



JOHNNY D. LINDLEY... Marine First Lieutenant, right, husband of the former Adabarr Marsh, of Torrance, recently was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "heroism and extraordinary achievement" in aerial combat against the Japs in the South Pacific. The award was made to the leatherneck flier by Maj. Gen. J. C. Fegan (left) at the Marine Corps Air Station at Santa Barbara.

## Lieut. Lindley Awarded Marine Medal of Honor

First Lt. Johnny D. Lindley, 27, Marine fighter pilot and husband of the former Adabarr Marsh, 2259 Carson st., Torrance, is now in possession of the Distinguished Flying Cross. The medal was presented to him recently at Santa Barbara by Marine Gen. J. C. Fegan of Camp Pendleton near Oceanside for "heroism and extraordinary achievement" while serving with the stricken craft against a leatherneck fighter squadron at Guadalcanal in 1942.

Lt. Lindley, then a technical sergeant, participated in a flight which intercepted a hostile striking force of numerical superiority and thwarted a severe attack upon U. S. ground installations, the citation says.

"Although his plane was irreparably damaged by terrific fire, Lt. Lindley succeeded in returning it safely to the airport so that salvaged parts from the stricken craft might be used for repair and replacement."

"Later, as a member of flight of 14 planes which intercepted 27 Japanese aircraft, he shot down one fighter and contributed materially to the disruption of a hostile bombing raid. His expert airmanship and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Lt. Lindley enlisted in the corps in 1939 and worked his way up through the ranks.

## Chamber Bulletin Reveals Factual Data Concerning Torrance's Rapid Growth

In a bulletin issued by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week was contained a tabulated statement showing that the population of Torrance has grown from 350 in 1915 to an estimated total of 14,000 at the present time.

As another indication of the city's economic growth and importance in the commercial world was disclosed in the table of bank clearings. During 1940 the total for the year was \$1,757,000. In 1941 they increased to \$2,350,000; in 1942 to \$3,419,000; in 1943 to \$5,150,000. But the surprise came during the first two and one-half months of this year when they bounced up to \$5,500,000, or \$850,000 more than during the entire previous year.

Postal receipts jumped from \$45,651.53 in 1940 to \$92,774.58 in 1943, declared by the chamber president, James L. Lynch, as another very good indication of the stability of this community.

### Pioneers Bus Program

1. Extended bus service for the city of Torrance and war workers in the Torrance area. This project was one of the first projects taken up by the chamber right after its reorganization last fall and is about to be realized. This movement was pioneered by the chamber's transportation committee.

2. Boy Scouts camp, to be made available for the youths of Torrance.

3. Beach project for the city of Torrance.

4. Street and highway improvement.

5. Increased parks and playgrounds.

6. Additional school facilities.

7. Junior college.

8. Airport for post-war activities.

9. Reduced taxation.

## Lynch Tells Views of Torrance Civic Group

At a special meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, President James L. Lynch, joined all present regarding participation in the forthcoming municipal election.

No director or member of the chamber will be permitted to express any opinion as members of the chamber or to take an active part in campaign activities for any candidate. President Lynch pointed out that he did not have jurisdiction over the members as individuals or citizens.

Asked if the chamber would endeavor to obtain any form of subsidy from the city, President Lynch stated that any such offer on the part of candidates or incumbents would be positively refused and that the chamber would continue to function as an independent agency from the proceeds of membership dues alone.

## Staff Sgt. Draper Awarded Medal

Staff Sgt. Lee E. Draper, 25, top turret gunner on an Eighth AAF Flying Fortress, has been awarded the Air Medal. The decoration was conferred for "exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied continental Europe."

Staff Sgt. Draper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Draper of 1020 Cravens ave., Torrance. Before entering the service he was employed by the Zia Oil Co. in Albuquerque, N. M.

## 'Bill' Keefer In AAF Advanced to Major's Rating

Mr. and Mrs. John Keefer of 2259 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, have been advised that their son, W. E. (Bill) Keefer, has been advanced from captain to the rating of major in the American Air Forces and is on duty somewhere in the Mediterranean—probably in Italy.

Maj. Keefer flew a Liberator bomber across the Atlantic more than a year ago and has been on many exploits over enemy territory in Europe. He was a member of the crew of the now famous "Liberty Lad" responsible for shooting down many German planes on its numerous forays. Since then the "Liberty Lad" has been rebuilt as a fighting craft, but is still in service as a hospital ship, the family advises.

## Application for Bus Priorities Filed With ODT

Charles H. Koors, transportation specialist, yesterday filed application with the Office of Defense Transportation for priorities on the purchase of a fleet of eight new buses for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines on instructions from the city council.

He has been working on the applications for the past week and completed this task late Tuesday and hopes to hear of their early approval so that the formal order for the added equipment to cost approximately \$58,000 may be placed without delay.

The action taken is the result of the recent transportation survey and recommendation by Koors for expansion of services which is aimed to tap all potential sources from which local industries may draw manpower from key points in southwest Los Angeles County as well as to benefit the entire community by providing better service to Los Angeles and inauguration of new transportation facilities to Long Beach, Wilmington, San Pedro, Inglewood and the South Bay cities.

Under the proposed plan the bus system would have more than double the amount of existing equipment and be in position to render the best service to the ODT's end establishment. Local industries are cooperating in the program under a subsidy arrangement.

The city council at a special meeting yesterday morning adopted a motion authorizing the city engineer "to execute the application for recommendation to the ODT and agreement in consideration thereof, and/or any other instruments required by ODT in connection with purchase of the eight buses for use on the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines." At the same time Koors was authorized to assist the city engineer in the negotiations.

The council's action completed all the legal features necessary before formal presentation of the application to the ODT.

## Board Election For War Chest Due Tomorrow

Volunteers in the recent War Chest campaign and subscribers to it have a cordial invitation from Harvey S. Mudd, president, to attend the first annual meeting and election of board members scheduled for Friday afternoon, March 24, at the Biltmore ballroom.

Full report of War Chest fund distributions will be made at that time, it is announced. Late reports show that contributions have reached \$7,808,720, more than a million dollars in excess of the goal set of \$6,805,059, to support 120 home front and war related causes.

Torrance made an excellent showing, according to War Chest officials, the full quota of \$50,000 being given here, including credits from local industrial plants. Hillman Lee was campaign chairman.

Colorful ceremonies have been arranged for the informal celebration of the first united campaign's success, it is announced. Mudd and P. G. Winnett, general campaign chairman, will be honored for their community service.

Torrance is represented on the War Chest directorate by Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler and Otto A. Kresse. An additional representative is expected to be chosen at the Friday meeting.

## Eddie West Given Purple Heart For Tarawa Battle Achievement

Mrs. Allie West of 1619 W. 216th st., this week received good news concerning two of her sons who are in the armed services of the United States.

She was advised that one of them, T. E. (Eddie) West, 22, had been awarded the Purple Heart medal for outstanding achievement in the Battle of Tarawa, during which he was wounded while fighting Japs. He received injuries to his back and left arm in the combat and was sent to a Navy Hospital in Hawaii, where he is now convalescing. He advised in a letter to his mother, which was delivered to her only a few days ago, that he is getting along fine and hopes to be in condition to return to active duty again soon. He is a pharmacist's mate, 2/c, in the United States Marines. Graduated from Torrance High school in June of 1941, he joined the Navy on Dec. 17 of that year and was later released for service with the Marines.



WEARS PURPLE HEART... Highest medal given E. T. (Eddie) West, pharmacist's mate, 1/c, USMC, in recognition of outstanding achievement in the Battle of Tarawa. He was wounded during combat with Japs during historic fight.



IN HEAVY BOMBER TEAM... Tech. Sgt. Walter C. West about to complete training at Harvard (Neb.) Army Air Field preparatory to going overseas as a member of a P-40 crew. AAF Training Command, winning his silver wings and commission as a second lieutenant. Trezise was a member of the Torrance High school class of '37 and a student at Loyola University from 1937 to 1941.

## Postal Carrier Service to New Housing Areas Soon, Held Likely

Extension of mail carrier service to the newer war housing areas in Torrance and vicinity is a probability for the near future, according to a telegram received yesterday from Representative Cecil King in reply to a message sent by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber advised the congressman that "postal service in certain districts of Torrance is inadequate. Postmaster Earl Conner advises recommendations were made to the first assistant postmaster general for added service, but no action has been taken. Several hundred families are now compelled to call at the postoffice for districts that should be served by carrier. Your assistance in expediting action canvassed."

Congressman King replied: "Re Torrance postal service. Have been promised favorable action within one week and shall advise."

At the instance of Postmaster Conner the postoffice department dispatched investigators here late last year to inquire into the situation and left after indicating they were convinced of the necessity for additional service.

The information from the congressman was cheering news to Postmaster Conner, but he has received no official confirmation. However, he is hopeful that an order will come to start the service with the beginning of the postal quarter on April 1. Nevertheless, he is making no promises until he obtains official advice.

The areas that would be served include the housing projects on S. Western ave., the Shoestring Strip between Western and Normandie aves., and the project near Hickory and Greenwood sts. Inauguration of the service would mean an addition to the present carrier staff, Conner said.



THIRD TERMER... Kenneth C. Beight of Torrance is opposed for reelection as president of the L. A. Area C. I. O. Council in the election set for April 7.

## Labor Group to Retain Beight in Leadership

Kenneth C. Beight, employed by the Columbia Steel Company, is opposed for a third term as president of the L. A. Area C.I.O. Council in the election set for Friday, April 7, it was learned today. The council represents a membership of 125,000, it is understood.

Also unopposed for vice president is A. T. Lunceford, representing Firestone Local No. 100. For council secretary, Phillip M. (Slim) Connelly, incumbent of the Newspaper Guild, will be opposed for reelection by Walter Howell of the Auto Workers Local of Los Angeles.

## Sixteen Report To Draft Board For Induction

Selective Service Board No. 280 reports that out of 16 men inducted into the armed service through the local board during the past week four were taken from Torrance, five from Lomita, and one from Harbor City. Of the remainder, five came from Gardena and one from Long Beach. They are: Torrance—George Figueredo (Navy), 1507 Crenshaw Blvd.; Elmer A. C. Opalka (Navy), 1338 1/2 218th st.; Robert F. Armstrong (Navy), Rt. 1, Box 349; Richard T. Janssen (Navy), 1740 Gramercy ave. Lomita—Harold K. Johnson (Army), 2119 Lomita Blvd.; Robert C. Mayer (Navy), 2466 256th st.; Bryan G. Hawley (Marines), 25028 Walnut st.; Frank M. Gonzales (Marines), 22228 Hawthorne Blvd.; William C. Lyons (Army), 2149 W. 233rd st. Harbor City—Andrew P. Barrow (Navy), 1659 252nd st. Gardena—Mario Martinez (Army), formerly of 18616 Normandie ave.; Christopher Zaharis (Marines), 1133 Roscerans Blvd.; Rabb C. West (Navy), 16502 Manhattan place; Alfred L. Turner (Army), 1414 1/2 S. Western ave.; Robert P. Brooks (Navy), 16408 Orchard st. Long Beach—Robert Howard Gleason (Navy), 1302 E. 3rd st. Raymond George Schumacher of 1313 Cota ave., Torrance, was ordered to report for induction into the Army but failed to do so. He is now classified as a delinquent to the district attorney's office in Los Angeles, and the Selective Service Board advises.

## Sinatra Will Sing at WAC Rally in L. B.

Frank Sinatra will sing tomorrow, Friday, night at the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium as a part of the program launching an intense Air WAC recruiting drive for the air transport command. The meeting is being sponsored by the ferrying divisions, the Sixth Ferrying Group at Long Beach, and the 21st Ferrying Group of Palm Springs, as a contribution to the nationwide campaign to recruit 5,000 women for the Air Transport Command.

Free tickets may be obtained at leading stores in Torrance or at the Air WAC recruiting office on the ground floor of the Jergens building in Long Beach.

## Individual Red Cross Quota of \$8,000 More Than Half Subscribed

The Red Cross War Fund drive has reached the halfway mark insofar as residential and business district contributions are concerned, it was announced today by Mrs. Lola Hoover, chairman of the campaign. The quota of Torrance was set at \$8,000 for this division. Late yesterday afternoon Mrs. Hoover reported that receipts of \$3,589.97. Since then more reports have been turned in to run them over \$4,000. "I am sure we'll make our quota before this campaign is ended, but there is yet much to be done," Mrs. Hoover declared.

Good reports are coming in from employees of the Columbia Steel Company's plant. Paul Findley, chairman of the employee group there, states that Allied Relief cards are being distributed among workers who are pledging to give one day's wages per month through payroll deductions, not only for the present drive, but for duration of the war. The Red Cross will be allocated 45 percent of the collections, instead of 33 1/2 percent as was the case last year.

Columbia Gives Sum Hillman R. Lee, chairman of institutions division of the campaign, indicated that substantial subscriptions are anticipated from industrial plants next week. During the present week announcement was made that the Columbia Steel company had allocated \$850 to Torrance out of the \$18,000 subscribed by the

## RED CROSS WAR FUND DONATIONS

J. C. Pensey employees	\$143
Grand and Torrance Theatres	100
Harry M. Abrams	100
Dr. Howard Wood	75
Jack Koch	50
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tolson	50
El Prado Furniture Store	50
Sam Levy	50
Gay Shop	50
Rees Shoe Store	50
Mrs. Richard Close	50
Safeway employes	36
Otto Kresse	35
Dr. R. F. Bishop	25
Hillman Lee	25
Offields Trucking Co.	25
George Probert	25
Howard Locke	25
So. Calif. Edison Co.	25
Grover C. Whyte	25
Mrs. M. A. Russell	25
Clifford Reid	25
Order of Eastern Star	25
Axelsson Mfg. Co.	25
Schultz & Peckham	25
Stone & Myers	25
Jack Isen	25
Maurice Koch	25
Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler and Mrs. R. E. Schumert	24
Torrance National Bank employees	22
J. W. Post	20
H. C. Totten	20
James L. Lynch	20
Mr. and Mrs. Bartley Carr	20
Dora Fuller Butmus	20
Henri Wislani	20
Harvel Guttenfelder	15
Dr. R. A. Bigham	15
A. & P. Stores	15
Mrs. H. M. Dudley	15
Laura M. Thomas	15
Gaston Arcq	15
Carsonmart	15
Jack Shop employes	15
Cara Tyson	12.50
B. C. Buxton	12.50
Mrs. Myrtle Burt	12
Anonymous	12
Mary Borges	12
Mary Rodriguez	12
Mr. and Mrs. L. J. MacArthur	12
Mrs. Joseph Kikta	12
Mrs. W. F. Bartholomew	12
Mrs. E. Ayres	12
J. L. Vandewater	12
Mrs. W. W. O'Kane	12
Mrs. Karnes	12
Mrs. Dan Eddle	12
Mrs. W. D. Thornbush	12
Mrs. H. T. Markham	12
Mrs. E. Maloy	12
Mrs. Hazel Kulp	12
Mrs. A. M. Dowell	12
Jack L. Folts	12
Miss Lucille Vaughan	12
Miss Ella Vaughan	12
Mrs. Robert McKenzie	12
Edward Rhone	12
Earl Brunner	12
Torrance Flower Shop	10
W. J. Pendergrass	10
Mrs. Hamman	10
D. & D. Market	10
Charles and Ethel Dunham	10
Dr. M. A. Bauman	10
Corv. and John Ellwood	10
Baker Smith	10
Fay L. Paris	10
Mrs. Ramsey	10
Mrs. Ernest Rulir	10
Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Peterson	10
Mrs. Thomas Labor	10
Mrs. Fred Stone	10
Mrs. Willard Key	10
Gladys Wiehne	10
Gregory Hlanes	10
Cornelia Club	10
Mrs. Augusta Hogberg	10
Mrs. L. G. Barkdull	10
Herbert Allen	10
Mrs. Velma Templeton	10
F. G. Hodges	10
Chas. Goldsmyer	10
Elizabeth Frigon	10
Dorothy and Thomas Bailey	10
Genevieve Marsh	10
Hazel E. Bihu	10
Mrs. L. S. Prince	10
Albert Isen	10
Jack Isen	10
D. C. Turner	10
Ed Schwartz	10
Bernard's Shoe Shop	10
Paul M. Watson	10
Mrs. R. E. Briggs	10
Rev. Harry Branton	10
Rees Shoe Store	10
Dr. W. J. Neelands	10
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Golden	10
Mrs. R. J. Deisinger	10
Gertrude Morrison	10

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David Thomas Barkley	10
Joseph Tuttle	10
Joe L. Johnson	10
F. Adell Shunk	8
Mrs. Whitacre	6
Mrs. Carol Hendrickson	6
Mrs. J. D. Dorrigan	6
Charles Mitscher	5
Torrance Men's Shop	5
Edna Weis	5
Charlene Shop	5
A. W. Smith	5
Mrs. Brian Lee	5
Mrs. Ernie Tanner	5
M. Spencer	5
C. L. Byrne	5
Mrs. E. C. Rowell	5
Mrs. Clara Steek	5
Opal Burns	5
Mrs. G. C. Moore	5
F. Sorenson	5
R. F. Hogue	5
J. E. Johnson	5
Mrs. Severson	5
Mrs. Washburn	5
Mr. Fitzgerald	5
Mrs. Baskins	5
Mrs. Evelyn Lantz	5
Mrs. Grace Hooper	5
Selma Cleaners	5
Evans Gift Shop	5
Vurpillat's Cafe	5
J. L. Holbrook	5
Mrs. Kathryn Boughn	5
Dr. N. A. Leake	5
T. S. Lovelady	5
The Steak House	5
Knapp's Liquor Store	5
Gerard L. Alter	5
Erlfriede Walthers	5
Fred L. Meacham	5
Mrs. Christine Ericson	5
Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Dalton	5
Mrs. E. M. Tolwan	5
Bascomb J. Scott	5
Carl Locke	5
John Higgins	5
Reed Sells	5
Will Ledbetter	5
Everett Grubbs	5
Mrs. Thayne	5
Sinclair	5
Mrs. F. Beckhold	5
Mrs. C. E. Irish	5
Mrs. Robert Stratton	5
Mrs. E. M. Von Koerber	5
Mrs. C. D. Lowen	5
Mrs. L. L. Wright	5
Mrs. Mary Olding	5
Mrs. H. B. Ringle	5
Aileen T. White	5
Henry Grubb	5
Mrs. E. M. Fickel	5
Mrs. P. McDonough	5
Idarose Saunders	5
Ruth M. Leckhart	5
Irina O. Walters	5
Miss Margaret A. Weber	5
Otto B. Willett	5
Dr. A. P. Stevenson	5
A. Mullin	5
Mrs. Roy Peterson	5
Lola Babcock	5
Mrs. A. E. Falk	5
Chas. Turner	5
Mr. and Mrs. Bartelko	5
G. M. Calder	5
4 contributions @ \$1	\$16.00
1 contribution @ \$3.25	3.25
18 contributions @ \$3	54.00
1 contribution @ \$2.76	2.76
7 contributions @ \$2.50	17.50
1 contribution @ \$2.30	2.30
62 contributions @ \$2	124.00
1 contribution @ \$1.70	1.70
1 contribution @ \$1.55	1.55
3 contributions @ \$1.50	4.50
2 contributions @ \$1.25	2.50
189 contributions @ \$1	189.00
1 contribution @ 55c	.55
8 contribution @ 50c	4.00

TOTAL reported to March 23 \$3048.41