



Local Marine In Group Captured By Chinese Band

One of seven Marines who were surrounded and captured by an unidentified band of approximately 80 armed Chinese while buying ice in the Chinese village of Hsi-Nan-Chuang, Pfc. Wayne Newland, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Newland, 22330 S. Harvard Blvd., reports that he was prisoner of the band for six days, during which time the Marine group were stripped of their clothes and later released to find their way back to their detachment in Liu-Shou-Ying.

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Wayne revealed in a letter to his parents here, the mistreatment the seven members of his group suffered at the hands of the Chinese attackers. The incident occurred July 13. It was believed, and young Newland did not return to his detachment until July 21, the letter indicated.

He told of a Marine patrol being immediately dispatched to the scene of the capture, which recovered the jeep and trailer reported by the ice detail. Official reports said that prior to the incident all natives encountered in the village had been friendly, and the detachment had been obtaining ice there regularly. As a result of this flare-up, all Marines in the Chinwangtao area have been alerted with strong patrols searching for the band of attackers.

Outing At Beach Ends In Death For Torrance Youth

An outing at the beach Saturday ended in death for Ray E. Rowe, 19, son of Mrs. Iva M. Rowe, 151 E. 223rd St., when the youth fell from a roller coaster at Ocean Park, suffering fatal injuries, a report revealed. He died enroute to a hospital in Santa Monica.

A former student of Torrance high school, he was employed at California Shipbuilding Co. during the war as a welder. Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. in the Cartwright chapel, Wilmington. Other survivors are two brothers, Robert, who recently was discharged from the Navy, and five-year-old Jimmie Rowe; three sisters, Mrs. Iva Mitchell, Pauline and Linda Rowe. Interment will follow in Roosevelt cemetery to lie beside the body of his father, the late Rudolph Rowe.

TOWNSEND CLUB

A pot luck supper will be held tomorrow night under auspices of the local Townsend club members. Those attending were urged to bring a dish if possible. Pot luck will begin at 6:30 p.m., the members have announced, in the Torrance Men's Bible class building.

OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATS

All governors of Oklahoma since it became a state in 1907, have been Democrats.

American Legion In New Service Called VALAR

Clifford Totten, newly elected commander of the Torrance American Legion and Don Knapp, adjutant of the Gardena Post, met Monday with the Army public relations and recruiting coordinator for this area, Sgt. W. M. Furlong, to receive plans for operating the VALAR plan of obtaining Army recruits in the Torrance and Gardena areas.

As a public service program, it was agreed by the Legion heads that the goal for their organizations would be one regular Army enlistment per month for each 100 Legionnaires. Every post, it was explained, will have its own recruiting committee with a minimum of five members who in turn will thoroughly familiarize all other members of the post with the objectives of the recruiting campaign and with the requirements and benefits of the regular Army.

The world VALAR, the Torrance commander, revealed, is abbreviated for Volunteer American Legion Army Recruitment, and is a project endorsed at the 27th annual Legion convention for the purpose of continuing to maintain a strong United States Army.

Hope for full employment and expanded production in America is already tied in with the question of monopoly control.

Torrance And Lomita Boys Band Grows Up

Starting from scratch three months ago, the Torrance and Lomita Area Boys' Club Band today has 128 youths enrolled and now is divided into three groups, junior, intermediate and senior with representative boys from Lomita, Gardena, Harbor City, Welteria and Torrance.

This arrangement, according to Band Instructor James Van Dyck, provides band training for boys of all ages and abilities. The junior band, he points out, is composed mostly of elementary school students, while the intermediate accommodates the junior high youths with the senior high's stepping into the top band bracket.

Van Dyck, who has taught in high schools and universities both here and in the east for the past 10 years, has a B.A. degree from the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Tex., and an M.A. degree from U.S.C., explains that much of the credit for the organization and maintenance of the bands to date goes to Leo Wagner, chairman of the Boys club.

Recognition goes also to William Carnes, music instructor in Lomita and Wilmington who has given much of his time and energy to the band, Van Dyck said.

Eventually, the organization plans an adult group, explains Van Dyck.

At present, it was learned, many parents are eager to enroll their boys when school begins and summer vacations are completed. To date the bands have received all support from the Torrance Veterans of Foreign Wars, who have contributed some \$400 to the project. Present musical instruments and equipment consist of a complete drum set, 20 saxophones, 20 trumpets valued at \$2,000, which has been contributed by Van Dyck for the use of the bands.

Needed, he said, are tubas, two or three French horns, a baritone and uniforms. The seniors should be able to fill all needs of the community and civic organizations in playing for parades, concerts and other musical entertainment programs, Van Dyck said.



A POT OF GOLD FOR TORRANCE... Pictured above with their leader, James Van Dyck, are three groups of the Torrance and Lomita Boys Club Band. The group, which has a total of 128 enrolled, is divided into three sections, junior, intermediate and senior. The senior band may soon be ready to play at various organizational and civic events which will be a valuable asset to both Torrance and Lomita. Rehearsals are held Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings. Van Dyck revealed yesterday that a meeting of the parents of the youths in the band would be held tonight at 8 p.m. in the Torrance Men's Bible Class building for the purpose of organizing a Band Parents club. Additional aid in band instruction is given by William Carnes, Lomita and Wilmington music instructor. (Torrance Herald Photo.)

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On behalf of the bank, Hallbeck just completed four and a half months of intensive on-the-ground study of Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Holland and Belgium. He also spent some time in England.

His mission was to create closer relationships between the commercial and industrial interests of these countries and our Pacific coast through direct connections, and thus to foster direct trade in greatly expanded volume.

Hallbeck found many California products on the shelves of stores in Sweden and a keen desire in the other countries visited to once again have these items freely available. He also found a lively demand for information on other products available here, and the fact that California had achieved such strong economic, industrial and population gains had recently increased the prestige of this state abroad.

Officials of Bank of America believe that the establishment of these direct relationships between the Pacific coast and the business interests of foreign countries, eliminating the custom of dealing through Eastern financial centers, will prove to be an important factor in the development of our entire Far West.

CHARLES T. TURNER
Charles T. Turner, S 1/2, son of Mrs. Florence Turner, 1748 Arlington ave., was discharged at San Pedro last week following 15 months of service, nine of which were spent overseas. A former student of Torrance high school, the 19-year-old seaman plans to enter employment here.

MISSOURI PICNIC
Missourians' annual summer picnic will be held all day, AUG. 18, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles.

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