

GOD REST THEIR SOULS, WHO DIED IN FREEDOM'S NAME



★ JAMES R. HERLETT
Lieut., Inf. USA.

A son of Mrs. Grace Smith, formerly of 2436 Cabrillo ave., he was declared missing in action in Germany as of November, 1944, and subsequently his death was announced by the War Department. Age 33, he had served in the ETO since midsummer '44 as a replacement officer in the anti-tank division. He later transferred to an infantry company and it is assumed that in this capacity as an infantry platoon leader, he met death. His wife Katherine and their small daughter live in Los Angeles where she is employed with the Federal Reserve bank. A Bank of America, Torrance, employee at the time he entered the service, he had been in the Army two and one-half years. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant following a course at Ft. Benning Officers' Training School. A Torrance high school graduate, he served as student body president, and was active in football and other activities. Also surviving is his brother, Walter H. Smith, Lt., AAF.



★ VLADIMIR J. OBIDINE,
Lieut., U.S.A.

Vladimir J. Obidine, husband of the former Joan Ramskill, of this city, to whom he was married January 1, 1944, was killed in action in France on August 25, the same year following one year's service. A son of Mr. and Mrs. William Obidine of Eagle Rock, he had attended U.C.L.A., where he was an outstanding football player.



★ CHELSEA B. HAMILTON,
S/Sgt., U.S.A.

S/Sgt. Chelsea B. Hamilton, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver B. Hamilton, 25821 Cayuga st., Lomita, was killed in action Nov. 24 on Leyte. Young Hamilton had lived in Lomita and Walters for 19 years, was a graduate of the '39 class of Narbonne high school, and worked for Rubbercraft Corp., Torrance. He was awarded the Silver Star on Sept. 1 for "gallantry in action."



★ HERMAN W. JONES,
Pfc., U.S.M.C.

Herman Jones, son of Mrs. Arthur Barnett of 815 Cota ave., died March 2, 1945, on Iwo Jima of wounds received in action. He was born in Lomita and lived there until 1938 when he moved to Torrance. He graduated from Torrance High, June 1943. He was employed at Shell Refinery in Wilmington at the time of enlistment, but was formerly employed at Torrance Safeway Store. He had served one year in the U.S.M.C.



★ ROYCE TIDWELL,
Private, U.S.A.

Royce Tidwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Tidwell of 1600 216th st., died as a result of an automobile accident near Fort Knox, Ky., while on duty in a military police unit. He was born in Texas and came to California in 1923. He graduated from San Pedro High School with the winter class of 1934. He later toured the States and Canada, performing in an aerial act for which he was quite well known. He met and secretly married Miss Sandra Byrd, an actress from Canada, on June 14, 1940.



★ LOUIS T. MADORE,
Cpl., A.A.F.

Louis T. Madore, son of Mr. Thomas Madore of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and a cousin of Mrs. Mary Vonderahe of this city, was declared by the War Department to have died in the service of his country on January 21, 1945. Verification of his death followed several months of intensive search for his B-17 Fortress and his entire complement of 16, reported missing in Alaska. He was graduated from Torrance High School with the winter class of '38 where he held an outstanding record in athletics.



★ CLAUDE BRUCE,
Staff Sergeant, A.A.F.

A brother of Mrs. Marie Friedly, of 1912 Arlington ave., was killed in a glider crash at Dahlart, Texas, on January 25, 1943. A resident of this city for two years prior to his enlistment in the Army Air Forces, in June, 1942, he is survived by seven brothers and sisters.



★ GERALD G. ISBELL
Lt., AAF.

son of W. C. Isbell, 1912 Cabrillo ave., fighter pilot in the ETO, was reported missing over Yugoslavia while piloting a P-38 on a photographic reconnaissance mission, April 5, 1944. Lt. Isbell's wife Judy, received a letter from his commanding officer informing her of her husband's status, and of the fact that he had been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious service. The flier's death was officially confirmed sometime later.



★ FLOYD F. RAMSEY,
Lieut., A.A.F.

Floyd Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Ramsey of 2262 231st st., was killed in a plane crash in Germany, November 13, 1943. He had served from June 9, 1943 to November 13, 1943. Also surviving him is his wife, Mrs. Jacqueline Ramsey. He was a popular Narbonne football star.



★ FRED QUAGGIN,
Chief Engineer, U.S.M.S.

Fred Quaggin's death was confirmed after he had been declared missing in action on July 7, 1943. He died when the ship on which he was serving was torpedoed. Surviving him are his wife, Emma, and his three children. He was awarded the Mariner's Medal posthumously.



★ EUGENE SHANER,
Lieut., A.A.F.

Eugene Shaner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaner of 1622 Crenshaw blvd., was reported missing August 17, 1944, and his death was confirmed December 13, 1944. He was a graduate of Torrance High School and lived in Torrance 11 years prior to entering the Air Forces in which he served one year and eight months. He also leaves two brothers, Edward, an Army X-Ray technician, and Bill, a senior in Torrance High.



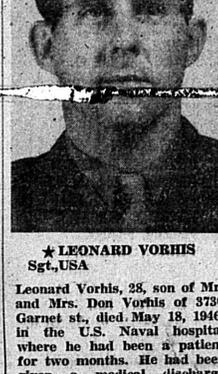
★ EVERETT V. RICHHART,
T/5, U.S.A.

Everett Richhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Richhart, was killed in action in France, August 19, 1944. Born in Long Beach he was graduated from Torrance High School with the winter class of '27. Surviving him are six brothers and sisters and his parents. He had served in the Army three and one-half years. Richhart entered the service February 17, 1941, and served in North Africa, Casablanca, Tunisia, England, Belgium and France. He was attached to the 142nd Armored Signal Co., 2nd Armored Division.



★ RICHARD WASHER,
PO, USAAF.

was killed in an airplane accident after receiving his wings and while preparing for foreign duty. He was the son of I. Washer, proprietor of The Gay Shop, Torrance, and was well known in this community.



★ LEONARD VORHIS,
Sgt., USA

Leonard Vorhis, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Vorhis of 3730 Garnet st., died May 18, 1946, in the U.S. Naval hospital where he had been a patient for two months. He had been given a medical discharge from the Army in March this year. Prior to his induction into Federal service he had served as a platoon sergeant in Co. H, 2nd Battalion, 39th Regiment, California State Guard. He is survived by a four-year-old daughter, Carol Lynne Vorhis, of Long Beach; his parents and two sisters, Dorothy and Mrs. Hazel Kyto, all of Torrance.



★ PAIGE M. KING

Ensign, enlisted in the Navy in 1936, died in action aboard the famed USS Chicago when it was torpedoed Jan. 29, 1943, during the battle of the Solomons. The Chicago, on which King served as an engineering officer, was credited with saving Sydney Harbor earlier in the war with Japan. He was the son of Mrs. Jeanette E. King, 2221 Dolores st., who received posthumously the Purple Heart. A regular Naval officer, King had been awarded five battle stars, and served in both the Pacific and European theatres of war. He was also recommended for the Silver Star prior to losing his life in the heated Solomon engagement.



★ ALBERT VIRGIL READING
Chief Motor Machinist, husband of Mrs. Margaret Reading, 2423 Border ave., was killed in an automobile accident in the United States, April 25, 1942. Reading had been in the U.S. Navy since July of 1925.



★ EUGENE F. STRIECKER,
Pfc., U.S.A.

Killed in action on Negroes on April 10, 1945. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Striecker, of 1106 El Prado, Torrance. He has four brothers in the service.



★ BRYSON L. BURKHOLDER,
Sgt., USA.

Sgt. Burkholder, 32, attached to Battery B, 44th AAA, died May 10, 1945, following wounds suffered earlier in May on the German front. He had been flown to England for hospitalization. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Claire Burkholder, and their two and a half year old son, Bryson Edward, who live at 815 Fortoin ave. Also surviving are his father, W. E. Burkholder, of Long Beach; his mother, Mrs. Etha Burkholder, and a brother, Bert, residing in Denver, Colo. A sister, Mrs. Harvey Pettitt, is a resident of Los Angeles.



★ JOHN FESS JR.,
Fireman 1/c, U.S.N.

John Fess, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fess of 1729 Arlington ave., was killed in action December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor. He was the first serviceman from Torrance to be killed in the World War II. His brother, Lieut. Kenneth B. Fess, A.A.F., also survives him. He was born in Torrance and was graduated in the winter class of '35.



★ TED T. TANOUYE,
T/Sgt., U.S.A.

Ted T. Tanouye of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was killed in action in Italy, September 6, 1944. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nikola Tanouye, are at the Kohler Recreation Center, McGehee, Ark. Ted graduated from Torrance High School in 1938 and entered the Army in 1942 at Fort MacArthur. He was a sales clerk in Torrance before entering the service.



★ JACK CHARLES HORMELL,
Private, U.S.A.

Jack C. Hormell died on March 21, 1943, by drowning while stationed at Crystal Lake, Fla. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Margaret F. Hormell of 1651 218th st., his father, Charles Hormell of this city, a machinist at National Supply Company. His sister, Miss, is a journalism student at the University of Chicago.



★ PERRY FRANKLIN,
Sgt., Inf.

Perry Franklin, 22, son of Mrs. Gossiaux and the late Gossiaux, formerly of 1640 219th st., was declared missing in action as of Dec. 31, 1944, and in due time was declared by the War Department to be dead. With a tank destroyer company, he had been in action in Germany and Belgium since "D" Day. Mrs. Franklin and their son, Richard, age 4, were living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cavitt, in Long Beach at the time of his death.

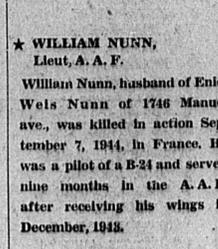
★ LUPE LARA
Cpl., USED.

Lupe Lara, Torrance high school student before he entered service—he would have graduated with the class of winter, 1945—was killed in Germany in November, 1944, apparently in his first campaign. With his guardian, Mrs. F. Fernandez, he had lived here on the Santa Fe Railway property. His cousin, Prudencia Lara, now lives in Gardena. It is reported.



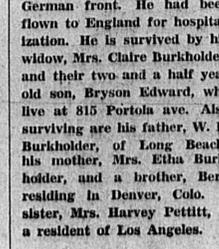
★ JESSE LEE JOHNSON,
Seaman, 1/c, U.S.N.

Seaman First Class, Jesse Lee Johnson died by drowning at Tarawa on April 4, 1944. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnson of 2490 W. Carson st., and four brothers.



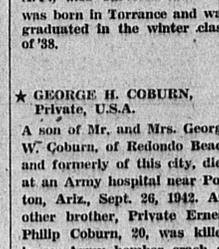
★ WILLIAM NUNN,
Lieut., A.A.F.

William Nunn, husband of Enid Wells Nunn of 1746 Manuel ave., was killed in action September 7, 1944, in France. He was a pilot of a B-24 and served nine months in the A.A.F. after receiving his wings in December, 1943.



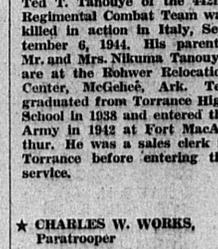
★ MILO PLUNKETTI,
Pfc., U.S.A.

Private First Class Milo Plunketti, son of Mrs. Mary Plunketti, Box 328-A, Torrance, died while in combat in the European theatre in the week of September 28, 1944.



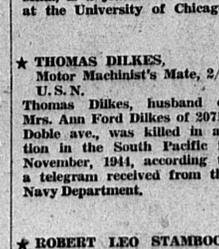
★ GEORGE H. COBURN,
Private, U.S.A.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Coburn, of Redondo Beach and formerly of this city, died at an Army hospital near Poston, Ariz., Sept. 26, 1942. Another brother, Private Ernest Phillip Coburn, 20, was killed in an Army bomber crash at San Francisco, on June 9, 1943 and his ashes were interred in a nearby grave. Surviving in addition to his parents are William, of 1908 Arlington ave., Torrance and Fred and Jack of the home address.



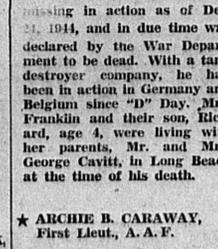
★ CHARLES W. WORKS,
Paratrooper

Charles W. Works, a graduate of Bakersfield High School, was killed in action September 22, 1944, in Holland. He had served two years and three months in the paratroopers. His mother, Mrs. Pearl Works of 2240 247th st., Lomita, and formerly of Torrance, is his survivor.



★ THOMAS DILKES,
Motor Machinist's Mate, 2/c, U.S.N.

Thomas Dilkes, husband of Mrs. Ann Ford Dilkes of 20710 Double ave., was killed in action in the South Pacific in November, 1944, according to a telegram received from the Navy Department.



★ ARCHIE B. CARAWAY,
First Lieut., A.A.F.

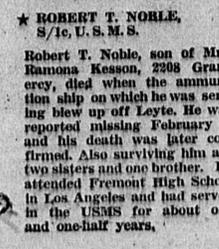
Archie B. Caraway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Caraway of 1348 W. Carston st., was killed May 8, 1945, when two B-24 Liberator bombers collided in the air near Liberal, Kans. It was said in the press dispatches that one officer and one enlisted man died in the crash.

★ FRANK J. JONES,
S/Sgt., U.S.A.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, was killed in action on Leyte, on October 1, 1944. He had flown in bombers over Northern Europe and Germany. His wife, Mrs. Marian Jones, also survives him. He had served 14 months in the U.S. Army.

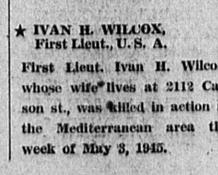
★ EARL W. WATSON,
Flight Officer, A.A.F.

Earl W. Watson, son of Mrs. Martha W. Evans, 1214 El Prado, was killed in a plane crash August 14, 1941, near London, England. A native of Santa Monica, he graduated from high school there. He was attached to the British Ferry Command. In addition to his mother, Flight Officer Watson is survived by his wife and one son, who live at Coronado.



★ ROBERT T. NOBLE,
S/1c, U.S.M.S.

Robert T. Noble, son of Mrs. Ramona Kesson, 2208 Gramercy, died when the ammunition ship on which he was serving blew up off Leyte. He was reported missing February 1, and his death was later confirmed. Also surviving him are two sisters and one brother. He attended Fremont High School in Los Angeles and had served in the USMS for about one and one-half years.



★ IVAN H. WILCOX,
First Lieut., U.S.A.

First Lieut. Ivan H. Wilcox, whose wife lives at 2113 Carson st., was killed in action in the Mediterranean area the week of May 3, 1945.