



JOHN S. HALL

S/Sgt., AAF, is shown being presented the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight" by Col. Paul Barton. Hall served many months with the 15th Air Force and was tail gunner on B-17 Flying Forts. He resides with his wife, Mrs. Grace Hall, at 927 Arlington ave.



RICHARD M. LEECH

Sgt. USAA, served in the South Pacific theatre for three years. He received his honorable discharge January 13, 1946. He holds the Asiatic-Pacific and American area campaign ribbons, and the Philippine Liberation medal. While based at New Guinea and Luzon he was assigned to MP duty over Japanese prisoners of war. At home with his mother, Mrs. Harriett Leech, 1630 Amapola ave., he will enroll at Compton Junior College for a Physical Education course. At the conclusion of his studies there, he plans to continue his education at a university.



CHARLES G. WHITTINGTON

PhM 2/c, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Whittington, 1430 W. 221st st., served many months in the South Pacific as a combat corpsman attached to the Fleet Marines. He made the initial landings at Bougainville and Cape Gloucester, New Britain and was awarded the Silver Star Medal for bravery when he rescued a wounded marine who was lying in a position exposed to deadly sniper fire. Whittington was wounded by the same sniper while effecting the rescue and was later awarded the Purple Heart. Whittington was wounded twice while in action with the Marines, before he was returned to the States for rehabilitation.



WILLIAM A. WALSMITH

Pfc., USMCR, entered the service June 14, 1944, and was discharged February 12, 1946. Served with 2nd battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division on Russell Islands, Okinawa and Peiping, China, in mortar observation posts. Won Presidential Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Husband of Virginia Walsmith, 1512 Acacia ave. He is shop foreman which position he held before going into the service. The Walsmiths have two children, Russell Glenn and Marilyn Jo.



PAT BOYLE

1st Lt. Col. AUS, volunteered for duty in the first phases of the war and was commissioned first lieutenant with a gack battalion which saw duty in Africa. When the fighting in Africa bogged down, Boyle transferred to the Infantry and fought in Italy. He was elevated to captain and asked for duty in a livelier sector. He fought with the Tank Corps in Germany, where he was promoted to major. At the cessation of hostilities he was put in charge of Army railroads in the ETO and received his lieutenant colonelcy for his exceptional management of the roads. Boyle served in the Navy during the first World War and was one of five US Navy men to be presented the Croix de Guerre for heroic service, by the French Government during the last war. Boyle was released to inactive duty in the first part of 1946.



CLIFFORD D. POWELL

S/Sgt., AAF, 2116 Gramercy ave., served many months in the ETO and is shown being presented the Air Medal for "exceptionally meritorious achievement in bomber combat missions over occupied Europe," by Major James C. McAtee, commander of the Liberator Group with which Powell served. He participated in raids over Brunswick, Frankfurt and Munster.



EDWIN O. ROWELL

ARM 2/c USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rowell, formerly of this city, served aboard an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific, where his duties as combination gunner-radioman entailed the downing of a Jap fighter plane. He made many combat strikes in dive bombers attached to his carrier and was awarded a medal for his part in the successful completion of these missions.



LEROY E. STECKER

Lt. (j.g.), USN, son of Mrs. Hollis Towler, 1828 Andreo ave., is living in San Francisco with his wife, Eleanor, while he is stationed at Treasure Island. Stecker enlisted in the Navy in September, 1939, and served as signalman on a survey ship for many months before the war. During the war in the Pacific he had duty on landing craft and auxiliary ships of the Navy supply train. Stecker received his commission after working his way up from apprentice seaman to signalman first class.



FREDERICK WILKES

SM 2/c USNR, was separated from service March 15, 1946, following almost four years Pacific duty. A son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilkes, of 2463 Sonoma ave., he will begin an engineering course at Compton College in the fall.



ALEC MASON

Sgt. AAF, served in the ETO, where he was attached to an Air Materiel Squadron. His brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Mason, live at 1028 Acacia ave.



CLAUDE F. MITCHELL

S/Sgt. AAF, served with the Ninth Air Force Service Command, the world's largest aerial striking force, which provided aerial support for Allied invasion troops. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Mitchell, of 819 Portola ave. A sheet metal worker in service, he was a Columbia Steel Company employee as civilian.



WILLIAM P. DAVIS

USMC, served aboard the troop transport USS General Randolph in South Pacific waters. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Davis of 3906 Emerald ave. Davis was graduated from Torrance high school, S'45.



JOHN MICANOVICH

PO AAF, son of Mrs. P. Micanovich, 215 W. Carson Ct., was trained as a navigator during the war and received his wings and commission as a Flight Officer at Ellington Field, Texas.



GUY DEWITT

TM 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy DeWitt Sr., 2307 Cabrillo ave., has a splendid record for South Pacific duty. He is entitled to wear the twin dolphin insignia of the submarine service. DeWitt is a graduate of Torrance high school, lettering in basketball, track and football.



T. C. HANNI

F 1/c USCG, son of Mrs. S. M. Ward of this city, served aboard a Coast Guard-manned LST, which landed troops and supplies in the initial stages of the Philippine invasion. His battle station was at a .50 caliber machine gun. Hanni also participated in campaigns on New Guinea and the Morotal Islands.



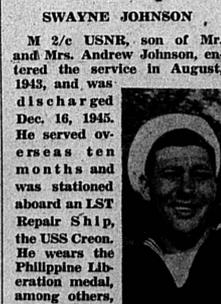
GRACE ISBELL HOLLANDSWORTH

SK 3/c USNR (W), is the daughter of W. C. Isbell, 1912 Cabrillo ave., was honorably discharged from the Women's Reserve following many months of service.



ROBERT W. SMITH

Cox. USNR, son of Mrs. May Smith, 1423 Post ave., was discharged from the Navy at Little Creek, Virginia. He resides, with his wife Dorris and their daughter Sandra, at 1226 Beech ave. Smith was attached to the fire department of the Amphibious Training Base at Little Creek prior to his discharge.



SWAYNE JOHNSON

M 2/c USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson, entered the service in August, 1943, and was discharged Dec. 16, 1945. He served overseas ten months and was stationed aboard an LST Repair Ship, the USS Creon. He wears the Philippine Liberation medal, among others, and is now residing at 1726 1/2 Martina ave. with his wife, Laddie and their daughter, Jackie.



LEO F. WATKINS

S/Sgt. AAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Watkins, 904 Madrid ave., entered the service in November, 1942 and was discharged Feb. 9, 1946. Watkins was attached to the 48th Supply Sq. in Calcutta and received his discharge from the service there. He is now working for the Chinese National Air Corporation in Shanghai.



ROBERT G. LEECH

Sk USNR, 3/c, has completed two years of service, of which one was on overseas duty aboard an APA transport in the South Pacific. A graduate of Torrance high school with the class of summer 1945, he plans to enter Loyola College to begin a course in Business Law. He is son of Mrs. Harriett V. Leech, 1630 Amapola.



V. RALPH PETERSON

AAF, is currently serving with occupation troops in Japan, where he is driving jeeps as an officer's chauffeur. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Peterson, 1602 W. 223rd st. and was graduated from Torrance high school in 1945.



FRED HICKS

RM 3/c USNR, husband of the former Relda Briggs of this city, served as a diver aboard a fleet tug, USS Tenro (ATF 115) for many months in the South Pacific.



VAN BARNARD

Lt., AAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Barnard, 2553 Sonoma ave., was honorably discharged from the service in September, 1945, after 30 months service in the Air Corps. Barnard was stationed at various Army Air Bases where he served as an instructor in instrument flying. He is making his home at 1408 Encraia ave., with his wife, the former Elizabeth Fish.



WILLIAM J. HARRISON

Lt. Col. (MC) AAF, served in the South Pacific for many months before he was returned to the States for hospitalization due to a tropical fever he contracted overseas. After his return to civilian life he moved to Arizona with his wife Betty.



HARRY SLOVER

JAY SLOVER

Shown above at left is Harry Slover who, while a member of the Naval Reserve, was requested to remain in his civilian job as leadman at US Navy Shipyard in Pearl Harbor and assist in repairing and rebuilding those warships sunk by the Japs on December 7. With him is his brother, Lt. (jg) Jay Slover, USN, who entered the service in 1936 and rose to his present rank through the enlisted rates. He served many months overseas during the war years. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Slover, 1712 Martina.



ROBERT W. RELSTAB

SoM 2/c, USNR, served in Alaska and later in Hawaii, completing almost three years duty. Upon receiving his honorable discharge from service he joined his wife, the former Dorothy Weber, and their two children at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Weber, 1903 Andreo ave.



JOHN NADY

S 1/c USNR has received his honorable discharge following duty in Alaska and the South Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nady, 710 Madrid ave. A National Supply employee before he entered service he has returned to his former position.



RICHARD M. THAYER

S 1/c USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Marker, formerly of this city, served with the Navy Amphibious Forces during the war attached to LST 393 for many months.