



With the Colors

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With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Private James R. LeFever of Willow Hill is fighting along the Arno river in Italy with the 133rd Infantry regiment that has been a nightmare to battered German troops throughout the Fifth army's Italian campaign.

Overseas nearly three years, the 133rd Infantry regiment of the Thirty-fourth "Red Bull" division has piled up more hours in actual combat than any American divisions have time overseas.

The veteran Fifth army regiment first blazed its guns at a cocky enemy in the bony mountain ranges of Tunisia and defeated the Krauts in the famous battle for Hill 609. Backed from Tunisia to the Arno, the defeat-written faces of retreating German troops are still haunted by the Red Bulls who have gored the enemy at Cassino, Anzio and in crushing drives above Rome.

Many Decorations

With a record of having taken every objective assigned to it, the 133rd has become one of the most decorated units in the Mediterranean Theatre. Scattered among the fighting infantrymen of the unit are two Congressional Medals of Honor, nineteen Distinguished Service Crosses, 117 Silver Stars for gallantry in action and more than 1,500 Purple Heart awards.

First elements of the 133rd sailed for Ireland in January, 1942, one of the first infantry units to go overseas in this war.

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Mr. and Mrs. Emery Coverstone of Grove township have received a letter from their son, Private First Class Emery L. Coverstone, better known here as Junior. He is somewhere in the South Pacific. He said he was o. k. and working hard, but that they haven't seen a white woman since last November. He asked some of his friends to write him. His address may be obtained from his mother, Mrs. Emery Coverstone, Jewett.

His brother, Private Dale Coverstone is at an air base in Waycross, Georgia.

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Lieutenant Herschel Jones of Maxwell field, Montgomery, Alabama, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Jones of Newton. His brothers, Chief Petty Officer Earl Jones and Lieutenant Wayne D. Jones, were also here, the first time they have been together in three years.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul H. Harmon of Sayre, Pennsylvania, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar A. Ross.

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Private Todd Fouty, who is stationed at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, has been spending a short furlough with his parents, Supervisor and Mrs. Sam J. Fouty of Yale vicinity. He also visited his brother, Seaman First Class Bill Fouty, a dental technician at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

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Sergeant Maurice Raef writes his mother, Mrs. Bertha Raef of Kankakee, formerly of Sainte Marie, that he recently witnessed the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Italy and visited St. Peter's cathedral at Rome. He says Rome is a very beautiful city.

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Private Arthur Woods of Camp Roberts, California, is spending a few days in Willow Hill with his wife and daughter Brinda. Private Woods is being transferred to camp in Mississippi.

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Sergeant Francis Kinsel is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Kinsel of near Newton. He is stationed at an Army Air base at Charleston, South Carolina.

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Private First Class Laverl Kennedy writes that he met Private First Class Kenneth Wilson, Saturday, in a camp near New York City. Both are from Newton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ona M. King received a letter Monday from their son, Dale, stating that he was fine. He is in the Naval Air Corps.

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Seaman Second Class Bert Ward Jr. has been spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ward of Newton.