



With the Colors

Sept. 7, 1945

Staff Sergeant George A. Yount has received a discharge after service with the 584th Bomber squadron. He wore the Air medal with one silver and two bronze Oak Leaf clusters, and the European theatre ribbon for the Normandy air offensive. He served thirty months overseas.

Private First Class Lawrence M. Piercefield has received a discharge after thirteen months overseas with the Fifth army in Italy. He wore the Purple Heart medal with a bronze Oak Leaf cluster and the Combat Infantryman's badge and the European theatre ribbon with three battle stars for participation in the Rome-Arno, Northern Appenines and Po Valley campaigns.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence W. Jobe, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jobe of Newton, has been discharged after twenty-nine months overseas as a radio mechanic. He wore the European, African, Middle Eastern theatre ribbon with nine bronze battle stars for participation in the Egyptian-Libyan, Tunisian, Sicilian, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central European campaigns.

Private First Class Carl E. Griffith has been discharged after thirty-one months overseas. He wore the European, African, Middle Eastern theatre ribbon with one silver and two bronze stars and one bronze arrowhead for participation in the Tunisian, Sicilian, Normandy, Northern France, Ardenes, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns.

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Veteran of combat in France and Germany and prisoner of war four months, Sergeant John P. Wilson of Bogota, wearer of the Purple Heart and the European ribbon with four battle stars, has checked in at the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station at Hot Springs, Arkansas, after a furlough at home.

Although the major function of returned overseas veterans, the actual military appointments necessary to reassignment take up only about ten hours of the returnee's stay of about two weeks.

During the remainder of his stay, emphasis is placed on the things the veterans missed overseas. Foxholes or drafty barracks are traded for a comfortable hotel room with bath, K-rations are replaced by meals ordered from menus and served by waiters in the hotel dining rooms—besides a coffee hour in the morning, tea time in the afternoon, and an evening snack bar. The troopship or LST is traded for fast speedboats at the station's lakeside lodge, and the rifle for a golf club, a fishing pole, or a tennis racket.

A soldier's wife is welcomed at the station and stays with her husband at one of the four hotels at very low rates.

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On the USS Sims in Tokyo Bay.—Seaman First Class Evan E. Phillips, of Newton is serving on this destroyer-transport, which is part of the powerful Pacific Fleet completing the first stages of the occupation of Japan.

Under the operational command of Admiral William F. Halsey, the Sims, with twelve battleships, seventeen aircraft carriers, six escort carriers, twenty cruisers and more than 290 other United States ships, is helping take over control of the Japs' big naval bases.

The Sims, in the Pacific since February, took part in the battle for Okinawa.

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Lieutenant Fred Alcorn, son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Alcorn of Newton, landed in New York, Tuesday, with an Army postal unit from overseas.

First Lieutenant and Mrs. Otis Maxwell and family of Newton are expected home in a day or two following his discharge from the Army one day this week. He served overseas in Italy, France and Germany with the Artillery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCormack of Newton received a letter from their son, Drexel McCormack on Monday, stating that he had met First Lieutenant George W. Kasserman Jr. at Biarritz, France. Drexel is attending the same school as Lieutenant Kasserman and is taking an advanced course in French and the American novel.

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Corporal Hugh James is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. James of Newton. He is a Link trainer instructor in Nebraska.

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Private Zanna Reisner, formerly of Hidalgo, now of Marion, has received

a discharge from the Army after three years' service. He wore the European theatre ribbon for service in Italy in the Naples-Foggia campaign.

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Staff Sergeant Charles Schiller who has been overseas in the Pacific area with an Amphibious Tractor battalion, has been discharged from the Army and now resides with his wife on a farm near Kansas, in Edgar county.

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Marine Private First Class James L. Wallace of St. Louis, a son of Lawrence Wallace of Newton, is a machine gunner aboard an aircraft carrier and has seen service near the Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Japan.

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Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Dorris Scott are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Scott and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Westendorf of Newton. He is in the Air Force at Venice, Florida.

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Private First Class George Grange visited his grand-mother, Mrs. Anna Hussey, over the week end. He is stationed at Chanute field. His home is in Eldorado, Kansas.

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Andrew Holt visited his brother Tim Holt in Luzon island. They are stationed twenty-five miles apart, but were able to be together six days.

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Seaman First Class Lorena Musgrove visited Mrs. Arthur Eubank most of last week. She is stationed at Pensacola, Florida.

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Corporal Clem Brinson of the Marines is spending his furlough here. He has been overseas and is now stationed in the east.

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Corporal Milo Shaner is home on thirty days leave. He has been in Italy for several months.

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Donald Shire is home on a thirty day leave after being overseas in Italy.