

### Lomita Man With Army in Germany

Army Specialist Second Class Francisco Espino Jr., 25, whose parents live at 2466 W. 248th street, Lomita, Calif., recently participated in an 11-day field training exercise with the 10th Infantry Division's 85th Regiment in Germany. The exercises are designed to test the combat efficiency of troops stationed overseas.

Specialist Espino, whose wife, Rosemary, is with him in Germany, is an aidman in the regiment's Medical Company. In the Army for more than eight years, he arrived overseas on this tour of duty in November 1955.

# Inventor of Non-Tearable Stencil Awarded \$46,000 After 4 year Court Battle

Four years ago, the inventor of the non-tearable stencil sued the biggest mimeographing firm in the country for \$50,000 in back royalties and \$50,000 damages. This month, shortly after his 63rd birthday, the court ruled that the firm must pay him \$46,000 in back royalties. So stated Almon A. Heath, 2619 182nd st., who has devoted his life to the perfection of this duplicating process. The \$46,000 judgement was found against the A. B. Dick Co. of Chicago, said to be the largest mimeographing firm in the country.

He had to give up illustrating and worked at a number of jobs, including teaching. He struggled along, barely making a living, all the time experimenting with ideas which would improve the duplicating process which had begun to interest him more and more.

**Invents Photostatic Pencil**  
In 1923 he invented a photostatic pencil. "It didn't catch on then," he recalls. "It was too early and the idea was too far ahead of the times."

Not until 1937 was he able to devote himself fulltime to the dominating challenge of his life.

The decision was made June 18 in the US District Court, sub to appeal within 30 days.

**Mustard Gas Victim**  
Before World War I, Heath was following a successful magazine and book illustrating career. But with the coming of the war, he went into the army only to emerge the victim of mustard gas.

This cost him his eyesight for a period of two months and affected his health permanently.

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perfecting the duplicating process. In 1937 he opened the Heath Filmed Stencil Products firm, for the production of a duplicating stencil which revolutionized the stencil process, Heath explains. Until then, the greatest problem with stencils was that the type would chop out portions of the stencil. Heath's invention caught on and was in demand among duplicating users all over the world. He is now planning to bring out his latest and final invention—a writing plate for stencil work which will permit the individual to make illustrations and draw freely on a stencil without tearing it. At present this work requires about 30 styluses for different shadings, he said. His invention will enable individuals to accomplish the same thing with one stylus simply by using this particular writing plate which will prevent the stencil from tearing.

### Toastmasters to Discuss Parliamentary Procedure

Torrance Toastmasters club opened the summer season last Tuesday evening with 22 members and guests attending. Speakers introduced by Toastmaster Harold Briggs were: Neil Campbell Aubrey Gray, Bill Lashbrook, Virgil Steele and Bud Nilsson. Neil Campbell was voted best speaker of the evening.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 2, at 7 p.m. at the Fish Shanty in Walteria. Frank Gorbett will be Toastmaster and formal speeches will be given by Edwin Wheeler, Dr. Warren Low, optometrist, Robert White, Mac Thorington, and Scott Albright.

The program will include an instructional talk on "The Elements of Parliamentary Procedure." Free printed material will be offered, to all attending, on the subject matter covered by this lecture. Persons desiring knowledge on this subject are invited to attend. There is no obligation to join Toastmasters as these programs are offered in the spirit of public service. Additional information on the club's activities may be obtained at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

### Water's Fine

The local water situation is back to normal again, according to Water Superintendent Angus McVicar. McVicar said that residents should remember to go easy on the water during the hot parts of the day whenever there is a heat wave.



HARRY DRAKE  
... firefighter dies  
Stratton Photo

### Fireman Succumbs

A Torrance Fire Department guard of honor in dress blues paid last respects to Engineer Harry G. Drake, 39, of 2830 Onrado st. who died Thursday at the UCLA hospital where he had been undergoing treatment for a lung ailment.

Funeral rites were held at Halverson - Leavell mortuary here.

Drake had been troubled by persistent respiratory difficulties since he was overcome by chemical fumes while helping to put out a blaze at United Sulphur co., 1811 W. 213th st., on June 13, 1953, fellow firefighters said.

He was a graduate of Puente High school, coming to Torrance in 1945. He joined the Fire Department in October, 1948. Prior to that he worked for the Naval Annex in Torrance.

A veteran of World War II, he served as chief petty officer, fire division, with the Coast Guard.

Surviving him are his widow, Kathryn Ann, and a step-daughter, Christine, 9.

### Bud Stone Wins Prize For Drawing

Bud Stone, 1520 West 203rd St., won first prize for his drawing in the "Repair Handbook" section of the fourth annual Technical Illustrators' Management assn. art exhibit at the California Museum of Science and Industry, 700 State Dr., Exposition Park, Los Angeles.

Over 100 different drawings covering twelve sections are on exhibit in this special show which will run until July 14.

The drawings explain how to operate, maintain, service and order parts for the multitude of complex equipment comprising our military defenses. The artists who are exhibiting their works are employed in the aeronautical, electronic and missile industries.

The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., admission free. The public is invited to visit the show and view the drawings.

GET INTO the habit of looking for the silver lining of the cloud, and, when you have found it, continue to look at it, rather than at the leaden gray in the middle. It will help you over many hard places.—A. A. Willits.

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