



With the Colors *MAR. 20, 1945*

Sergeant Karl S. Hamilton, is with a Tank battalion in the United States First army, somewhere in Germany, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hamilton of Gas City, Indiana, formerly of Yale. "I a



fine. There isn't much news from over here that I can write about but will let you in on all that's going on over here as soon as I get home and I sure hope that isn't too far off now.

"The war news sure sounds o. k. now. The Reds sure are giving the Germans a headache and I think we are giving them a generous amount of headaches, too.

"Have you folks seen anything in the papers about our outfit? Some of them had several nice writeups about our outfit detailing what we've gone through and the achievements we've accomplished. I was able to obtain a little article from one of the papers over here so I am sending it to you. Here it is as follows:

"741st Tank battalion: The distinguished unit Citation and special commendations by an Infantry division and a corps commander have been received by this unit for its fight through the continent.

"Landing on D-day with the First Infantry division, the unit's direct fire support enabled the infantry to secure and hold some of the more bitterly defended sectors. The bat-

talion was rehabilitated by Lieutenant Colonel Robert N. Skaggs of Los Angeles, while moving.

"In the battle for Hill 192, the 741st Shermans played an important part in supporting the Second Infantry division. It was here than Sergeant John Brewer of Trenton, Tennessee, first used a tank-dozer to bury an enemy machine gun complete with crew.

"During the recent break-through in the Ardennes the battalion held the 'hot corner' at Rocherath in support of the Second Infantry division and did not yield a foot of ground until ordered by higher quarters to retire to better defense positions. The battalion claims twenty-seven tanks destroyed in this action."

He has received the Purple Heart for wounds.

Mrs. Glen Wells of St. Louis writes her aunt, Mrs. Ira Goldsby, and her father, L. A. Wallace of Newton, that she has just received a letter from her brother, James Wallace. He said that he was well but was writing from a foxhole on Iwo Jima. He added that his .45 came in mighty handy. "I guess he's seen close combat.

"Glen's back in France but he is still on limited service. He keeps aggravating the doctors to send him back to the front, but they say his leg won't hold up. They find something for him to do. He has eighty German prisoners and twenty French guards, and even has a German orderly to shine his shoes and make up his bed."

They hadn't heard from James since before Christmas.

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Private Bernard O. Romack, who was wounded in Germany, December 10, has arrived in New York according to word received by his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Romack of Mattoon, formerly of near Rose Hill.

He was recovering from a broken leg in a hospital in England and was flown back to the states. He will undergo an operation soon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herman Burgener of near West Liberty have received word from their son, Private Harold Burgener, that he has landed on Oahu, the main island of the Hawaiian group. He says that he has visited Pearl Harbor and Honolulu and that it is nice and warm there. He also got to see his wife's cousin, Roy Reed, who has been wounded in the South Pacific.

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Private First Class Herbert D. Stevenson of Wheeler, who is assigned to the Reception Station of the War Department Personnel Center,

1850th Service Command unit at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, has been promoted to the rank of technician fifth grade, according to the camp public relations officer.

His wife lives at Wheeler.

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John Wagner of Newton is in receipt of a letter from Corporal George S. McColley, enclosing a Belgian five franc note worth between ten and twelve cents. It is printed in brown ink on linen finished paper.

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Clyde Routt writes his father, Marion Routt of Southeast Newton, that he is now in the Philippines and likes it lots better than in New Guinea. Clyde is a technician fifth grade with the Fifth "Red Diamond" division.

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Torpedoman Third Class and Mrs. Harold Newsome are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newsome of Newton. Tom has been in the Pacific for the past eighteen months and his wife has been employed at Indianapolis.

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Don Selby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Selby of Willow Hill, has been accepted by the Navy and will report to Great Lakes Naval Training Station in a couple of weeks. He is 17 years old.

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Sergeant Vincent B. Boehl of Huntsville, Alabama, is spending a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Boehl and family of the Bend.

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Private George Colwell Jr. is spending a short furlough with his wife at Newton. He was called here for the funeral of Mrs. Albert Phillips, Monday.

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Corporal John Maxwell writes that he is now in the Philippines and has been kept pretty busy since landing there.