

News Of Servicemen

Marine Pvt. Shannon C. Kington, son of Mrs. J. L. Kington of 4810 Cadison, Torrance, is scheduled to complete individual combat training, Feb. 15, at the second Infantry Training Regiment, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The four-week course, which every new marine undergoes immediately after recruit training, covers combat formations, fire and maneuver, supporting weapons individual protection, safe movement during day and night, assaulting a fortified position, combat in towns, vertical envelopment and coordinating tank and infantry attacks.

L. D. Young, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Young of 22129 Neptune Ave., Torrance, is serving aboard the 75,000-ton attack aircraft carrier USS Constellation, now conducting a "Shakedown" cruise in Caribbean waters.

The Constellation, largest conventionally-powered attack carrier in the world, was commissioned last October and is the final product of the most recent advances in electronics, rocketry and structural design. The large ship departed New York Naval Shipyard, Jan. 25, and visited Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1. Other ports scheduled to be visited during the cruise include Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Marine Lance Cpl. Sterling A. McGill Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling A. McGill Sr. of 1244 E. 213th St., Torrance, was promoted to his present rank, Jan. 22, while serving with Station Operations and Engineering Squadron at the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, Calif.

Frank D. Tuttle, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tuttle of 1750 Elm Ave., Torrance, is serving aboard the tank ship USS Suffolk County, a unit of the Atlantic Fleet Amphibious Force, headquartered at Norfolk, Va., which celebrates its 20th anniversary on Feb. 20.

Organized on Feb. 20, 1942, the force lead every major Allied amphibious landing in North Africa and Europe during World War II.

Today, nearly 17,000 men assigned to 58 ships and supporting units make up the force, which teams with the Atlantic Fleet Marine Force to provide a vital amphibious striking capability for the nation. Combat-ready units range the Atlantic, Indian, Arctic and Antarctic Oceans, as well as the Caribbean and Mediterranean Seas.

Vice Adm. Alfred G. Ward, commander of the Atlantic amphibians, sent a personal anniversary message to the men of his force praising their importance as a "vanguard in peace and spearhead in war."

Major Charles L. Gandy Jr. of Mesilla Park, N.M., played an important role in the development of the space project which resulted in a safe trip for Lieutenant Colonel John Glenn as he made America's first manned orbital flight.

Major Gandy, 37, is the chief of the Test and Pilot Safety Branch for the Mercury-Atlas "Man in Space" program. He was directly associated with scientific development projects carried out by the Space Systems Division of the Air Force Systems Command in support of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's manned space flight.

The major is a 1945 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and holds a master's degree in aeronautical engineering from Princeton University. The Space Systems Division to which he is assigned conducts designated scientific space projects for the NASA programs as well as such projects which are part of the military space program.

Major Gandy is the son of Mrs. C. L. Gandy of Mesilla Park. He is married to the former Barbara M. Morrissey of St. Paul, Minn., and they have three children, Molly, Charles, and Thomas.

The Gandys are residing in Torrance, during his tour of duty with the Space Systems Division here.

Stephen L. Gilbert, hospital apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Gilbert of 2411 Gramecy St., Torrance, was graduated, Feb. 7, from the Field Medical Service School at Camp Pendleton, Calif. The training is designed to prepare Navy medical and dental corpsmen for duty with Marine Corps combat units.

The four-week course includes two weeks of field medical treatment and two weeks of individual combat training.

Richard L. Anderson, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Anderson of 108 W. 224th Pl., Torrance, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Hancock, which arrived, Feb. 7, in the Hawaiian Islands enroute to join the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

Upon reaching the islands, the carrier participated in "Operation Readiness" drills off the coast of Oahu.

Home-ported at Alameda, California, the Hancock is scheduled to visit Japan, Hong Kong and the Philippine Islands during the seven-month cruise.

James W. Mork, aviation fire control technician airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mork of 25909 Lucille Ave., Lomita, was graduated, Feb. 2, from Aviation Fire Control Technician School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn.

The 12 week bomb director course included instructions in the history and growth of aircraft bombing and the installation and removal of mechanisms and routing checks.

Edward D. Eliot, radarman seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Eliot Jr. of 25313 Feljoa Ave., Lomita, is serving aboard the dock landing ship USS Cabildo, a unit of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Force, headquartered at San Diego, Calif., which celebrates its 20th anniversary on Feb. 20. Established on Feb. 20, 1942, the force spearheaded much World War II amphibious campaigns as Guadalcanal, Leyte, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Today, approximately 20,000 men assigned to some 70 ships and supporting units make up the force, commanded by Vice Adm. Howard A. Yeager. The Pacific amphibians are capable of transporting and landing combat-ready Marines and their equipment across the beaches of any trouble spot in the Pacific, the Far East or Southeast Asia.

Army Pfc. Russell D. DeFields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert J. DeFields, 1411 Crenshaw, Torrance, recently completed a spoken German course conducted by the 2nd Quartermaster Group in Germany.

DeFields is a draftsman in Headquarters Detachment of the group's 35th Quartermaster Battalion in Ludwigsburg. He entered the Army in September 1959 and arrived overseas in May 1960. The 20-year-old soldier is a 1959 graduate of Torrance High School.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. Brundin of Glenwood, Minn., had an important part in the development of the project which resulted in America's first manned orbital flight by Lieutenant Colonel John Glenn.

Colonel Brundin, 39, is the United States Air Force's chief of the Mercury-Atlas "Man in Space" program. He is the head of the Mercury Directorate at the Space Systems Division of the Air Force Systems Command here.

Colonel Brundin is the son of Mrs. Nathan Brundin of 8 Court St., Glenwood. He is married to the former Harriet Boyer of Grosse Pointe, Mich., and they have two children, Judy and Barbara.

The Brundins are residing in Torrance, while he is assigned to the Space Systems Division here.

The "Friendship 7" capsule which carried Marine Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., on the history-making three-orbit flight was retrieved at sea by the destroyer USS Noa approximately five hours after launching.

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