

VETERANS' WELCOME EDITION LONG IN PREPARATION

The Torrance Herald for many weeks has invited veterans and their families to bring to the office pictures and service data for publication in this Welcome Home Edition.

For the whole period of World War II this newspaper has accepted pictures and articles about the service men

and women of Torrance with grateful appreciation, and they have been published from time to time.

If for any reason any service man's name is not included in the data contained in this special edition, we ask that the correct information be forwarded to the Torrance Herald office that due credit may

be given the veteran involved. We proudly present this series of pictures and names, but we wish it to be understood that the failure of the family or friends of the veteran involved to bring the picture and service record to the Herald is the only reason that this veteran's picture is not included herein.



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JAMES L. POPE
Pfc. AAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pope, 2885 Lomita Blvd., served as radio operator on Army Transport Command planes in the China-Burma-India Theatre of Operations and for services rendered in 450 operational flights was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. Many of the flights were made over the famous "Hump" of the Himalayan Mountains.



MERLE EDMONDS
S/Sgt. USAAF, who piled up more than 400 combat flying hours in China and the Asia-Pacific theatre of war, is the brother of Mrs. I. F. Mathews, 26833 Margaret St. He is holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters.



BILLY S. SLONECKER
S/Sgt. USAAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Paul Slonecker, 24480 Neece Ave. Entered the service December 21, 1943, and was a tail gunner in the 8th Air Force when he was wounded on his thirty-first mission over Berlin. Slonecker was discharged October 23, 1945, and is currently attending Compton Junior College.



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CLIFFORD H. TOTTEN
Lt. (jg), USNR, husband of Mrs. Constance Totten, 1819-C Cabrillo Ave., entered the service August 31, 1942, and was discharged December 10, 1945. After winning his wings, Totten was stationed at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station as flight instructor.



NILES F. UGLAND, JR.
First Lt., USA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Niles F. Uglund, 1400 W. 219th St., served many months in the European Theatre of Operations and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received when his Jeep hit a land mine during operations in France.



RAYMOND A. WICKHAM
ARM 2/c, USNR, of Torrance, served as radioman-gunner on Curtiss dive bombers that operated off an aircraft carrier attached to Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's Fast Carrier Task Force of the Pacific Fleet. He participated in the invasion of Saipan and the battle of the Philippines and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.



MARSHALL J. LOFTUS
1st. Lieut., US Army Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Loftus, 1312 W. 218th St., enlisted in the Air Corps April 2, 1943, and served in the European Theater of War earning the ETO Ribbon with two stars, the American Area Ribbon and the Victory Medal. Lieutenant Loftus is at present living in Fort Worth with his wife, the former Jo Billingsley, and is an instructor in navigation. He plans to serve another year in the Air Corps.



WILSON E. PAGE
S/Sgt. US Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Page, served in the European Theatre of Operations for 24 months with the 12th Air Force. Page holds the Distinguished Unit Badge, ETO Ribbon with seven battle stars and the American Theatre ribbon. He was discharged in August, 1945.



WILLIAM L. HORSPOOL
Warrant Officer, USMC, whose wife, the former Anna Lou Hunter, lives at 1819 Cabrillo Ave., was paymaster with a Fourth Marine Air Wing group in Hawaii, Samoa, the New Hebrides and Marshall Islands. Horspool enlisted in the Corps in January, 1935, and served in Shanghai before the war.



FRED R. HAMILTON
S/Sgt. USAAF, son of Mrs. Mary Hamilton, 2118 245th St., Lomita, who won the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in flight against the enemy, was radio operator and top turret gunner in a veteran Liberator squadron in the European Theatre of Operations.



DONALD L. CLARK
Captain, Army Air Corps, who lives with his wife Ellen and their two daughters at 3117 Torrance Blvd., was honorably released from active duty after serving his country during this war for two and one-half years. Captain Clark was on combat duty as pilot of a B-24 with the 8th Air Force in the European Theatre of Operations and holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the ETO Ribbon with five campaign stars and the Distinguished Unit Badge.



ALEXANDER HAMILTON
S 1/c, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hamilton, enlisted in the Navy in 1943, and while serving aboard the aircraft carrier Sangamon participated in landings and campaigns on New Georgia, Gilberts, Marshalls, Atape, New Guinea, Saipan, Guam, Leyte and Luzon. Hamilton was presented the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action.



RICHARD T. HIGGINS
S/Sgt. AAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Higgins, 1329 Portola Ave., served on bases in the Pacific, where he was attached to ground crews servicing B-29's. Higgins and his wife, Mrs. Betty Jane Higgins, were both graduates of Torrance high school.



BERTHA MAE FIX
Lieut. Army Nurse Corps, daughter of Mrs. J. A. Fix, 2271 231st St., was stationed at the 224th General Hospital in Northern France during her tour of overseas duty.



GERALD G. GRUBB
Platoon Sgt., USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grubb, 1640 Beech Ave., who was honorably discharged from the Corps after a 28-month tour of duty in the South Pacific. Immediately prior to his separation, Grubb was stationed at the Navy Ammunition Depot in Hawthorne, Nevada. Overseas, Sgt. Grubb saw duty in Samoa, New Zealand, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, the Russell Islands and Guam. He resides in Torrance with his wife, the former Marian Spehger, and baby Linda.

Fox-hole Dreams Come True!

Back home and to the girl he left behind! Back to walks down country lanes, home cooked meals, and the sweetness of freshly laundered linens. Boy! It's wonderful . . . to look backward to the mud and rations, to the loneliness and marching, and to know he'll never go through that again. That is he'll never have to if all together — we who've been at home through the war and he who's been away fighting work to make Peace as total as Victory!

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You can bet on that, "fella!" We need men like you, men who know how to face problems — to work them out intelligently. You've had your training on the bloody battle fields — but you're home now, wiser for the experience. Yes, "fella," we've been waiting for you — we need you to help us preserve the Victory you fought to win.

Charlie Mitchell
Chevron Station
Carson & Cabrillo — Torrance