



## With the *4/28/44* Colors

Kenneth L. Brooks, fireman first class, on a mine sweeper, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brooks of near Newton, that he has just got back into port again from a two months trip of active sea duty. He has been with his ship for almost nine months of active service. In a letter dated April 13, he added:

"This town is small, not much larger than Newton, but the people here are very friendly. The country here is quite different from the rest of California and I sure have seen the most of it. The mountains here are covered with pines, and they have one of the prettiest beaches I ever saw. I sure wish you folks could see it.

"I was home on "boot" leave this time last spring, but of course it is quite impossible for me to be there this year. I would sure like to be there anyway."

Kenneth was recently promoted from fireman second class. He expects to be in port a few days then will probably be sent out to sea again.



Marlin Clapp, who is in the Navy, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clapp of near West Liberty, that he moved last week from the barracks at Farragut, Idaho, to the receiving barracks, at Shoemak, California. He said he really saw some pretty country and pretty flowers as he went through Washington and Oregon into California.

He added there isn't a tree of any kind in sight near their barracks and they all had got a real sun tan. He doesn't know how long he will be there or where he may be sent but expects a move before very long.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodard of Montrose have received word from their son, Private First Class Charles Woodard, who was wounded February 6, stating that he is getting along all right, but is still in the hospital, somewhere in Italy. He has been awarded the Purple Heart medal.

Another son, Ralph E. Woodard, has been promoted to the rank of corporal, and is stationed at Lowry field, Colorado.

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William Roy Danforth has been transferred to a hospital unit at Camp Ellis near Peoria. He had sought to be transferred to service on hospital trains between debarkation ports and hospitals in the United States. Roy has recently been suffering from asthma and it is hoped that different service will clear this up.

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Sergeant Dwight Burgener is spending a month's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Burgener of near West Liberty. He has been serving with the Marines in the South Pacific about sixteen months. He has been in the service over two years and this is his first furlough home.

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