TORRANCE HERALD

REPORTED MISSING

Staff Sgt. Arthur J. Lane, 20, son of couple at law of 2222 Cabrillo ave., is missing in action in France, according to word received from the Secretary of War.

Sergeant Lane, who has a wife and daughter residing in Detroit, has been missing since Aug. 16.

In the last letter received by his family from Europe on Aug. 5, the sergeant said that he was saving his money because he expected to be in Paris soon.

He was with a headquarters detachment with one of the units of General Bradley's first moving division, when reported missing.

The family entertains high hopes that he may be found soon soon.

Sergeant Lane has been in the service for two years. His father works for National Supply Co. in Torrance.

Hanks' Car Home And Soldiers Are Arrested

[illegible] Hanks' car home and soldiers are arrested. [illegible] Hanks [illegible] Torrance police, and because he had to go to the mountains to bring the members of his family home, he borrowed a car. During the entire trip to Arrowhead and back down the mountains, the first thought of the whole family was to get the car back.

Little Bobby had been saying "There's our car, Daddy," whenever he saw a Pontiac of the same model as the Hanks'.

Passing through Fontana on Foothill blvd. Sunday, Bobby yelled, "There IS our car, Dad, dr." as a Pontiac started to pass. Hanks glanced at the license plate of the passing machine and sure enough it was.

Determined to recover the machine, Hanks pulled alongside and motioned the two soldiers driving to pull over. Instead, they gave the machine more gasoline and took off on a five mile chase.

Hanks followed with the slower car and lost the soldiers when they turned off through a narrow orange grove street near Ontario. Hanks went immediately to Ontario police, who broadcast a warning.

Pasadena police, as a result, were on the lookout.

The soldiers ran out of gas and abandoned the Hanks machine and stole another, only to find Pasadena Officer John Elliott right on their trail. A few shots were fired, and the car wrecked.

Arrested were Pvt. Edward Dundon, Jr., son of Lt. Col. Edward Dundon of Camp Roberts, and Pvt. Raymond Bradley, who had been stationed here at Torrance.

Hanks, employed at Columbia Steel Corp., recovered his car and added his evidence to the Pasadena case, with the assistance of Chief of Police John Stroh. Young Dundon was wounded. Authorities said he has a string of car thefts against his name.

C. Wentworth, Longren Official, Enters U.S. Navy

Chapman Wentworth, executive vice president and general manager of Longren Aircraft Corp., Torrance, has entered the United States Navy and left Monday for preliminary training.

Wentworth, a brilliant engineer, came to Longren in December of 1943 and took over control of the company. He reorganized the corporation completely to a point where very shortly Longren will announce a post-war production program of far-reaching scope.

A Dartmouth graduate, Wentworth is 26 years of age, and resided with Mrs. Wentworth and their son in their home at 816 Via Sonronte, Palos Verdes Estates. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin H. Wentworth of Redondo Beach.

Longren is engaged in 100 percent war production at this time, but its program for post-war activity will keep the plant in full operation, it is said.

BULLETIN

Municipal bus department friction broke into the open today when Virgil Plunket and Henry Tyler, operators, were fired by Traffic Engineer C. F. Koors, for not appearing in uniform at the expiration of an ultimatum today.

C. Z. Ward, manager of the bus department for years, under councilmanic authority told the drivers to stay on the job. Koors then told Ward he was through. Ward declared that he will stay on the job until relieved by the City Council, and said that all drivers, whether fired by Koors or not, will continue to make regular runs. There will be no stoppage of transportation, he said. The whole matter will come to a head before the City Council Tuesday night, it is indicated.

COL. WOOD GUEST

Col. Earl LeRoy Wood, commanding officer of Torrance Army hospital, and Lt. Robert Eclon, service officer, were guests of the retail merchants division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at their weekly luncheon at Christy's cafe Wednesday noon.

[illegible] dogs apparently are wandering, coming into Torrance from Redondo Beach direction, but he asked that anyone auditing any dog acting in a strange manner report the matter to the County Health department, Torrance 500, and the South Bay Humane Society, Redondo 2500.

He also warned children and adults alike to stay away from strange dogs.

Several cases of horses contracting sleeping sickness also have been quarantined, and suspected cases of this disease should be reported at once, the chief said.

Newest $10,000 X-Ray Unit In Use At Local Hospital

Installation at a cost of $10,000 of a new Westinghouse, 200 milliampere, rotating-anode, diagnostic X-ray unit has been announced by the administrators of Jacob Sabery Torrance Memorial Hospital. The unit was ordered last October and installation completed recently.

The new unit is the most modern automatic and enables films of the highest quality to be taken at expense periods which are only a small fraction of those which were required by the old apparatus. Comparable equipment, it is said, usually is found only in institutions of two or more times as large as the Torrance Memorial hospital.

In charge of the equipment are Williams Print and Miss Margaret Dickerson, X-ray technician who came to Torrance about three months ago.

The gastrointestinal examinations and the interpretations of films are being made by Dr. Walter A. Stilson, M.D., head of the department of radiology of White Memorial hospital in Los Angeles. He comes to Torrance weekly for such examinations.

NEW DIRECTORS

Torrance Chamber of Commerce has two new directors elected last night. They are A. L. Jackson, plant manager at International Derrick & Equipment Co., and George Chapman of Carson Market.

proximately a year and a half's service as Fort Surgeon and Hospital Commander at the LAPE installation at Camp Anza, near Riverside. A man of proven ability, with a full record of achievement behind him, both in military and civilian life, the Colonel believes that he welcomes the opportunity for further service that is so amply provided by the Torrance medal fellow.

The new commanding officer, a native of Chester, Pa., is in Jersey removed to Newark, N. J., in which city he received his early schooling. His medical degree was obtained from the New York Homoeopathic Medical College and Flower Hospital in the Detroit year 1917. Upon graduation, Col. Wood heeded the call to arms and enlisted in the service. He was commissioned a captain in the medical corps of the Army of the United States, attached to the British Expeditionary Force in France. Col. Wood served in battle sectors for many months and was wounded in action. After the Armistice was signed, Col. Wood continued to serve in the Medical Reserve corps, where he held the position of surgeon to the 102nd Cavalry, New Jersey National Guard, the famous Rough Riders troop. Subsequently, he served as division surgeon to the 61st Cavalry division and as Colonel of the 149th General Hospital, New Jersey, organized reserves.

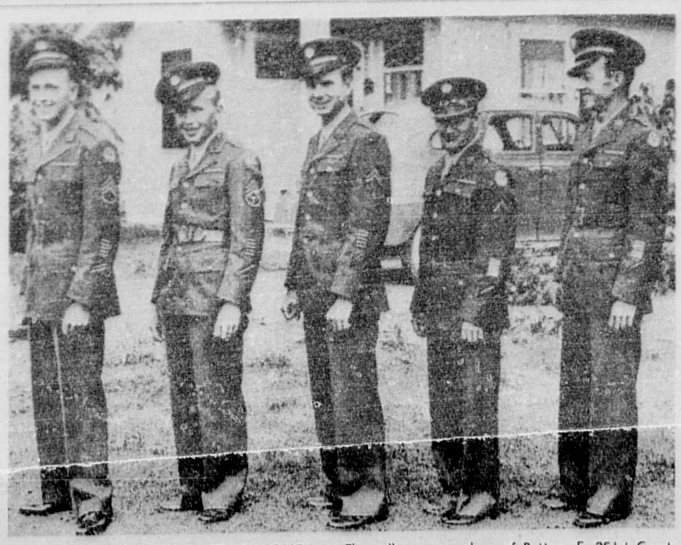
Returns in 1919

Upon his return to the United States in October, 1919, the Colonel served as resident house physician at the city hospital in Newark for a period of years and in 1921 initiated a general practice in medicine and surgery which he later limited to a specialized practice in otolaryngology. He has been attending surgeon [illegible] was still restricted by the desire for further research and development. This thirst for knowledge led him to travel abroad, where he studied at the famed University of Vienna in Austria and renowned Ecole de Medecine at Paris. In this country, he studied at the University of Pennsylvania and a number of other institutions, and with all this still managed to find the time to write numerous articles for medical journals and similar technical periodicals.

Purple Heart

The colonel is an active participant in a large number of professional and fraternal associations, including a fellowship in the American College of Surgeons and membership in the American Otological Society, American Laryngological, Rhinological and Otological Society, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, as well as membership in the Society of Founders and Patriots, Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of the American Revolution, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and many others. In 1934 he was decorated with the Order of the Purple Heart for his first World War services.

Col. Wood and throughout his life perpetuated the military tradition of his family, members of which have seen service in the Colonial, Revolutionary and Civil Wars. The colonel is married to the former Flora Helen Assmann, daughter of Franz August Assmann, a prominent manufacturer of East Orange, N. J. Col. and Mrs. Wood have one son, Francis Assmann Wood, aged 17



NATIONAL GUARD QUINTET AT HOME . . . They all were members of Battery E, 251st Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft, California National Guard, when it was inducted into the Federal service in 1940; they all shipped out together to the same South Pacific islands, and they came home together for leaves after 45 months' continuous duty overseas. Such is the record of this Lomita-Walteria service quintet whom the community has been honoring in recent days. They are, left to right—S/Sgt. Wray Nansel, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Nansel, 1913 259th Place, who left Narbonne high in '36 and had been working at various jobs when he was called to active duty; S/Sgt. Robert Wicklund, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Wicklund, 25323 Cypress, who graduated from San Pedro high school, S'38, and attended Compton Junior College; Cpl. David Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shepherd, 25607 President st., who graduated from Narbonne, '36. PFC Gene Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Andrews, 24415 Ward st., Walteria, who graduated from Narbonne, S'40; Pvt. Bill Lehman, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lehman, 2128 242nd st., who graduated from Narbonne, S'40. All became members of the V. F. W., Post 1622, Lomita, last week. Called to Federal service on Sept. 16, 1940, they were shipped out on Nov. 18, 1940, and have served since in the Solomons, Fiji Islands and on other South Pacific islands. They have some domestic duty due them after their leave at home expires. (Torrance Herald photo)

[illegible] Torrance [illegible] Hundreds of Torrance and Lomita motorists may not have their new "A" books in time to use the first coupon Sept. 22, because many motorists apparently are waiting until the last minute before filing applications.

This was the warning from F. W. Daniels, chief clerk of the local ration board, following a check, which disclosed that "A" book applications have been slow in coming in.

"Unless the applications speed up this week, the board will have a most difficult time processing all applications in order that motorists may have their new 'A' books by Sept. 22," Daniels said.

The A-12 coupons in the old "A" book expire Sept. 21. A-13 in the new book becomes good Sept. 22.

Masons Will Hold Annual Picnic at Local Park Sunday

Masons of Torrance and Lomita will hold their annual joint picnic at Torrance Municipal park on Sunday, starting with a softball game between members of the two lodges at 10:30 a.m. All Masons and their families are invited to the affair.

Coffee, cream, ice cream and watermelon will be furnished by members of the two lodges, and a picnic lunch will be served at noon.

L. Allen Wallace Meets Death

L. Allen Wallace, 53, who resided at 1418 Amapola ave. until he left Torrance about nine years ago, was burned to death in an automobile accident on Aug. 28 in Alameda, according to word received here.

Wallace was a salesman for the Richfield Oil Co. and was well known in the community.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Betty Wallace, and a son, John, a meteorologist in the federal service, now in the South Pacific.

NIGHT CLASSES

Night school classes are being held at Torrance High school on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The next class is on Sept. 11.

A. R. SHIMATSU DIES ON ITALY BATTLEFIELD

Staff Sgt. Akira Kay Shimatsu, Torrance High school graduate, has been killed in action in Italy, according to word to the Torrance Herald from Mrs. Yoshi Yoshimoto, now of the Moffitter, Ark., Relocation camp.

Sergeant Shimatsu, well known in Torrance and vicinity, was killed on July 16. His death is the 26th Torrance casualty and a Gold Star will be added to the Torrance service flag in his honor.

Another local Japanese soldier, T/Sgt. Yoshi Yoshimoto, was wounded in the foot but returned to duty after a short period in the hospital. He was wounded in action in Italy.

James S. Yoshimoto, who is the husband of the informant and who was a prominent local business man, is now in the United States Army, it was said.

S/Sgt. Takashi Kiyomura of Torrance now is in training at Fort Lewis, Wash., with a medical regiment.

"A" Book Gas Renewal Lags In Torrance

TOT OR FLAG

Torrance will add a Gold Star to its Service Flag for the death in action of Jesse Lee Johnson.

JESSE LEE JOHNSON

S1/c, who was killed serving with the amphibious forces in the South Pacific on April 4, 1944.

While the Navy has announced the death by drowning officially, the family, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnson of 2009 W. Carson st., still hold out hopes of his return.

Claire Johnson Swayne Johnson (Right)

Meanwhile, all home in Orchard and his name is being added to the list for Gold Stars on the service flag being maintained by the City of Torrance and the local branch of the American Red Cross.

The last letters received by the family and by friends of the popular local boy were written on the fateful day. Mrs. Johnson told the Torrance Herald representative who called on her Tuesday. "We still think he will be found," she said.

Two other Johnson boys are in the service. Swayne Johnson, formerly of the Torrance Police department, is in the Navy, and Claire Johnson is in the Army, now on Saipan Island. Bill and Garland Johnson, remaining brothers, are at home working on defense jobs.

Two More Gold Stars for Service Flag

There are 25 gold stars on Torrance's service flag, two more having been added in the past week. They are for S-1/c Jesse Lee Johnson and S/Sgt. Akira R. Shimatsu, both missing in action.

The entire list is reprinted below with the request that any person knowing of possible additional names for the list contact either the Torrance Herald or Mrs. Marie Morgan of the Torrance branch of the American Red Cross, that due honor may be given all those who have given their lives to their country in World War II.

Earl Wellington
John Fess, Jr.
Raymond Pennington
Clarence Theodore Scheibler
Claude Bruce
Arthur Thomas Parker
Dario F. Chavez
Kenneth Brooks
George Herbert Coburn
Royce W. Tidwell
Earl Wellington Watson
James Newton
Louis T. Madore
Jack Charles Hormell
John W. Foster, Jr.
Earnest P. Coburn
Fred Quaggin
Douglas L. Crawford
James F. Prowten
Walter C. West
Francis Dietlin
John Foley, Jr.
James K. Daniel
Jesse Lee Johnson
Akira R. Shimatsu

DARBY COMING

Supervisor-elect Raymond V. Darby, mayor of Inglewood, will address Torrance Kiwanians at their meeting Monday night.

[illegible] Plant [illegible] Corporation [illegible] Kellogg Company [illegible] 500 to 800 men during the coming year. The additional facilities will have a capacity of from 12,000 to 15,000 barrels of components each day.

"As a part of the general program of partial demobilization and conversion from wartime to peacetime industry," stated S. J. Dudley, president of the Petroleum Corporation, in announcing the project, "it is expected that this project will do its share in alleviating possible unemployment in this area. It, as anticipated by most people, the European war ends within the next two or three months, thousands of soldiers released from the war duty will return to Los Angeles. At the same time it is found there may be a possible temporary period of relative unemployment while plants are changing over from wartime to peacetime industry, and this work will help alleviate that general situation.

"This new unit is designed to get the last squeezing out of the pig' before final reduction of crude oil to the coke stage. By producing additional high octane and other components out of the crude, it will play its part in conserving oil stocks, the future of which has caused so much concern during the last few years.

"In addition to its benefit to the public in the conservation of natural resources, the new plant will provide the latest scientific methods for quick adaptation to the manufacture of products that may be required, ranging from the highest octane aviation gasoline down to diesel and fuel oils, and under possible contingent production of the [illegible] articles."

Two More Teams Enter Girls' Ball Tournament

Two more girls' softball teams have been added to the Southern California Championship Torrance Elimination tournament being staged in Torrance Ball park under the auspices of H. B. Dunn, backer of the Torrance Girls' team, and Dale Riley, superintendent of the city recreation department.

Pomona Lockheed Girls and Utility Fan Girls are now in the play and some exciting games are being played in the tournament.

Torrance Girls have an excellent chance of winning the tournament, with Buena Park the only stumbling block, in the opinion of Riley.

Friday night the El Toro Marines met defeat at the hands of Buena Park girls to the tune of 7 to 0. On the men's side, Columbia Steel beat Bohn Aluminum 5 to 1.

Monday night Utility Fan was defeated by Pomona Lockheed 2 to 1 and in the men's game Northrop Flyers beat Doak Aircraft in a 11-inning game by the tight score of 1 to 0.

Last night Torrance Girls bowed to Baldwin Park on the short end of a 2 to 1 score. The local girls are not eliminated from the tournament by this defeat. Dow Chemical eliminated Goodyear Rubber last night by a sound defeat, the score being 5 to 0. Dow plays Doak Aircraft next Wednesday.

Tonight Universal Microphone will meet Northrop Black Widows at 8 o'clock, with the losers eliminated. Following, the American Barbers will meet Columbia Steel.

Tomorrow night, Friday, Buena Park will meet Pomona Lockheed at 8 o'clock, and the Army Hospital will play Bohn Aluminum, with losers of the men's game eliminated.

Monday El Toro Marines will play Utility Fan, with losers eliminated, and the Northrop team will play the winners of the American Barbers-Columbia Steel game.