

3d Bde Cawthorne Is Versatile Man

Versatile is the word to describe Pvt. William B. Cawthorne, an AIT trainee with A-7-3, who has excelled as a football player, aeronautical technical writer, scuba diver and life-saver.

Cawthorne was a star halfback for Culver City High School thru three seasons of varsity football and was named to the league all-star team in his senior year.

He went on to play two years of ball at Santa Monica City College under coach Jim Powers, former University of California, San Francisco 49ers and Fort Ord quarterback.

After graduating from SMCC, Cawthorne took a job as a technical writer for Douglas Missile & Space Engineering, Inc. At Douglas, he supervised a 15-man staff which prepared a manual on "Saturn DSV4 Space System Generation Breakdown."

When he wasn't working at Douglas, Cawthorne spent much of his spare time scuba diving off the beaches of Southern California. Twice, his talents as a diver were needed in rescue work.

In the summer of 1958, he and a friend were diving off Catalina Island when they were called on to rescue a swimmer in distress.

Three summers later, while diving off Palos Verdes, he successfully rescued three people who had been clinging to a capsized boat for over an hour. He was commended by many Southern California newspapers.



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Gridded, scuba diver, life saver