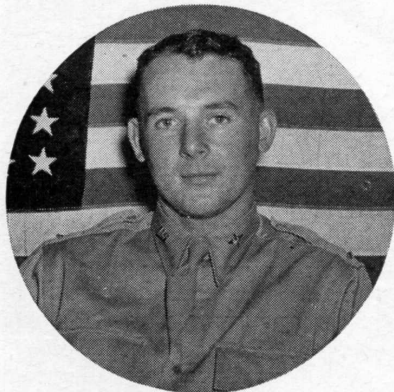


# HERE AND THERE



*Lt. J. A. Gallagher, Army Air Corps. Bert was in the Passenger department at Cleveland*



*Corp. George Cherney who was a trackman on Section 3, Tallmadge, O.*



*Pvt. Elmer Blazy, 14th Signal Service Regt., poses with a "2900" locomotive on which he was fireman*



*Harold W. Barber, son of Harold D. Barber, statistician in the General Manager's office at Jersey City*



*Sylvester Daniels of Hornell Freight house in the Marines. You may have heard of the Marines*



*Mrs. Sadie Coulter has been a tool room attendant in Port Jervis shop for 24 years*

July 1, 1942.

Mr. Charles E. Coe, Editor,  
Erie Railroad Magazine.  
My Dear Mr. Coe:

This letter and photograph are being sent to you by a soldier of Uncle Sam's Army, who was one of the Erie employees.

I have just completed my second month of Basic Training at Fort Wayne.

Previous to this, I was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. This Corps is operated as a railroad unit and is composed of young fellows who have had railroad experience. There is every type of worker here from section hand to superintendent.

My job with the Erie was that of locomotive fireman on the Meadville Division.

My instruction with the Erie has proved of great value both to me and, I hope, to Uncle Sam. I have been promoted to locomotive engineer due to the training received while an employee of the Erie.

I am proud to know that I have been an employee of an Organization that has given me the opportunities for advancement the Erie Railroad has done.

I shall be pleased to hear from you as I am an enthusiastic reader of the Erie Magazine.

Yours very truly,  
Pvt. Robert J. Leffingwell,  
730th Engineers Battalion,  
Railway Operations,  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Erie Railroad Co.,  
Midland Building,  
Cleveland, O.  
Gentlemen:

On May 22nd last I was a passenger on your westbound train which left Jersey City at 7:45 P.M. During the night we were forced to return to Jersey City because of a washout at Lackawaxen. The train was then re-routed via Albany to Buffalo, and finally arrived at Jamestown, N. Y., my destination, at 9:45 P.M. on the 23rd.

The conductor was Mr. Frank P. Belling, and I want to take this opportunity to tell you that Mr. Belling deserves the highest praise

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# ALONG THE LINE

for his conscientious and successful efforts in satisfying the passengers during the entire trip.

Naturally, a good many of the passengers were disgruntled because of the delay and Mr. Belling was the recipient of thousands of questions, criticisms and suggestions. Not once during the trip did he lose his temper (which would have been justified), nor did he fail to answer each question to the best of his ability. His sense of humor stood him in good stead, and all in all, his splendid conduct during this very trying trip was certainly of great benefit to the passengers, and as well, reflected very favorably to the Erie Railroad for their choice of personnel.

I thought you would like to have this information. I hope I shall be fortunate enough to ride with Mr. Belling again.

H. J. Zahn, Production Mgr.,  
Jamestown Mutual Insurance  
Co., Jamestown, N. Y.

Mr. H. B. Roleson, Agent,  
Lost and Found Dept.,  
Jersey City, N. J.

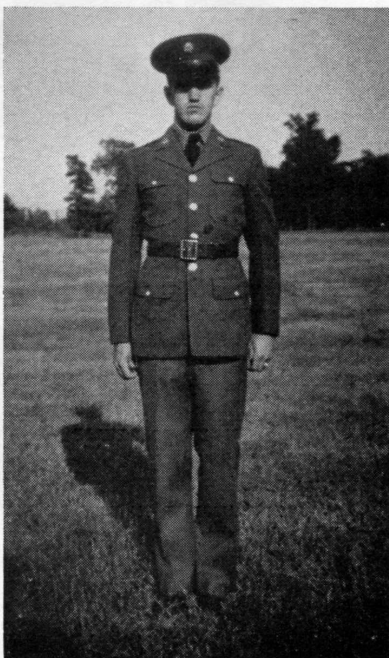
Dear Sir:

I wish to convey my appreciation to you for return of umbrella left on Train 54 on Thursday, June 18. The fact that this is the fourth time in three years that this self same umbrella has been left on Erie Railroad trains, and in every case safely returned to me certainly speaks volumes for your train crews' (and passengers' too) honesty, and I might add that for an umbrella in good condition like mine, this is a world's record. Shouldn't Ripley and his Believe It or Not hear about it?

J. Fred Koopman  
35 Godwin Avenue,  
Ridgewood, N. J.

Miss Mayme Adair, secretary to the agent at Akron, O., recently made a speech to employees of the freight house, urging their cooperation to the limit in support of the drive for funds for the U. S. O. She has a brother in the service in Panama. F. E. Cox, chief clerk of the Revision Bureau at Akron, says she deserves a medal for meritorious service in promoting the war effort.

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Pvt. Robert Leffingwell, Fort Wayne, Ind. See Bob's letter on these pages



Lt. Edward A. Pfeiffer, formerly of the Secretary's office, who received his commission at Fort Warren, Wyo., July 3



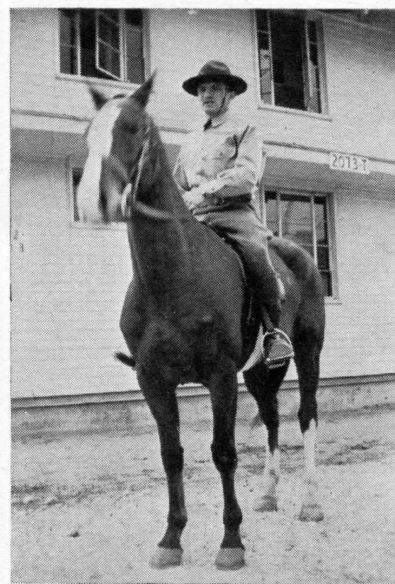
Miss Dorothy Feighan, speedy comptometrist at Cleveland's Scranton Road Freight house



Pvt. C. F. Sullivan before joining up was a clerk at Endicott, N. Y.



Lt. George H. Smith, Jr., Signal Corps, was in the Freight Claim department at Cleveland. His brother, William, also an Erie boy, is now in officers candidate school



Pvt. Armondo De Benedetto of Bloomfield Freight, at Fort Riley, Kan., home of the Second Cavalry—Second to none