



## With the Colors <sup>4/25/44</sup>

Sergeant Cornelius Volk writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Volk of South Muddy township from the Admiralty islands under date of April 2. Mr. and Mrs. Volk have another son, Private Urban Volk, in training at Fort Meake, Maryland.

"It's Sunday and I feel it's my duty to write you a few lines. I know you'll be glad to hear from me as I'm always glad to get a letter from home. In two mail calls, I received forty letters and it's impossible for me to answer them all. We can't get paper or envelopes so you'll have to explain to all my friends how the situation is.

"How is everybody getting along back there? I'm feeling just fine. Have had a few days rest now.

"Say, dad, do you still like cocoanut like you used to? If you were over here you could get all you wanted. There are a thousand and one trees around here. I've eaten so many and drank so much of the milk that I'm really tired of them. They come in pretty handy though at times when you have nothing else much to eat. Wish I could send you a bag of them home.

"How would you like to have a pair of Jap ears or a tooth for a souvenir? The hell of it is they all stink so bad I hate to mess around with them. After each battle the boys sure like to collect all the souvenirs they can. You got to get out early if you want anything. I don't like to mess around with the rotten devils. I've got so that I can sit down by a bunch of dead ones, no matter how much they stink, and eat my lunch and think nothing of it. Maybe I shouldn't be telling you these things. It'll probably only make you feel bad but shucks there is a war on and somebody has to put up with those things and I'm no better off than a lot of the fellows. I don't have a little wife waiting for me to come back (thank God) so nobody in the world should be worrying about me. I'll do my best and let God do the rest. That's the way I look at it.

"I was told I made sergeant some time ago. More money doesn't mean much to us over here. Maybe I'll get to make use of it some day. We hope."

Sergeant Cornelius Volk of near Ingraham writes the Press from somewhere in the Southwest Pacific: "I haven't had much of a chance to do any writing in the past month, so I've decided to write a few lines for 'With the Colors.' The last time I wrote I was in Australia but since then I've been in New Guinea and now I'm seeing action in the Admiralty islands.

"I've had a few close calls but I'm still going strong. I could tell you some wild stories and happenings but it probably wouldn't go through the censor. I will say this much that we're all proud of our outfit for some of the fighting we've done. These Japs are very tricky and try to pull most everything on us.

"The climate here is rather hot and it's raining most of the time. If I'm not mistaken, the average rainfall is 120 inches a year. You can imagine what living conditions are like.

"Here's a hearty hello to all my friends in good old Jasper and Newton and I'm looking forward to the

day when I can be back with you all again."

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Lieutenant Wayne Jones of Fort Benning, Georgia, went to Turner field, Georgia to see his brother, Aviation Cadet Herschel Jones, Sunday, April 16. They spent a few hours together, talking and planning for Uncle Sam. They hadn't seen each other for almost two years.

Wayne is an Artillery officer with the Infantry and Herschel is a pilot now, flying a B-25 bomber.

They both expect to be at home the last week of May. Herschel expects to receive his wings on May 23, and Wayne expects to leave Fort Benning on May 24. Both should have leaves at that time. Herschel is expecting to fly a B-25 over Newton before long on a trip to Indiana. Watch out for him.

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Private Ennis D. Frazier is spending a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Frazier of Gila vicinity. His address is, Private Ennis D. Frazier, 309 Bomber group, 426 Bomber squadron, Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, South Carolina.

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Fireman Second Class Albert F. Levitt Jr. is spending a furlough here with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Semple of Newton. His ship was damaged in recent action and he has thirty days.

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James Dunnigan was home over the week end, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Dunnigan. He is attending a Navy Electrical school at Purdue university, Lafayette, Indiana.

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Lieutenant Don J. Weber of Newton has been in the hospital in England having his tonsils removed.