

Corporal John O. Davison writes from the South Pacific: "I wanted to write you a few words to let you know that I have a new APO number. I really appreciate getting the Press. I suppose I am like the majority of the men across, I look for the column 'With the Colors' first.

"One of the most discouraging things I have read was in the Daily Mirror of April 26, where H. L. Mencken of the Baltimore Sun made the statement that 'the war will never end,' and makes more comment to that effect. I should think they would realize how the boys in combat areas would feel when they read the article. God help such comments.

"It is an enjoyment to know the Press is coming our way."

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Six Jasper county men are receiving their initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois.

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

Their recruit training completed, these men will spend a period of leave at home. They are: Ronald D. Wilson of Jewett, Joe W. Miller of Yale, William Walter Fasnacht Jr., Dale E. Lambird, Edward E. Fear, and Bert Ward Jr., all of Newton.

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The promotion of Private First Class Harold K. Bailey of Newton to technician fifth grade has been announced by the Ninth Air Force Service Command depot to which he is attached.

Corporal Bailey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey of Newton vicinity, is a cook with an aviation ordinance ammunition company which supplies bombs and ammunition to the assault planes of the Ninth Air Force in the European Theatre of Operations.

Prior to entering the service in July, 1942, he was employed as a punch press operator by the Ingersoll Disk & Steel Mills at Chicago.

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Radioman First Class Frank Gorrell of New Orleans, Louisiana, is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elza F. Gorrell of Newton. His health is now excellent, although he had previously suffered from arthritis.

Frank is a radio and radar repairman for the Eighth Naval District, and travels throughout the area covered by that headquarters fixing broadcasting equipment on naval ves-

sels and shore facilities which are too small to have their own repair forces.

Seaman First Class Daniel Matson is in the Naval hospital at Charleston, South Carolina, for a skin disease which causes his legs to swell.

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Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fiedler of Effingham formerly of Newton, have received a telegram from their son, Private Jack Fiedler, that he has won his wings as a paratrooper at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, after a rugged physical training course and a large number of jumps. He is attached as a scout to the 193rd Glider Airborne division.

Jack completed his training when he successfully maneuvered a five hundred foot jump in pitch darkness and came clean without a scratch or damage to any of his paraphernalia. That, in the parlance of the chutists is next door to and just around the corner from the real thing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fiedler resided in Newton about fifteen years ago, when Mr. Fiedler was engineer on Route 130.