

Armed Forces Report

Roy C. Gortney, son of Brown Gortney of Green Mountain and Mrs. Maxine Gortney of Carnegie, Pa., recently was promoted to Army First Lieutenant in Oakdale, Pa., where he is Army Air Defense Command Post Tactical Director in Headquarters Battery of the 18th Artillery Group. His wife, Ellen, lives at 5 Elwyn, Carnegie, Pa.

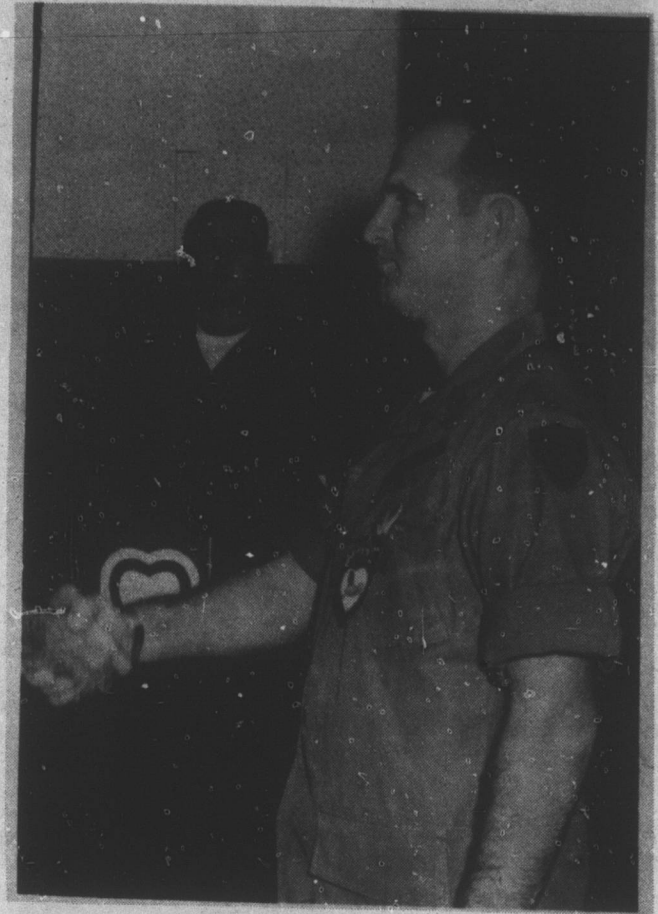
Lt. Gortney entered the Army in 1965 and was last stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He holds the Army Commendation Medal.

He is a 1962 graduate of Cane River High School.



Staff Sgt. Denzil Dean Thomas, son of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas of Green Mountain, Route 1, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service from February to August 1970.

Sgt. Thomas has been stationed in Da Nang, Vietnam, since July, 1969. His tour of service will be completed there in February, 1971. Then he will return to Columbia, South Carolina to be reunited with his wife, the former Karen Gebreg of Frankfurt, Germany, and their two children, Anthony and Pamela.



Staff Sgt. Denzil Dean Thomas Receives Medal



Navy Petty Officer Third Class John L. Gillespie, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gillespie of Route 2, Burnsville, has returned to San Diego aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Bon Homme Richard.

The 43,000-ton warship completed her record sixth, and final, Vietnam combat deployment when she returned to her home port November 12 after seven and one half months in the Western Pacific.

During the 26 years since commissioning, Bon Homme Richard distinguished herself in three major conflicts: World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.. the only Navy attack carrier to claim that record.



Private Blanch Hensley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hensley, Route 4, Burnsville, recently completed 8 weeks of basic training at the Women's Army Corps Center, Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

She received instruction in the Army history and tradition, administrative procedures, military justice, first aid, and field training.

Private Hensley entered the Women's Army Corps in August, 1970. She is a 1970 graduate of Cane River H. S.



Army Specialist Four Larry G. Riddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlo B. Riddle, Route 4, Burnsville, is driver of the jeep which recently was selected as best in the V Corps' 42nd Field Artillery Group in Germany.

Spec. 4 Riddle's jeep was chosen for its performance and overall maintenance record from among representative vehicles of each member unit of the group.

The 21-year-old soldier, overseas since February, 1970, is driver for the commanding officer of Battery C in the 2nd Battalion, 92nd Field Artillery near Giessen.

He entered the Army in Feb. 1969 and was last stationed in Ft. Bragg, N. C. He is a 1967 graduate of Cane River H. S.



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