

News Of Servicemen

Scheduled to complete a four-week individual combat training course, Aug. 11, with the Second Infantry Training Regiment at the Marine Corps



Base, Camp Pendleton, is Marine Pfc. Henry Dominguez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Dominguez, of 20900 Shearer Ave., Torrance.

To make the basic marine into an amphibious rifleman, and to teach him how to function as a part of a fighting team, he is sent to an infantry training regiment for four weeks of individual combat training. This training consists of infantry tactics, firing every weapon of modern infantry combat, scouting and patrolling, first aid, military explosives and defensive positions.

In four short weeks, he is no longer a basic marine. He is a finished product, ready to take his place in the Fleet Marine Forces.

Army Pvt. Kelly J. Gruber, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Gruber, 20837 Margaret st., Torrance, recently arrived on Okinawa and is now a member of the 30th Artillery Brigade.

A radar operator in the brigade's Headquarters Battery, he entered the Army last January and completed basic training at Fort Ord.

Gruber is a 1960 graduate of Banning High School and attended Harbor Junior College, both in Wilmington. Before entering the Army, he was employed by the Midwest Pipe Co., in Los Angeles.

Serving aboard the anti-submarine warfare support aircraft carrier USS Bennington operating out of San Diego, Calif., is Ronald A. Flynn, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Flynn of 21043 S. Shearer st., Torrance.

The Bennington, flagship for the commander of Carrier Division 13, is a member of the First Fleet's ready anti-submarine warfare "hunter-killer" force on the West Coast.

Before entering the service in September 1960, Flynn attended Banning High School in Wilmington.

Serving with the Marine Aviation Detachment at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn., is Marine Chief Warrant Officer George O. Walls, son of Mrs. Alice Walls of 1727 Martina ave., Torrance.

The detachment has the mission of providing administration and support for all marine student, instructor and support personnel. Its primary goal is to insure that a maximum number of highly trained technicians are made available to operational units of the Marine Corps.

Before entering the service in September 1941, Mr. Walls attended Torrance High School.

Serving aboard the guided missile frigate USS Mahan, operating out of San Francisco, are Larry L. Coon, interior communications electrician third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coon of 1726 Watson Ave., and Richard W. Boucher, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Boucher of 1618 Crenshaw blvd., all of Torrance.

The Mahan is undergoing post-shakedown repairs and modifications at the San Francisco Naval Shipyard in preparation for returning to sea in November.

The frigate is being outfitted with the recently developed Naval Tactical Data System, an inter-ship computer and communication network designed to give Navy ships increased speed in handling combat information in the jet and missile age.

Undergoing training at the Naval Officer Candidate School, Newport, R.I., as a reserve officer candidate, are Ronald E. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Anderson of 1332 West 223rd St., and Wilfred A. Werner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred L. Werner of 4322 West 213rd st., all of Torrance.

The program leads to a commission in the Naval Reserve upon graduation from college. During the eight-week course, the candidates study military justice, naval engineering, damage control, operations, orientation, leadership, navigation and seamanship.

Completing the Junior Platoon Leaders Class, July 22, at the Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., was Marine Reservist Edwin A. Jaakola Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Jaakola of 16808 Kristin ave., Torrance.

Twice annually, six-week classes are conducted during the summer months. The courses in leadership, physical fitness and military subjects are designed to prepare young men from colleges and universities throughout the nation for commissions in the Marine Corps.

Those completing the course, upon graduation from college, are commissioned second lieutenants and sent to a 26-week course at Officers Basic School, Quantico.

Participating in Exercise

"Tail Wind" involving aircraft and 21 Navy ships off the Coast of California while serving aboard the destroyer USS Harry E. Hubbard was George W. Ross, sonarman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ross of 2189 Sepulveda, Torrance, Gage C. Enoch, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll K. Enoch of 2415 Grand Summit Rd., and Michael W. Ausdemore, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ausdemore of 1519 W. 206th st., all of Torrance.

The five-day exercise from July 24 to 28, featured an attack aircraft carrier, four cruisers, destroyers and replenishment ships in a fast carrier striking force maneuver opposing shore-based patrol planes, medium jet bombers and submarines.

Included in the exercise was a full scale replenishment of the task force at sea by fleet oilers, ammunition and store ships.

Vice Admiral Charles L. Melson, Commander of the U.S. First Fleet, scheduled "Tail Wind," and participated in it from his flagship, the heavy cruiser USS Helena. Rear Admiral Charles T. Booth II, Commander of Carrier Division Five, conducted the exercise from the aircraft carrier USS Ranger.

Aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Thetis Bay, visiting the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong in the Far East, is Johnny R. Coberly, seaman, USN son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Coberly of 3307 Newton st., Torrance.

The ship, which arrived in the colony, July 27, after participating in training exercises with the powerful Seventh Fleet, will stay in the colorful port for a short period of rest and recreation for the crew.

Serving with the Third Battalion, Tenth Marine Regiment at Camp Lejeune, N.C., is Marine Pfc. Johnny R. Westbrook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Westbrook of 800 W. 220th, Torrance.

The battalion completed annual marksmanship training, July 14, firing the M-1 rifle. The training is part of the Corps' program to ensure the continued skill of its infantrymen.

Serving aboard the dock landing ship USS Whetstone, operating as a unit of Amphibious Squadron Three with the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific, is Darrel A. Adamson, electrician's mate second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Adamson of 26026 Sympress St., Lomita.

Crewmembers of the Whetstone were recently cited for their bravery and professional performance during a fire which broke out aboard a merchant vessel anchored in the harbor of Inchon, Korea.

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