1938

AL CREAL is in Washington using his scientific knowledge in the purchase of trick equipment for the marines. He saw some real action in Tarawa. He's a lieutenant colonel now.

ENSIGN HOWARD GERFEN, U.S.N.R., assigned to the U.S.S. Cornell, was visiting at the institute before going out on the high seas.

1937

ROBERT B. LOCKWOOD is proud to announce the birth of a daughter named Lynda, who came in July.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WM. J. ELLISON is serving overseas in the New Guinea area.

1936

R. C. STONE is employed by C.I.T., as research assistant on one of their projects at Floyer, California.

HOWARD S. SEIFERT is working at the GALCIT No. 1 Project as project engineer.

LUIS TEJADA was receiving congratulations around the Institute on his announcement of the birth of a son, August 29.

CLAY T. SMITH and Mrs. Smith of Grand Junction, Colo., announce the arrival of a son, Dean Austin, on September 24, 1944.

1939

MAJOR PAUL ENGELDER spent several days on the Campus recently, having been on duty at the Marine Headquarters at Washington, D.C. for the past year. At the conclusion of his furlough, he expected to leave for further duty in the South Pacific.

GEORGE CROZIER has been promoted to hydraulics design engineer at Lockheed Aircraft, Burbank, Calif.

1940

GILBERT R. VAN DYKE who is serving with the meteorological section of the Army Air Forces, has been promoted to major.

ROBERT B. GLASSCO has recently received the rank of ensign and is at the Naval Air Station in San Diego in the Assembly and Repair Division.

WILLIS G. WORCESTER writes that he is the proud parent of a baby daughter, Nancy Toy, born on June 17. Willis is working in the General Engineering Laboratory, General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

1941

JOE LEWIS, JR. Joe was home on a 15-day leave from basic training at Farragut, Idaho. At present he is in Radio
Tech School at Chicago. His rating is seaman, second class. Joseph W. Lewis, III, is the "master of the house" now since his arrival on August 3.

JOSEPH F. ROMINGER recently commissioned as ensign in the U.S.N.R. is at the Princeton Indoctrination School.

ENSIGN PHILLIP BROOKS, U.S.N.R. recently finished his Navy Indoctrination at Fort Schuyler, New York City, and is now stationed in the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, Washington, D. C.

DONALD E. DAWSON has been playing the role of father since last May on arrival of Terrell Edwin Dawson.

DR. HORACE RUSSELL, JR. Friends of Dr. Russell will be grieved to learn of his sudden death in August as the result of injuries incurred in a fall while horseback riding. He was on the staff of C.I.F. for five years where he served as research fellow and instructor in inorganic chemistry. At the age of 27, he was one of the most promising young chemists in the country.

ENSIGN GRICE AXTMAN after completing an indoctrination course at the University of Arizona, has recently been assigned to duty at the David Taylor Model Basin at Carderock, Md. Prior to entering service, he had been an industrial engineer with the Southern California Gas Company, Los Angeles, Calif.

LT. (J.G.) GLENN BILLMAN, who had been ordered to the Naval Academy at Annapolis for a year's post graduate course, suddenly found his orders cancelled and has been assigned to another carrier.

1942

BOYD T. MARSHALL and Miss Billie Rose Christensen were united at a smart wedding event which took place in late summer.

ROGER BRANDT is supervisor of material efficiency in the Cathode Ray Tube Plant of Sylvania Electric Products Company, Emporium, Pa.

LLOYD W. MERRYFIELD is a private in the medical department of Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, undergoing medical laboratory training.

LIEUTENANT FRANK A. FLECK having finished teaching at Central Instructors' School for Navigators in Louisiana, is now stationed at Long Beach, Calif., where he will ferry planes to the South Pacific.

FRANCIS C. LYLE and Miss Sahilla Elisabeth Nichols of Pasadena were married at the Pasadena Wedding Chapel early in October.

LIEUTENANT AL LANDAU, former soccer coach at the Institute, participated in the invasion of France in Normandy.

LIEUTENANT GEORGE MEYER has finished his special course at the sub school at New London, Conn., and is now on duty in the Pacific.


CARTER HUNT has been on the U.S.S. Fulton for five months and has recently been promoted to full lieutenant.

RICHARD LATTER has been promoted to full lieutenant. Upon entering service

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as an ensign, he was given a two-months' course at Cornell University, then assigned to duty in the Radar section.

GEORGE P. SUTTON and Miss Kathleen McMullan were united in a formal church wedding at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles. The groom is employed at Caltech as an instructor in mechanical engineering.

LIEUTENANT (j.g.) HARRY MADLEY is in charge of testing and repairing equipment at the Naval Supply Depot at Clearfield, Utah. He has held this post for nearly a year.

HOWARD C. HALL. In late June, Mr. Hall was inducted into the Navy on a radio technician program and is stationed at Great Lakes, Ill.

ROBERT MERRICK spent his vacation in Pasadena. He is with the U. S. Rubber Company at Charlotte, N. C., in the capacity of assistant general foreman. His plant is manufacturing 40-mm ammunition for the Navy.

PAUL MADER is with the same firm as Bob Merrick but with the Naugatuck Chemical Division at Naugatuck, Conn., doing laboratory work.

LIEUTENANT (j.g.) WILLIAM HAL PENNY has been assigned to the Post Graduate School at the Naval Academy for a year and a half course in naval engineering.

LIEUTENANT (j.g.) CHARLES McDougall as a blimp-patrol pilot, has been flying the submarine patrol off the coast of South America.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HOLLIS HAN CHETT stopped in the Institute for a chat. He had been stationed at Lowry Field but was being transferred to McCook, Neb.

ENSIGN DOUGLASS REID was visiting in Pasadena while on leave. He is stationed on a destroyer in the South Pacific.

ROBERT M. BENSON and Miss Vlasta A. Svatek of Franklin Square, New York, were married late in the spring. Bob is an assistant project engineer for Sperry Gyroscope Research Laboratories at Garden City, N. Y.

ENSIGN CHARLES P. STRICKLAND, JR., is in the engineering department aboard an aircraft carrier which has seen action in the South Pacific.

LIEUTENANT RICHARD DAVIES is a navigator on an army bomber and is now stationed in England.

CADET LOUIS GOWANS Ex. '44 is taking his naval primary flight training at Peru, Ind.

JOHN NELSON returned to his home in Honolulu after graduation, to accept a position with the Honolulu Gas Co.

AL SAPLIS has been inducted into the Army and is stationed at Camp Roberts.

A. JOHN A. MORGAN, seaman 2nd class is based at the Naval Air Station in San Diego. He is a draftsman in the Assembly and Repair Division.

RICHARD GILMAN has just been commissioned second lieutenant, Marine Corps, having completed training with an officer candidate class at Quantico, Va.

FRED W. MORRIS, JR., is in Officer's Candidate School in Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

JIM PLOESER is at Cornell Medical School doing research. He was married recently at Providence, R. I.

In the midst of their busy wartime job, railroad people are often called upon to do things not generally considered "in the line of duty." For example, there was the case of the mother whom we shall call Mrs. Parker.

Mrs. Parker was standing in the Third & Townsend Station in San Francisco that morning, waiting to board the streamlined Daylight for Los Angeles. She had a small baby in her arms and she was obviously worried about something.

As train time approached, she grew frantic. Looking wildly about her, she saw a man in a gray uniform and rushed up to him.

"I've got to have my suitcase!" she cried. "I can't go to Los Angeles without it."

The man in gray—the stationmaster—tried to soothe her. "Where did you leave your suitcase?" he asked. "Maybe we can help you find it."

"I didn't leave it anywhere. My husband was supposed to bring it down to the station and the train's about to leave and he hasn't shown up."

"Well, that is a problem," said the stationmaster. "But maybe it isn't too serious. Lots of people travel to Los Angeles on the Daylight without luggage. It's a day train, you know."

"But you don't understand," pleaded the mother. Then she paused. "You look like a married man," she said, and leaned over to whisper something in his ear.

"Oh, I see!" The stationmaster smiled. "You go ahead and get on the train, and I'll see if we can't help you out. Be sure to tell the conductor about it and give him your name and seat number. I'll do the rest."

When the Daylight stopped at Salinas, a breathless man got aboard and handed a package to the conductor. "Here they are," he said, "and it wasn't easy. Next time they'll probably ask me to dig up a pair of nylon stockings!"

The conductor took the package to Mrs. Parker. "Here are the diapers," he said. The stationmaster wired our man in Salinas and he got them here just in time.

Mrs. Parker and the baby couldn't say a word.

This story doesn't have anything to do with our part in the war effort. It just shows that railroads are more than trains and tracks. Railroads are people. And no matter how busy railroad people are, they still have time to be thoughtful, and understanding, and helpful.

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