



# With the Colors

Nov. 5, 1943

Second Lieutenant Joseph Kenneth "Pete" Johnson, United States Marine Corps, of Newton will graduate Sunday at the graduating exercises of the Sixth Unit Gas Officers' Ground Course at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. The course studied by the Army and Marine officers of all branches of the service was concerned mainly with Chemical Warfare Service material, decontamination, protection against injuries from toxic agents, and the tactical use of toxic agents.

"Pete" was agricultural instructor at the Newton Community high school and a member of the implement firm of Johnson & Hynes before he entered the service.

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Dr. Bernary Henry Klueg, son of Anton J. Klueg of the Bend, formerly of Newton, was sworn into the United States Naval Reserve with the rank of lieutenant commander on October 21 at the St. Louis Office of Naval Officer Procurement. He will serve in the Dental Corps and will report on November 18 to the Navy Yard at Mare Island, California.

Lieutenant Commander Klueg is a graduate of the St. Louis University School of Dentistry and has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Jerseyville for the past twelve years. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

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A new recruit at the United States Naval Training Station at Great Lakes is Clarence M Fulk, 18, of Ingraham. Now undergoing "boot" training, he is being indoctrinated into Navy life, and is being instructed in seamanship, military drill, and naval procedure.

Soon, he will be given a series of aptitude tests to determine whether he will be selected to attend one of the Navy's service schools, or will be assigned to active duty at sea. Upon completion of this recruit training, he will be granted a nine day leave.

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Sergeant Albert Wells Jr. writes his father, Albert Wells of Newton vicinity from California, where he is on maneuvers with an Armored division: "I am here on guard and will write you a few lines. I arrived here on October 24 and I don't mind telling you I don't like California, at least the desert. We have no lights, no hot water and last but not least, nowhere to go."

His address is Company D, Twenty-second Tank battalion, care postmaster, Los Angeles, California.

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Lieutenant and Mrs. George W. Kasserman Jr. are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kasserman of Newton, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Connor of Effingham. They came by train and George will return by plane. He is expecting to be sent overseas soon with an Anti-Aircraft Artillery battery, and Mrs. Kasserman, the former Virginia Connor, will remain here.

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Aviation Cadet Don T. Whitehurst of near Newton received his "wings"

and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Force at Blytheville, Arkansas, on Wednesday. He will receive a short leave, after which he will be given further training.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Eber Whitehurst of Newton vicinity and father and sister attended the ceremonies at Blytheville.

He received his preliminary training at Malden, Missouri.

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Donald Wilson has received an honorable discharge from the Army on account of wounds received in action on Guadalcanal. He is a son of Mrs. Walter Wilson of near Dundas.

He recently married Miss Marie Kermicle, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kermicle of the same vicinity. They will reside near Olney. Both will be employed by the Pure Oil Company.

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Paul E. Percival, a son of Mrs. Eileen Percival of Effingham and Eugene Percival of Mount Carmel, and a grand-son of C. J. Percival and Joseph Piercefield of Newton, has been promoted to technician fifth grade (corporal) at the Armored Force Replacement Training center at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is a gunnery instructor. He was employed by a seismograph crew before entering the service last March.

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Staff Sergeant Lyle E Earnest returned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, last Wednesday, after spending a furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Earnest and daughter Mildred, and his brothers, Kendall and Olen Earnest and families of near Falmouth. He is in the Glider Infantry at Fort Bragg.

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Corporal Charles Schackmann is spending a fifteen day furlough with his grand-mother, Mrs. Ella Schackmann of Newton, and his mother, Mrs. Beryl Schackmann of Jacksonville. He has been in an Army Air field at Homestead, Florida, but has made several trips by air to Central and South America. He is in the cryptographic division.

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Marion Bruce Nicholas is now in training at the United States Maritime Service Training Station at St. Petersburg, Florida. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nicholas, formerly of West Liberty.

His address is Marion Bruce Nicholas, U. S. M. S. T. S., Division 252, St. Petersburg, Florida.

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Corporal and Mrs. Leo LaFief and daughter Sheila had as dinner guests, Thursday, Mrs. Clifford Weaver and daughter and Mrs. Thomas Daniels and family of Decatur, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Lawler of Bridgeport and Second Lieutenant Luther Lawler.

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Dewey R. Connor Jr., machinist's mate second class, has been here for a day or two, enroute back from Norfolk, Virginia. He is a crew chief on a Navy patrol bomber and has just completed ferrying one from California to Norfolk, Virginia.

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Mrs. H. M. Lambird is home after a trip to California, accompanied by her son, Lieutenant Don K. Lambird. She had intended to visit her brother-in-law, Dr. Clifford Lambird, at Reno, Nevada, on the way home. Lieutenant Lambird has a short leave.

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Major Gilbert Ransom, United States Army Medical Corps, visited his grand-mother, Mrs. Ella Clark of Newton, a few days ago. Mrs. Clark



now has two grand-sons and four grand-sons-in-law in the armed services.

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Corporal Paul E. Harris, who is a radio operator and instructor at Fort Niagara, New York, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Harris of Effingham, formerly of Newton and Wheeler.

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Private First Class Paul J. Reep was here over the week end on a three day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Verner L. Reep of Newton. He is in the Army Air Force in Kentucky.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Worthey have received a letter from their son, Frank Worthey, who is in the Navy and from whom they had not heard for a month. He is fine and has been in Honolulu.

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Lieutenant Donald Weber is being sent overseas in a few days, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weber of Newton, have learned. His wife is returning here after having been with him in Texas.

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Miss Christine Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Davis of Hidalgo, has recently arrived overseas, somewhere in England. She is a registered nurse and a member of the United States Army Nursing Corps.

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Sergeant and Mrs. Florent "Bub" Faller were here from Camp Campbell, Kentucky, Sunday, and she has remained for a few days. He is in the post office there.

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Seaman Richard G. Bunton is spending a furlough from the Navy with his grand-father, Joseph H. Bunton, and other relatives here.

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Corporal Arthur Lytle of Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi, is spending a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lytle.

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Private Clifford Kibler is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kibler of Newton. He has been in a camp in Rhode Island.

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Sergeant Nelson Catt, who is overseas with an Army battalion, writes his mother, Mrs. John Catt of Willow Hill, that he is well.

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Joseph Dular of Hidalgo has been discharged from the United States Army after several months service and is now at home.