



## With the Colors

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Sergeant Gilbert Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bishop of Montrose, has been returned from the Italian theatre of war, after having served seventeen months in the North Africa and Italy.

He participated in one of the major battles in Italy last winter where his feet were so badly frozen that hospitalization was necessary for several months. It was here that after they had captured a German stronghold he and four other American soldiers captured a German battle flag.

He was wounded in another major battle and has been awarded the Purple Heart with cluster, a medal from European theatre of operations with two stars for major battles, a citation for expert combat rifleman, the bronze star, and a presidential citation. He leaves in a few days for Miami, Florida, where he will rest in a hotel for several weeks.

He was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Dan Riley, Monday. He is a cousin of Mrs. Riley.

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Staff Sergeant George A. Yount has been sent back to the states from France, where he served with the Ninth Air Force. Sergeant Yount flew home. He left France September 7 and reached New York, September 11.

He has recently enrolled at Amherst college at Amherst, Massachusetts. Sergeant Yount sent a telegram to his mother when he arrived at New York, saying he would be home at once. The next day he sent another that he would not get a furlough owing to the fact that the fall term of school was already beginning and would have to wait until the Christmas vacation.

Sergeant Yount completed his sixty-ninth bombing mission before leaving France.

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Aviation Cadet and Mrs. Dale Smallwood are spending a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Smallwood and his brothers, Lucas W. and Harold Smallwood of Newton and vicinity. Dale is stationed at Maxwell field, Alabama, in pre-flight school but expects to be sent to a pilot training school upon his return, possibly in Florida. He has been in the cadets a year and this is his first furlough.

His two sisters, Mrs. Russell Dwyer and children and Mrs. George Manos and daughter are also visiting here.

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Captain Leland E. Conley, who has been under treatment at a hospital at Louisville, Kentucky, after service in New Guinea, has again been returned to active duty. He is now assigned to Stark General hospital at Charleston, South Carolina.

"This is a debarkation hospital receiving nothing but patients from the European theatre," he says. "When a boat load arrives we work around the clock getting them shipped out to various hospitals nearer their homes to make room for the next load."

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Aviation Cadet Donald T. Mason, son of Lowell Mason of Crown Point, Indiana, and grand-son of Mr. and Mrs. Eph Mason of Newton, has been named cadet captain in the Aviation Cadet Corps at Santa Ana, California, Army Air base. He now commands aviation squadron 43, advanced pre-flight school squadron, in all phases of military and academic training.

Don has previously been in training at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, and Creighton university, Omaha, Nebraska.

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Seaman Second Class Harry C. Parr, who is stationed at the Navy Amphibious Training base at Norfolk, Virginia, writes that the recent hurricane on the east coast did lots of damage. It beached small craft and the wind velocity ranged from 75 to 125 miles per hour. Harry says they live in steel huts that accommodate twelve men each and are comfortable.

Camp Bradford, where he is stationed, is called the camp of "Navy fighting men."

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Private James N. Beebe, who is stationed with an anti-aircraft battery in Sardinia near Italy, writes that, vegetables and eggs are high in price over there. He says a tomato the size of a coffee cup costs 25 cents each and an egg costs 35 cents each. He is well and says his outfit doesn't hear much about the war news in other theatres of operation.

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Technical Sergeant H. Ardell Heady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heady of Smallwood township, is now in France. He has been with the Mediterranean Air Force and later the Photo-Intelligence section of the

Mediterranean area headquarters. He writes that when he landed in France there was celebrations on all sides and every evidence of joy at the Allied landings.

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Seaman Second Class Oscar J. Boehl of Great Lakes Naval Training Station is spending a nine day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Boehl and family of the Bend, and his brother, Corporal Vincent B. Boehl of Huntsville, Alabama, who is visiting here.

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Private First Class and Mrs. R. L. Worcester Jr. of Chicago were here this week, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Worcester and Sheriff and Mrs. A. H. Parker of Newton, and his brother, Private First Class Robert Worcester, who was here on furlough from Camp Pickett, Virginia.

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Seaman Second Class Joe Volk is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Volk of Bogota vicinity. He has just completed his boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

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Captain Herman Gardner, who has been at the Field Artillery school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, has been ordered to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where he will command a battery of field artillery.

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Chief Petty Officer Victor J. Yost is on a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Yost of Sainte Marie vicinity. He has been in the South Pacific for the past year.

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Gunner's Mate Second Class Orla Houser writes from the Southwest Pacific area that he has been transferred to a new base and is now in the Paula island group.

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Ensign Dale Huddleston of Cuba is spending a fifteen day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ona Huddleston of Newton vicinity.

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Private Ralph E. Schackmann has been assigned to a Quartermaster Depot company at Fort Benning, Georgia.