

Private First Class Charles R. Weber writes his aunt, Mrs. Frank Holt of Newton, that he is in a hospital in the New Hebrides group east of Australia. "I am all right; nothing to worry about. I am having one of my friends to write this for me and I won't be writing every week. I am in a hospital in the New Hebrides. So far I like the place o. k.; in fact, I like this place a lot better than the last place I was.

"The weather isn't so nice here. If we were outside we might melt. It sure gets wet at times and when the sun comes out it is very hot."

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Private First Class Kenneth L. Alexander writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Alexander of near Hunt City, that he had been transferred from Gulfport field, Mississippi to Keesler field, Mississippi. He is an airplane mechanic and is instructing in engine operation.

His address is Private First Class Kenneth L. Alexander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Academic group, Box 1674, Keesler field, Mississippi.

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Captain and Mrs. Arnold Colpitts and son were in Newton, Wednesday, visiting Mrs. Edward Weber and other friends here. Captain Colpitts, who was engineer of the Norris Electric Cooperative at Newton for two years,

has been stationed in the Aleutian islands, but has been in Florida for special training recently. He is returning to the Aleutians and Mrs. Colpitts and son will go to Strum, Wisconsin.

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Bertie Earl Sparks returned to Great Lakes last Friday after spending a few days with relatives near Bogota and Tolono. He has just finished his boot training. He will go from Great Lakes to Mississippi or perhaps California for twelve weeks schooling where he will be trained for a gunner on a Navy plane.

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Mrs. Milo Youngman has returned home from Harrisburg, where she was called by the sudden death of her brother, Charles Wesley Snyder. Mr. Snyder's son is serving overseas as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. Mr. Snyder was born and spent his early life near Pleasant Ridge.

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Edwin Lee, Harry Parr, Floyd Portlock and Sanford Yates are home from Great Lakes Naval Training Station on completion of their boot training. They were given eleven days' furlough, two more than usual, as a reward for being members of a banner company.

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Lieutenant Don K. Lambird is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Lambird of Gila vicinity. He is being transferred to Camp Bliss, Texas. He has been in the hospital in California recently for an old leg injury, but feels fine now.

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Sherman Reed of Newton has received word that his son Ruth, who is in the Navy, has made one trip across the ocean. He says he is o. k. and feeling fine. Sherman has five boys in the armed forces.

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John Calvin Jourdan, fireman second class, is home on a short furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. E. Jourdan of Newton. He is on an aircraft carrier and has been on convoy duty to the Southwest Pacific.

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Lieutenant Don T. Whitehurst of Blytheville, Arkansas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eber Whitehurst of near Newton. He is acting as an instructor at the Army Air field there.

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Mrs. Nelson J. Curtis of Champaign spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hays of Newton. Babby Curtis is now in the Army at Camp Wolters, Texas, she stated.

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Private First Class Paul J. Reep was at home over the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Verner L. Reep of Newton. He is stationed at Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

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Mrs. Alva Schedlbauer is in receipt of a letter from her cousin, Don Har-

old Emery, who is somewhere in England. He is well and likes the Army fine.

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Mrs. Ada Boldrey has received a letter from her nephew, Corporal Golden G. Swick, who is somewhere in Italy. He is well and very busy.

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James B. Crooks is spending his boot leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Crooks of Newton.