

Saluting the Men and Women  
of the National Supply Company  
on Achieving the Army-Navy "E"

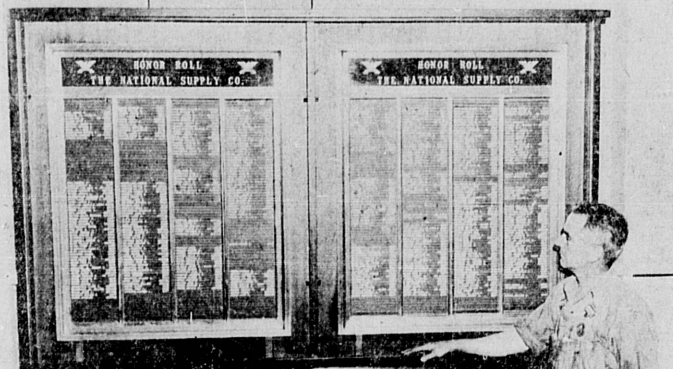
# TORRANCE HERALD

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SECTION B

Keep the "E" Flag Flying!  
Men and Women of National Supply  
Front Line Soldiers in Production!

## National Supply Counsellors Develop Diversified Recreation Program



SERVICEMEN LISTED—Here is the National Supply Honor Roll of employees who have joined the armed forces. Standing beside the bronze-bordered plaque is A. J. Hetzel, chairman of Local 128 of the Oil Workers' International Union, who unveiled it during yesterday's "E" award ceremonies.

### All Workers Eligible to Join Groups for Own Entertainment

Indicative of the wide range of employee interests and what's more important—an enthusiastic approach to the matter of worker morale—scores of National Supply counsellors are developing programs which are certain to result in many new recreational outlets for the wearers of the Army-Navy "E" award pins.

Already arrangements have been made for forming groups with mutual interests in just about everything from art to zoology. Plans are being made for regular meetings of the employee clubs and the entire program is to be carried out by the workers themselves.

The result of many weeks of research, surveys and conferences, this plant-wide recreational movement is getting keen attention from the workers—both men and women. While the counselling system is primarily for the benefit of National Supply workers, the assistance of the counsellors will be made available to other Torrance war plants who desire to start a similar program, it is announced.

#### Many Fields Open

Sports hold a high place in the National Supply recreation program but games are not the sole outlet for morale-building entertainment. There are a number of other fields being explored for club groups among the workers when they are off-shift.

Among these already planned are:

Business management, child care and nursing, three subjects of primary interest to women, are in charge of Margaret Voorhees, Counsellor Daisy Coleman is planning a group to make regular trips to places of interest and also to develop a group to study economic purchasing.

Elsie McDonald has volunteered her services as an instructor in physical education and also choral singing.

#### Cultural Groups

Bea Schumacker, one of the best of the National Supply organizers, is taking over study groups in child care and psychology. Helen Dickerson has indicated she would like to form a club interested in civilian defense and another in music.

Art, literature, music appreciation and applied psychology groups are to be directed by Margaret Dykes while Esther Carlson wants to form employees who are mutually interested in library activities, talks on current events, book reviews and organizing a lending library or book exchange.

Women's sports are not forgotten either in this National Supply recreation set-up. Daisy Coleman and Doris Wells are organizing soft ball teams for twilight games at the Torrance city park.

#### Sports in Progress

Feminine bowlers are well along with their sport. Eight teams of five girls each have been formed to play Mondays

### Well Done, You National Supply War Workers!

—EDITORIAL—

"Our fighting men, standing shoulder to shoulder with our gallant Allies, the British and French, have driven the enemy out of North Africa. In this victory, the munitions made by American industry, labor and management, played a very important role. There is glory for us all in this achievement."

This was the message General Dwight D. Eisenhower sent last week from his African headquarters to the men and women of American industry, commending them for their help in winning the battle of Tunisia.

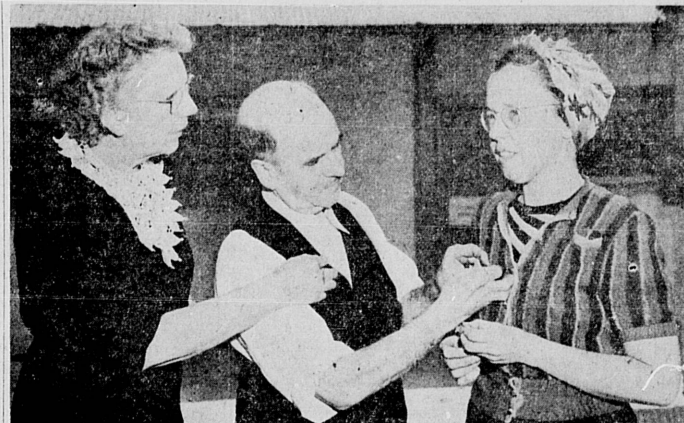
Coming direct from the battlefield, this tribute can well be accepted by the men and women of the National Supply Co.'s Torrance plant who yesterday were awarded the coveted Army-Navy "E" in recognition of their achievement in production of war materials.

Torrance has always been proud of its National Supply workers, many of whom have contributed generously to this city's development and welfare from the very inception of the community. We are especially proud of our National Supply men and women for their contribution to the war effort, and we are elated that they have received this recognition from the nation's military leaders.

Those of us who know the long hours of hard work and devoted effort that has been given in support of the boys on the battlefields join with the Army and Navy in saying: "Well done, war workers!" We are confident that National Supply workers will keep the "E" flag flying and will add to its significance by a renewed pledge of all-out effort.

In the first 12 months of the present war, 891,827 American troops were embarked for overseas duty as compared with 366,603 men in the same period of 1917-1918.

There are about 150,000 war refugees in Great Britain.



RECEIVE TOKEN AWARDS—This trio of National Supply workers personified the entire personnel at the Army-Navy "E" award ceremonies yesterday. They are Miss Calista Washburn, 23204 Eshelman ave., Lomita, who has been with the National Supply one year; Reese James,

Los Angeles, senior plant worker with 43 years of service to his credit, and Miss Georgia Farley, Los Angeles, senior office worker with 28 years of service. They received the token awards of lapel "E" pins from Lieut. Comdr. W. J. Willis, U. S. N. R., resident inspector of naval material.

### Pledge to Work Unceasingly for Men at Front Declared Renewed

"We are proud of every one of those men whose names are on our Honor Roll," A. J. Hetzel, head of the National Supply local of the Oil Workers' International Union said. "We won't let them down."

Hetzel, a resident at 1102 West 98th st., Los Angeles, is an assemblyman at the National Supply plant. He has been there six years, is married and has three daughters.

He was named to succeed the previous chairman of the union and last September was elected to that office.

"I believe that each worker of the National Supply approaches this occasion with two emotions," Hetzel said in accepting the Army-Navy award for his fellow workers and at the unveiling of the commemorative "Honor Roll" plaque.

"First, he has a feeling of pride in the knowledge that his production effort has been recognized by our fighting forces.

Secondly, and possibly more deeply, he is moved by a sense of humility springing from the consciousness that this recognition imposes upon him even greater responsibilities for the future.

#### Just Begun to Fight!

"When the war is over and we have won a true and lasting victory, the time will have come for exultation and celebration. Now is a time for re-dedication to the pledge that each of us made—perhaps unconsciously—at the first news of the bombing of Pearl Harbor—a pledge that we would give whatever it might take to win this fight against the enemies of our way of life; that we would work unceasingly to the end that who must die in this fight shall not die for the lack of the weapons we fashion.

"I know that I can say to you Army and Navy representatives for the workers of National Supply at Torrance—we have

### N. S. President Accepts Award

"The might of American industry is beginning to show and the tide of battle is turning," A. E. Walker, president of the National Supply Co., declared yesterday in accepting the Army-Navy "E" award from Col. Lawrence Ames, Army Air Force Material Command, Western procurement division. Walker's brief acceptance speech follows:

"Colonel Ames, the employees of the Torrance plant of the National Supply Co. are grateful for the honor you have bestowed upon them today. Truthfully, I am not the one who should be here to accept this symbol of loyalty to our fighting men in the far corners of the earth. It should be you men and women who work in this plant. Since all of you cannot stand on this platform, I can only say that this Army-Navy 'E' award belongs to you. It

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### Mrs. America Deserves 'E', or Maybe 'V.R.'

The public, says the Office of Price Administration, is "playing the game" and rapidly mastering the manifold problems of rationing. And the little lady who runs the house, raises the family and does all the jobs nobody else can do deserves most of the credit for bringing order out of chaos.

"We're getting in the groove," said the O.P.A. announcement, "and quiet, efficient little American housewives are largely responsible."

To say the least, Mrs. America deserves the Army-Navy "E." Or perhaps she ought to have a medal reading "V.R."—meaning Victory over Rationing.

### 'National News' Plans New Dress Employee Paper Will be Printed and Enlarged

"National News," employee publication of the National Supply Co., was originated by the workers of the Torrance plant in March, 1943.

Mat Libeu, editor, together with Bob McMaster, printer and Bernie Garbe, feature writer, literally "took the bull by the horns" and edited the long talked-of paper on their own time. Containing company news, sporting events and items of interest about employees, the first issue of the "News" was a three-page mimeographed paper but has since enlarged in news and interest until each employee now looks forward to the next issue of the paper which appears every two weeks.

Starting with the next issue, however, the "National News" will be published in printed form and will contain pictures, cartoons and more information than

previously. The staff, aided by the Industrial Relations Department, is endeavoring to put out a real paper for the employees and are including new and different features with each issue.

Among items of interest included in the "News" are articles on the production drive committee, employees' dance, Army-Navy "E" award, new buildings and improvements and credit union activities.

Contributors to the paper include: David Hardy, Harry Martin, Bob Proctor, Fred Eger, Danny West, Calista Washburn, Gay Snowbeck, Chester Stowell, Archie Peveley, Martin Loungren, Reggie Treator, Elsie Jackson, Ben Laughlin, Mrs. Pat Griswold, Jimmy Carlan, Alfred Willoughby, Bob McKenna, Margie Batovsky, Bob Lessing, Joe Eisenbrandt, Bob Wright and Gale Whittaker.

### Emblems Earned, Officer States

Presentation of the lapel "E" pins to the workers, as personified by Reese James, 43 years of service; Miss Calista Washburn, one year in the plant, and Miss Georgia Farley, 28 years at the office switchboard, was made by Lieut. Comdr. W. J. Willis, U.S.N.R. He is the resident inspector of Naval material at the plant.

Lieut. Comdr. Willis said: "It affords me great personal satisfaction to be allowed to present these emblems to the employees of the National Supply Co. through you, as their representatives.

"While of little intrinsic value, these pins are something which cannot be bought. They must be earned. You should wear them proudly, as you have earned them. They tell the

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### Trio Personifies Plant Personnel In Receiving Production Award

There are 72 years of loyalty and service to an industry represented in the above photo. —And the trio asserts there are many more years of good hard work in it yet but we hope they won't all be war years!"

Let's take them in the order of their seniority with the National Supply Co.:

There's Reese James—he admits being "past 65 years" and is very proud of his 43 years on one job. He has been a pattern-maker for 46 years but his seniority rating so far as the company records disclose dates from 1900 when he was with Partridge and Alford on North Main st., in Los Angeles. He started his trade with the Llewellyn Iron Works.

Son is Army Sergeant. Then he worked for the American Engine and Foundry Co. and later the Union Oil Tool Co. His next firm was Union

Tool and he became an "Eneisco" man when that firm was consolidated with National Supply. James has been at the Torrance plant since 1913.

He has been married for 30 years and is very proud of his son, Sergt. William Ellis James who is a classification specialist in a northern California camp. William was inducted shortly after he passed the State Bar examination and became an attorney. He was graduated from U.C.L.A. and attended U.S.C. Reese James lives at 444 West 45th st., Los Angeles.

#### "Voice" of National Supply

Then there's Miss Georgia Farley, senior office worker who has been plugging telephone calls for National Supply for 28 years. She has a host of friends who know her only by her clear, clipped voice and she has talked all over the county by long distance.

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### Fern Ave. School Nets 17 Tons of Paper in Drive

If they start passing out any "E's" for excellence in collecting waste materials, the Fern Avenue school youngsters, faculty and P.T.A. unit should be among the recipients.

The recent waste paper drive netted more than 17 tons of material!

That's a lot of reading matter and one ambitious amateur statistician figured it could wrap up the entire city of Torrance and still have enough left over to bundle up the Fern Avenue school building. Safe of the waste material netted \$81.58, it was reported.

### Musicians Sought for Orchestra National Supply Workers to Swing It Solid

One of the outstanding National Supply workers' recreational projects being developed at the Army-Navy "E" awarded plant here is the formation of an orchestra.

Gordon Harris of the payroll department, Clarence Smothers of the sales department, Mat Libeu, an inspector in the main shop, and Doris Wells, believe there is a lot of excellent musical talent to be found among the hundreds of workers who are performing daily symphonies in steel for the armed forces.

They intend to bring the musicians together and have issued a call for a new National Supply swing band to provide non-commercial entertainment for plant purposes only.

They would like to present the aggregation at the various em-

ployee picnics scheduled for this summer and perhaps enliven the rest periods with brief concerts. "We want musicians—especially those to play saxophones, clarinets, trombones, trumpets, cornets, violins, bass fiddles, pianos, violins, traps, guitars and any other kind of instrument," the four organizers announced this week.

"The plant orchestra will perform at employee programs if wanted and will go to any nearby place where our workers are gathered if transportation is possible. Don't be backward about trying out for the band because it will be new to all and none of us are artists.

"We can have a lot of fun together trying to work out something really good in the way of an orchestra."



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