



With the *1/25/44* Colors

Aviation Cadet James W. McCoy writts from San Antonio, Texas. "I arrived here at San Antonio, Wednesday afternoon. I am supposed to start my classification tests soon.

"I will soon know what the Army wants me to do. I hope it decides it needs me as a pilot but of course it's mostly up to me and how I come out on my tests.

"I had a most wonderful surprise when I got the word that my mother, Mrs. Harry McCoy, was coming out to see me at the college at Ada, Oklahoma. She got there in time for the banquet which was held in my squadron's honor. I was so proud of her.

"I left from Ada for here just three hours after mother left for home. The weather here is very warm. Shirt sleeves are more than adequate. In the afternoon we just wear shorts for our physical exercises.

"This letter will have to serve as the answer to most of the letters I got the week before I left up at college. I will be so rushed for time here that I don't expect I'll be able to answer them all very soon. I'll answer them sooner or later so just bare with me and keep your letters coming because I'll appreciate them even more now that I am here.

"I will let you all know how I make out here when I am all through. I believe in a way that what is to be will be, but I know that one has to help himself because no one else will. A hearty 'hello' to everyone."

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Another class of aerial triggermen to guard Army Air Forces' bombers was graduated last week from Harlingen Army Air field, aerial gunner school of the AAF Training Command, and among the "Sharpshooters of the Sy" was James M. Leturno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Leturno of Dieterich.

Along with his diploma he received a pair of aerial gunner's wings and a promotion in grade at a brief graduation exercises at Harlingen. After a short furlough to visit relatives, he will join an aerial combat team.

He was prepared for his place in America's stepped-up air offensive by a comprehensive six weeks course in every phase of aerial gunnery warfare. Besides learning to fire every type weapon from camera guns to the deadly fifty caliber Brownings, he studied turret manipulation, aircraft identification and learned to tear down and assemble machine guns while blindfolded. He climaxed the course by firing on towed targets from Texas training planes, medium bombers and heavy bombers.

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Aviation Cadet Herschel Jones has been transferred from Arcadia, Florida, to a Basic school for pilots at Bainridge, Georgia. Herschel has been at several air training fields since being accepted for pilot training.

Chief Petty Officer Earl Jones, who is in the Coast Guard on South Atlantic duty, telephoned his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Jones of Newton, last week from New York City, stating he had just arrived in port and would be leaving in three days on another convoy. He said his trips on convoy were interesting and he had seen many countries but he couldn't say where he had been nor where he would go next.

Lieutenant Wayne D. Jones, who is stationed at Camp Hulen, Texas, sent

Mr. and Mrs. Jones a sample of the Army's C-ration, which is concentrated in three cans, one of beef stew, one of baked beans, and one of biscuits, candy, coffee and sugar. He expects to be sent overseas any day now.

All are sons of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Jones of this city.

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Corporal Jacob D. Flinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Flinn of the Winterrowd community, has arrived safely overseas according to a cablegram received by his mother. Corporal Flinn has been in the armed forces for several months, and received his basic training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson near Little Rock, Arkansas. Not having heard from their son for several weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Flinn were very glad when they received the cablegram stating that he had arrived safely.

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Aviation Cadet Paul W. Vanatta writes that he has been transferred from Avon Park, Florida, to Cochran field, Macon, Georgia, where he is in section A-2 class 44-E. He adds: "I have been moved to Cochran field for basic training for the prime reason of learning to fly the BT-13, otherwise known as the Vultree Vibrator. This is a low wing, 450 horsepower job. We are also getting military discipline and academics. They keep us going all day—no fooling."

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Private James A. Reed writes his father, Sherman Reed of Newton, from North Camp Hood, Texas, that they have had considerable snow and cold weather but it is now warm again. He has started seventeen weeks of basic training. Another son, Private William C. Reed, writes from Camp Roberts, California, where he is a truck driver, that he is expecting a furlough about March 1. He likes it fine in the Army.

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Ray E. Everly, local Navy recruiter, announces receipt of applications from Frederick L. Patten, son of Mrs. Mildred Patten of McLeansboro, and Francis L. Boldrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlie Boldrey of Evansville, all formerly of Newton. Both lads, who are 17 years old, went to Springfield, Monday for examination. Mr. Everly reports considerable interest in enlistment by 17 year old boys.

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Private First Class John Delbert Wilson is visiting his wife and baby son John Larry of Louisville and his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilson and Albert Wilson of Newton. He is stationed at Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas. Delbert received a fractured shoulder two years ago in a training accident in which a jeep overturned on a cliff and has never completely recovered.

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The Local Navy Recruiting Sub-Station, reports the application of Philip B. Burgund, son of Mrs. Katherine Burgund of near Willow Hill for enlistment in the United States Navtl Reserve. Although the traveling recruiter has been suspended for thirty days, any lad 17 years old may apply at the Newton or Effingham station for enlistment in the Navy.

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Private First Class and Mrs. Louis A. Morgan have been home from Camp Sibert, Alabama, on a short furlough. Mrs. Morgan is the former Juanita Burgener of near West Liberty and has been with her husband for the past four months. Private Morgan returned to camp Tuesday evening but his wife is remaining at home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herman Burgener of near West Liberty have recently received a letter from Corporal Dwight L. Burgener, who has been serving with the Marines somewhere in the South Pacific for over a year. He

writes that he is well and has been seeing many queer sights in the jungles there.

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Robert E. Burris, electrician's mate third class, United States Navy, is home on a eleven day leave. Bob has just returned to the States after spending the past ten months on board a mine sweeper in the Mediterranean. Mrs. Veva Burris of Gary, Indiana, came Wednesday to be with her son, during his stay.

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Edgar D. Wilson and Maxine Wilson of near Newton spent part of the day Tuesday with his son, Kenneth Wilson, who is in the hospital at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He had been operated on for appendicitis but is able to be up now.

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James Earl Wilson, who has been at sea for several months, has been transferred to an Amphibious training base near Norfolk, Virginia. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson of Newton, who hadn't heard from him for five months.

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Aviation Cadet Howard B. Riley, son of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Riley of Newton, has been transferred from Maxwell field, Alabama, to the Lodwick Military Academy at Avon Park, Florida, for training.

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Word has reached the family here, that Lieutenant George Kasserman Jr. had landed safely overseas. Mrs. Kasserman is at Effingham with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Connor.

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Word has been received from Private First Class Coy K. "Red" Ellison from somewhere overseas. His destination for sure is still unknown. He landed December 22, 1943.

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Corporal and Mrs. Clyde Boyd are spending a ten day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irley Boyd of Yale. Corporal Boyd is at Cochran field, Georgia.

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Private Quincy Allison has been transferred to Camp Ellis near Peoria.

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Kent Funkhouser has recently been promoted to machinist's mate third class in the Coast Guard.

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Lee Russell Gorrell would like to hear from his friends at and near Newton. Write in care of the Press.