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"CHAPPIE" CHAPMAN IN TRAINING FOR NAVY AIR FORCE

Aug. 17, 1944
**NEWTON BOY ASSIGNED TO NAVY
PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL AT
ATHENS, GEORGIA**

ATHENS, GA., — Melvin E. Chapman, yeoman, first class, of Newton, has reported to the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School here for intensive physical training and ground school study. The course, of at least three months duration, is a preliminary step in the progressive stages of flight training for future Navy, Coast Guard and the Marine combat pilots.

Chapman, who served aboard the aircraft carrier, Lexington, is a veteran of the battles of Bougainville, Salamaua, Coral Sea, Rabaul and the Tarawa supporting action and the occupation of Bougainville.

He completed Naval Flight Preparatory School at Natchitoches, La., and reported here from the CAA Training Service School, Kilgore, Tex.

"Little Dugan" Expects To Get Sea Duty Soon

James "Little Dugan" Dunnigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Dunnigan, of Newton writes the Mentor-Democrat from New Orleans, stating that he expects to be sent to sea very soon.

"We are waiting to pick up our new LCT and then we go out," he said. "At the present we are loading LCT boats with supplies as they are being sent out."