

With the Colors

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Private Herbert Kingery was home over the week end on a short leave. He is at an ordnance depot at Savannah, Illinois.

Philip Ochs of near Newton, now stationed at the Greenville, South Carolina, Army Air base, was recently promoted to private first class.

William J. Jones, son of A. B. Jones of Rose Hill, has been promoted to technical corporal in the Task Force at Fort Ord, California. He expects to be sent to foreign service soon. His address then will be Corporal William J. Jones, A. S. N. 36337872, Service Company, A. P. O. 721, care Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schafer of Newton have received word that their grand-son, Wilmer Schafer of Fort Madison, Iowa, has joined the flying cadets. They now have a son and two grand-sons in the service. Private William Schafer is stationed at Little Rock, Arkansas, Wilmer Schafer in Texas and Eugene Bickers somewhere at sea.

John Waddell Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Waddell, was home last week on leave from Great Lakes Naval Training Station, after completing his "boot" training. He left Friday for Logan and Macon counties to spend a few days with his sisters and brothers there. He will return to Great Lakes, but doesn't know where he will be sent from there. Mr. and Mrs. Waddell now have two sons in the Navy, Eugene C. Waddell, who enlisted February 6, 1941, and John Waddell Jr.

Frank O. Worthey, seaman first class, United States Navy, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Worthey of Newton, writes Ray E. Everly, local Navy recruiter, that he likes the Navy fine and is always glad to see in the Press the names of those who have enlisted. "I know they won't be sorry. I'm not, for it seems to me that there is everything in the Navy that a man could want." Frank has been on Pacific patrol duty and would like to hear from his friends. His address is Frank O. Worthey, U. S. S. New Orleans, Division Five, care Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lewis of Oblong have received a letter from their son Dick, who is with the United States Marine Corps. The letter was dated September 21 and reads in part: "We have much better conditions surrounding us now than since we left Hawaii. People back home don't realize what a paradise they are living in but they would if they had to live here a short time. But the war wasn't meant to be easy and we sure want to win it because we have so much to fight for.

"I am only too willing to remain in places like this if I can do my little part to bring us all to victory. I have been attending church services regularly and the chaplain we have is a nice fellow and really tries to help the service men. My address is Staff Sergeant Delmar L. Lewis, Marine

unit 135, care Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California."

Private L. E. Mascher, a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mascher of Newton, writes:

"I thought perhaps you would like a few lines concerning the new Air Force Radio school in Chicago; also what sort of a life we lead up here. The school occupies the Coliseum and Congress and Stevens hotels.

"I myself am instructing at the Coliseum, where classes are held in radio operating, which consists of International Morse code and tactical procedure, a study of use of code in actual war fronts and how to get a message to the fellow on the receiving end and vice versa.

"The radio mechanic's course is taught in the Stevens hotel. In this course the boys learn just what makes a radio work and how to build and repair them. The initial duty of a radio mechanic is to see that the sets are in perfect working order and are set on the correct frequencies before each flight.

"Enough for the school now. Most of you will probably want to know how we live up here and what we do to amuse ourselves in our spare time.

"The two hotels I mentioned are used to house the men. We have lovely rooms. Mine is on the eighth floor front of the Stevens. It has a bureau for our clothing, a writing desk, desk lamp, floor lamps and a private bath. The room has a nice rug on the floor so that each morning for our housecleaning we make our beds, clean up the bath, grab the vacuum cleaner and go over the floor.

"The food is marvelous here as we retained the hotel chef to supervise the cooking. All the cooking, table waiting, etc., is done by civilian personnel. There are bowling alleys, recreation halls, restaurants, drug stores and so forth located right in the building, so that if you didn't want to go out for the evening, you could find plenty to amuse you there.

"In case you wish an evening of fun and frolic and were financially embarrassed, as most soldiers are for some reason or other, the famous service center of Chicago is located just north of the hotel. There you can have free eats, an evening of free dancing, a huge library, if you wish to read, or free tickets to almost any form of entertainment in the city. Transportation is free on all surface vehicles so you can see that the Windy City is really giving the service men a break.

"To any or all of my friends who are interested and would be wanting my address it is Private L. E. Mascher, 1001st Technical School Squadron (SP), Room 821, 720 South Michigan boulevard, Chicago. I would be pleased to hear from anyone at home."

Private C. D. Brinson, Second Amphibious Tractor battalion, United States Marine Corps, writes from San Diego, California, as follows:

"Just a few lines to let you know why I am sending the Chevorn. I am originally from Willow Hill and have been in the Marines since February 18, 1942. Jasper county isn't very well represented here. What is the trouble? Are the boys like I was,

didn't know what the Marines were like?

"Maybe the Chevron will give you an idea of some way to get a few to join. I suggest that they see the moving picture, "Wake Island," if it comes to Newton. It shows how the Marines fought on Wake Island.

"Some of the boys are wondering what branch of the service to get into to see the most action. Well it is the Marines, ten to one."