

News Of Servicemen

Army Pfc. Lawrence B. Miller, whose wife, Ingrid, lives at 23830 Ward St., Torrance, participated with other members of the 503rd Infantry Combat Team in Exercise Tien Bang (Sky Soldier), a joint Nationalist Chinese-American airborne operation which ended on Taiwan Sept. 30.

Miller and other members of his unit were airlifted from their home station on Okinawa and jumped in the rugged Ping Tung air base area of the Nationalist Chinese stronghold. The American paratroopers linked up with an airborne Chinese unit which jumped north of the airbase to successfully complete the joint military operation.

Exercise Tien Bang was the first time in the 503rd Combat Team's history that it participated in a joint exercise with troops of a foreign nation.

Miller, a wireman in Mortar Battery of the team on Okinawa, entered the Army in June 1959 and arrived overseas in June 1960.

The 19-year-old soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Miller, 2426 W. 238th St., Torrance, attended Torrance High School.

Two Harbor City men have completed U.S. Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex., and are being reassigned to permanent duty bases. Both of them will be given on-the-job training.

The men, the jobs for which they are to be trained, and their new bases are:

Airman Charles E. Ball, son of Mrs. Beatrice E. Ball, Space C-18, 1280 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Harbor City, to be an information specialist, at Larson AFB, Washington.

Airman Marcel J. Fernandez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Fernandez, 909 256th St., Harbor City, to be a vehicle operator, at James Connally AFB, Texas.

Army PFC Louis R. Lee, son of Mrs. Lois L. Lee, 904 Amapola St., Torrance, recently participated with other personnel from the 7th Evacuation Hospital staff in Checkmate, a NATO tactical training exercise conducted in Germany.

NATO troops from Great Britain, France, Germany and Belgium were involved in the exercise, which was designed to test joint combat operation procedures.

Lee, a medical corpsman at the hospital in Darmstadt, entered the Army in March, completed basic training at Fort Ord, and arrived overseas last August.

The 19-year-old soldier attended Torrance High School.

Army Specialist Four David E. Kealey, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Kealey, 1604 Flower St., Torrance, completed the five-week single rotor observation helicopter maintenance course at The Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Ala., Oct. 6.

Specialist Kealey entered the Army in July 1958.

A 1956 graduate of Torrance High School, Kealey attended El Camino Junior College.

Army Specialist Four Thomas J. McLeod, son of Mrs. Turdy Potvin, 4727 Green Meadows, Torrance, recently participated with other personnel from the 101st Airborne Division's 502nd Infantry in a special STRAC (Strategic Army Corps) alert at Fort Campbell, Ky.

As part of its STRAC mission, the 101st maintains one company in constant combat readiness, capable of immediate airborne deployment to any area of the world. A second company can be ready in two hours, and a reinforced battle group can be airborne within six hours following an alert.

While on alert, the company must remain in its area with combat gear packed and vehicles loaded in anticipation of immediate departure.

A fire team leader in the infantry's Company B at the fort, McLeod entered the Army in February 1957.

The 23-year-old soldier is a 1956 graduate of Torrance High School.

Navy Ens. William R. Watt, son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Watt of 1626 Lorna St., Torrance, was graduated, Sept. 22, from Naval Civil Engineer Corps Officers School at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Huenehue.

During the eight-week course in engineering management, he specialized in construction contract administration.

Before entering the service in June 1961, Ens. Watt was graduated from Stanford University.

Marine Pvt. Richard S. Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Oliver of 2517 W. 177th St., Torrance, scheduled to complete individual combat infantry training, Oct. 7, at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton.

The four-week course, conducted by the Second Infantry Training Regiment, is given all leathernecks completing recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Instruction includes latest infantry tactics, scouting and patrolling, first aid, military explosives, defense positions and advanced schooling of crew-serve weapons firing.

Participating in Exercise "Warm-Up," a joint naval-marine amphibious operation in the Okinawa area, while serving aboard the anti-submarine warfare support aircraft carrier USS Yorktown, is Dennis J. Bullock, engine-room fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Bullock of 1323 Teri Ave., Torrance.

The carrier, a unit of the Seventh Fleet, is one of the fleet's components participating in the exercise with units of the Third Marine Division.

Participating in Exercise "Warm-Up," a joint naval-marine amphibious operation in the Okinawa area, while serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Los Angeles, is Gage C. Enoch, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol K. Enoch of 2415 Grand Summit Rd., Torrance.

The cruiser, a unit of the Seventh Fleet, is one of the fleet's components participating in the exercise with units of the Third Marine Division.

Airman Third Class Frank E. Delgado, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Delgado of 20517 New Hampshire Ave., Torrance, has been graduated from the United States Air Force Technical training course for reciprocating engine mechanics at Sheppard AFB, Tex.

He is being reassigned to his permanent base for duty in this technical specialty.

Airman Delgado was graduated from Gardena High School Gardena and entered the service in May.

Two Torrance men have completed United States Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex. Both have been selected to attend technical training courses.

The men, the courses for which they have been selected and their new bases are:

Airman Montie M. Leach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlis E. Leach, 920 E. Flat St., to radio and radar maintenance specialists course at Keesler AFB, Miss.

Airman Robert L. Wertz, son of Major and Mrs. John C. Wertz, 20738 Wendy Drive, to personnel specialists course at Greenville AFB, Miss.

Army Pfc. Glenn J. Martin Jr., son of Mrs. Alma Cambra, 22701 Enola Ave., Torrance, is scheduled to participate with other members of the 8th Division's 505th Infantry in airborne exercises near Hagenau, France, Oct. 26 to 30.

The exercise is designed to test the airborne and infantry capabilities of the unit which will conduct extensive maneuvers under simulated combat conditions immediately after the paratroop drop.

Martin, a rifleman in the 505th's Company B in Mainz, Germany, entered the Army in February 1960 and received basic combat training at Fort Ord. He arrived overseas last March.

The 19-year-old soldier attended Gardena High School.

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