



## With the Colors

11/17/44

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station in England.—Corporal John S. Diel, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Diel of Montrose vicinity, is an aircraft sheet metal repairman with the engineering section of an Eighth Air Force Service Command subdepot which repairs and maintains Flying Fortress bombers.

He was graduated from Newton Community high school in 1940 and prior to his entry in the Army in July, 1942, at Camp Grant, was a farmer. He has been overseas eighteen months. His brother, Sergeant Willis Diel, is now at Boise, Idaho, after many months in England.

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Seaman Second Class Clarence Wayne Halterman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Halterman of Villa Grove, formerly of Hunt City, who completed his boot training without demerits and spent his leave at home, has returned to Great Lakes. He writes he will be there in Gunnery school for sixteen weeks. His address is Clarence Wayne Halterman, seaman second class, Braccks 405, USSSK, G11-3.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ives of Hunt City are grand-parents of the seaman.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Alexander of near Newton have received a letter from their son Private First Class Kenneth L. Alexander, who was an airplane mechanic instructor at Keesler field, Mississippi, saying he was transferred to Ford's Willow Run plant, in Michigan, and is going through aerial engineer training "The eats are much nicer up here. I have been invited out for the evening several times. It seems almost like home," he added.

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Private Wilford French, who accidentally shot himself through the foot with a rifle he was removing from a car last Thursday, is under treatment at George field hospital, Lawrenceville. Mrs. French and children Keith and Marlene and her parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Viva Cook and daughter Charlene of Casey spent Sunday afternoon with him. He was suffering considerable pain from the wound.

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Private First Class Carl Flynn writes his wife at Newton that he is now on Leyte island in the Philippines and has learned how to hit a foxhole in the dark. He said that they were thirty-seven days aboard ship and transferred to an LST (landing ship, tank) on the last day.

H-hour was at 10:00 p. m., he added, and his outfit landed at 10:20, not far behind the first wave.

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Raymond L. Yager, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Yager of near Newton, has been accepted for the Navy and is now taking his boot training at Great Lakes. Before entering the service he was employed by Otis "Joker" Benefiel as a tractor driver.

Anyone wishing to write him, his address is: Raymond L. Yager, AS, Company 2088, USNTC, Great Lakes, Illinois.

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Lieutenant Fred Alcorn of Camp Lee, Virginia, and Charles Alcorn of

Indianapolis were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Alcorn of Newton, parents of Fred, Thursday. Lieutenant Alcorn, who is in the Army Postal school, was here on a flying visit. Charles is a former Newton Community high school student, and a former resident of West Liberty.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clapp of near West Liberty have received a letter from their son, Marlin Clapp, who is in New Guinea, stating that he was well and that summer was just starting, with the sun in the north all of the time. He is working in a mess hall. He said some of the boys are beginning to receive their packages.

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Private Anthony Passalacqua is expected to arrive at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, this week, after sixteen months in the Asiatic theatre of operations as an Engineer, according to word from the War Department. He will receive a furlough and will visit his wife here.

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Corporal and Mrs. Paul Adkins are the parents of a seven pound, ten ounce son, Stephen Alan, born at the Effingham hospital, Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Adkins of Peoria and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Eveland of Newton vicinity are grandparents.

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Floyd "Whiskers" Portlock is home after having received a discharge from the Navy for a back injury, which began while he was a city carrier at the local post office. He has been in the convalescent camp in Yosemite National Park recently.

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Private Roe Reed is spending a furlough with his father, Sherman Reed of Newton, after thirty months in the Southwest Pacific, where he participated in the fighting in New Guinea and other areas. He is browned by the tropical sun but is well.

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Clifford Warfel, who landed at an east coast port a few days ago, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Warfel of Newton, that he has now been across both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. He is in the Navy.

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Private Orville E. Phillips, who is in England, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips of Willow Hill, that he has recently received a technician fifth grade rating. He is a cook in a general hospital.