



With the Colors

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Private Maurice L. McCormack writes the Press from Germany: "In every issue of the Press that I see, it seems that some other Jasper county boy has made the final and supreme sacrifice. The increasing number of Gold Stars on the memorial on the court house lawn must offer mute testimony of the terrific price of this war. I'm positive that Jasper county is well aware that there is a war being fought.

"When I read of the boys I used to teach, when I remember their youth, when I recall how unafraid they were of the future, and the faith they had in the past, I am very happy and proud that I was privileged to walk part of the way with them down that long path to eternity.

"In my work as an aid man here in the hospital, I have seen men die and I am not ashamed to admit that I have held their hand while they called me 'mother' and brought the alchemy whereby they would be symbolized by a gold star. Their mothers, fathers and wives should be so terribly proud of those stars. They are symbolic of the price paid for the legacy they most desired to leave the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for others.

"To those who have only felt this war indirectly, I would like for them to read—and remember—this prayer:

"'Dear Lord: Lest I continue my complacent way, help me to remember, somewhere 'out there,' a man died for me. As long as there be war, I then must ask an answer: Am I worth dying for?'"

"I don't have any idea why I am writing you this, but over here, everything beautiful that I have seen has been submerged in destruction and death. Maybe some would be interested in this side of the story and perhaps a few might ask themselves, if they are really worth dying for."

"Mack" was awarded the Bronze Star medal and Purple Heart for wounds received in rescuing wounded men under fire.

Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi, March 28.—Private Ivo Ray Dhom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Dhom, Route Five, Newton, has reported to Keesler field to take the Army Air Forces Training Command examination to determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet.

As an applicant for training that will make him a flying officer, he will be given a series of medical and psychological tests at Keesler field, which will indicate the type of air crew training for which he is best suited by aptitude and personal characteristics. He will also take other classification tests to measure his technical skills and aptitudes, and he will receive a number of phases of military training here.

Upon successful completion of this processing, he will be sent to the proper Army Air Forces Training Command station to begin his training as pilot, bombardier or navigator, depending upon the position for which he has been found best qualified.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Cornwell are in receipt of a letter from their son, Staff Sergeant Bernard D. Cornwell in the Philippines, stating that he was greatly surprised the other day when Corporal "Shorty" Eaton and Private First Class "Shrimp" Mineo came to his tent to see him. The three boys left Newton, March 17, 1941, and one year later Bernard was separated from "Shorty" and "Shrimp" in California, being sent oversea. The coincidence was enjoyed immensely as it was the first meeting in three years.

Mar. 30, 1945

Private First Class John O. Davison writes the Rev. W. C. Harms of Willow Hill from a hospital in the Southwest Pacific: "I was pleasantly surprised to hear from you. Mother has spoken a lot of you. We have been having some hot weather the last few days. This afternoon it started to rain. What a relief.

"I have been cooking but am now working on the ward. It is pretty tough for some of the patients to be in these hot wards. I am somewhere in the Northern Solomons."

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Chief Petty Officer Carl Allen is spending a leave from the Navy with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Allen of Newton. He is a radar technician aboard a destroyer and has seen much action over the world.

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Corporal Robert Worcester writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Worcester of Newton, that the Infantry

has been "eating well" recently since they broke through into Germany. Although their field kitchens haven't been keeping up with them, they have been having plenty of ham, bacon and canned fruits, obtained from German supplies.

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Corporal and Mrs. Earl Elder are the proud parents of a baby boy, born March 21 at the Allen sanitarium, Robinson. Mother and baby are doing fine. He will answer to the name of Franklin Eugene. Mrs. Elder is the former Vennia Fouty of Willow Hill.

Mrs. Elder received from her husband Thursday evening a dozen of lovely American Beauty roses. Corporal Elder is confined to a hospital at San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fouty of Willow Hill are grand-parents.

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Private Harold Jones is here on a furlough from the Parris Island, South Carolina, Marine base. He will return Sunday for further training.

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Norbert Eugene Ebbert of Montrose and Donald B. Selby of Willow Hill have enlisted in the Navy.