



With the Colors

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A Seventh AAF Heavy Bomber Base in the Palaus.—First Lieutenant Victor M. Everett, 22, of Hidalgo and the crew of his Seventh Air Force Liberator bomber have been credited with more than thirty combat missions against the Japs.

As co-pilot of the four-engine bomber, Lieutenant Everett has been an active participant in the aerial battle for the Philippines. Other missions have been attacks against the enemy islands of Yap, Truk, Marcus and the Palaus. He and his teammates have specialized in smashing Jap shipping, air power and ground installations.

Lieutenant Everett's combat flights have been ninety per cent over water and averaged ten hours each. He has been awarded the Air medal, with Oak Leaf cluster, the Philippines Liberation ribbon and a battle star for his Asiatic-Pacific Theatre ribbon.

His mother Mrs. Jesse O. Snell, and his wife, the former Mildred L. Askins, live in Hidalgo. He was graduated from high school in Newton, and prior to entering the Army in September, 1942 was employed by the Vandeventer Baking Company in St. Louis.

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Marine Sergeant Harold L. White of Willow Hill, decisioned Private First Class James Jennings of Boston, Massachusetts, to cop the novice lightweight championship in the Cherry Point, North Carolina, boxing tournament that was recently held at this Marine Corps Air Station.

White proved to be a better in-fighter and used a fast left-hook to good advantage to pile up points in the first two rounds and weathered a rally in the final round to win the title by a comfortable margin. He won a decision over Private Ed Barselow, of Brooklyn, New York, in the semi-finals to reach the finals.

A graduate of Willow Hill Township high school, White enlisted in the Marine Corps, March 31, 1943 at Chicago. He is a son of Mrs. Etta White of Rose Hill. At present he is serving as a metalsmith with a unit of headquarters squadron at Cherry Point, largest air station of the Marine Corps.

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The promotion of Willoughby Harvey from technical sergeant to master sergeant was announced recently in England by Brigadier General Morris Berman, Commanding General, Base Air Depot Area, Air Service Command.

Master Sergeant Harvey has been serving as a station sergeant major with the Air Service Command, the organization that backed the air war in Europe by readying new front line planes for action, speeding tons of supplies to forward air bases, delivering bombs and ammunition to combat stations, and repairing battle-damaged aircraft.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Harvey of Route Two, Newton. Prior to entering the Army in October, 1941, he was graduated from Newton Community high school.

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Fireman First Class Gerald Chapman is spending a twenty-seven day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Chapman of northeast of Newton. His ship, an LST, was bombed and burned off Okinawa recently, and he escaped with only what clothes he was wearing. All members of the crew were saved, although two were seriously injured.

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Nelson Bogard, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben N. Bogard, Route Four, Newton, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes. When his recruit training is completed, the seaman will receive a period of leave.

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Lieutenant Florent J. Schuch is spending a leave with his parents northeast of Newton. He is a Naval bomber pilot and has been in the Southwest Pacific for a year.

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Lieutenant and Mrs. V. Floyd Jones were week end visitors at Newton. He is stationed at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jones of Bogota.

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Sergeant Paul Faltemier, who has been in Italy with the Fifteenth Army Air Force, is spending a furlough at Sainte Marie.

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