



MRS. RALPH SCHAFFER
Former Finnish Girl Torrance Resident

EXCITING EXPERIENCES OF FINNISH GIRL TOLD

By EVELYN DUDLEY

Among the newcomers to the Hollywood Riviera are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schaffer, who have had some experiences worthy of mention. Carita, Mrs. Schaffer, is a native of Helsinki, Finland, and is a graduate of the University of Helsinki.

In October, 1939, she sailed from her native land on a Finnish freighter, bound for Canada where she was to visit an aunt. While at sea, mutiny broke out and the captain was forced to lock her in her cabin until the mutineers were subdued. This took five days. Added to that was a stormy sea, requiring a thirty-day voyage. It was her first trip to North America.

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After spending some time with her aunt, Carita journeyed to New York to see the World's Fair, after which she was to sail for Finland. However, while in New York, she was invited to a party given by some officers in the Army Air Corps and it was at this party she was introduced to a Captain Ralph Schaffer with the result that Carita did not return to Helsinki and she and Capt. Schaffer were married within six months of having met.

In February, 1943, Capt. Schaffer's squadron entered North Africa with the second invasion force, whereupon they were attached to the British 8th Army, serving with them throughout the campaign from Cairo to Tunis, after which they were detailed to cover the invasions of Sicily and Italy.

His record includes 180 missions, many of them added up at the rate of three in one day; four enemy planes shot down; several crack-ups; the last of which completely demolished his plane.

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