

his ship on two occasions and he was a member of the group which officially received this famous commander. His ship is officially credited with sinking two Jap warships and downing seven planes.

In the Battle of the Philippine Sea, his ship was a member of Task Force 58, said to have been the largest naval force in world history. Ordinarily, however, it operates with another task force which is credited with twenty-eight Jap planes and seven Jap warships.

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Keesler Field, Biloxi Mississippi, September 16. — The job of helping keep America's heavy bombardment aircraft in top fighting trim for their aerial assaults on the enemy awaits Private First Class John Harlin Seesengood of Newton.

He was enrolled today in the AAF Training Command's B-24 Liberator Bomber Mechanic's school at Keesler field, where during a seventeen week course he will be skilled in the diagnosis of aircraft mechanical ills and in flight emergency procedures.

In the new Flight Procedures branch, he will fly with a veteran Liberator crew to get actual practice in the duties of the aerial engineer. Upon graduation he will advance to another phase of training at one of the AAF's other stations.

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Edward E. Fear of Newton was enrolled recently in an intensive course at the Radio Naval Training school located on the Northwestern university campus at Evanston.

Selection to attend the specialty school is based on recruit training aptitude test scores. The course of study includes the use, operation and maintenance of radio equipment and the operation of Navy radio transmitting and receiving equipment. The theoretical phase includes electricity and radio fundamentals.

Successful completion of the course will see the bluejacket graduate and receive recognition as eligible to qualify for the petty officer rate of radioman third class.

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With United States Seventh Army in Southern France: Some of the most disappointed lads in the rapid progress of the Allies through Southern France were members of an American Chemical Mortar outfit. The Germans have been going back so fast that this unit hasn't been able to get within range very often to use its weapons and it has employed several times to transport gasoline to other troops.

"Some war" complained Private Roy Green of Olney, formerly of West Liberty. "I might as well have stayed at home and worked in the filling station."

He is a son of Mrs. John Green of West Liberty.

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Staff Sergeant Marion Burcham Jr., who has been a radio operator-gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber, has been promoted to technical sergeant, he writes his wife. He was awarded a citation several months ago.

Sergeant Burcham has been in New Guinea for sixteen months. He has been suffering from malaria recently but is now in a rest camp in Australia awaiting orders to return home. He is expected here in October.

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Corporal Ky W. Andrews of the 144th Infantry regiment, Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, volunteered and has been accepted for service in the paratroops. Corporal Andrews, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andrews of East Marion street, Newton, attended

Newton Community high school, and, as a civilian, was employed by Zan Kinsel in Newton. He entered service March 15, 1943, at Camp Grant.

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Arthur Lynn Baker, aviation machinist mate third class, U. S. N. R., returned Friday to Hutchinson, Kansas, after spending a ten day leave with his wife and son, who are living with her mother, Mrs. Nora E. Mahaney. He was recently transferred from Jacksonville, Florida, to the Naval Air Base at Hutchinson where he will serve as an instructor for combat air crewmen.

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Yeoman First Class Eugene Miller is visiting his mother, Mrs. Otto Miller of Newton. He has been on the staff of a rear admiral in the Pacific for over two years and is back in the United States to get a new ship.

Machinist's Mate First Class Max McClane is visiting here. He is in the Seabees and has been in Rhode Island recently, although earlier he was in New Foundland.

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Private First Class and Mrs. John Delbert Wilson and son John Larry are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilson of East Reynolds street in Newton. Delbert is stationed at Camp Fannin, at Tyler, Texas, He joined his wife and son at Louisville last Thursday. He will return to camp about September 28.

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Private First Class Norman Benefiel and Private First Class Robert Worcester are spending furloughs with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benefiel and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Worcester of Newton. They are in the Lightning division at Camp Lee, Virginia, and expect to be sent overseas in a short time.

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Eugene Fear, seaman second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Finn of Newton, is attending Northwestern university at Evanston, after completing boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He will graduate as a radio operator at the end of the five months course.

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Mrs. James H. Babbs is here on a visit with her father, C. A. Worthey. Private Babbs is at Camp Davis, North Carolina, and is expecting to be transferred soon. Mrs. Babbs has been with him in North Carolina.

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Sergeant and Mrs. James Green of Camp Ellis spent a few days furlough with his mother, Mrs. John Green of West Liberty.

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Private Dale Phillips is here on furlough visiting his wife and children. He is in the Artillery and has been at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.