



## With the *3/17/44* Colors

Again the Press wishes to call attention to the fact that we do not publish addresses of men and women overseas. This is being done at the request of the War and Navy Departments and is for the safety of the men themselves.

Many wives and parents don't seem to understand this order, which is done to prevent the enemy from obtaining information regarding the location of Army units and ships.

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Private James Brooks writes his mother, Mrs. Dora Brooks of Rose Hill from somewhere in India:

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am well and safe. I have received only one letter from you, but am sure there will be more in the near future. I am now located somewhere in India. That is all I am permitted to say.

"I have seen things here that I never dreamed of seeing. The weather is surely hot although it is in February. I hope by the time this reaches you that you are all well again. We are getting extra good food at the present time.

"I think my APO number will be changed right away but your letters will still reach me by this one. The malaria is pretty bad in this country and we sleep under mosquito bar every night. They are going to have a dance, and a show, near here."

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Naval Aviation Cadet Don W. Ward of Newton has reported to the United States Navy Pre-Flight school at Athens, Georgia, for three months of intensive physical toughening and instruction in advanced ground school subjects. Upon successful completion of the course, he will be transferred to a Naval air station to begin progressive flight training preparatory to joining a combat unit.

Don, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ward of Newton, graduated from Newton community high school in 1941. He completed Naval Flight Preparatory school at Murray, Kentucky, and was transferred here from the CAA War Training Service school at Russellville, Arkansas.

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Private James Dewhirst writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Dewhirst of Newton, from England where he is with an Artillery battalion: "We turned in our money today and got British. I had \$20.00 changed and so have a pocket full of money now. I went into town today after a load of coal. It seems funny to drive on the left side of the road. The houses over here are two story, but are not as long as ours.

"I feel fine now; my stomach doesn't bother me any more. I think we can send cleaning and laundry before long. I have a lot of dirty clothes."

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A new recruit at the United States Naval Training Station at Great Lakes is Philip B. Burgund, 17, son of Mrs. Katherine E. Burgund of Route Two, Willow Hill. Now undergoing "boot" training, he is being indoctrinated into Navy life, and is being instructed in seamanship, military drill, and naval procedure. Soon, he will be given a series of aptitude tests to determine whether he will be selected to attend one of the Navy's service schools, or will be assigned to active duty at sea.

Upon completion of his recruit training, he will be granted a nine-day leave.

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Corporal Victor A. Kibler, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Kibler of near Newton, has reported at the Keesler field, Mississippi, unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command to begin a phase of processing designed to determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet.

Upon successful completion of medical and psychological tests, classification, and training, he will be sent to a college or university for five months of further study. If it is found that he has sufficient academic background, he will be sent directly to a pre-flight center for cadet training.

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Private Anton Ostir, who received a severely sprained ankle and bruises when the car he was driving struck a culvert on Route 33 east of Effingham the latter part of last week, has returned to Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi. He and his wife were enroute to camp when they met a car in the middle of the slab. Private Ostir went off the highway and crashed into the culvert to avoid a head-on collision.

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Second Lieutenant James L. Mason of Charleston, a son of Lowell B. Mason of Gary, Indiana, and a grand-son of Mr. and Mrs. Eph Mason of Newton, is one of nine Illinois pilots who

have been assigned to fighter squadrons to take part in the defense of the Panama canal installations. This area has been described by Secretary of War Frank Knox as the "best defender spot in the world."

His brother, Donald Mason, is following in his footsteps and is now an Air Cadet at Creighton university, Omaha, Nebraska.

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Virginia Ann Graham, seaman first class in the Waves, is here from Washington, D. C., spending a furlough with her mother, Mrs. Erma Graham and other relatives in Newton.

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LaDonne Mitchell, who is in the Navy, has been spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank Mitchell of Newton vicinity.

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Sergeant Appleton B. Clark is enjoying a twelve day furlough in Grove township. He is now stationed at Sioux City, Iowa.

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Rene Brackett, who is in the Navy, is spending a furlough here with his wife and son and other relatives.