

Dale Huddlestun Receives Navy Wings as Ensign

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Graduates from Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Texas; in Training for Thirteen Months

Dale L. Huddlestun, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ona Huddlestun of Newton vicinity, received the Navy wings of gold Wednesday, when he graduated from the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Texas, and was commissioned an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve.

He entered training July 6, 1943, at Terre Haute, where he successfully completed Civil pilot training. From here he was sent to the University of Iowa for the intensive physical training course at the Pre-flight school. He received his basic flight training at Lambert field, St. Louis.

Will Pilot a Patrol Bomber

From there he was sent to Corpus Christi, Texas, which is the largest Naval Flight training center in the world. Here he received the most rigorous physical and flight training of his Naval career. On its completion, he received orders that he is to pilot a patrol bomber.

Ensign Huddlestun is a graduate of the Newton Community high school, class of 1940. He attended Eastern Illinois State Teachers college during the two years prior to his enlistment in the Naval Reserve.

He expects to be sent to Pensacola, Florida, or some other Naval Air Station for specialized flight training as a patrol bomber pilot.