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Paul S. Wise was from Bristol Avenue in the Buena Vista Heights section of Steubenville in Jefferson County, Ohio. His parents were D. M. and Grace V. Wise, and he had a brother, Jackson, or “Jack.” He entered the United States Army in November 1942, and based upon prior experience as a telephone lineman, he was assigned to the Signal Corps replacement training center at Camp Crowder, Missouri. There he was placed in Company B of the 27th Battalion at the Midwestern Signal Corps Replacement Training Center, followed by service in Company D of the 32nd Battalion, and finally in Company B of the 804th Signal Service Regiment for advanced training.

Wise’s letters describe his training to be a cable splicer, marksmanship qualification, a bout with bronchitis/tonsillitis that landed him in the camp hospital, a visit to nearby Neosho (“a nice little town that is completely overrun every night with soldiers”), promotion to Corporal, and family matters. Nothing is known about his subsequent military career.

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