



With the Colors

4/18/44

Miss Wilma Jean Miller of Oblong, Route Two, received a letter, Tuesday, from her brother Private First Class David E. Miller, who is stationed somewhere in England. He adds:

"I thought I would write you and let you know I am feeling fine and sure hope this finds you o. k. I can hardly write a thing; the censors are to blame. I can only say I am well and then sign my name. Can't say when we sailed; can't mention the date; can't even tell of the meals that we ate; can't say where we're going; don't know where we'll land.

"I could not inform you if met by a band; can't speak of the weather; can't say there is rain; military secrets must secrets remain. Can't have a flashlight to guide me at night; can't smoke a cigarette except out of sight; can't keep a diary, for such is a sin; can't keep the envelopes your letters come in; can't say to folks, just what I could write. So I'll call this a letter and say good night.

"Sis, I know this isn't much, but it's the best I can do, so I will ring off with love."

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The Armored News, publication of the Thirteenth Armored division at Camp Bowie, Texas, commends Sergeant Melvin Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Weaver of Newton, for good work he has done in aiding Technical Sergeant Walter Tilga, section chief of the Thirteenth's forward echelon radio maintenance.

It reports: "Twenty-Third Corps umpires noted in their report 'that the radio maintenance section of the 153rd Armored Signal Company (division CP), Technical Sergeant Tilga in charge, is to be commended upon the interest they have displayed in their work, and for developing from spare parts, time saving radio testing aids.'

"Tilga insists that his assistants Staff Sergeant Leslie S. Day of Modesto, California, and Sergeant Melvin Weaver of Newton, Illinois, are entitled to equal credit with him for the high standard of efficiency achieved by the radio maintenance section."

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Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Worthey of Newton are in receipt of a letter from their son, Frank Worthey, stating that he had crossed the equator ten times and was now somewhere on the Pacific coast. He said he was well.

Frank is a survivor of the torpedoing of the U. S. S. New Orleans in the seas near Guadalcanal, in which nearly 250 members of the crew lost their lives when 150 feet of the bow was blasted from the ship. In spite of this blow, which came after the New Orleans had sent several Jap ships to the bottom, it managed to get to Australia and then to the United States and is now back at sea again, after having been repaired

and made better than ever.

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A son, John Steven Kasserman, was born to First Lieutenant and Mrs. George W. Kasserman Jr. in the Effingham hospital, April 11. Mrs. Kasserman is the former Virginia Anne Connor. Lieutenant Kasserman is now somewhere in England. He has been cabled of baby's arrival, but as yet, no word has been received from him. Mother and baby are both fine.

Lieutenant Kasserman is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Kasserman of Newton, and Mrs. Kasserman is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey R. Connor of Newton and Effingham. His mother, Mrs. George W. Kasserman Sr., arrived from Saginaw, Michigan, early Wednesday morning to see her grand-son. The baby was named after his two great grand-fathers, John Kasserman and S. A. Connor of this city.

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Private John Newlin arrived home Wednesday afternoon from a hospital in Kansas, after having stopped off enroute for a visit with his sisters, Marilida and Miss Daisy. Miss Daisy accompanied him home. Another sister, Miss Edith, came a few days previously to be with him.

John had served in the South Pacific for some time until his health became so impaired that he had to be transferred to a hospital in California and then to Kansas.

He received a twenty-one day furlough. His folks are happy to have him back home with them and John is happy to get back

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Von Kirk is spending a month's furlough with his father, Marshall Kirk of northwest of Newton. He was in the Thirty-third division and received his training at Camp Forrest, Tennessee.

He saw service in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal and Bougainville in the Solomons and recently has been in the hospital with malaria and pneumonia. He will report back to his outfit on May 4.

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Corporal Frederick Cummins, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cummins of Dryden, Washington, writes his grand-father, Flem Cummins of Newton: "I have a little time and will drop you a line or two. We are on the high seas heading for some unknown place. I have been in very good shape since I got on the boat. Most of the boys were in rather bad shape for awhile."

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Ronald J. Chapman, machinist's Coast Guard, station at Delaware mate second class, United States Coast Guard, who is stationed at Delaware City, Delaware, spent the past week with his wife, Mrs Margaret Chapman of Terre Haute, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chapman and son Billie of Willow Hill.

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Corporal George A. Clark has completed the basic and technical training course at the Financial Training Center, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther R. Clark of Yale. Prior to his entry into the army he was assistant secretary of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Chamber of Commerce.

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Vaughn Carpenter, son of Ralph Carpenter of Rose Hill, left Friday for Springfield to join a draft of Navy men being sent to Great Lakes

Naval Training Station. Vaughn enlisted a couple of weeks ago as an apprentice seaman.

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Corporal Virgil E. Bliss writes his wife that he has been placed in charge of post utilities at his Army base, somewhere in the Aleutian islands. He has been in an Engineer company.

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Mrs. John Whightsel received a letter from her son, Private First Class Marcell Martens, saying he had landed safely somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.

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Private and Mrs. Medford Burnside and baby daughter of California are spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mss. Ira Burnside of near Bogota.

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Max Romack is here on a furlough visiting his wife and other relatives. He has been stationed at a camp in Utah and will return to Utah.

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Walter Chaney of Yale, who enlisted in the Navy, has been sent to Great Lakes for his boot training.