



## With the Colors

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Staff Sergeant Millard K. Newlin writes from somewhere in England to his wife in Chicago that he is well and enjoys the Newton Press and the Chicago paper she sends him. He had a big turkey dinner on Christmas and New Years.

He received some of his gifts two days before and some two days after Christmas. He thanks everyone for the lovely presents and said to say "hello" to all his friends of Jasper county.

He is now working in a general hospital. He was in the operating rooms and never knew there were so many operations in one day. He writes that he is living in a tent again. It is pretty nice with cement floor and wall boards lining the sides. Two little stoves keep it nice and warm. The days they don't have to do operating, they scrub the place from top to bottom.

Millard also wrote that, they had a boy in surgery who came from the same outfit as his cousin, Edwin Ashby, so they talked a few minutes before they put him to sleep. He seemed to think that Edwin is o. k.

On his way back to his regular camp on a GI bus, which took about two hours to get there, they rode along a nice country road. They have the windingest and narrowest roads in England, but the roads are all good.

Here is a GI poem some GI wrote for the paper in England.

I go to sleep in a GI bed,  
On a GI pillow I rest my head;  
My blankets, they are GI, too,  
Then GI sleep and think of you.  
A GI bugler wakes me up,  
I drink GI coffee in a GI cup;  
The powdered eggs are GI, too,  
But GI wish I were with you.  
At night my GI prayers I'll say,  
Will have our GI peace some day,  
And when this GD war is through,  
This GI will return to you.

He wishes luck to all his friends in the service, and hopes they will all get together some day real soon, to a world of peace on earth, good will to all men.

Staff Sergeant Bernard D. Cornwell, who is in the Thirty-second Infantry division in the Philippines, has sent his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Cornwell of Newton, a copy of the general orders issued on December 22, 1944, by Major General W. H. Gill, its commander. It reads as follows:

"Today, the 'Red Arrow' division successfully completed its mission of forcing a passage south through the mountains from Pinaopon to the Ormoc valley. After thirty-six days of the bitterest hand-to-hand fighting yet experienced in this war, the division has annihilated the First Imperial Jap division (reinforced), and by this determined action has shortened the completion of the Leyte campaign.

"Every officer and every enlisted man in the division as well as those attached played a vitally important part in the division's success.

"I wish to compliment each individual and to express my personal appreciation for the splendid work accomplished by them in this campaign. Without this coordinated effort by each individual the division could not have been successful.

"I extend the season's greeting to each of you and in so doing, express my confidence in your continued success. May God watch over you and help you through the strenuous days

ahead.”

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With the Fifth Army in Italy.— Shortly after Private Lawrence M. Piercefield of Newton left his fox-hole on the Fifth army front in Italy recently, a large caliber enemy artillery shell burst and half filled it with dirt and shell fragments. Piercefield fights with the Ninety-first or “Powder River” division. He said the shell had landed just five feet from the hole.

Private Piercefield has a brother fighting in France. His wife, Mrs. Lilly May Piercefield, lives at 607 West Water street, Newton. They have four children.

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Chief Yeoman Melvin Chapman is spending a short leave with friends at Newton. He is stationed at Oceana, Virginia, near Norfolk, and had been in the Navy for five years on January 22. He is personnel officer for a transient naval base and handles an average of 1,000 transfers each month.

He wears the Navy Good Conduct ribbon and four campaign bars with five battle stars signifying major

engagements.

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Yeoman First Class Eugene R. Miller, after spending a ten day leave with his mother and sister, Mrs. Frankie Miller and Mrs. F. L. Weber, has returned to San Diego, California, where he will enter a Navy stenographic school. He came back to the states in September after spending twenty-seven months in the South Pacific.

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Private First Class Kenneth C. Isley spent a five day delay enroute furlough last week with his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Brooks of Rose Hill, and his father, Eura Isley of Yale. He had just finished Infantry training in Camp Howze, Texas, and was enroute to Fort Meade, Maryland, to await shipping orders.

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Aviation Machinist's Mate First Class Dale Wakefield was in Newton for a couple of days this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wakefield of Newton. He was being transferred and was here in transit.

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Electrician's Mate Third Class Leroy Wakefield is spending a fifteen day leave with his wife and little daughter and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wakefield of Newton. Leroy has been overseas for sixteen months.

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Machinist's Mate Third Class Kenneth E. Jones is convalescing from broken ribs and other injuries received four months ago when a truck he was repairing fell on him. He is with the Seabees in the Pacific area.

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Leo Arthur Bruner and Norman Urfer of Willow Hill and Billy Joe McCullough of Greenup have enlisted in the Navy. All are 17 years of age.