



## With the *July 24, 1945* Colors

Seaman First Class Frank Turner, who is on a minesweeper in the Pacific, writes:

"I would like to take some time now to say 'hello' to all my friends in Jasper county and those in the service that may read the Press.

"I enjoyed the Press very much and it was always welcome in my mail call. Now that papers have become a burden to the post offices out here I wish to have my paper discontinued. If it will make more room for letters to get to us, then our folks at home can send us clippings that are of interest to us.

"I am somewhere in the Southwest Pacific area on a mine sweeper. Those who have seen them in action know their duty, which I might add from experience, is pretty rough sometimes. Those who haven't seen them or read about them, well, I couldn't explain.

"I had duty off the coast line of U. S. A. for about eight months, before coming out here. Of course I liked it better because I did get to go home about every six months.

"This leaves me fine and I would like to hear from any of my friends if they wish to write."

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Sergeant Richard E. Vickers and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vickers of Topeka, Kansas, were week end guests of Postmaster and Mrs. Paul B. Laugel and Mrs. Vickers and little son Richard Jr. The latter accompanied them back to Topeka, Monday.

Sergeant Vickers has just returned on a thirty day furlough from Europe, landing in Boston, Massachusetts, last Tuesday.

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Sergeant Jerome Schmidt is spending a furlough at Newton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Schmidt of Newton, his wife at Chicago, and other relatives. Jerry has been a cook with a General hospital in North Africa and Italy for nearly three years.

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Harold E. Hartrich of Sainte Marie has been promoted from staff sergeant to second lieutenant. He is a member of the 376th Parachute Field Artillery battalion and has been in Europe. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hartrich of Sainte Marie.

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Three Jasper county men are receiving their initial Naval indoctrination at the United States Naval Training Center, Great Lakes. When their recruit training is completed, these men will receive a period of leave. They are:

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Webster A. Aten of Hidalgo 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.

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John M. Strole, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery L. Strole, and Jack Shaffer, son of E. Shaffer of Newton vicinity, and Charles N. Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Woods of Dundas vicinity.

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Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wheat of Newton have received word that their son, Private First Class Paul Wheat, is back in the United States, receiving treatment at a hospital. He was wounded in Germany.

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Staff Sergeant Roe Reed is spending a furlough with his father, Sherman Reed, his mother, Mrs. Maggie Reed, and other relatives here. He spent thirty-seven months in the

## Southwest Pacific.

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Corporal Charles Franklin Hall, who has been in England for the past two years with the Army Air Force, is now at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He is a son of Ralph Hall of south of Newton.

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Carpenter's Mate Second Class Ray Williams is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams and family of Newton, and other relatives here. He is stationed on the Pacific coast.

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Private First Class Billy Reed is home after having been hospitalized in the United States recently. He was wounded last winter in Belgium.