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Second Lieutenant Edward Maurice Resch is visiting his mother, Mrs. William Resch of Newton. He graduated last week from the Officers Candidate course at the Infantry school at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was inducted into the Army last May and had been advanced to the rank of sergeant before being sent to the Infantry school.

Edward, better known as "Dukie"—his brother, Chief Petty Officer Howard Resch, United States Navy, is "Duke"—was graduated from the Newton Community high school and the Eastern Illinois State Teachers college, Charleston. He was a well known basket ball player and was associate editor of the Teachers' College News there.

At the Infantry school, world's largest institution of its kind, Lieutenant Resch has spent a three months course to fit him for his new responsibilities. The course covers the technique of handling all the varied modern infantry weapons and the tactics of leading small infantry units in combat. It also includes study of many varied subjects which future officers must know along the lines of administration, military law, etc.

The men who attend the Officer Candidate schools are the best privates, corporals and sergeants from the entire army, selected by their superiors for outstanding intelligence and qualities of leadership. During the course even the mildly incapable are weeded out, so that the men who graduate with commissions are America's finest soldiers, fully qualified to be the leaders in our new army.

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Edward R. Foltz Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Foltz of Newton, enlisted with the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board of St. Louis for training under its new 17 year old procurement program, Friday. A senior in the Newton Community high school, he plays in the High School Band.

Enlisted as an apprentice seaman (V-5) in the United States Naval Reserve, each 17 year old man must complete his high school work and graduate (if he has not already graduated), and await his eighteenth birthday before he is eligible for transfer to aviation cadet (V-5) for the beginning of his active duty in Naval aviation training.

First stage of the training for cadets is a three month course in aviation ground school subjects, plus physical training and military instruction, at the Navy's new flight-preparatory school at Murray, Kentucky. A minimum of two months of flight training at a war training service base in this area will follow, then three months at one of the Navy's famous pre-flight schools.

Intermediate and advanced flight training at various naval air stations completes the training for each man, after which he is commissioned as a Naval aviator and becomes a flying ensign.

Cadets in the first two stages of their training are under the direct supervision of the St. Louis Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board.

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Private Ky W. Andrews, Company A, 653rd Tank Destroyer battalion, Camp Bowie, Texas, sent this home to his mother, Mrs. Charles Andrews of Newton:

There'll be blue birds over
The graves of the soldiers,
Tomorrow, just you wait and see;
There'll be cries and laughter,
And tears ever after.

Tomorrow the world will be free,
Some mothers will laugh with joy,
Some mothers will miss their boys,
But all in this search for peace,
A great nation has won defeat.

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The graves of the soldiers,
Tomorrow, just you wait and see.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have another son, Corporal Edgar E. Andrews, Company I, 41st Armored regiment, Eleventh Armored division, Camp Polk, Louisiana. He would like to have friends to write to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ives of Newton, received a letter from their son, Burl Ives, who has been playing in Irving Berlin's all Army show, "This Is the Army," for the past ten months. He says he will not be in the movie which is being made of the show, as he has transferred to the Army Air Force and is now stationed in San Francisco.

He has just returned from a trip singing at different air bases on the Pacific coast.

Burl's address is Private Burl E. Ives, Fourth Air Force Headquarters Company, 180 New Montgomery street, San Francisco, California.

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Mr. and Mrs. Maurice W. Michl returned to Glenview, after a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Michl and other relatives and friends near Newton. Maurice is a petty officer at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He has been there eleven months.

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Private James Dewhirst is spending a ten day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Dewhirst of Newton. He is in the Thirtieth division at Camp Blanding, Florida, near Jacksonville. Jim says he has gained eighteen pounds and looks tanned and hard.

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Private Paul Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Harris, writes his parents, that he has completed his basic training at Fort Custer, Michigan, and is now attending Radio Communications school. He likes the Army fine.

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Corporal Rex McClane left Monday morning for Kelly field, San Antonio, Texas, where he is in an Army Air Force repair squadron. He had been at home on a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover McClane.

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Marion Erwin has received a discharge from the Army because of his age and is now engaged in farming on the Mrs. J. H. Bunton farm, three miles northwest of Newton, with his brother, John Erwin.

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John Acklin, who is in North Africa, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Acklin of near Newton, that he has been advanced in rank from private to corporal. He is well.

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Private Albert McFall is visiting his wife, the former Maxine Weber of Newton, on a short furlough. He has been stationed at Camp Crowder near Rolla, Missouri.

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Private Leo LaFief was a visitor with his wife and little daughter of Newton over the week end. He is stationed in the east.