



With the Colors *July 15, 1943*

James Edward Thompson writes from an island in the Southwest Pacific, under date of June 9: "I don't know of a whole lot to write about; seems the only topic for discussion is forbidden.

"How is dad coming along with his farming? I'm afraid if he was here he would be drowned out.

"Sam (Beverlin) has been down twice and we had a couple of long talks. I gave him a couple of extra sheets I had, some candy and two pairs of shoes. You see things are hard to get here, too. I will probably see him again soon.

"The chow has been very good lately. I am still hoping to be home by Christmas. It will sure be good to see what the old town looks like. The natives here are sure odd. They stand around and watch what you're doing. Their average life is 45 years.

"Just give one a pipe and some tobacco and he's your boy; he will do anything for you. Well as I have the mid-watch I will have to quit. Will write again soon."

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John T. Hamilton of Willow Hill received word Friday that his son, Colonel Raymond C. Hamilton, had landed safely in some unknown foreign port. On the way, he saw his brother, Colonel James R. Hamilton, in Iceland for a few minutes. The latter has now arrived back in the United States and expects to visit his father in a few days. Both are veterans of the first World war and have been in the regular Army since that time. Mr. Hamilton's son, Ralph Hamilton of Chicago, visited home folks from Wednesday to Friday evening when he returned to the windy city.

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Boyce B. McCormack is spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCormack of Newton. He has just completed his "boot" training at Great Lakes Naval Training station and will be sent to a diesel engineering school for further instruction after he reports back.

Drexel McCormack, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCormack of Newton, is at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, where he is receiving instruction in French with a United States Army unit.

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John H. Maxwell of Camp Cooke, California, was promoted to sergeant technician on June 6 and is now taking a course in Mess Sergeant's school, specializing in hydrated foods. John expects to be sent across soon, and craves some action. He would be glad to hear from all his friends.

His address is Sergeant John H. Maxwell, Headquarters Company, 1st battalion, 68th Armored regiment, APO 256, Camp Cooke, California.

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Private Paul A. Higgins has been home on a ten day furlough. He spent part of last week at Indianapolis with his two brothers and came Wednesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Higgins of Newton. He is stationed at Baytown, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marshall and son visited Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Higgins of Newton, last week. Mrs. Marshall is a niece of Mrs. Higgins.

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Miss Magdalen Long of Effingham, daughter of Mrs. H. A. Long and the late Dr. Long, formerly of Newton vicinity, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Navy Nurse Corps. Miss Mardell Merz of Effingham was accepted at the same time and they will report for duty at Great Lakes hospital together.

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Doris McDowell, shipfitter second class, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McDowell of Newton. He has been in the Pacific for fourteen months, and has participated in numerous forays against the Japs with the Navy. His ship, a World war I destroyer, has seen service in Australian waters and in the Aleutian islands.

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Private James N. DeVore, recently transferred from Camp Grant, Rockford, writes that he is in Fort Bliss, Texas, in an airborne division of the United States Army. The insignia of his division is AAA. They stand for Anti-Aircraft Artillery. He would like all his friends to write him at the following address:

Private James N. DeVore, 653rd, AAA, Mg. battery, Fort Bliss, Texas.

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Mrs. William Babbs of San Diego, California, writes that she now has two grand-sons in the service, Everett Broderick Jr. in England, and Loren "Billy" Babbs Jr. in the Navy at San Diego. He was hurt recently while handling some large guns and now has his foot in a cast. He is getting along nicely.

Private Cornelius H. Volk, in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Volk of Bogota vicinity, written June 20, states that he arrived safely somewhere overseas, was well and was sorry he couldn't tell them where he was. He was formerly stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

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Todd Fouty, son of Supervisor and Mrs. Sam J. Fouty of Grandville township, is now stationed with a United States Army unit at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. He had been in California. He is receiving training in engineering and enjoys his work.

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Private Ralph Warren Chesnut is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Chesnut of Bogota. He is in Company C, 300th Infantry, at Fort Benning, Georgia, and arrived shortly after the birth of his baby sister, Donna Marie, June 23.

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Noah Stanley of Newton has received word from his son, Paul "Bottle" Stanley, that he has been promoted to staff sergeant. Paul has been in North Africa but may be with the invasion forces in Sicily.

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Private Donnace Emery is spending a furlough visiting his father, Frank Emery of Newton. He is in the Army Engineers and has been engaged in helping rebuild the flood damage in Arkansas.

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Private and Mrs. Florent Fear are spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fear of Newton. Mrs. Fear is the former Lorene Raney of New Boston, Texas. They were married about thirty days ago.

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Private First Class Cornelius H. Volk writes from Australia: "I am well and like it fine so far. I was made a corporal June 1.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Volk of near Bogota.

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Private Francis Rawlings is visiting his father, Charles Rawlings of near Wheeler. He is stationed at Camp Hale, Colorado, high in the Rocky mountains.

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Private First Class Lloyd Jourdan of Camp Shelby, Mississippi, is home for a furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jourdan of Newton.

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Corporal William Baker of Jefferson Barracks is here on leave to see his mother, Mrs. Charles Baker of Rose Hill, who is quite ill.

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Lieutenant Wheeler Sears of Newton has been ordered to Chicago for further instruction. His wife will join him in a few days.

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Corporal G. Neal Gorrell is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Gorrell of Bogota vicinity.

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