



With the Colors

11/19/44

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kerner of near Newton are in receipt of the citation issued to their son, Sergeant Andrew G. Kerner, when he received the Bronze Star medal recently in France. He is in the Mechanized Calvary. It reads:

"For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France during the period from July 30, 1944, to September 11, 1944. Replacing his platoon leader, he served admirably and skillfully as leader of a light tank platoon (five tanks) for several weeks."

The Press had a picture of him receiving the medal about ten days ago.

Another son, Private First Class Neil E. Kerner, has returned to Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, after a three weeks visit with his parents.

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New Delhi, India: Dan E. Diel, 20 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Diel of 920 West Washington street, Newton, has been overseas in the China Burma India Theater of Operations for the past fourteen months.

Technician Fifth Grade Diel is a member of a Quartermaster Truck company of the Service of Supply. His unit is located in Assam, easternmost province of India along the route of supply to our troops in Burma.

Prior to his induction into the Army at Camp Grant, he was employed at the Allison division of the General Motors Corporation in Speedway, Indiana. He entered the service about twenty months ago, and received his training at Camp Sutton, North Carolina before going overseas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Roberts of Montrose have received a letter from

their son, Wayne Roberts, telling them of his promotion to sergeant. He wrote that he had just returned from a hospital where he had given a pint of blood to be sent to France. Only seven out of his company had the type of blood they needed.

His brother, Staff Sergeant Will Roberts, has been in Paris. His parents have received from him a captured German steel helmet and two forty millimeter mortar shells. No word has been received from him since October 3.

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Corporal and Mrs. Mack Mason are visiting at Oblong. He was a salesman of washing machines before entering the service. At present he is a cook in an Army Air Force unit at Yuma, Arizona, and resides near the field. He finds that he doesn't have any difficulty in keeping warm most of the time.

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Ronald Byrd, who is in the Pacific, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Byrd of Willow Hill, that he is well and likes the Navy. He has just received the rating of F. C. (fire controlman) 3/c and likes the work fine. He is now receiving the Newton Press and says keep it coming.

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Mrs. John M. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. William Spencer of Newton have just received word that their grandson, Sergeant James R. Spencer, has landed safely somewhere in France. He is with a Medical Evacuation Transportation unit. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Spencer of Rochester, New York.

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Sergeant Tim Holt is home on a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Holt and other relatives. Sergeant Holt has two brothers in the armed forces, Corporal Andrew Holt in New Guinea and Technician Fifth Grade Gene Holt, somewhere in France.

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Seaman First Class R. Don Higgins has gone to Seattle, Washington, after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Mae Higgins of northeast of Newton. He has been at Washington, D. C.,

and has been transferred to the west coast.

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Corporal Clyde Boyd left for Camp Romulus, Michigan, Tuesday, after a fifteen day furlough with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irely Boyd of Yale. He was being transferred from San Bernardino, California.

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Seaman First Class Warren Stanley of Norfolk, Virginia, was here on leave last week with his wife and family at Newton. He has now been assigned to a ship.

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Sergeant Charles R. Ellsworth has been discharged from the Army. He was wounded in the Southwest Pacific.

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Robert Hubbard has been discharged from the Army after several months' service, and is now at home.

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Sergeant and Mrs. Cloyce L. Hunt of Fort Sheridan were over election day visitors in Jasper county.