



# With the Colors

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The following poem was sent the Press by Sergeant James C. Jourdan, who is somewhere in Iran (Persia) with the United States Army Ordnance Motor Transport Service, via his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Jourdan of Newton:

## The Story of the Ordnance Man

You tell me I'm so far behind the lines,  
That I'm really a lucky guy  
That I'm missing all the action,  
That the war has passed me by.  
Yes, you're right, I haven't seen war.  
I saw a boy blown to bits in his truck,  
Loaded with powder and shell,  
He missed a turn in the mountains,  
On the road called "the road to hell."  
But you're right, I haven't seen war.  
I saw my best friend go mad with  
the heat,  
So insane he'd be better off dead,  
And I thought of the photo there by  
his bunk,  
Of the girl he was planning to wed.  
But you're right I haven't seen war.  
I saw young men wracked with fever,  
Slowly dying on hospital cots,  
But they hadn't a gun in their hands,  
so  
Theirs wasn't a true case of "guts."  
So you're right, I haven't seen war.  
I saw a mere lad lose his hand in the  
shop;  
He'll never write "dear mom" again,  
Yet he grinned as the doctor was  
working,  
And he smiled as he gave me his pen.  
Sure you're right! I haven't seen war!  
I've seen hell.

The following poem, "A Marine to His Mother," was sent by Staff Sergeant Eugene A. Foreman to his mother, Mrs. Cecil Foreman of Arthur, formerly of near Wakefield. He is a grand-son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Woods of Shamrock.

Hello Mom:

It is a bright Sunday morning here,  
And the sun holds a glimmer of cheer,  
As I spend the time with a thought or  
two,

And a prayer and a promise, too,  
Of years to come. It seems so long,  
Since that sad heart breaking day  
When we said good bye,  
And you brushed a tear away.  
But you were brave and through your  
grief

You knew, that I (in your belief),  
Would right a wrong. I know  
That you would not have me stay  
behind,

While others went away to fight,  
And keep up their symbol of free men  
in the air:

The red, the white and the blue,  
But still I miss the familiar things  
around you,

The brightness that surrounds you, as  
in your merry way,

You make a light in every day,  
With happiness.

So we must wait,

You know this can't go on,  
Although the years be long.

How sweet will seem the

Victory to folks like you and me,  
Who hold no hate.

I know you're brave and so, I'll try  
to be.

As battles I fight across the sea;

I'll always love you, mother dear,

You gave me hope and strength sin-  
cere on every wave.

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Seaman George Bevis of Newton is among Navy V-12 and civilian students enrolled at Indiana State Teachers college, Terre Haute, for the current Naval term ending October 23. A short fall term for civilians opened September 13 to run concurrently with the Navy term.

Seaman Bevis became a member of the unit in July when the program opened nationally in selected colleges and universities, and upon completion of his training in college work there, will be transferred to an officer training program in the Navy's midshipman school.

Designed by the Navy to give college training to its officer candidates, the program places undergraduates in regular college classes while freshmen are required to enroll in a number of specified subjects of the V-12 curriculum. Students are allowed to follow their major interest fields in their study.

In addition to regular class attendance, the Navy men have daily calisthenics at 6:15 a. m., specialized physical training periods daily, and military drill at the evening muster. They participate in regular campus activities as long as their scholastic records are satisfactory.

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Sergeant Albert W. Wells Jr. writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wells of near Newton, from Camp Barkley, Texas, where he has been transferred from Camp Polk, Louisiana: "As you know, I am now at Camp Barkley, Texas. I think I am

going to like it here very much. It took us two days to make the trip from Camp Polk, Louisiana, but as you probably know troop trains move very slowly and take the long way around.

"It is only about 360 miles the short way but the way we came it was 650 miles. The closest town is eight miles away, a town of 3,600; not bad, with a lot of good looking women. Of course, the women don't bother me, much (?). I don't know how long we will be here, but I think about nine weeks. From here your guess is as good as mine."

His address is Sergeant Albert Wells Jr., Company B, Forty-first Armored regiment, APO 261, Camp Barkley, Texas.

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Gerald M. Huff, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Huff of Newton, has been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant, United States Marine Corps. He was commissioned in the field at Guadalcanal during the heaviest fighting a year ago. He is still in the Solomon islands, so far as Mr. and Mrs. Huff know.

They have three other sons in the armed services, Clifford Huff, radioman second class, Theodore Huff, seaman first class, United States Navy, somewhere in the South Pacific, and Sergeant Earl Huff, Lowry field, Denver, Colorado, where he is a cook.

Lieutenant Huff was well when he wrote the letter to Mr. and Mrs. Huff, the first word they had received from him in a long time. The others were also well at last reports.

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Honored with the advanced rating of electrician's mate, third class, Gordon O. Warfel, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Warfel of Route Four, Newton, was graduated recently from the Naval Training school, located on the campus of Iowa State college, Ames, Iowa.

The bluejacket's proficiency in electrical work was proved by a series of "boot training" aptitude tests. His completed course included laboratory work in the use, operation and maintenance of electrical tools. The principles of electricity and radio elements comprised the theoretical curriculum.

The newly graduated bluejacket is waiting his active duty assignment to a fighting ship or to a naval shore station.

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Staff Sergeant William Jennings Jones of the Quartermaster Corps, now located "somewhere in the Southwest Pacific," has recently had the distinguished honor and pleasure of meeting and shaking hands with Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt inspected the Quartermaster laundry, of which Sergeant Jones is superintendent.

Bill has been in the Pacific area nearly a year now. He is a former teacher in Jasper county. His wife is the former Iva McCrillis.

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Kenneth L. Brooks, who has been out at sea on a sub-chaser for several days, is now back in San Pedro, California. His wrist, which was broken while on duty some time ago, was not able to stand the strain of heavy work, so he was returned to the base. He is now going to school, until his wrist becomes stronger.

His address for the present is Kenneth L. Brooks, fireman third class, Roosevelt Base, N. O. B., Barracks 6, U. D., San Pedro, California.

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Sunday's Chicago Tribune had an article by Robert Cromie, written from "Somewhere" in New Guinea, stating that he had met Captain Kent Miller of Chicago, formerly of Newton, who is in the Amphibian Engineers. These men bring in supplies in small boats under the noses of the Japs.

Kent is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Miller of Chicago and a nephew of Mrs. George Warren of West Liberty.

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Corporal William W. Jones of Camp Polk, Louisiana, is spending a ten day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Jones of Rose Hill vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two other sons in service, Private John F. Jones, who is stationed at Midland, Texas, and Sergeant Oliver Leslie Jones, who is in the Hawaiian Islands. John has recently been home, returning to his camp Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weck and son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Weck were in Newton over the week end. Carl, who is in the Navy, has just graduated from the R. T. School. He had a short furlough while changing schools to Corpus Christi, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weck are working at a defense plant in Illiopolis.

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Second Lieutenant and Mrs. Maurice Russell were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Russell of Newton, Thursday. Lieutenant Russell is on a short leave from Camp Mackall, North Carolina, where he is in the Seventeenth Glider Infantry.

He expects to be sent overseas in the near future.

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Lieutenant and Mrs. Harold G. Leffler were week end visitors of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Wattleworth of Newton, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leffler of West Liberty. Mrs. W. E. Barrett, sister of Mrs. Wattleworth, was also a guest at the Wattleworth home.

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Sergeant Bertrand Richards, who has been ill and under the doctors care for the past six weeks, has been released from A.S.T.P. at Ann Arbor, Michigan and is now in the hospital at Camp Grant, Illinois. It is likely he might receive a medical discharge from the army soon.

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Sergeant Lee E. Dulgar, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dulgar of Rose Hill vicinity, writes his parents that he has landed at an overseas base. He entered the Army last October and is serving in a medical detachment of a tank battalion.

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Captain Harvey Jourdan Jr. of the Army Medical Corps of Eagle Pass, Texas, and Father Jerome Jourdan of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Jourdan of near Newton.

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Mrs. Leo La Fief of Newton received a telephone call, Sunday, from Miss Virginia Graham of Newton, who is in the Waves. She will leave New York, Saturday, after completing her boot training.

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Second Lieutenant Lucile Chaney, Army Nurse Corps, has landed in England, safely. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Chaney of Yale. They received a cablegram, Tuesday.

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Joe Cox, well known and popular salesman for L. S. Heath & Sons of Robinson, is now in the Army. He was to leave Camp Grant, Rockford, for an unknown destination, Tuesday.

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Lieutenant Kent Lewis, United States Marine Corps, former editor of the Robinson Daily News, is now in the South Pacific.

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Private Harold G. Cramer of Fort Belvoir, Virginia, had a three day leave with his wife and son Larry and other relatives of near Yale.