



With the Colors

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Sergeant Forrest W. Alexander writes from Stinson field, San Antonio, Texas: "Just a few lines as I haven't much time to spend writing letters. I've really enjoyed reading your "With the Colors," column. I believe the boys and myself could truthfully say its the best column in it. I've sure kept in touch with a lot of the boys the past few months. Quite a few of them, I guess, have come down here and I haven't got to see them.

"I'm certainly glad to hear of most the boys all got promotions. I've finally raised up to staff sergeant in about a year's service. I've been in a year today. I was promoted to staff sergeant the first of December.

"I guess I can't kick though, I've been home on furloughs twice and now I'm married. I'm happier now than I ever was in my life, and I never married a girl from Texas, either. You can't beat those hometown girl friends. We were married February 2, here in San Antonio. We really had a nice wedding, too. The unlucky bride, however, was Miss Ruby Frichtl of Newton. She says she likes Texas but wait until she's down here a while. I liked it too when I first came.

"I wish I had more time to write a few more lines but I just got a V-mail letter from a friend who enlisted in the Marines the same time I enlisted in the Army and he's across somewhere, I think, because he said I guess it's pretty cold up there isn't it? And it never gets cold here. Anyway he's o. k. and feeling perfect, he says."

His address is Sergeant Forrest W. Alexander, Chemical section, Hq. and Hs. squadron, 28th A. D. group, Stinson field, San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sheridan of near Sainte Marie received a letter last week from Sergeant John K. Steinbauer, United States Army, who is now at the Officers' Candidate school at Fort Benning, Georgia, telling them about their son, Private Lorraine Sheridan, who is in Iceland.

"I was your son's squad leader up in Iceland," Sergeant Steinbauer wrote. "I am now in the States attending Officers Candidate school and would like you to know that your boy is safe and sound.

"He is working hard and eating good, in fact much better than we do here. He is a good soldier and really

knows his weapons. Nothing better could be said for him."

Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan hadn't heard from Lorraine for some time and were glad to get the letter.

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Coxswain Leon L. Price writes from New London, Connecticut:

"I hope it isn't as cold there as it is here. I think I will get my leave all right but I would rather wait until it is a little warmer. I fell over the side of the boat the other day. Say that water was sure cold out there but it didn't hurt me any as I guess I kicked around enough to keep me warm.

"I received a letter from D. L. Young. He sent me some pictures. I didn't know many of the kids in them, but they were sure nice to look at anyway."

Leon is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Zenas Price of near Newton and has been in the Navy two years February 26. He was sent to the Submarine base at New London, from the Training Station at Great Lakes and has been there ever since.

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Gordon Omer Warfel, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Warfel of near Newton, reported to the United States Naval Training Station at Great Lakes last week to begin several weeks of basic training.

During his period of recruit training there the new Bluejacket will be physically conditioned through participation in the Navy's vigorous physical toughening program. He will learn the fundamentals of seamanship and Naval procedure, and be given a series of aptitude tests to determine the type of work to which he will be assigned.

Upon completing recruit training he will be granted a nine day leave.

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In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Effie Shryock of Newton, Delbert Shryock writes that he is at Fort Warren, Wyoming. He says he doesn't like the climate, which is sure cold.

He will go through a four weeks' period of basic training, and then will be assigned to a mechanic school for nine weeks.

His address is Private Delbert W. Shryock, Company A, Second Quartermaster Training regiment, Building 359, first platoon, Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming.

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Private Joseph H. Dulgar, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dulgar of Rose Hill vicinity, is now stationed with the Fifth Service command at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, where he has been assigned to Headquarters Section, 1580th Service Unit. He was transferred to Camp Campbell from Camp Grant, Rockford.

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Private Homer Kasserman Jr., who has been in an Army hospital in South Carolina for the past two months, is

much better. His lungs were x-rayed last week and were found to be "entirely clear." He will be allowed up part of the time now.

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Dale Boxley, who is in the United States Navy at Norfolk, Virginia, is visiting his father, Don Boxley of near Newton, and other relatives. He was married to Miss Thelma Shamhart of Newton, Saturday.

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Mrs. George Warren of West Liberty has received word of the promotion of her nephew, Kent Miller, from first lieutenant to captain in the Amphibious Engineers, United States Army.

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Howard Riley left Saturday for Chicago, where he will join a class of flying cadets, and be sent to Shepard field, Wichita Falls, Texas, to begin training in the Army Air Force.

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Private Ralph May returned to an Army camp at Winter Garden, Florida, Saturday, after a few days' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. May of near Newton.

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Private Tom Spencer has returned to Fort Benning, Georgia, after a visit at Newton with his wife and baby, and other relatives.