



With the Colors

April 20,
1945

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bruner of Willow Hill have received word from their son Seaman First Class Glen "Mutt" Bruner, who is on a mine sweeper in the South Pacific:

"I got thirty-three letters today, and sure was glad to get them. This letter leaves me o. k. I mailed Lucille's grass skirt to her today."

They also received a letter from another son who is also in the South Pacific, on a destroyer, Seaman First Class Luther "Jim" Bruner. It was their first letter in five weeks. He stated he was fine, and for them not to worry about him.

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Mrs. George Bickers of Willow Hill has received word from her husband, Private First Class Bickers, who is in an Armored division, in General Simpson's Ninth army. He said they were very busy, and he didn't get a chance to write often. He enclosed a couple bills, one French, the other German; said they were worth about 10 cents each in our money.

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The 826th Convalescent Center, England.—Now fully recovered from shrapnel wounds received on January 12 during action near Simmath, Germany, Private First Class Norman L. Benefiel of 501 South Van Buren street, Newton, has been released from this United States Army convalescent center in England. He will return to active duty.

Member of an infantry division, he entered the Army on March 14, 1943. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benefiel.

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Mrs. Emma Carlton of Willow Hill has just received a letter from her son, Corporal Edmund B. "Speck" Orr, stating that he was o. k. and feeling fine. He is a cook in a hospital on an island in the Southwest Pacific. His birthday is April 27 and he would be glad to receive cards from friends in old Jasper county.

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Sergeant Gordon Romack left Tuesday for Miami, Florida, where he will be at a Reclassification center, after a twenty-one day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Romack of Rose Hill vicinity, and in Chicago. He was wounded in Belgium last fall, losing an eye. He was in the Third Armored division.

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Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Dorris Scott and daughter Pamela returned yesterday to a camp in Texas after spending a furlough with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Scott, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Westendorf of Newton.

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Private and Mrs. Thane E. Jobe of Mattoon have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Mahaney of South Muddy township this week. Private Jobe's father, Major Leo S. Jobe, formerly resided at Hidalgo.



Shelby Hartleroad is home on leave from Great Lakes Naval Training

Station. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hartleroad of near West Liberty.

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Staff Sergeant L. C. Ellsworth is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ellsworth of Newton. He has been overseas three years.

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Sergeant George Staley, who was wounded in the leg in Italy last June, has received a medical discharge from the Army.

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Ross J. Grove, SOM 3/c, has been assigned to the U. S. S. PC 579, based at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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Seaman Second Class Burton Bevis is now at sea in the Pacific.