



With the Colors

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Maurice T. Henderson, 20, seaman second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Henderson of Montrose, has completed basic training at the Submarine school at the Submarine Base at New London, Connecticut, for duty with our growing fleet of underseas fighters.

Seaman Henderson will be entitled to wear the twin dolphin insignia of the submarine service after further experience aboard a submarine during which he must demonstrate to his commanding officer that he is fully qualified to carry out the duties of his rate. The insignia is regarded as a mark of distinction throughout the Navy.

Seaman Henderson was graduated from the Newton Community high school two years ago, winning letters there in soft ball, track, foot ball, basket ball and base ball. He has been in the Navy since last October and received initial training at Great Lakes. "Submarine service is more definite, effective yet a faster type warfare," he said, "aside from the fine chow, good pay and interesting responsibilities."

The Submarine school, the only one of its kind in the Navy, is attended by a picked group of men who must pass special physical, mental, and psychological tests.

The school work takes place not only in classrooms and laboratories, but also in numerous training submarines in which students master the actual techniques of operating the powerful fighting craft.

Many students at Submarine school already have seen battle as members of surface ship crews before volunteering for submarine duty. Others are fresh from training stations, but all graduates are sure of action once they are assigned to a submarine due for offensive patrol. Large numbers of recent students now are serving in submarines which have sunk enemy naval or merchant vessels.

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Sergeant Paul C. "Bottle" Stanley writes his father, Noah A. Stanley of Newton, from North Africa, where he is in a fighter squadron of the Army Air Forces: "It's been some time since I've written. We've been awful busy and my mail has piled up. A few of us have to work tonight so I'll try to write.

"I've got an Italian rifle now. Several of the boys have had rides in all kinds of German and Italian vehicles. I got to see (Winston) Churchill and (Anthony) Eden when they were over here awhile back. The steward on their private plane let us look in the plane and gave us a shot of Scotch out of the stores. It sure was good.

"The nitroglycerine explosion (near Newton) kind of tickled me. It just seems as though it kind of woke the old town up. If they'd had some anti-aircraft fire, they would have thought it was the real thing. I saw a bombing raid some time ago and every time one hit, it would raise your pants up like a heavy wind. A piece of flak came sailing through the bivouac area and it sounded like a bomb whining down. We were standing by our foxhole watching the fireworks and we all went into our holes at once. Conley hit first and I lit right in the middle of his back with my knees. We had thought it was pretty deep but when we got through with it, the next morning it looked like Dave's coal mine shaft."

William L. "Billy" Lewis, gunner's mate first class on a cruiser, writes his aunt, Mrs. Will Resch of Newton: "I received your letter the other day and I sure was glad to hear from you. After all, though, I guess that I am the one who should have written you, but I've been on the move so fast that my address wouldn't have been good for over a couple of weeks. To top it all, your letter arrived telling about Duke (Chief Petty Officer Howard Resch) and I was over to see him today.

"It sure does seem funny for Duke to be a chief. Another thing was the pictures he showed me, among them one of Eddie (Lieutenant Edward M. Resch). I can't seem to think of him as a lieutenant in the Army.

"You ask about sis (Deloris). She's just fine. In fact, I received a long letter from her the same day that I got yours. Carl (Carl Little, Deloris's husband) is back in Terre Haute again. He received internal injuries while he was across and now he has a medical discharge. It sure doesn't seem possible."

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Corporal Appleton B. Clark, son of Mrs. A. B. Clark of Montrose vicinity, has recently completed advanced ground crew training at the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command school at the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, California. This is one of the special aircraft factory schools in the Command's Los Angeles Civilian schools area.

Corporal Clark has been transferred to an Army Air Forces station for active service, taking his place in the vast army of expert technicians who keep our combat planes in fighting trim. Previously he had qualified as an Army Air Forces technician through general airplane mechanic training at a Technical Training Command school, where he was especially chosen for the advanced course.

Prior to his technical instruction, Corporal Clark received basic military training at one of the basic training centers of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command in rank to gunner's mate third class. He doesn't know where he will be sent when he returns.

Corporal Ralph E. Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Watkins of near Newton, today was graduated from the Army Air Forces Training Command school at the United States Rubber Company, Detroit, Michigan, where he has successfully completed an intensive course of instruction on aircraft fuel cells. He was promoted to the grade of corporal.

Having received his training in this specialized course, Corporal Watkins will be transferred to an Army Air Forces unit where his newly acquired skill will be used to keep the nation's fighting aircraft at top efficiency. The U. S. Rubber Company school is one of many such units in the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Corporal Watkins has been in the armed forces seven months.

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John A. Connor spent the week end with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor O. Connor at Newton. He graduated Saturday from a Gunnery school at Great Lakes Naval Training Station at Chicago, and was advanced nical Training Command.

John says that only by accident can the Japs sink a naval vessel by torpedo bomber now that they are equipped with the automatic anti-aircraft guns mounted in groups of four. He has also shot the newly developed automatically pointed guns.

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Miss Lucile Chaney, a lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, has been transferred to Camp Shanks, New York, where she is assigned to the hospital. She visited her father, Otto W. Chaney of near Yale, a couple of weeks ago. She has a brother, Raymond Chaney, in the Army in the Southwest Pacific area.

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Corporal Gordon Romack is spending a week's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Romack of Falmouth vicinity. He is in Company F, 33rd Armored regiment, Third Armored division, at Indian-town Gap, Pennsylvania.

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Private Robert Geltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geltz, returned to camp, Sunday, after an eleven day furlough. He is stationed at Camp Livingston, Louisiana, and is a machine gunner in the 151st Infantry, 38th division.

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Miss Marie Koebele is spending a short furlough with relatives at Island Grove. She was the first Wac to enlist from Jasper county and is now stationed with the Wac detachment 2571 Service unit at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

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The local Navy Recruiting Substation reports the enlistment of Lamar Kinder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Kinder of Newton, in the Seabees or Construction Battalions of the Navy as a welder, third class.

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Dewey Dutton Jr., son of Dewey A. Dutton of Arcola, salesman for the Arcola bakery in this area, was killed last week in a crash of a plane of

the Army Transport Command.

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Lieutenant John S. Wright has landed at an overseas base, believed to be in England. He is an intelligence officer, attached to the Signal Corps.

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Herschel Jones has been transferred to Nashville, Tennessee, from Pennsylvania, where he has been receiving flight training.

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Private Delmar Salyers is now at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he is assigned to Company E, 324th Infantry, APO 44.

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Sergeant Ira A. Crouse has returned to the Red River Ordnance depot at Texarkana, Texas, after a furlough at Newton. His father, William Crouse, who has been seriously ill, is better. Ira adds: "This is a pretty camp."

His address is Sergeant Ira A. Crouse, 945th Ordnance MVD Company, OUTC, Red River Ordnance depot, Texarkana, Texas.

Aviation Cadet Victor M. Everett is now receiving his primary flight training at Decatur, Alabama, and expects to be sent to another field soon. He is in class 43-K, 65th AA-FFTD. He is a son of Mrs. Jesse O. Snell of near Rose Hill.

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Private First Class Forrest W. Kinsel has been transferred from Almagordo, New Mexico, to Tinker field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, OCASC.

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Private Delbert Eveland is here on a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Eveland of near Newton. He is stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He has been helping his father in harvest.

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Private Robert Lynch, who has seen eighteen months service in the South West Pacific islands, and his sisters Mrs. Ralph Brashear of Willow Hill and Mrs. Dewey Woods of near Dundas were in Newton, Friday.

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Private First Class Glenn Carpenter is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carpenter of Rose Hill vicinity. He is stationed at Camp Livingston, Louisiana.

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Private Donald J. Slane of Indian-town Gap, Pennsylvania, is home on a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Slane and family.