

Melvin Chapman 7/8/42
and Gerald Field
Here from War Zone

Melvin Chapman, yeoman first class, and Gerald Field, radioman third class, United States Navy, are here on short furloughs. The former is visiting his grand-father and sister, C. W. Chapman and Joyce Chapman of Newton, and the latter is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Field of this city, for the first time in two years.

Both are veterans of the battles of the Southwestern Pacific area. Melvin was a member of the crew of the Aircraft Carrier Lexington, which was sunk in the Coral Sea battle, after its fuel tanks blew up following being struck by several torpedoes. He also participated in the battles off Bougainville and Salamaua in the early days of the war.

Gerald was on a destroyer which was damaged in the evacuation of ships from Manila bay immediately after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7. He was later in the battle of Macassar Straits, and other more recent Southwestern Pacific actions. He came here from San Francisco, where his ship is being refitted.

Following the sinking of the Lexington, Melvin was picked up and taken to the Fiji Islands, and went from there to Australia, which he likes very much. It took him thirteen days to come from Australia to San Francisco.

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ALBERT DORN DIES
SATURDAY EVENING

Albert Dorn passed away Saturday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ed Fehrenbacher in Newton, after an extended illness from heart trouble and complications. He was born in Jasper county near Wendelin, May 4, 1862, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorn, and had always resided here.

For many years he resided on a farm near Bogota, and later was engaged in the hay, grain and livestock business at Boos for several years. About twenty years ago he sold out and moved to Newton, where he has since made his home. He was known to a wide circle of friends as Al, and was quite active until the past few months.

He leaves two sons and four daughters, Mrs. Pearl Fehrenbacher of Newton, Frank Dorn and Mrs. Sophia Volk of Bogota vicinity, Mrs. Estella Kessler of Ingraham, Mrs. Annette Kistner of Olney, and Elmer Dorn of Decatur. His wife, Mrs. Mary Dorn, preceded him in death fifteen years ago.

He is also survived by twenty-eight grand - children and eleven great grand-children. J. G. Dorn of Newton is a nephew.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Holy Cross church, Wendelin, and burial was in the parish cemetery beside his wife. Rev. Fr. Edmund Niess officiated.