

Lt. Owens' Sacrifice Inspires Memorial; Given Purple Heart

The grieving parents of 2nd Lt. Walter E. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Owens of Lomita, this week received from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson the Purple Heart Medal for their late son, "as a tangible expression of the country's gratitude for his gallantry and devotion."

Said the father and mother in a prepared statement:

"While the presentation of the Purple Heart is accepted in the spirit in which it is sent, as the grateful appreciation of the sacrifice Walter gave his life in the service of his country, we at home know that Walter made a greater sacrifice when he ended the service to assist in destroying the enemies of his country. This is well told in a letter to us from his brother Bob, now and for the past 18 months somewhere in the South Pacific.

"Walter had planned to enter the service of our Lord and the Memorial Fund started by members of the Lomita Community church, by which others may be assisted in their preparation for this work, is of a greater source of comfort, and we believe would be appreciated by Walter more than the Purple Heart medal.

"We have received many letters from friends expressing their sympathy and from others who had met Walter during his training period, while attending beaches in several sections of the United States, also others from men in the service stating that it was an honor and privilege to call Walter "Buddy." These letters follow a very definite pattern in that almost everyone states that it seems



FOR VALOR IN ACTION . . . 2nd Lt. Walter E. Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Owens of 2347 W. 246th pl., has been posthumously awarded the Order of the Purple Heart. He was shot down while on his fifth mission over Germany, cutting short a life that would have been devoted to the ministry. His 21st birthday would have come next Wednesday.

almost impossible that Walter has been called to his final home, as he was doing so much good here on earth."

AT MARINE BASE
Mrs. Charles H. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen K. Carter were guests Sunday of Pvt. Charles H. Jones at Camp Pendleton.

Lomita Soldier Develops New Gun Control Box

T/3 William Wurzer of Lomita, brother of Mrs. Virgil Plunkett, Torrance, has devised a power box that can turn on the electrical current for the directors of anti-aircraft guns by remote control. The invention was made at a fighter station in England, the Eighth Air Force said. Formerly it was necessary to station a soldier by the power plant some 300 feet away and signal him by voice or hand when to turn on the power.

Wurzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wurzer of 24633 Esheiman ave., found the system could be improved upon and made up his remote control device out of spare fighter parts salvaged at the base.

The idea has been turned over to Army ordnance.

Wurzer now is in France, a letter to the family states.



DECLARED DEAD . . . Corp. Richard Cox, 24, Lomita, hero of the last stand at Bataan, is declared dead by the War Department, a year after the Japs reported he succumbed to beriberi in a prison camp. The young Marine was the son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Mark Cox, formerly of Lomita, and a grandson of Mrs. Fred Simons, 2339 W. 241st st. Col. Cox is now stationed at San Diego.

Service Shorts

DELAINE CROOK . . . a staff sergeant, stationed at Esler Field, La., arrived Tuesday of last week to attend a five weeks' school of instruction at Ingiewood. He spent the weekend with his parents here.

ERNE J. AGUILAR . . . an aviation machinist's mate, 3/c, U.S.N.R., has returned from the South Pacific for a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Aguilar of 20607 N. Oak st., Hammerton Tract.

ROBERT A. GOLDEN . . . a private, is now serving with a field unit with our invasion troops in Normandy.

KENNETH B. FESS . . . a lieutenant in A.A.F., has been transferred to Clovis Field, N. M. His wife, Marcia, and their two-year-old daughter, Marbeth, were recent house guests of his parent, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fess, here.

GENEVIEVE TEAGUE BELL . . . a daughter of Mrs. M. Teague of the Torrance Postoffice staff, recently joined the WAVES and will leave soon for Hunter College, New York City.

AL (BLACKIE) BOHANNAN . . . a private attached to a medical corps, wrote to his mother, Mrs. Riley Bohannan, recently and advised her that Don Townsend and four other Torrance boys were his buddies at his South Pacific base.

BRUCE C. FLITTON . . . a lieutenant in A.A.F., son of Mrs. Nora Warner, leaves this week for overseas duty. Lt. Flitton, who took his training at Deming, N. M., is a flight officer, having been a co-pilot for the past two years. He has been visiting his mother in Torrance during the last two weeks. Mrs. Warner is a precision parts inspector at Longren Aircraft Company.

WILLARD R. GARLAND, JR. . . stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Garland, of 715 Cota ave.

RICHARD P. MILLER . . . a corporal in an anti-aircraft unit in the South Pacific, where he serves as a radio communications officer, in a letter this week to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Miller, said he is in good health and busy. He mentioned enjoying a breakfast of eggs with ham, his first in more than 10 months.

WILLIAM BUCKLEY . . . a storekeeper, 3/c, U.S.N.R., is convalescing at his base in the South Pacific from injuries suffered when a plane crashed into his tent recently, according to his mother, Mrs. L. B. Buckley of this city.

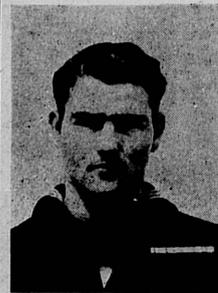
JACK KING . . . a private, in A.A.F., stationed at Amarillo Field, Texas, where he is studying to become a radio gunner, advises his friends of his address and asks that they write him. Pvt. John M. King, 19207500, Section V, Flight 508 X, Q.A.C., A.A.A.F., Amarillo Field, Texas. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. King of 1521 Amapola ave.

Local Man Still At Front on 2nd Anniversary

Monday was the second anniversary of the first offensive of the war against Japan when United States Marines stormed ashore on Guadalcanal, in which an undetermined number of fighters from this community participated. Among these were T/Sgt. Gordon K. Steenbock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Steenbock, 1834 W. 260th st.

The famous message, "The Marine Corps In On the Spot," was directed to the troops on the eve of the unit's first contact with the enemy by Col. LeRoy P. Hunt, commanding officer, Combat Group "A." He has since been promoted to general.

The message said, in part: ". . . the Marines have been selected to initiate the action which will prove to be the forerunner of successive offensive actions that will end in ultimate victory for our cause. . . . The Marine Corps is on the spot. Our country expects nothing but victory from us and it shall have just that. The word failure shall not even be considered in our vocabulary. . . . Good luck and God bless you, and to hell with the Japs."



ARMED GUARD . . . William R. Malin, a Seaman 1/c, is enjoying a 10 days' leave here with his mother and other family members at their home, 1870 Plaza del Amo. Serving as an armed guard aboard a Merchant Marine ship, Malin was wounded by shrapnel last November when his ship was damaged in dock by sabotage action. He considers himself lucky, however, to be able to swim to another ship for medical aid, when he learned that five of his shipmates were killed in the ship's explosion. Returning after his convalescence he found he had missed meeting his uncle, Charles Harvey, a Seabee, who had been repairing the sabotage damage to the ship.

RUSSIAN RIVER VACATION
Miss Kaye Quimby returned Tuesday from a six weeks' vacation at Russian River.



ON DESTROYER . . . George Stanton Winters, F.1/c, U.S.N., is serving on board one of Uncle Sam's destroyers in a South Pacific Task Force. He enlisted in June, 1943, and has seen plenty of action. George, in a recent letter to his parents, Capt. and Mrs. Roy Winters, 1210 El Prado ave., expressed appreciation for receiving the Torrance Herald regularly.

Frances Horney Writes Parents Of Navy Work

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Horney of Horney's Hardware, 2107 Pacific Coast highway, have recently received a letter from their daughter, Frances E. Horney, S. 2/c, in which she writes that she is working hard and has been transferred to the big machine unit as supervisor. There are eight girls and one man under her and she will soon receive her V12 rating.

Frances, who joined the WAVES in February, has had expert diesel training and expects to be sent to school for six weeks in September. She writes that she will have a 14-day leave starting Oct. 3 and will be home as soon as plane or train can bring her.

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Richard Seden Returns Home For Furlough

The R. D. Seden home at 1530 261st st. is a very happy one these days, as son Richard Seden, A.M.M. 1/c, arrived Sunday for a 30-day leave.

Richard has just returned from 19 months spent in the South Pacific and is hoping that when his leave is up he will be stationed in the States for a while.

Pvt. Wm. Crew Home for Visit

Pvt. William J. Crew arrived Saturday to spend the weekend at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Latham, 2334 247th st.

Young Crew returned to Camp Roberts, where he is stationed, on Sunday evening. Mrs. Crew is making her home with her parents while her husband is in the service.

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