



## With the Colors

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The Hidalgo Christian Endeavor has received the following letter from Leonard Harold Yelton, who is in England.

"I received your letter a few short days ago. I must sincerely say here that I appreciate hearing from you. I think that letters from friends and relatives at home do more to boost a soldier's morale than anything in the world. Especially, it does a person good to know that the home church is standing by striving earnestly by act and prayer for the successful termination of this war.

"I maintain that no nation will stand very long on its own two feet when it fails to heed the law of God and governs its people only by the iron hand of cruelty. Winning the war by the Allies means giving the good people everywhere a chance to worship God as they please—freedom of religion.

"I will say in closing that I think your Christian Endeavor work is not only very beneficial to you as individuals but to your community and country as a whole. So may you all carry on with your good work. Good-bye and God bless you all."

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Lieutenant Kenneth "Pete" Johnson of the Marines writes Frank McCullough of Newton from the Southwest Pacific: "The mosquitoes here aren't the largest but they're sure the smartest I've ever seen. They were always waiting for me on the side of the tent on which I got up on. I thought I'd fool them and got up on the other side. It worked the first time but the next time they were waiting for me there. Then I tried dividing up, first one side, then the other, but they also divided up. I got a Flit gun and they stayed away as long as I had it but closed in when I laid it down."

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Dale Phillips and little son Michael of Ann Arbor, Michigan, were here this week visiting his mother, Mrs. Albert Phillips of Newton, and preparing to move here in the near future. Dale was accepted for Army service at Detroit, Michigan, last Monday. He will be the fifth son that Mrs. Phillips has in the armed services besides two sons-in-law.

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Lieutenant Edward Resch is here for a few days' visit with his mother, Mrs. William Resch of Newton. He is being transferred from Camp Howze, Texas, to Fort Ord, California. He hopes to see his brother, Chief Petty Officer Howard "Duke" Resch, who is with the Pacific fleet, for they haven't seen each other for three years.

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Private James H. Kingery, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Kingery of Bogota, has qualified as an expert shot with the .45 caliber pistol at Camp White, Oregon, and is now entitled to wear the coveted expert's badge, the Ninety-sixth division's highest marksmanship award. Private Kingery is a member of the 383rd Infantry regiment.

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Private First Class Robert Geltz writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geltz of near Sainte Marie that he is now stationed in the Hawaiian islands. He is in the Infantry and his cousin, Private Carol Hipp, a son of Mrs. Charles Hipp of Sainte Marie, is in the Artillery in the same division.

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James B. Crooks, a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Crooks of Newton, went to Springfield, Thursday, to enlist in the Navy. He is 17 years old. Kenneth Ray Gaines of Olney has applied through the local recruiting station for enlistment in the Navy.

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Sergeant Basil Auteberry was home on a short furlough. He was given a farewell party with approximately one hundred there. He has now returned back to his camp at camp Campbell, Kentucky.

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Private Paul Brackett writes his wife from French Guiana, South America, that he is well. He is an M. P.