



With the Colors

7/11/44

Corporal Charles Wooden Jr., writes from Pueblo, Colorado: "I haven't written for quite a while, but I've been kept pretty busy. I have been off duty and staying here in Pueblo with my father, mother and sisters for almost a week. They're leaving this morning to return to Dixon.

"We found plenty to do while they were here. We've been to the Garden of the Gods, Cave of the Winds, Pike's Peak, Will Rogers Shrine, Mount Manitou, Bald mountain, Sheep's mountain, Lookout Rock, Mount Crest crags, Ute pass and a million other interesting places.

I expect soon to see some active combat. I have checked out as an aerial engineer, gunner, armorer, and photographer, so you can see my training is pretty well completed. I am on a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber.

"It doesn't look as though I'm going to get a furlough before I go over but maybe I'll get one when I get back."

His address is Corporal Charles Wooden Jr., 215th C. C. S., Class PB7-8, P. O. Box No. 5067, A. A. B., Pueblo, Colorado.

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Headquarters Antilles Air Command, Puerto Rico, July 10.—Promotion of Glen O. Alexander of Newton, to the grade of sergeant in the Army Air Forces was announced here today at Antilles Air Command headquarters.

Entering the Army November 18, 1924, at Columbus, Ohio, Sergeant Alexander was assigned to his present overseas unit in April, 1941, and is stationed at an Army Air base in Puerto Rico.

Sergeant Alexander was born May 27, 1905, near Newton, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James I. Alexander of Route Five, Newton.

Bases of the Antilles Air Command, of which Sergeant Alexander is a member, are located strategically from the western tip of Cuba to equatorial South America covering an area thirty-six times that of Illinois. The bases form protective barriers for the gateways to the three Americas and serve as stepping stones on the air supply route to the fighting fronts of the world.

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Francis A. Huber, electrician's mate third class, writes the Press from Shoemaker, California: "I thought I would drop you a line to let you know, that my address has changed, since I have arrived here in California. I will probably like it. It is hot here in the daytime and could enough at night to use two blankets.

"I received my Press only a couple of days after I arrived here. It sure comes in handy. Sure is bad that I won't get to the fair this year, as I read in the Press. Please tell all my friends to drop me a few lines."

His address is Francis A. Huber E. M. 3/c, U. S. N. R. B., Barracks 0134, First battalion, Shoemaker, California.

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Technical Sergeant John Welker of Newton was graduated recently from an intensive course in electronic supercharger control at an Air Service Command depot in England. He was one of a small group of men specially selected by his commanding officer to attend the school.

Sergeant Welker received his training at Chanute field, Rantoul.

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