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NEWS FROM OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

LETTER FROM JIM COOKE

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Dear Mother: I suppose you should have my latest address by now although I haven't received any letters as yet from you with the APO address on it. I expect one any day now though. You can probably guess now why I was able to get my furlough in such a hurry and borrow money from the Red Cross. Maybe Dad has already told you but I didn't want to worry you any more than necessary.
Well I have fulfilled an ambition at least. I have rode under the streets of New York City on the subways. They are quite a contraption but they are sure effective, about the only way they could take care of the crowds of people here.
We saw all the big buildings here but didn't get to go to the top of any. I sure would have liked to stand on top of the Empire State building. We blew ourselves to a \$2 steak in a ritzy joint, just to see what it was like.
I got a letter from Frank and guess they are okay except for having a siege of flu. Guess Ellsworth was deferred again. Can't think of much more so will sign off. Hope you are all well. Loads of love.
Jim.

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY

December 31
Dear Jim:
I received your letter yesterday so thought I better write to you. It's raining this morning and I don't have much to do right now. I went after water this morning with truck and trailer. We have to haul our water about eight miles. We get up early and go before too many other trucks get there ahead of us.
We got paid yesterday. We might get a chance to go to town and if we do I want some to spend. You can spend quite a bit over here and have a good time.
Well I got a nice surprise yesterday. I got back with the truck and they said there was an officer at the office to see me. I walked in and there was Alfred Mellow. I sure was glad to see him. We talked for about an hour. He looks just the same as he always did. When I wrote him and told him what outfit I was in, he started looking for it and finally found it. He is only about 20 miles from where I am. He will probably get down once in a while. Of course, I'll never get a chance to go up there I don't suppose. Tell Dad he talked about the last time they went hunting together. Tell Mrs. Mellow I saw him and it was sure good to see someone from home. This is a small world isn't it. That would be some good news for Athey's paper.
Well I still have some packages

coming. I only got one so far. That was from Aunt Mayme. Alfred said that Frank got in the navy. That's the first I heard. Tell Wes to take it easy on that convertible. I want a ride in it when I get home. I think I'll buy me a new car when I get home. Hope everyone is well at home. I'll write again in a few days. Well tonight is New Year's eve. I'll close now.
Love,
GEORGE BALDWIN.

P. S. I enjoy the pieces out of the Illinois Valley paper. Send all you can or even the whole paper. It don't cost any more to send it than it did in the States.

Letter From Alfred Mellow Somewhere in Italy

Dear Folks:
Just a line to let you know I am all right. Am a very happy lad right now as I received two letters, 2 cards and several packages just a few minutes ago. Sure brought up my morale up 100 per cent.

Went to church Christmas morning in a very nice large cathedral. The place was crowded and the service was beautiful. Sure funny things, we once had our guns on the edge of this town and some tough fighting took place there. But it is so peaceful now. This war business is a tough racket. So far have been very lucky, a few close misses at different times—but an inch is as good as a mile.

Had the good fortune of getting to see George Baldwin and we sure had a nice visit. His division was only about 20 miles distant, sure was fine meeting one of the neigh-

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- JANUARY
29—Gen. John Metaxas premier of Greece, dies, 1941.
30—Sale of intoxicating liquor to Indians prohibited, 1897.
31—British abandon Malaya to Japs, 1942.
- FEBRUARY
1—American flag raised on Island of Guam, 1899.
2—Supreme Court decision sustains anti-lottery law, 1890.
3—Labor groups covered by anti-trust laws, Supreme Court rules, 1908.
4—Col. Lindbergh opens airmail service to central America, 1929. stop service

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bers. He is the first one from Illinois Valley I've met in my travels. We've had lots of rain and mud here also it's quite cold.

This is my third Christmas away from home. Hope many more do not go by before I am back to help "carve the turkey" and sit by the fireplace. Will close now, with love to you all.

Your son and brother,
AL.

BLESSED EVENT

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Johnson, Tuesday, Jan. 18th, at Ashland, a baby boy named Donald Robert, weight 6½ pounds. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are former residents of the valley and moved to Ashland several months ago where Mr. Johnson is connected with the State Oregon police. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Johnson of Takilma.

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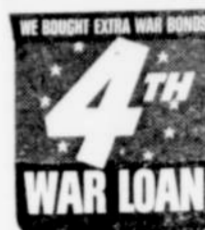
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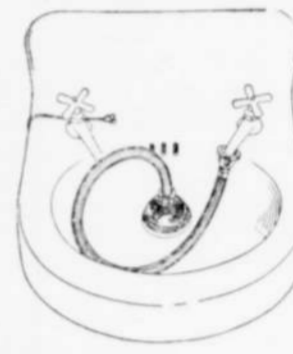
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