



With the Colors

3/6/44

Private First Class James W. McCoy writes from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Army Air Field: "I arrived here last Wednesday after a good trip from Texas. I am certainly glad to get back up in the north and feel again the snappy air that greets you in the morning up here.

"On the way up here at every stop on the train we were greeted by U. S. O. workers and Red Cross workers, who had almost anything you could ask for. If the train wasn't stopping for long and we weren't able to get off they would throw apples and candy bars to us. Don't ever doubt that the Red Cross or U. S. O. isn't doing any good. They are, you can take my word for it, not only here in the United States but everywhere overseas.

"I am up here for radio school. I am not sure as to when it will start. This base is right in the city limits of Sioux Falls. I can't say how the town is as I haven't been up there yet. Today, being my birthday, made me think of twelve years ago today March 4, 1933, when President Roosevelt first took office. A lot has happened since then."

His address is: Private First Class James W. McCoy, Squadron 804 T. S. S., S. F. A. F. F., Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Roberts of Montrose received word Saturday from their son, Private Wayne Roberts, that he is now stationed in England. He writes he enjoyed the trip very much but several of the boys aboard his ship became very ill from seasickness.

England is where he had hoped to land as he has a brother, Staff Sergeant Will Roberts, who has been there eight months. Bill writes that he has met Paul Wells of Montrose, the first person he has seen that he knew since he has been across. The two are only 50 miles apart and visit one another on week ends.

Wayne hopes to meet up with them soon. To Wayne's friends who wish to write him, address letters in care of Clarence Roberts, Montrose, Illinois.

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Corporal Roy Tracy is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Tracy of Rose Hill vicinity. He has been stationed at Nome, Alaska, and has made two trips over the Alcan highway. He says the snow got so deep that it was over the top of their barracks, and they used tunnels through it to get in and out.

Snow plows are operated on the highway day and night to keep the roadway open and free of snow.

Corporal Tracy is in an Air Force Ordnance battalion and expected to help bomb the Japs off Kiska island but they moved out before he got there.

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Mr. and Mrs. Delbert E. Batman of Newton went to Centralia, Wednesday, to see their son, Private John Batman, who was home on a furlough from Camp Fannin, Texas. It was the first time they had seen him since he was inducted into the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Whightsil and son Ross Whightsil have moved from near Island Grove to Wheeler, where Mr. Whightsil will operate a feed store.

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Private Homer L. Clark, who has been receiving basic training for the Air Force at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, is spending a few days furlough at Newton with his uncle, C. C. Parent and family, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Clark of Arcola vicinity. He is being transferred to Salt Lake City, Utah, for pre-flight training.

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First Lieutenant Fred B. Alcorn is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Alcorn of Newton. He is in the Army postal service in New York, and recently made a quick trip across the Atlantic ocean to the Mediterranean area.

Corporal Paul E. Harris has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Harris of Effingham, formerly of Newton, that he arrived safely in England. He is believed to have been on the largest convoy which ever sailed. He is a radio operator in the Air Force.

A daughter was born to Mrs. Dale Boxley of Newton at St. Anthony's hospital, Effingham, Sunday. Dale is in the Navy in the Atlantic. Mrs. Boxley is the former Thelma Shamhart, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Man-

sel Shamhart of Newton.

Private Duane Wilson writes that he is now in England. "This finds me fine but this damp English climate is hard to get used to. I hope everything in Newton is going good. Old Newton is pretty dead at times but is a good place to be."

Private Floyd Russell writes his wife that he is well and feeling fine. He is in an Infantry Training regiment. His address is Company C, 31st battalion, Eighth Infantry Training regiment, Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Major Medfred S. Riley is spending a few days' leave with his wife and children near Wheeler and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Riley of Newton. He will report back to Atlanta, Georgia, and then expects to be sent overseas.

Lieutenant William Mineo writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Mineo of Newton, that he has been on a bombing mission over Germany. He left at 4:00 a. m. and didn't get back until 8:00 p. m.

Sergeant Albert Wells Jr. and Private Jesse Wells are here visiting their father, Albert Wells of Newton. Jesse has been discharged from the Army after two years' service and Albert is on a furlough.

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Staff Sergeant Charles Robert Dulgar is now at Fort Dix, New Jersey, with the 440th Engineer Depot Company. He expects to be sent overseas in the near future.

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Major James Stewart, former movie star, now commanding a Liberator bomber squadron in England, has been awarded the Air Medal.

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Corporal William H. Dulgar is now in Australia with a General Hospital unit.