

Corporal Donald R. Alexander, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Alexander of near Newton, and Sergeant Robert W. Fowler of Yale are in the American Third army in France. Donald has been in the Army Ordnance Corps since June, 1943, and overseas since April, 1944.

The ordnance boys don't get much credit because their work is not spectacular, but it's as important to the war work as a blocking half-back is to the flashy back who carries the ball.

Their job is to keep the armored outfits rolling. The ordnance depot keeps all sorts of replacements and parts from a tiny cotterpin to spare medium tanks, and keeps moving up to remain close behind the Third army front.

*Oct. 3, 1944*

Joseph C. Cummins, motor machinist's mate second class, has returned to a Naval hospital at San Diego, California, after a thirty day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Daisy Mulvaney of Terre Haute, formerly of Newton. He has been recommended for six months deferred duty at Miami, Florida, but in the meantime is repairing trucks at the Naval Ammunition depot at Fall Brook, California.

He was wounded when the ship he was on received a direct hit northwest of New Georgia island, February 15. Thirty-nine pieces of shrapnel were removed from his back, shoulders and chest at a Naval hospital before he returned to the United States. He is

much lighter than he was when he entered the service, weighing only 138 pounds now.

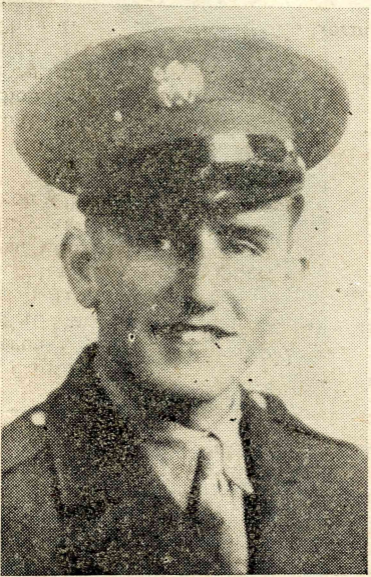
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Corporal Buryl L. Katro writes that he works with the range section at Eglin field, Florida. "Our duties take us to the different ranges where there are gunnery missions, to give the pilots some idea of the score they are making.

"I have never mentioned it before, but I appreciate the Press very much. Since I am still in the states, I can understand what it means to the fellows overseas. I hope to get a furlough to see my friends again before long."

His address is Corporal Buryl L. Katro, Boat and Range section, 610th Base unit L, Eglin field, Florida.

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Private First Class Elza Turner who will celebrate his birthday October 27.

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John L. Schackman, who is training at the United States Maritime Service Training school, Sheepshead bay, New York, writes that he likes it fine. He was on the ship Glory of the Sea, but was transferred to the Western Ho. John is a World war II veteran, a member of Jasper post, American Legion, who has reentered the war after getting an honorable discharge from the Army.

He would like to hear from all his friends. His address is John L. Schackmann 4414-25211 B2, Company K, U. S. M. S. T. S., Brooklyn, New York.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Chapman have received a letter from their son, Jerry Chapman. He said he reached New Orleans, Wednesday evening at 7:00 and will be there five or six days.

"We leave here to go to Panama for two weeks' shakedown cruise and then come back here. They say we might get a leave before we go across but I don't know."

Jerry's birthday will be October 10. If any friends wish to send him cards, his address may be obtained from his parents.

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Mrs. Earl D. Wilson of Wheeler has received a letter from her husband, Private Wilson of Camp Wolters, Texas, stating that he had been placed on cadre and assigned to that camp. His duties will be to help instruct and train new troops.

He also attended a film projector school and now has a license to operate machines for the visual aid department.

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Charles C. Cowger, specialist technical instructor third class, is home visiting his wife and children of Hidalgo on a six day leave. He is still stationed at Camp Peary, Virginia. Charles reports that Camp Peary has closed down all recruit training except the special educational program of which he is a part.

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Captain Leland E. Conley, who has recently been at Stark General hospital, Charleston, South Carolina, has been transferred to Mayo General hospital at Galesburg. He is a medical administrative officer and is on duty at the hospital, after recovering from illness in New Guinea.

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Corporal George S. McColley writes that he is now in Belgium, and is thought to be with the American First army. His armored division has many men from Jasper county in it. They are along the Belgium-Germany frontier.

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Private Victor Gosnell is visiting his mother, Mrs. John Gosnell of northwest of Newton. He is in a Medical unit at North Fort Lewis, Washington, and expects to be sent overseas soon after he returns to camp.

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Private First Class James Rubsam is spending a thirteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rubsam and family of Newton. He is stationed at Alachua Army Air Base, Gainesville, Florida.

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Private Loren Waymoth of Fort Benning, Georgia, is spending a fifteen day furlough here. He is in the

Infantry and met Delmar Salyers, who is in the same camp, at Newton.

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Seaman Second Class Vernon McCall is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCall of Newton.

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Private Tony Levitt is here on a short furlough from Camp Maxey, Texas.