

Three Receive

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Three Residents of Jasper County Are Commissioned by the Armed Forces After Training Courses

Noel A. Cunefare, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O. Cunefare of Montrose vicinity, was commissioned a second lieutenant and received his silver wings at graduation exercises held at Freeman Army Air field, Seymour, Indiana, Monday. Freeman is an advanced two engine pilot school.

Noel was a member of class 43-H, the fifth class to be graduated from Freeman field. He will now be assigned to a specialized school where he will learn further refinements of flying.

Commissioned in Air Force

Staff Sergeant Herbert W. Carr of Hidalgo has successfully completed his course at the Air Forces Officer Candidate school at Miami Beach, Florida, and has received his commission as second lieutenant in the Air Forces of the Army of the United States. His duties will be to direct vital administrative and supply operations of the rapidly expanding Army Air Forces ground forces, thus relieving trained pilots for full time flying duty.

He is a son of Mrs. Charles F. Hays of Hidalgo.

Commissioned

Arthur Schottmann, a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Schottmann of Grove township near Montrose, was commissioned a second lieutenant last week upon his graduation from the Army Air Forces Statistical Officer school at Harvard university, Boston, Massachusetts.

Awarded Medals

Captain Charles Hesse, a nephew of Clarence L. Doerr of Newton, was recently awarded the air medal for two hundred hours of combat flying and he and his entire bomber crew were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bombing Jap ships and Jap Zeros on July 27.

The citation from Lieutenant General George C. Kenney, sent to Captain Hesse's mother at Chicago and forwarded by the latter to Mr. Doerr, states that "Captain Hesse found three ships in Huon gulf," and after bombing them, shot down six Jap Zeros. It adds that "his country, his crew and his mother should be proud of him."

Captain Hesse, who has been in the Southwest Pacific area for several months, has visited Mr. and Mrs. Doerr at Newton on one or two occasions.