

The Giddings Star

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**Lexington Boy
Joins Navy Test**

NORFOLK, Va. — Taking part in a major amphibious exercise on the southeast coast of the US with the staff of Commander Transport Amphibious Squadron 2 is Melvin F. Hartfield, yeoman first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Hartfield of Lexington, and husband of the former Miss Darlene M. Jacobs of Mt. Morris, Mich.

The exercise, involving 80 ships, 347 aircraft, and 42,000 Navy and Marine Corps personnel, began Oct. 19 and was climaxed by an amphibious assault on Onslow Beach, N. C., this

month.

Supported by ships of the Atlantic Fleet, the Marines landed by helicopters, surface craft, seaplanes, land planes, and submarines. They were opposed by a simulated enemy force of Marine "aggressor" troops.

The maneuvers provided realistic training in all phases of amphibious warfare, including the simulated use of offensive and defensive atomic weapons.