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Staff Sergeant James Lee Diel, Company E, 506th Parachute Infantry, Camp Hoffman, North Carolina, wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Diel of Newton, this week, telling of injuries he received in a parachute jump three weeks ago. It was the first they knew he had been in the hospital.

"I just got out of the hospital day before yesterday after being in for ten days for a mild concussion of the brain received in a plane accident some two weeks ago. I was knocked out for about ten hours but not seriously injured.

"Yesterday the 506th made a full battle equipment jump, one of the few ever made. We jumped with everything, including mortars, machine guns, ammunition and food. It was a regimental jump, using 127 planes. I was jump master of plane 24, jumping first when we came over the field and the rest followed.

"I was carrying a submachine gun and ammunition, food and water. I think I saw six stars when the 'chute opened, then I began to look around and all I could see was parachutes. I began to look for a possible landing place, as the field was hilly and covered with pine trees. After some fancy slipping, I made it in okey, but lots of them didn't and I can well see why.

"I didn't get to go on the problem that followed as the medics sent me in, not having given me permission to jump in the first place, since I had just been released from the hospital, but I couldn't see myself missing a jump like that, so Captain Sobel says I pulled a fast one on them. We are going to jump again Wednesday, then the following week we leave for maneuvers and will try to show them what we call lightning war."

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Chapman of near Newton, received a letter from their son, Corporal Andrew Chapman, May 18. He says: "This is Easter Sunday so I thought I would write you a line or two. I don't know when I wrote the last letter. I got a letter from Virgil yesterday. He said he was all right and having a good time.

"I haven't seen Ham for a few days but saw some of the boys he is with and they said he is all right and feeling good. I saw Leon but didn't get to talk to him. He is all right and looks good."

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Second Lieutenant and Mrs. V. Floyd Jones have been in Newton greeting friends and relatives. He has just been commissioned in radio work in the United States Army Air Force and will be stationed at Boca Ratone, Florida. He completed his schooling at Yale university, New Haven, Connecticut.

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Lieutenant Glenn Bayles of Olathe, Kansas, is spending a short leave with his mother and sister, Mrs. R. E. Bayles and Miss Lucile Bayles of Newton. He is an instructor at the Naval Flight school at Olathe. He was recently promoted from ensign to lieutenant junior grade.

Eugene Picquet, aviation ordnance-man first class, United States Navy, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Picquet of Sainte Marie. He is stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas.

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Harry Hunzinger, signalman second class, United States Navy, is spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Ella Hunzinger of Sainte Marie. He is on a ship in the Atlantic ocean.

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Bobby L. Bower and John Flanagan of Newton, who have been in a Military Police battalion at Camp Swift, Texas, are believed to have been ordered overseas.

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Private Anthony Passalacqua is here on a furlough visiting his wife and his father, Vincent Passalacqua. He is stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, near Seattle.