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Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster Goes to S-Sgt. Klepper

Staff Sgt. Frank B. Klepper, 26, husband of Mrs. Beulah Klepper of 21610 Moneta ave., Torrance, Calif., has been awarded the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for the Air Medal, it was announced by the 15th Army Air Force Headquarters, Italy.

In the words of the citation, Sgt. Klepper was awarded the cluster "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy." A top turret gunner, Sgt. Klepper is stationed in Italy with a 15th AAF Liberator bombardment squadron which has been bombing Ploesti, Vienna, Steyr, Toulon and other vital targets in the network of German industrial centers throughout southern Europe.

A graduate of the University of California, Sgt. Klepper enlisted with the Army Air Forces on March 31, 1943. He has participated in 13 combat missions over enemy-held territory since his arrival in the Mediterranean theater of operations.

Service men's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.



ON WAY OVER ... Lt. Frank E. Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kelley, 917 Amapola ave., is en route to foreign battle fronts, according to word from the parents. The American Air Force pilot was last home July 5, and received his commission in April. He was distinguished for being copilot of the B-24 bomber which was responsible for the rescue of the Tonopah, Nev., airfield crew in another B-24 which had been forced down deep in the Grand Canyon this summer.

Josephine Boecker, Local Girl Is With Red Cross Unit on New Guinea; Tells of Hardship

Pioneering in New Guinea for six months, living in a tent and undergoing all the inconveniences of mud, rain, insect bites and a definite lack of luxuries, Josephine Boecker of Harbor City and other Red Cross girls have moved into a new Red Cross building near a large Army hospital.

Miss Boecker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Boecker, 1352 W. Lomita Blvd., is a former arts and crafts teacher at Foshay Junior High school, Los Angeles, who became a Red Cross rehabilitation worker.

Miss Boecker and four others have the job of maintaining patient morale by arranging shows, games, musicales and providing books and comforts for men in one of the largest hospitals in New Guinea which is built on a plateau overlooking jungle and sea.

Last month she boosted the morale of some movie morale builders, sharing a fruit cake from home with Frances Langford and another girl in the Bob Hope troupe. Jack Benny's troupe performed earlier this month at the hospital, but Josephine's fruit cake long ago had gone the way of all good things to eat.



PREPARING CHOW ... Somewhere in the Marshall Islands, Marine Technical Sergeant Thomas R. Olsen, whose wife, Mrs. Veronica Olsen, lives in Harbor Hills, Lomita, is pictured here preparing "chow" for the fighting men of the Fourth Marine Air Wing. Sergeant Olsen has the reputation of serving the best "chow" in the Marshalls.

S-Sgt. W. R. Page Rounding Out 22 Months Overseas

Staff Sgt. Wilson R. Page, 1723 Arlington ave., Torrance, Calif., is rounding out his 22nd month of overseas duty with a 12th Air Force B-25 bombardment group, which entitles him to wear three gold bars on the left sleeve of his service coat, blouse, jacket and shirt.

According to a recent directive by the War Department, each member of the United States Army is authorized to wear an additional gold bar for each six months period spent overseas.

Sergeant Page's B-25 bombardment group has been fighting in the Mediterranean theater for 20 months, backing the attack through Tunisia, Sicily and Italy. At present it is concentrating on vital Jerry supply lines and communications routes in France and northern Italy.

And they make flour for fried cakes out of dried fish. Bananas grow profusely, but I have not seen pineapples as yet. A very popular fruit similar to our cantaloupe is called "popo."

"The natives are not hostile, but at the same time they are not given to work. Of course, they are employed but much of their time is devoted to singing, it seems. Their needs are so few that money has little or no meaning, which makes wages very low. There is no such thing as a store, aside from the army clothing depots and post exchanges. The post exchange is only open for a few hours a day and there is so little to buy one is simply forced to save his money. The boys dream of beer and Coca-Cola, which they have not seen for ages. However, the fruit juices and good wholesome food are quite plentiful. Army mess is, in fact, so wonderful that I expect soon to get very fat. The mess hall is a nice cool building, completely screened in. Fortunately, it is equipped with Fridgidaire's. It is a strange sight to see electrical equipment such as washing machines and irons out here in these surroundings.

"Transportation here is quite well developed, thanks to the army engineers. Jeeps and duck boats are indispensable and are amazingly maneuverable."

Miss Boecker is a graduate of San Pedro High school and UCLA.

I. L. Eckersley Is Attending Diesel School

Ivan L. Eckersley, 32, 1020 Amapola ave., Torrance, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Eckersley, was enrolled recently in an intensive course at the Diesel Naval Training School located on the campus of the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Selection to attend the specialty school is based on results of recent training aptitude test scores. The course of study includes the use, operation and maintenance of diesel engines. A theoretical phase is concerned with diesel engine theory, electrical fundamentals and machine shop operation.

Upon the successful completion of the course the Bluejacket will graduate and receive recognition as eligible to qualify for the petty officer rate of motor machinist's mate third class.



AIR MEDAL ... Sgt. John P. Dunlop, of Torrance, has received the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" on B-17 Flying Fortress bombing attacks on installations in enemy Europe.

A top turret gunner, he has taken part in six combat missions. The citation accompanying the award read in part: "The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this enlisted man upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Sgt. Dunlop, 28 years old, attended high school in Torrance. Before entering the Army April 6, 1942, he worked for the California Shipyard at Terminal Island.

JACK CHRISTENSEN, a chief ordnance man, serving in the South Pacific, is convalescing from an appendectomy, according to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Christensen.

THOMAS FRANK NUCKLES ... a seaman, 2/c, who recently enlisted in U.S.N.R., arrived last week at Naval Air Base, Jacksonville, Fla., to begin training as an air combat crewman. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Nuckles of 2115 Arlington ave.

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