

# Marion Hargrove See Here, Private Hargrove

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For once I have gone on sick call for purposes other than gold-bricking. This time it was for sympathy tenderness and ambivalence. I got the ambivalence to go home. Since then I have been confined to quarters—a pathetic, lorn creature was a degrading thing to do in a room in a minimum of clothing and a minimum of brilliant red light.

Hargrove Things are getting comfortable for a while. The warrior Messia applied the ointment with tender care. Private wish from the mess hall and a double portion of desert. By sitting on the floor for a while, listening to the radio and reading the novel that has been taking up space in my foot locker for weeks.

Don't night mess fall in a case like this, where you're packed in grass like a box of sardines. It's best to have one layer of newspaper between sheet and blanket. After lying there for a while, listening to the newspapers crackle exactly like burnt flesh every time you turn it over. I feel like a pig in a sty.

The next afternoon, shortly after breakfast, I hurriedly got up, fanning myself with both hands, when Sergeant Schmidt came in. "Hargrove, go to the orderly room."

Since I knew quite well that no one would call me long distance at day rates—for a casual conversation, I hurriedly changed into my hobnob-colored flannel, washed to regain my senses after the first shock of the wire, and dashed into a wild thing to the orderly room.

"What's say, chash, boy?" a low voice drawled out of the room. "This is yo ole friend, the Sergeant Turnstile."

I was still half wild from the banging of the slatkin into my back. "How're you, Turnstile? I ain't got nothin' to tell you but the fact that I'm in the hospital."

"Much as I wanted to talk with old 'True Blue,' I was in no condition. The selling insurance here now, 'True Blue' went on and on."

"Don't want any," I said. "I can get it wholesale from the Government." I looked nervously around to see if the battery commander was listening to this wild and unattractive conversation going on over his telephone. Before I could get my speech completely turned, the sergeant intervened and said, "The friendly voice of True Blue went on and on, revealing incidents of our boy-

hood together. My skin began dancing under the heat when Marion Hargrove was writing of his experiences as a soldier at Fort Bragg. These articles appeared in The News under the heading "The Army News." Subsequently they were collected and published by Hargrove in "Private Hargrove" and immediately reached the front lines. The first issue of "Private Hargrove" was a general issue and was left in the News in July, 1942, to enter the Army.

"I'll look you up, True Blue," I said. "If I can get into Fayetteville this week-end." This, I thought, would hint to him to stop the conversation soon and leave something for our happy get-together.

"Do that, boy," he persisted. "Did you see his papers, had talked to me in a very dependent manner. He said that the men who are now thirty or thirty-five years old have been systematically given the run-around by Fate. They grew up in the confusion which followed the late war and marched out of high school or the first years of college straight into the teeth of the depression. Then when better times came, they began to find themselves, alone came the news."

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**GOOD-BYE CORP. GANTT**  
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# Navy Has Need of Officers

He's returning to Liberty now, where he'll fall back easily into the life he led before the war. But you could have seen from a casual glance that he was going to miss Army life.

Another of the men to be discharged here was "Little David" Rosenthal. Little David talked to me in a very dependent manner. He said that the men who are now thirty or thirty-five years old have been systematically given the run-around by Fate. They grew up in the confusion which followed the late war and marched out of high school or the first years of college straight into the teeth of the depression. Then when better times came, they began to find themselves, alone came the news."

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# A. G. Odell Made Major

**Announcement Made by Col. Woodward**  
Promotion of Arthur G. Odell Jr., U. S. Army, to the rank of major was announced today by Colonel W. Woodward, commander of the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot, where Major Odell is on duty.

Prior to his induction into the Army, Major Odell was engaged in the profession of architecture in New York City and where, as the Charlotte structures designed by him are the "Palace" Flinton and Harry residences. He was architect for several Cabarrus County school buildings and of textile manufacturing company offices and warehouses in this part of the state.

For some time he held the position of architect for the Concord Housing Authority and the Concord Telephone Co.

Educated at Stanton Military Academy, Duke University, Cornell University and the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, Major Odell dissolved his architectural firm and entered the Army in 1941. He was on duty during five months at Camp Shelby, Miss., and then was transferred July 1, 1942, to the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot where he is post engineer and signal officer.

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The ban on enlistments for men up to 38 years of age into the naval officer procurement program, said Mr. Lambeth. There are approximately 100,000 different classifications of civilian occupations that can be used by the navy and qualified candidates are being commissioned directly from civilian life. Age limits are from 19 to 30, according to the classification of the occupation and the education needed, and although a college education is desirable, there is no requirement that candidates have had a college education.

Interested candidates should contact the office most convenient to them," Mr. Lambeth said. Other members of the selection committee are Roy Smart, Carl McDraw, Francis Clark, Arthur Brown, Bert M. Wilkins and the Rev. Dr. James A. Jones.

# OPA Will Change Prices of Pork

RALEIGH (AP)—Rep. Clark, Democrat, North Carolina, has introduced legislation which the OPA is drawing up an order to do away with the price differential between oils and other pork. North Carolina farmers have been fighting the price differential for months. The State Legislature passed a resolution asking OPA to abolish it. Only pork is now sold at a price a pound less than hard pork.

# Johnston Will Dedicate Base

BENNETTSVILLE, S. C.—Palmer Field, Marlboro County's new air base, will be dedicated in Benettsville here May 10. Governor Olin D. Johnston is scheduled as principal speaker.

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# Barbour Appointed To National Committee

T. G. Barbour, secretary-treasurer of the Mechanics Property Building & Loan Association of Charlotte, was notified of his appointment as a member of the United States Savings & Loan League's national committee. The appointment was announced by the national committee.

# Capital Speculates On Presence Of American China Commanders

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# Synod Picks Rev. Gettys

INDIA MISSIONARY TO DIRECT YOUTH  
HENDERSONVILLE (AP)—The general synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church has chosen the Rev. Ebenezer Gettys, a former missionary to India now serving as pastor at Iva, S. C., to be its full time director of religious education and young people's work.

The position is a new one, created last year. A conference on women's work reported there are now in the denomination 132 societies, 3,222 members and 1,565 altars, 1,565 among members of the organization.

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Services of Temple Beth-El will be conducted by Rabbi Philip Frankel, the newly-elected minister of the congregation, tonight at 8:15 in the Tryon Room of the Hotel Charlotte.

In cooperation with the resolution adopted by the governing board of the Federation of the Christian Churches designating Sunday, May 2, as a special "day of prayer" dedicated to the plight of the innocent suffering at the hands of Nazism special services will be held tonight. Rabbi Frankel's sermon topic will be "The Blood of Our Brethren Creeth From Our Grounds."

Dr. Frankel with his family moved to Charlotte this week from Cincinnati where he was associated with the Hebrew Union College.

The public is cordially invited to the special prayer service tonight.

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