NCO Promotions In Company H Are Announced

Promotion of non-commissioned officers of Company H, 2nd Battalion, 39th Regiment, California State Guard, due to the growth of the company, have been announced by Capt. R. L. Lewellen, commanding officer.

First Sgt. Bruce R. Clements was elevated to his present grade from sergeant following the commissioning of 2nd Lt. Thomas Ramskill, now an officer of the company.

Promoted from his former grade of sergeant is Staff Sergeant Robert H. Marquardt.

Sgt. Guy R. Hight was promoted from grade of technician grade four, and T/4 F. R. Martin was elevated from grade of corporal. Sgt. Leonard C. Vorhis was promoted from grade of corporal, as were Sgt. Thomas R. Walker and James R. Wilkes. Cpl. Clarence L. Jones and Cpl. Arvil W. Daniel were elevated from grade of private first class and T/5 Dale W. Worsham was promoted from grade of private.

Given grades of privates, first class, are Herbert R. Burgess, Luke C. Nickol, Benjamin D. Jones and William A. Peterson.

The company is changing its drill night at Torrance Municipal park from Tuesday night to Monday night at 7:30 o'clock, starting on Nov. 6, Captain Lewellen announced.

$100 Fine for Drunk Driving

Angelo Payne paid a $100 fine in the court of City Judge Otto B. Willett this week for driving while intoxicated.

Joe Hurley and N. Laird were fined $25 each and damages for disturbing the peace.

TORRANCE WAR MATERIAL IN ACTION . . . That's what these two officials of International Derrick and Equipment Co. had a chance to see at Port Hueneme Naval Base last week-end. Standing on a stock pile of landing equipment manufactured in IDECO's Torrance plant are John B. Selberg, left, and T. R. Simonson, right. (U.S. Navy photo)

Torrance Men Seabees for Day as They See Local Products at Work In Big Port Hueneme Naval Base

In GI coveralls and steel helmets, with carbine rifles slung over their shoulders, John P. Selberg, chief engineer, and T. R. Simonson, fabricating superintendent, International Derrick & Equipment Co., Torrance, were among the 52 labor and management representatives from Southern California firms who spent two days of intensive "training and touring" at the huge U. S. Naval Base, Port Hueneme, Oct. 12 and 13.

Planned by Lt. Benjamin F. Schwartz, USNR, Navy industrial incentive officer in this area, in conjunction with officers of the Port Hueneme Naval Base, the two-day trip enabled the International Derrick & Equipment Co. representatives to see their products, which are considered essential to construction and maintenance of advance naval bases, in use by men of the Navy construction battalions during training, and being prepared and loaded for shipment across the Pacific.

After being outfitted in fatigue clothes designed entirely for comfort and durability with no thought of style, the visitors became "Seabees for a day" and underwent many features of the military training given every fighting builder. The first afternoon provided opportunity for participation as well as observation, with both management and labor representatives taking their turns on rifle and machine gun ranges.

Seabees for Day

Visitors were willing to confine their activity to "looking," however, while they watched detachments of Seabees dashing, crawling and squirming through the underbrush, barbed wire and obstacles of the infiltration course while live rifle and machine gun ammunition whistled slightly overhead.

Deadliness of the naval anti-aircraft fire was brought home to the visitors during a demonstration at the Anti-Aircraft Training Center, Point Mugu, early Thursday evening, following which combat pictures and Navy speakers emphasized the need and use of advance base equipment.

"The huge stockpiles of material you will see covering most of 1,000 acres at the Advance Base Depot tomorrow may look staggering, but remember that this is only a six months supply and in many categories we cannot even fulfill immediate orders," declared Capt. A. D. Alexis, (CEC) USN, Officer-in-Charge of the depot.

"Enormous quantities already have been consumed, and the big push in the Pacific is yet to come," he added. "The record shows that battles in the war of production have been won conclusively so far—but industry, like the Navy, has many more battles to win before complete victory. We're glad American industry and labor have been on our team. We don't want to lose you," Captain Alexis concluded.

Work Described

The record of the Seabees in using construction and maintenance supplies and equipment throughout the world was stressed by Commander William Sihler, (CEC) USN, who also described the function of Camp Rousseau and the training program carried on there. Comdr. Sihler is commanding officer of Camp Rousseau, the advance base receiving barracks for the Construction Battalions.

Problems and achievements of a typical Seabee unit in the South Pacific were described by Lt. Leonard Bauer, (CEC USNR, formerly a member of the first battalion to go ashore with the first invasion forces on an amphibious attack and now receiving and embarkation officer at Camp Rousseau.

Friday morning the visitors observed all phases of the technical training given the Navy men who build advance bases and lay down airplane landing strips in record time while the enemy is still contesting their presence. The receiving, storage, testing and shipping facilities of the Advance Base Depot were toured Friday afternoon. The final hours on the station featured a trip aboard a pontoon barge, inspection of the latest type LCI (Landing Craft-Infantry), demonstrations by fire boats and observation of loading heavy equipment aboard Victory transports.

SUMP HOLES

Torrance's oil drilling ordinance will be changed to provide for removal of the sump hole menace by filling abandoned sumps or fencing them off, according to action of the City Council Tuesday night.

CATHOLIC MISSION SCHEDULED

Father Bauer announces that a week's Mission will be conducted here in the Church of the Nativity beginning Sunday morning, Oct. 29, and closing the following Sunday night, Nov. 5.

Father John Williams of the Order of St. Dominic from the Province of San Francisco will preach.

All hours of morning and evening services, times for confessions and distribution of Holy Communion will be announced by Father Williams at the Masses next Sunday.

A Mission is a special time set aside by the Church for the purpose of examining one's conscience—straightening out our affairs with God and learning again the Will of God through the teachings of Jesus Christ as interpreted by the Catholic Church.

"In 1942 many Catholics, who were in desperate need of God's Graces, failed to make the Mission. Once these special graces have been rejected, they will never return. Only another Mission brings with it another flow of good things from God. I earnestly beg the Catholic people of Torrance to make this Mission. It will be a supreme investment in spiritual matters. And I most cordially invite all those who are not Catholics to attend the instructions and sermons, particularly at the 7:30 service every night. You are most welcome, believe me; come with your Catholic friends," says Father Joseph L. Bauer.

BARRICADE

National Supply Co. has been given councilmanic permission to construct a 100-foot fence to barricade new construction on the south end of the division warehouse building on Carson st. from street traffic.

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