



## With the Colors

11/7/44

Chief Petty Officer Earl Jones arrived back in New York and sent the following letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Jones of Newton: "I guess that we visited the place where the Joneses came from. Looking on a map you will find a part of the British isles called Wales and at the southwestern point of Wales you will find a city called Milford Haven and that's where this trip took us. I thought that if we ever traced the Jones family back we would find that they came from Wales. At least there were plenty of Joneses in Milford Haven and I even saw one store owned by Earl Jones.

"This was the roughest trip that we've ever had. We happened to hit the season of the year when gales blow up and we hit three in a row after leaving England coming back. Then we only had 100 miles to go before reaching New York and a storm blew up there and it took us a day and a half to get to New York.

"Again, as in Ireland, I found the people of Wales about fifty years behind us. Milford Haven had practically nothing for us to buy in the way of souvenirs and that was because all the Yanks who were there before us just about cleaned the town.

"The people were very friendly to us and they said that they've enjoyed the Americans. I sort of go for the calm and quiet of the English and certainly admire their spirit during this war. I know if the people in the states had everything rationed and as many shortages as the English, most of them would rather be dead. Why the English can't even buy a handkerchief without a ration coupon.

"The first anniversary of the commissioning of our ship came while we were in Milford and we held a party at a gym built by the Americans. We invited one of the English women's branches called the Wrens to be our guests and they were really entertaining. They can dance like we do but they have some party dances that went over in a big way.

"I would have liked to have been able to visit London but that would have required two days. Maybe we will be nearer London the next time.

"I didn't get this mailed so I can add a few lines after our phone call. I was glad to hear that everyone is fine and that things are pretty good around home. I received the overcoat in good condition and also a Christmas gift from the Farm Bureau. Speaking of Christmas, how about some suggestions? Also if there is anything in particular you'd like to have me buy here in New York."

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An Air Service Command Station in England—Corporal Delbert E. Dow, son of Mrs. Pearl Galloway of near Dieterich, recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the states and combat soldering against the enemy in France.

At this Air Service Command Sta-

tion Corporal Dow attended a series of lectures given by veterans of this command which included instructions on chemical warfare defense and pertinent tips on staying healthy in a combat zone. His next station will be one from America's fighting planes over our liberation of Occupied Europe.

Before entering the Army Air Forces, he was employed as a farmer in Champaign county.

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Sergeant John Passalacqua writes from Somewhere in France under date of October 20: "I am receiving the Newton Press, in spite of the fact that my outfit moves so fast. It gives a man great joy to receive news from his home town. There isn't much I can say at the present, except I am in good health and with hopes of returning to good old Jasper county. In closing this letter I send my best regards to all of my friends."

He is with a Parachute Infantry battalion.

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Privates First Class Norman Benefiel and Robert Worcester of Newton have been enroute overseas and may have landed by this time. Norman wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benefiel of Newton, that Bob was occupying the bunk above him. Both are in an Infantry division.

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Corporal Loran Dale Robinson is spending a twenty-one day furlough with his parents, Lavern Robinsons. This is his first furlough since entering the Army. He has been stationed in Alaska for sixteen months. He will report back to Fort Ord, California.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Huss of near Sainte Marie have received word that their son, Louis L. Huss has been promoted to seaman first class in the Navy. He was highly commended by his commanding officer.

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The United States Marine Corps will celebrate its one hundred and sixty-ninth anniversary Friday. It was formed November 10, 1775, by act of the Continental congress.

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Private Ray Weber is here from Camp Clark, Missouri, spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weber of Newton. Camp Clark is a prisoner of war camp.

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Corporal Paul Adkins was in Jasper county over the week end enroute from Texas to Peoria, where he will spend a furlough with his father, Wade Adkins, and family.

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Corporal Joel Wakefield has been sent overseas to the Pacific theatre of war, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wakefield of Newton vicinity, have learned.

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Sergeant Clayton Wright is on his way overseas with an Infantry division, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Wright of Newton, have learned.

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Corporal Buryl L. Katro is here from Eglin field, Florida, spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Katro of Newton.

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Sergeant Estle I. Short, who is in France or Germany with a Tank bat-

talion, writes that he is well.

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James M. Doerr has gone to Alma, Michigan, where he will be in a Naval V-12 unit at Alma college.

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