

14 Navy And Marine Heroes Get Nation's Highest Valor Award

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (AP)—President Truman today conferred the nation's highest valor award on 14 navy and marine heroes and asked that the nation win the peace to prevent other young men from being killed or wounded.

The veterans of the Pacific war who received the Congressional Medal of Honor in ceremonies on the south lawn of the White House included 11 marines and three navy men.

In the group were Lt. Col. Gregory (Pappy) Boyington, marine flying ace, and 17-year-old Private Jacklyn H. Lucas, of Belhaven, N. C., who was decorated for smothering two exploding Japanese grenades with his body.

Three Collapse

Three servicemen collapsed during the 45-minute ceremony and were treated in the White House dispensary.

After the president placed the last medal on Marine Private Wilson D. Watson of Earl, Ark., he stepped to a microphone and said:

"We fought a good fight and won two great victories. We are facing another fight now—a fight for a peaceful world.

"Let's go forward and win that fight and this war will not have been in vain."

The ceremony was held in a hollow square formed by detachments of marines and bluejackets and the navy band.

Citations Read

High ranking navy, marine and army officers sat with cabinet members, senators and congressmen as Vice Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, chief of navy personnel, read the citations for deeds of heroism performed in and over the Solomons, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Peleliu, Guam, and the Korean coast.

The president stood between the American and Presidential flags and bestowed the medals as they were handed to him by his naval aide, Commodore James K. Vardaman. Later, he said he had told almost every one of the men he'd rather have the medal than be president.

Spectators

Watching the ceremony from a seat on the sidelines was the marine hero of Wake Island, Col. James P. Devereaux of Chevy Chase, Md., who was recently released from a Japanese prison camp.

Mrs. Truman sat on the south porch while her daughter, Margaret, sat with the spectators in front of the navy band.

The text of the president's informal remarks:

"This is one of the pleasant duties of the president of the United States, these are the young men who represent us in our fighting forces.

"They said we were soft, that we would not fight, that we could not win. We are not a war-like nation. We do not go

this war will not have been in vain."

In addition to Boyington and Lucas, others receiving the medal included:

Marine Second Lieutenant Arthur Jackson, Portland, Ore., conspicuous gallantry in action on Peleliu, September 18, 1944.

Marine Sgt. William C. Harrell, Mercedes, Tex., bravery in action on Iwo Jima March 3. His wounds led to amputation of both hands.

Pharmacist's Mate 2/c George E. Wahlen, U. S. naval reserve, route one, Ogden, Utah, heroism and self-sacrifice in caring for marine wounded on Iwo Jima March 3.

Robert E. Bush, hospital apprentice 1/c USNR, 924 Fowler street, Raymond, Wash., bravery in administering aid to wounded on Okinawa May 2, and at the same time killing six of the enemy despite his own serious wounds.

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 5 (AP)—Walter O. Simon, manager of the Hanford Engineering Works, Richland, Wash., a major production unit of the government's atomic energy project, was appointed manager of the Yerkess rayon plant at Buffalo, N. Y., E. I. DuPont de Nemours and company announced today.

3 CHILDREN DIE IN PORT ANGELES FIRE

PORT ANGELES, Oct. 5 (AP)—Three small children, Joanne Wooding, 5, her four-year-old sister, Norma Jean, and Donna May Carey, 2, burned to death yesterday when a parked automobile caught fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Carey of Sequim left them and an eight-month-old baby in the car near Dungeness while they and her 16-year-old son, Bill Wooding, looked for a lost gas tank cap, State Patrol Sgt. Clifford Aden reported.

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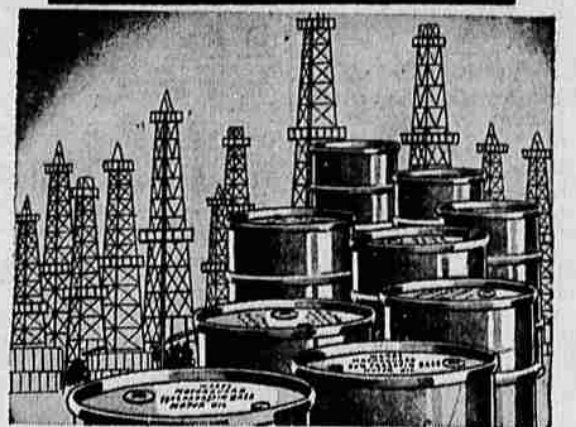
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