



With the Colors

May 4, 1943

Giles M. Meinhart, of Montrose, received his commission as second lieutenant in the Army of the United States at the Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate school at Camp Hood, Texas, April 30.

The officer candidate course at the Tank Destroyer school consists of thirteen weeks of intensive training, during which time instruction is given in weapons, automotive vehicles, radio, and military administration, totaling five hundred and fifty hours of instruction. The instructors are specialists in their particular fields. The training program includes the latest in combat methods which can be brought to the candidates from the battle zones.

It is a course which demands the utmost in leadership, scholarship, and stamina. To complete the course, a candidate must have confidence in himself and his weapons; he must be aggressive, daring, and able to assume the initiative.

"The newly commissioned officer is to be congratulated on his completion of the course and his graduation from the Tank Destroyer school. We feel that his accomplishments indicate success in the military establishment," Major Lloyd E. Gates, director, states.

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Captain and Mrs. Medfred Riley and family left Sunday for Atlanta, Georgia, where he is stationed at Lawson General hospital, after a short leave with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Harbin S. Riley of Newton, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wolf of Wheeler vicinity. Dr. Riley is now a surgeon, doing plastic surgery of the face, and has operated on a number of soldiers returned from Africa and New Guinea.

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Private Irl Franke, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Franke of Newton, is back on duty again with the First A/B Engineers at Westover field, Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, after being in the hospital with the mumps.

His address is Private Irl Franke, Headquarters A/B Engineers, Barracks, T294, Westover field, Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ted Huff of Newton are in receipt of a letter from their son, Lieutenant Gerald Huff, United States Marine Corps, stating that he may be able to return home soon. He was well and feeling fine. Lieutenant Huff was commissioned on the spot during the fighting on Guadalcanal last fall. He is now on some Southwest Pacific island.

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Thomas Newsome, who is in the United States Navy at San Francisco, California, celebrated his twenty-first birthday, Monday, May 3. His father, Charles Newsome of Newton, a veteran of World war I, celebrated his twenty-first birthday in France in 1918.

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Russell Harrison, who is in the 301st Ordnance regiment at Fort Ord, California, writes that he is well and weighed 165 pounds a few days ago. He said the division was recently inspected and pronounced o. k. and he believes they will be moved.

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Robert Mattingly, who is in the United States Navy, is spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mattingly of near Boos. He has been on duty in the Atlantic ocean and will report back to Norfolk, Virginia.

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Eugene Barthelme is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barthelme of Sainte Marie. He has been in Iceland for the past year with the United States Army.