

American Legion



Notes

By F. W. Lewis

The Honor Roll for all men in our armed forces from in and near Farmington will soon be completed and mounted at the Town Hall. Fred Schaepter is doing a fine piece of work. This roll will carry the names of every man in service from our community.

Another Honor Roll is being placed in the Legion. Home of every son or near relative of a Legionnaire that is in service. Past Commander Gordon Niles has this role about completed.

It is hoped that the "Victory Book Campaign" will soon be underway by our boys in service.

Santy Capita is able to sit up and have visitors at the Marine Hospital, foot of Alter Road, Detroit.

The next 17th District meeting will be held in Pontiac on February 3. Lunch will be served after the meeting. Make your reservations early and let's have a good attendance. Remember, every car can carry five passengers. Telephone 316 if you wish a ride, or if you can take someone with you.

Benefits Available To and For Service Men (Continued)

Dependency of Mother and/or Father must be established as of the time of death of the person in service.

1. The claim must be recorded in the Veterans Administration within one year from the date of death of the person in service or from July 11, 1942, whichever ever is the later date, except as to those who are mentally or legally incompetent, who have until one year following removal of incompetence.

2. Veterans Administration Form 355A is used to claim this benefit and should be presented to the Director of Insurance, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C.

3. The same law also provides for "automatic" insurance protection and waiver of premium for those who become totally disabled in line of duty for a period of six months or more incurred between

October 8, 1940 and April 19, 1942.

Inquiries with respect to this should be presented direct to the Director of Insurance, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C. or the National Rehabilitation Committee of the American Legion at 1608 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

5. This law also provides "automatic" insurance protection for any person "who on or after December 7, 1941, and prior to April 20, 1942, has been or shall be captured, besieged, or otherwise isolated by the forces of an enemy of the United States for a period of at least 30 consecutive days and extending beyond April 19, 1942," who did not have in force at least \$5,000 of some type of government life insurance.

6. Inquiries with respect to this should be presented direct to the Director of Insurance, or the National Rehabilitation Committee.

SERVICE NOTES

Private Reuben W. (Bud) Tilley has sent word to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tilley, that he is at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Private Howard A. Ruelle has been moved to Palm Springs Army Air Field at Palm Springs, California.

Staff Sergeant Stuart D. Ruelle is now stationed at Marona Air Field at Tucson, Arizona.

Hello Farmington Enterprise: I got the paper last week and was glad to get it for it makes me feel good to know what is going on at home.

If you like Texas, you can have it. Saturday it was 85 here and also Tuesday. This morning it was 15 out; and that is the way it goes. Saturday was the hottest day for this time of year since 1911.

I thank you for the paper. Pvt. Alexander P. Hill Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

January 15, 1943

Dear Editor: Just a few lines to let you know I am still enjoying the weekly paper. It brings home so much closer, with all the interesting news and bits of home town doings. My brother, Cecil, and I are still together and enjoying the warm weather of California.

It is a funny thing, every time it rains or is foggy, some old timer out here will say it's unusual weather. Trying to cover up,

I'll still take good old Michigan, and I hope we'll all be back home soon.

One of Farmington's servers, Corporal Leo N. Bedson Gilroy, California.

January 18, 1943 The Farmington Enterprise

Dear Sir: For two months now, ever since I've been stationed in Big Springs, Texas, I've been receiving The Enterprise. And now at this time I would like to thank you very much for your kindness and courtesy. I receive your Enterprise every Tuesday morning and that is something to look forward to. I really enjoy reading it for it tells me what you and the people of Farmington are doing toward the War. Everybody is doing a swell job, and all us fellows really appreciate it. Goodbye for now, and thanks again.

Sincerely, Private Herman E. Maas Big Springs Army Flying School.

January 16, 1943

Dear Folks: It is Saturday afternoon after working hours, so a very good time to sit down and write you a letter.

I can hardly believe it is the date I wrote on this letter, for though it is the middle of January, I have just come from outside with no coat on. Many of the fellows outside wear only their blouses. I have not worn my coat since I've been here. The sun is literally blazing down right now, very bright and warm outside.

Of course we have our bad season here in California, which consists of weeks on end of rain and fog. However, even then, the weather does not get extremely cold.

Because of its great distance from home, I'm not so fond of the camp, but otherwise it is a grand place. I can't tell you the size, but Beale is the second largest camp in the country. I used to wonder why so many boys would write home and say how good the food was in their camp. I thought it was just talk to fill in the pages, but it certainly isn't. At least not here.

We have really fine food and very good cooks here. We have all the meat, butter, eggs and sugar we can use—you remember those things, don't you? As for what I do in the army, I am a clerk to the Regimental Commander and Adjutant. It is a nice job and definitely one I desired. I have a Technician 5th

Grade or "Technical Corporal" rating out of it. It involves typing, filing, bookkeeping and general clerical work.

I do not work extra hours, have Saturday afternoon and Sunday off, don't have any K.P., guard, or other extra details.

To fill in my spare time I am assisting the Special Service Officer. He has charge of all recreation and entertainments. Another fellow "works on" athletics and I work on the plays, musicals and programs and so on. The other boys have organized some ball teams and I have just come from the first rehearsal of my new cowboy band I organized. We have a "fiddler" who is really good, a fellow who doubles on bass fiddle and guitar, an accordion, mandolin and two guitars. I'm really pepped up with the first try.

We are the "Red River Ramblers" and "Ruse Red River Valley" for our theme. Will let you in on the progress with each letter.

I am going to night college two nights a week, taking a refresher in typing, like it fine.

Guess I've covered about all of the news. I'm getting the Enterprise and am very glad to get it. I guess the people of Farmington are pretty interested in all of us who are away from home, and it sure is helping a whole lot. At Christmas I got so many nice cards and even packages from people whom I hardly knew, and it certainly is appreciated.

You remember Ralph Derrick? He is down here and I see him every day. He is now a warrant officer, has had certainly gotten a great deal from the army. He does not get the Enterprise, and would like to receive a copy, so I am sending his address.

Corporal Paul Paré Camp Beale, California.

Staff Sergeant Tracy Windrim is home on furlough from Camp Chatree, Arkansas.

We report here a number of letters which have been directed to the Blue Star Mothers of America.

Baibos, Canal Zone January 3, 1943

Dear Blue Star Mothers: Well, I don't know how to start this letter because I really don't like to write letters.

I received your lovely Christmas package and card, although I didn't get it on Christmas day, but only a few days after, and it happened to come on my birthday, so I took it as both a Christmas present and also a birthday present. Everything was O.K. and from me and the fellows, I thank you very much.

I receive the Farmington Enterprise often and read a lot of the Blue Star Mothers, and it's really a true American organization.

Again I thank you for the lovely package and I wish you all a happy New Year.

Mrs. Smith's son, Barton.

Tripler General Hospital, Hawaii November 15, 1942

Dear Mrs. Rozenboom: I received your box a few days ago. Everything in the box will come in handy one of these days, in fact most of it is gone by this time.

I think you are in a wonderful organization in the Blue Star Mothers. I know that it is going to help the boys that are far away from home.

Again I want to thank you. Yours truly, William C. Mitchell.

December 28, 1942 Camp Hagan, California

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bacon: I'm going to try to make this as short and straight as possible. A person can not write to half the people in town and keep repeating the same thing again and again. But this time I hope to start you thinking about something besides the same thing happening. This is a rather impossible thought, but all the fellows are lonely (except those without hearts), and all a scared

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bunch. The folks back home are the same. So let's all pull together and make the best of it. Out here on the Coast we are in a semi-combat zone, air raid alerts at least once a week. None-the-less, we're all willing to give our best for our little town back in Michigan, Minnesota, and all over the United States, any town or person that do, so I get going. Well, I'd better cut this short. Not that I feel like writing, but I had something on my mind. Now, a little late, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Pvt. Ormond (Bud) Auten.

Harlingen, Texas
December 17, 1942

Dear Friends: I want to thank you for the package and lovely letter that I received from you. It is nice to know that there are clubs like yours to help the service men.

We are working hard here training men for gunners in all types of planes. The fellows here all have the same ambition, to some day get over there and be in the thick part of the actual fighting. They all have the spirit that is needed to win this war. It is very rare to hear one complain about the job he is doing. Of course we all have our small gripes, but all in all, we are pulling for the same thing.

Thanks again to every member of "The Blue Star Mothers" and may God bless you all.
Sgt. William Rozenboom.

December 27, 1942

My dear Mrs. Bacon: I was so glad to get the card from the Blue Star Mothers and to receive your note penned on the back.

A great many changes have taken place since we were neighbors. I suppose at least there is in the army big pay, and possibly Tom, too, eh? If so, what camps are they in?

Mother often sends me the clippings from the Enterprise, where they print the letters the boys and girls in the service write to the folks at home.

Was nice of you to tell me of Ralph Derrick. I knew him well and went to school with him. He was the very first person I met when I arrived here in camp, and it sure was good to meet him. He

is in the same Regiment and in a Company next door to mine. He lives in Marysville here with his wife. He was just made Warrant Officer and of course is very happy. He will probably go in officers-in-law in the Navy, a brother chally Monday. Now he is a Tech-1st Sergeant, but soon will be a brother in the Engineers, and my brother-in-law is a Lt. in the Air Corps. Both of my parents being dead, and my wife's father being dead, and her mother being away a great deal of the time, there aren't many people for me to look to to take a look at my family.

Your friend,
Corporal Paul Pare.

January 2, 1943

Dear Mrs. Bacon: Since you signed your name Alice Bacon, I had to assume you were Mrs. Bacon, because of the organization with which you are associated. If I have done wrong, I beg your pardon.

I surely was pleased to know that someone was thinking of my family. I know any of us out here in Europe, or Africa, would be

just as pleased as I was to get your card. I was very grateful since all six in our families, my wife's and mine, are now in the armed forces. I have two brothers-in-law in the Navy, a brother in the Air Corps, my wife having a brother in the Engineers, and my brother-in-law is a Lt. in the Air Corps. Both of my parents being dead, and my wife's father being dead, and her mother being away a great deal of the time, there aren't many people for me to look to to take a look at my family.

Your organization could inform me if there are any local boys in this area, and I would gladly look them up if possible. Just send me their address.

With best wishes for continuation and expansion of the Blue Star Mothers, I remain
Yours sincerely,
Capt. Preston W. Ports.

Tommy McArthur of the Merchant Marines is enjoying a leave at the home of his parents on Inlander Road.

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