



With the Colors

Sept. 21, 1945

Technical Sergeant Paul Jackson of Hidalgo has arrived in Boston, Massachusetts, after thirty-five months in the European Theatre of Operations. He enlisted in January, 1941, and was assigned to the Second Armored (Hell on Wheels) division at Fort Benning, Georgia. They went overseas in October, 1942, and landed in Africa on November 8. They crossed Africa through Morocco, Algiers, Tunisia and Libya.

From there they went to Sicily and then to England to await D-day. They crossed France, Belgium, Holland and on VE-day were at the Elbe river forty-three miles west of Berlin.

Sergeant Jackson was crew chief with Company C of the Maintenance battalion and received the Presidential citation for keeping the armored vehicles in fighting condition.

Corporal Clyde Jackson of Hidalgo is believed to be on his way home from Okinawa after being overseas thirty-one months. He has been in the Army since March, 1941, and received his training in California, where he was attached to the famed Seventh division, which has seen action in Attu, the Marshall islands, Leyte and Okinawa.

He is the holder of the Good Conduct ribbon, Combat Infantryman's badge and the Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbon with three battle stars.

Both are sons of Mrs. M. B. Jackson of Hidalgo.

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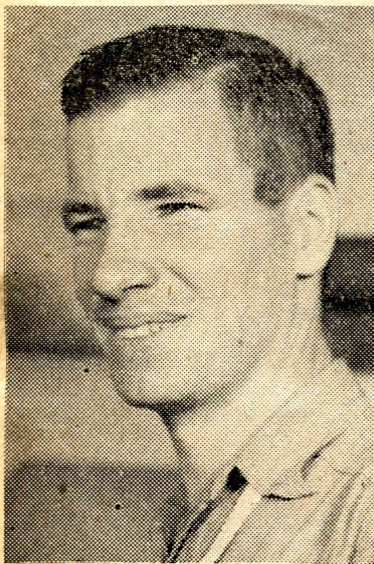
Yeoman Third Class William Clark Hays, who is on the USS, LST 842, writes the Press:

"We have only been out here ten months but it seems a lot longer than that. We got here for the most of the liberation of the Philippines and the operation at Okinawa. I was reading where John Connor's ship was sunk off the beach at Naha on May 18. We were six miles south of there at that time but I had no idea he was on the Longshaw until I read it in the Press. The way those crazy Japs flew it was a wonder we didn't lose more ships than we did.

"We are loaded up and ready to get underway in the morning but I guess they still censor our mail so I can't tell where we are going. Now that the war is over most of the ships are all going to the same place so it won't be too hard to figure where it is. If they will let us off the ship when we get to our destination I will tell Tojo what the people of Jasper county think of him."

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Boatswain's Mate Second Class Edward M. Utley of Newton is shown



above aboard his escort carrier, the USS Natoma Bay, in the Pacific, where he took part in the actions about the Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa, among others. A veteran of eight and one-half years in the Navy, he has served aboard three previous ships, including the battleship North Carolina.

He is home on furlough visiting his wife and baby.

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Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bickers of In-

graham vicinity have received a letter from Gail Downey, stating that his ship had just completed landing the company of their son, Dale Bickers, at Yokohama, Japan. He writes:

"I will take this time to write you as your son, my friend, has asked me to do. I was talking to him this evening and he wanted me to tell you about him. He is now in Yokohama, Japan. We arrived here with him and his company, August 31. We brought them here from Manila on this ship.

"William Dale is in a port company. They load and unload ships. His work is moderate and he is absolutely out of danger so far as combat is concerned. He seems to be very happy to be one of the first to be in Japan. Our ship was the first to carry troops into this port.

"This city is completely ruined and is pretty well left in ruins. The Yanks did a good job of bombing."

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Seaman Second Class Norman D. Urfer of Willow Hill can lay claim to a share in one of the outstanding records of the war while serving on the combat transport USS Golden City, which took part in six of the major Pacific actions without the slightest damage to herself or her landing boats, and without a casualty among her crewmen.

Called the "Lucky Golden" by her crewmen, the combat transport participated in the amphibious assaults on Guam, Leyte, Lingayen gulf and San Narcisco. She landed troops and supplies at Okinawa, evacuated Marines from Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and was under attack by aircraft, submarines and midget subs. The Golden City piled up her record while attached to the service force of the Pacific fleet.

Seaman Urfer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Urfer of Willow Hill.

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Yeoman Second Class Ruby J. Brackett has been transferred to the Naval Personnel Separation Center at Great Lakes, where she makes out the discharge certificates and completes the men's service records before they receive their discharges.

Master Sergeant and Mrs. R. O. Worthey now reside at Astoria, Long Island, New York. He is stationed at LaGuardia field, New York.

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Seaman Second Class Mansel Chester Allen Jr. is now stationed in San Diego, California, where he has been for the past three months. He is a yeoman striker in the personnel office of the base where he is stationed. Anyone wishing to write to him will please use the following address: M. C. Allen Jr., S 2/c, F. A. W. C. R. C., bldg 16, Coronado Heights Annex, N. A. S., San Diego 35, California.

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Private Ernest T. Pickens is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pickens of Wheeler and other relatives and friends. He took Infantry training for eighteen weeks at Camp Maxey, Texas, and was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, for paratroop training from which he graduated. He will go back to Fort

Benning for assignment.

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Ira Graydon Field and Robert E. Harris of Newton, Harold E. Chaney of Yale, Doyle Ray Foster of Bogota, John M. Frederick of Oblong and Robert William Hill of Greenup have recently enlisted in the Navy through the Effingham recruiting station, Chief Quartermaster R. L. Hoffman reports.

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Private First Class Wilford French who has been visiting his wife and daughter Marlene and son Keith, left Wednesday morning for Camp Grant, where he will be reassigned.

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Lieutenant Loren Lester is home on leave, visiting his wife and his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Platz of Newton. He has been in Germany with the Infantry.

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Private First Class Tony Levitt has been discharged from the Army after overseas service in the European theatre with the Combat Engineers.

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Private First Class Clyde Resch, who served in France and Germany with the Railway Engineers, has been given a discharge from the Army.

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Private Samuel N. Carter of Hidalgo was given a discharge from the Army of the United States at Fort Knox, Kentucky, Tuesday.