

Hilmon Pinegar, T-30

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(aged 74)



*From New Guinea, Private Hilmon Pinegar, on leave from the editorial staff of The Press-Scimitar, writes to one of his cronies in The Press-Scimitar office I'd to say he has won his bet.*

*"Remember I said I'd bet you a new hat that I'd run into someone from Memphis before I was over here a couple of months. That person turned up today. He is Private Walter F. Naylor on Tutwiler, a good old Highland Heighter.*

*"To make the story better, Private Naylor and I have lived across the back fence for years. He and I were sworn into the Army the day (January 13, 1944), and there are only six numbers between our serial numbers.*

*"We went thru basic training together at Sea Girl NJ. He occupied the lower and I the upper bunk. I last heard of him back in NJ in August. To say I was surprised when he walked in on me over here is putting it mildly. We had a big bull session. Boy, it's good to talk to someone from Memphis - especially from Highland Heights.*

*Private Naylor tells me that there are a bunch of the fellows who used to*

*hang out at the Fairgrounds over here. He says they have named all the streets in their camp after streets in Memphis. Beale Street is the principal thoroughfare. He says they also brought along their championship ball team and that the team beat another bunch 12 to 0 last week.*

*"How goes it at the dear old Press Scimitar? Do you have a woman city editor yet or is Null Adams still holding the fort? Wish I was with you to put out the Christmas edition. I'll have a real story for you when it can be told."*

*Private Pinegar's wife and little son, Larry, live on Faxon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pinegar, Batesville MS.*

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