

# Effort Made To Make Service Men's Data Complete For This Edition

Presented on this page are the pictures of veterans of Torrance who have served in World War II but on whom complete information was not available at the time this Souvenir Edition of the Torrance Herald went to press. We regret that the data pertaining to the service records of these men was not available, but we call to the attention of the veterans and their families that the information was solicited. In addition, the aid of Miss Irene Mills, volunteer veterans historian of Torrance high school, was enlisted and received, and extra help was hired by this newspaper to make certain as far as possible that the job of giving just attention to the veterans was made complete. There may have been some duplication due to overzealousness, but we have tried to make the list complete.



WARREN SAPP



NORMAN CRAWFORD



R. BENDER



G. B. SELKIRK



J. M. GRASSEL



P. L. HUSTON



JOHN TETLEY



W. G. FISCHER



H. K. JOHNSON



A. H. REYS



ANTHONY SETTING



D. R. PIERSON



R. E. RADLOFF



B. COMBS



H. E. MCFARLAND



JOHN M. RUBONIC



JOHN MAYS



R. C. KIMBALL



C. V. GOTTS



W. E. TINCH



O. L. STANLEY



CHARLES C. GREGORY



C. H. BOONE



JAMES CROCKETT



EDW. CROCKETT



J. A. DANIEL



C. H. JOHNSON



DICK GIBSON



WALTER MADDOCK



MARVIN GOETTISCH



A. MCPHEETERS



THOMAS OLSEN

**WILLIAM L. BOTTIN**  
Pfc. US Army, husband of Mrs. Loma Bottin, 820 Beech ave., who was discharged from the Army after three years of service, two of which were spent in the European Theatre of Operations and East Africa. Bottin was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. He was also awarded the East African-Middle East Campaign Ribbon with three battle stars.

**LOMA BOTTIN**  
Lieut. Army Nurse Corps, wife of William L. Bottin, 820 Beech ave., was discharged after two years of overseas duty where she was awarded the East African-Middle East Campaign Ribbon with one battle star. Mrs. Bottin met her husband-to-be when he was brought into her hospital to be treated for wounds. They were married in Wales in 1945.

**JAMES A. SNYDER**  
GM 1/c, USN, who was discharged May 18, 1946, after six years of active duty at Pearl Harbor and other Pacific Isles. Is the son of Mrs. Ida Snyder, 231 E. 220th st. He now resides in Compton with his wife and two daughters.

**JACK M. WOOD**  
F 1/c, USN, son of Mrs. Virginia Wood, 2708 Cabrillo ave., entered the service in June 1945, and recently returned from duty in China. He is stationed in Oakland, California, at the present time.

**STANLEY A. PIERSON**  
Corporal, US Army, entered and was discharged April 24, 1946. He served with the 66th Infantry Division and the Public Relations Section, Army of Occupation, Vienna, Austria. Pierson has earned the Combat Infantry Badge, European Theatre Ribbon with two stars, American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pierson, 1319 Plaza del Amo.

**CLAUDE EPPERHEIMER**  
S 1/c, 1344 W. 219th st., served as a gunner aboard a Landing Ship Medium during many months of duty in the Pacific. He participated in the Invasion of Luzon where he manned an anti-aircraft gun aboard his landing craft.

**GERALD JACKSON**  
Gerald Jackson, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Jackson, 20501 Lawrence ave., was discharged Saturday, following 18 months of service in the Navy. He served at Tulagi and at Pearl Harbor. Gerald, brother of Harold and Jim Jackson, who are well known in sports here, was graduated from Torrance high school with the Summer of '45 Class.

**KENNETH LEE HOLLADAY**  
Pfc. USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ace L. Holladay, 20507 N. Oak ave., was attached to the air delivery section of the Fifth Amphibious Corps, and served in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, New Zealand, Saipan and Iwo Jima.

**BERNARD J. GILSON**  
S/Sgt. US Army, entered service in December 1944 and received his honorable discharge May 25, 1946. Served one year in Philippines. He holds the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Star, American Victory and Good Conduct medals. He joins his wife Marie Elena and their children Bernard J. and Judith Ann.

**HOSAI E. MCFARLAND**  
MM 3/c, USNR, husband of Mrs. Zenora McFarland, 1817 1/2 Crenshaw blvd., served with Naval Construction Battalions while overseas and saw duty in New Guinea and the Philippines. McFarland entered the service in July, 1943, and was sent overseas in February, 1944.

**ROBERT W. CARLSON**  
Pfc. AUS, is shown above left with two other local boys in a reunion made possible while on duty overseas. The other Torrance boys are John Hall, center, and M. (Curly) Burdge, right. All three were in the Army for many months.

**DAVID J. WILKES**  
MoMM 3/c, USCG, received his honorable discharge following three years, three months service in Pacific waters. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilkes of 2717 Carson st.

**THOMAS J. WILKES**  
S/Sgt., AAF, was separated from service in February, 1946, following three and a half years duty. He returned to his former position with Howard's, Jewelers.

**JACK R. STEPHENS**  
GM USNR, of Torrance, served with the US Navy Amphibious forces and spent 25 months duty in the Pacific. Stephens entered the Navy Sept. 30 and was discharged Nov. 8, 1945. He was attached to LCI (G) Flotilla Three and participated in landings against the Marshall and Marianas Islands. While attached to LCI (G) 736 he was in the initial assault on Palau. Stephens was authorized to wear a Unit Citation Bar, Navy Unit Commendation Bar, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with four battle stars, Philippine Liberation Medal, American Theatre Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal.

**RICHARD L. SIZER**  
Capt., USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Sizer, 1340 218th st., entered the service May 16, 1941, and was assigned to Officers Candidate School, from which he was commissioned in May, 1942. He received his captaincy Oct. 31, 1943. Captain Sizer was commanding officer of an engineering company attached to the Fourth Marine Division and participated in the landings in the Marshall Islands. He was wounded during the first day of fighting on Saipan.

**FREDERIC W. MILLER**  
Pvt. AUS, 1221 El Prado, was honorably discharged from the service in September, 1945. He was a member of the 592nd Engineering Regiment, which was engaged in amphibious operations in New Guinea. Miller was engineer of a landing boat and also manned a light machine gun during landing operations. Miller is credited with killing 70 Japs in hand to hand fighting when they infiltrated allied lines and were almost upon him in his foxhole. He was wounded in the fray and later sent to a hospital in Australia. He was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in that action.

**JOHN O. SCHWARTZ**  
Lt. (jg) USNR, enlisted May 5, 1942 and entered a V-19 unit at USC. He served aboard landing craft in the American and Asiatic-Pacific theatres. Now on terminal leave, he is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Schwartz, of 1731 Martina ave.

**C. D. CARLTON**  
Pvt. USA, son of Mr. C. W. Carlton, 2267 Marloopa ave., entered the service Jan. 23, 1946, and was trained for service with an anti-aircraft detachment at Fort Bliss. He will serve with occupation troops overseas.

**CLAUDE OWEN**  
Claude Owen, SC 3/c, son of Mrs. Albert Smart, 1877 W. 222nd st., arrived here Saturday following his discharge at the San Pedro separation center. The 20-year-old Torrance high school graduate was employed at the National Supply Co. here prior to his enlistment, May 13, 1944.

**MAURICE SIMERLY**  
T/4 Maurice B. Simerly was discharged Saturday from the Army at Fort Lewis, Washington. He resides at 1454 W. 219th st.

**PAUL E. HOKE**  
Pfc. entered service April 26, 1946. Stationed in Tokyo with 1st Cavalry and 77th division. Graduated from Torrance high school, 1945. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Hoke, 21740 Harvard blvd.

**WILLIAM S. ROBINSON**  
Pfc. US Army, son of E. L. Robinson, 1313 Beech ave., has been separated from service after 43 months' duty. His overseas period began with the North African campaign and concluded with the Battle of the Rhine. Attached to the 2nd Army he wears the Belgian Croix de Guerre. His division is the only foreign service group to win that distinction, it is stated.

**HAROLD A. STEVENSON**  
Lt. USNR, served in the Navy Air Transport Service for many months in the Pacific. He flew air routes to Australia and New Zealand during the war. He also was an instructor at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stevenson, of this city. His wife, Dorothy, and their daughter Carole, also live here.

**WILLIAM M. EVERETT**  
SK 3/c USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Everett, 1004 Arlington ave., entered the service in September, 1943 and was sent to England for duty with a US Navy Amphibious Base. He was in the Engineering and Repair division of the unit and was stationed at Portland, England.