



With the Colors

Jan. 29, 1943

Private Ted Biggs writes his aunt, Mrs. Claude Zook of Willow Hill, from North Africa, under date of January 12: "I had a wonderful Christmas dinner with some new found African friends. Ditto for New Year's and three Sunday dinners besides. They are very nice people and the lady is a heavenly cook. I think even you and the other girls could take a lesson from her. Listen:

"First course — Cauliflower with French fried potatoes and meat loaf with wine. Second course—Mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, fried chicken and a second kind of wine. Third course—Cake with peaches, salted almonds and champagne. Follow all that up with more wine, oranges and dates.

"The next time you devil eggs, mix cream cheese and garlic with the yolks and see what a swell dish you get. When this lady fixed them, I was ashamed I ate so many. I could tell you a few more dishes she fixed but let's see how you like this one first.

"I'll bet you can't guess where I am now while I'm writing this. Well I'm in a Catholic school room. I come here every evening to write letters. It's nice and it's quiet. Sometimes I write several and sometimes it makes me homesick and I don't write any.

"I wish I could tell you about this part of the dark continent, but all I can say is whoever said this is a dark continent is crazy. It's just running over with whoopee."

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Staff Sergeant J. Russell Chapman writes his brother, Riley Chapman of Willow Hill, from Fort Lewis, Washington: "We are having a cold spell out here now. We have about two inches of snow and it is thirty-four above now. It got down to seventeen the other night. The old people out here said that it was the coldest and the most snow they had seen in years. I have had a cold but feel better now."

His address is Staff Sergeant J. Russell Chapman, 733rd Ordnance (LM) Company, APO 33, Fort Lewis, Washington. He is a son of Otto Chapman of near Yale.

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Second Lieutenant Otis Maxwell has been spending a ten days' leave with his wife and daughter Judith at Newton and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Maxwell at Willow Hill. He graduated from the Field Artillery Officers Candidate school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, last week, and returns there today.

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Private George H. Phillips returned to Fresno, California, Monday, after a few days' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Phillips of

near Newton. His address is Private George H. Phillips, 790th Technical School squadron (Special), BTC 8, Barracks 18, Fresno field, Fresno, California.

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Sergeant John McCullough Jr. of Kankakee, a nephew of Ted and Frank McCullough of Newton, and a son of John McCullough of Kankakee, formerly of this city, is now in Officers' Candidate school at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was in the Thirty-third division when it first went into training early in 1941.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Flanagan of Newton have received a letter from their son, John A. Flanagan, who is now at Camp Swift, Texas. He had been at Camp Grant, Rockford, since January 14. His address is Private John Flanagan, Company A, 788th M. P. Battalion, Camp Swift, Texas.

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Homer Kasserman Jr. is able to be up again after being in the hospital at Greenville, South Carolina, for the past three weeks with pneumonia. He is in the United States Army Air Force, but won't return for duty for some time yet.

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Private Lloyd E. Jourdan has been transferred from Fort McClellan, Alabama, to Camp Shelby, Mississippi. His address is Private Lloyd E. Jourdan, 278th Quartermaster Company, (Refrigeration), Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

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Private John O. Davison, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davison of Willow Hill, who recently graduated from the Cooks and Bakers school under Major Frank Streibig, won top honors with a grade of "excellent."

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Private Elvin Marcell Hanson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hanson of near Newton, is now in Battery C, 485th Coast Artillery (Sep) battalion, Camp Hulen, Texas. He writes that he is well and likes it fine.

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Corporal Sylvan M. Kocher has returned to Seymour Johnson field, North Carolina, after spending a few days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kocher of near Newton.

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Lieutenant Leland E. Conley is now at Camp Carson, Colorado, at the Station hospital.