

Wilbur L. Mulvaney, seaman first class, who is with an Amphibious force in the Pacific, writes his sister, Miss LaVella Mulvaney of Tuscola, under date of December 31:

"Here I am again at a different address for about the fourth time in the last month, as you probably know by the letters you already have. I can't say what I'm doing or where I am, but, it isn't too bad.

"I guess tomorrow is New Year's day, but I never thought much about it, or Christmas either for that matter. It just seemed like another day except the chow was a little better.

"I haven't gotten any mail since I left the states, so answer soon and I'll try to write more often since this will be my address for awhile. Good-bye Sis and take care of yourself."

Friends may write to him in care of his sister at 504 East Newkirk street, Tuscola, Illinois.

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Corporal Wilmer Kermicle, son of Warren Kermicle of South Jasper county, writes from England under

date of January 10: "Received your V-mail letter dated December 19. I was glad to get the Presses. I almost memorize them when I get one, which isn't too often. I never miss 'With the Colors.'

"I had a letter from my sister Bernice and she said you had quite a snow. I wonder what it would look like.

"I had a very nice Christmas considering that I am not at home. Plenty to eat. They have some very nice churches here. Holiday services were very good. I have a camera the folks sent me; however taking pictures with an ordinary camera is almost impossible. I was going to church tonight, but the trip was called off, so another good night's sleep.

"Right now I have to go down to the garage for awhile. That, and not being able to think of anything else I can write, should ge a good reason for quitting. Write when you can."

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James Harold Dunnigan writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Dunnigan of Newton, that he has been transferred from Great Lakes Naval Training Station to Purdue university, Lafayette, Indiana, where he will receive sixteen weeks of training looking toward a rating as an electrician's mate. He says:

"It is sure swell here. We have rooms assigned to us just like a hotel. We have three to a room, with lockers, desk and clothes closet. We have curtains over our windows. We dine downstairs and the food is swell.

"When I get through school I'll get a diploma as an electrician's mate. It is just like going to school; in fact, we are rated as college students. We go to school eight hours a day but not on Saturdays or Sundays. We get liberty on Wednesday night and Saturday and Sunday."

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Lieutenant John S. Wright, who is with a Signal Intelligence unit in North Africa, writes that the weather there is much like California, with oranges heavy on the trees and the vineyards green at this season of the year. "It's warm and pleasant in the sun, but I work inside and it's chilly all the time, even through my G. I. underwear. I just received a pile of Presses and two Christmas packages from England.

"I've been really busy here since January 1, not getting through work until after midnight except on two nights. The work is interesting and I'm glad finally to be a part of a unit on a permanent basis."

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Among the new recruits at the United States Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, are three local men.

They are now receiving instruction in seamanship, military drill, and naval procedure. Soon, they will be given a series of aptitude tests for determining whether they will be assigned to one of the Navy's service schools, or to immediate active duty at sea.

Upon completing their recruit-

training, these men will be home on a nine-day leave. They are: Jerry Wayne Chapman, 18, Babe Ruth Reed, 23, and William Ray Bunton, 18, of Newton and vicinity.

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Private Wendell K. Purcell, who has spent a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Purcell of near Yale, returned Friday to his camp at New Orleans, Louisiana. He expects a move soon, perhaps overseas. Private Purcell will celebrate his birthday on January 29.

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Corporal John H. Maxwell of Newton has been transferred overseas to somewhere in the Southwest Pacific with an Amphibious Tank battalion. He is a cook, and has been in California for two years. When he was here on furlough recently, he said he expected to be "shipped out" soon.

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Billy Dean Fouty is visiting his parents, Supervisor and Mrs. Sam J. Fouty of Yale vicinity, on a furlough, after completing his "boot" training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He will be assigned to a hospital unit when he returns for further training.

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Private First Class Paul Hampton is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hampton of Hidalgo vicinity. He is stationed at Kennedy General hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. He is back in the United States after service at Guadalcanal.

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Private John Delbert Wilson, who spent a few days in Newton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilson, left Wednesday for Louisville, to be with his wife and son the balance of his furlough. He is stationed near Tyler, Texas, at Camp Fannin.

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Corporal Charles R. Orr of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, is spending a ten day furlough with his relatives and friends at Willow Hill.

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Doyt Hamilton of Newton, who is at the Naval base at San Diego, California, receiving training, states that his wife is employed in an aircraft factory there.

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Staff Sergeant Leslie L. Isley of Camp Van Doren, Mississippi, is spending a few days in Newton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Isley.

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Chief Petty Officer G. W. Hender-

son of Davisville, Rhode Island, spent three days over the week end with his wife and daughter and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. James of Newton.

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