



With the Colors

April 30, 1943

George E. McKimmy, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McKimmy of West Union, formerly of near Rose Hill, who enlisted in the United States Navy last October, is now stationed at Norfolk, Virginia. He writes his parents: "We've been pretty busy this week. There have been several large carriers coming in and the planes on the carriers and some at the field have been to work on. They are all fighter planes.

"We had quite a bit of excitement this week. I saw a medium bomber crash as it was taking off. All eleven of its crew were killed instantly. Then a patrol bomber (that's one of the flying boats) dived into the bay, but I don't know if anyone was hurt or not. Yesterday a kid was monkeying around in the cockpit of a plane and pressed the trigger of one of the machine guns. He fired four shots through the hangar roof before he could get his finger off."

His address is George E. McKimmy, AOM, 3c, ABATU Hut J21, BPB, NAS, Norfolk, Virginia.

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Noel Andrew Cunefare of Montrose was graduated Thursday upon successful completion of primary flight course at the 73rd AAFFTD, Harris field, Missouri, it was announced by Captain Clarke Simonds, commanding officer. Cadet Cunefare is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Cunefare of Gila vicinity.

The new graduate enlisted in the Army on October 30, 1942, and entered preflight school five months ago.

At Harris field, recently established here on the Mississippi river seven miles below Cape Girardeau, the local cadet took a nine weeks' course to fit him for his responsibilities. The course covers the technique of handling airplanes and learning to solo them within twelve flying hours from the groundling stage to become a pilot within sixty air hours. It also includes study of many varied subjects which future air officers must know along the lines of meteorology, navigation, etc.

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Sergeant James C. Bailey, who is in Alaska with the United States Army, writes his mother, Mrs. J. R. Bailey of Willow Hill:

"I received the first letter today I had gotten directly from you since I arrived here. I find things much different in Alaska than I had them pictured and like it much better than I did at Camp Crowder, Missouri, (where he took his training).

"You asked how they feed us here. We have good eats and plenty of them. I weigh more than I ever did in my life and feel fine. We have shows to go to and quite a bit of recreation. I went skiing yesterday; sure had some fun.

"What beautiful spills a guy can take on the things. I finally got so I could stand up on them pretty well, but I had a tough time climbing mountains on them. When I got back to camp I found I had been made a technical sergeant. I certainly was pleasantly surprised."

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Farragut, Idaho, April 28.—Recruit training began here last week for Wilbur Lorraine Mulvaney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mulvaney of Yale, Illinois, who was a recent arrival at this United States Naval Training Station.

This new representative of Uncle Sam's Navy will be given a complete training in the fundamentals of seamanship and other phases of the Navy's program to develop capable men for the fighting fleet.

Additional training may be received at one of the Navy's service schools, provided the new recruit shows in training that he is capable of being a petty officer.

Herschel A. Jones, a son of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Jones of Newton, is now in school with 500 other boys at Slippery Rock college, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, thirty-five miles north of Pittsburgh. He is taking preflight training for the Army Air Force and was recently sent there from Miami, Florida. Another son, Wayne D. Jones, who is at Camp Stewart, Georgia, is in a searchlight battery in the Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft)), has been promoted to corporal. He is a clerk but drills part of the time with the battery.

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Private T. J. Yockey, who has been stationed at the reception center in Scott field, Belleville, since March 30, has now been transferred to Camp Wallace, Texas.

He reports the weather there is extremely hot during the day, but has pleasantly cool evenings, due to the Gulf breezes.

Corporal Clyde Boyd left Monday evening to return to duty with the United States Army at Macon, Georgia, after spending a short furlough with his wife and parents Mr. and Mrs. Irley Boyd of Yale, other relatives and friends. His wife returned with him.

His address is Corporal Clyde Boyd, 61st Air Base, Cochran field, Macon, Georgia.

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Captain and Mrs. Medfred Riley and family of Atlanta, Georgia, are visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Harbin S. Riley of Newton, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wolf of Wheeler vicinity. Captain Riley is stationed at Lawson General hospital at Atlanta. He is in the Dental Corps of the United States Army.

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Kenneth L. Brooks, who has completed his "boot" training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Brooks of near Newton. He returned to Great Lakes, Sunday night, where he will be stationed for the next two months.

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Private Donnace Emery, who is serving in the 372nd Engineering regiment, is now at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He wishes all his friends to keep on writing. His address is Private Donnace Emery, Company C, 372nd Engineers, Fort Belvoir, Va.

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Private Milo W. Shaner Jr., a son of Mrs. Milo Shaner of Willow Hill vicinity, is now at Clearwater, Florida. He is in the 605th TG squadron PP, Army Air Force Technical Training Command.

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Aviation Cadet Florent J. Schuch was at home over Easter from the United States Naval Air Station at Peru, Indiana, where he is getting training as an aviator.