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AMERICAN RED CROSS

Somewhere, on some distant battlefield, an American soldier will be wounded in action today. He may be your son. Or the laughing, tow-headed kid that only yesterday lived in a house down the street. Remember?

Strong but tender hands will carry him back to an Army dressing station. A blood transfusion may be required to save his life—blood contributed to the American Red Cross by thousands of Americans back home.

Somewhere tonight an American boy is longing for home. He may be in bomb-scarred London—in far-off Australia, in a Pacific island jungle, or on a North African desert.

If he can, he will go to the American Red Cross club. It won't be the home for which he longs. It will be only a substitute—an antidote for loneliness. But there he will find a warm welcome, an American style meal, a comfortable bed.

Somewhere, today, an American serviceman needs help. He may be at a distant domestic camp or base, on a ship at sea, in an unfriendly prison camp. He may be almost anywhere.

Wherever he is, there also is the American Red Cross, offering him its many resources. Whether his problem is personal, physical, mental or financial, the Red Cross stands ready to assist him and his family.

Somewhere, sometime, disaster will strike some community. It may be your town, ravaged by storm and flood—or enemy action.

When that disaster strikes, the Red Cross—your Red Cross—the one to which you always have contributed—will be on the job. It will feed and shelter the suffering.

Somewhere, every minute of the hour, every hour of the day, every day of the year, the Red Cross is helping someone. Won't you help, too?

Potential Selectees Due to Leave Early Friday for Examinations

At 6 a. m. tomorrow (Friday) morning the 35th contingent of potential selectees will assemble in front of the Torrance Civic Auditorium to go to the Los Angeles induction station for their final physical examinations. Those who pass will be immediately inducted into the armed services and, if they desire, get a week's leave to wind up their civilian affairs before starting training.

A total of 169 young men, most of them of the sixth registration group who enrolled with Selective Service Dec. 11, 1942, have been ordered to report for the Los Angeles examinations, according to Mrs. Doris P. Watson, clerk of Board No. 280.

A number of this group will be assigned to the Navy and Marine Corps. After their physical examinations, those found acceptable for service will be interviewed by a joint service board regarding their choice of services. However, there is no guarantee that a man desiring to join the Navy or Marines will get his request approved because the allotments to those branches of the armed forces are on a quota basis.

The men will be inducted into the "general military forces." Notice has been received by the Torrance draft board that, under no circumstances, will the seven-day furlough following induction be extended. The inductees will meet at the Torrance Auditorium Friday, March 19, to leave for their respective training centers.

The official list of men accepted for the armed forces will be published next week after the Los Angeles induction board sends it to the Torrance board.

CANTEEN TO SERVE DRAFT CONTINGENT

Members of the Torrance Red Cross canteen service, headed by Mrs. Julia Neelands, will serve coffee and doughnuts to the boys who will leave Friday morning. The "Service Men's Dining Fund," being raised by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hoover to pay for the edibles received substantial contributions during the past week from the following: Harry Abranson, Mrs. Marie Beale, Ellwood's Dress Shop, McCracken's Grocery, Forrest D. Lipp and Messrs. Gilbert, Theobald and Sells.

WILMINGTON BOARD INDUCTS LOCAL MEN
Fifteen men from Torrance, one from Lomita and 10 from Harbor City, inducted by the Wilmington draft board, reported for duty last Thursday in the armed forces. Some of the men reporting for the Army were sent to Fort Douglas, Utah, and others to the new Arlington, Calif., reception center, but no record was kept by the Wilmington board of individual assignments.

The board did not announce any addresses for the men from this area who entered the services and this newspaper will appreciate obtaining this information from relatives or friends in order that the correct names and addresses may be included in the next publication of the Honor Roll.

Torrance men reporting for the Army were: Sam B. Bilich, George E. Ramsay, John F. Brosart, Don A. Harding, Walter J. Hammann, Royland R. Justice, William R. McClure, Boyd N. Johnson, T. J. Fowler, Henry B. Gores, Edward Mantych, Howard A. Andrews, Carl B. Jacobson, Charles J. Beckett and Pete F. Soria.

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Walteria Youth Passed 'Ammo' In Sea Battles

"Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition" was more than a popular war song to desperate young destroyer sailors in the furious battle last Aug. 7, 8 and 9 off Guadalcanal when the cruisers Vincennes and Astoria were sunk by superior Jap forces. Patrick Henry Sanders, 17, son of Mrs. Esther Sanders of Neece ave., Walteria, was one of the young sailors.

The youngster, who last year left Narbonne high school to enlist in the Navy, had served nine months at sea, been in seven battles and took a man's place in action all over the Pacific. Asked what was uppermost in his mind during the height of the battle, he said:

"Just to keep passing the ammunition up to five-inch gun."

A year ago "Pat" was just another boy in his teens, playing with other boys and having fun. He's grown up now and values, he says, for him have changed. The long campaign ribbon on his chest means to him not a personal attainment but a step toward ultimate victory.

"The Japs," he says tersely, "are cowards."

Pressed for an explanation, he says they "sneak around" like they did at Pearl Harbor. As for planes diving full force on American warships, he says: "I heard that, but those I saw falling were fighting their controls to avoid hitting ships."

Mother Has Garden
"Pat" left last weekend to rejoin his destroyer.

"Pat" came home to find his mother tending a Victory garden and applauded her efforts. There was a time when he and his mates were on short rations, he says.

Registrations for First Aid Classes Being Taken Here

The Torrance Red Cross headquarters at the corner of Post and Cravens aves., is open every week day from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. for registration of those interested in receiving first aid instruction. Casper Clemmer, first aid chairman, said this week. Those who cannot call in person may phone 1524.

"There are several fine instructors available at all times and whenever a sufficient number of persons register for either standard or advanced first aid, a class will be started at once and those registered notified," he said.

Starting Tuesday, March 16, at 7 p. m. in the city hall courtroom, Fred Foltz will instruct a class in advanced first aid. This class is open to all who have completed a standard course.

"We feel that first aid training may prove invaluable under present conditions and everyone who possibly can should take advantage of these free classes," Clemmer pointed out.

Defense Corps Called To All Out Meeting At High School Hall

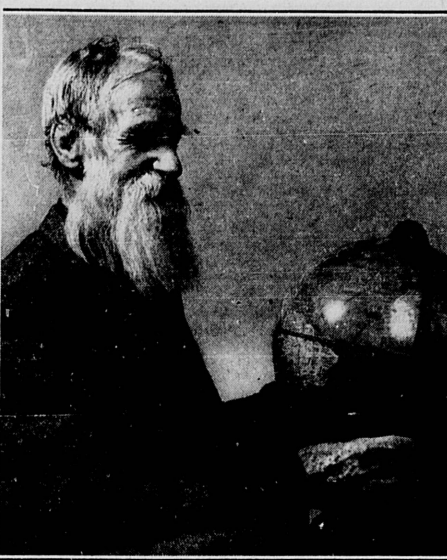
Two important events for members of the Torrance Civilian Defense corps are scheduled for next week. Every member of the corps has been asked by Police Chief John Stroh to attend an all-out meeting at 7 o'clock next Thursday night, March 18 at the Torrance high school auditorium.

The program will include Civilian Defense motion pictures and Stroh will announce final arrangements for the "checked" incident drill scheduled for Sunday afternoon, March 21.

In addition to these two all-Torrance Civilian Defense activities, corps members in Post 8 will hold a district drill Saturday night, March 13, at 7 o'clock, according to Frank Thompson, senior warden.

Fire Chief Gets Two-Way Radio

At a cost of \$300, a two-way radio communication set is to be installed in the "red can" of Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, the city council decided Tuesday night. A request for the equipment, so that he can keep in touch with his department at all times, was made by the fire chief more than a month ago.



ON LAST TREK—Alfred Maberley, who traveled all over Africa as a youth and lived here for 18 years, died Tuesday morning at Torrance Memorial hospital. He was 85 years old, a native of London, who is believed to have left a large estate.

Alfred Maberley, 85, Succumbs Here After Adventurous Career

When neighbors failed to see Alfred L. Maberley walking about in the vicinity of his home at 1716 Martina ave., they called the police last Saturday evening and the officers found him critically ill. He was taken to Torrance hospital in an ambulance but his age—and perhaps malnutrition—had caught up with him and the bearded older, whose British accent, shambling gait and constant "plugging" of kerosene as a hair tonic ranked with Columbia Steel's smokestacks as a Torrance landmark, died Tuesday morning.

Up to the time he was removed to the hospital, Maberley, who was 85, worked on his own personal "Bundles for Britain" project and he had a large quantity of clothing stacked in his three-room apartment waiting to be shipped overseas. During the last several years he had sent large amounts of clothing, collected from friends here, to Britain.

Funeral arrangements are awaiting a decision of the public administrator, according to Stone and Myers' mortuary.

Maberley's sizable estate, left him by his wife, the late Elizabeth Shirley Maberley, who died here about eight years ago, will be administered by a Los Angeles bank. It is understood that by the terms of Mrs. Maberley's will the estate will go to a home for retired teachers in

Marine Veteran of Guadalcanal Thanks Blood Contributors Here

Those who have given a pint of blood to the Red Cross—and there have been many here, including 200 who contributed Monday when the Mobile Blood Donor unit visited Torrance—say: "It's the least we can do for our men on the fighting front."

But take the word of Marine Private Larry Keeler, 21, who was in the thick of the fighting on Guadalcanal for seven months.

"Blood plasma saved my life and lots of my buddies, too. We are forever grateful to the civilians who have donated their blood."

Larry, bronzed and clear-eyed, was just "around seeing the country" Monday when he happened to see the Red Cross flag in front of the Civic Auditorium.

He went in, met the workers there and expressed his thanks in person.

Blood Offer Refused

—And just to show you what the blood donor project means to Marine Keeler, although he had given a pint at Santa Monica Sunday, he wanted to give another here Monday. But the Red Cross has rules about it. "I know because I have seen things that make you want to wipe out every Nip you can lay hands on," Larry declared. "For instance, I saw a party of Japs we'd surrounded raise the white flag of truce and stand with their hands in the air. As our boys went forward to bring them in, a Jap hidden behind the prisoners' cut loose with a machine gun. He sprayed everyone—his own men and officers and my buddies."

"Pitch With Us"
Most of Larry's pals were

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Doak Criticized For Hazards at War Plant Here

Citing a number of instances of hazards at the plant, City Engineer Glenn Jain reported to the city council Tuesday night that Doak Aircraft Co., on Abalone st., has been "expanding so fast and building additions first and asking questions afterwards" that the firm has neglected to conform to state, city and Board of Fire Underwriters' specifications.

During the discussion of the engineer's report, the war plant was severely criticized for its inattention to fire-proof construction and as result officials of the firm are to be asked to meet with the city council next Tuesday night March 16. When informed of the council discussion and action, officials of the Doak Aircraft plant said they would be "very glad to meet with the council and present our side of the case whenever invited to do so by the council."

In the meantime, Doak's request for the use of an unimproved street adjoining the plant for an extension of its employees' parking lot was held up by the municipal board.

The council, however, reversed its stand two weeks ago when it decided not to install a grade crossing at the end of Abalone st. and will open that dead-end street into Plaza del Amo.

Recommend Fire Walls
Jain told the council that both he and the state fire marshal had inspected the plant and found "little if any" safeguards although the additions were "fairly well built." A letter from the Pacific Board of Fire Underwriters, dated March 2, was read to the council. This stated that at the request of the city engineer a representative of the Board visited the Doak plant and found a number of serious hazards.

The Board recommended that (Continued on Page 4-A)

201 Contribute Blood for Plasma Here on Monday

A total of 201 persons gave blood to the Red Cross plasma fund when the Mobile Unit set up a model receiving center in the Civic Auditorium Monday morning. Thirty prospective donors were rejected because they had eaten too soon before applying at the Auditorium. Nearly 600 pints of blood have been contributed by residents here since January 1942.

Included among the donors Monday was Raymond McConnell of Los Angeles, who was making his first contribution to the Red Cross but who has given 12 pints of blood since 1918. He was badly wounded in World War I.

Those who contributed their fifth pint of blood were Mrs. Leona Lincoln, 1229 Cota ave.; Mrs. Gertrude Morrison, 1403 1/2 Acacia ave.; Paul Vonderahe, 1563 21st st.; and Mrs. Marie LePout, 25217 Eshelman ave., according to Red Cross records.

Guardsmen Contribute

Those who gave their fourth pint were: Ernest E. Elliott, 716 Border ave.; Mary Emery, 2014 Torrance Blvd.; Mrs. Marion E. Welton, 2414 Sonoma ave.; Mrs. Carl Ramsey, 2262 23rd st.; Mrs. Mary Schroeder, 1007 1/2 Portola ave.; and Mrs. W. H. Tolson, 903 Beech ave.

Three-time givers, who received their silver badges, were: Minot F. Rugg, 1610 Cota ave.; Daisy Smith, 1226 Portola ave.; Winola Rauss, 707 Acacia ave.; Cecilia Young, 2555 Eldorado; Mrs. Mary Towler, 2051 1/2 North Elliott st.; Mrs. Emma Christensen, 58 1/2 22nd st.; Sam Levy, 1503 El Prado; Glen M. Robynson, 1227 West 21st st.; Paul Findley, 2121 Gramercy ave.; Fremont Mullen, C. C. M. O.; John Melville, 1423 Beech ave.; Ruth Parsons, 1024 Annapolia ave.; Jack Gerster, Lomita, and Mrs. Margaret Guttenfelder, 1427 Post ave.

Seventeen members of Company H, California State Guard, also contributed blood. They were: Edward Abbott, Gerald L. Armstrong, Robert Axenty, Charles T. Baldwin, Vernon K. Basham, Richard C. Bingham, Leonard Black, Robert M. Fuller, Elmer F. Hatt, Charles A. Kopp, Elmer Milhouse, Harry Moore, Fred S. Pitner, George E. Roelsen, Victor Runningwater, Stanley H. Sellers, Jr., and Fred M. Webber.

Next Call: May 10
Dr. J. W. Kling, first lieutenant (Continued on Page 4-A)

War Fund Drive For Red Cross Starts Monday

Starting Monday morning, March 15, an intensive drive will begin here to collect a minimum of \$7500 for the Red Cross War Fund. Headquarters of the campaign, which will be directed by Hillman Lee, are at the Red Cross branch, corner of Post and Cravens aves., where contributions will be gratefully accepted.

Residents here are reminded by Mrs. Lola Hoover, Red Cross chairman, that "this is one drive that must not fail—if it does, it means that we are turning the cold shoulder on our boys in the training camps and stations and fighting for us overseas."

"Only through the support of our residents can we be assured that all vital obligations of the Red Cross will be accomplished," Campaign Chairman Lee asserted. "The Red Cross belongs to our nation, its support comes from voluntary contributions, its service on the home and battle fronts are carried out by more than three and a half million volunteers."

Workers Are Listed
"A small lapel tab with a Red Cross against a white background will be a badge of honor worn by every one who gives during the next few weeks."

The War Fund drive organization here also includes Mrs. Esther Lowen, teller chairman; J. Hugh Sherwin, industrial chairman; Mrs. W. J. Harrison, information chairman; William Kempen, business establishments chairman; Grover C. Whyte, publicity chairman; W. E. Bowen, finance chairman, and Harold Hof, display chairman.

Heading the list of volunteer canvassers who will cover the city block-by-block seeking contributions from every household is "Colonel" William H. Tolson, former mayor. "Majors" in the drive are Ray Hoover, Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, William Bremner and Mesdames Joyce Oursler, Elora Birkdill, Otto Batsch, Ronda Bartmus and Venable.

The "captains" named by Chairman Lee are Mesdames Jane Burger, Anne Phoenix, Hermina Alcalá, Vincent Viellenave, Bettina Miller, May Sidebotham, J. O. Bishop, Carl Lane, Dorothy Post, M. A. Russell, Ethel Sears, Ann Colton, Bessie Myers, Lucille Thompson, Grace Stewart and J. Selkirk, C. T. Rippey, Harold Massie, J. Moore, John Keeler, Clayton, William Rojo and Guy Kelley; Miss Edna Mullin, W. C. Silence and Fred Foltz.

First Letter In 5 Months Eases Parents

Five months of anxious suspense ended for Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walls of 1727 Martina ave., late last week when they received a letter from their son, George, who enlisted in the Marine Corps in September, 1941.

Writing from "somewhere overseas," he reported he was on a "hot job" and that he had recently been promoted to sergeant. He gave no indication as to where he was but said he was well and feeling fine.

Sergt. Walls will be 20 years old next August. He left Torrance high school to join the Marines before the war began and has not been home since January, 1942.

STANDARD CONTRIBUTES \$85,000 TO FUND
Describing the needs of the American Red Cross as greater than ever before, H. D. Collier, president of the Standard Oil Co. of California, today announced an \$85,000 contribution to the Red Cross drive in the seven western states, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands.

These contributions will be distributed throughout the West with all of the 330 communities in which there are Red Cross chapters receiving an allocated share. Coincident with this announcement, Collier addressed a letter to the more than 20,000 company employees, suggesting that they individually also give as liberally as possible.

Rotarians Elect Fay Parks Head For New Term

A member of the club for 17 years and a resident here since 1917, Fay Parks was elected president of the Torrance Rotary Club by the new board of directors Tuesday night. Other officers chosen to take office in July were: Otto Kresse, vice president; Robert H. McCallum, secretary; and Sherwood McIntyre, treasurer. The other members of the directorate for 1943-44 are Otto Willett, James L. Lynch, Hillman Lee and the retiring president, J. Hugh Sherwin.

Parks is one of the outstanding civic leaders of the community. He has given much of his time to betterment projects here and is now serving as a member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Victory gardens. He was general chairman of the 1939 Torrance Factory Frolic and in 1938 was chairman of the Hobby and Handicraft Show which was one of the outstanding attractions of the first Factory Frolic.

Parks, owner of the Torrance Plumbing Co., is a past president of the Torrance Retail Business Men's Association and active in the Masonic lodge.

Steel Metallurgist Coming Here From Pittsburg Plant

T. J. Adams, supervisor of the chemical inspection division of the Columbia Steel plant at Pittsburg, Calif., since 1928, will become works metallurgist at the Torrance plant on March 15, Otto Kresse, general superintendent, announced yesterday. He takes the position held by the late John Disario.

A graduate of the University of Virginia where he received his degree in chemical engineering, Adams is the father of four sons who are all in the armed services. He and Mrs. Adams are planning to move here.

Burns Prove Fatal For Torrance Child

Amelia Parra, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parra, who live in one of the Santa Fe section houses off Plaza del Amo, died last Saturday at the Children's hospital in Los Angeles from burns. While asserted playing with matches last Feb. 25 her clothing caught fire and she suffered severe injury.



Sergeant George Walls, U.S.M.C.



Fay Parks