



With the *3/2/44* Colors

Aviation Cadet Herschel Jones writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Jones of Newton: "Never before have I enjoyed it as I do when a couple of us can get up there together. It is quite a lot of relaxation to have somebody to talk to and joke with when things were pretty tough. Flying formation today was a good example that is quite tiring as you are so close that you need to hit the ball all the time and it is a strain. But after an hour you let your buddy fly and you still ride but you sit back and look at the ground and watch the clouds go by.

"Did I ever tell you that never is there a grander feeling and a cleaner place to be than in among the clouds or above them. They look like great piles of snow and just as white as can be. In fact usually you can see a 'halo' around your shadow in the clouds as you fly by or over the clouds.

"Of course some of these clouds spell trouble but we have been lectured and shown and have been in these a little in order to show us what ones not to fly into. They are the big black ones and even some of these high piles of clouds can mean trouble. There have been no recorded wind velocities as high as 200 miles per hour, but (believe it or not) in some of these thunderheads they tear a plane up in nothing flat, if you get sucked into them, so we really watch them. But when you have a broken up sky so you can fly in around the clouds you are really in your glory.

"Did you ever get a chance to see the show 'A Guy Named Joe'? If you ever do get a chance please see it because it tells and explains in there what we go through with and how an aviator really feels. Dad you should see it too because you will enjoy it, I believe, and if you do meet the guy say that after you leave the ground it is your evening and the higher you are the safer you are. That is the truth and really hits the spot.

"Well I've got one more check to go here and then I'm through basic. It is an instrument check and is hard in bad weather but not too hard in good weather so I'll pray for good weather. Really it shouldn't be too bad.

"We had a swell time with one instructor today at the flight line while waiting for the fog to lift. We just had a grand singing session and they really are a swell bunch of guys, so much different from the BT instructors. In a couple of months I'll get to come home. Keep up the good work."

Private James H. Babbs writes from Fort Bliss, Texas: "As I have received a change of address, I thought I better pass it on to you because I don't want to miss getting the Press.

"I am now in Texas, but not deep in the heart of it. This is very desolate country here but it is a nice camp and we are building up the old cavalry part of it into an anti-aircraft replacement center. I was one of six sent down from Camp Callen to keep the trucks, cats, jeeps, etc., rolling until they have some trainees educated for the job.

"Army life is just what you make of it and will do some of us a lot of good. The bunch that are with the

Lieutenant Paul Robards, who has been in Texas and Hawaii, is spending a furlough with his wife and baby, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Robards of Newton. Paul is a medical administrative officer with the Army Medical Corps, he will report to Camp Grant, soon. Corporal Sylvan Robards of Fort Knox, Kentucky, a brother, spent the week end here with him. Sylvan is a cook at the Armored Force school.

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Corporal Dayrel Stortzum of Newton writes from somewhere in England: "I never dreamed that I would be here. I am o. k. and am feeling swell. Here it is Sunday. Just another work day but time goes fast here. I haven't received the Press since I left the States but I'm hoping to get some soon. I would like to hear from some of my pals that are over here or at home."

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Lawrence Lee, boatswain's mate, second class, United States Coast Guard, has been visiting friends at Newton. His mother and brother, Mrs. Ed Lee and son John, left a few days ago for Rawlings, Wyoming, where they will reside. "Mud" has been at sea in the South Atlantic.

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Corporal John H. Maxwell writes his sister, Mrs. Charles Holt of Newton, that he is well and feels fine, but

wishes some of his Newton friends were with him. He is somewhere in the South or Southwest Pacific.

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J. Mack Eaton of Newton has been promoted from lieutenant commander to commander, United States Naval Reserve. He is security officer at Pearl Harbor, having been transferred there recently from New York.

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Lieutenant Scott Cummins is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery S. Cummins of Willow Hill. He is in the Navy, in which he has served for several years, and has been at sea.

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Ensign Florent J. Schuch has been sent overseas in the Pacific area with a Liberator bomber group. He recently was home on leave after completing his training in Florida.

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Private First Class Victor Wagy writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joy Wagy of Newton, that he is well and is seeing some of the country. He is somewhere in Australia.

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Private George H. Bickers of near Willow Hill has qualified as an expert on the machine gun at the Armored Force Replacement Training center at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

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Private Glenn W. Stanley is spending a furlough from Camp Roberts, California, with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stanley of Newton.

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Private First Class Vincent B. Boehl of Huntsville, Alabama, has been promoted to corporal. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Boehl of the Bend.

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Corporal William W. Jones is spending an eleven day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Jones of near Falmouth.

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Private Loren Heady has been spending a few days furlough at Newton with his wife. He is stationed in Kentucky.