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Le Harve Port of Embarkation, France.—Speeding American troops homeward through this key port in the army's redeployment system is Private First Class Harold G. Cramer of Yale, who is a member of Camp Philip Morris, one of the five staging areas through which troops are funneled to waiting ships.

The port, which has shipped an average of almost 6,000 troops per day since VE-day, has facilities in these staging areas for 150,000 troops and has handled the bulk of troops bound for the states. Men with more than 85 points, men over age, recovered prisoners are shipped to the states as well as combat and service units being redeployed to the Pacific Theatre via the States.

Private Cramer participated in the Rome-Anzio, Italy, Southern France, Rhineland and Germany campaigns and wears four battle stars and the Purple Heart medal. He was with the Third division Combat Engineers.

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Assembly Area Command, France.—Corporal Herman R. Schackmann of Route Five, Newton, is being processed at Camp New York, one of seventeen similar camps in the Assembly Area Command, as the first step in his redeployment to the United States for a furlough before heading for the Pacific. He is a member of the 489th Air Service group.

The 489th Air Service Group arrived overseas on June 1, 1943, assigned to the Eighth Air Force, but was transferred to the Ninth Air Force after a few months in the ETO. Originally the 70th Service Group, the 489th's main task was the servicing of B-26 Marauders, and it saw service in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany in that capacity. The unit was the first medium bomber service group to operate on the continent after D-day, hitting the beach early in August, 1944.

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First Lieutenant and Mrs. Otis Maxwell and children left Tuesday for Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where his family will make their home while he is stationed there. They had been living here while he was overseas. They were accompanied by their sister-in-law, Mrs. Edward Foltz Jr., as far as Norfolk, Virginia. She and Seaman Foltz had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Foltz, and other relatives here.

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Sergeant and Mrs. Azor C. Fear returned to their home in Stapleton, New York, Monday, after a ten days' visit with his parents in Willow Hill. Sergeant Fear has been stationed at the New York Port of Embarkation for three years, but expects to be transferred to transportation of enlisted men upon his return. Mrs. Fear is a stenographer at a Brooklyn Army Base.

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Seaman First Class Edward Foltz Jr. left for Astoria, Oregon, Tuesday, after fifteen days at Newton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Foltz. He had graduated from the Electrician's Mate school at Jacksonville, Florida, and had received a delay enroute. His wife, who had been here with him, left Tuesday for Norfolk, Virginia, with her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Lieutenant and Mrs. Otis Maxwell, who were enroute to Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

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Aviation Machinist's Mate Third Class Donald Fithian has landed in the United States and is expected home in a few days for a thirty day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil D. Fithian of Newton. He is a propellor specialist on an aircraft carrier.

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Private Dale Weber is home on a thirty day furlough after service overseas with the Twentieth Armored division. He wears three battle stars on the European, African, Middle Eastern Theatre ribbon.

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Private First Class James A. Dewhirst has landed in the United States after a trip across on the Queen Mary. He served two years in Europe with an Infantry division.

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Private Dale Phillips is spending a furlough with his wife and children at Newton.

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Private Harold Tate is home on furlough from Camp Robinson, Arkansas.