



With the Colors *Mar. 13, 1945*

Private John Ping of the Signal Corps has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ping of Willow Hill vicinity, that he has landed on Oahu, main island of the Hawaiian group, and is now located near Pear Harbor. He writes that it is a beautiful place, all that he has seen of it and hopes to see Honolulu soon.

Private Ping has lived in Chicago for the past six years.

Private Paul R. Ping writes that on February 17 he received one of the four Christmas packages which his family sent early in October. He has hopes that the others will come soon. He has been on Leyte, island ever since the invasion of the Philippines and says that the country is much more pleasant than New Guinea and the Dutch East Indies.

Jimmy, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ping, landed on New Guinea shortly before Christmas. Since then his parents have only had three letters from him, the last being written January 10.

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Corporal Elza M. Turner

This picture was taken recently in the West Pacific. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Turner of near Newton.

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Robins Field News, Macon, Georgia: R. Marise Larrabee, stenographer in the Warner Robins Air Technical Service Command, Intelligence, office, is a real "WRATSC family girl." Marise has been working on Robins field since March, 1943. Her dad, Ray Larrabee, has been employed in engine repair since August, 1942, and her mother teaches occasionally at Warner Robins.

Marise was reared at Willow Hill, Illinois, and studied at business school in Evansville, Indiana, before joining her father at Warner Robins. She's been working for the Provost Marshal and the Intelligence office ever since and, like Mr. Larrabee, had an excellent presentee record.

Dancing and music are her favorite hobbies. To satisfy both interests,

she plays the piano and attends as many of the USO dances as possible.

Clearing up one mystery, she says her first initial stands for Ruby, a name she never uses. As to the other poser, the one about her heart attachments, she insists "there aren't any."

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Berl W. Slater, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi A. Slater of Yale, was a member of the Thirty-second class of aviation cadets to graduate from the Columbus Army Air field near Columbus, Mississippi, on Sunday, March 1. He received the silver wings of a Flying Officer and commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces.

Lieutenant Slater entered pilot training last April, and attended flying schools at Douglas, Georgia, and Montgomery, Alabama, before his graduation at the advanced flying school near Columbus, Mississippi.

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Appointment of Maxine Josephine Cunningham to the Army Nurse Corps, United States Army, with the rank of second lieutenant, was announced today at headquarters of the Sixth Service Command in Chicago.

Miss Cunningham, a daughter of Supervisor and Mrs. Ralph Cunningham of Sainte Marie township, was graduated from St. Anthony Hospital School of Nursing, and has practiced nursing at St. Anthony hospital. She has been assigned to Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wisconsin.

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Sergeant Estle I. Short writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Short of near Newton, from England: "I've been visiting some of the old spots here. I haven't received any mail for two weeks and don't know how things are at home. I was in the hospital in France the last time I wrote, but it was nothing serious and I was only there three days."

He has been in Germany with the First Army but had received a furlough to England.

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Private First Class Kenneth L. Alexander, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Alexander of Newton vicinity, has completed training and has been graduated from the Army Air Forces Training Command school at Chantute field, Rantoul. He received instruction in the airplane electrical mechanic's course, and in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the country's fighting planes.

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First Lieutenant Wheeler Sears is spending a ten days' leave with his wife at Newton. He is stationed with the Army Transport Command at a big base in New Foundland. He said they had a twenty-two inch snowfall just before he left and 140 inches during the winter, with March, the big snow month, ahead. He will return Friday.

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Corporal Rex McClane, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover McClane of Southeast Newton, is back with his company after being in the hospital for some time from disease. He is a ground crew member of the Army Air Forces in the Philippines.

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Sergeant Paul Rubsam returned to a hospital at Chicago, Sunday, after a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Rubsam of Newton. He now has the cast off his leg but will have to undergo bone graft-

ing before being released from the hospital.

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Second Class Petty Officer and Mrs. Ronald J. Chapman were guests of his brother, Dorris L. Chapman and family of Newton, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chapman of Hunt City vicinity, over the weekend. Ronald is stationed with the Coast Guard at Edgemoor, Delaware, and his wife is living at Terre Haute during the war.

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Private First Class John Delbert Wilson is expected home on a furlough from California today or tomorrow with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilson of Newton and his wife and little son at Louisville.

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John Neal Mason has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mason of Newton. He has been in the West and Southwest Pacific for three years with the Navy. From here he will go to the east coast.

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Lieutenant Don K. Lambird has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lambird of Gila vicinity. He has been suffering from arthritis but is better.

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Sergeant Raymond Snider is here on a furlough from Charleston, South Carolina. He is assigned to an Air Force base unit there.

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Private Kenneth Moran is visiting his wife and family at Newton. He is enroute from Fort McClellan, Alabama, to Fort Meade, Maryland.

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Apprentice Seaman Robert Dhom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dhom of near Newton, is now in Company 27; Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

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Chief Petty Officer Fred Reisner is home, enroute to the Pacific coast for possible active duty. He has been stationed at Champaign.

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Seaman Second Class Robert Babbs is here on leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Babbs of near Falmouth.