

first class in the Navy: "Well another day and another dollar, another day nearer victory. I guess everything is looking pretty swell now on all fronts. We crossed the equator again the other day so now we have another bunch of the fellows running around the deck like I was a few months ago (no hair).

"It won't be long now before Guy will be pretty busy shucking corn. I hope the crops all turn out o. k. Does it seem like to you that I've been in the Navy one year and twelve days? To me it doesn't seem so long but I guess as one gets older time goes faster. Anyway I am certainly dreaming of a white Christmas this year. I guess a fellow can still dream can't he."

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Mrs. Gilbert Woods has received a letter from her brother, Private First Class Chester W. Salisbury, who is now somewhere in France. He writes: "I have been in France a short time, but we keep moving up towards the front lines. I will have a lot to tell you when I get back to the U. S. A. I am o. k. now. I haven't received any mail since I've been in France. Write soon and tell all my friends to write. My A. P. O. is now 350. The rest of my address is the same."

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Signalman Second Class Harry Hunzinger is spending a twenty-two day leave with his mother, Mrs. Ella Hunzinger of Sainte Marie. He is on a mine sweeper in the Atlantic and has seen considerable action in the European invasions.

Mrs. Hunzinger has two other son, Private First Class Richard A. Hunzinger in the Army and Electrician's Mate Second Class Paul Hunzinger in the Navy, both in the Pacific area.

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Captain and Mrs. Arnold Colpitts and children were over Sunday visitors at Newton, and had dinner with the office and operating force of the Norris Electric Cooperative at Newton. Captain Colpitts, who has been stationed with the Army Engineers in the Aleutians for the past two years, was enroute to Florida with his family. He was formerly engineer for the Norris Coop.

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Technical Sergeant Leslie L. Isley has returned to Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, after a fifteen day furlough at Newton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Isley. He was recently in the hospital for malaria but has recovered.

Leslie is an acting first sergeant of his company and is engaged in giving the final training to men just before they leave for overseas.

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Aviation Machinist's Mate' First Class Dewey R. Connor Jr. telephoned his wife at Newton from the west coast a few days ago. He has been in the Southwest Pacific area in a PBY (patrol bomber) squadron, but has been sent back to the United States. He is expected home on leave soon.

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Sergeant Lowell T. Drake of Los Angeles, California, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Drake, is here for a visit with his sisters, Mrs. Robert Beckwith of Mattoon, and Mrs. Paul Klier of Newton, and other relatives.

He is enroute to Aberdeen, Maryland, where he will be stationed in an Army camp.

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Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schuch of near Newton received a call Tuesday night from their son, Ensign Florent J. Schuch, who was in San Diego, California, for a few days.

Ensign Schuch has been stationed in the Hawaiian islands, but is being transferred elsewhere in the Pacific.

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Sergeant Samuel Beverlin, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan S. Beverlin of Newton, is expected home today after a year and a half with the Marine Air Force in the Southwest Pacific. He has seen much active fighting against the Japs.

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Simon S. Michl has recently been promoted to sergeant. He is with the

United States Army in New Britain. Simon has a brother, Corporal Eugene Michl, in the Army in France. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Michl of near Newton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lester Webb of near Newton have received a letter from their son, Corporal Harold Webb, stating he had been moved and he is now somewhere in the British isles. Their other son, Private Earl E. Webb, is at Camp Hook, Texas.

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Paul E. McCormick, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McCormick of Newton, has been promoted to sergeant at the Marine base at El Centro, California. He enlisted in July, 1943, and received his advanced training at Memphis, Tennessee.

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Yeoman Second Class Don Bower arrived home Monday for a twenty-one day furlough with his wife, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bower. He has been in the Southwest Pacific for ten months.

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Staff Sergeant A. S. Brashears, who is with the First Troop Carrier Command, stationed at Malden, Missouri, spent the week end with his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Slack of Bogota.

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Corporal Clifford Kibler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kibler of Casey, formerly of Rose Hill, is now with the Infantry in France. In a letter dated August 1, he said he was o. k. and doing fine.

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Private Melvin Utley is spending a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Utley of Newton. He is enroute from Louisiana to an Army hospital at Memphis, Tennessee.

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Private Carl Lewis who has been in an Army camp in the southern states, is here visiting his wife and family of near Kedron. He has a fifteen day furlough.

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Robert Burris, a grand-son of W. H. Pippin of Newton, is now in training at Durham, North Carolina, after service in the Navy overseas.

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Private George "Babe" Colwell was an over Sunday visitor with his wife and children at Newton.