



With the Colors

Aug. 28, 1945

Private First Class and Mrs. Dale C. Weber are visiting his mother, Mrs. Roxie Weber of Bogota, and other relatives there and at Newton. Dale has thirty days before going to Camp Grant from where he will be sent to Camp Cooke, California, to join his unit the Twentieth Armored division.

The end of the war found Dale near Berchtesgaden, Hitler's summer retreat, which he visited several times. He thinks the most unusual thing about it is the thirteen floors with only one floor on top of the ground. When you look from the living room of the top floor you can see straight down in the valley below which is between six and seven thousand feet.

The home is air conditioned and the walls are made of stone four feet thick. The elevators were out of order so the soldiers had to walk up and down to visit the place. He also visited the horror camps at Hanau and Dachau.

Dale says the country is very beautiful around there with many acres of beautiful cultivated forests, which are checkrowed as we checkrow our corn. In the evening you could see dozens of German women bringing their baskets to pick up twigs or limbs that had fallen during the day. This was their only fuel.

The superhighways made driving a pleasure but there were signs posted all along the roadside to watch out for deer.

Dale is a driver for an officer and had the pleasure of driving Charles R. Lindbergh all day while he made an inspection tour of the army after the war was over.

Dale has a brother, Petty Officer Fred A. Weber, who is stationed at present in San Diego, California.

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The 228th Station Hospital, Sherborne, Dorsetshire, England.—After caring for 22,924 patients, thousands of whom were battle casualties, this United States Army station hospital unit has completed its work in England.

Among those who helped in the operation of the hospital was First Lieutenant Marian L. Chaney of Yale, a general duty nurse. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto W. Chaney of Yale.

This hospital unit, which is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel J. Kingsley MacDonald of Charlotte, North Carolina, has been operating in a hospital plant built by the British on part of what was once Sir Walter Raleigh's estate. It is located less than a mile from the ruins of his castle.

Since admitting its first patient on September 18, 1943, the 228th Station hospital has been constantly providing medical care for sick and wounded soldiers. During its twenty-two months of operation it has served as three different types of installations. Prior to D-day it cared for troops preparing for the invasion.

When D-day arrived it became a transit hospital, receiving patients from the boats that brought them from the Normandy beaches, and after rendering emergency treatment sent them out by hospital trains to other hospitals throughout England. Since last November it has been operating as a general hospital.

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Corporal John H. Maxwell, who is with an Amphibious unit in the South West Pacific area writes from Luzon under date of August 21: "Well we're on our road to Tokyo. We have a nice spot here in the Philippines. About a block away are plenty of pecans, bananas, coconuts and all kinds of fruit. We get to swim a lot here in the ocean and the natives are good to us.

I had 68 points on May 12, including four battle stars, one citation and two Philippine stars, so I am not doing so bad. We are still going strong over here.

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Machinist's Mate First Class and Mrs. Harold Davis are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. V. Davis of Newton, and his sister, Miss Ada Davis of Sullivan spent Sunday here. "Possum" has been on a repair ship in the Southwest Pacific, and says that his ship had a line on the USS Longshaw, trying to pull her off a reef at Okinawa when she exploded. This is the destroyer on which Gunner's Mate John A. Connor was serving when it sank.

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Corporal Charles Schackmann arrived Wednesday for a fifteen day furlough. He is a cryptographer and radio teletype operator with the Army Airways Communication System and has been in the Carribbean area for the past twenty-two months, serving in Puerto Rico, Trinidad island and

British Guiana, South America.

He flew from Atkinson field, British Guiana, to Evansville and will return to his base via air at the termination of his furlough.

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Private First Class James N. Beebe has been given a discharge under the point system. He served twenty-nine months overseas with the Fifth army during the African campaign and the Seventh army through Southern France, Northern France and Germany.

He wears the Good Conduct medal, European African Middle Eastern Theatre ribbon with four battle stars, and five overseas stripes.

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Private Paul Girhard is here on a furlough from Camp Robinson, Arkansas, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Girhard of Newton.

His brother, Major Charles Edward Girhard, is on General MacArthur's staff in Manila and will probably accompany the latter to Tokyo with the army of occupation.

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Colonel Raymond C. Hamilton was a week end guest of his father, John T. Hamilton of Willow Hill. He has been connected with the Army War college and recently returned from Manila. Colonel Hamilton is a veteran of the first World war and has served with the Army Ground Forces in this war.

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Mrs. Ethel Larsen of Detroit, Michigan, visited her brother, Lea O. Koontz and family of Newton, over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Koontz, Mrs. Sarah Cooley, and Mrs. Larsen enjoyed some delicious home made ice cream at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Linthicum, Saturday night.

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Robert E. McCoy is expected home from Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Thursday, to visit his mother, Mrs. Floyd Turner of Decatur, and his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey of near Newton. His brother, Charles McCoy, is with the armed forces in the Philippines.

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Yeoman Third Class Walter Fasnacht Jr. has been visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Fasnacht of Newton. The Rev. Mr. Fasnacht, who was recently injured in an auto wreck at Robinson, is recovering.

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Private First Class James A. Dewhirst is spending a thirty day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dewhirst of Newton. He has been in France and Germany with the Infantry.

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Staff Sergeant Delbert Wayne Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Simpson of near Newton, has landed in the states and will be home soon on a thirty day furlough.

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Albert H. Clark has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain in the Army Air Force. He is stationed at the Advanced Flying School at Selma, Alabama.

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Staff Sergeant Ralph Elston is at Camp Grant awaiting a discharge. He was overseas with the Ninth Air Force for over two years.

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Electrician's Mate Leonard Glen Johnson has been discharged from the Navy, after twenty-five months service.