

News Of Servicemen

Army Pfc. Tone E. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tone E. Rogers, 2102 W. 160th St., Torrance, is receiving Hawk guided missile unit training with the 62nd Artillery at Fort Bliss, Tex. The training, conducted by the 1st Guided Missile Group, is scheduled to end May 26.

Under the unit training system, supervisory and maintenance personnel who have received technical training at The Air Defense School at Fort Bliss, joined less skilled personnel to form Rogers' unit. The skilled personnel are acting as instructors, training with the unit as a team.

The training is scheduled to culminate at McGregor Guided Missile Range, N.M., where the 62nd's proficiency will be tested during the firing of Hawk missiles at radio-controlled aerial targets. The Hawk is designed for use against low flying supersonic enemy aircraft.

Rogers, assigned to the group's Headquarters Battery, entered the Army in January 1961 and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

The 20-year-old soldier is a 1959 graduate of North High School, Torrance, and was employed by J. J. Newberry, Redondo Beach, before entering the Army.

Army Reserve Sergeant First Class Allan E. Richardson, whose wife, Shirley, lives at 2406 W. 180th Pl., Torrance, is scheduled to participate in Exercise Mesa Drive, a two-week joint Army-Air Force training maneuver, at the Yakima (Wash.) Firing Center, May 7-21.

Over 26,000 Army troops and airmen will be engaged in Mesa Drive, the largest joint field training exercise held in the Pacific Northwest. The "Aggressor" force will strike the "friendly" forces in simulated attacks utilizing all types of weapons employed in modern warfare.

Richardson is operations sergeant of the 663rd Engineer Company, an Army Reserve unit which was recalled to active duty and is now located at Fort Ord, Calif.

The 29-year-old sergeant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Richardson, 2128 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro, is a 1951 graduate of George Washington High School in Los Angeles and a 1954 graduate of Los Angeles City College.

Before going on active duty, he was employed by the Los Angeles City Fire Department.

Army Specialist Four Richard W. Sweet, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack H. Sweet, 23148 Anza Ave., Torrance, is scheduled to participate with other personnel from the U.S. Army Signal company Special in Exercise Mesa Drive, a two-week joint Army-Air Force training maneuver, at the Yakima (Wash.) Firing Center, May 7 to 21.

Over 26,000 Army troops and airmen will be engaged in Mesa Drive, the largest joint field training exercise held in the Pacific Northwest. The exercise is designed as a defensive combat maneuver in which a realistic enemy "Aggressor" force will strike the "friendly" forces of the two participating divisions in simulated attacks utilizing all types of weapons employed in modern warfare.

Specialist Sweet, a clerk in the company at Fort Riley, Kan., entered the Army in March 1961 and received basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

He is a 1959 graduate of Washington High School, Los Angeles, and attended California State Polytechnic College.

Airman Third Class Roger W. Rupe of Torrance, is being assigned to Fairchild AFB, Wash., following his graduation from the United States Air Force technical training course for missile facilities electrical specialists here.

Airman Rupe learned to operate and repair diesel engine generators used to furnish electric power to missile installations.

The airman, who entered the service in October 1961, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger H. Rupe of 4702 Catham St., Torrance.

third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lewis Jr. of 1246 Redondo Beach Blvd., Torrance, Calif., is serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Helena, a unit of the First Fleet scheduled to visit the Seattle World's Fair between April 26 and 30.

In all, more than 3,500 navymen will visit the fair, and the general public will be invited to visit the 13 ships scheduled to call at Seattle during the fair.

Army Pvt. Merrill M. Cone Jr., whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe M. Cone Sr., live at 21023 S. Figueroa St., Torrance, is receiving eight weeks of advanced individual infantry training at Fort Chaffee, Ark. The training, which is being conducted by the 100th Division, is scheduled to end May 25.

Cone is being trained to operate and maintain both light and heavy infantry weapons. He is receiving instruction in combat tactics and other general military subjects.

The 18-year-old soldier entered the Army in November 1961 and completed basic training at Fort Carson, Colo.

Cone attended Banning High School, Wilmington.

Army Pfc. Jerome D. Thornell, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Thornell, 18314 Avis Ave., Torrance, recently graduated from the Yukon Command Non-commissioned Officer (NCO) Academy at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. Thornell received four weeks of training in various military subjects with special emphasis placed on leadership and combat tactics. The purpose of the academy is to broaden the soldier's professional knowledge and to instill in him with the self-confidence and sense of responsibility required of a capable leader.

Thornell is regularly assigned as a military policeman in the U. S. Army Alaska's Headquarters Company at Fort Wainwright. He entered the Army in January 1961, completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., and arrived in Alaska in May 1961. Thornell is a 1960 graduate of North High School.

J. M. Crowson, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Crowson of 3211 W. 188th St., Torr., was graduated, April 18, from the enlisted basic Submarine School at the New London Submarine Base, Groton, Conn.

Most of the graduates will report aboard operating fleet submarines, where they have nine months within which to qualify as submariners. Only then may they wear the "silver dolphins"—symbol of the Submarine Service.

Richard E. Purcell, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Purcell of 22102 Archibald Ave., Torrance, is serving aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Towers, operating as a unit of the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

The 437-foot ship is scheduled to arrive in Sydney, Australia, April 30, and is to remain there one week as a U.S. representative to the Coral Sea celebration. On May 9, the Towers will begin a five-day visit at Melbourne.

The annual celebration commemorates the Battle of the Coral Sea of 1942, when the American - Australian task force scored a victory over Japanese naval units, halting the advance of the enemy towards Australia.

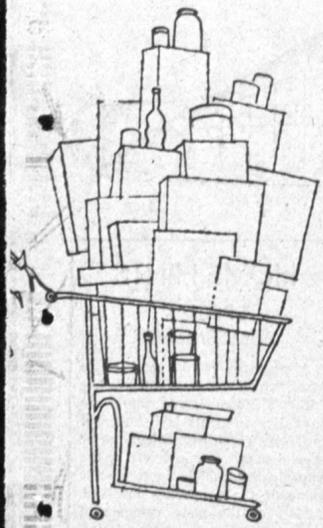
The Towers is equipped to launch Tartar surface-to-air guided missiles and anti-submarine rocket (ASROC) homing torpedoes or depth charges.

Colin C. Carnegie, missile technician third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Carnegie of 4114 W. 175th St., Torrance, is serving aboard the guided missile light cruiser USS Providence, which leaves its Long Beach, Calif., home port on May 4 for a tour with the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

The Providence, the Pacific Fleet's first guided missile cruiser, will operate out of Yokosuka, Japan, while helping patrol the Far East.

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