Army Officer Reenlists As Master Sergeant

"I've been offered some pretty good civilian jobs, but when I figured out all the potentialities, the Army had the most to offer a former officer."

This was the conclusion of Franklin T. Burgess, 1217 N. 254th st., Harbor City, who has just re-enlisted in the Army as a master sergeant.

Burgess was discharged last month as a first lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps, after serving overseas for 41 months. He served in both the Pacific and the European theaters.

"I have a wife and child," Burgess said, "and I want them to have more security than was guaranteed by any civilian job offered me. As a master sergeant in the Army I can give them that security.

"But in addition to the low-cost insurance, the best of medical care and other features, I will actually earn more money—more cash for myself and my family—than I could in the best civilian jobs offered me.

"There will be no withholding tax, which makes such a large inroad on the salaried civilian's pay envelope, all my living expenses will be paid and we will be able to save a tidy sum for the future."

Recruiting office for harbor area located in San Pedro, Room 3 of the Postoffice bldg. Telephone Terminal 3-2986.

IT'S MASTER SERGEANT . . . Franklin T. Burgess now, as former first lieutenant reenlists in the Ordnance Corps of the United States Army. Burgess (left), whose wife and daughter reside at 1217 254th st., Harbor City, is shown being sworn in by Lt. Richard P. Honig.

BETSY ROSS CLUB TO MEET TUESDAY

Betsy Ross Club will meet at Masonic Temple on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 12:30 o'clock. Mrs. Rolive Bever and her committee will have charge of luncheon arrangements and in the absence of Mrs. Mildred Edwards, president, Mrs. Inez Allen, first vice-president, will preside at a short business session.

Liquor Dealers Sign Up With Clerks' Union

A threatened pre-holiday closing of liquor stores today had been avoided with signing of a new contract with the Retail Clerks union, its leaders announced. A new wage scale gives liquor store salesmen $60 for a 48-hour week and sets $85 as the minimum wage for managers. Previous scale was $45 a week for clerks. The new contract will apply to 30 stores in San Pedro, Wilmington, Lomita and Torrance.

With reopening of Dunlap's store in San Pedro, five stores in that city and two each in Wilmington and Torrance today remained closed in the prolonged dispute with the clerks' union. Stores still closed include all branches of the J. C. Penney firm. Signing of a contract with the Dunlap store was announced Monday by the retail clerks' union.

RFC Official Denies Bohn Deal Charge

The Reconstruction Finance Corp. continues its search for a bonafide buyer for the aluminum extrusion plant located at 190th and Western ave., operated by the Bohn Aluminum and Brass Co. during the war, according to Hector C. Haight, Los Angeles RFC official.

Haight said that his agency does not intend to dismantle machinery nor cancel an $80,000 annual electrical standby payment to the City of Los Angeles. He denied the building would be used as a warehouse as charged by L.A. Councilman E. J. Davenport. The government wants to sell or lease the plant, he said.

Five Western States Are To Aid In Search And Rescue For Plane Crash Victims

The residents of every farm, village, town and city in California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Idaho are being asked to assist a new search and rescue program of the Fourth Air Force which has been organized to save the lives of flying personnel who crash or parachute from their planes, Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale, Commanding General, Fourth Air Force, has announced.

If you see a plane crash, call the police, sheriff or state highway patrol immediately giving them the details of the incident, the location and your name and address. They will forward the information to the proper Army or Navy authorities.

Residents of these five western states can also help in locating missing planes. Currently a wide-spread search is continuing in the Fourth Air Force area for two B-24 heavy bombers missing since Nov. 1. On that date four of the huge four-motored aircraft took off from McChord Field, Wash., enroute to Portland, Ore. Later one of the planes landed at Arcata, Calif., and a second at Redmond, Ore. Nothing has since been seen or heard of the other two planes.

If you have any clue as to the whereabouts of these planes forward your information to the nearest law enforcement agency who will send it on to the Fourth Air Force search and rescue organization, the 475th AAF Base Unit.

The 475th has its headquarters in San Francisco with the Fourth Air Force and controls search and rescue activities throughout the five western states and coordinates searches with the Navy, Marine and Coast Guard units. The organization is under the command of Col. Alfred V. Walton.

Since the Fourth Air Force emergency rescue program was first established in Sept. 1944, 931 persons have been rescued. Many of these were due to tips and phone calls from residents on outlying farms and small towns.

There must be not a balance of power, but a community of power; not organized rivalries, but an organized common peace.
—Woodrow Wilson

Police Say Clarence Clark Has Charmed Life

Death missed Clarence Clark, 2063 Lincoln ave. by a small margin Dec. 10 when his parked auto was hit by a car driven by Carl P. Pursche, 2403 Redondo Beach blvd.

Police report that Clark was preparing to enter his car with an arm-load of groceries when it was struck and knocked 15 feet from its original position. Only minor injuries were sustained, it was said.

Pursche said that another car making a "U" turn caused him to swerve his car into Clark. He was not held.

Hospital Cases

The following patients were admitted to the Torrance Memorial hospital, among others, during the past week.

Frank Barber, 23875 Park st.

Miss Beverly Hopkins, 1503 Amapola ave.

Miss Eva Hernandez, 1333 W. 259th st.

Miss Violet Thompson, 1515 Acacia ave.

Mrs. Iva Wisham, 21320 S. Western ave.

John Williams, 2326 El Dorado.

The true grandeur of nations is in those qualities which constitute the true greatness of the individual. —Charles Sumner

Two-Car Crash In Hynes Involves Local Residents

In a two car crash at South st. and Orizaba ave., Hynes, W. R. Harris, 21930 So. Western ave., driver of one car, and Marion L. Atkins of Tulare, a passenger, were injured when Harris' car crashed into the rear of another car driven by Dorothy Ingersoll, 2442 Pacific Coast Highway.

It was reported by police that after Harris' car had struck the other auto, it ran off the highway through a fence, coming to a stop on a resident's lawn.