



With the Colors

Jan. 22, 1943

Willow Hill, January 21.—Friends have received a picture of Captain James M. Lattig, director, displaying the diploma and envelope that goes to the 10,000th graduate of the Army Air Forces institute at Scott field, Belleville. The graduate, Staff Sergeant Lloyd L. Pruitt, is stationed at Waycross, Georgia. The institute sends lessons by mail to American soldiers all over the world.

Captain Lattig was principal of the Willow Hill Township high school before his call to the service in 1941. He was in Hawaii during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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Private Donnace H. Emery writes his father, Frank Emery of Newton, from Camp Claiborne, Louisiana: "I just had supper. We had pork chops, potatoes and gravy and a apple with pumpkin, and cocoa. It isn't bad here. We are supposed to build airplane bases, houses and stuff like that.

"Send me some cigarettes, ten or twelve coat hangers and a small mirror. It gets pretty warm here in the daytime but at night it is cool. We get up at 6:15 a. m. and go to bed at 9:00 p. m."

His address is Private Donnace H. Emery, Company C, 372 Engineers regiment, Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

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Private Theodore "Ted" Kocher, writes from Maxwell field, Alabama, where he is in the United States Army Air Forces: "I have been moved to a new squadron. Maxwell field is a beautiful place. It is the oldest field in the southeast and lies just a few miles from the state capital of Alabama at Montgomery. I enjoy my work here as a mechanic and also the warm climate. There's plenty of flying here and the cadets to do it, so watch 'em. They'll be up and at 'em!"

His address is Private Theodore Kocher, 83rd squadron (single engine), Maxwell field, Alabama.

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Sergeant Chester Ramey has returned to Camp Polk, Louisiana, after a furlough with his father, Austin Ramey of near Newton, his wife at Rockford, and relatives at Sandwich. He says the weather has been much colder in Illinois than it was in Louisiana, but he enjoyed his visit here.

His address is Sergeant Chester Ramey, Company E, 33rd Armored Engineers battalion, APO 257, Camp Polk, Louisiana.

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Corporal Gordon Romack has been

spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Romack of near Falmouth. He is in the Third Armored division, which has just been transferred from Camp Pickett, Virginia, to Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. This division had its training at Camp Polk, Louisiana, and then spent several months in the desert near Indio, California, after which it was sent to Tidewater Virginia some distance from Richmond.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Faller of Newton are in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Faller's brother, Ferdinand Shedlebower. He states he has been transferred to the medical department. He likes his work and is enjoying good health. His address is Private Ferdinand L. Shedlebower, Hospital Branch, Medical Division, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

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H. L. "Red" Thompson of Robinson, believed to have been the first man to enlist in the Navy after the outbreak of the first World war, has been promoted from lieutenant junior grade to lieutenant senior grade, United States Navy. He is well known to all members of the American Legion in this area, having served as district commander.

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Private John Maxwell is spending a few days' furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Maxwell of Newton. John, who is in the headquarters company, 68th Armored regiment, Sixth Armored division, has been on desert maneuvers at Camp Young, California, and says it feels cold here. He said there was eight or nine boys from Jasper county in the Sixth division.

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Wilmer James Raef is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Raef of near Boos on a fifteen day furlough. He is in the United States Navy and has been on a ship in the Atlantic ocean.

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Lieutenant Hubert Romack, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Romack of near Falmouth, is now at Philadel-

phia, Pennsylvania, where he is receiving further schooling. He was recently commissioned at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Desch of Indianapolis, formerly of Wendelin, have had several letters from their son, Private Russell F. Desch, who is doing overseas duty, saying he has been promoted to corporal.

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Private Bobby L. Bower is now at Camp Swift, Texas. His address is 78422 Military Police battalion, Post Office Two, Camp Swift, Texas.