

LOUIS KINSEL HOME *Aug 25*
FROM YUKON TERRITORY *1943*

Louis Kinsel is spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kinsel of Newton. He has been employed for several months by the Miller Construction Company out of White Horse, Yukon territory, Canada, erecting a telephone line along the new Alcan highway to Alaska. He will report back for work next Monday, ready to return.

He said that it freezes at night now and the mosquitoes are very bad in the afternoons when it warms up. Last winter, the thermometer reached fifty-six degrees below zero. "You can work outside when it is forty below, if there is no wind," he added, "but if there is any wind you can't work out and live. No one can work when the temperature is below forty."

"We rode the first 500 miles on an Army truck and then took the railroad through Edmonton, Winnipeg, St. Paul, Chicago and Indianapolis. I don't see how the trains stay on the track over the muskeg, for every few miles you find a broken rail during the winter; they snap like glass." They were on the road for eight days.

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