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## R. N. Homans Is Commander Of V.F.W. Post

Richard Norman Homans, World War II veteran, has been elevated to commander of Torrance Post No. 3251, Veterans of Foreign Wars, as a result of the resignation of Commander James Judge, who is going to New York to reenter the customs brokerage business.

Homans, cafeteria manager at National Supply Co., was senior first vice commander of the post, and officers were elevated one step at Judge's resignation, according to Adjutant L. E. Stanley.

George T. Spaulding is senior vice commander, and a junior vice commander will be elected at the meeting of Dec. 14, when the post and auxiliary meet for the first time in the Civic Auditorium and annex.

"It was with regret that the officers accepted the resignation of Comrade Judge, as he has done some wonderful work for our post," Adjutant Stanley said. "Comrade Judge will retain his membership in the Torrance post in order to represent the post at the next national convention, which will be the first time this post has had any representative at a national convention."

When you are in need of stationery, commercial or personal, call Torrance 444 or 445.

## David Babcock To Head Red Cross Drive

David T. Babcock, business executive, will serve as volunteer chairman for the Los Angeles area 1945 Red Cross fund-raising campaign, starting Mar. 1, according to Gurney E. Newlin, chapter chairman.

This marks Babcock's second consecutive year in this capacity. Babcock and other Red Cross campaign leaders will outline plans for the 1945 drive at a gathering Wednesday night in Chapter House auditorium, 1200 S. Vermont ave., to which branch fund committee and press chairmen have been invited.

## Enlistments In Seabees Open In 12 Trades

Openings for enlistment in one of the Navy's most colorful divisions—the fighting Seabees—were announced today by George Saunders, Sp(R)1/c, petty officer in charge of the San Pedro Navy recruiting station.

The Navy construction battalions had been closed to enlistment for nearly a year. Most of the men to be enlisted must be skilled workmen in any of 12 trades, and those who qualify will be given first and second class petty officer ratings, the Navy announcement said.

Those particularly sought are winchmen, hatch bosses, stevedores, draftsman, surveyors, carpenters, all types of shipfitters, and heavy equipment operators, Saunders declared.

Men within the ages of 18 to 38 can enroll through voluntary induction, with assurance that they will be assigned to the Seabees or retain their previous draft status, Saunders explained. To follow this procedure, applicants should report first to the Navy recruiting office in the basement of the Federal bldg., Ninth and Beacon sts., San Pedro, he added. Men over 38 can enroll through voluntary enlistment.

## Torrance Man Dies in Fall From Truck

Salvador C. Salgado, 37, of Torrance was killed early Monday, Dec. 4, when a truck in which he was a passenger collided with a car at 113th and Main sts.

George Wunderlich, 33, also of Torrance, told officers a car swerved in front of him. He turned sharply to avoid striking the automobile and hit a parked car. Salgado, a Mexican national, was thrown from the truck and suffered fatal injuries.

**MOBILE LIBRARY**  
Mobile field libraries, trucks fitted out as complete libraries which travel on a regular weekly schedule to isolated Army units, are now being operated

## John L. Pearce Is Decorated

Cpl. John L. Pearce of 24648 Moon ave., Lomita, a radio mechanic with a heavy bombardment group, is now entitled to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge.

At an impressive ceremony at its base somewhere in Italy, Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, commanding general of the 15th Army Air Force, pinned the streamers of a Distinguished Unit on the standard of the 460th bombardment group for its "outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

The citation which accompanied the presentation of the streamers, read in part, "On July 25, the 460th bombardment group was assigned the task of attacking and destroying the Zwolfaxing Airdrome installations at Vienna, Austria, which were being used for the assembly of ME-109's. Throughout the day and night prior to the attack, the group crews worked untiringly and enthusiastically to have their aircraft at the peak of mechanical perfection to insure the success of this vital operation."

On July 26, this group of B-24 Liberator bombers took off as lead group of a wing formation and set course for the target. Attacked by 30 enemy fighters, the gunners threw up such a curtain of lead that the attack was broken off. Adverse weather conditions forced the bombers to bomb at a lower altitude than usual, subjecting them to intense and heavy anti-aircraft fire. Although three bombers were lost, two so badly crippled they had to leave the formation and others badly damaged, the gallant crews pressed the attack and inflicted grave damage to the objective, depriving the enemy of one of his most important fighter assembly and repair bases.

## Driver License Renewals Urged At Early Date

Motorists of Torrance and Lomita, with drivers licenses expiring in January or February, 1945, today are urged by the Department of Motor Vehicles to renew them now in order to avoid delays during the annual registration renewal season beginning Jan. 2.

The law authorizes such renewals 90 days in advance of expiration dates. There is no charge for renewals.

Director Gordon H. Garland explained that the present manpower shortage in the department makes it necessary for many of the drivers license examiners to assist in the registration renewal work during January. He asked all drivers to look at their licenses and see when they expire.

out of the Ninth Service Command library depot, Presidio of San Francisco, California, Xenophon Smith, command librarian, announced today.



AT LUKE FIELD... A/C Walter H. Smith, 19, son of Mrs. Grace Smith of 2436 Cabrillo ave., is now stationed at Luke Field, Arizona, in advanced training. The former Torrance high school athlete was certified as the outstanding physical specimen in his basic training class. A brother of 1st Lt. James R. Herlett, missing in action in Europe, he worked for the Torrance Herald as a carrier at one time.

## Out-of-State Car Licenses Must Be Checked Now

War workers or other non-residents who have come to Los Angeles county during 1944 with motor vehicles registered in other states were requested today by the local officials of the Department of Motor Vehicles to go to the nearest department of office and determine whether they will be required to register their vehicles in California when the annual registration renewal season opens Jan. 2.

Such persons were asked to bring registration certificates, evidence of title and other documents pertaining to their vehicles in order to determine whether they are in proper form. This action, it was stated, may save them considerable delay and inconvenience and, possibly, the payment of delinquent penalties.

Inasmuch as reciprocal regulations governing the registration of motor vehicles vary widely in the several states, it was suggested all such documents be checked at the local office to make sure additional information will not be required.

Department officials estimate approximately 850,000 persons have entered California in non-resident vehicles since the beginning of this year.

Registration information may be obtained at branch offices maintained by the department in all the principal cities of the state and at all sub-stations of the California Highway Patrol.

## Townsend Club No. 1

By LOTTIE WADE

Torrance Townsend Club No. 1 will hold a business meeting on Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. It is desired that all members be present. One important order of business will be the plans for the Christmas party as well as coming election of officers.

The birthday party was attended by an exceptionally large crowd. There were 12 honorees at the birthday table, which was decorated with candles and a huge birthday cake. This was the largest number ever seated at a birthday table. There were three couples of men and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. Chancy, Mr. and Mrs. Klop and Mr. and Mrs. Woodard. Both Mr. Woodard and Mrs. Wise received gifts for being the oldest honorees. After saying happy birthday, every one present enjoyed the birthday cake, jello and coffee. Games were played, prizes given for high scores, also booby prize and door prize. Dancing was enjoyed for the remainder of the evening.

**63,000,000 TONS MOVED**  
Approximately 63,000,000 ship tons of supplies and 4,000,000 troops were transferred from the United States to 127 overseas ports in a 31 month period, the Ninth Service Command Transportation officer was informed today at Fort Douglas, Utah.

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## Combat America, Gable's Film, To be Shown

The first showing in Torrance of the film "Combat America" made by an Army Air Force Combat Camera Crew under the direction of Major Clark Gable will take place in Torrance Civic Auditorium tonight in a joint meeting of the Rotary club and Kiwanis club, with invited guests present.

It is being shown by the 18th AAF base unit, motion picture unit of Culver City, through arrangements made by Harvel Guttenfelder, member of the Rotary Club.

Its first public showing was at the Minneapolis-Honeywell Corp., on Nov. 15, when employees had a chance to see the film. The government has restricted its showing to war plant employees and civic clubs such as Rotary and Kiwanis.

Opening at a flying field in Colorado with the final inspection of the 40 men who fly the fortresses and the 3600 who keep them flying, the film records step-by-step their journey to England, from their last look at the desert mountains and fields of America to their first early morning glimpse of the Irish coast and a lake in the Oyster Highlands. When the heavy fortresses settle down to their new base and become a part of the Eighth Air Force "Combat America" takes up the story of the crews and the gunners; showing how they live, how they fight and how they rest.

Motion picture combat reports have been widely used in aerial gunnery programs of the Army Air Forces and actual combat footage has proven one of the most successful devices for training men in the exacting technique of today's air war. "Combat America" was produced at the command of General Henry H. Arnold, commanding general of the Army Air Forces, as an orientation film for gunners training to serve in the European theater of operations.

When Major Gable was ordered to England in April, 1943, a camera crew consisting of Capt. Andrew J. McIntyre, first cameraman; Lt. Howard Vess, sound technician, and M/Sgt. Robert Boles, operator, was assigned from the 18th AAF Base Unit to assist in this production. Capt. John Mahin, writer, joined the crew in England.

Combat footage was obtained by Major Gable, Capt. McIntyre and M/Sgt. Boles on bombing missions over Nazi Europe for which they were awarded the Air Medal. Returning to the United States in November, 1943, they were assigned to the 18th AAF Base Unit for completion of the film.

## STORKatorials

Born at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week were children of the following:

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Donald Meredith, 1308 Greenwood ave., a girl, born Nov. 29 at 1:56 a.m.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Holm, 1614 213th st., a girl, born Nov. 30 at 2:41 a.m.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hacker, 2530 Lucille st., Lomita, a boy, born Dec. 4, at 7:44 p.m.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne MacIvor, 2436 1/2 Lomita blvd., a girl, born Dec. 2 at 11 p.m.  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller, 2314 Torrance blvd., a girl, born Dec. 5 at 8:50 a.m.

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—ALSO—  
JEANNE CHAIN  
—IN—  
"IN THE MEAN-TIME DARLING"

## Eight Lomitans Join Seagoers

Eight Lomita men sailed to Catalina Island this week to begin training in the U. S. Maritime Service. Willard Brown, 25316 Ebony Lane, and Richard Merz, 1944 W. 27th st., were included in one group, according to Lt. (jg) J. F. Grunden, regional enrolling officer at 514 West Sixth st., Los Angeles.

Six other Lomitans men enlisting are: Robert Dearborn and Paul Dearborn of 2158 Pacific Coast Highway, Kenneth Lockman, 1730 265th st., Rex Elper, 25388 Pennsylvania ave.; Edward Mock, 2441 254th st., and Ralph Townsend, 1055 204th st.

At the famous resort, the men take a two-weeks cruise aboard the "American Seafarer," Maritime Service training vessel, and then are ready to qualify for their new jobs aboard the merchant ships which are playing such a vital role in winning this global war.

According to Lt. (jg) J. F. Grunden, regional enrolling officer at Los Angeles, enrollment is now open to all men, 17 to 50, who are anxious to sail in America's great Victory Fleet.

## Temporary Lunch Shelter Planned At High School

Plans for a temporary shelter to protect Torrance high school students from the weather when they eat their luncheon are being made, according to H. E. Perry, principal.

The affair will be used even after a new cafeteria is constructed at some future date when materials are available.

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