

Armed Forces

Pvt. Curtis D. Radl, son of Mrs. Beulah B. Karas, 317 S. Maria, Redondo Beach, completed a five-week single-engine airplane maintenance course at the Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Ala., Jan. 14.

Radl was trained in the upkeep of observation and utility airplanes of the type currently being used by the Army in Viet Nam.

The 21-year-old soldier entered the Army in July 1965 and completed basic combat training at Fort Polk, La. He is a 1962 graduate of Redondo Union High School.



ASSIGNED . . . Marine Pvt. Fredrick G. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Green of 1919 Ernest, Redondo Beach, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He has been assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif. for individual combat training and basic specialist training in his military occupational field.

Electrician's Mate 3.C. Everett W. Snow, USCG, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett L. Snow of 17503 Falda Ave., has returned to Alameda, Calif. aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Taney, after a two-week search and rescue standby period at Eureka, Calif.

During this period, Taney made semi-monthly logistics runs to St. George Reef Light Station, transferring two men, mail and supplies to the station by boat and returned the two Coast Guardsmen on watch at the station to Eureka, for a rest and recreational period.

Airman 3.C. Harry N. Hornig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam B. Hornig of 3411 W. 186th St., has been graduated at Lowry AFB, Colo., from the training course for U.S. Air Force photographers. Airman Hornig, a graduate of North High School, is being reassigned to Chateaux-Air Force Station, France, for duty with the U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

Airman 2.C. David M. Chereb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chereb, who resides on Avenue H, Redondo Beach, has been graduated with honors at Lowry AFB, Colo., from the training course for U.S. Air Force bombing-navigation equipment specialists. Airman Chereb is being reassigned to Mather AFB, Calif., for duty with the Air Training Command.



AT PENDLETON . . . Marine Pvt. Michael G. Wersal, son of Mrs. Marie J. Adams of 2920 W. 141st St., Gardena, has completed Marine recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He has been assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for four weeks of individual combat training and four weeks of basic specialist training in his military occupational field.

Radioman 2.C. Steven G. Schjolberg, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Schjolberg of 2120 W. 180th St., is serving aboard the destroyer USS Sproston, currently transit to the South China Sea for operations with the Seventh Fleet.

Operating out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Sproston had conducted local training operations in Hawaiian waters prior to departing Pearl Harbor for fleet operations.

Airman 3.C. Heydon S. Leedy, son of Mrs. Norma R. Leedy of 391 Paseo De Gracia, has been graduated at Gunter AFB, Ala., from the training course for U. S. Air Force medical helpers. Airman Leedy, a 1964 graduate of South High School will remain at Gunter for advanced training. He attended El Camino College.

Signalman 3.C. Donald J. Thomas, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Thomas of 22720 Kinard St., serving aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Conyngham currently deployed to the Mediterranean for operations with the Sixth Fleet, spent New Years Eve in Naples, Italy.

A week earlier, Conyngham spent Christmas at Beirut, Lebanon. While in Beirut many of the Conyngham's crewmen took advantage of the city's proximity to the Holy Land to spend a part of the holidays touring Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

S.S. Lawrence D. Crain, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. L. Crain, 3753 W. 171st St., was awarded the Seventh Army Certificate of Safety in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, Jan. 3.

Specialist Crain received the award for 6,000 miles of accident-free driving while assigned to the 517th Medical Company.

A senior medical aidman in the company, Crain entered the Army in January 1963 and arrived overseas in July of that year.

Crain is a 1959 graduate of North High School and attended El Camino College and University of California in Santa Barbara. Before entering the Army he was employed by Mayfair Markets in Redondo Beach.



IN OHIO . . . Airman 3.C. Phillip B. Matson, USAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie B. Matson of 4542 Narrot St., has reported to the Defense Electronics Supply Center, Dayton, Ohio, for duty with the Air Force's 2104th Communications Squadron. A 1963 graduate of West High School, the airman reported to Dayton from Lackland Air Force Base, Tex., where he completed basic training.

Airman 3.C. Gerald J. Lechner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald J. Lechner of 229 Avenue C, Redondo Beach, has completed a special data computer training course at the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) command post inside Cheyenne Mountain near Colorado Springs, Colo.

Airman Lechner studied analysis of satellite tracking data for duty at NORAD's unique underground combat operations center deep inside the mountain.

He is assigned to Ent AFB, Colo., in a special Air Defense Command unit which operates highly sophisticated computers to provide NORAD headquarters with up-to-the-minute information on more than 850 man-made objects now in orbit.

A graduate of Redondo Union High School, he attended El Camino College before entering the Air Force.

Army Pvt. Roy G. Engelhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen C. Engelhardt, 17003 Faysmith Ave., was assigned to the 5th Ordnance Company at Ft. Hood, Tex., Jan. 3.

Engelhardt, an automotive repairman in the company, entered the Army in October 1965 and completed basic training at Ft. Polk, La.

The 20-year-old soldier was graduated from North High School in 1963.

Marine officer candidate Levi W. Price Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Price of 22613 B Nadine Circle, was commissioned a Marine second lieutenant upon his graduation from the Officers Candidate course at Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va.

He is now attending the 21-week Basic School at Quantico which is required of all newly-commissioned Marine officers. Upon completion of the advanced course, he will be assigned to a Marine Corps organization for duty or to another school for further training.

Airman App. James B. Auckland, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Auckland of 3916 W. 234th Place,

is serving at the Naval Air Station, Atsugi, Japan as a member of a detachment from Fleet Tactical Support Squadron 21.

The detachment airlifts personnel, cargo and mail to Seventh Fleet ships and shore units operating in the Western Pacific. The detachment files these missions from the northern tip of Japan to as far south as Singapore.

Seaman App. Loyal E. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyal E. Wood of 21712 S. Acarus Ave., is serving aboard the U.S. Seventh Fleet repair ship USS Ajax which operates out of Sasebo, Japan.

Stocking nearly two million dollars worth of parts

and supplies, Ajax is capable of repairing virtually any Navy ship and its equipment. Her crewmembers include machinery repairmen, watchmakers, printers, electronic technicians and underwater divers.

Three Torrance men have graduated from Marine recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

The Marine privates are: Johnny D. Solley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger E. Solley of 3833 W. 180th Place; Kenneth M. Ellak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ellak of 21122 Martin Ave.; and Fred Aragon, son of Sirilo Aragon.

Airman 3/C Michael R. Bills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney O. Bills of 19009 S. Coslin Ave., Gardena, has been graduated with honors at Sheppard AFB, Tex., from the training course for U.S. Air Force aircraft mechanics.

Airman Bills, a graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock, Tex., is being assigned to Hamilton AFB, Calif., for duty.

He attended Los Angeles Harbor College.

Electronics Technician Seaman Matt E. Lockso, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vacco Lockso of 4516 Darien St., and Fireman Patrick J. Benish, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Joseph J. Benish of 2806 W. 187th St., are off the Vietnamese coast in the South China Sea, serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Hancock. She is the most recent addition to the carrier strike force of the Seventh Fleet.

Since her arrival in the South China Sea, Hancock has been launching almost daily air strikes against Viet Cong positions in South Viet Nam.

This is the Hancock's second cruise in the combat area. She took part in the first strikes launched against the Viet Cong last Feb. 6, in retaliation for the Viet Cong's bombing of an American military barracks at Pleiku.

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