



## With the Colors

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Thurman John Jones Jr., formerly of Newton, has been assigned for training to the Ordnance Replacement Training center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. He will go through a four weeks basic training period where the new soldier is schooled in the fundamentals of defensive and offensive protection, chemical warfare, military sanitation, discipline and many kindred subjects. During this period, he will be under the close scrutiny of his officers and the classification officer. At the end of his basic instruction he will be assigned to a technical school or a more advanced military training school.

In the technical training section the soldier is placed where his previous experience and aptitude best fit him: Among the sections are the following: Small arms, tank maintenance, automotive and artillery mechanics. There are many other technical schools he may attend.

These new men are quick to realize the importance of their work and learn to keep uppermost in their minds the thought: "That a tank or gun repaired on the front lines and returned to action against the enemy is worth hundreds coming off the production lines back home."

The Ordnance Replacement Training center is under the command of Brigadier General Donald Armstrong and a staff of highly skilled officers.

Private Jones is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thursman Jones of Newton.

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Private John P. Hauk writes from Camp Rucker, Alabama: "I finished my training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, last Saturday, and started on a train ride, Monday. Landed here at Camp Rucker, Wednesday.

"It is a new camp, and my outfit is a newly organized line tank battalion. We are getting new tanks and trucks. The ground is all sand and is fine for maneuvers. I like it all right but don't think much of these rattlesnakes and cottonmouths, which are sure thick. Change my Press at once to the following address: Private John P. Hauk, Service Company, 736th Tank battalion, Camp Rucker, Alabama.

"We go in the field and stay seven weeks soon, so I can see I am going to eat a lot of sand."

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Forest W. Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. James I. Alexander of near Hunt City, was recently promoted to the grade of staff sergeant, it has been announced at headquarters, Air Depot Training station, Stinson field, San Antonio, Texas, where he is stationed with the Headquarters and Headquarters squadron of the Twenty-eighth Air Depot Group.

Sergeant Alexander attended Willow Hill high school. Prior to his transfer to Stinson field, he has been stationed at Duncan field, Texas, Scott field, Illinois, and Fort Robinson, Arkansas.

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Sergeant Ira A. Crouse, who has been at Pine Camp, New York, writes: "There is sure a change in the climate from New York to here (San Antonio, Texas). I am just a short distance from Randolph field. The weather is sure swell. It is warm enough to go without a shirt."

His address is Sergeant Ira A. Crouse, Company E, 128th Ordnance M. S. & E. regiment, Normoyle Ordnance base, San Antonio, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Oid Lambert of Rose Hill vicinity have received a card from their son, Private Harold Lambert, stating he had been transferred from Camp White, Oregon, to Camp Beale, California. He was taken into the army September 8 and has served for five months.

His address is Private Harold Lambert, 78th General hospital, Barracks 5, Camp Beale, California.

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In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Cora B. Alcoke of South Muddy township, Howard C. Alcoke writes that he is now stationed at Fort Warren, Wyoming. He says it is thirty degrees below zero with a sixty mile an hour wind. His address is Private Howard C. Alcoke, Company A, Quartermaster Replacement Training Center, Building 359, Fort Warren, Wyoming.

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Corporal Jerome P. Schmidt of Fort Ord, California, has had a ten day furlough and has been in Chicago with his wife and his sister, Mrs. Thomas Messick and family. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Schmidt of Newton, have also been with their son and daughter for a few days, returning home Wednesday.

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Private Bobby L. Bower, who was

called here from Camp Swift, Texas, by the death of his uncle, Ezra Hamilton, had an attack of acute appendicitis, Monday evening, but is much better and was expected to return to camp today. He was under a doctor's care for a time.

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Virgil Weldon Calvert, son of Mrs. A. W. Parcel, Yale, is stationed at Westover field, Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts. He says the weather is cold there, twenty to twenty-five below sometimes. He is with the airborne engineers, and likes the Army o. k.

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The Press is in receipt of a copy of "The White Falcon," a newspaper issued by and for soldiers, dated December 25, 1942, and mailed from overseas, sent us by Lowell "Shorty" Adkins, who is stationed in Iceland with the United States Army.

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Private Hayden B. Monroe of Carrabelle, Florida, and Miss Winnie Jourdan of Newton motored to Peoria, where they spent the week end with her brothers, Albert and Clarence Jourdan.

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Private Paul J. Reep has been transferred from the Armorer's school at Lowry field, Denver, Colo., to the Fifty-sixth Service squadron, Thirty-first Service group, Muroc Air Base, Muroc, California.

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Mrs. Robert Kerner of near Newton has received a letter from her husband, Private Kerner, stating that he was somewhere in North Africa with the United States Army.

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David R. Beals, machinist's mate second class, United States Navy, who is in the Pacific ocean area, writes that he is well, but can't tell much about what he is doing.

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Private Tony Levitt, who is in the United States Army in Florida, has been here, called to Newton by the illness of his mother, Mrs. Leota Levitt.

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Word has just been received by Miss Virginia Ann Graham that her fiance, Private Howard Alcoke, is now stationed at Fort Warren, Wyoming.