



With the *2/22/44* Colors

Writing from North Africa to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mascher of Newton vicinity, Sergeant Louis E. Mascher, a radio technician in the Army Signal Corps, says: "I'm waiting to be relieved from work for the night. I just finished the last broadcast, so to kill time will write some letters. I just had a letter from Helen (his sister, Mrs. Leroy Griffy of Mount Carmel) and one from Sergeant Paul Stanley.

"He was wondering if you ever saw Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ross, how his folks were and how everything in general was. We had our monthly ball last night and I had the pleasure of furnishing transportation for the girls to and from the dance. They surely lived all over town, so I spent half the night getting them all home. I was already tired before the dance, then after getting back to the base, I had just gotten to sleep when we had to get up again."

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Private Joseph Lowell Derixson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Derixson of Newton vicinity, is now beginning medical and psychological tests, classification and training at Keesler field unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command. This Army processing is designed to determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet.

Upon successful completion of this phase he will be sent either to a college or university for five months of further study or directly to a pre-flight center for cadet training, depending upon his previous academic background.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herman Burgener of near West Liberty have heard from their son, Dwight L. Burgener. He said that he had been moved to Bougainville island and had been promoted to sergeant.

He has been somewhere in the South Pacific with the United States Marines for fourteen months. This is the first time he has been able to tell just where he was. Of all the islands he has been on, he says he likes this one best.

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Corporal John F. Weber Jr. writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Weber of Newton, that he is now in Italy with an American Army Air Force bomber squadron. He added that they were praying for a break (probably an improvement in the weather). Bud has been overseas more than eighteen months now, throughout the North African, Sicilian Italian campaigns.

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Private First Class and Mrs. Harold Cramer and son Larry have returned home from Atlanta, Georgia, where Private Cramer graduated from the Atlanta Diesel Mechanics school. He was awarded a diploma by Colonel Barnes for his excellent work.

He will report to Camp Reynolds, Pennsylvania, after a furlough with his parents near Yale. There he will be assigned to an ordnance maintenance unit of the Fifth echelon.

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Captain and Mrs. Kent L. Wattleworth and little son James Kent of Keystone Heights Florida, and Mrs. Harold Leffler of Crawfordsville, Indiana, have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Wattleworth of Newton, parents of Captain Wattleworth and

Mrs. Leffler. Kent is a flight surgeon in the Army Air Forces and has a two weeks leave.

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Francis W. Belcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Belcher of Newton, was recently inducted into the Navy from Anna. He is now at Sampson Naval Training Station. His address is Company 567, Unit G12, USNTS, Sampson, New York.

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Staff Sergeant Robert Dular left Monday after a short visit with his wife at Newton and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dular of Hidalgo. He is stationed at an Engineer depot at Elkins, West Virginia.

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First Class Petty Officer and Mrs. Dale E. Robinson of Chicago visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robinson of Hunt City, over the week end. Mr. Robinson Sr. is much better now after a recent illness.

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Private First Class Adam Reisner is home from the Southwest Pacific, where he saw much fighting. He is now in the Enlisted Reserve.