

**ENSIGN EARL DONNELL
KILLED IN ACTION**

Ensign Earl Roe Donnell, Jr., who received his M.S. degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Caltech in 1940, was killed in action with the Navy in the Pacific. Ensign Donnell, a flyer, gained his commission at Pensacola, Florida, in 1941. Details are lacking, but it is understood that he was killed after the Pearl Harbor incident.

**CAPT. INGERSOLL
JAPANESE PRISONER**

Captain Herbert V. Ingersoll is one of 132 American soldiers held prisoners by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands. The War Department announced in December. He had joined the Army Reserves shortly after his graduation from Caltech in 1926 and was called into active service early in 1941. During his service he was with the Engineering Corps of the Army Air Forces north of Manila, and was also on Bataan.

Mrs. Ingersoll is in Boston, Massachusetts, where she is secretary to the dean of the Harvard School of Business.

Any alumnus who wishes to write to Captain Ingersoll may address him as follows:

Captain Herbert Victor Ingersoll,
United States Army,
Prisoner of War, Interned by Japan,
c/o Japanese Red Cross,
Tokyo, Japan.

Via New York, New York.

Return name and address should be on the envelope. No postage is necessary; write "Free—Prisoner of War" in the upper right hand corner of the envelope.

**REAR ADMIRAL HOLMES
AT CALTECH**

Rear Admiral Ralston S. Holmes, Commandant of the 11th Naval District since December 22, 1941, has been transferred to the Navy's retired list. However he was recalled to duty at once to serve as Navy Department liaison officer with the National Defense Research Committee at the California Institute of Technology.

The exact details of Admiral Holmes' work cannot be released. His esteem is very high for the scientist's ability, and he is at the Institute to present the Navy's problems. This work is extremely important now, and according to Admiral Holmes, military research and development should be carried on extensively during peace time whether a great army and navy is maintained or not.

**GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT
CURATOR PASSES AWAY**

Mr. W. W. Eccles, curator and stock room manager for the Geology Division for the past six years, died on January 14, 1943. He will be missed greatly by his friends at the Institute, and for his long and faithful service.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS ANNUAL
DANCE**

The seventh annual Alumni dance was held Saturday, February 13, at the Biltmore Hotel Rendezvous Room. The attendance surpassed any former event of this kind, there being five hundred and ninety persons present.

Grice Axtman, '41, former president of the Throop Club, and Joe Lewis, '41, former president of his senior class, were responsible for the planning of the dance. Door prizes, announced as being from Morgenthau, Firestone, and Maxwell House, proved to be a \$25 war bond, which was won by Robert Bowlus, '41, a threadbare tire, and a jar containing coffee for two (2) cups.

**TECH GROUP HOLDS
DINNER DANCE IN
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Saturday, January 23, a group of Caltech alumni assembled for a dinner dance in Washington, D.C., including the following: Lt. Col. Wm. R. Shuler, '32, Major Laurence E. Lynn, '29, Major Wayne V. Rodgers, '27, and Mrs. Rodgers, Major Robert A. Merrill, '25, Major J. E. Joujon-Roche, '28, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Alden, '31, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Groat, '24, and Professor R. W. Sorensen. Messrs. Alden and Groat are employed by the War Production Board.

**PROFESSOR SORENSEN
ATTENDS CONFERENCES**

Prof. Royal W. Sorensen represented the Institute at certain conferences in Washington during the early part of February. He attended a War Production Board advisory committee conference on the securing of adequate materials for scientific and industrial research at various institutions in the country, including Caltech. Assurances were given by WPB of a proper supply of materials for research, virtually all of which is now keyed to the war effort.

While in New York, Professor Sorensen attended meetings of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Among the Caltech men presenting and discussing papers at the convention were Dr. G. D. McCann '34, Dr. Victor Wouk '42, and Dr. J. A. Becker '22.

During the A.I.E.E. National Technical Meeting the following Tech graduates assembled for a luncheon in honor of Professor R. W. Sorensen: C. H. Bidwell '26, Robert O. Cox '40, Chester F. Carlson '30, E. L. Champion '21, Charles Elmendorf '36, Dr. Raymond Eger '22, Dr. J. E. Hobson '35, Dr. George T. Harness '28, Dr. S. B. Ingram '28, Clyde Keith '22, Dr. William A. Lewis '26, George Moore '27, Jack North '27, H. P. St. Clair '20, Bruce Webber '36, Dr. W. H. Wise '26, J. R. Wilson '20, Dr. Victor Wouk '42, J. A. Becker '22, and Professor R. W. Sorensen.

**TECH ABANDONS
ASSEMBLIES**

Weekly assemblies at Caltech have been abandoned for the duration. These assemblies each Monday morning have constituted a fixed institution for years, and some of the most prominent public figures of the world have appeared on its programs. However, everyone at the Institute is now absorbed in contributing to the war effort, and Culbertson Hall is being used for the duration for war work.

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