Few Receive Medal of Honor From Government

The nation's highest military award—the Medal of Honor—has been awarded by the War Department to only 68 officers and enlisted men for valor in the present war, it was announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah, headquarters of the Ninth Service Command.

The award, popularly known as the "Congressional Medal", is made in the name of Congress. It is given to military personnel for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life"—a deed which left undone would not subject the man to criticism.

Recommendations for the award must be approved by the War Department or an officer in the rank of brigadier general or higher. In addition, an eyewitness report must accompany the recommendation.

Quail hunting continues good with experienced hunters taking bag limits in Kern county area.

SEABEES PLAN OBSERVATION OF THIRD ANNIVERSARY, TORRANCE MEMBERS SAY

Two Torrance men in the Seabees, serving overseas, have sent the Torrance Herald an item of commemoration of the birthday of the U. S. Naval Construction Battalions on Dec. 28, 1941.

The men are John W. Parker, MM2/c, 35th Naval Construction Battalion, FPO, San Francisco, and L. W. Pascoe, EM1/c, 116th Naval Construction Battalion, FPO, San Francisco.

The item reads:

"The third anniversary of the 'workingest, fightingest bunch of men' in the nation's armed forces, the Navy Seabees, will be observed on Dec. 28, by 240,000 officers and men of the United States Naval Construction Battalions.

"Born just three weeks after the Pearl Harbor district, with an authorized strength of 3,000, the Seabees won their spurs at Guadalcanal and have been with the assault troops in every major American amphibious operation. They can now boast that they built the network of air and naval bases in the Pacific that pushed the Japs back 8,000 miles; that they developed amphibious equipment and techniques that helped carry the day on the African, Sicilian, Italian and Normandy beachheads.

"Every commissioned construction battalion is either currently overseas or has completed a tour of duty; many battalions are on their second tours. Seventy-six percent of the Seabees are now outside continental limits of the United States; only 9,000 essential men have never seen foreign service.

"As General Douglas MacArthur wrote in a letter to Seabee chief, Vice Admiral Ben Morrell, 'The only trouble with your Seabees is that you don't have enough of them'."

ARTHUR F. BASILE . . . a private, stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., will be host to his wife, Virginia, who left recently to join him for the holiday season.

VON BERGENS ARE DINNER PARTY HOSTS

Mr. and Mrs. Von Bergen entertained at dinner Thursday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Bud Tolman, recently arrived from Utah; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grow of Huntington Park, and Mr. and Mrs. Bart Christensen of West Los Angeles.

A SAFE MINIMUM

Some eyes need more light than others, of course. Nevertheless research has given us this safe minimum to go by: For reading, studying or other moderate eye work a lamp should be equipped with a bulb or bulbs totalling not less than 100 watts.

DANIEL F. ORDWAY . . .

has been advanced to torpedoman 3/c at his base in the South Pacific, according to his mother.

SAVE THE 'WINDFALL'

No matter how small the dab of butter or margarine left on the plate save it. This "windfall," as they call it, is kept in a covered container in the refrigerator and used for cooking.

Mihalow's Group Gets Second Citation

Cpl. Joseph M. Mihalow, son of Mrs. Sylvia Mihalow, 265 E. 62nd st., Los Angeles, is serving as a communications clerk with a heavy bombardment group, which recently was awarded a second War Department citation for outstanding performance in the Mediterranean theatre of operations.

He is now authorized to wear an Oak Leaf Cluster on his Distinguished Unit Badge. This second citation was for a daring and successful attack on the Concordia Vega oil refinery at Ploesti, Rumania. The first was for an attack on the railyards at Bucharest, Rumania, during which 40 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

At Ploesti, despite an unusually heavy smoke screen which had caused other units of the attacking force to seek alternative targets, his group stayed on its course and dropped its bombs on the refinery with exceptional, devastating accuracy. Three bombers of the group were lost to the heavy anti-aircraft fire of the enemy.

The twice-cited unit is commanded by Lt. Col. Jack L. Randolph of Fort Worth, Tex. It has made more than 175 attacks against widespread targets in the crumbling Nazi empire.

Mihalow's wife, Josephine Mihalow, lives at 1621 W. 219th st., Torrance.

There is a big run of striped bass on in the San Joaquin river and in the Mokelumne river.

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