



## With the Colors

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Private First Class Harrison Brown, who is overseas, writes his father, Alonzo Brown of near Newton: "I don't know much to write. I am still an M. P., that is the army for you. Sometimes it takes a lifetime to get all the red tape wound up, then one never knows where he will end up. If I knew, I know I would like the work better and it would give me a chance to use my brain a little; that is what I have left. I have grown pretty stale this past year.

"You say that most of the talk is about how to take care of us returning soldiers. Just let me tell you and all the rest of the people back there something. There are thousands, yes millions, of us who have never been on W. P. A. and don't owe Uncle Sam anything. Now we figure that if we could take care of ourselves before the war, we can do it again. So if he will spend more time trying to get us home, we will take care of ourselves.

"Those that can't take care of themselves, well there is still room in the army for men like that. The army is just full of officers and men whose names were at one time found on the long list of W. P. A. administrators. Some of them have the best job they ever had. Their salaries range from \$500.00 to \$800.00 per month with all expenses. This area is full of this type.

"There are enough silver bars, leaves and eagles to make silver for all the families in America, and have some left over. It keeps the Egyptian slaves busy shining them.

"I read in the paper where Hershey says that with the fall of Germany, the army can demobilize some two and a half million. Well, I sure would like to be in that two and a half million, but I don't suppose they will ever think of this area because it is not a combat area any longer.

"I wish I were there to help with some of the fall work. I think that the first demobilization will come next spring. In the meantime I will just sweat it out and hope that congress will give us older fellows a break."

Private First Class Robert Kerner is now at home spending a fifteen day furlough with his wife and son Bobby Bill. He was home last June on a twenty-one day delay enroute from West Virginia to Miami Beach, Florida.

Bob came home from Italy, landing in the states June 9. He spent a year and a half in North Africa, Sicily and Italy with the Air Forces. He is now in the Third Air Force squadron, stationed at Esler field, Camp Bauregard, Alexandria, Louisiana.

While at Miami Beach he found out that he could have been awarded the Purple Heart if he had reported his injuries at the time. A mine exploded and left two scars on the calves of each leg while in action on the Anzio beachhead.

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Miss Clare K. Null of Newton, was enrolled recently at the Naval Training school (yeomen-W) on the Iowa State Teachers college campus, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

This member of the Woman's Reserve was selected for her specialty training on the basis of her recruit training aptitude tests and past civilian experience. The course of yeomen study includes shorthand, typing, Naval correspondence, records and forms, and current events.

Successful completion of the course makes this Wave eligible for a petty

officer rate before receiving further duty orders within the continental limits of the United States.

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Lieutenant and Mrs. Wayne Jones of Camp Wolters, Texas, are spending a fifteen day leave as a honeymoon, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira May and Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Jones and their families. A big dinner was served on Sunday at the Jones home for them. Lieutenant Jones is in the Infantry.

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Sergeant and Mrs. Delbert Shryock have been here on a twenty-three day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shryock and his sister, Mrs. Winfred Davis and family of Newton. Sergeant Shryock is in a Transportation outfit. They left Sunday for New York for a visit with her parents, after which he will return to Seattle, Washington.

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First Lieutenant and Mrs. William L. Mineo of Orlando, Florida, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Mineo of Newton. Bill was driving his car back. He is a returned bombardier who is now in Florida after several months with the Eighth Army Air Force in England.

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Chief Petty Officer Earl Jones is expected home today or tomorrow for a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Jones of Newton. He is in the Coast Guard and has been on convoy duty in the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

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Warrant Officer and Mrs. Glen Gorman of San Francisco, California, announce the arrival of a baby daughter, Glenda Rae, September 4. Mrs. Gorman is the former Ruth Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Brooks of South Newton.

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Sergeant Ruth Foltz and Master Sergeant Gerald Cooley of Sullivan, Indiana, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foltz of Wheeler. Both are stationed at Aberdeen Proving grounds, Maryland.

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Private Robert Crotty is here on furlough, visiting his wife and children. Robert, before induction was an employe of Newton Ice and Cold Storage Company, delivering ice.