

Berserk Vet Slain After Gun Battle

WEST LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 15 (AP)—A war veteran was killed by a fusillade of police bullets at the veterans facility administration grounds yesterday shortly after an army doctor had been seriously wounded.

The war veteran was identified as Hansel E. Thomas, 25, of Whittier, Calif. The wounded physician, Col. Irving H. Willett, 54, of Los Angeles, told officers how he was shot three times before Thomas was cornered by police and slain near a nurses' home.

"I had a flat tire about a block from the hospital and was out of my car looking at it when this fellow meandered up. 'Oh, so you have a flat tire?' he said. 'I told him 'yes,' and then he whipped out his gun and started shooting. I'd never seen him before."

Fired At Police
Four policemen who were summoned, said they yelled at Thomas to give up as he was walking across a lawn. They said that Thomas began firing. The officers said they then fired, riddling Thomas with eight bullets. He died 15 minutes later.

The condition of Col. Willett, a practicing physician in Ft. Wayne, Ind., before he joined the army medical corps five years ago, was reported as "very satisfactory" last night. Col. Willett was wounded in the neck, abdomen and shoulder.

Officials at the hospital said Thomas had been treated at the institution's mental hygiene clinic but had not been a patient at the hospital. Thomas' father, E. E. Thomas of Whittier, said his son had been treated for "extreme nervousness" at an army hospital in Topeka, Kas., in 1945, just prior to his discharge. He said his son went to the hospital yesterday to obtain some medicine.

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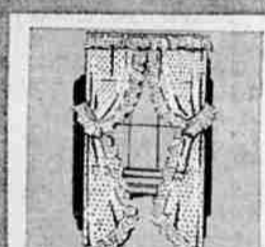
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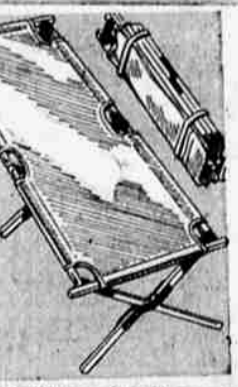
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