



## With the Colors

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James Edward Thompson, who is in the Solomon Islands, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thompson of Newton, under the date of January 10.

"I am feeling fine. I had a letter from you and two from Betty (Betty Dillman). I have never received your telegrams yet, though. I made second class the first of this month, I think I will draw "flight skins." That means at least four hours flying per month. It is a lot of fun.

"I must of received ten or fifteen cards, didn't celebrate my birthday at all; matter of fact, I washed my clothes.

"I suppose by now "Bottle" (Paul Stanley), has had some taste of action. It is not bad and is really fun at times. I would like to send you some souvenirs but they won't let us. I have quite a collection of stuff.

"I'll bet you couldn't guess what program I am listening to. It is the WLS Barn Dance transcribed. I sure wish I could tell you some things I have seen happen around here; some are funny and some serious.

"I want you to do something for me. See if you can buy me a hunting knife or one with at least a seven inch blade. Don't get one any shorter; if it is longer o. k., but no shorter. They come in handy in a hand to hand scrap and I want it long enough to do some damage.

"I wouldn't be surprised if I don't get a chance to use it. Send a small stone with it. I sure hope we get the job done in '43. Well this is about all for now."

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Mrs. Agnes Stark received a letter from her nephew Corporal Clyde J. Tate, who is now in Camp Pickett, Virginia, near the coast. He says it is quite different there from the sandy desert of California.

"Camp Pickett is fifty-six miles from Richmond. The country here is about like it is at Nashville, Tennessee," he wrote. "Yes, I receive the Press and I sure enjoy reading it, too. I know a lot of what is going on back home. I am fine and now weigh 174 pounds."

His address is Corporal Clyde J. Tate, H. & S. Company, 40th Engineers (c), Camp Pickett, Virginia.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bixler of near Lis have received a letter from their son, Fay Bixler, who is in the United States Army Air Force in England, stating that he had been "mussed up" recently. Just what he meant, he didn't explain, but it is thought the bomber he is with may have been damaged in a recent air battle. It is

not believed he was severely hurt.

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Staff Sergeant Ardell Heady writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heady of near Newton, that he is "having a great trip at government expense." He is with the United States Army Air Force photographic command in North Africa, and the "trip" was probably making photographs of enemy operations under fire.

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Corporal Paul S. Shamhart is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Charles A. Faller of Newton. He was discharged from the United States Marine Corps, Wednesday, after having been hospitalized for several weeks with sinus trouble. He was a veteran of the first World war.

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Private Victor A. Kibler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Kibler, arrived at St. Petersburg, Florida, for his seven weeks' basic training. His address is Private Victor A. Kibler, Flight 314, 589th Technical School, Squadron, B. T. C. No. 6 AAFTTC, St. Petersburg, Florida.

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Alex Leinhart Jr., a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Leinhart of Sainte Marie, has been transferred from the Naval Training Station at San Diego, California, to the Advanced Naval school at Treasure Island, San Francisco. He is a metalsmith.

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Miss Ruth Foltz is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Foltz of Wheeler. She has been sworn into the Waacs and will report for duty at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, in the next few days. She is the second Waac from Jasper county.

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Private Melvin Utley is spending a furlough from the Army with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Utley of Newton. He is in a Military Police battalion and has been in training in Arizona and California in the desert areas.

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Sergeant Lyman Hanson is spending his furlough in Newton. He is in the Anti-Aircraft section of the Coast Artillery at San Diego, California, and expects to be sent overseas in the near future.