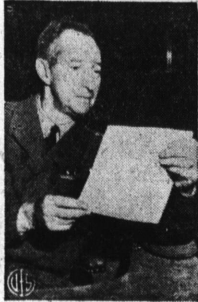


Lt. Col. Myron E. Page Assigned To 578th Combat Engineers By Army Crenshaw Blvd. To Get County Aid, Says Darby

Lt. Col. Myron E. Page, C. E., U.S.A., has been assigned as civil engineer instructor for the 578th Combat Engineers, California National Guard, stationed at Torrance, and arrived here Saturday to investigate his new assignment. On a 45-day leave, he will assume his new duties late in July.



LAMBASTS SOVIET—Gen. Mark W. Clark, here to assume command of the 6th Army on the Pacific Coast after serving as Commander in Chief in Austria, accused Russians with confiscating Austrian industries, farm products, livestock and other resources in violation of the Potsdam Agreement.

Buy More Land For Western Ave. Extension

Five more parcels of land have been purchased by the City of Los Angeles for the extension and improvement of Western avenue, it was revealed this week.

Los Angeles is handling all right-of-way purchases on the transaction, acting as agent for Torrance and the County of Los Angeles under an agreement made many months ago.

The five parcels just bought are valued at \$3,641 and are in the Lomita-Harbor City area. They are the northeast corner of 254th st., for \$478; the south-east corner of 253rd for \$540; the northeast corner of 257th for \$790; the northwest corner of 252nd for \$645; and the south-west corner of Lomita Blvd., for \$1,188.

The Los Angeles city engineer's office said purchases of land for extending the harbor artery from 182nd to 260th st. are proceeding satisfactorily, but declined to estimate what per cent of the right-of-way has been obtained.

ARCADIA PASTOR ON PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY BOARD

Among the six members of President Harry Truman's advisory commission on universal training, is Dr. Daniel Poling who is pastor of the Philadelphia Temple Baptist church, Arcadia, and recently conferred with the president at the White House. He is a brother of Dr. Charles S. Poling, pastor of Community Presbyterian church, Arcadia.

Colonel Page has been residing in Glendale, and is one of 14 officers of the Sixth Army assigned a year ago to schools at California Institute of Technology, Pasadena. He will receive his degree of Master of Science in Civil Engineering at coming commencement exercises. He is a graduate of University of California and was commissioned in the regular Army on July 1, 1938, following his graduation.

He wears the pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon and campaign star, having served in the Philippines with the 14th Engineer Combat Battalion up to a month before the fall of the islands. Later he served in the Aleutian campaign and Alaska with the 813th Aviation Engineer Battalion and the 11th Air Force engineers.

With Mrs. Page and their two children, Colonel Page moves to Torrance as soon as suitable accommodations are found.

Colonel Page will supervise general activities and training of the 578th Combat Engineers, commanded by Lt. Col. Davis W. Campbell of Manhattan Beach. His task will be to see that the troops of the 578th are trained in modern army warfare and ready for action at an instant's notice. He will be assisted by two regular Army non-commissioned officers permanently stationed in Torrance.

Units of the 578th now are being organized, the headquarters and service detachments already having been federally recognized. Company A, the first line company, is being organized in the South Bay area.

Headquarters have been set up in the administration building at Torrance Municipal airport, and buildings from Fort MacArthur are to be moved to a 15-acre site on the airport, which will serve as an armory until a new building is constructed.

Recruiting is being conducted daily on Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings at the headquarters and in Torrance ball park state armory. Also at the American Legion hall in Redondo Beach on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All men selected immediately go on the payroll and receive \$2.50 a drill for privates, or more for men of higher grades.

All types of technicians, motor equipment operators and others adaptable to engineering are needed with non-commissioned grades awaiting them, it was said.

LONG BEACH MAN ARRESTED FOR MOLESTING GIRL

Harry H. Stewart, 69, of Long Beach, charged with molesting a 2-year-old girl, was arrested Saturday in Lennox by deputy sheriff. He allegedly grabbed the little girl and pulled her into his car in the vicinity of the 10900 block on Acacia st., Lennox.

Police records show that the man was recently released from a mental institution in South Dakota.

Extension of Crenshaw Blvd., south of Sepulveda Blvd., to 101 highway will have county assistance, Supervisor Raymond M. Darby, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, has told the Torrance City Council.

One thing which has been holding up the project, it was said, is the elimination of the "jog" at 101 highway. Crenshaw Blvd., enters Palos Verdes hills at a point some 3,000 feet west of the proposed southerly extension of the artery.

Engineers of the county road department and City Engineer G. M. Jain are working on a proposal to route the highway through the southeasterly part of Torrance Municipal Airport and thus eliminate a great portion of the "jog." Government permission will be needed, it was said.

Army Barracks Buildings Will Comprise Armory

Three huge two-story 50 x 150 foot Army barracks buildings will be moved from Fort MacArthur to Torrance Municipal Airport to comprise the temporary armory of the 578th Combat Engineer battalion, California National Guard, it was announced this week.

Meanwhile, at the request of the Torrance City Council, headquarters of the 578th will be moved to the administration building at the airport on Saturday.

City officials and representatives of the 578th Combat Engineers have selected a site for the armory at the airport which will in no way interfere with the operation of the field, fulfilling a promise of more than a year ago that the city will provide land for use of any National Guard unit stationed in Torrance.

The combat engineer battalion will be equipped with a large motor pool, heavy equipment for construction and road building as well as the arms necessary to carry them into conflict at a moment's notice, it was said.

Moving of the headquarters of the state armory in Torrance Ball park which was built by men of Company H, 39th Regiment, California National Guard, from Army barracks materials. The armory housed the company throughout the war and its disposition has not been decided upon, according to Major R. L. Lewellen, assistant executive officer of the 578th who commanded Company H for several years.

Enlistments will be taken daily at the headquarters on Torrance Municipal airport, and each Tuesday and Thursday evening, South Bay area men, who will comprise Company A, 578th Combat Engineers, may enlist each Thursday afternoon at the American Legion building in Redondo Beach.

Considerable interest in the National Guard is being shown by 17-year-olds and others who have not had training, in view of the universal military training law which is proposed, according to Major Lewellen.

First Graders To Be Registered For School July 22

Registration of children of pre-school age (kindergarten) and beginners in the first grade will take place at the four elementary schools of Torrance on Tuesday, July 22, according to Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull.

The registration is being arranged at that time, Superintendent Hull said, so as to make adequate preparation for the beginners, and to save the voters of the district the necessity for making two trips to the schools this summer. The election on the proposal to increase the school tax by 50 cents per \$100 assessed valuation will be held that day.



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