



With the Colors

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Corporal Wayne E. Foltz writes under date of August 27 from Somewhere in Sicily: "I just finished reading your July 12 edition of the Press, and felt I should write and let you know how much your paper is enjoyed in Sicily. Maybe some of the people back in Newton don't think so much of it, but put them over here on the island and I'll bet you could see a smile on their faces to get a copy of the home town paper.

"It has been two years, six months and seventeen days since I have seen the old home town. I left the States October 26, 1942, and landed at Fedelia, North Africa, November 8. I traveled all through North Africa and saw the war end in Tunisia. Then on July 10, 1943, we made the invasion of Sicily.

"Every one of these different countries I see and the way the poor people have to live, really makes me appreciate that I was born an American. I think the American people really have something worth fighting for, so if you people back there in good old Jasper county keep on buying those War Bonds, then we boys over here will soon have the job done.

"I am having a little trouble with my financial business now. All the time we were in Africa we were paid in francs. Now that we are in Sicily, we get paid in lira. Our dollar is worth 100 lira, so that makes it pretty easy to figure out.

"I like the island of Sicily much better than Africa. The people here have really welcomed the American soldiers and treat us good. We have lots of melons, ripe figs, grapes, peaches, berries and a few bananas. As for the mountains, they really have them here. All you can see from one hill-top is just another hill.

"In closing, I will say just keep on printing the column 'With the Colors.' I sure enjoy hearing from all the boys. If anyone cares to write me, I would be glad to hear from them."

His address may be obtained from the Press or from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Foltz of Northwest Wade township.

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Aviation Cadet James McCoy, United States Army Air Corps, writes: "I have done a lot of moving the last two months. I have been all over Louisiana and now I am in the Panhandle sphere in Northern Texas. The city of Amarillo is a very nice western town. It's modern in a way, too. It's population is around 50,000. It has

that old 'western tang' to it, everywhere you turn.

"The people here are very friendly and can't seem to do enough for you. There are lots of soldiers here in Amarillo field but not as many as I am used to. The Air Corps is not a whole lot different from the Infantry, comparing the phase of training for the Air Cadets. I have had all this, but it's necessary that I take it over. Only twenty-eight days of it, so that's not so bad.

"From here I will be sent to college somewhere in the United States. Where, I haven't the slightest idea. I hope it's somewhere in Illinois, or at least close to the old prairie state.

"The war news sure does sound good. Italy's surrender has started things popping. The more the better. I am always pleased to hear from anyone over there.

"My address is AC James McCoy, 902nd Training company, 26th squadron, Flight 26-B, Amarillo field, Amarillo, Texas.

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Roland Lathrop Clark of Newton has graduated from recruit training with top honors in his company at the United States Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, his commanding officer reports.

Clark, who joined the Navy in July as an apprentice seaman, led the 130 men of his company in drill and scholarship. Having completed his basic training, he has been recommended for a Naval physical instructor's school. Graduates of this service school have the rating of chief specialist.

The honor man, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Clark, has returned to Newton on boot leave with his wife and parents. A graduate of Newton Community high school, he attended DePauw university and the University of New Mexico, and is a member of Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

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Aviation Cadet Paul W. Vanatta writes that he is now at Maxwell field, Alabama, and adds: "This is a nice place. We are taking four subjects, aircraft identification, mathematics, code and first aid. Later we get physics, gunnery and a few other subjects. The drill is really drill and all eyes front with brass and shoes shining."

"Calisthenics here are varied but good although pretty rigorous. The "Burma Road" (one and one-quarter miles long) is really a rough thing to run. Get's you tired, but it's fun. Everything is done on the double with no excuses for anything that's wrong."

"There are a lot of B-24's here for operative training and they make a lot of racket."

His address is Squadron 3C-VII, Class 44E, AAF-PFS (Pilot), Maxwell Field, Alabama.

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Private First Class Donnace H. Emery of Newton is now somewhere in

England with an Engineer regiment. He writes: "I really had a nice trip across the ocean, although I did get a little seasick, but that is rather natural for the first time.

"England is a nice place, of what I've seen of it. The houses are really wonderful here, with their brick designs, and the streets are as clean as a pin. The people here seem to be very nice, too, friendly and very interesting to talk to. I'm really glad to be somewhere overseas as I can do my part to help win the war.

"I really appreciate the way my friends have corresponded with me and I'd enjoy very much to keep on hearing from them. I only wish I could say more about different things, but I can't. I will close hoping to hear from my friends in Newton."

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Charles E. Schackmann of Newton writes his mother, Mrs. Beryl Schackmann of Jacksonville, that he was recently promoted to corporal. He is a cryptographer at Homestead field, Florida. Because of the nature of his work, he could only say that it was most interesting, and he likes it very much. His unit is a part of the Military Intelligence and is attached to the Army Air Force.

His address is Corporal Charles E. Schackmann, Code Room, ATC, HAA-F, Homestead, Florida.

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Private Ralph W. Elston writes his aunt, Mrs. Paul Dodd of near Newton, from England: "I am feeling fine and everything is going swell. I got my first today (September 1) since I have been here. I saw where Corporal L. C. Ellsworth was in England. I was in London and saw his name signed in the state book at a Red Cross center. He wasn't there at the time because I tried to find him and couldn't."

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Second Lieutenant and Mrs. Raymond K. Harms arrived early Sunday morning from Florence, South Carolina, where he was in training. He has been in the Army hospital since May but is now quite well.

While on his leave they are visiting Mrs. Harms' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rolla A. Romack and children. At the end of his leave Lieutenant Harms will report back to an Ohio camp.

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Thomas S. Marshall, yeoman first class, left yesterday after a short furlough with his wife and baby and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marshall of Newton. He is on one of the Navy's newest battleships, which was only recently commissioned.

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Lawrence Dhom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dhom of near Newton, is now stationed at the Marine Corps base at San Diego, California. His address is Private Lawrence C. Dhom, Platoon 712, RD, Marine Corps base, San Diego, California.

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Alfred Hooker, a son of Mr. and

Mrs. Edmund C. Hooker of Gila vicinity, recently enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and expects to leave soon for his boot training at the Marine base at San Diego, California. He hopes to earn a rating as machinist's mate.

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Wayne Kinder, Donovan Scott, Le roy Wakefield and Mike Williams are home on furloughs at the conclusion of their boot training at the Great Lakes

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Specialist First Class Dale E. Robinson of Navy Pier, Chicago, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robinson of near Hunt City.

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Private Harry Swick is visiting at and near Rose Hill, while on a furlough from the Army.