



With the Colors *June 8, 1943*

Private Leonard M. Jourdan, who is in Australia with an Army Air Force Repair group, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jourdan of Newton under date of May 27: "I'll drop you a few lines tonight to let you know that everything is o. k. I have just returned from a furlough. I really had a swell time. I had sixteen days. I hope you will forgive me for not writing while I was gone. I didn't have any V-mail blanks with me me. I had six letters waiting for me when I got back.

"That furlough was like being in heaven, only I wish I could have gone home. I traveled over two thousand miles on my furlough, all by air. I went to a large city, stayed at a hotel, slept in a swell bed between sheets, too. I ate like a king. I really had a lot of fuss, also.

"I went to dances, parties, shows and a million other places. I also dropped into a few pubs. A pub is what you would call a tavern or bar. I hope I can spend my next furlough at home."

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Private Adam Reisner writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Reisner of near Newton, from New Guinea under date of May 12: "Just a few lines to let you know I am still all right and feeling fine. I suppose you are wondering why you haven't heard from me for awhile. I have been on the move again. Over here we keep moving a good bit. I am not in my outfit yet but think it will be soon. (He is in a replacement battalion now.)

"I am now in New Guinea but a good piece from the front, and they say my bunch is not likely to ever see the front. The only danger here is the air raids, but there isn't much danger where I am camped now. We are having it pretty nice now, just like a camping trip. We have our large tents, six men to the tent, set up in a coconut grove. We have coconuts in our tent to eat on all the time and a stalk of bananas hanging to ripen. I had better close, for I want to go over to a small stream to wash and bathe this afternoon."

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim DeVaney were in Newton, Tuesday, and Wednesday, greeting friends and visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Hester Jr., and other relatives. Jim is a yeoman first class in the United States Coast Guard and is assigned to the mounted beach patrol in South Carolina. This patrol,

which was instituted a year ago, is designed to guard against landings of saboteurs and spies by sea, and is carried on by men from the Coast Guard mounted on horseback and working in pairs. Jim is considerably thinner than he was when he was an auto dealer at Newton.

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In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Field of Newton, Gerald Field, radioman third class, United States Navy, stated he was somewhere in the Pacific area attending a school and when he graduated would be able to speak German. He added that it was the most wonderful opportunity he had ever had. He is a veteran destroyer man and saw duty in many of the battles against the Japs before and after Pearl Harbor, including the Java Sea battle.

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Private Delmar Lawler was rushed to the hospital at George field, Lawrenceville, Tuesday, and was operated on for appendicitis. He had been visiting his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clark of Newton, and his parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Lawler of Bridgeport, formerly of this city, on a furlough from Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. Mrs. Lawler is with him. He is convalescing very satisfactorily.

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Private LaVerl L. Kennedy of this vicinity and Corporal John Williams of Ohio spent Sunday night and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Kennedy. They are stationed at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, and each of them plays with the Forty-fourth Armored Regiment Band and they also sing with an ensemble of twelve members.

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George D. Bevis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Bevis of Newton, has received orders to report to Indiana State Teachers' college, Terre Haute, July 1, for training under the United States Navy's V-12 program. He enlisted in April but was allowed to graduate from high school.

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Corporal Howard Jourdan visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Jourdan of Newton, Thursday. He is stationed at Fort Monroe, Virginia, in an anti-aircraft battalion. He went to Chicago, Thursday night, where he will be married to an officer in the Waacs in the next few days.

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Corporal and Mrs. Ralph Elston of Mobile, Alabama, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elston and Mrs. Mabel Lewis of Kankakee returned to their homes, Sunday morning, after spending the past few days with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dodd of near Newton.

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Miss Lois Weck of Newton went to St. Louis, Thursday, where she enlisted in the Waves, women's auxiliary of the United States Navy. She is a former teacher in the rural schools of Jasper county.

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Clifford Warfel, who is a member

of the crew of a Naval tanker, wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Warfel of Newton, a few days ago that he had completed his eighth round trip across the Pacific ocean.

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Private First Class Paul J. Reep of Newton has been transferred to Biggs field, El Paso, Texas, from California. He is with the 56th Service squadron, 31st Service group, Army Air Force. Corporal Robert Rohr of Newton is also at Biggs field with another Service squadron.

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Aviation Cadet and Mrs. Homer Winter are here from New York, visiting friends and relatives in Newton and vicinity. Mrs. Winter is the former Virginia Yost of Newton.

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Private John A. Flanagan is here on a short furlough with his parents, City Officer and Mrs. Tom Flanagan. He is in a Military Police battalion and is stationed near New York City.