

Gerald Field has been spending a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Field of Newton. He is a student at Ntre Dame university, South Bend, Indiana, where he is taking the regular midshipman course for naval officers.

He was serving his second enlistment in the Navy when he was chosen to attend college and take the officer training. Early in the war, he served on a destroyer and was in several important Pacific naval battles and later was a radio operator at Pearl Harbor.

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Mrs. Elma Kibler of Newton is in receipt of a letter from her grandson, Gerald Kibler, who is taking his "boot" training at Great Lakes. Another grandson, Private Kenneth Kibler, is stationed at an army camp in Maryland.

They are the sons of Raymond Kibler, formerly of Newton, now of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dickey of Ob-long are in receipt of a letter from their son, Private First Class Leroy E. Dickey, stating that he was now in France, having landed on D-day. He added that he was writing the letter while sitting in a foxhole heating coffee, and that he was well and feeling fine.

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Yeoman Third Class Ruby Brackett is visiting her father, W. D. Brackett of West Liberty. She has been at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and is being transferred to another Wave station. She has been wearing the new summer uniform, made of blue and white striped seersucker.

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Mrs. James Beebe of Newton is in receipt of a letter from her husband, Corporal Beebe, stating that he had returned to his company after some time in the hospital. He didn't say what the trouble was. He is a member of the American force occupying the island of Sardinia off the coast of Italy and France.