



With the Colors

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It might be a poor pun to say that Port Clinton, Ohio, has seen many a wave—the kind washed up from Lake Erie, but in these war times there are more than one kind of wave.

The one that arrived in Port Clinton a few days ago is a U. S. Wave. She is Yeoman Third Class Ruby J. Brackett, who now is stationed at the Matthews Company under the direction of Lieutenant Robert J. Gray, USNR, resident inspector.

Miss Brackett, a native of Newton, Illinois, has been transferred to Port Clinton from the Naval Air Station at Olathe, Kansas, and is the first feminine member of the Navy to be located here.

She has been a Wave for the past year and received her boot training at Hunter college, New York City. Her yeoman training was received at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

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Marion B. Nicholas, chief ship's cook, has been visiting his grand-parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Martin of Hunt City, and other relatives. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph

Nichols of Kansas City, Missouri, formerly of West Liberty.

He is in the Army Transport Service and has been making numerous trips across the oceans with his ship.

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Lieutenant Donald L. Weber of Newton has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weber of Newton, that he is sending home a clock and a parachute from a German plane, which he shot down recently in Belgium or Germany. The pilot was killed when his 'chute failed to open. Don led a patrol of three men out to capture him.

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Sergeant Fred French of Arcola spent the week end with his grandmother and uncle, Mrs. George W. Davis and Mayor John D. Davis of Newton. He has been discharged from the Army after more than two years in the Southwest Pacific. He says it is good to be home and that it'll be better when all the boys are able to return.

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Technician Fifth Grade Govern D. Bryan, Medical Corps, returning from twenty-three and one-half months overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre of Operations, has arrived at Fort Sheridan, prior to reaching his home near Wheeler, where he will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Govern H. Bryan.

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Leo Arthur Bruner of Willow Hill is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the United States Naval Training Center, Great Lakes. When

his recruit training is completed, the seaman will receive a period of leave.



Sergeant and Mrs. William Buckner of Courtland, Alabama, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benefiel of Newton. Mrs. Buckner is the former Velma Rose Benefiel.