



With the Colors Dec. 14, 1943

Aviation Student James McCoy writes from East Central State College, Ada, Oklahoma: "Just a few lines to say hello to you all and hope everything is going o. k. Christmas is almost upon us again and I hardly realize it, this will be the second Christmas I have spent in the Army and away from home. Many of my friends, yes thousands, haven't been home for many Christmases.

"What's sad is that many won't ever come home to their loved ones again. They have paid the highest price of all. We must all pay tribute to them for the supreme sacrifice they have made, this Christmas season. Lest we forget, we must also pay tribute to the greatest one of all who paid the highest price of all just to make it possible for us to see again those loved ones who have lost their lives in this ghastly war, in the next world to come.

"Everyone should go to church around Christmas time and for that matter, all the time to ask Almighty God to bring this awful war to a close as soon as possible. Then we soldier boys can once more be home with you all again.

"I will start on my last phase of training here at the college next week. It will be spent in flying the small planes out at the airport. This is a very important step in pilot training so therefore I want to do a good job.

"I would like to hear from anyone, who cares to write me. My address is: A/S James W. McCoy, 343rd, Ct. Third (Air Crew) Class 43c-9, East Central State College, Ada, Oklahoma.

"I also wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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Sergeant Gordon D. Crouse, who is in England with a Tank battalion, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Crouse of Bogota vicinity, under date of November 25: "I just wrote you a few lines last night, but as this has been a pretty nice Thanksgiving day and we had a big turkey feed and a lot in general to be thankful for, I will try to answer your last three letters which I received today.

"I guess everybody has something to be thankful for. The American people as long as they have health and something to eat should be plenty thankful. Although they grumble about being hard up or about the rationing of stuff which isn't impossible to get along without, they still don't

know what rationing really means. As long as I have plenty to eat and good health, of which I have both, I guess that is plenty to be thankful for."

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Cincinnati, Ohio, December 13.—Private Arthur T. Fouty, son of Supervisor and Mrs. Sam J. Fouty, of near Yale, is one of the hundreds of soldier-students in the University of Cincinnati's 1555th Army Specialized Training unit hoping to return to college after the war is over.

An overwhelming number of these men at the university here — eighty-two per cent — expect to attend college or university after they have done their part for Uncle Sam, a survey among 600 typical ASTP men on this campus revealed.

Results of the survey, believed to be the first of its kind, were announced here today. There are fourteen per cent who have no present intention of continuing their studies after the war and four per cent are now undecided.

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Seaman Second Class Frank Turner is spending a seven day furlough from the Naval Air Station at Lambert field, St. Louis, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Turner of Newton.

The have received the announcement of the birth of a seven pound son, Daniel Robert Jr., to Mrs. Daniel R. Turner Jr. at San Francisco, California, December 4. Her husband, Seaman First Class Turner, is with the Pacific fleet fighting the Japs.

A third son, Private First Class Elza Turner, who is in the Southwest Pacific area, writes he is well and feeling fine.

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Private H. Clay Brackett writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brackett of Bogota vicinity, that he has arrived safely in the Hawaiian islands. He said he had a fine voyage and wasn't seasick.

Another son, Private Paul Brackett, who is in a Military Police company in Trinidad island off the coast of South America, writes: "I never felt better in my life. I am a little homesick but that is part of the Army. It is sure nice here. I am sitting here on my bunk in my shorts. We have no windows in the barracks."

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Corporal Fred O. Carr, writes that he has been transferred to March field, Riverside, California. He adds: "I have just been moved here and this sure is a swell field, especially after being stationed out in the salt flats of Utah for the past four months. This is sure some field with almost every kind of plane we have.

"My address is: Corporal Fred O. Carr, 399th Bomber group, 607th squadron, March field, California."

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The Press is in receipt of a copy of 'Gator News, publication of the Amphibious Force Base at Little

Creek, Virginia, sent us by Lieutenant H. L. "Red" Thompson, former district commander of the American Legion. It contains considerable news about this branch of the Navy, which operates the landing craft for taking soldiers and marines ashore in invasions.

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Staff Sergeant Robert N. Robinson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson of Willow Hill, has completed training and has been graduated from Chanute field school of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

While attending the school he received instruction in the weather forecaster course, and in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the country's fighting planes.

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Private Laverl L. Kennedy is spending a twelve day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Kennedy of Lis. He has just finished maneuvers in Tennessee and has been assigned to the Twelfth Armored Division Band at Camp Barkeley, Texas, where he is a member of an eighty-piece band, having many big time musicians in it.

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Flight Sergeant Marion E. Crouse spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. C. C. Fuson, following his graduation at Fort Myers, Florida, from Flexible Gunners' school and he has now returned to the 411th Bomber Group at Florence, South Carolina.

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Private First Class Lloyd E. Jourdan of Newton has been transferred to the Pacific area overseas with a Quartermaster Refrigeration company. He has recently been in training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

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Mrs. Harold G. Cramer and little son Larry Paul have gone to Atlanta, Georgia where they will spend the winter with her husband, Private First Class Cramer, who is attending a Diesel school there.

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Corporal and Mrs. Paul Adkins of Camp Davis, North Carolina, have returned from a visit with their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Adkins and Mr. and Mrs. William Eveland of near Lis.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dale Robinson of Navy Pier, Chicago, spent the week end with his parents, Mr and Mrs. Henry Robinson of Hunt City. Dale is a specialist, first class, United States Navy.

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Mrs. James Kleon Snearly has received word that her husband has been promoted to a sergeant. He says he is fine and is now in England with a tank battalion.

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Private Maurice L. McCormack has been transferred to the Medical Corps. His address is Company C, 62nd Medical Training battalion, M. R. T. C., Camp Barkeley, Texas.

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Private Leon Ragon has been transferred to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with the Nineteenth Commercial Maintenance Company.