



With the Colors

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Private James Ping has been spending a twelve day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ping of near Willow Hill, and his sisters in Chicago. He left Saturday for Fort Benning, Georgia, where he is in the Paratroop battalion after taking a few weeks refresher course and making two jumps to qualify for overseas duty.

He was in training at Camp Mackall, North Carolina, for more than a year and making in that time twenty-one jumps. After getting a touch of gas on his lungs in a gas test, he was sent to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, to recuperate. He was attached to the Rainbow division there.

The outfit he was with at Camp Mackall is now in France, where they have made at least two combat jumps.

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Seaman Second Class W. Frank Turner writes: "I am fine and hope every one back home is the same. I have a pretty nice ship and have a lot of fun with my shipmates.

"I guess everyone had pretty good luck with their crops this year.

"To anyone who has been writing to me or to any one who wishes to drop me a line I sure would appreciate it and do my best to answer all of them.

"I receive my Press regularly and enjoy it very much."

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Lieutenant Herschel Jones flew from Alabama to George field, Saturday and came to Newton for a few hours visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Jones. He attended a birthday dinner on Sunday for his grand-father, W. A. Jones of Willow Hill, who will be 82, Thursday, and his uncle, George Bohlander of Olney, who was 70, Monday.

Lieutenant Jones went back to George field, took his plane and returned to Courtland field, Alabama, for instruction Sunday night at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

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Bertie E. Sparks, seaman first class, who has just returned from somewhere in England, recently spent a short leave at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Sparks of Tolono. Their mother, Mrs. Millie Sparks of Newton, also visited there.

Bertie returned by way of Chicago to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to continue his duties in an Armed Guard unit on an outgoing ship.

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Private First Class Donnace H. Emery writes to his friends in Jasper county to let them know he is in very good health. He is stationed somewhere in England, but hopes to see his friend, Sergeant Ira A. Crouse, who is in France. Sergeant Lowell F. Howard of Rose Hill is in the same company with Private Emery.

Don was recently wounded in France but has recovered.

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Private First Class Merle Eveland and Private First Class Delbert Eveland, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Eveland of northwest of Newton, recently met on a South Pacific island. It was the first time they had seen each other for two years and a half. Merle has been overseas for twenty-eight months.

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Aviation Machinist's Mate James Picquet of Sainte Marie has been transferred from the Naval Air Station at Ottumwa, Iowa, to the Naval Air Station at Alameda, California, near San Francisco. He saw much action in the South and Southwest Pacific before being returned to the United States several months ago.

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Seaman First Class Michael Rennie is spending a thirteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Rennie of the Bend. He has just returned from overseas, where he was on duty since last April.

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Mrs. Lewis Worthey is in receipt of two letters from her son, Coxswain Frank Worthey. This is the first she had heard from his for four weeks. He says he is well and likes the Navy fine.

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Ensign Dale Huddleston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ona Huddleston of near Newton, has returned after spending a fifteen day leave with home folks and friends. He went by plane from Indianapolis back to Cuba.