



## With the Colors

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Aviation Cadet Victor M. Everett, son of Mrs. Jesse O. Snell of Rose Hill vicinity, has reported to the Army Air Forces Basic Flying school at Courtland, Alabama, for the third stage of training as a cadet pilot. This air base, only until recently the site of flourishing cotton fields, is alive today with the roar of Uncle Sam's planes flying overhead.

The BT-13 which a cadet learns to handle there is a faster and heavier plane than the one which he flew at Primary school, and therefore, requires a wider knowledge of all aerial sciences. His varied course of training includes instrument flying, night soloing, and a thorough study and application of aerial navigation.

The Army Air Forces Basic Flying school at Courtland is one of the newest in the Southeast Training Center. Night and day they "keep 'em flying" for victory.

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Mrs. James W. Black and little daughter Carolyn of Olney were in Newton, Friday, visiting friends. She had just received the following letter from Private Black, who is in England: "We are all hoping to get back to the states before long, as usual. I haven't received any mail since we left New York and I'm sure longing to hear from you. I imagine Carolyn Sue is excited about starting to school. Tell everybody hello and give Carolyn and Billy a hug for me."

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Sergeant John Schuch Jr. is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schuch of near Newton. He is stationed with a bomber squadron at Clovis, New Mexico. He says that when bombs are released from 15,000 feet or higher they appear to fall straight down for a long time, as viewed from the plane, and then suddenly to shoot toward the target when about a 1,000 feet above the ground.

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Charles Edward Girhard, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Girhard of Newton, has been promoted to captain, he has just written. He has been stationed with General MacArthur's headquarters at Melbourne, Australia, for the past eighteen months, but at intervals is transferred to some other headquarters in the Southwest Pacific. He didn't say where he was this time.

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Josiah Jourdan Jr. is home from Farragut, Idaho, after having been given a discharge from the United States Navy. He was scheduled for aviation service and apparently couldn't stand altitudes, for he had nosebleed at recurring intervals there, as well as showing a fast heart action. He was recently inducted and sent to Farragut.

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Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bevis of Peoria and George Bevis were week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Bevis of Newton. George, is studying at Indiana State Teachers' college, Terre Haute, under the Navy's V-12 training program, likes his work fine, although he finds the courses hard and is ready for bed when night comes.

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Kenneth "Pete" Johnson," a former agricultural instructor at the Newton Community high school, completed his initial course at the Marine Corps Officer Candidate school at Quantico, Virginia, and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marines. He still has ten weeks of supplemental training before he finishes.

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Captain and Mrs. Thomas Bergbower and little daughter Nancy Ann of Chicago spent a few hours, Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bergbower of Newton. Captain Bergbower is a pilot in the Army Transport Command.

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Chief Russell J. Dembach head of the Effingham recruiting station, has been ordered to active sea duty. He is a chief electrician's mate and will be assigned to one of our hospital ships. Mr. Beck, a first class petty officer, is in charge of the station temporarily.

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Mrs. Medfred Riley left Saturday

for Tullahoma, Tennessee, where she will join her husband, Captain Riley, United States Army Dental Corps, who was transferred from Atlanta, Georgia, to Tullahoma recently, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wolf of near Wheeler.

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Two Oblong soldiers, Sergeant Emmett Hawkins and Private Howard D. Perrine, recently spent a week end sightseeing in London together. It was the first time the latter had seen anyone he knew from home since he left the United States a year ago.

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Sergeant Wilfred Rohr writes that he has been transferred from Camp Blanding, Florida, to Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas. His address is Division Headquarters Company, Sixty-Sixth division, Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

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Corporal Francis Kinsel is here on a visit with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Kinsel of near Newton. He has been in an ordnance company at Almagordo, New Mexico.

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Private Charles Robert Dulgar has been sent to Plattsburg barracks, Plattsburg, New York, where he is in an Engineer battalion. He thinks he has the best camp in the Army.

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Private James Dewhirst is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Dewhirst of Newton. He is stationed at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, and has been living in tents.

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Hugh Hamilton has been discharged from the Army and is now at his home at Yale. He has been in a Military Police battalion at Coolidge, Arizona, near Boulder dam.

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Frank Worthey writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Worthey of Newton, that his ship, which has been in dock for repairs, is being made ready to sail again soon.

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Technical Sergeant Robert Gearing is spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Zola Gearing of Newton. He is in the Eighth Armored division at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

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Private First Class Robert J. Pinell returned Sunday to Camp Howze, Texas, after spending a ten day furlough, visiting friends and relatives near Hunt City.

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Mrs. Delbert Kerner has received word that her husband is somewhere in Iran. He is well and wishes all his friends to write.

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Lieutenant and Mrs. Eugene A. Barthelme visited last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barthelme of Sainte Marie.