



With the Colors *Dec. 3, 1942*

Lieutenant John S. Wright, who is stationed in England with the Signal Corps, writes: "You should see the English newspapers now. Most of them consist of four pages—never more than eight pages for the magazine size—with little advertising. They just now are permitted to use a little over one-fourth of the amount of paper used in 1938. They were heavily dependent on shipments of pulpwood from Finland, Scandinavia and Canada. The first source is cut off and they have had to deny themselves the second because of shipping.

"The autumn weather has ended our travels on Sundays for a time. I certainly had a wonderful break in getting to see so much of England in so short a period of time. I concentrated on one thing, the cathedral towns, not only because of the cathedrals and ecclesiastical appurtenances thereto, but also because the towns themselves are usually pre-industrial revolution cities, some of which, like Ely, Canterbury, Windsor and Winchester, haven't grown much for centuries, and merely have new fringes and a few replacements in hundreds of years.

"The countryside is interesting, though intensive cultivation to increase food supplies has made it less so than in peace time. Everything is on such a reduced scale in comparison to Illinois. The hedges and trees and the great amount of meadow, together with the cooler, moister summer, makes everything very, very green.

"I drew extra blankets the other day. They were British made and were an example of reverse lend-lease."

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Private First Class William Oral King, son of Mrs. B. F. Ferguson of Rose Hill, has returned home from North Africa, where he has been stationed since the invasion of Africa. He recently passed his forty-fourth birthday and was given an overage release.

His brother, Corporal Ray King, is also in North Africa.

Sunday visitors to see him were: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Elza McComas; Mr. and Mrs. O W. Chaney; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chaney and sons Harold, Herbert and Marion; Joe Combs; and Cleo Dular.

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Corporal Harold A. Bergbower, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edward Bergbower of Decatur and grand-son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bergbower of Newton, reported missing since May, 1942, is a prisoner of Japanese, the War Department announced Wednesday.

He enlisted May 12, 1939, and received a year's training at Chanute field. When war was declared he was at Clark field in the Philippines as an airplane mechanic.

A brother, Private Carl Bergbower, is home on furlough from Camp Rucker, Alabama, with his wife. He is the former "Jack Carson" of radio

station WSOY.

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Mrs. Vania Yount of Willow Hill has received a letter from her son, Corporal George Yount, who is stationed at Kellogg field, Battle Creek, Michigan, from Newburgh, New York:

"Don't be alarmed at this address. I am just here for the week end on a cross country hop. Yesterday afternoon we went to the Army-Navy foot ball game out at West Point.

"I would have liked to have gone to New York City last night but I could not arrange to do so. I stayed here at Newburgh, the nearest town to our field. I hope we return to Michigan this afternoon as we are scheduled to do so. It takes only a few hours to come here from Michigan but with the various kinds of weather it is a worrisome trip sometimes."

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Corporal James Beebe of Newton, who is in an anti-aircraft battery in Sicily, writes the Press from a Red Cross Service Club there: "To my friends in Jasper county and Newton I wish to say this to all of them: A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am hoping to see you all before long. Please write."

His address may be obtained from his wife at Newton.

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Ronald Chapman of the United States Coast Guard and Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Donald Baxter and Miss Velma Pinnell of Terre Haute, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chapman and son Billy of Hunt City, and Miss Eva Halterman of Willow Hill were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsay, son Kenneth and daughters Catherine and Betty.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wakefield have received a letter from their son, Leroy Wakefield, who is in the Navy, stating that he was feeling fine and would be able to leave the hospital. He has had an operation on his hand.

Leroy is a fireman third class and is on a destroyer in the Atlantic.

He would like to hear from his friends. His address may be obtained from his parents.

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Senator Clyde Lee of Mount Vernon, who has represented the forty-sixth district, including Jasper county, in the state senate for the past four years, has been sworn into the Marine Corps and sent to a base for "boot" training. He went as a volunteer.

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Private First Class and Mrs. Charles Galloway of Headyville vicinity have returned home following his discharge from the United States Army, after being under treatment at Deshon General hospital. He is much improved in health now.

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Chief Pharmacist's Mate and Mrs. James Edward Chrisman and son Jimmy are visiting his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Crowley and family of Newton. James Edward is stationed at Peoria with the United States Coast Guard.

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Lieutenant Neil Fischer was here a few days with his father, Joseph T. Fisher, and his uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Franke of Newton. He has been transferred to Relocation, Arkansas, with a Military Police company.

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Homer Clark, for the past year employed by the Press, was sworn into

the Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet at George field, Lawrenceville, Wednesday, and then placed on the inactive list for a short period. He will report to an unannounced field for training in a month or six weeks. Homer will be 18 years of age in a short time.

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Private Wilfred Rauch is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rauch of Ingraham vicinity, and his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rauch of Newton. He is in the Anti-aircraft Artillery and is being transferred to Camp Pickett, Virginia.

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Eugene Lang of Charleston, formerly of Newton, where he resided with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rauch, is in the Coast Guard on the east coast.

Mrs. R. T. Mineo has returned home from a ten days visit with her son, Lieutenant William L. Mineo at Dalhart, Texas. Bill expects to go overseas shortly.

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Corporal Eugene Salyers is spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Nellie Salyers of Newton. He is stationed in South Carolina.

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Mrs. Logan Utley has received word from Private Utley saying that he is now located in North Ireland.