

The lead Unit of the Allegany County Civil Defense entry that turned out for such a beautiful showing and won 1st prize in the Special Unit Category. News Photo

**Robert Jeffrey Common Receives Commendation**

SN Robert J. Common, USN received an award of Commendation from Commander, U. S. Naval Support Activity, DaNang in recognition of his meritorious support of combat operations in Southeast Asia.

The following is the Commendation received by Common:

The Commander, U. S. Naval Support Activity, DaNang, Republic of Vietnam takes pleasure in commending

**ROBERT J. COMMON  
SEAMAN, UNITED STATES NAVY**

for service as set forth in the following:

**CITATION**  
"For meritorious service during the TET Offensive of February and March 1968 while attached to the U. S. Naval Support Activity at Dang Ha and Cua Viet, Republic of Vietnam, and serving as a crew member of the LCM-8-917. During the TET Offensive, the U. S. Naval Support Activity Detachment at Dang Ha and Cua Viet was engaged in the vital and hazardous mission of supplying United States Army and Marine Corps Units which were engaged in bitter fighting in the northeast area of the I Corps Tactical Zone. This mission required the transportation of supplies from Cua Viet to Dong Ha, a distance of eight miles on the Cua Viet River. Seaman COMMON was assigned as a crew member of the LCM-8-917, one of the craft which was tasked with hauling these supplies. The LCM-8-917 was required to make at least two trips each day in the teeth of heavy small arms, artillery, recoilless rifle, rocket propelled grenade, and mortar fire from Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army Units which were firmly entrenched along the banks of the Cua Viet River. Through

great personal effort, Seaman COMMON maintained his craft in superb physical condition. He consistently worked 12 or 14 hour days to make his craft's services available. Seaman COMMON'S outstanding performance of duty under arduous living and working conditions in an advanced combat area made a significant contribution to the ability of this Command to accomplish its mission."

J. B. OSBORN  
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy

**Norton-Marvin Reunion**

The Annual Norton-Marvin Reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Reid Mattison, July 7, 1968 with approximately 80 in attendance. Those attending were from Rochester, Hilton, Tonawanda, Olean, Angelica, Almond, Buffalo, Bradford, Pa., Wyoming, Cortland, Hornell, Wayland and Andover. A delicious ham dinner followed by ice cream and watermelon was enjoyed by all.

The next annual reunion will be held at the home of Mr and Mrs. Carrol Burdick.

**Red's Racetrack Rambles**

Well racing fans, the Army pulled sort of a sneak surprise attack on me this week so-o-o, instead of my usual breezy rambles, we'll just have to settle for the racing results and let it go at that.

It seems that I was advised by phone over three weeks ago that yours truly was going to be sent to Camp Drum on July 13th. (Which is on a Saturday.) But, Tuesday morning — along comes a telegram ordering me to report to Camp Drum not later than 1200 Thus, being cut 1 day short on (noon) on Friday, July 12th. all the advance planning that had been made — everything just has to be cut short!

On the Fourth of July, we went to the races at Perry with our old friend "Dick", ye old roving photographer, so here are those results first —

In the Amateur Class — Jim Worthington No. 757 won the first heat; Doug Pringle No. B-9 took the second heat; and Doug Pringle No. B-9 come back to also win the feature.

In the Late Model Class — Roger Kelly No. 1 took the 1st heat; Ed Mooney No. 92 took the second heat; and Roger Kelly No. 1, came back to capture the feature.

In the New Car Division — Art Clark No. 7 took the 1st heat; Rich Wrobel No. 9 took the 2nd; and in the Feature Art Clark No. 7 was 1st; Eddy Anchor No. 55; second; Jack Gentner No. 98, 3rd; Stroker McGurk No. 18, 4th; and Don Biederman No. 43, 5th.

As far as the 100 lap trophy race was concerned that was run with 50 laps at Holland on July 3rd and the other 50 laps at Perry. Eddy Anchor No. 55 despite the fact that he placed 2nd in the last 50 laps had built up such a lead on the first 50 laps at Holland that he came in First in the Trophy Race with no sweat. Don Biederman No. 43 came in 2nd in the 100 lapper; with Stroker McGurk No. 18, 3rd.

Needless to say, the races were really fast and terrific on the new black-top at Perry Raceway.

At Woodhull Raceway, the 4th

of July for the Holiday Trophy Races, there were the most cars and the largest crowd that we have ever seen at the track.

In the Hooligan Class — Chuck Burrows No. 16X took the 1st heat; Bill Freeman No. 711 won the 2nd; Skeet Crane No. U/P the 3rd; and Harry Hurd No. 5X took the Consy. In the Feature, Dave Davis No. 9 was 1st; Jerry Updyke No. 81, 2nd; Monroe Puffer No. 36, 3rd; Steve Houghtaling No. 27, 4th; and Chuck Canser No. 309, 5th.

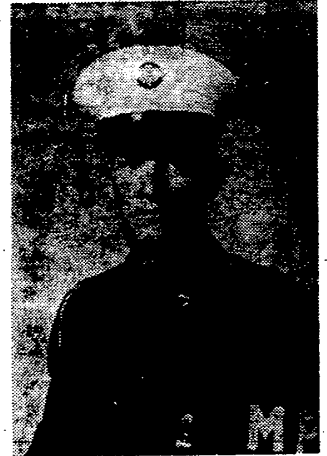
In the Sportsmen Class — Roy Crans No. 4 took the 1st heat; Bill Deming No. 11 won the 2nd; Chuck Wright No. 66 the 3rd; and in the "Consy" Bob English No. 66X came in first. In the Feature Chuck Kennison No. 9 drove to a hard-earned victory; Bob English No. 66X was 2nd; Roger Bacon No. 19, 3rd; Roy Crans No. 4, 4th; and Hugh Smith No. 55, 5th.

In the Modern Class — Dick Karnoski No. 55X won the 1st heat; Bill Layfield No. 121 took the 2nd; Arnie Flint No. 97 the 3rd; and Jerry Prentice No. 41 captured the "Consy". In the Feature Dick Karnoski No. 55X came back to win a well deserved victory; Don Buchanan No. 11X really put up a terrific battle for the No. 2 slot; Bill Layfield No. 121 placed 3rd; Herby Green No. 88 was 4th; and Al Baldwin No. 89 was 5th.

On Saturday night, July 6th, there was a nice crowd on hand despite the real cool evening — and there sure was plenty of action!

In the Hooligan Class — Wayne Slocum No. 17 took the 1st heat; Chuck Burrows No. 16X took the 2nd; Dave Davis No. 9 the 3rd; and Ivan Smith No. 350 won the "Consy". In the Feature Ray Buck No. 555 placed 1st; Lew Martin No. 43 2nd; Steve Houghtaling No. 27, 3rd; Bill Mullen No. 24, 4th; and Wayne Slocum No. 17, 5th.

In the Sportsman Class — Joe Johnson No. JC won the 1st heat; Lou Gunn No. 15 took the 2nd; Bill Demings No. 11 the 3rd; and Hugh Smith No. 55 the "Consy". In the Feature Herb Layfield No. 48 was 1st; Joe Johnson No. JC, 2nd; Bill Deming No. 11, 3rd; Hugh Smith No. 55, 4th; and Bob English No. 66X, 5th.



PFC John Strouse

**PFC John Strouse Home On 30-Day Leave**

PFC John Strouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter (Red) Strouse, arrived July 4th by plane in Buffalo from Siagon, where he had served a year as Military Police in the South Vietnam 716 Military Police Battalion. While serving in Vietnam he received two Campaign Stars and a meritorious Citation presented to the Unit in which he was a member. He also received a Vietnamese Service Cross of Gallantry for heroic action in connection with military operations during a period the city was overrun by enemy forces.

Following a 30-day leave PFC Strouse will be stationed at Ft. Hancock, N. J. At present he and his wife are residing in Wells-ville.

In the Modern Class — Phil Pipe No. 16 won the 1st heat; Bill Layfield No. 121 the 2nd; and Jerry Prentice No. 41 took the "Consy". In the Feature Bill Layfield No. 121 was 1st; Arnie Flint No. 97, 2nd; Basil Shutt, No. 13, 3rd; Leo Houghtaling No. 13, 4th; and Bob Gee No. 260, 5th.

Well fans gotta run along and see if those old uniforms still fit me — and try and get packed!

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