



With the Colors

4/7/44

Charles Carr Cowger of Hidalgo is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the United States Naval Training Station, Great Lakes.

His "boot" training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill, and general naval procedure. During this period series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruit to determine whether he will be assigned to a Naval service school or to immediate active duty at sea.

His recruit training completed, the seaman will spend a period of leave at home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swisher of Newton have received a letter from their son, Ensign Ralph E. Swisher. He said he had been transferred to Indian Head, Maryland, from Washington, D. C., where he had been stationed for the past three months.

Ensign and Mrs. Swisher were home a few days on a furlough. They also visited her parents at Irving.

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Mrs. Lloyd E. Shook has received a letter from her brother, Seaman First Class Luther J. Bruner of the United States Navy, stating that he is well. This is the first they have heard from him in almost ten weeks. Jim says he hopes to come back to the States some time this summer. He is on a destroyer somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.

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Corporal and Mrs. Paul M. Adkins have been visiting his father, Wade Adkins, and family, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Eveland of near Newton. Paul has been stationed at Wilmington, North Carolina, as an instructor, but expects to be sent overseas soon. His wife will remain here.

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Aviation Student Norman Benefiel writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benefiel of Newton, that he has been reclassified and is being sent to the Army ground forces.

Private Robert P. Worcester has been reclassified and sent to the Infantry at Camp Pickett, Virginia.

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Word has been received that Sergeant Leland L. Brackett, son of Mrs. Mary Brackett of Granite City, formerly of Newton, has arrived safely overseas and is now somewhere in England. He has been in service sixteen months.

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Corporal Beryl Katro is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Katro of Newton. He is in the Army Air Force at Eglin field, Florida, where he is in the ground crew.

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Private Don C. Allen was home on

a seven day furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva M. Allen. He is in the Field Artillery and has been moved from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to Camp Howze, Texas.

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Sergeant Ira A. Crouse writes his mother, Mrs. William Crouse of Newton, that he is well and feeling fine. He is in England.

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William P. Arndt is home visiting his wife and son after completing his boot training at the Naval Training Station at Farragut, Idaho.