



With the Colors

Nov. 19, 1943

Private James Harvey Kingery writes from Camp White, Oregon, where he is in Company M, 383rd Infantry, APO 96:

"The 'Battle of Oregon' is over and our division is now in Camp White, after seven weeks on the desert. The other divisions of the Fourth corps went on their way to other camps.

"The first five weeks were all dust, sometimes so thick one could not recognize the troops in the seat of the truck opposite us. It was not all riding either as many long hikes were made, which is not so much pleasure in sand and dust ankle deep as a stroll in the back pasture.

"The absence of such details as washing windows, sweeping and mopping the floors was very much appreciated.

"On the way down we traveled through snow that was a foot deep, which had fallen ten days before. The weather here has been very nice the last few days, much like Indian summer in Illinois. This is a new camp built in a pretty much out of the way place.

"The third battalion of the 383rd Infantry regiment, representing the 96th division, was trucked down to Medford on Armistice day to put on a parade to show the civilian population what a tough and well trained outfit looked like. Weapons of the Infantry were put on display, with qualified parties in charge to answer the many questions of spectators."

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Leon Price writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zenas Price of near Newton, from North Africa:

"I received a letter from you today and a couple of Presses. I sure enjoy reading the Press. I read 'With the Colors' the first thing. I wish I could get in on one of those basket dinners like the one you wrote about at Eph Jourdan's.

"I am a boatswain's mate second class, now. This last promotion was a merit rating given for something I did. I hope to tell you all about it some day soon. I don't think you are receiving my letters, so I am writing a V-mail and air mail both this time. Maybe you will get one of them."

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Miss Clara Kaufmann, daughter of Mrs. Albert Kaufmann of Sainte Marie, has been commissioned an ensign in the Waves and was assigned to active duty, Tuesday. She was formerly a yeoman second class, assigned to the headquarters of the Naval commander in chief at Washington. She was a former secretary for the A. B. Dick Company at Chicago.

So far as known Miss Kaufmann is the first woman to be commissioned from Jasper county in the armed forces.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Huber of near Sainte Marie have received word that their son, Sergeant Vincent F. Huber, has landed safely somewhere in the British isles. He says he feels fine as usual and likes it there, although some things, such as money, are quite different from that back home.

His brother, Staff Sergeant Edward L. Huber, has been overseas twenty months. He is somewhere in New Guinea.

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Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bruner of Willow Hill have received a letter from their son, Luther James Bruner, stating that he was well. His ship recently participated in a battle with the Japs and he doesn't think so much of them. He added that he had been in the Navy for nine months before he saw a liberty port.

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Private First Class James Devore is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Devore of Newton. He has been in Texas and recently sent twelve rattles he had taken from a rattlesnake he had killed when it crawled into bed with him, while he was on maneuvers.

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Mrs. Urban Volk has received a letter from her husband, who is at Camp Roberts, California. He would like his friends to write him. His address is Private Urban Volk, Battery A, 56th battalion, Twelfth Field Artillery, Building 6318, Camp Roberts, California.

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Dr. Frank Weber of Teutopolis, who was injured several months ago when he stepped on a rock and broke his ankle, will report to the Army, November 26 for enrollment in the Dental Corps. His wife is the former Marietta Miller of Newton.

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Dale Phillips of Ann Arbor, Michigan, formerly of Newton, is recovering following an illness from blood poisoning in his hand. For some time, it was feared that his hand would have to be amputated to save his life.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Wattleworth of Newton are visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Captain and Mrs. Kent Wattleworth, United States Army Medical Corps, at Keystone Heights, Florida.

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Second Lieutenant Wayne D. Jones has been spending a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V A. Jones of Newton. He will report for assignment at Camp Hulen, Texas, Monday, in the Antiaircraft Artillery.

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Sergeant and Mrs. Marion Hall are visiting his father, Ralph Hall of near West Liberty. He is stationed at Morris field, Charlotte, North Carolina, with the Army Air Force.

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Homer Clark of Newton has passed the preliminary examinations for acceptance as an aviation cadet by the Army Air Force at George field, Lawrenceville.

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Staff Sergeant James C. Vance is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Vance of Willow Hill. He is stationed at Waco, Texas.

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Corporal Gerald Ellis, who is in California with a Military Police battalion, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ellis of Newton.

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Lieutenant Maurice Russell, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Russell of Newton, is now in North Africa with the Airborne Infantry.