



With the Colors

June 19, 1945

Don W. Ward received the coveted Navy wings of gold and was commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve at the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Texas, Wednesday. He is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ward of Newton.

Ensign Ward started his training at Flight Prep school at Murray, Kentucky, followed by W. T. S. at Russellville, Arkansas. He completed pre-flight training at Athens, Georgia, primary at Grosse Ile, Michigan, and his basic at Pensacola, Florida. He was transferred to Corpus Christi where he took instrument, advanced and pre-op training. He will report at Miami, Florida, June 20, where he starts his operational training in a torpedo bomber.

He has a brother, Seaman First Class Bert Jr. in the Navy, and a sister, Sally. He is a graduate of the Newton Community high school, class of 1941.

Mrs. Bert Ward and Lt. (j. g.) and Mrs. D. L. Huddlestun attended the impressive ceremony of the graduation. Mrs. Ward was a guest of the Huddlestuns at Corpus Christi, while visiting her son.

Mrs. Huddlestun, the former Norma Jean Westendorf, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Westendorf, and Deke is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ona Huddlestun of Newton.

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Private First Class Albert C. Helregel of West Liberty vicinity has just received his discharge under the point system. He was in the service four years, two months and eight days.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Helregel of Sainte Marie township, and was a gunner and number one man on a 105mm howitzer for the twenty-nine months he served overseas in the Southwest Pacific.

He participated in two major campaigns, Guadalcanal and Bougainville in the Solomon islands. He also was in Australia, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, New Zealand and Fiji islands.

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Gunner's Mate First Class John A. Connor has talked to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Connor of Newton and his wife at Houston, Texas, twice since his arrival at San Francisco, California, Thursday. He stated that he was all right except for his hearing, which had been affected when his ship, the USS Longshaw, was sunk off Okinawa, May 18. He added that he expected the trouble to clear up. He will join his wife and baby son and they will all come to Newton in a few days.

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Lieutenant Glenn Bayles of Newton who was recently transferred from Miami, Florida, to Olathe, Kansas, has been transferred back to Miami. The change occurred before his clothes had caught up with him. He is a Naval flyer and was flying between Miami and South America before being sent to Kansas as a flying instructor.

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First Lieutenant Otis Maxwell, who has been spending a leave with his wife and children at Newton and his parents at Willow Hill, left Sunday for San Antonio, Texas, to report for duty. He served two years overseas and was in three campaigns, the Sicilian, Italian and French campaigns as an Artillery officer.

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Delbert Shryock, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shryock, has been discharged from the army. He had been in the hospital at Seattle, Washington, for five months with diabetes. He is now in Bronx, New York, with his wife and will make that his home.

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Florant O. Moran, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonsus B. Moran, Sainte Marie, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes. When his recruit training is completed, the seaman will receive a period of leave.

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Chief Machinist's Mate Ira S. Brooks is leaving today for Williamsburg, Virginia, after a ten days' leave here. He is expecting to be sent to sea soon.

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Sergeant Bernard D. Cornwell, who lost an arm on Luzon, is receiving treatment at Percy Jones General hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan.

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Lieutenant and Mrs. Everett Fox of Memphis, Tennessee, were here, Monday, greeting friends. He is stationed at the Naval Air Station at Memphis.

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