



## With the Colors

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Private Paul E. Stanley, writing from Casablanca, North Africa, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ross of Newton vicinity, says: "I am o. k. and feel fine. I'm stationed a short distance from town and have been in once yesterday. It was sure a treat. Arabs riding donkeys that would weigh about 300 pounds, carrying besides the Arab himself two big baskets of oranges, etc. Just like the Bible pictures. Poor donkeys.

"Guess who I saw this morning as I was coming back from chow? I ran into John Acklin. He looks good but has lost weight. I guess the boat ride knocked it off of most of us. Can't say much about it but I want to see my congressman when I get home. Johnny's staying in the next building. He's the first person I've seen from home except Short and Chet since last June.

"Everything is pretty well under control in town and the people seem friendly under the conditions, but I kept my eye peeled in town. We gave away about everything we had to the kids. They're sure starved for sweets, candy, sugar, cigarettes, etc. Guess the (censored) about cleaned them out. Wine, beer and what food they have is cheap but pretty scarce. We had a time with our money, but after seeing conditions here we ought to be thankful we are living in the U. S., which sounds like heaven to them.

"I could tell you for hours what we saw in town—Arabs, veiled women by the thousands, sailors, soldiers, French and American, orange trees, half-starved cattle, and some fine looking Arab horses, about all stallions. Five of us hired a buggy and two horses, and had an Italian boy in our outfit pick up an Italian civilian as a guide and rode around town at a trot for an hour, through all sections, good and bad. All this for 60 francs or about 70 cents. All prices are according."

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Miss Marie Koebele of Island Grove became the first woman from Jasper county to join the Waac's when she went to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, this week, for training.

The office of the local Selective Service Board now has application blanks for the Waacs, Miss Isabel Hines, clerk, stated Thursday. Girls are sought for service in the Waacs to replace men for combat duty.

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The group of men inducted in the

Army last week left Thursday morning for Camp Grant, Rockford, where they will be outfitted and then sent to other camps for training. Circuit Clerk Cloyce L. Hunt was given a ten day extension of his furlough to clean up business before he goes.

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Private and Mrs. James K. Snearly spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millard McCoy of Yale and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cummins of Newton. He is attending the Armored Force school at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

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First Class Cook H. P. Kermicle, United States Navy, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kermicle of West Liberty vicinity. He is on a ship in the Atlantic ocean.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Higgins of Newton have received word from their son, Private Paul A. Higgins, that he has been transferred from Camp Stewart, Georgia, to Fort Crockett, Texas.

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Robert Ramey, who is in the United States Navy in the Atlantic ocean, is spending a few days' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ramey of near Rose Hill.

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Miss Pauline Hill, a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. "Pal" Hill of near Newton.

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Chester Ramey, who is in the United States Army, is spending some time here on a furlough.

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## **FIRE RUINS GEORGE FIELD BARRACKS**

Lawrenceville, January 13.—Fire of undetermined origin early Sunday morning completely destroyed the 20x90 foot frame barracks of nine bachelor officers at George field.

The alarm was sounded at 3:00 o'clock Sunday morning and the quarters were destroyed before personal possessions of the officers could be saved. Captain Milton Health, public relations officer, said a board of inquiry had been established to investigate the cause of the blaze.

Interior of the quarters was divided into four apartments that were built to house four officers each. Nine officers had quarters in this structure which was located behind the officers' club building at the post.

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