



With the Colors *Jan. 7, 1944*

Edmund B. "Speck" Orr writes his mother, Mrs. Emma Carlton of Willow Hill, from the Southwest Pacific:

"I will write you a few lines to thank all who so kindly remembered me with Christmas cards, I also received several packages, all of which were very nice. I was sure glad to get the pictures of my two sisters, Lillian and Opal; also, their little girls. They certainly looked mighty good to me.

"How is every one in old Willow Hill. Believe it or not, I went to town the other day the first time since November 20, and who should I meet but Robert Whaley, a former Willow Hill boy. We were both almost spechless, but after all we had a nice visit. Bob like myself is as fat as a hog.

"Tell Albert Wilson hello for me and when he writes to Kenney and Deb (Kenneth and John Delbert Wilson, who are in the Army) to give them my best regards."

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Willoughby Harvey writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Harvey of near Newton, from England where he is in the United States Army: "While waiting for my bus I'll try to write a few lines. I'm now returning from three lovely days with Cloyce (his brother, who is also in the Army). It sure was good to see him. He got a pass so we spent the entire three days together.

"We went into a nearby town from his camp and stayed at the Red Cross club. He as well as I has gained about ten pounds since he has been here and looks very good. Cloyce is certainly with a nice bunch of fellows. Everyone of them seems very close to one another for Army men. We looked around for a souvenir to send you but couldn't find anything I liked.

"The Red Cross is doing a wonderful piece of work over here."

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Word has just been received by Mrs. W. Wheeler Sears of Newton that her husband, Lieutenant Sears, has been promoted to first lieutenant, effective December 1, 1943. Lieutenant Sears, who was commissioned a quartermaster officer in May, 1943, and later received a transfer to the Military Police of the Air Transport Command, is now stationed at an air base in Quebec Province, Canada.

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Milo Shaner has returned to Sheppard field, Texas, after spending his furlough with his wife and mother, Mrs. Gola Sempsrott and his brother, Dean Shaner, all of Willow Hill. He will be transferred to the Army Air Force for training as a bombardier as soon as he gets back.

Mrs. Sempsrott has another son, Leroy Duane Shaner, in the Navy in the Pacific.

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Captain and Mrs. D. M. MacFarlane are the parents of a little daughter, Elizabeth Mae, born at Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, on December 14, 1943. Mrs. MacFarlane is the former Oretha Trexler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Trexler of Wheeler vicinity, and is a graduate of the Newton Community high school.

Captain MacFarlane is in the Dental Corps, stationed in England.

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Private and Mrs. John Delbert Wilson are the parents of a son, John Larry, born at the Olney sanitarium, Tuesday. Delbert is in a camp at Tyler, Texas. Mrs. Wilson is the former Katherine Dillman of Louisville. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilson of Newton and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Dillman of Louisville are grand-parents.

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Glenn E. Davis has been promoted to captain in the Army Air Force. He is with the Eleventh Training squadron at the Army Air field, Camp Campbell, Kentucky, near Bowling Green. In a card he says: "If it doesn't stop raining soon we'll have to put pontoons on our planes and join the Naval Air Force."

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Private First Class Ray A. Weber is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weber at Newton. He is receiving schooling at Michigan State college, East Lansing, Michigan. His brother, Lieutenant Donald J. Weber, is in England with a Cavalry troop.

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Mrs. Pearl Cline of Newton received a Christmas and New Year's cablegram from her son, Corporal George Cline, who is somewhere in the the British Isles. He likes it fine and is o. k.

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Leon Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zenas Price of near Newton, arrived

home Thursday morning for a short visit. Leon is a second class boatswain's mate and has been on duty in the Mediterranean area. He was in the battle of Naples and several landings on Italy.

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Private Dale Eugene Reisner, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Reisner of Hidalgo, writes his parents from overseas that he is well and feels fine. He says that he is always glad to receive the Press and that many of his buddies read and enjoy it, even if they don't know anyone here."

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Rex Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Davidson of Newton, has been inducted into the Navy. He is at Sampson, New York. He was inducted from Elgin. Another son, Robert Davidson, is also in the Navy.

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Mrs. Orla Houser of Newton has received word from her husband, who has been in action in the Southwest Pacific, saying he had some broken ribs and was pretty well taped up but otherwise felt fine.

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James Dunnigan is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Dunnigan of Newton. He has just completed his "boot" training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

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Kent E. Ransdell, seaman second class, having finished his "boot" training a few weeks ago at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, is now in Signal school at Urbana.

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The local Navy recruiting station reports the application of Carl R. Cowles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil R. Cowles of Hidalgo, for enlistment in the Naval Reserve.