



With the Colors *Mar. 23, 1945*

Fireman First Class David A. Lindsay, writes his mother, Mrs. Robert Lindsay of Hunt City, under date of February 28:

"We have been on raids on Luzon, Okinawa Jima, Formosa, and French Indo-China and bombed up and down the China coast. That's about 7,000 miles from home, I guess. We assisted in the landings on Leyte, Mindora and Luzon, and took part in the second battle of the Philippine sea.

"We had the most trouble at Formosa island; that's not very far from Japan itself. One plane came over so close he nearly knocked off our smokestack but he didn't get very far before the gunners shot him down. Another plane came over to bomb our ship but he died for his country, too. That's a night I'll never forget.

Visited at Waikiki

"I have been in the Royal Hawaiian hotel on the beach at Waikiki. It sure is a pretty place to go swimming. We made a trip to Guam but I didn't get a chance to go ashore. They have just lifted the censorship ban on all of this is why I'm telling you these experiences."

He has been on sea duty for seven months. His wife and two daughters are living at their home in Rockville, Indiana, during his absence.

Another son, Apprentice Seaman Kenneth W. Lindsay, has been recently transferred from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station to the Training and Distribution Center at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia. He has been in the Navy for approximately four weeks.

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Fifteenth Army Air Force in Italy—Earl D. Miller, 21, of near Yale has been promoted to the grade of sergeant, according to an announcement recently made at this Fifteenth Air Force Heavy Bomber Base in Italy.

A nose turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber, Sergeant Miller is a member of a veteran group commanded by Colonel Thomas W. Steed of Etowah, Tennessee. The group has flown more than two hundred combat missions against strategic targets in Southern Europe and the Balkans.

Sergeant Miller entered the service January 20, 1943. Prior to coming overseas, he won his gunners' wings at an Army Air Force Flexible Gunnery Training field.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Morris of Hunt City have received a letter from their son, Everett Leon Morris, who was inducted into the Army, February 24 from Paris, stating that he was doing fine and is now stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

Emery Gifford, another son of Mrs. Morris, is serving with the Armed Forces somewhere in Europe.

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Seaman Second Class Clarence Wayne Halterman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Halterman of Villa Grove, has completed the course of study at the Gunnery school at Great Lakes. He spent a week end leave at the home of his parents, leaving Monday morning for Great Lakes for assignment.

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Ray Harvey Jr., who has been overseas in the Pacific for eighteen months, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Flossie Harvey of Carlyle. He is expected here in a day or two. He is a grand-son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brown and Mrs. C. R. Harvey of Smallwood township.

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Mrs. James E. Thompson has gone to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to visit her husband, who is in school there in the Navy B-24 program. Their young son, Bobby Bill, remained in Newton at the home of his grand-parents,, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thompson.

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Melvin Babbs and Miss Freda Woods have returned home from Chicago, where they accompanied Robert Eugene Babbs, the former's son, to Great Lakes Naval Training Station. They also visited Mrs. Lawrence Wagner in Chicago.

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Seaman Second Class Letha Ivalene Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Brown of Ingraham, is now stationed at Washington, D. C., with the Waves. She is assigned to the Navy Department.

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Staff Sergeant Lowell Willard Brown writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Brown of Bogota, that he is now with a Marine Transport squad in the Pacific. He is well.

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Private Edward Hall Jr. is here on a furlough from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hall of south of Newton.

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Mrs. Francis Kinsel has received word that her husband, Sergeant Francis G. Kinsel, has landed safely somewhere in India.