

NUMBER 11 OF A SERIES



Some pointers on your rationed fats and BUTTER

Butter and fats are food-value "musts" — so we suggest that you buy butter and shortenings first before your ration points go aglimmering for meats!

The Nutritional Yardstick tells you to use three pats of butter or margarine daily for your growth and eyes (Vitamin A). But if necessary, you can catch up with hard, other fats and oils, avocados, mayonnaise, milk fat, peanut butter and milk. (Milk has enough butter fat for a child's growth.)

You can also save your precious bit of butter by substituting other kinds of fats for your gas range cooking. Use more shortening and cooking oil instead — they take fewer ration points. You can use clarified bacon and ham fat for frying and flavoring vegetables, soups, legumes, spiced cakes and cookies. And for other cookies and cakes — use clarified chicken or turkey fat.

How to clarify fats

There are two methods of clarifying — (1) to start by melting fat to which raw potato is added; (2) to start by adding 2 cups of cold water to 1 cup of cold fat. In both methods, heat the mixture gradually. When it ceases to bubble, strain through a double thickness of cheesecloth placed over a wire strainer. Place in a metal or glass container and refrigerate.

Save fats for salvage!

Fats are needed for ammunition! So beef, lamb or pork fat should be strained to remove any foreign particles, and stored in your refrigerator. When you have stored up a pound, turn it in to your butcher for cash.

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# Former Students, Now in Service, Correspond With Teacher, Writing News About Army Life

## LETTERS DISCLOSE KEEN INTEREST IN HOME TOWN

As one of her contributions toward the war effort, Miss Irene Mills of the Torrance high school faculty has been doing her bit as unofficial "morale" officer to former students now in the armed services. She writes brief notes to as many of her ex-students as she has addresses and periodically encloses copies of the "Torrance News Torch," student publication. Evidence that her effort is appreciated is to be found in every reply—as these excerpts prove:

**CORPORAL REGGIE F. SMITH**, at Camp Young near Indio: "I received your swell letter and T.N.T. and I sure enjoyed both of them. . . I was on guard duty last night and walked from 2 to 7 this morning. There were millions of stars in the sky. It's a funny thing but when a soldier gets off by himself like that he begins to dream. And it is not the big things he dreams about—it is the little things that he did, things that he never thought anything of when he was home. I guess us soldiers really just live in our dreams."

**STAFF SERGEANT TAKASHI K. YOMURA** at Camp Crowder, Mo.: "I have been receiving your messages and encouragement regularly. Having hardly anyone to write me from back there now the news is certainly revealing and interesting. . . It's been 26 months from the day I was drafted in February, 1941. . . Had a furlough in March, going to New York and Chicago. In Chicago I had a partial family reunion meeting with my two brothers, Ko and Harry. . . New York is a good place for servicemen since much of the entertainment is free and the scope of the entertainment field is great and when one is confined to such a place as this area in Camp Crowder he can certainly appreciate the contrast."

**PRIVATE JOHNNY REYNOLDS** "somewhere overseas": "I have been receiving your letters and the T.N.T. regularly. How do you manage to write to all the boys in service and keep up with your teaching? I hope when this is over we can all get together and swap tales."

I would like to get some of that good California weather and if and when we get back I am going to spend most of my time on the beach, getting some of that sunshine."

**SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES HERLETT** at Camp Wolters, Texas: "A lot of things have happened, both good and bad. Louis Madore (reported missing in action Jan. 21, 1943—Ed. note) and I were real buddies in school and later out of school and when I heard about him—well, I'll always remember what a swell buddy and friend he was. All of us now in service from Torrance high will try and keep up to his standard of a soldier and finish the job he started. . . My wife and I had a wonderful trip on my leave after graduating from Officers' Training School when we visited Washington, D. C. . . Just yesterday I picked up the phone and called a number that had been left for me and to my amazement it was my father who was in Mineral Wells and our getting together was the first in 10 years—so Uncle Sam has been moving me pretty conveniently—so far."

**CORPORAL FRID BAKER** near Nashville, Tenn.: "I've been in Florida on small maneuvers and now I am in Tennessee for the real big one. . . Most of the fellows are wishing to get called for a little boat ride. You see, most of us have been in for 10 months and some of them even longer. Yet there's men who have been in the Army only two or three months and are now in action somewhere. That makes a lot of us fellows a little on the mad side."

**PRIVATE CECIL POWELL** in New Guinea: "I was rather surprised and also very pleased to receive your letter and I also thank you for sending me the school paper. It has been so long since I left the old school that I had lost all touch with things of that nature. I can't always say that I was the best of pupils but I did enjoy the life of a school boy even if I didn't show it in my conduct. . . I am still on top of the soil of New Guinea and feeling rather well. So far I have never run across any of the boys from home. I used to see Roy Hayes in Australia once in a while and also Victor Bailey. . . I see by the local paper that most of the old students have done rather well by themselves in the services. Torrance ought to be pretty proud of her boys."

**PRIVATE ROY SHIMATSU** at Fort Bliss, Texas: "I have just got back from five days out in the range—five days without chives and baths. We sure look like hermits. . . I sure wish I could see the California flowers. I kind of miss the smell of roses and sweetpeas and the others. In Texas here there isn't many flowers. There is hardly nothing here but sand."

**PRIVATE T. H. LARA**, stationed at Petersburg, Fla.: "Having a wonderful time on special duty in Denver, Colo. . . Write and send paper. Tell me when the school annual comes out. I thank you for sending me the paper. I want to hear of what is happening back in school."

**PRIVATE WALTER HAMMAN** at Camp Wallace, Texas: "Every soldier lives for Sundays, chow and mail call. When I received your letter I wasn't a bit surprised because Ben Prime wrote to me and told me that he received one from you and I knew then that I would too. . . Our Looey's (lieutenants) are O. K. but the non-coms are a bunch of swell-headed yardbirds."

**PRIVATE RAFAEL DUARTE** in the Army Air Forces at Atlantic City, N. J.: "I was indeed happy to hear from you and to receive the good old T.N.T. It really made me feel good, reading my school paper again after having been out of school for some time. Now that I am Uncle Sam's nephew it makes a great deal of difference. Every little line of writing means a lot to a soldier, especially if it's from his hometown."

**PRIVATE WILLIAM S. JOLLEY** at Chanute Field, Ill.: "I was very glad to hear from one of my teachers, even though I flunked two times in your class. The name that left Torrance

Jan. 19 was spread out all over the country. Among those present that I know was Bobby Golden who went to Abilene, Texas; Richard Thompson when I last heard was still at San Pedro waiting for a pair of pants, Clare Johnson went to Cheyenne, Wyo.; Richard Miller went somewhere South. . . I am studying teletype maintenance. It really is a whoop-a-roo of a course. The machine only has 3000 parts to it."

**CORPORAL MILTON H. CARLSON** at Roswell Army Flying School in New Mexico: "I was promoted last week and I am sitting on top of the world now. These promotions do a lot for a soldier when he doesn't expect it. I have worked for it and I am working hard as ever now. We are all working for one thing and that is to see the end of this war. None of us like it but we will have to make the most of it. . . I have heard of the hard work the fellows are doing across the pond and so many of us wish we were there too. But somebody has to train our flyers and I was picked as one of the many to do it so I will have to do my best and maybe some day I might be able to go and see some action."

**PRIVATE ROBERT CARLSON** at Keesler Field, Miss.: "I have been selected to be an instructor of electricity here. . . I would like to pass this on to the students at Torrance high. I wish I had taken more math

## Our Boys Prove Themselves . . .

If there is anyone in Torrance who entertains any doubt about the ability of former Torrance students to keep pace with boys from other parts of the country in the service of their nation, the reading of these excerpts should dispel such misgivings.

And if you cherish any suspicion that the service is not doing the right thing by our boys, read these brief paragraphs from letters to Miss Mills and you'll dismiss such an opinion. There's a mature, understanding grasp of the meaning of this war in these letters, and there's an undercurrent of an awakened spiritual consciousness that arrests your attention.

And one thing more: After reading these brief reports of Torrance servicemen's letters, you CAN'T SELL THOSE MEN SHORT! Whatever you can do to help them win the war—buying bonds, contributing to the Red Cross, giving a full day's work to your job every day, enrolling as a blood donor—do it gladly—FOR THEM!

in high school. I have had more good chances slip through my hands because I didn't know my math. . . Another thing is penmanship. When I see other people's writing it makes me ashamed that I didn't do more writing. . . Somebody ought to start students to help themselves in these things."

**CORPORAL TOM WILKES** at Roswell Army Flying school in New Mexico: "My job in this man's army is to train bombardiers. The classes are very large and they are pushed through very fast. This keeps us hopping around on three eight-hour shifts seven days a week. . . I am a

maintenance man on the Norden bombsight. I am considered a fully trained man and hope to get overseas duty. . . I am now a corporal. This happened on April Fool's day so I thought it was a joke at first, but they don't fool in this army. . . I can't say much about the bombsight that you haven't already heard over the radio or read in the newspapers but I can assure you that even though the enemy has captured the sight, they still won't be able to use it for at least two years. Tell the people at home not to worry because we still have one that hasn't reached the other side yet and that one really tops all the others."

**STAFF SERGEANT WILSON PAGE** in North Africa: "Several days ago it was exceedingly cold the kind of cold that cuts with razor sharpness. The wind was blowing all day long and penetrating right through clothing and all. That day I witnessed a sight that I don't think I will ever forget. While standing in the mess line, waiting to get my food, I looked over by the garbage cans and saw two little Arab children. They were standing by the can, begging the soldiers to put their garbage in an old tin can that they had. They were barefoot and for clothing wore only what looked like light blankets, which were badly tattered. Sights like this usually make a fellow think and ever

though we soldiers are not enjoying all the luxuries of life, we still have plenty to thank God for."

**AIR CADET FRED LINCOLN** at Santa Ana Army Air base: "Here I am at cadet classification center after two and a half long months of waiting. This work here is anything but a cinch but our efforts are rewarded every time we go to chow as we get some of the best food available in the world and prepared by very good chefs. . . Yesterday the Chaplain Corps came over and gave us a talk. One chaplain told us that the cadets should really practice their religion. He said this was not too much to expect of any gentleman. I have attended church once already."

## Wilmington Board Drafts Local Men

Seven Torrance men and two each from Harbor City and Lomita were inducted by the Wilmington draft board April 22, it was announced yesterday. They were:

Torrance: Jessie A. Dubbs, Blaine L. Huey, William C. Gunlock, Harry D. Gandsey, Robert H. Hazelwood, Albert E. Williamson and John W. Tetley. Harbor City: Blaine H. Adams, David D. Bustamante. Lomita: Willie L. McCombs, Ralph M. DeWeese.

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## Donald Nelson Is Keith's 'Dad'



Donald Nelson, WPB chief, wrote an article for a London paper and asked that the payment be turned over to an orphan's fund. He is the new "dad" of Keith, English lad of 3.

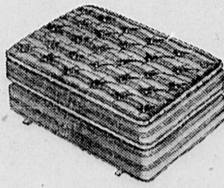
## Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9

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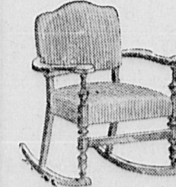
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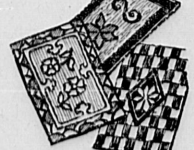
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