



TORNANCE

Heroes

AREZ, LOUIS.
OKS, KENNETH
CE, CLAUDE
AWAY, ARCHIE B.
VEZ, DARIO
UR, JEROME P.
URN, GEORGE H.
W, FORD, DOUGLAS
N, NINGHAM, DAN E.
IEL, JAMES K.
LIN, FRANCIS
ES, THOMAS
JOHN JUNIOR
RES, NESTOR Q.
EY, JOHN JR.
TER, JOHN W. JR.
ILTON, CHELSEA B.
MELL, JACK CHAS.
N, SON, ESSE LEE
ES, FRANK F.
ES, HERMAN W.
OP, LOUIS T.
KEL, RUBEN E.
DY, GARLAN C.
TON, JAMES
LE, ROBERT T.
N, LT. WILLIAM
INE, LT. VLADIMIR J.
EN, RICHARD
ER, ARTHUR T.
NINGTON, R.
KETT, MILO
E, THERON E.
WEN, JAMES F.
GGIN, FRED
SEY, LT. FLOYD
HART, EVERETT V.
IBLER, CLARENCE
NER, LT. EUGENE
ATSU, AKIRA R.
H, ADDISON
H, J. GAR
BLOK, ROBT. M.
CKER, EUGENE F.
DUVE, TED
ELL, ROYCE W.
SON, EARL W.
Y, WALTER C.
OX, IVAN H.
KS, CHARLES W.



★ NESTOR FLORES.

Cpl. U.S.A.
Nestor Flores, husband of Gus-
dalupe Garcia Flores and son
of Mrs. Victoria Q. Flores, was
killed in action the week of
April 25, 1945, in the European
theatre of war. Surviving him,
in addition to his widow and
his mother, are his brother
Joseph, and his sisters, Mrs.
Mary Louise Jimenez and Miss
Gloria Flores, all of the home
address.



★ ROYCE TIDWELL.

Private, U.S.A.
Royce Tidwell, son of Mr. and
Mrs. T. F. Tidwell of 1600
216th st., died as a result of
an automobile accident near
Fort Knox, Ky., while on duty
in a military police unit. He
was born in Texas and came
to California in 1923. He grad-
uated from San Pedro High
School with the winter class of
1934. He later toured the States
and Canada, performing in an
aerial act for which he was
quite well known. He met and
secretly married Miss Sandra
Byrd, an actress from Canada,
on June 14, 1940.



★ TED T. TANOUYE.

T/Sgt. U.S.A.
Ted T. Tanouye of the 42nd
Regimental Combat Team was
killed in action in Italy, Sep-
tember 6, 1944. His parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Nikuma Tanouye,
are at the Rohwer Relocation
Center, McGehee, Ark. Ted
graduated from Torrance High
School in 1933 and entered the
Army in 1942 at Fort MacAr-
thur. He was a sales clerk in
Torrance before entering the
service.

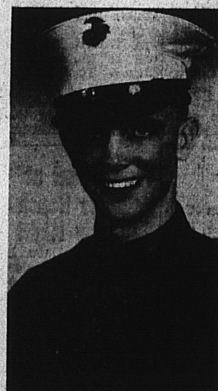
★ THOMAS DILKES.

Motor Machinist's Mate, 2/c,
U.S.N.
Thomas Dilkes, husband of
Mrs. Ann Ford Dilkes of 20710
Doble ave., was killed in ac-
tion in the South Pacific in
November, 1944, according to
a telegram received from the
Navy Department.



★ JOHN FESS JR.

Fireman 1/c, U.S.N.
John Fess, Jr., son of Mr. and
Mrs. John Fess of 1729 Arling-
ton ave., was killed in action
December 7, 1941, at Pearl Har-
bor. He was the first service-
man from Torrance to be killed
in the World War II. His brother,
Lieut. Kenneth B. Fess, A.
A.F., also survives him. He
was born in Torrance and was
graduated in the winter class
of '38.



★ ARTHUR THOMAS PARKER.

Private, U.S.M.C.
Arthur T. Parker, son of Mrs.
L. E. Trucks, formerly of 3617
174th st., was killed in action
in the South Pacific, February
5, 1943, after serving one year
in the U. S. Marine Corps. He
was born in Bovina, Texas, and
had attended a Texas military
school.



★ FRANCIS W. DIETLIN.

Torpedoman's Mate 3/c, U.S.N.
Francis W. Dietlin, son of Mr.
and Mrs. William Dietlin of
2202 Arlington ave., was killed
in action and buried at sea.
Francis attended Torrance High
School and worked as a press-
man for the Automatic Print-
ing Co. before going into the
Navy. Others surviving him
are two brothers and a sister.
He had served one year and
nine months in the Navy.

★ CLAUDE BRUCE.

Staff Sergeant, A.A.F.
A brother of Mrs. Marie Fried-
ly, of 1912 Arlington ave., was
killed in a glider crash at Dal-
hart, Texas, on January 25,
1943. A resident of this city
for two years prior to his en-
listment in the Army Air
Forces, in June, 1942, he is
survived by seven brothers
and sisters.



★ FLOYD F. RAMSEY.

Lieut., A. A. F.
Floyd Ramsey, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Charles F. Ramsey of
2262 251st st., was killed in a
plane crash in Germany, No-
vember 13, 1943. He had served
from June 9, 1943 to November
13, 1943. Also surviving him is
his wife, Mrs. Jacqueline Ram-
sey. He was a popular Nar-
bonne football star.



★ CHELSEA B. HAMILTON.

S/Sgt. U.S.A.
S/Sgt. Chelsea B. Hamilton,
23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver
B. Hamilton, 26821 Cayuga st.,
Lomita, was killed in action
Nov. 24 on Leyte. Young Ham-
ilton had lived in Lomita and
Walteria for 10 years, was a
graduate of the '39 class of
Narbonne high school, and
worked for Rubbercraft Corp.,
Torrance. He was awarded the
Silver Star on Sept. 1 for "gal-
lant in action."



★ HERMAN W. JONES.

Pfc., U.S.M.C.
Herman Jones, son of Mrs. Ar-
thur Barnett of 815 Cota ave.,
died March 2, 1945, on Iwo
Jima of wounds received in ac-
tion. He was born in Lomita
and lived there until 1933 when
he moved to Torrance. He grad-
uated from Torrance High
June 1939. He was employed
at Shell Refinery in Win-
nington at the time of enlistment,
but was formerly employed at
Torrance Safeway Store. He
had served one year in the
U.S.M.C.

★ AKIRA ROY SHIMATSU.

S/Sgt. U.S.A.
Staff Sgt. Akira Roy Shimat-
su, Torrance High School grad-
uate, was killed in action in
Italy on July 16, 1944.



★ EUGENE SHANER.

Lieut., A. A. F.
Eugene Shaner, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Charles Shaner of 1622
Crenshaw blvd., was reported
missing August 17, 1944, and
his death was confirmed De-
cember 13, 1944. He was a
graduate of Torrance High
School and lived in Torrance
11 years prior to entering the
Air Forces in which he served
one year and eight months. He
also leaves two brothers, Ed-
ward, an Army X-Ray techni-
cian, and Bill, a senior in Tor-
rance High.



★ GARLAN C. MOODY.

Seaman, 1/c, U.S.N.
Garlan C. Moody, son of Mr.
and Mrs. V. W. Moody of Tor-
rance, was killed in action in
the South Pacific area on April
12, 1945, after serving two
years and nine months in the
Navy.

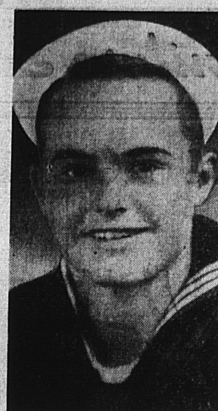


★ JOHN FOLEY, JR.

John Foley, Jr., son of Mr.
and Mrs. John D. Foley of
3401 Spencer ave., was killed
in action July 4, 1944, in the
invasion of Europe. He had
served in the Army for more
than two years. His wife, Lou-
ise Foley of El Segundo, also
survives him.

★ ARCHIE B. CARAWAY.

First Lieut., A. A. F.
Archie B. Caraway, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Samuel Caraway of
1348 W. Carson st., was killed
May 3, 1945, when two B-24
Liberator bombers collided in
the air near Liberal, Kans. It
was said in the press dis-
patches that one other officer
and one enlisted man died in
the crash.



★ EARL W. WATSON.

Flight Officer, A. A. F.
Earl W. Watson, son of Mrs.
Martha W. Evans, 1214 El Pra-
do, was killed in a plane crash
August 14, 1941, near London,
England. A native of Santa
Monica, he graduated from
high school there. He was at-
tached to the British Ferry
Command. In addition to his
mother, Flight Officer Watson
is survived by his wife and
one son, who live at Coronado.



★ LOUIE F. ALVAREZ.

Pfc. U.S.A.
Louie F. Alvarez, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Andres Alvarez, 2234
W. 203rd st. in the Pueblo,
was killed in action on Luzon,
recently. Louie left Torrance
High School to enter the
Army March 14, 1943, and
trained at Fort Knox with an
armored unit.



★ ADDISON SMITH.

Chief Quartermaster, U.S.N.
Addison Smith, son of Mr.
and Mrs. W. T. Smith, of 2215
Andree ave., was killed in ac-
tion in the Pacific Area May
9, 1945. Surviving him besides
his parents are his wife, Louise
Smith, 24331 Lucille st., Lo-
mita, and his small son, born
in 1944. He was a graduate of
Torrance High School with the
class of Summer '38 and had
been in the Army since April
of 1940.



★ FRED QUAGGIN.

Chief Engineer, U.S.M.S.
Fred Quaggin's death was con-
firmed after he had been de-
clared missing in action on
July 7, 1943. He died when the
ship on which he was serving
was torpedoed. Surviving him
are his wife, Emma, and his
three children. He was award-
ed the Mariner's Medal post-
humously.



★ RICHARD LOWELL O'BRIEN.

Pfc., U.S.A.
Pfc. Richard Lowell O'Brien,
20, son of Mrs. W. E. O'Brien,
San Pedro, formerly of 1301
Crenshaw blvd., was killed in
action on Luzon, on April 25,
1945. Inducted in March, '43,
the serviceman had been over-
seas since September, '44.



★ VLADIMIR J. OBIDINE.

Lieut., U.S.A.
Vladimir J. Obidine, husband
of the former Joan Ramskill,
of this city, to whom he was
married January 1, 1944, was
killed in action in France on
August 25, the same year fol-
lowing one year's service. A
son of Mr. and Mrs. William
Obidine of Eagle Rock, he had
attended U.C.L.A., where he
was an outstanding football
player.

★ FRANK J. JONES.

S/Sgt. U.S.A.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. James
Jones, was killed in action on
Leyte, on October 1, 1944. He
had flown in bombers over
Northern Africa, Sicily, South-
ern Europe and Germany. His
wife, Mrs. Marian Jones, also
survives him. He had served
14 months in the U.S. Army.