

L. M. SHRINER GIVEN GOOD CONDUCT MED.

Private First Class Lloyd M. Shriner, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Shriner, Compton, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior and efficiency.

Pvt. Shriner worked in the sheet mill section of the Columbia Steel Co., Torrance, for two years before he entered the Army.

Now serving as a carpenter at the South Pacific Base Command headquarters, Pvt. Shriner came overseas as an infantryman and served with the famed American Division formed of American troops in New Caledonia.

His outfit received the Presidential Citation for their work in the Guadalcanal campaign, and Pvt. Shriner also served at Australia, Tulagi, New Hebrides and Fiji Islands before his present assignment in New Caledonia.

He entered the Army in February, 1941, received basic training at Fort Ord, California, and went overseas in March, 1942.

A brother, EM/1c Charles Shriner, is with the Navy in the Pacific.

Joe Bilich Is Wounded In Big Leyte Battle

Pvt. Joe Bilich, in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bilich, 22511 Moneta ave., reported that he had been wounded on Leyte in the invasion of the Philippines.

It was Nov. 2 that he received the shrapnel wound that caused his transfer from the fighting front to a base hospital in New Guinea.

The letter telling of his wound was the first word the family had received from him in three months. His brother, Tom, is a private training with the paratroopers at Camp Roberts, California.

Minori Sueda In Section Hospital After Injuries

S/Sgt. Minori Sueda, in a transportation unit, has been so severely wounded that he has been transferred from his unit to a section hospital in France. He served in Italy for some months before being assigned to duty in France.

In Torrance, Minori Sueda ran a garage and was employed by Dunham Auto Parts Co.

Cpl. J. S. Hall Tail Gunner on B17 In Italy

Corporal John S. Hall, 28, of Torrance, recently arrived overseas and has been assigned to



a heavy bombardment group operating out of Italy. He is a tail gunner aboard an A.A.F. B-17 Flying Fortress.

Cpl. Hall is a graduate of Torrance high school and later was employed as a machinist for the National Supply Co. of Torrance. He enlisted in the A.A.F. in July of 1943 and won his silver wings, emblematic of an aerial gunner, at Las Vegas, Nev., in June of 1944. He received his combat training at Sioux City, Iowa.

Cpl. Hall has two other brothers in the armed forces. They are Sgt. James W. Hall, serving in the South Pacific, and S/Sgt. William Hall, in the European theatre.

His wife, Mrs. Grace Hall, lives at 927 Arlington ave., No. 10, Torrance.

Monty B. Moore Selected for Annapolis Class

One of five of the whole crew on the U. S. S. Essex, aircraft carrier, Monty Bob Moore, 19 water tender, third class, of Torrance, has been selected for appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Moore, 1908 Martina ave.

Young Moore was one of five out of a field that narrowed down to 40. Then it was reduced to 10, and Moore still was in the running. A rigid physical examination then was given, it was said, and Moore came out as one of the five top men.

He was with the Torrance high school class of 1942, and worked at Doak Aircraft prior to going into the Navy about one year ago.

Mother Prays Guidance For Service Son

The following is a prayer written by Mrs. Sarah H. Bergstrom, chief anesthetist at St. Mark's hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah, selected for publication by the Rt. Rev. Arthur W. Moulton, Episcopal bishop of Utah. Mrs. Bergstrom is the mother of Mrs. Viola Anderson, night superintendent of nurses at Torrance Memorial hospital and of Pfc. LaVar W. Bergstrom, serving overseas with the A.A.F.

PRAYER

Our Father, Who are in Heaven, at Thy shrine I humbly kneel today to ask Thy blessing and guidance for one of Thy children, my son.

Dear Lord, show unto him Thy mercy, comfort him in this his hour of need, give him courage to live up to his ideals through trying circumstances and in a foreign land; give him assurance in his every deed, remembering, oh, Lord, he is among strange people, his task is great yet his to do—help him to do it well.

Teach him to be grateful for the land and principles for which he fights and above all to be true to his God and country. Father in Heaven, I thank Thee for the privilege of bearing this son. I pray for his safe return, that Thou will guide his footsteps, may he never falter though nations sway and comrades fall.

If called upon to give his life for freedom's cause give him strength, dear Lord, to do so willingly; help him to understand his sacrifice shall not be in vain. Dear God, I am thankful to Thee for all good things and most my soldier son.

Service Shorts

ORVILLE SMITH . . . a technical sergeant, stationed in Alabama, has been host to his wife, the former Irene Pix, of 2271 231st st., during her recent visit there.

JACK KING . . . a private, serving as an A.A.F. gunner, reported recently for duty at Lincoln, Neb., following a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. King of 1521 Annapola ave.

DOUGLAS H. YORK . . . a seaman, 2/c, until recently stationed at San Diego, has been transferred to Philadelphia, Pa., where he will take an eight months' course at University of Pennsylvania. York recently enjoyed a ten days' leave with his wife, Frances, and their five-week-old son, Harold Douglas, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. York of 1027 Portola ave.

JOHN N. ROGERS, fireman, 1/c, may be addressed: U.S.S. Audrian, A.P.A. 59, Div. E, Fleet P.O. San Francisco, according to his mother, Mrs. R. J. Rogers of 1605 Beech ave.

JAMES RUSSELL PAXTON . . . water tender, 3/c, arrived recently from Pacific duty to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Paxton of 1301 Greenhaw Blvd. He is now stationed at San Pedro harbor.

MAJ. PAT BOYLE . . . serving in a transportation corps with the 7th Army and a veteran of the Sicilian, North Africa, Italian and French invasion actions and now engaged in that in Germany, this week sent a handsome hand-embroidered tablecloth to his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Boyle of 1229 Acacia ave. The cloth was awarded first prize in the Paris Exposition in 1943, it was reported.

LYMAN C. CAUGHEY . . . a private serving with the infantry, at Camp Wolters, Texas, will be host to his wife, Josephine who plans to join him there after the holidays. Mrs. Caughey is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Marcoux of 2101 233rd st.

Service men's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.



ENTERTAINERS . . . Renee de Marco, world-famous dancer, who was among several popular stars entertaining wounded and disabled soldiers hospitalized at the Torrance Army hospital. The program was one of many top-flight presentations arranged by Lt. Robert M. Ecton, service officer, for the soldiers and other hospital personnel recently, and heralded a series of holiday programs which will start this week.

JUNIOR CLUB WOMEN REPORT ACTIVITIES

Villa Riviera at Long Beach was the setting for the Junior Women's Club Christmas party last night when about 35 members and guests were entertained at dinner. An exchange of gifts followed.

Another enjoyable occasion for the club was a pot luck supper held recently in the enclosed patio of the F. L. Parks' home on Eldorado ave. Games followed, with prizes for winners. Arrangements were completed by Mmes. Ina Mae Maupin, Virginia Montague and Jeanne Clayton.

DAUGHTER IS BORN TO MRS. V. E. NEWMAN

Lieut. and Mrs. Virgil E. Newman are the parents of a daughter, Terry Jean, born Dec. 10 at Torrance Station hospital. The baby's mother is the former Ezzette Rossi. Her father is serving with the A.A.F., in India and the grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. Rossi of 1221 W. 225th st., and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Newman, of 1011 B Sartori ave. Mrs. Cornelius Newman the baby's great grandmother, arrived this week from her home at El Reno, Okla., to spend the winter in Torrance with her daughter, Mrs. Earl C. Wells and her son Harley A. Newman.

V. F. W. AUXILIARY AT SUPPER TONIGHT

Members of V. F. W. Post No. 3251 will be guests of the auxiliary at 6:30 o'clock this evening at a pot luck supper to be held at Civic Auditorium. Each auxiliary member is asked to take a covered dish contribution. At the business meeting following, initiation and balloting will be held and plans will be discussed for the group's Christmas party.

BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR CAROLYN MITCHELL

The birthday of Carolyn Mitchell, a student at University of Redlands, was a gala occasion Sunday when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mitchell, and Paul, accompanied by Mrs. Belle Phillips, joined her at Redlands and presented her with a decorated birthday cake and other gifts. Later the group enjoyed a dinner party at a San Bernardino cafe.

Mrs. J. T. Robinson Hears of Mother's Death

Mrs. J. T. Robinson of 1324 Beech ave., has just received a telegram telling of the death on Dec. 7 of her mother, Mrs. Minnie Graybehl. Mrs. Robinson had just returned from a month's visit at Denver, Colo., where she had been called by her mother's critical illness. Mrs. Graybehl had many friends in Torrance where she had been a frequent visitor at her daughter's home.

LONGREN EMPLOYEES PLAN FOR YULE PARTY

Longren Aircraft employees and their guests will be entertained at a gala Christmas party to be held Saturday evening, Dec. 16, at American Legion Clubhouse, Redondo Beach. Mrs. Thora Yoder, as chairman of the entertainment committee, has arranged for out-of-town entertainers and an orchestra for dancing. Between 200 and 250 are expected to attend. Each Longren employee is entitled to invite one guest, it is reported.

CATHOLIC PARTY THIS EVENING

Hostesses for this evening's Catholic card party are Mrs. Ziemke and her committee, Mmes. Ban, Cooper, Nady, Zupparde, Bruhanski, Fenwick, Gilbert, J. Cunningham, M. Cunningham, Wasson, McIntier and Sweeney. Everyone is cordially invited. The first door prize will be presented at 8 o'clock and card play will follow immediately. Games of contract and auction bridge, pinochle and 500 will be played. Refreshments will be served.

Lieut. Kirkland Weds Dec. 3 At Orlando Rites

Miss Marion Louise Greenwald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Greenwald of New Haven, Conn., became the bride of Lieut. Robert Richard Kirkland, A.A.F.S.A.T., in a ceremony performed Dec. 3 at Orlando, Fla.

Given in marriage by Lieut. Henry Foss, A.A.F., the bride was attired in a fuchsia gown and carried white orchids. Her sister, Mrs. Andrew Anderson, of New Haven, was matron of honor. Lieut. Volkmar Wetzell, A.A.F., was the bridegroom's attendant.

The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. E. R. Kirkland of 2108 Cabrillo ave., who had gone south for a ten days' visit with her son, was present at the rites.

The bride was educated in eastern schools. Her husband was graduated from Torrance high school with the class of summer '38 and attended U.C.L.A., where he majored in geology. Lieut. and Mrs. Kirkland will be at home at 310 Lake st., Orlando, Fla.

NAVY MOTHERS PLAN INSTALLATION RITES

Little Hills Navy Mothers Club No. 157 will install the following officers to serve during the ensuing term at a ceremony to be performed at V. F. W. Hall, Lomita, Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. A. L. Elder, commander; Mrs. V. T. Pullman, vice commander; Mrs. A. F. Both, adjutant; Mrs. Jones, finance; Mrs. Merle Osborne, judge advocate; Mrs. Jessie Christ, chaplain; Mmes. Marjorie Lovell and Lula Stack, matrons of arms; Mmes. Mary Toler and Anne Height, color bearers.

Chaplain S. Macon Cowles, Jr., representing Welfare Relief of Long Beach, will be guest speaker. A musical program will include accordion selections by a trio composed of Richard Woods, Leland Stafford and Paul Gayzey. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.

The regular meeting will be held at 7:30 tomorrow evening Friday, Dec. 15 at V. F. W. Hall, Lomita, when a finance officer will be elected. A Christmas party will follow and names of secret pals will be revealed. Refreshments will be served.

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