is weary of this thing called war. Try as we may, it cannot be pushed in the background.

"Please excuse the poor penmanship this time as I am writing under adverse conditions. Closing for a while, I as always send my best regards to everyone."

Pfc. Scott's address: 37660143, 25th Port Co., APO 321, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

LAWRENCE HILL SENDS POEM FROM NEW GUINEA

Lawrence Hill, SP(A) second class who is somewhere in New Guinea with the navy, wrote the following poem upon his arrival in the Pacific:

MY ARRIVAL  
When I shall hear that the war has ceased,  
And all the countries remaining in peace,  
I'll pack my gear in a military way,  
And sleep my friends on their backs and say:  
We're going home—we're going home to stay.  
And then upon entering my place of dwelling  
My heart will jump with a conscious swelling  
A familiar bush, a plant, or a tree  
Reminds me of the day I parted from thee.  
Yes, there are things that one misses at once,  
In being far from home and on the battle front.  
So when I return—let it not be a change  
In my home or a change in me.

The son of Mr. Charles Hill of Okaloosa, Ia., his address is: C/O FPO Base Co. 07, San Francisco, Calif.

Soldier in Saipan Writes About Captain Hyde

"I am writing you these few lines to let you hear from me and Captain Hyde, the son of Branham Hyde," wrote Cpl. John V. Reed on

Feb. 12, from the Saipan, Marianas, to 'Dear J. B.' editor of the Bystander.

"Well, I know that you don't know who I am but the most of Des Moines do. I was one of your customers, twice. I am the son of Mrs. Tennie Thompson whose address is 764 W. Tenth street, Des Moines.

"The other day while scouting around—just looking for someone from good old Des Moines, I saw just one soldier. That soldier was no one but Captain Robert Hyde as he wore his shiny bars and his khaki shorts which struck him at the knees and it is awful hot here. The captain is fine and has gained a little weight and he still wears a smile as a brave soldier.

"Captain Hyde is one of my school pals and is a good fellow soldier. We both are here in the Marianas.

"I have been here for quite a number of months and I have been in plenty of fire but I have been lucky and darn lucky as I hope, I will be that way all the time.

"We both send our love to you and the entire staff and the people of Iowa. Enclosed is a picture of me as I appear here on Saipan. I am getting ready to do a little exercise by wrestling. But I go without a shirt quite a bit for it is hot here at all times."

Cpl. Reed's address: 37677158, Co. B, 1894th Eng. Avn. Bn., APO 244, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

INDUCTION

Alvin Franklin, 1654 Maple street, to the navy.  
Ralph Stanley Jones, 1520 S. E. Mithy, to the army.

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