



With the Colors

July 30, 1943

Sergeant Eldon L. Wakefield, who is in an Army Engineer regiment in England, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wakefield of Newton: "I am feeling fine and getting along o. k. and hope you are the same. I am somewhere in England. I had a nice trip coming across the ocean and I didn't get the least bit sick. The slow working of the ships made all of us dizzy but we got used to it.

"We have quite a time trying to make change with the English money. The country is really nice. All of the houses are built of brick and are very close together."

His brother, M. Dale Wakefield, aviation machinist's mate second class, Naval Air Training Center, Chicago, writes Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield: "I started to school Monday and I sure have a tough schedule. I start school at 8:00 and go until 9:30, then fall out for athletics, which lasts two hours. They are trying to teach me to wrestle this week. Every week I have a different course until I have completed all of them and then I start over. The courses are wrestling, boxing, basket ball, swimming, gymnastics and hand to hand combat.

"We have an obstacle course up here that is the toughest I have ever seen and we go over it twice each period. If I ever come home, have some good eats ready, for I figure I will lose about thirty pounds.

"I am taking a general course in airplane maintenance but they gave me a ten weeks course in hydraulic systems and I am supposed to be a real specialist when I complete it, but a person can't be a real specialist in ten weeks even though they think he can."

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Private Harold H. Hann writes: "I've been transferred from the 829th Guard squadron to the 31st Base headquarters and Air Base squadron at March field, Riverside, California. I've been assigned as a mechanic and like the job much better than the one I had.

"With this job I have regular hours from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. On the other job I worked half night and half day shifts.

"I certainly enjoy reading the Press and always find time to go through it when it comes. We are having some very warm weather and very dry; have had no rain since last spring.

"The C. O. just went through the barracks on his weekly inspection and now I must go to work."

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Paul W. Vanatta writes: "I have now been transferred to Nashville classification center. After being in Pittsburgh for C. T. D., this place sure seems hot as —well you know. This is the first real Army life we've had, but it's not too bad. All you've got to do is take it and you get along o. k.

"The two main details are k. p. and guard duty. On k. p. they sure can work you.

"I met Herschel "Hershey" Jones here while at mess the other day. He was as surprised as I was. This is a poor place to talk about so adios."

His address is A/S Paul W. Vanatta, NAAC, AAFCC, Squadron B, Group 2, Nashville, Tennessee.



Paul Gowin, machinist's mate second class, United States Navy, is spending a thirty day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gowin of near Newton. He has been with the North Atlantic patrol, based on Iceland, for two years, and more recently has been assigned to landing barge training. He wears a pre-Pearl Harbor campaign bar and a North Atlantic patrol bar, in addition to a good conduct bar.



Sergeant Carl L. Kerner has returned to Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, after a week's visit with his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Kerner and son Emanuel and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Dhom and son Norman of Newton. Ralph Dhom and Eugene Michl have returned with him after a visit with home folks.

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Paul Lude, manager of the A. & P. grocery at Newton for the past year or more, was accepted for service in the Army this week. He was inducted from Vandalia, his former home. He will report at Camp Grant, Rockford, in three weeks.

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Private Charles Kenneth Wilson of Nashville, Tennessee, spent a three day leave with his wife and son, Rindell K. While home he was visited by his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Washausen and the boys father, Charles W. Higbie.

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Staff Sergeant Lyle E. Earnest has been transferred to the 190th Glider Infantry at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His address is Headquarters Company, 190th Glider Infantry, First battalion, Thirteenth division, Fort Bragg.

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Mrs. M. E. Youngman of Newton has received word that her nephew, Charles Robert Snyder, a son of Charles Snyder of Harrisburg, formerly of Newton, was wounded in action May 8 in Africa. He was a pilot.

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Lieutenant Edward Resch is here on a ten day leave with his mother, Mrs. Will Resch of Newton. He is assigned to the 410th Infantry at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, and says it is quite hot there.

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Private Marcus M. Rife returned to Camp Hood, Texas, Saturday, after spending a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rife of Wheler.

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Corporal Clyde J. Tate has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tate of Bogota vicinity that he has arrived safely in North Africa. He says that the African sun sure shines hot.

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Private Harold Cramer of Yale has been assigned to Company B, Second battalion, Third platoon, Engineer Replacement Training Center, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

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Henry Schedlbauer has been given a medical discharge from the Army, after having been in the hospital for some time. He is now at home.