

Staff Sergeant James C. Jourdan writes his mother, Mrs. Josiah Jourday of Newton, from Iran where he is stationed with the United States Army: "I can now tell you where I am located. I am at Andimeshk, Iran (Persia), some distance north of the head of the Persian gulf.

"We are about four miles from Disful, the city of the blind. This city extends two hundred feet beneath the surface of the earth. The hotter it gets the deeper they go. It is about 160 degrees here now. This is the hottest inhabited spot in the world and we are the first white people ever to live here."

He added that they had rigged up

an air conditioning outfit for the barracks and it wasn't so bad now.

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Sergeant Ralph A. Dhom writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dhom of Newton vicinity, from France where he is with an Armored Reconnaissance company. "I'm o. k. and am beginning to like France. We have been in the front lines already. It's not bad up there. A bit noisy at times. I guess Adolf got himself another new airplane.

"We saw one flying around the other day. One of the boys saw Sergeant Henry L. "Blink" Dhom a day or so ago. He was standing the racket o. k., too. From what you read you already know that Adolf's boys are beginning to take water."

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Evidence of the terrific pace B-26 Marauder bomber crews go through during the bombing offensive assault on enemy territory is seen in the operational records of Staff Sergeants George A. Yount and Calvin McDonald, as quoted by a special service bulletin from overseas.

Both are tail gunners and each flew on his initial mission in the European theatre of operations over Germany and German held territory in March and completed his fiftieth mission on Saturday, July 8, 108 days later.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Holt of Willow Hill have a letter from their son, Corporal Andrew Holt, wishing to thank all his friends for sending him so many birthday greetings and fine letters. He is stationed in New Guinea.

Sergeant Tim Holt is now at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Corporal Gene Holt, another son, is in England.

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Corporal John H. Smith was expected to arrive at Camp Grant, Rockford, today after twenty-seven months' service overseas in the Southwest Pacific theatre of operations. He was stationed in Australia for a long time and later saw service in various island campaigns with the Infantry.

Corporal Smith was a trucker at Newton before entering the service. His wife is a Wac in South Carolina.

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Captain and Mrs. Raymond K. Harms are the parents of a daughter, Lynn Frances, born July 23. Mrs. Harms is residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rolla A. Romack of Rose Hill while her husband is in England with the United States Army. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elias Harms of Bone Gap. The baby has four great grand-mothers living.

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Private Gordon Stanley, who is under treatment at an Army hospital at Vancouver, Washington, will probably be moved soon to a hospital at Galesburg. He received an injury to his left arm and back last winter when the truck he was riding on was sideswiped by another truck on Attu island. He is slowly convalescing.

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Private Gilbert Fehrenbacher of Fort Bliss, Texas, is here spending a ten day furlough with his wife and daughter, his mother and other relatives and friends. Private Fehrenbacher is being transferred from Fort Bliss to Camp Haan, California.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Sims of Newton have received word from their son, Duane Sims, that he has been made Coxswain or "skipper" of the U. S. S. Kickapoo, operating out of Key West, Florida. He is a grandson of Rev. A. O. Jacobs of Newton.

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Henry Reisner arrived home, Tuesday night, for a twenty-one day fur-

lough with his father, Zania Reisner of Hidalgo. He has been in North Africa and Italy and has been gone over two years. He has gained considerable weight and really looks well.

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Private First Class John Byron has returned to Maryland after spending a furlough with his wife at St. Elmo and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Byron of near Newton. Mrs. Byron has been ill and is under a doctor's care at St. Elmo.

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Private James Smith of Camp Blanding, Florida, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith of Newton vicinity. He is enroute to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where he will be stationed.

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Sergeant Delbert W. Simpson from Camp Sutton, North Carolina, and Miss Irene Womack of McMinnville, Tennessee, have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Simpson of Bogota.

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Corporal John H. Maxwell, who was once reported missing in Hawaii, but later was reported safe and well, is now at Saipan. He writes that he is "very busy."

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Private Pat Bolander, a son of A. C. Bolander of Newton, writes that he has recently seen the pope and has attended grand opera in Rome. He is well and feeling fine.

Seaman Second Class Ray L. Clark is spending a fifteen day leave from Camp Waldron, Farragut,

Idaho, with his wife and sons Ronnie and Steven, and his mother, Mrs. Arthur Clark, of Newton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Mineo of Newton are in receipt of a cocoanut, sent them from Miami, Florida, by their son, Lieutenant William L. Mineo. It has the husk on it.