



With the Colors

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Corporal John H. Maxwell writes Ray E. Everly of Newton from Camp Cooke, California, as follows: "Well, Ray, this isn't such a big world as you would think. After dinner today I went up to my room and was lying down when who do you think came in? It was nobody but Jesse Wells. And was I ever surprised, as I hadn't seen him since we left Newton together over a year ago.

"We sat around and I introduced him to several of my friends and then we went walking down to the beach, or ocean, as you might say. We just wondered how soon before we would go across the big blue patch of water, and also talked how things were back home and how hard it was to get trains and things like that.

"Jesse said, 'Where is Gene Klier,' and we went over to see him, but he had gone home on a furlough. I always manage to get back to the mess hall to see about my mail and there was a letter from Robert Rohr saying he was leaving for home on Monday. His outfit was on our range today and we go out tomorrow. Bob is only about twelve miles from me and I have been past the camp where he is stationed several times.

"I often wondered if any of the boys from home were there. You know how you think about things like that. Well supper time passed and we got hungry, so I said to Jesse 'How about a nice big steak and some French fried potatoes,' and as I am acting mess sergeant and he is on a fifteen day furlough, we went on in. I am sure he enjoyed his supper. There was a little cake, which I had made, left—we always have cake for Sunday dinner—and he got a nice feed.

"Tell a few of my friends hello. I hope to be seeing them in a month or so. Jesse and I plan to come together."

His address is Corporal John S. Maxwell, Headquarters Company, First battalion, Sixty-eighth Armored regiment, APO 256, Camp Cooke, California.

Recently inducted into the United States Navy as apprentice seaman, two Jasper county men have reported to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station for a period of basic training. In the twelve weeks of training to follow they will be transformed from civilians into trim blue-jackets, receiving instruction in seamanship and an indoctrination into Navy customs and procedures, along with other prescribed training. They will take a series of aptitude tests and receive a personal interview to determine whether they will be assigned to a trade school for further training or be sent directly to sea upon completing "boot" training. Before their next assignment, however, they will be granted a nine-day leave.

The Jasper county recruits are Voris Henderson, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bland Henderson of Montrose; Curley Cummins, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cummins of Willow Hill.

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Naval Aviation Cadet Dale Laroy Huddlestun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ona Huddlestun of Newton vicinity, has been transferred to the Naval Air Station of Corpus Christi, Texas, after successful completion of the primary flight training at the Naval Air Station at Lambert field, St. Louis.

He started his naval career by attending the Naval Pre-flight school at Iowa City, Iowa, and was transferred to Lambert field, December 22, 1942. After three months intermediate flight training at Corpus Christi, he will pin on his wings as a naval aviator and be commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve or a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve.

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Private Ralph E. Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Watkins of Northwest Wade township, writes that he is attending Sheet Metal school at Chanute field, Rantoul. They have only one day off a week and no passes at night, he says, adding "It is sure swell up here."

His address is Private First Class Ralph E. Watkins, Fifteenth Technical School squadron, Barracks 419, Chanute field, Illinois.

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Bertrand Richards left Monday for Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, to return to duty with the United States Army there. He will be promoted to sergeant as soon as he reports back, after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Richards of Newton. His brother, First Lieutenant Francis Richards, who is stationed at Edgewood arsenal, Maryland, was also

here last week.

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Stanley Ream, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Ream of Springfield, formerly of Newton, is now in training at Raleigh, North Carolina. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Force while attending junior college at Springfield and was called into service February 25. He recently completed his basic training at Miami Beach, Florida.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eber Whitehurst of near Lis have two sons in the service, Aviation Cadet Don T. Whitehurst, Squadron 1, Group 6, Maxwell field, Alabama, and Private Glenn Whitehurst, Bremerton, Washington, where he resides with his wife and baby.

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Private Norman Benefiel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benefiel, is stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, in an Engineer battalion. His address is Private Norman Benefiel, Company A, 81st Engineer battalion, APO 443, Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

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Corporal Frederick A. Zuber writes that he has ben transferred from Camp Bowie, Texas to Shreveport, Louisiana. His address is Medical detachment, 745th Tank battalion (medium), APO 403 Annex, Shreveport, Louisiana.

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Gerald Rohr, who has been on a battleship in the Atlantic ocean, is visiting his father, Julius Rohr of Newton vicinity.

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Darrel L. Price is home from the Army, having been released for farm work as over age.