



T-Sgt. Russell Shot Down, Gets Back to Lines

Life moves fast for the boys in the American Air Forces overseas. T-Sgt. Fred Russell, Torrance High school boy, can testify after being shot down between the lines in France, making his way to Allied lines, going back into the fight, and wearing the Distinguished Flying Cross as well as the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

According to his mother, Mrs. Reta Russell, formerly of Torrance, who lives at 754 11th st., San Pedro, the 20-year-old crewman on a Flying Fortress has had enough missions over enemy territory in Europe to win a stay and probably a trip



home, perhaps in November. The former student coach in track and football at Torrance High has been in the service since Jan. 19, 1943. He had his basic training in St. Petersburg, his gunnery training in Las Vegas, Nev., and Sioux Falls, S. D., and his combat training in Texas. He was in England by May of last year and got right into the fight. He was made a technical sergeant on June 2, 1944.

In June of this year his Flying Fortress was shot down over France, between the lines and in the midst of rifle fire from both sides. The crew, with only one wounded, made the English lines and returned to their base in England.

T-Sgt. Russell, who would have graduated with the February, 1943, class at Torrance High, but who received his diploma anyway, is a brother of Frank Russell, foreman at Rubbercraft Corp., who resides at 1528 215th st., Torrance.

James E. Herlett, a 1st lieutenant serving with a tank corps, has arrived in France and is about 100 miles behind the enemy lines, according to his mother, Mrs. R. J. Smith of 2426 Cabrillo ave. His wife, Katherine, and their infant daughter, Judith, arrived here recently and are living in Los Angeles.

H. G. Cotton, an officer candidate at Fort Benning, Ga., will be joined this week by his wife, Kathleen, and their three-year-old son, Walter, who left Tuesday evening for Columbus, Ga., to make their home until he leaves for overseas duty. He will receive his commission Dec. 13.

William Malin, a gunner's mate in Merchant Marine service, was recent host to his mother and his sister Betty when they visited him in San Francisco.

Two men wounded, Sgt. Kenneth Burpo, U. S. Marine Corps, of Torrance, and Sgt. William M. Goswold, of the Marines, residing in Harbor City, both are listed as wounded in action by official reports, presumably in the Pacific theatre.

IS CONVALESCENT: R. M. Rogers is convalescing from an emergency appendectomy which he underwent at Torrance Memorial hospital Wednesday of last week.

DOROTHY BREAU VISITS: Dorothy Breau of Hynes

Local Men are on Harbor-Built Craft With Record In Pacific War



FIFTY-ONE MISSIONS. . . . Capt. Glendon J. Buer, Mustang pilot, was just awarded the Bronze Star, for "outstanding service," as assistant operations and oxygen officer in a squadron of the Ninth Air Force's Pioneer P-51 Mustang fighter group. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Buer, 25118 Narbonne ave., Lomita, Calif. His wife resides at 1667 W. 251st st., Harbor City, Calif. He has 51 missions over enemy Germany to his credit. Capt. Buer has an FW.190 to his credit. He shot it down while on a fighter sweep north of Paris. His group, which has destroyed 415 enemy planes in eight months of combat, was recently awarded a Presidential unit citation.

Pvt. R. W. Shaar transferred to Kentucky Station. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Henderson of 25838 Cypress st. have received word that their son-in-law, Pvt. Richard W. Shaar, has been transferred from Camp Lowrey, Texas, to Breckinridge, Ky., and that he has received his army postoffice number, so expects to be going overseas before long.

AT NEW HOME. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miles have moved to 1921 222nd st. Servicemen's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.

A locally-built frigate manned mainly by Los Angeles area Coast Guardsmen and reservists who have participated in several actions in the South Pacific is commanded by Lt. Comdr. Kenneth C. Tharp, 42, U.S.C.G., a Texan who adopted Los Angeles as his home city. He is a brother of Mrs. Irene Reynolds, wife of Frank C. Reynolds, customs inspector, 24601 Cypress st., Lomita.

The four officers and 20 enlisted men from the Los Angeles area who are serving on the frigate feel the vessel is rightly "just another suburb of Los Angeles" and before long they expect to extend the famed "city limits" to the Philippines and Tokyo.

Tharp is a veteran of 23 years service in the Coast Guard and formerly commanded the cutter Atlania and a Coast Guard transport. Under overhaul now after an operational shake-down cruise of three months, during which they participated in landings at Hollandia in Dutch New Guinea and at Wakje and Biak Islands off the New Guinea coast, the Los Angeles is enthusiastic over the sea-worthiness and design of the fighting ship built at their home port.

At Hollandia they arrived 7 days after D day while Jap artillery was still in action on shore. At Wakje on patrol duty they saw American and Japanese tanks stage a battle for one of the air strips.

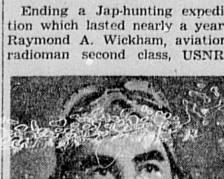
At Biak Island gun crews got their first taste of action joining in a tremendous barrage of anti-aircraft fire that brought down a number of Jap bombers attempting to knock out LST's landing supplies.

The Reynolds' son, Robert, 18, called to active Navy duty last June 29, is a "V-12" medical student at Willamette University, Salem, Ore., having had a year in medicine at Compton Junior College.

AT THORSON HOME. Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Bacon and Joan of Torrance, Mrs. Earl Imme and Mrs. William Miller of San Pedro, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Thorson of Lomita.

RETURNS TO SCHOOL. John Lawrence Hughes, who has been visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Ida Hughes of 1318 Madrid ave., has just returned to school at St. Catherine's Military Academy.

Wickham Was In Eight Strikes Against Guam



Ending a Jap-hunting expedition which lasted nearly a year, Raymond A. Wickham, aviation radioman second class, USNR, served as warrant officer on a Liberty ship in the Pacific for the past nine months, has been visiting his wife and two children at their home, 1837 W. 250th st., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shafer, of 1833 W. 240th st.

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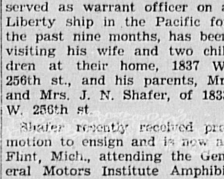
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Sgt. Meacham Gets Distinguished Unit Citation



A blue and gold Distinguished Unit Citation ribbon has been presented to Sgt. Paul Meacham, 1006 Satori ave., Torrance, a radio mechanic on AAF P-38 fighters, of the older (15th) AAF Fighter Group.

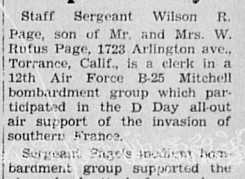
This P-38 Group was cited for its participation in the first long range low-level strafing attack ever carried out. On Aug. 25, 1943, the P-38s of this group flew over 1,000 miles to strafe

the Foglia, Italy, air field and accounted for the destruction of 88 enemy aircraft, which was more than half of the total destroyed by the three P-38 groups on that day.

In an impressive ceremony held on the advanced F38 base in Italy, Brig. Gen. Iwan C. Strother, Commanding General of a 15th Air Force fighter wing, tied the blue citation ribbon to the group colors and the ground crews of the P-38 fighters marched in review before him.

The group, commanded by Col. Robert B. Richard, Visalia, Calif., has scored over 400 aerial victories in 1,000 missions over enemy territory. It was one of the first fighter groups to land in England and began operation in the European Theatre in July,

S-Sgt. Page Was in Action Over Europe 'D' Day



Staff Sergeant Wilson R. Page, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rufus Page, 1723 Arlington ave., Torrance, Calif., is a clerk in a 12th Air Force B-25 Mitchell bombardment group which participated in the D Day allout air support of the invasion of southern France.

Sergeant Page's mobility bombardment group supported the air-sea-land attack from a base in Corsica and worked in close

contact with the American and Army Air Force bombers, fighters and troop carrier aircraft. The B-25 Billy Mitchells had bombed German targets in southern France for 11 days prior to D Day, knocking out gun positions, destroying communication and transportation facilities and otherwise softening the German ground forces.

This B-25 bombardment group has figured in every major operation through Tunisia, Sicily and Italy.

1942. Since then it has participated in the invasion landing in North Africa on D Day, November, 1942, and has taken part in every major campaign in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

Carsonmart advertisement with various food items and prices. Includes sections for Meats, Breads, Dairy, and Specialty Foods. Total price list includes items like Ground Beef (29¢/lb), Pork Sausage (33¢/lb), Beef Roast (23¢/lb), etc.

Life Blood advertisement for 'All Out Registration Week' from September 11-18, 1944. Features a woman and a child, with text promoting voting in the California election.

MONEY TO LOAN advertisement for Residential and Income Properties. Contact: LINCOLN SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, Phone Michigan 4335, 615 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, Calif.

BY CNPA SERVICE PROCLAMATION. Believing that every American regardless of political affiliation has the duty as well as the right to vote and that the obligation to participate in public decisions increases in wartime, I hereby urge the citizens of every California community to make a final effort to increase our state registration by September 28. The right to vote one's own convictions is a principle of democracy for which men are now offering their lives. We have properly shown concern over the right of these fighting men to vote and have adjusted our state laws to increase their opportunity. We must now add to their confidence in our management of the home front by assuring them of our full participation in the decisions which lie ahead. This is a trust which they have placed in our hands for they are fighting for an ideal in government which imposes responsibility upon all and permits the expressed will of the majority to become the program of all. September 28 being the final day for registering for the November 7 general election, it is important that every person qualified to register in California be urged to do so immediately. For this reason, I, Earl Warren, Governor of California, do hereby proclaim September 11-18 inclusive, with the exception of Sunday, September 17, as REGISTRATION DAYS in California and do hereby urge all citizens to join in a drive to make California's registration totals added proof of our full assumption of wartime responsibilities. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this sixth day of September, A.D., one thousand nine hundred and forty-four. (Signed) EARL WARREN, Governor of California. Attest: Frank M. Jordan, Secretary of State.