

LT. GRUBBS HERE

Mrs. E. H. Grubbs, of 1515 El Prado, is entertaining her son and daughter-in-law, Lieut. (jg.) and Mrs. James L. Grubbs who arrived last week from San Francisco. Lieut. Grubbs, who has been overseas for 14 months, is on a 30-day leave.

Herald Advises Wife on Mate's Whereabouts

Mrs. Mary Menard, 1441 214th st., wife of Sgt. J. J. Menard, Antwerp, Belgium, reported to the Torrance Herald that her husband's location was unknown to his family here until she read of it in the Herald, Aug. 27.

The Herald received its information as to the whereabouts of Sgt. Menard through the service men's home town release system.

Mrs. Menard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Smith, Smith is the manager of the M & M theaters in Torrance and in Gardena.



JOSEPH BRAY



CHARLES BRAY



AUGUSTINE BRAY



TOM L. BRAY

Joseph Bray Assigned To USS Helena

Joseph P. Bray, 21, gunner's mate third class, USNR, of 2011 Andreo street, Torrance, Calif., now at Newport, R.I., Atlantic Fleet Naval Training Station, has been assigned to a gunnery division aboard the USS Helena, soon to be commissioned.

Another brother, Pfc. Charles G. Bray, A. A. F., has arrived for a 30 days' leave from duty in the E. T. O., where he had served for 32 months with the 12th and the 9th Air Forces respectively.

Participating in the North African campaign, he also saw action in Sardinia, Corsica and France. He is the holder of the unit citation and three battle stars representing the Battle of Atusa, Naples-Foggia and Rhineland in addition to a unit citation. At the conclusion of his leave he will report at Fort MacArthur for a new assignment.

Thomas Bray recently received an honorable discharge from the Navy with a rating as machinist mate, 2/c. With

his bride of a few months he has established a home in Torrance.

Augustine E. Bray, seaman, 2/c, is at Norman, Okla., Naval Tactical Aviation School where he will remain for an eight months' course. At the completion of his training he will receive a rating as aviation machinist.

All are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Bray, of 2011 Andreo ave.

One of the Navy's new heavy cruisers, the Helena is the third ship to be named for the city of Helena, Mont. The original USS Helena, a gunboat completed in 1896, was taken out of commission in 1932. Second to bear the name, the light cruiser Helena joined the fleet in 1939, received the Navy Unit Commendation, and after aiding in the destruction of a vastly superior Japanese force, was sunk in the Kula Gulf action of July, 1943.

Joseph Bray entered the Navy in September, 1942, and served 21 months aboard the USS Levy. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific and American Theater campaign ribbons.

A graduate of Torrance high school, he was formerly employed by the National Supply company in Torrance.

Olsen's Part in Pacific Fighting Told in Navy Story Received Here

Charles H. Olsen, fire controlman, 2/c, U. S. Navy, 2476 W. 255th st., Lomita, and well known in Torrance, fought at Okinawa aboard the U. S. S. West Virginia, the only battleship which has taken part in every major landing operation in the Pacific in the last six months.

Blasted at Pearl Harbor by two bombs and at least six torpedoes, the old battleship was resurrected and repaired, then joined the fight against the Japs with a vigor that won her a reputation as the "one ship task force."

In the last year and a half the West Virginia has fired more than 3000 rounds from her new 16-inch rifles, nearly 30,000 rounds from her secondary batteries and more than 200,000 bullets from her automatic weapons, a total of 5500 tons of ammunition.

The West Virginia made her first combat strike by leading a column of fire support units into Leyte Gulf, flying the same colors she flew when she was damaged, at Pearl Harbor. She poured salvo after salvo into the Jap lines, interrupting the bombardment to splash her first plane.

With other old battleships of the Fleet, she helped sink two Jap battleships and three destroyers in the epic Battle of the Surigao Strait. She was the first to take the Jap ships under fire. Later, at Mindoro and Lingayen, she operated with a protective screen for carriers and transports.

She arrived at Iwo Jima just after the first Marines landed, bombarding the enemy. From Iwo she traveled to Okinawa. She emptied her magazines several times in bombarding the Japs during that operation. In all her action, there have been less than 20 casualties.

So pesky has she proved to the Japs that Tokyo Rose, the notorious propaganda broadcaster, once announced thousands of the Japs' best fliers were attending their own funeral services before taking off to destroy her. They didn't.

Service men's stationery? Cal Torrance 444 or 448.

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Presidential Citation to Betts' Unit
For their heroism at Mortain, France, on Aug. 10, 1944, infantrymen of the First Battalion, 320th Regiment, were awarded the Presidential Citation at the Coblenz Stadium on July 1, 1945, by Lieutenant General Leonard T. Gerow, commanding General of the 15th Army.

Cpl. Franklin H. Betts, 636 W. 220th st., Torrance, is among them.

The action of the First Battalion was instrumental in rescuing the 30th Division's "Lost Battalion," encircled for six days by Marshal Rommel during his attempted counteroffensive to reach the sea.

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C. D. Risher, Nazi Prisoner, Freed, at Home

Pvt. Clifford D. Risher, 21, 1519 Greenwood ave. has returned to his home here after nine months with the famed 84th Division. This division, more popularly known as "Abe Lincoln's Rail-splitters" saw plenty of action, according to Pvt. Risher who wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Risher was captured by the enemy while in Germany. "There were about fifty of us, trying to hold the line there, when one morning before daylight about five tanks with infantry shoved their 88's down in our trenches," he said.

"It was a short fight, some of our fellows were wounded, nearly all were captured." The soldier reported that while in a prison camp at Neuburg, the Germans announced one morning, and this with Germany and America were at peace, both were now fighting the Russians. Some believed it but the majority accepted it as another enemy trick, he declared.

Risher said that he was liberated by the Russians after five months as a prisoner of war. Pvt. Risher is enjoying a 30-day furlough with his wife, Kathryn, at the home address.

DRAFT BOARD ENDANGERED BY PRANKSTERS

The Torrance selective service board reported a prowler had gained entrance to the building and had turned the gas on, police reports show.

A spokesman at the board said that he believed youths, prompted by mischief, were responsible.

Great political questions stir the deepest nature of one half the nation, but they pass far above and over the heads of the other half. —Wendell Phillips.

VISITS SISTER
Pvt. Kahle Lewis was a recent guest at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Fierce, when he was enroute between Camp Hood, Texas and Fort Ord.

ERNEST FLOYD HOME
Ernest Floyd, Coxswain, petty officer, 3/z, enjoyed a recent 10-day visit with his mother, Mrs. Ansley Floyd and other relatives here.

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R. D. Anderson Is Promoted To Staff Sergeant

Following the final heavy fighting in the Northern Philippine campaign, Raymond D. Anderson, 1144 Maple street, has been promoted from Sergeant to the grade of Staff Sergeant in the veteran 32nd (Red Arrow) Infantry Division.

Sgt. Anderson joined the Red Arrow Division in November 1944 during the Leyte Island battle. He also saw action along the Villa Verde Trail where he was wounded in action and awarded the Purple Heart. Recovered from his injury he was assisting in mopping up operations in the Cagayan Valley when hostilities ceased.

The Red Arrow doughboy serves as a squad leader in the Division's crack 128th Regiment. His wife and their two daughters Beverly and Barbara live at the above address.

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