

'Sentimental Journey'

Pair Travels 6000 Miles To Visit Pal of Dead Son

A 6000-mile "sentimental journey" to visit a friend of their son, whose flaming plane crashed into the North Sea during the last war, has been completed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Ramsey, 2282 231st street.

"Through his letters, he has helped to fill the void left by the death of our son," said Mrs. Ramsey, of the friend, Lt. James A. Ivian, of Torrington, Conn., whose correspondence with the Ramseys continued even through bitter months he spent in a German prison camp.



MRS. FLOYD F. RAMSEY AND SON'S PICTURE
... She Kept a 6000-Mile Date with a Memory

Once a navigator in the crew of Lt. Floyd F. Ramsey, Ivian was on the ground the day in 1943 that Ramsey's Liberator bomber burst into flames and was last seen heading back toward the home base in England.

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Ivian's correspondence with the Ramseys continued for nearly seven years until the recent visit.

"He looked and acted pretty much like we thought he would, and we had a wonderful time," recalled Mrs. Ramsey.

"But I don't think he'll ever know how much his letters have meant to us," she said.



IT WILL HELP ... Seven-year old Freddie Galindo (left) and Carl Rickabaugh, 10 years, receive check-out instructions from members of a speech class at El Camino College on a new television set the class helped obtain for the two children's wards at the Harbor General Hospital. Pictured with the youngsters are Officer Jessie Pistole (who answered the call when young Freddie lost his leg in an oil well mishap), Tommy Montgomery, Jack Cuffel, Walt Guerrero, and instructor Edward Mindrim. (Herald photo).

State Aid To Protect Water Supply Asked

An urgent request for an outright grant of state funds to halt the flow of sea water into this area's underground basin has been received by the directors of the West Basin Municipal Water District and the West Basin Water Association.

Invading sea water is moving inland at a rate greatly exceeding even the most pessimistic previous estimates, O. A. Gierlich, Manhattan Beach City Engineer, warned both the local district and the producers' organization.

In his letter, Gierlich said the loss of the fresh water underground reservoir here and in other nearby cities would be an economic disaster of such proportion that the entire state would be adversely affected.

He cited the recent water well recharge and water spreading tests made by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District as proof of the feasibility of a coast-wide program to raise fresh water levels to block off ocean water intrusion.

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Northrop Honors Torrance Worker

Duane D. Sherwood, of 17204 Ardath avenue, Torrance, has been presented with a gold pin in recognition of ten years service with Northrop Aircraft, Inc., Hawthorne, California.

Presentation of the pin was made by John K. Northrop, company president.

In his position at Northrop Aircraft, Sherwood is participating in the current company program of producing Scorpion F-89 all-weather interceptors for the U. S. Air Force. He also played

College Students Provide New TV Set For Children's Ward

Christmas came early to bedridden children of the Harbor General Hospital.

Eighty students of El Camino College presented the youngsters with a 16-inch television set at 3:30 p.m. Friday afternoon. Representatives of speech instructor Edward Mindrim's college classes made the presentation.

Members of the school's radio and television classes installed the aerial, and carpentry students constructed a rolling cabinet so that the set may be moved between the two hospital children's wards.

The holiday gift to the sick children climaxes a series of weekly entertainments given by El Camino students. Throughout the semester various groups from the college have been visiting the hospital to sing, read, and play games with the youngsters.

Idea for presenting the television set developed spontaneously among the college students in discussions of the courage shown by the boys and girls whom they had been entertaining. Feeling they wanted to do something more, they hit upon the idea of donating the television set.

Cash donations from the students raised \$165.83, but it was not enough. Jessie Pistole, patrolman on the San Pedro police force, who is studying at El Camino, had a special interest in the children. He had answered the police call to extricate little



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