



FRANCIS V. KASPAR

T/Sgt. AAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaspar of Torrance, entered the Air Corps in September 1942. He made many combat missions over enemy territory in the ETO. He served as radio operator-gunner on a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force and was awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster for "courage, coolness and skill" displayed while participating in combat missions over Europe.



GRAY VER JONES

Electronics Technician's Mate 3/c, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ver Jones, 1552 Post ave., enlisted in the US Navy April 8, 1943 and served until his honorable discharge in May, 1946, following 25 months duty at Pearl Harbor. Previous to his return to the USA, ETM 3/c Jones received a special commendation from his superior officer for service beyond the call of duty. He was married June 29, 1946, at Chicago, Ill., to Miss Mary Jewell Cook, whom he met at a USO post while in service. Upon the couple's return to Long Beach, Jones will resume his work with the US Navy as a civilian, with the title of Jr. Radio Engineer. He will begin his work at Terminal Island, but expects to be soon transferred to Pearl Harbor, where the young couple will make their home.



ELWIN G. ROWELL JR.

ACMM, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rowell, formerly of this city, served many months in the Pacific during the war and was stationed for a time on the USS Enterprise. He also had some duty on Guadalcanal and upon returning to the States was assigned to a Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Virginia, where he was an instructor.



PETE ZAMPERINI

CSp(A), USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zamperini, 2028 Gramercy ave., enlisted in the Navy the day after Pearl Harbor and served until his honorable discharge, January 11, 1946. Zamperini, brother of the famed Louis Zamperini, specialized in the Navy Athletic and Physical Training Program and did much to bring about streamlining of the Navy's inadequate training program. Zamperini spent most of his time in San Diego where he trained recruits and helped plan and install the huge athletic field there. He also compiled and edited a widely-read training manual for Naval Training Centers which covered boot camp athletic training, field sports, body building and hand-to-hand combat fighting with and without weapons. Zamperini is now track coach at Torrance high school.



J. E. KICKLIGHTER

Cpl. US Army, attached to the combat engineers, returned several months ago following two years service in the ETO. He joined his wife, the former Marie Turner and their baby daughter, Patricia, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Turner, 1749 Arlington ave.



HOWARD C. BENDER

Y 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bender, 2318 El Dorado, entered the Navy in Feb. 1941 and spent two years on active duty in the South Pacific, where he participated in a number of major naval engagements. He is the husband of the former Geneva Mae Largent, of Los Angeles.



C. ELLSWORTH CLARK, JR.

Sgt. US Army, received his honorable discharge following 31 months service with the Finance Department at Camp Cooke and Camp Lockett, Cal. He joined his wife, Thelma, at 1300 1/2 Armadale avenue, Los Angeles. A graduate of Torrance high school, he is a son of Mrs. Clarence E. Clark, 2063 Lincoln avenue.



CONRAD CHRISTENSEN

Sgt. AAF, was honorably discharged March 1, following more than three years service. With his wife, Berdine, he lives at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Christensen, 1520 Marcelina ave.



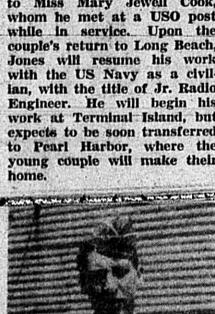
RICHARD B. DAHM

Pvt. US Army, son of Alfred L. Dahm, 1819 S. Western ave., entered the service Jan. 4, 1946 and received his basic training at Fort Bliss. He is attached to an anti-aircraft detachment and will serve with troops in occupied territories.



VERNON W. COIL

T/Sgt. AAF, who resides with his wife and small son at 2142 Denker ave., was honorably discharged after many months of action in the European Theatre of Operations. Coil was an Air Force gunner and participated in 50 bombing missions over North Africa, Sicily and Rome. He is now Senior Vice Commander of Torrance VFW Post No. 3351, and manager of Burke's Bargain Spot.



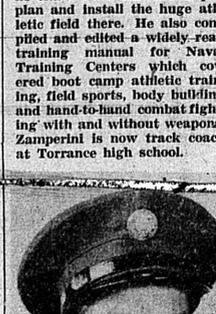
RALPH TOWNSEND JR.

Pvt. USA, son of Mrs. Lillian J. Theodosis, 1700 Plaza del Amo, entered the service Jan. 24, 1946, has completed his basic training and will be sent overseas to serve with occupation troops to finish the job so many others started. The young soldier is 18 years of age.



ELMER R. VANDEGRIFT

Corp. AUS, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Vandegrift, 1007 Arlington ave., was discharged after more than three years of service, two of which were with the Infantry in the European Theatre of Operations.



RALPH O. PINA

Corp., USA, son of Espiridon Pina of this city was honorably discharged after many months of active duty in the China-Burma-India Theatre. He served in many actions with the famed Merrill's Marauders and was wounded on several occasions. Pina was cited for bravery when he was machine gunned while carrying a wounded buddy to cover.



HOWARD E. FOSTER

MM 3/c USNR, husband of the former Margaret Moon, served for over a year in the South Pacific on a destroyer.



WENDELL C. LEATHERMAN

CGM USCG, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claire O. Leatherman, 912 Cota ave., has more than nine years in the Coast Guard and during the war served many months as gunnery instructor at a Coast Guard sub-chaser school in Hawaii.



WAYNE A. LOVELADY

Pfc. AUS, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lovelady, 1670 Gramercy ave., entered the service June 20, 1944, and was discharged May 13, 1946. He served with 333rd Field Artillery in Central Europe and the Philippines. While overseas Lovelady earned the Good Conduct Medal, European African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal.



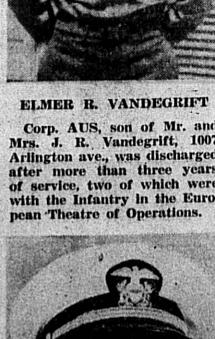
C. D. CARLTON

Pvt. US Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Ramsey, 2262 231st st., spent 17 war months in the Pacific Theater with a Fleet Air Wing.



GEORGE WALLS

M/Sgt. USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walls, 1727 Martina ave., enlisted in the Marine Corps in September 1941. Walls saw much action during his long tour of duty in the South Pacific.



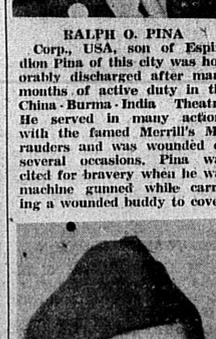
CHARLES J. STANLEY

Ens. USNR, 2232 Andree ave., served aboard a troop transport, the USS President Monroe (AP 104) for many months in the Pacific during the war.



FRANCIS G. HOLMES

BM 1/c USNR, son of Mrs. Agnes Holmes, 1116 Stanford ave., entered the service Dec. 23, 1942, and was discharged Jan. 9, 1946. He served aboard transports in the Atlantic and Pacific Theatres. He participated in the invasions of Africa and France and wears two stars in his ETO Ribbon. In the Pacific he landed troops at Guadalcanal and in the Philippines and wears two stars in his Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and one star in his Philippine Liberation Medal.



PEDRO PINA

Second Lt., AUS, son of Espiridon Pina of this city, was discharged from the service after many months of duty in the European Theatre of Operations. Pina was attached to a Headquarters Battalion and was commissioned after working up through nearly every enlisted grade in the Army.



TOMMY F. MCNEIL

PhoM 1/c, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McNeil, 1744 Andree ave., served 18 months in the Central Pacific as combination gunner-photographer on Navy-manned B-24s. He saw aerial combat duty over Guam and Salpan and many other Pacific Islands and helped photograph the destruction and probable downing of more than 25 Jap fighter planes in two days' action over Guam. He is now separated from the service.



EUGENE HATTER

Lt. AAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hatter of Ventura and formerly of this city. He is a veteran of more than two years of service, of which one was in the CBI. He received his honorable discharge last November and with his wife, the former Constance Lou Fernley, lives in the El Prado Apartments here and is employed at North American Aviation.



WALTER H. SMITH

Lt. AAF, served at Perrin Army Air Field during a tour of duty in the States. He is the son of Mrs. R. J. Smith, formerly of this city. He received his commission and silver wings of a fighter pilot at Santa Ana Army Air Base.



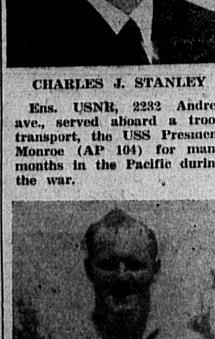
HAROLD A. STEVENSON

Lieut. USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stevenson, 1028 N. Arlington ave., entered the Navy Dec. 17, 1942, and received his discharge Oct. 23, 1945. He piloted a Martin Mariner flying boat during the war in the Pacific, and was the first pilot to make a night landing in the harbor at Auckland, New Zealand. Stevenson, who flew his patrol bomber out of bases at Pearl Harbor and Noumea, was fired upon by Jap anti-aircraft gunners during one trip and narrowly escaped being shot down. He lives at 1344 W. 216th st. with his wife, Bertha, and their two children.



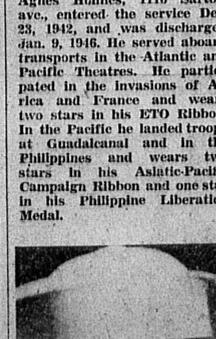
CARL L. ADAMS

S/Sgt. AUS, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Adams, Vista, California, served many months in the European Theatre of Operations with Gen. Courtney Hodges' First Army. He was awarded the Order of the Honor for wounds received in action while serving in Germany, and was also awarded the Combat Infantry Badge.



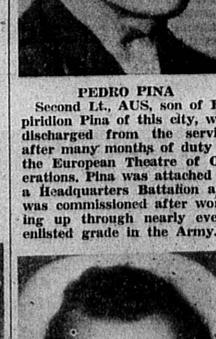
HAROLD G. TREZISE

AMM 2/c USNR, son of Mrs. Irma Trezise, 2019 Arlington ave., spent many months in the Pacific Theatre of War with Navy Utility Squadron Seven, whose pilots and aircrewmen flew and maintained planes of the Fleet Air Arms whenever and wherever they



THOMAS A. MCWAID

F 2/c, USN, entered service Feb. 5, 1946. At Bikini atom bomb test aboard the USS Dixie, son of H. H. McWaid, 2019 Gramercy ave.



EARL DAVEY LOCK

SK 3/c USNR, entered the service in April, 1944 and served with the field branch of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts in Cleveland.



EDWARD A. SIEDEL

BM 1/c, USNR, 1403 219th st., enlisted in the regular Navy Dec. 16, 1935, and served in peacetime and throughout the war years in the Pacific and ETO. He transferred to the reserves in April, 1946. He wears the American Ribbon with bronze "A," European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, American Area Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Philippine Liberation Medal.



ORVILLE W. HUDSON

Capt AAF, son of O. W. Hudson, 1753 Andree ave., was a technical sergeant with a bombing squadron prior to being selected for Officers Candidate School, in which he was graduated as a second lieutenant in the Quartermasters Corps. More recently, Capt. Hudson has been reported as being attached to the 4th Air Force, Washington, D. C. He is the husband of the former Mary Stewart, of Los Angeles.



FREDERICK A. GRAHAM

Pfc. AUS who resides with his wife, Mrs. Marguerite Graham, at 1920 Torrance blvd., entered the service Nov. 16, 1942, and was discharged Oct. 24, 1945. He served 27 months with the 812th Ordnance Depot Co. in the European Theatre of Operations. His company received the Unit Commendation while in England. Graham is now an officer with the Torrance Police Department.