

"THAT THESE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN"



*** CLEINT O. BROWN**
M/Sgt. Cleint O. Brown, enlisted in the Army July 12, 1941, and fought in four major battles in the South Pacific prior to being killed in action on the Isle of Leyte in the Philippines, Dec. 18, 1945. Before enlisting in the service, Sgt. Brown was employed with a Lomita plumbing contractor. He made his home here with his sister, Mrs. Inez Ray, 22539 S. Vermont ave. His father, Emmet Brown, resides in Arkansas. The sergeant was 28 years of age at the time of his death.



*** WILLIAM STEWART**
1st Lt., USAAF.
Popular Torrance and U.S.C. athlete, was among the Torrance men who gave their lives in the battle for Liberty in Europe. Lt. Stewart was reported killed in action Feb. 25, 1944, over the North Sea. He had completed more than 37 bombing missions over Germany and France, as a pilot of a medium bomber. He had been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross and had been awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He was the husband of the former Jean Hathaway, and the son of Mrs. Gwendolyn Stewart, Los Angeles. He graduated from Torrance high school in June, 1939. He had a long record of high school and college athletic championships.



*** WALTER C. WEST**
T Sgt., A. A. F.
Walter C. West died in action April 8, 1944, in Tunisia. Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. Alice West of 1619 W. 216th st., and his two brothers, Edward T. West, pharmacist's mate, 1/c, U. S. M. C., and Sgt. Frederick J. West. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1939 and was serving in the North African theatre of war when he was reported missing.



*** DANIEL E. CUNNINGHAM**
Private, U. S. A.
Daniel E. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cunningham, of 1691 Gramercy ave., was killed in the Southwest Pacific area. His parents received word from the War Department concerning his death, April 18, 1944. Besides his parents he leaves two brothers in the service, Kenneth and Pat, and another brother, James, and a sister, Kathleen Cunningham, who both reside at the home address. Daniel Cunningham entered the service May 21, 1942, and served in the Southwest Pacific, Australia, and New Guinea, before he was killed in action.



*** AKIRA ROY SHIMATSU**
S/Sgt., U. S. A.
Staff Sgt. Akira Roy Shimatsu, Torrance High School graduate, was killed in action in Italy on July 16, 1944.



*** CLARENCE THEODORE SCHEIBLER**, Chief Electrician's Mate, U.S.N.
Clarence T. Scheibler, husband of Mrs. Helen Scheibler of 1605 Ampola ave., died in action aboard the aircraft carrier Hornet, October 26, 1942. Beside his wife, he is survived by his two children.



*** JAMES F. PROWTEN**, A. A. F.
James F. Prowten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prowten, 2512 Torrance blvd., died March 27, 1943, in a plane crash at Thunderbird Field, Phoenix, Ariz. He had served from March 12, 1943 to March 27, 1944.



*** ARTHUR THOMAS PARKER**, Private, U. S. M. C.
Arthur T. Parker, son of Mrs. L. E. Trucks, formerly of 3617 174th st., was killed in action in the South Pacific, February 5, 1943, after serving one year in the U. S. Marine Corps. He was born in Bovina, Texas, and had attended a Texas military school.



*** TONY PEARL ROOMSBURG**
Pvt. WAC, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roomsburg, 22539 W. 239th st., made the supreme sacrifice in the service of her country when an army transport, on a flight from Africa to Liberia, failed to reach its destination. Others lost included crew members and 17 other members of the Women's Army Corps. Miss Roomsburg was a scholarship and honor student at Narbonne high and had obtained teacher's credentials from Arizona State Teachers College.



*** DOUGLAS L. CRAWFORD**, Lieut., A. A. F.
Douglas L. Crawford was killed October 23, 1943, in a Flying Fortress crash near Ponca, Okla. A co-pilot on a B-17, Lt. Crawford had been in service about a year. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Crawford, formerly of 1547 221st st. He was graduated from Torrance High School with the class of summer '42.



*** JAMES K. DANIEL**, Lieut., A. A. F.
James K. Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Daniel, formerly of 2019 Border ave., crashed in India, July 21, 1943. His wife is the former Jo Buchanan of Sacramento. Before his enlistment Lt. Daniel was a pre-medical student at Whittier College. He received his commission in November '42. He had served one year and three months.



*** FRANCIS W. DIE-LIN**, Torpedoman's Mate 3/c, U.S.N.
Francis W. Dietlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dietlin of 2202 Arlington ave., was killed in action and buried at sea. Francis attended Torrance High School and worked as a pressman for the Automatic Printing Co. before going into the Navy. Others surviving him are two brothers and a sister. He had served one year and nine months in the Navy.



*** JOHN FOLEY, JR.**
John Foley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Foley of 3401 Spencer ave., was killed in action July 4, 1944, in the invasion of Europe. He had served in the Army for more than two years. His wife, Louise Foley of El Segundo, also survives him.



*** GARLAN C. MOODY**, Seaman, 1/c, U.S.N.
Garlan C. Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Moody of Torrance, was killed in action in the South Pacific area on April 12, 1945, after serving two years and nine months in the Navy.



*** EDGAR C. SMITH**, Pfc., U. S. M. C.
Edgar C. Smith, a native of Atlantic, Iowa, was killed October 12, 1944, but the place of his death was not disclosed. Those surviving him are his parents, and a brother and sister. He was attached to the First Marine Division, Seventh Marine Corps. He had attended Fremont High School in Los Angeles.



*** NESTOR FLORES**, Cpl., U. S. A.
Nestor Flores, husband of Guadalupe Garcia Flores and son of Mrs. Victoria Q. Flores, was killed in action the week of April 25, 1945, in the European theatre of war. Surviving him, in addition to his widow and his mother, are his brother Joseph, and his sisters, Mrs. Mary Louise Jimenez and Miss Gloria Flores, all of the home address.



*** RAYMOND PENNINGTON**, Private, U. S. A.
The second gold star on the Torrance Serviceman's Flag was for Raymond Pennington, who was killed in action at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Before he joined the Marines, Pennington was employed at the Torrance Laundry and Art Sullivan's Shell Service station on Carson st. His mother died when he was only two years old and he was given a mother's care by Mrs. Charles C. Sullivan of 1919 1/2 Gramercy ave.



*** RICHARD LOWELL O'BRIEN**, Pfc., U.S.A.
Pfc. Richard Lowell O'Brien, 20, son of Mrs. W. E. O'Brien, San Pedro, formerly of 1301 Crenshaw blvd., was killed in action on Luzon, on April 25, 1945. Inducted in March, '43, the serviceman had been overseas since September, '41.



*** DARIO F. CHAVEZ**, Private, U. S. A.
Dario F. Chavez, husband of Ernestine Chavez and father of baby girl, Rose Marie, whom he had never seen, was killed May 1, 1943, while on battle maneuvers in Oklahoma. Also surviving him is his mother, Mrs. Jesusa Chavez of the Pueblo. Chavez served as the student body president of the junior high at Torrance in 1936 and won the American Legion award two times during his attendance at Torrance grammar and high school. He was employed at Columbia Steel plant prior to his service in the Army.



*** ADDISON SMITH**, Chief Quartermaster, U.S.N.
Addison Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, of 2215 Andrea ave., was killed in action in the Pacific Area, May 9, 1945. Surviving him besides his parents are his wife, Louise Smith, 24381 Lucile st., Lomita, and his small son, born in 1944. He was a graduate of Torrance High School with the class of Summer '38 and had been in the Army since April of 1940.



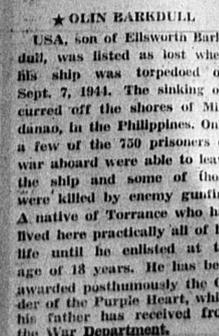
*** ERNEST PHILLIP COBURN**, Private, A. A. F.
Ernest Phillip Coburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Coburn of Redondo Beach, and formerly of Torrance, was killed in a bomber crash in San Francisco, June 9, 1943. A native of Toronto, Canada, he had been an inspector at National Supply Company prior to induction after which he served seven months in the A.A.F.



*** LOUIE F. ALVAREZ**, Pfc. U.S.A.
Louie F. Alvarez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andres Alvarez, 2234 W. 203rd st. in the Pueblo, was killed in action on Luzon, recently. Louie left Torrance High School to enter the Army March 14, 1943, and trained at Fort Knox with an armored unit.



*** JOHN W. FOSTER**, Second Lieut., A. A. F.
John W. Foster, killed April 1, 1943, in a bomber crash in Clovis, N. M., is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Foster of Redondo Beach and formerly of Torrance and eight brothers and sisters. His fiancée was Virginia Garner of Wilmington.



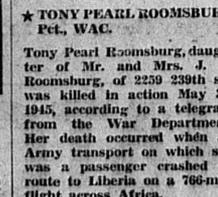
*** OLIN BARKSDALL**, USA, son of Ellsworth Barksdall, was listed as lost when his ship was torpedoed on Sept. 7, 1944. The sinking occurred off the shores of Mindanao, in the Philippines. Only a few of the 750 prisoners of war aboard were able to leave the ship and some of those were killed by enemy gunfire. A native of Torrance who had lived here practically all of his life until he enlisted at the age of 18 years. He has been awarded posthumously the Order of the Purple Heart, which his father has received from the War Department.



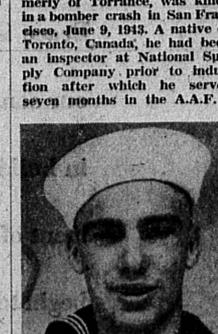
*** KENNETH F. BROOKS**, S/Sgt., A. A. F.
Kenneth F. Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Brooks of 1823 Arlington ave., died May 13, 1943, in the European theatre. He had served 16 months in the A. A. F. as aerial gunner on a Flying Fortress. He attended Redondo High School and worked at National Supply Company.



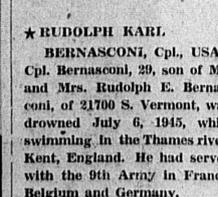
*** THEARON PRICE**, Pfc., USMC.
Pfc. Price, 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Price of Bakersfield, was killed in action on Okinawa. Surviving are his sister, Mrs. Roy Hollomon, of 1635 Crenshaw blvd., and two other sisters and two brothers living in the Inglewood-Lawdale area.



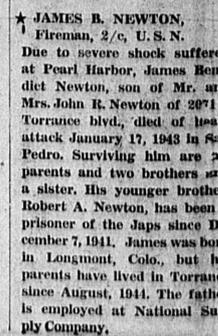
*** TONEY PEARL ROOMSBURG**, Pct. WAC.
Toney Pearl Roomsburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roomsburg, of 2259 239th st., was killed in action May 30, 1945, according to a telegram from the War Department. Her death occurred when an Army transport on which she was a passenger crashed en route to Liberia on a 786-mile flight across Africa.



*** RUEBEN ERNEST MERKEL**, Aviator Mechanist Mate, U.S.N.
Rueben E. Merkel, son of Mrs. Margaret Huber Merkel, 1061 Maple ave., died the week of January 11, 1945, of wounds following action while in the service of his country. Also surviving him are his two brothers, Gideon E. Merkel and LeRoy Merkel. Rueben was born in Jave, S. D., and had served one year and 10 months in the Navy.



*** RUDOLPH KARL**, BERNASCONI, Cpl., USA.
Cpl. Bernasconi, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph E. Bernasconi, of 21700 S. Vermont, was drowned July 6, 1945, while swimming in the Thames river, Kent, England. He had served with the 9th Army in France, Belgium and Germany.



*** JAMES B. NEWTON**, Fireman, 2/c, U. S. N.
Due to severe shock suffered at Pearl Harbor, James Benedict Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Newton of 207 1/2 Torrance blvd., died of heart attack January 17, 1943 in San Pedro. Surviving him are his parents and two brothers and a sister. His younger brother, Robert A. Newton, has been a prisoner of the Japs since December 7, 1941. James was born in Longmont, Colo., but his parents have lived in Torrance since August, 1941. The father is employed at National Supply Company.

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