

News Of Servicemen

Army Specialist Four Wilmer I. Roquemore, 20, whose wife, Judy, lives at 7615 Wilcox Dr., El Paso, Tex., participated with more than 70,000 Army and Air Force personnel in Exercise Swift Strike II, a two-week U.S. Strike Command maneuver in North and South Carolina that ended Aug. 17.

The Strike Command unites select Army and Air Force units as an air-ground combat team that can move swiftly into action any place in the world.

Specialist Roquemore is assigned to the 661st Ordnance Company, regularly stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.

He was employed by the Clark Equipment Co. in Sherman, Tex., before entering the Army in November 1958. His father, Alton D. Roquemore, lives at 1550 W. 224th St., Torrance.

and basic shipboard routine. During the training, recruits receive tests and interviews which determine future training and assignments.



AIRMAN Second Class Morris E. Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Holt, 5205 Towers St., Torrance, has been selected outstanding airman of the month in the 3525th Maintenance and Supply Group at Williams AFB, Ariz. Holt, a United States Air Force supply inventory specialist, was selected for the honor in recognition of his exemplary conduct and performance of duty. A graduate of Hawthorne High School, the airman entered the service in July, 1959.

Airman Basic Richard M. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Johnson of 22508 Shadycroft Ave., Torrance, is being reassigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex., for technical training as a United States Air Force missile mechanic.

Airman Johnson, who completed the first phase of his military training at Lackland AFB, Tex., was selected for the specialized course on the basis of his interests and aptitudes.

The airman is a 1960 graduate of South High School.

Larry D. Anthony, radarman second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Anthony of 16418 Illinois Ct., Torrance, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Perry, a unit of the Second Fleet and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) striking force which participated in a special exercise "Riptide III," Aug. 17-20, in the Eastern Atlantic.

The unit joined more than 40 other ships, together with aircraft from four NATO nations for the four-day exercise in the Eastern Atlantic.

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Carl J. Pedersen, electrician's mate firemen apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Pedersen of 2550 Pacific Coast Hwy., Torrance, is serving aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Topoka, which has joined the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

Since its arrival in the Far East in June, the Topoka has visited ports in Japan and Okinawa.

While operating with the Seventh Fleet, the Topoka will be a portion of America's first line of defense in the Far East. She is scheduled to return to the continental United States in December.

Richard L. Anderson, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Anderson of 108 W. 224th Pl., Torrance, arrived in Alameda, on August 20, aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Hancock after spending nearly seven months in the Western Pacific.

The carrier operated as a unit of the Seventh Fleet while in the Far East.

The Hancock participated in operations sponsored by the South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) while overseas. In addition, she visited Hong Kong and ports in Japan.

David L. Price, son of Mrs. Georgia M. Price of 3321 W. 183rd, Torrance, completed recruit training, Aug. 24, at the Naval Training Center, San Diego.

During the nine-week indoctrination, recruits are trained in physical fitness, basic military law, military drill, customs and etiquette of the naval service, swimming and survival, first aid

Herbert S. Wright, Jr., chief boilerman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Wright, Sr. of 1250 E. Renton St., Torrance, is serving aboard the nuclear-powered attack aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, a unit of the Second Fleet and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) striking force which participated in a special exercise "Riptide III," Aug. 17 to 20, in the Eastern Atlantic.

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Frank N. Carifi, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Carifi of 18720 Felbar Ave., Torrance, is serving aboard the ammunition ship USS Pyro, a unit which participated in "Exercise War Dance," a training exercise off the coast of California, Aug. 27 to 31.

The exercise, which involved 11 ships and 10,000 men of the First Fleet, centered around a fast carrier striking force which was opposed by submarines and aircraft. Air opposition was provided by jet and propeller-driven aircraft, including medium bombers, using all types of weapons.

The exercise began with a hypothetical limited war situation which escalated rapidly and culminated in a supposed general war.

The special exercise was commanded by Vice Admiral R.T.S. Keith, commander of the First Fleet.

Airman Third Class Gary R. Pflingston of Torrance, has completed the United States Air Force technical training course for jet aircraft mechanics at Amarillo AFB, Texas.

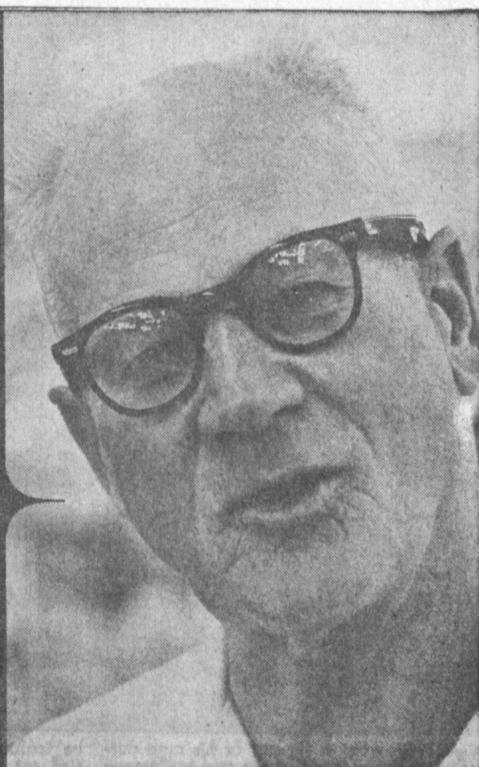
Airman Pflingston was trained to maintain and service jet aircraft and aircraft systems. He is being reassigned to a permanent base for duty in his new technical specialty.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Pflingston of 5648 Marialinda St., Torrance, the airman attended El Camino College.

He is married to the former Marsha A. Hunt of 3126 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.

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