



With the Colors

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QM-Q's, Calcutta, India.—There are a number of special services in the Army, ranging all the way from the song and dance man to the crack combat battalions, specializing in guerrilla warfare and sabotage behind enemy lines. In between those extremes operate a good many little known special service organizations and one of these is the Quartermaster Special Service Supply.

This branch of our organization also embraces personal effects service. For many months our special service supply operated quietly and efficiently without much recognition for performing an outstanding job. Recently, however, the front office received a fine commendation for Lieutenant Colonel Birch E. Bayh, theatre special service officer from China. He wrote:

"It has been a refreshing experience in the past few days to receive large shipments of supplies which you started this way recently. We are breaking them down promptly and are forwarding supplies to the using units which need them most, those units at outlying stations who have had so little. Thanks for everything you have sent us and for your splendid cooperation."

The officer in charge of SS-supply is Lieutenant Joe T. Lytle and he is assisted by Sergeant Robert Anderson and Sergeant Opal King, co-chief warehousemen, responsible for the storage and issue of all special service items.

Items carried by special service are of greater variety than pills handed out by sinister medics. They include recordings of modern hit-tunes, old time favorites and symphonic recordings. There's fishing equipment complete with bait to satisfy any angler; musical equipment for apprentice Harry Jameses; athletic equipment for potential National League champs; golf clubs, tennis equipment, magazines for pin-up fiends, funny books for Dick Tracy and Superman fanatics; and service editions of current best sellers and Book of the Month Club selections.

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Private Gordon W. Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Stanley of Newton vicinity, is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution station in Miami Beach, Florida, where his next assignment will be determined.

Private Stanley served twenty-two months as a rifleman in the Aleutians. While there he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with one battle star.

Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Stations are located in various parts of the United States. Military personnel returning from overseas are processed through these stations before assignment to military organizations and installations within the United States.

During the period that returnees stay at an Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution station, they are given a painstaking occupational and physical classification as well as physical and dental reconditioning together with various lectures designed to reorient men recently returned from combat areas. This processing is carried on without haste in pleasant surrounding conducive to mental and physical relaxation.

Before entering the service Private Stanley was a farmer. He became a member of the armed forces on March 2, 1942.

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Aboard a U. S. Battleship off Okinawa ~~Seaman Second Class Donovan C. Bower, James J. Lobmier and Harry J. Maginn of Newton,~~ were aboard this veteran battleship when she poured a withering torrent of high explosive shells into the Okinawa beaches as a unit of the greatest naval bombardment force in history.

With other ships in the mighty task force, she swept the western side of the island with her main and secondary batteries and 40 millimeter automatic weapons.

The battleship reached the center of operations shortly before dawn and her fourteen inch guns soon were raising havos with vital shore installations. Their thunderous barrage demolished an important bridge-crossing, pillboxes and a small railroad freight terminal and battered anti-aircraft positions with deadly regularity.

Highlight of the ship's action came during an air attack. One of the enemy planes broke through the sheet of anti-aircraft fire, singling out this battleship for a suicide run. Seconds later a cheer went up from gunners and crewmen when a hit sent

the plane flaming into the sea.

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Another class of soldier clerks, qualified to keep the Army's paper work moving at double time, had been graduated today from the Armored school at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Graduates included Private Glenn E. Newlin, son of Charles E. Newlin of Rose Hill vicinity.

In the school's clerical department the Armoraider soldiers learned by keep military records, write military correspondence and handle payrolls. The students were required to be able to type at least thirty words a minute before being enrolled in the course.

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Private First Class Clyde R. Routt, son of Marion Routt of Newton, was one of eleven Illinoisans in a Quartermaster company of the Sixth Infantry division who were awarded the Meritorious Service plaque for superior performance in New Guinea and Luzon. Among the others was Private First Class James F. Woods, son of James M. Woods of Olney.

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Seaman First Class Billy J. Wilson has been discharged from the Navy after twenty-eight months service in the Southwest Pacific. He had five battle stars on his campaign ribbons when he was home last fall and has accumulated several more since then. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wilson of northeast of Newton.

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Seaman Second Class Raymond Hazelton spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hazelton of Newton. He was enroute back to Great Lakes Naval Training Center after a visit with his wife and children at Weleetka, Oklahoma. He will attend the Storekeeper's school for further training.

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Private Julius Reis is home on a furlough from Camp Hood, Texas, visiting his brothers, Eugene and Louis Reis, and other relatives. He is enroute to California. James Reis, who is now an officer in the merchant marine, after serving in the Coast Guard, is also here.

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Sergeant Vincent B. Boehl of Huntsville, Alabama, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Boehl and family of the Bend. He and nine other men flew to Chicago over the week end, last week.

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Private First Class Irl E. Franke of Newton, who has been in New Guinea with a battalion of Aviation Engineers, is now stationed in Manila. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Franke, and has been overseas for two years.

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Machinist's Mate Third Class Carl Tolliver is leaving the last of the week for San Pedro, California, after a leave with his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd D. K. Price of near Newton.

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Shipfitter Second Class Wilmer J. Raef is home on a ten day leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Raef of near Newton. Mrs. John E. Welker returned Saturday from Jacksonville, Florida, where she has been the past few months.

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Mrs. Clarence Allen of Jewett received a lovely bouquet of cut flowers wired to her for Mother's day from her son, Corporal Glen Allen, who is stationed somewhere in Germany with the Fifteenth Cavalry.

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James Doerr was a week end visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Doerr of Newton. He is attending at Naval school at Alma college, Alma, Michigan.

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Private Gerald Huff of Newton, who was recently slightly wounded in Germany, is back with his company.