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"Oak" Yays:

Thanks for your many nice letters and comments—and suggestions. As ume goes along we may be able to make improvements. Apparently you fellows approved of this lumn which I initiated last month.

First of all, thanks to the hundred and hundreds of you who took time from a busy day to send Christmas greetings. They were appreciated.

Secondly, about my idea on the should secondly, about my idea on the should like to see me follow through. Well, I am going to. This is a report covering patches received to date: from Cpl. Q. J. Bussolari, former East Cambridge employee, patch for the 10th Armored Regiment; from Sgt. Wm. Houk, Ottunwa, patch for the 90th Division; and from Pvt. Forrest Smith, Ottunwa, patch for the 86th Division. Glad you fellows also took the time to explain what the design stood for. Will the rest of you do the same? This should really make a splendid display—for today and tomorrow. Just one more thought before I get into the real message of this column. When you're in Ottunwa, won't you drop in and see me. I'm on the third floor of the General Office building. All you have to do is ask the girl at the Information Desk for me; I'll have you come upstairs; we'll talk, have a cigarette, and get to know one another better. Lots of you have called on me, but I want to meet and talk with the rest of you.

Well, here we go. On December 17 I went up to Des Moines and visited the First WAC Training Center. Purposejust to get a story on our lady soldiers for The Morrell Magazine. I am frank to say that visit was an eye-opener. These lady soldiers are doing one grand job. And they are not in this war to replace men for active duty; they are in this war been that he doesn't. Ninety per cent of the girls in the WAC have signed up for overseas service. Doesn't that mean something? To me it does! And it was something that I didn't know before. I have been rather hard on the WACs in thave been rather hard on the WACs in have been rather hard on the WACs in the past, but I will never be again—and folks should be careful when they say something against them within my hear-

story of my visit. I just give you this much so that you will look forward to the story which will be carried in the January or February issue. But I did want you to have my reaction. I don't want to give away the Magazine

> Your letters are coming in fine—we have more than enough to get into these four pages. But we will get items from four pages. But we will get items from 90 to 95% of all the letters received each month. Received a good bunch of photographs this month. Cop them coming; they'll be used in The Morrell Magazine

as space permits.

Also if you want to get the Magazine and haven't received a subscription card, let me know and I'll get one on the way right now. I did that this month and several of you will be reading the Magazine soon for the first time since you left

You lucky dog! Everytime I eat turkey or chicken my temperature pops right out of the thermometer and I have to go to bed for a few hours until my tummy cools down. Therefore, the wife and daughter have fowl only when I am out of town or not home for a meal. Well, that's neather here nor there. r the service.

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Cordially, "Oak" Cheever.

D.IF. C. TO DUREE

been awarded the Army Distinguished Flying Cross. He already has received the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf clusters.

"Bill" is a second lieutenant with in the Ottumwa General Offices, has "Bill" Duree, formerly employed

man and enemy-occupied lands of his 25th bombing mission over Gerbardier and just recently completed the Army Air Corps. He is a bom-

Europe.
"Bill" has months bombs on most of the major targets attacked by the Eighth Bomber Command during the past several released his Fort's

looking for you home on a furlough Good bombing, and we will be

TOPEKAN'S BRAVERY NOTED

ceived the Purple Heart medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the England. he is a staff sergeant in Uncle Sam's Back in the old days, Rollin Lcoker used to work in the Topeka Sav-Army Air Corps and is stationed in vory Foods department. Just recently he has re-But now

Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters for acts of bravery.
It isn't necessary to say that

proud of Rollin everyone at Topeka 1s say that mighty

RECEIVES PURPLE HEART

plant employee, has been awarded the Purple Heart medal for wounds suffered in battle. Pvt. Niles re-ceived his wounds while fighting treatment at a base hospital in November 3. with the Fifth Army in Italy on Pvt. Charles F. Niles, Ottumwa He is now receiving

SHORT SHOTS

Lakes, III. I south Pacific. S1/c Ivan Shaw, Ottumwa, is now at the Naval Hospital at Great H. Ivan saw action in the

tion at Astoria, Ore peka, is stationed at the Naval Stac Everett D. Cushing,

cold at night. Training is very hard, he says.

Pvt. Raymond McGee, Ottumwa is training in the California desert Pvt. Orlin Skrondahl, Sioux Falls, it is hot during the day and at night. Training is very

likes the country fine is now stationed in Australia.

Juartermaster Pfc. is now stationed with Everett W. Corps at Camp Meharry,

Pickett, Va.

Pvt. Norman Olson, Sicux Falls, has been transferred to the Army Specialized Training Program at the University of Illinois, Champaign, III

tioned at the Army Air Base at Salt Lake City, Utah.
Donald E. Smith, from Topeka. otherwise better known as the Liberator. He is stationed at Go-wen Field, Boise, Ida. Pfc. Harold George, Ottumwa, is also serving as a crew chief on a B-24; he is stais a crew chief on a B-24-J bomber Cpl. Clarence Engle, Ottumwa Base at

he is on his teet again. writes from somewhere in Iran that

Pfc. Jerry Jewell, Sioux Falls, is driving a truck in Canada.

Pfc. R. L. Shepherd, Ottumwa, found that the last carton of cigarettes from the Company came in pretty handy. He had just arrived in Australia where cigarettes are rationed. He says the boys are now rationed to a carton a week.

Lt. "Bill" Shumpes, Topeka, has returned to the states and is now at March Field, Calif.

Pfc. Wayne Bease, Sioux Falls, has been transferred from New Caledonia to Guadalcanal.

Robert Ellis S1 /c, formerly of Ottumwa, is bragging just a bit because his Destroyer Escort vessel is the flagship in his group.

Edna Hoyer, Topeka, has gone to New York for her boot training with the WAVES.

Pvt. Valfred Hauck, Sioux Falls, is stationed in Panama.

Wayne Sawyer, Topeka, is now at San Antonio, Tex. He is studying to be either a navigator or a bombardier.

Pvt. Robert Halpin, Ottumwa, has been getting all the rain he wants in Italy.

Pvt. Kenneth M. Murphy, Sioux Falls, has been overseas for seven months. He started out in Africa and is now in Italy.

Kenneth Kaeberle, Topeka, is confined to the hospital at Farragut,

Pvt. Forrest Smith, Ottumwa, is on maneuvers in Louisiana. Pvt. Max Alverson, also of Ottumwa, is on desert maneuvers near Needles,

Cpl. Howard W. Woolheater, Sioux Falls, is doing telephone work in the south Pacific and says there is plenty to do.

Ray Kietzman, Topeka, is attending the Western Signal Corps School at Davis, Calif.

Pvt. Lloyd Wilkinson, Ottumwa, is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands; he likes them pretty well but would rather be back in the U.S.A.

Pvt. Ralph E. Walker, Sioux Falls, spent about a month in the hospital at San Diego, Calif.

"Bob" Summers, attached to a fleet which had been at sea for several months, arrived in San Francisco and received his Christmas box, December 12.

CM3/c Paul E. Spilman, Ottumwa, is with the Navy SeaBees at Port Hueneme, Calif. He expects to get shipped out at any time now. However, he isn't letting that interfere with his fun; he visited the Hollywood Canteen recently and saw Hedy Lamarr, Susan Hayward, and "Skinny" Ennis.



Cpl. Herman E. Paetow, Sioux Falls, spent a couple of weeks digging a hole for his hut in the Aleutian area. When he wrote the job wasn't finished; but he says it will be a lot better than living in a tent. He likes the fishing up there.

"Dan" Steinmetz, Topeka, is a radio operator in the Air Corps.

S2/c Howard D. Hartley, Ottumwa, has been transferred to the Naval Mine Warfare Test Station at Solomons, Md.

CONGRATULATIONS

Sgt. and Mrs. J. K. McDermott, Ottumwa, are the parents of a son. Sgt. McDermott is now somewhere in the south Pacific.

Clarence A. Terrell, Ottumwa, has been married. He is stationed at the Naval Air Station at Nor-

Janice Carol is the name given to the daughter born to Coxswain and Mrs. Thane Lee on November 20, 1943. Thane is a member of the Coast Guard and has been stationed at Keokuk, Iowa, during most of his service; in fact, Mrs. Lee is a Keokuk girl. Thane has been taking a picket boat down the Mississippi, and at present is stationed out of St. Louis, Mo.

Lt. and Mrs. George Orman, Ottumwa, report the birth of a daughter. George is now with the Army Air Corps at Roswell, N. M.

Cpl. Dean Ivins, Ottumwa, reports the birth of a son, August 22,

OVER-SEAS MAIL

From S2 /c Clarence Meland, Sioux Falls, now in the south Pacific:

"I didn't get sea-sick all the way over. We left Port Hueneme, Calif., September 7 and arrived here October 5. We stopped at two islands on the way. They were Pago Pago, one of the Solomon Islands, and Santo Espreto.

"The only women on this island are natives. If a fellow has a watch or pipe to sell or trade, the natives will give a good price for it."

From Pfc. Emil Orth, Sioux Falls, now stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.:

'I was formerly employed at Sioux Falls before landing in the Army, Since then I've seen a lot of the south; in fact, that's all of the U. S. I have seen. However I hope to see more of

"I have a brother in the Navy and a sister who is a nurse. My sister is already across and I hope to see her if I get across.

From A / C LaVerne M. Sedore, formerly of Ottumwa and now stationed at Visalia, Calif.:

"I have completed my preflight training at Santa Ana and am at primary, Am flying every day and like it very much. We fly half a day and have ground school the other half."

From Cpl. Melvin Nelson, Sioux Falls, now stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.:

'It was nice at times down in Louisiana but the dust always got in my food. Fort Sill is lots better than Texas or Louisiana, but I do wish we would move south before it gets colder.

'If you want to see some nice mountains, come to Fort Sill. The scenery is wonderful here—and there are trees!

From Cpl. Dalbert Howard, Ottumwa, now at Miami Beach, Fla.:

'Members of the permanent party here at Miami Beach went up for their "63" physical to become aerial gunners last Saturday. I even went a little farther and took the stiff "64", which (if you pass) makes you eligible to become an air cadet. I am one healthy soldier so I hope to become a pilot soon. Have about five months of college before I can even get near an airplane.'

From Cpl. Joyce Brokaw, formerly of Sioux Falls and now stationed at Camp Shanks, N. Y .:

"I'm working in surgery now in the camp hospital. We have quite a few of our WACs overseas, and they are asking for more. I only hope that I'll be one of them.'

From Pyt. Francis Swanson, Ottumwa, now stationed with the Army Air Forces at Ft. Sumner, N. M.:

"I suppose you would like to know a little something about this place. It is the real west. Mile after mile of cattle grazing country. The town of Fort Sumner is a typical western cattle town of 500 people, and hasn't changed much since it was a Fort on the Santa Fe Trail in the days of the Civil War. It is the town where Billy, the Kid, the famous outlaw, was killed. His grave is in the old Fort. It is also on the trail Cortez followed when he came up from Mexico.'

From T / Sgt. D. E. Olsen, Sioux Falls, now in Los Angeles, Calif.:

I am no longer in the Troop Carrier Command. Am now with a Tactical Air Division, here in the sunny desert of California. I am crewing a hospital ship and all we do is haul soldiers, who

get hurt on maneuvers, to the hospital by air. We have one mission a day.
"Los Angeles is just 200 miles from

the Air Base and I manage to get in once every two weeks.
"My brother, Arlen, with the Navy

has left for overseas services.'

From S / Sgt. Woodrow, Huffman, Ottumwa, now in the tropics:

"Been overseas now better than 15 months, and 13 of those spent here in the tropics. What I wouldn't give for an Iowa winter-my blood is so thin now that it would probably get me down, but I wouldn't mind taking that chance. Got back from a 10-day leave in Australia about a month ago. Did I ever put away the milk, ice cream and steak and eggs? Gained 12 pounds in all. Darn near back to normal. Weighed 200 on my tenth That's a far cry from the 170 I weighed a few months after I arrived here. Was I ever a weak sister at that time? Was down with the fever for awhile and for the first few months got very little sleep. Also the food was nothing to rave about. We are getting good food now and I am really getting plenty of shut-

From Sgt. Allan Tommeraasen, Sioux Falls, now in England:

Have been receiving Trimmings okey; it is sure good to get it and I enjoy it very much. Nice to know what the other boys are doing. Keep it coming.

'The weather has been rather chilly here the last week. Suppose the snow is starting to fall there. England has some very nice country, but otherwise it is a bit old-fashioned. I'll take the U. S. A. any day; hope we all can be back

From Pvt. John G. Lane, Topeka, now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands:

"Have been receiving Trimmings and The Morrell Magazine. I have gotten several laughs from Trimmings and also found news of friends that I would not have received otherwise.

'There is really no news here to write about. I am getting along swell. So thanks for everything and here's hoping that I will be back on the Morrell production line by this time next year.

From MM1/c J. F. Keppel, Brooklyn branch, now somewhere in the Atlantic or thereabouts:

"That magazine, Trimmings, which you are publishing is something new. I enjoy reading it a lot. It is very interesting reading those letters. It seems just like they had been written to me when I read them. Still receiving The Morrell Magazine. It's a little different from the old one I used to get when I was working for the Brooklyn branch, but it is still in-

From M. T. Sgt. Wm. H. H. Wyatt, with the Marines south of the equator. "Bill" is a former Ottumwan:

"Your fine letter had to spend over a month and a half to get to me and arrived with the August Magazine. Possibly it went to my old location near Honolulu, T. H., then across the equator and international date line to this small island. Now here I sit in our 'tin' barracks in a nice coconut grove answering it. But please excuse the poor penmanship as I have been diving for shells on my Sunday p. m. off and the surf took me into the coral reefs a few times. That with the after affects of the exercise make my muscles unmanageable.
"It has been over three years since I

left the plant; since then I have become the leading electrician and accessory man in our outfit. But I am fortunate in having a fine bunch of workers, and boys who know their stuff, in my shop. You can be sure that we will be doing our stuff to keep them flying."

From Pvt. Irving Wierenga, Sioux Falls, with the Army in the Alaskan theatre:

"Well, we have a basketball team here. play center because of my height. As far as winning games goes we haven't done so well. We do have a lot of fun even though we don't always win. lost our first game by a score of 25-13, but we have a lot of games left on which to

"We had the pleasure of seeing Errol Flynn and Martha O'Driscoll recently. We really had a grand time with them."

From S / Sgt. W. L. Beltz, Topeka, now "somewhere in the southwest Pacific":

"I thought I would write and tell you that I had received Trimmings. First one I had received and I liked it very

much. Hope I can keep on getting it.
"We have been getting a lot of rain
down here. It is just like springtime; sure seems funny. We find that this weather is a lot worse to fly in than these Japs that are down here. We can fight the Japs but can't do anything about the weather." a long way Arom

From Col. Matthew G. Carr, Ottumwa, now in North Africa:

"Since my last letter I have arrived in North Africa. I live in a tent and so far have had a cot to sleep on. The nights are rather chilly, but it is warm during the day. I have been in two different camps since arriving in Africa."

From Pvt. R. E. Wentz, Sioux Falls, now

"We have been in Italy for quite a spell but we are not able to tell of our whereabouts until a reasonable period has elapsed. This country is much nicer than Sicily or North Africa; much more modern in a number of respects, but it was pretty well worked over before we came in. Buildings and roads are particularly upto-date, but it doesn't look as if the Mussolini regime did the people any good. They're still very primitive when it comes to agriculture, household fixtures, housing facilities, and things of that nature.

"The weather reminds us that winter isn't going to skip this place either. Nights and mornings are real snappy and we have had some cold rains.'

From Cpl. Henry Pimentel, Topeka, somewhere in North Africa:

"I am a former employee of the Topeka plant. I received Trimmings for the first time; must say that I enjoyed it very much. Will look forward to it each month; it's a great morale builder for us boys overseas.

'I am a postal clerk in this theatre. We have a great job ahead of us. Thank God we will win in the end."

From CM3 / c Lester L. Gard, Ottumwa, now in the south Pacific:

"I have been gone from my old address (Rhode Island) for eight months. From there I went to California, then to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for five months, and now I'm on an island in the south Pacific. I've been here for over two months now and I am ready to shove off again. Back to the states preferred."

From Pvt. Nicholas Reiter, Sioux Falls,

"I am driving a 21/2-ton truck in the ammunition section and like the job very much. North Africa isn't what it used to be. There isn't any excitement for us anymore. People even ignore the American soldier. We've been here too

For Thanksgiving we had everything. The turkey was delicious."

From Lt. "Al" Emerich, Topeka, now in England:

"I'll have some tall tales to tell when I get back. The people of England have gone through some trying times. The field I am in looks as though it had been dropped into the midst of the countryside; hangars and planes, horses, cows, and chickens, intermingled with jeeps, makes an effective camouflage."

From EM2 /c John C. Short, on active duty with the Navy:

"I have really been places since I was home. Take all my sea travel miles together and I am sure that they would more than circle the globe. So when this war is over all I want to do is stay in Ottumwa. I have had all the traveling I will ever want.

From T /5 Kenneth E. Bucklin, Sioux

Falls, now in Italy:
"My part in this is rather a small one. As a company aid man for an infantry company, I go with the rifleman. When he moves, I move. My job is to render first aid to the injured."

John Krentz, Topeka, is in England; but he doesn't like that country as well as he likes the states.

From Sgt. Glen Little, Ottumwa, now in

Italy:
"To begin, we made a successful landing, and then proceeded to our present location. We found the people different from those living in Africa. Very few people in Africa could speak English, while here it is nothing to have a man or lady say "Good Morning" and go on, and you wonder what part of the states he or she lived in. That seems to be the case with the older people. They either lived in the states at one time or another, or they have a brother or sister living in New York. One thing we like about this country is that the people are so friendly and will give you anything you want and will take nothing for it. Of course if you want to buy anything they will gladly trade for soap, sugar, salt, candy, or cigarettes. Our biggest trading item is this "C" ration they keep sending us to eat. Personally I think Red Heart has it all over that.

'There are plenty of nuts to be had. English walnuts and the largest chestnuts I have ever seen. The chestnuts are about the size of a walnut, or better yet, about the size of a medium buckeye. People boil them and eat them hot. They eat them in place of potatoes. Every Monday is market day in the smaller towns, and that is when all the people bring their surplus into town: everyone turns out to buy their week's supply of whatever they want. To be sure there isn't much left; Jerry has taken it all with him, at least, all he could find. The people were up to his tricks and hid every-thing they could hide. One can buy a helmet full of nuts for a quarter. Oranges are plentiful now so that helps out a lot.

"În Africa, the kids would stand on the street and yell, "Bon, Bon." Over here it is, "Caramel, Caramel," which also means candy. The only difference is that the kids here will have a handful of nuts

or an apple to offer in exchange. They haven't had any cigarettes in a long time; if you want to see a real fight, just toss a couple of cigarettes into a bunch of kids. "This country is very, very mountainous and a tough one to crack. We all thought the hills in Africa were tough but the hills in Africa were tough but

suvius. It is a pretty sight at night and is visible for miles. I have been to Naples but, of course, it isn't as nice as it would be in peace times. It is really a wonderful town and it is a shame that it had to take the punishment it received. "Well, I've come this far so I am going whole hog now. It was my good fortune to lead the victory parade into Tunis, so I am looking forward to Rome which isn't very far away, or better yet, Berlin. It looks like the Russians might beat us there, but we are doing our best to beat them." towns are close together. In Africa we could go for miles without seeing a town. So its a lot more interesting here. As I look out of my tent now I can see Vesuvius. It is a pretty sight at night and is visible for miles. I have been to Nanles but of course it in the course in the it had well, country towns as its its nothing but mountains.

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Merl A. L. Russell E. Bro 2nd Class

Dolores C. Mosher (Ottumwa) Pharmacist Mate 3rd Class
"Jack" P. Thomas (Ottumwa) Private

1st Class John L. Woodward (Syracuse) Lieutenant William F. Rickert (Ottumwa) Sergeant 2nd Ci Jacobsen (Gansevoort) Sergeant Yeoman

Everett Foxx (Ottumwa) Sergeant
Franz E. Moody. (Minneapolis) Storekeeper 2nd Class
Damon B. Walke (Los Angeles) Sergeant
R. S. Milton (Brooklyn) Sergeant
Corwin Overton (Peoria, III.) Ships Cook
3rd Class

rant Officer Bell (Los Angeles) Chief War-

Dean Currie (Topeka) Sergeant "Jim" Vaske (Sioux Falls) Corporal Lawrence G. Gooch (Ottumwa) War Warrant

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Gordon B. Gulbranson (Sioux Falls) Fireman 3rd Class Andrew P. Nielson (Sioux Falls) Lieuten-

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1st Class
Lewis H. Jones (Sioux Falls) Petty
2nd Class
W. A. Clark (Sioux Falls) Corporal
"Don" Schultze (Sioux Falls) Jones (Sioux Falls) Petty Officer

Private

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Don F. Richards (Ottumwa) Sergeant

Don Short (Ottumwa) Private 1st Class Francis E. Carr (Ottumwa) Corporal E. J. McDermott (Ottumwa) Shipfitter 3rd Class Leo L. Wood (Sioux Falls) Private 1st

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FROM THE CAMPS

wa, now stationed with the Navy SeaBees at Camp Rousseau, Port Hueneme, Calif: "Since I left the Company last spring I have been around a bit; from the east coast to the west coast. I find the people out here pretty nice, but not like those in the east. I am now at Camp Rousseau. It is an A. B. D. We will ship out soon. I would like to get it over with. "Just where we are going no one knows for sure. Some think it might be China. I don't care just so we get it over with."

From T/Sgt. Wilbur O. Lokken, Sioux Falls, now with a photo mapping squadron of the Army Air Forces at Reading, Pa.:

"I have just received Trimmings—a really much appreciated paper. Hope the boys overseas will continue writing in more and more as all of us want to hear about them. Hope to meet a lot of you boys in letters in the months ahead."

From A // C Paul Finninger, Topeka, now stationed at Phoenix, Ariz.:

Valley, Thunderbird Field, Phoemix, Aug. Each month The Morrell Magazine and Trimmings reach me; both are very interesting. It displeases me, however, when there is no news from the Smoked Meat department of the Topeka plant." At present my home is in Paradise ley, Thunderbird Field, Phoenix, Ariz. h month The Morrell Magazine and

From S2 /c Leslie V. Ingles, Ottumwa stationed with the SeaBees at Camp

stationed with
Parks, Calif.:
"We aren't so busy anymore because of our moving. It seems we never get --+12d down. That's the SeaBees for

"After I left Ottunwa, I went to Camp Peary, Va., for my boot training. From there I went to Camp Endicott, R. I. Now I am at Camp Parks, Calif., about 35 miles from San Francisco."

From Lt. H. H. Bowring, Sioux Falls, now stationed at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Tex.:

Falls plant in the Traffic department under H. W. Roberts. Left Morrell's in November of 1942, just a year and a week ago, to join the Air Corps as a cadet. My class was 43–4 and we graduated in August of this year. At present I'm stationed here at Goodfellow Field as a basic training instructor." was formerly employed at the Sioux s plant in the Traffic department

From Pvt. Roy Groves, Jr., To stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.: Topeka, now

read and enjoy it. I want my buddies to know that the Company I worked for, and expect to work for again, is doing all it can in producing food products for the Army and Navy, and for civilians all over the world." only "I am proud to say that I am not the not one who enjoys The Morrell Magnity one who enjoys The Morrell Magnine; I pass it around to my friends who hadden

From From Arthur C. Knox, Ottumwa, wi tank battalion at Pine Camp, N. Y.: with a

"I have covered quite a" bit of continental U.S. since entering the Army, but haven't managed to get into action as yet. From Iowa to Camp Cooke, Calif, the desert, Tennessee maneuvers, and finally Pine Camp, N. Y. It doesn't really seem like I have been in for twenty

months. So much has have the time has passed quickly. happened that

From BM1 /c "Al" Lehman, Sioux Falls, now with a naval repair base at San Diego, Calif.:

y I was working for. You products all over the world-Never realized what a

famous Com You can fine

-and

of going to one or the other every now and then. I had the chance to visit Austin once since I've been here. Austin is really a nice town, but it can't beat Topeka, though, as the best place to be from." "This camp is about 124 miles from San Antonio, and 30 miles from the Mexican border. We have the opportunity of going to one and a second control of going to one and the second control of sec From Cpl. Glen W. Smith, Ir., T tastes just as good here as it does back home."

Topeka,

From A / S Allen A. McGregor, Ottumwa, with a W. T. S. detachment at Youngstown College, Youngstown, Ohio:

"This is our fourth course in flying. Everything is done by instruments except take-offs and landings. The course consists of 20 hours of Link Trainer instruction; it is simulated flying in a trainer that never leaves the ground. However it is full of tricks; every move is recorded. We have now finished the first phase and are at the airport taking actual "hood" blind friend.

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stalls, spins, and other tests. When we stalls, spins, and other tests when we finish this we will do radio orientation and "beam bracketing" which means locating and flying to our station by radio signals. "It is all very interesting but radically different from anything that we have had up to now. We are on what is known as the Cadet System and the gigs come up rather easy if we don't watch out. We are allowed out on Saturday nights until 2 A. M., providing we haven't received in excess of five gigs.

"Our next course will be at Wichita Falls, Tex., or Chanute, Kans. It will be the instructor refresher course. We will be evaluated at Brooks Field, Tex., after that to see if we go to Randolph Field as instructors or elsewhere in some

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From QM3/c Lincoln P. Rice, Sioux Falls, now with the Navy at New London,

ing for the submarine service. I have just recently been promoted to quarter-master third class. This course will run until the latter part of January and from here I will probably go directly to sea." "You may now in New London, be interested to know that Conn., train-vice. I have

in the hospital at Great Lakes, Ill.: From S2 //c Jacob J. Desch, Topeka, now

1943, I have spent nine weeks in San Diego, Calif., where I took my boot training. I was then transferred to Great Lakes, where I went to school until I was taken ill. I am now in the Naval Hospital here waiting to get well enough to go hack to duty." go back to duty "Since enlisting in the Navy, June 43. I have spent nine weeks in

stationed at Orlando, Fla.: From Sgt. F. D. Miller, Sioux Falls, now

"I am now with a night fighter squadron. We fly both day and night so don't have to much spare time. My regular job is aircraft inspector. I like my job fine."