



With the Colors

8/1/44

Joseph J. Volk, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Volk of South Muddy township, is taking his "boot" t'rain- ing at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He sends the following:

A Sailor's Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
Grant no other sailor take,
My shoes and socks before I wake;
Lord, guard me in my slumber,
And keep my hammock on its num-
ber.

May no clues nor lashings break,
And let me down before I wake,
Keep me safely in thy sight,
And grant no fire drill tonight;
And in the morning let me wake,
Breathing scents of sirloin steak.
God protect me in my dreams,
And make this better than it seems.
Grant the time may swiftly fly,
When myself shall rest on high,
In a snowy feather bead,
Where I long to rest my head,
Far away from all these scenes,
And the smell of half-done beans.
Take me back into the land,
Where they don't scrub down with
sand;

Where no deamon typhoon blows,
Where the women wash the clothes;
God thou knowest all my woes,
Feed me in my dying throes,
Take me back I'll promise then,
Never to leave home again

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Miss Clara Rentz of Newton is in receipt of a letter from her brother, Private First Class Edward W. Rentz, who is in New Guinea. He writes he is getting along fine and says to tell all his friends he said hello. "I enjoy reading the Press even though it is some time before I receive receive it. My buddies also enjoy reading it." He sends the following poem:

A Soldier's Prayer

A soldier's prayer when he's alone,
Is for his folks, his folks back home,
He prays all night to the angels
above

To guard and watch over the dear
ones he loves.

A soldier's prayer while at the front,
Fighting for his flag for you and I,
And though he's fighting somewhere
over there,

I'm sure that God will answer that
soldier's prayer.

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AMERICAN PRAYER

Gunner's Mate Third Class Clinton Catt of Willow Hill, stationed at New Orleans, sends the following prayer to his mother, Mrs. John Catt:

Americans, pray for the boys today
who are fighting far over the foam.
Dear Lord, give them light to do
what is right,
Return them safely back home,
On land or on sea,
Wherever they may be,
Reveal Thy presence to them each
day,
Endow them with power, in their zero
hour,
Americans pray,
Americans pray.

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Calvin W. French, 19, of Newton, has been promoted to the grade of sergeant, it was announced by the Fifteenth Army Air Force headquarters in Italy.

Sergeant French is stationed with a Fifteenth AAF Liberator bombardment group in Italy. His unit has taken part in bombing missions over many enemy held targets in Europe, such as the ME-109 factories of Bad Voslau, the oil fields of Ploesti, Rumania, airdromes and railroad yards in Italy, France, Austria, Romania, and Yugoslavia.

Sergeant French is a former employe of Kingsbury Ordnance plant, LaPorte county, Indiana. He entered the service on March 30, 1943, and received training at Lowry field, Colorado.

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