

# Important Announcement to the Consuming Public and Retail Store Employees

**SAN PEDRO, WILMINGTON & TORRANCE**

Retail Establishments of the Harbor Area, San Pedro -- Wilmington and Torrance Re-Opened for Business on Thursday morning in compliance with orders issued by the 10th Regional Labor Board.

All Sales Personnel and other Employees of the various stores are earnestly requested to report for duty in further compliance with orders of Governmental Authority.

We Thank the Buying Public of the Harbor Area for their indulgence and patience during the time Retail Establishments were forced to curtail usual operation of business, and with the passing of V-J Day, Resolve to Serve the Public with Greater Values, the "Old Fashioned" Prewar Courtesy and Prewar Service to Which All of You are Entitled.

## REMEMBER

—ALL RETAIL STORES IN SAN PEDRO, WILMINGTON AND TORRANCE RE-OPENED FOR BUSINESS ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 16TH...

## EMPLOYEES

—ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT FOR DUTY.

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## Front Line Veteran



Sandy, a German shepherd military dog, trained at the San Carlos center, comes down a ship's gangplank with his master, Maj. Charles W. Simms, after four months of front line duty in the Pacific. Sandy's record includes saving two American lives and killing seven Japanese as a scout dog on Leyte and Luzon. Discharged and de-trained, the dog will guard Major Simms' year-old son, Charles Jr., at his Washington home.

## Heavies Will Meet in Arena In Redondo

The 640-pound Blimp will wrestle the Indian Tiny Roebuck who weighs 325, at the Redondo Arena in Redondo Beach, Saturday night. Promoter Dave Landau has ordered extra seats for the capacity crowd who have made reservations to see the mat monstrosity. Roebuck, the giant Choctaw Indian from Haskell University in Lawrence, Kansas, claims that after he gets through pinning the blimp's shoulders to the mat, the arena will have to hire a derrick to raise him from the floor of the ring. Popular Vic Christy will also be on the card against the rough Czech Angel in two out three falls — 90 minutes, and Barney Rogers, New York State champion will meet Babe Sharkey the Texas champ, two out three falls — one hour.

## VerDuft's Unit Preparing to Return Home

After two years service overseas in Great Britain, France and Luxembourg, the 398th Engineer General Service Regiment has arrived at Camp Chicago, near Reims, France, for redeployment, out of the theatre.

Engaged in camp construction in England before D-Day, the unit was rushed to France when Cherbourg was captured and stayed working on the reconstruction of the harbor during the summer and fall of 1944. It later moved into combat position with infantry units along the Moselle River on the German border when Von Runstedt attacked. After the Nazi drive was reversed the engineers returned to construction work and rebuilt several hospitals.

Members of the unit include Pfc. Lile L. VerDuft, 927 Arlington ave.

## Jap Voodoo



A charm, apparently conjured up to ward off Jap attacks, was discovered on a beach near Okinawa by U. S. Third Fleet planes during a recent raid. Representing a coin used 300 years ago, worth about a penny, the characters (from top to bottom) give the period of the coin. Those left to right spell currency. The square in the middle represents a hole in the coin, which is hung on modern Japanese doors to keep evil spirits away.

## ENJOYS LEAVE

Carl L. Joyce, fireman, 1/c, arrived Saturday for a 15-day leave from duty in the Aleutians to join his wife, the former Doris Armitage, at the home of her parents, 1217 1/2 Cota ave. At the conclusion of his visit he will report at San Pedro for reassignment. His leave follows 13 months service.

## MALNUTRITION

Visiting at the Hague, Holland, Salvation Army officers of the relief team soon discovered the extent of malnutrition among the people. Many were unable to leave their beds, owing to weakness from lack of food. Sweet liquid porridge was distributed or taken to those too weak to get out of bed.

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



COAST GUARD officers every day are proving how effectively the smaller naval vessels purchased with the help of War Bonds can clear the seas of enemy submarines. Comdr. David H. Bartlett of San Diego, Calif., recently was awarded a Navy medal for maneuvering his Patrol Frigate in such a manner that it brought about the destruction of a Jap undersea attacker. Other commanders of small vessels are doing highly efficient work.

## Japanese Aggression Ambitions Date Back to 1898, Colonel French Says

## Man Shot In Sheep Pen On Local Property

Joseph Hilburn, 24, discharged veteran, was in Sawtelle Veterans' Hospital Tuesday recovering from 20-gauge shotgun shell wounds received at 2:45 a.m. Monday in a sheep pen at 21735 S. Main st., the Vermont ave. sheriff's substation said.

Angelo Donatoni, owner of the sheep, said he was awakened by noise in the pen and went out to investigate. He ordered Hilburn to stop and then fired, hitting him in the legs. Hilburn was given first aid at a Torrance hospital.

Hilburn told police officers that he was taking a short cut home. He gave his address at 210837 Marguerite st.

## K. C. Tharp Returns After Pacific Duty

Lt. Commander K. C. Tharp, recently returned after 14 months of almost continuous operations in the South Pacific, is with his wife the house guests of his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Reynolds, 24904 Cypress, Lomita. The lieutenant and his wife motored here from Houston, Texas, shortly after starting his 30-day leave.

Commander Tharp was in command of an escort destroyer in many New Guinea landing operations among which were Hollandia, Wakde and Biak. The commander also reported that his destroyer was in the original Philippines invasion and recently shot down five Jap suicide planes. "Where the action was hot!"

His ship narrowly escaped a Jap suicide try during this action. Despite the heavy barrage sent up by the crew the plane dove through and missed the destroyer by only a few feet.

Lieut. Tharp will return to duty September 1 and will be stationed at Long Beach.

## Teachers Asked To Apply For Jobs Thursday

Teachers interested in employment in the local schools or those of the Harbor area may interview special representatives of the Los Angeles school board at Torrance Elementary school on August 23. They should plan to be present at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Assistant Superintendent Webb of the personnel division of the schools states that "simplified procedure has been approved by the board permitting all arrangements to be completed at Torrance Elementary school at 220th and Marina sts."

Special arrangements have been made whereby teachers may qualify if they have two years of successful public school teaching experience or two years of appropriate college education.

The Japanese had designs on Pacific Islands at the time Admiral Dewey sank the Spanish fleet in Manila Bay in 1898, and began fortifying the islands secured by League of Nations mandate from Germany after World War I as early as 1935, in contemplation of war with the United States, Torrance Kiwanians were told Monday night by Col. John C. French, U. S. Army (Ret.), who saw much foreign service in the Pacific prior to his retirement.

Colonel French, who is coordinator for Brig. Gen. Victor R. Hansen, the adjutant general, in the Southern California area, California State Guard, declared that the intentions of the Japanese being as they were, early organization of the California State Guard to protect vital installations, shipyards, refineries, rubber and chemical plants, and other units was highly justified. He said that the State Guard had played a vital role in the defense of this area, and that possibility of sneak attack by the Japanese existed up to a few weeks ago.

Colonel French, a personal friend and West Point classmate of General Douglas MacArthur and General Joseph W. Stilwell, recently retired as commanding officer of the Southern California area of the State Guard. He was one of the organizers of the State Guard's old Fourth Regiment, which included the Torrance area.

He paid high tribute to Torrance's Company H, and to its commander, Capt. R. L. Lewellen, and said that the need for the maintenance of the State Guard after the war is clearly demonstrated daily. He said that it will be a force to protect life and property in all cases where the local authorities are unable to cope with situations as they arise. This will be accomplished by appeal to the governor by local authorities, and explained that federal forces can be used to protect life and property only after the state's resources are exhausted.

President Ryan Daggett presided over the meeting, and Dean Sears announced that the club will meet Aug. 27 with Inglewood Kiwanians. The group will meet with Lomita on September 4, the day after Labor Day.

## RETURN FROM VISIT

Mrs. Jane Johnston Miller and daughter have returned from Lincoln, Neb., Officers' Replacement Center, where they had been visiting Lieut. James F. Miller, administrative officer. Mrs. Miller reports that her husband will leave soon for Cambridge, Mass., where he will enroll at Harvard Statistical school for a two months course.

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