



## With the Colors

Oct. 26, 1943

D. R. Beals, who is with a Naval Construction battalion (Seabees) in the Pacific, writes: "Just a few lines to-night in answer to your most welcome letter which I have just received. I am plenty busy now and will be as long as I am here. I work at night. I am in charge of the supply department. We handle all cargo, both for this base and all others farther west.

"I didn't enjoy my birthday in the same manner as I would had I been at home but I do enjoy everything that I do that will help to win the war. I worked on my birthday just as we all do seven days a week since the days are so much shorter now we only work ten hours a day. It is Sunday night but I do not attend the church services. They are always held during my working hours, I don't guess I ever did go as much as I could.

"I can imagine how busy everyone is there when there isn't any extra men to help with all the work. I guess I have been away from home a long time it doesn't seem possible that Dorothy would be old enough to be teaching school; it doesn't seem so long ago to me that she was just a little girl. Tell her that if the kiddies doesn't take up all of her spare time I would enjoy hearing from her once in a while. I spend most of my time in the office so take advantage of my spare moments to do my letter writing.

"Sis told me about the flag you have in the church, I hope I can do enough to make all of you feel that I am worthy of the space that is being used for me. It really makes me feel good to think that so many people think of me. I received fourteen cards and three letters to-night and sixteen cards earlier. I must close for now. Tell everyone I said hello."

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Corporal John H. Maxwell, who is a cook with the Headquarters company, 773rd Tank battalion at Fort Ord, California, writes: "I received the Press last night and I see where there are quite a few boys overseas from Jasper county. I think before long I can tell you where there will be four more across, as they are with my outfit.

"We have it pretty nice here with six fellows in each hut, or they call them that. They have gas stoves and it feels very good to have some heat. We just got in this new camp and I have lots of work to do.

"I have sure been seeing California in the year I have been here. I am around Salinas and about sixty-five miles from Oakland. I am sorry to see so many deaths, especially that of Mrs. Merle D. Yost.

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Ensign and Mrs. A. F. Cox, both formerly from Jewett, returned recently from New London, Connecticut, where Ensign Cox had been in school at Fort Trimbull for the past four months. They left last Tuesday for

San Francisco, California, where he will report to the War Shipping Board for an assignment with the Merchant Marine. Mrs. Cox was the former Kathryn Clark.

Corporal James A. Cox, a son of Frank Cox, says he is very busy hauling supplies up the Alcan highway. He is well and hopes it won't be too long before he is back in the states.

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Stanley Robards, gunner's mate first class, United States Navy, surprised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robards of near Newton on Friday, when he arrived on a three day furlough. He had only five days and made the trip by air and came as a surprise. Stanley wears three medals with three engagement stars. He has been on a destroyer and has participated in considerable action against the Japs in the vicinity of the Solomon islands.

He said he recently met Eugene Miller of Newton, who is also in the Navy and found him well.

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A letter mailed six weeks ago from Chanute field to the Army Air Forces Training Command was delivered last week at Chanute field.

The post classification officer mailed the letter September 3 to Private Robert A. Persche, Cleveland, Ohio. The letter followed the soldier from Camp Ellis, Illinois, to the aviation cadet examining board in Chicago, and then to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Last week the letter "caught up" with Private Persche, who now is assigned at Chanute field.

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Earl Dean Kirk, son of Mrs. Nellie Houser Spaits of Pekin, formerly of near Newton, has applied to the local Navy Recruiting Station for enlistment as a machinist's apprentice. He was the fourth youth Ray E. Everly, local recruiter, had signed up in the past five days.

His brother, Von Kirk, is with a Military hospital in the Southwest Pacific. He received his training with the Thirty-third division at Camp Forrest, Tennessee.

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Corporal Arley B. Parr, United States Marine Corps, has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willett L. Parr of Hunt City vicinity. He is in the Marine Quartermaster Corps and is stationed at Richmond, Virginia. He flew from Richmond to Chicago and then came to Newton by bus, and hoped to fly back, Monday.

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Private Jack Ellsworth, United States Marine Corps, is spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ellsworth of Newton. He is stationed at the Marine base at San Diego, California, and has two brothers in the Army, Sergeant L. C. Ellsworth in England, and Private Charles Ellsworth in the Pacific.

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Aviation Cadet Jack Roberts Jr. is now in training at Kent university, Kent, Ohio, with an Army detachment. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts of Newton and has been in the Army nearly a year.

His address is Squadron B, Academic section, Lowry hall, 336 College Training detachment, Kent, Ohio.

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Louis Lawrence Huss, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Albert Huss of Sainte Marie vicinity, has applied for enlistment in the United States Navy.

Corporal Rupert Matson writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Matson of Falmouth vicinity, that he has landed safely in India, after a long voyage. He is with an American Army Air Force bomber group.

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Private Calvin French is spending a short furlough with his wife and baby, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett French and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford French of Newton. He has been stationed in the west and is being transferred to Westover field, Springfield, Massachusetts.

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Corporal Virgil Bliss, who is with a motor transport company in Alaska, is expected home today or tomorrow on a furlough with his wife and baby and his mother, Mrs. Cecil Jones of Newton. The latter is seriously ill. He has been in Alaska for more than a year now.

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Private Colmore Miller Jr. is here on a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colmore Miller of Newton. He is a paratrooper and is training in Alabama just across the river from Fort Benning, Georgia, and has made six parachute jumps.

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Corporal John Acklin writes his mother, Mrs. George Acklin of near Newton, that he is well, although he has moved around a lot. He is a radio operator with the Signal Corps in North Africa.

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Mrs. Orla Houser of Newton is in receipt of a letter from Orla Houser stating that he has been moved from Australia to an unnamed destination. He is in the Navy and was well when he wrote.

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Wagner of near Newton have received word from their son, Lieutenant Raymond Wagner Jr., stating that he had landed safely overseas. He is believed to be in England.

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Charles Leon Rogers, son of Mrs.

Nellie Rogers of Sainte Marie, has applied for enlistment in the United States Naval Reserve. He has had machinist's training.

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William Ray Bunton, son of Ben Bunton of near the wye northeast of Newton, has applied for enlistment in the Navy.