



Service Notes

Staff Sergeant John D. Matheson is back from Italy on a special assignment and is visiting his father at 19505 Westmore Ave.

Don D. Gould, U.S.N., was a recent guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Gould, 20930 Purling Brook.

Arnold Werchum, MM/1, U.S.N., spent a twelve day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Werchum, 21715 Waldron and has left for Norfolk, Va., for further assignment. Bob Werchum, U.S.N., also spent three days with his parents before leaving for Beirut, Wis.

Sergeant James E. Tolman, son of James R. Tolman, Sr., who lives at 23081 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington, is serving in Italy.

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with a Fifth Army Ordnance Company which services the instruments, vehicles, small arms and heavy weapons of a front line infantry division. The company of which the local soldier is a member has been overseas more than 26 months, serving in North Africa, Salerno, Anzio and the final offensive for Rome. The company consists of seven sections, manned by trained technicians, for the supplying, repairing and recovering of many types of vitally necessary combat equipment.

Pvt. Howard Westphal has returned to Fort Riley, Kansas after spending his furlough with his wife and son.

After playing "Jack-of-all-trades" from Egypt to Rome, a Fifth Army Ordnance Company of which Staff Sergeant John F. Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy McCollom, 25591 Brookdale, is a member, recently completed its second year overseas. Starting at the Sicilian beachhead in June, 1942, the company salvaged and serviced tanks, trucks and guns for the British Eighth Army across North Africa to Italy, and for the Fifth Army from Salerno to the Anzio beachhead to Rome and northward. Veteran Ordnance men, they repair everything in their machine shops from 45 ton tank trailers to wrist watches. Frequently they go into the front lines at night and work on tank engines while under enemy fire. For such outstanding work on the Anzio beachhead the unit was awarded the Fifth Army Plaque of Excellence.

Marvin Peterson arrived home Wednesday night for his first visit since entering the Navy. He expects to return to the Great Lakes Training Station the latter part of this week.

Technical Sergeant Forrest E. Ault, who spent an 18 day furlough with his parents, left last Friday for Maxwell Field, Ala.

The family of Dale Tolman have again heard from him recently. In the far away Pacific, he is still seeing much action, and at the time he wrote was about to engage in a big battle, which has since been won.

Two Sundays ago Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orr visited their son, Lt. Robert Orr, at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. They were accompanied by their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert Orr. They were permitted to enjoy only a few hours in the company of the young Lieutenant, a C-47 pilot, who has left for overseas service.

Corporal William P. Dwyer, who recently spent a ten day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dwyer of Aylee Kaye Road, has returned to Camp Haan, California.

Dear Editor:
I'm just dropping you a few lines to let you know I appreciate the Farmington paper you are sending me. It's good to see how the people are doing and what's going on. Farmington always did do a little better than any of the other towns, in their scrap and War Bond drives, and I hope they still are at the head of the drives.

Yours truly,
Gilbert Polcyn, S 2/c
Norfolk, Virginia.

June 30, 1944
Dear Sirs:
I take this opportunity to thank you for sending the Farmington Enterprise, and to advise you of my new address.
I receive the paper regularly

BURIED ALIVE FOR FOUR DAYS



ENGLAND — U.S. Signal Corps Radio Telephone — Soundphoto — Staff Ensign Barefoot — correct — of Vienna, Ga., believes he's had the most unusual experience with the "Buzz" bomb in England, being buried alive for four days. During this time he ate plaster, had weeds buried, and tried to dig his way out with a fork. He said the four days seemed like "just a few hours." Attending him is nurse Lt. Yolande Carrado, of Corcoran, N.Y.

am very glad to read about the fellow in service. I am stationed somewhere in the Aleutian Islands, and have been overseas about fifteen months.

Sincerely,
Pvt. George Bidwell.

North Africa

Dear Mom, Dad and Dot:
Well, a lot of things have happened to me since last time I wrote. I will start at the beginning and tell you all about it.

Every Sunday one of our officers takes five men on a trip into the desert, sometimes to hunt gazelles and sometimes just for the trip. One of the Arabs said there were four water holes with fish in them, way up in the mountains about 12 miles from here. So our Lt. asked me if I would like to go on a camel trip into the desert and see it. I could find them. There were five of us on the trip and two Arabs. We each had a camel. Well, you know I have never ridden a horse and as far as a camel goes, I had never been close to one until I got over here. You know, the saddles on those camels were the hardest things in the world.

Well, Sunday morning I got up at 5:00 and made coffee for the five of us and packed a lunch and at 7:00 the Arabs came in with the camels. Just about everyone in camp was there to see us off. On the way out we stopped at a French Camel Corps Camp and they were very friendly and invited us for a drink. Of course we accepted, glad for the chance to rest. We stayed there for a half hour and by this time we had started to get stiff from being out of the saddle. But we managed to get back in them O.K. and were then only about half way to where we were going. We kept on and finally came to a hole in the ground where there used to be water, but nothing in it now. The Arab said this was the place, but the Lt. told him he was crazy and if he didn't find the place, he wouldn't get paid. So the Arab started out on foot towards the mountains to see what he could find. We all got out of our saddles and sat down in the sand to rest. You can bet your life we all sat down awfully easy, because we had very tender spots. The Lt. asked us if we would just as soon stay all night and start back in the morning, providing we found the water holes, and we all felt it was a good idea.

About an hour later our guide came back saying he had found much water up in the mountains, so we slowly mounted (and when I say slowly, I mean slowly) and were off again. We rode about a quarter of a mile and had to get off and walk because the ground was so rocky the camel can't get through with anyone on its back. So we stumbled along for about two miles and it seemed like ten, with the Sierra Sun beating down on our backs. Then all at once in front of us was the much water the Arab told us he had found. The way he had described it, we expected a lake you could almost see across. But there it was, about the size of a good bath tub. It was in a valley with mountains towering on both sides and the floor of the valley was covered with rocks from the size of nuts to the size of houses.

We decided to eat dinner and send our Arab further up the valley to see if he could find more water. When he came back he told us he had found three more water holes and each was bigger than the one before it, and we decided to see what they were like. So we were off again, still walking, and the farther we went, the worse walking it was, because the valley got narrower and narrower.

Well, we finally got to the last water hole and it was one of the most beautiful sights I have ever seen. We had to climb up the side of the mountain and walk on a ledge of rock about three inches wide and about 200 feet above the floor of the valley. We walked about 50 feet and rounded a corner of rock and there below us was a pool of water as blue as the sky with the rocks hanging over it, was really beautiful. We went down and went in swimming. The water was as cold as ice and I don't know if it had a bottom or not.

We stayed there for about half an hour and then went back to one of the other pools where we had already set up camp. We had not come prepared to stay all night, so we sent the Arab back to town to get blankets and some more things to eat and while he was gone, we went down to the pool and caught about 10 big bullheads, which I fried for supper that night and were they good!

The Arab brought the blankets all right, but we practically froze on the desert all night. The next day we started back to camp about 1:30 and we arrived about 3:30. We had a swell time, but were really tired out.

It was an experience I will more than likely never have again and one I will never forget.

Will write tomorrow. Good Night for now.

Sgt. Homer Eisenlord.

Walter Wild of the Naval Air Corps is now stationed in Jacksonville, Florida. Walter, although graduating from Toledo High School, was a former student and a member of the band at Farmington High School, and has many friends here.

Now in training at the U.S. Maritime Service Training Station, Sheepshead Bay, New York.

is William G. Mitchell, Jr., of Farmington. Apprentice Seaman Mitchell will receive six weeks of basic training, including lifeboat work, fire fighting, breeches buoy, mess, sea rules and traditions, swimming, ship construction and equipment, gunnery and physical training.

Two youths from Farmington have reported to the pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Alabama, an installation of the AAP Training Command, to begin another phase of their training in the U.S. Army Air Forces. These men are Aviation Cadets James H. Collins, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Collins of 31629 Shaw Avenue, and David S. Ruelle, 26, of 23335 Grove Street. Both cadets are graduates of Farmington High School.

Recognition as eligible to qualify for the petty officer rate of motor machinist's mate third class came to Bluejacket Robert J. MacDonald, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. MacDonald, 19207 Shadydale, who graduated recently from the Naval Training School on the University of Illinois campus, Urbana, Illinois.

New Guinea
June 15, 1944

Dear Enterprise:
I have been receiving the paper here very well. I'm very thankful to you for sending it to me. It is a bit late but it's always welcome, no matter how late it is. There is nothing better than a bit of news from home to cheer you up a little when you are down in the "dumps." Believe me that's a very common condition among all of us that are away from home.

Of course we have an excellent "Special Services Division" who furnish us with the latest news, broadcasts and recorded music, plus a show, both stage and screen every now and then. But it never

comes up to a good old home newspaper.

I have never, as yet, met any of the fellows from home down here. But I hear Burke Johnson is somewhere on this island. Maybe some day we'll meet.

Right now they say it is the rainy season in New Guinea. I have been to believe they are right, though today it only rained about three inches.

This seems to be all for now. I wish to thank you again for the paper. It is enjoyed by the highest by myself and the fellows in the tent with me.

Sincerely,
Oran L. Mitchell.

June 27, 1944

Dear Farmington Enterprise:
I have been receiving the Farmington Enterprise for about one

year now so I thought it was about time I wrote and thanked you for it and gave you my new address.

I am somewhere in New Guinea. It is nothing like home but it has a few good points. I go down to the ocean for a swim about twice a week and I spend most of my leisure time roaming around the jungle and taming. I don't know what kind of fish I catch but they taste good.

We have movies and all sorts of sports for recreation. Money isn't much good over here. I spend about one dollar a week at the PX.

Well, here is thanking you once again for the paper and saying goodbye.

Yours truly,
Fred Maier.

Mrs. Arthur Lamb spent Monday in Northville.

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