

Col. Elliott G. Colby, past president of our club, has made a name for himself in our Pacific War comparable to those of others in the history of our country as was noted in the morning Union of April 24th.

In a similar manner to that used by Dr. William C. Gorgas, he got to work in our war infested islands not only on the enemy but also on the various pests, native to the tropics, and did such a remarkable work in the elimination of disease pests and vermin control that he was awarded the Bronze Star.

Quoting from the article:

COL. COLBY CITED FOR SAIPAN FEAT

For establishing medical facilities, often in sniper infested areas, during the campaign on Saipan, Col. Elliott G. Colby, San Diego physician and surgeon, who is serving with the army as chief surgeon in the Central Pacific, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

"With inadequate personnel he established a hospital for the care of a civilian population of approxi-

mately 17,000 and generally supervised the sanitation of the civilian camp during the period of the assault," he citation read.

"He made early reconnaissance in areas infested with Japanese snipers, selected sites and prepared layouts for the hospitals. He prepared a plan for and participated in the establishment of air evacuation of casualties which was successfully conducted from the island of Saipan.

Faced Huge Problem

"Col. Colby was confronted with a task of establishing sanitary and livable conditions on an island utterly devastated and on which there were scarcely 40 inhabitable and no undamaged buildings.

The thousands of unburied enemy dead, the mounds of debris and the unhealthful habits of disease ridden civilians, added to the swarming flies, crawling insects, teeming mosquitoes and multitudinous vermin, virtually all disease bearing, posed one of the major problems of the occupation and resulted in an epidemic of dengue and dysentery which threatened the success of the mission.

Sprayed Island

"By his untiring efforts, ingenuity, practical approach and professional ability he devised and initiated a program of spraying the island from an airplane with DDT, using improvised equipment, and thereby eradicated the flies, mosquitoes, and vermin, which immediately reflected a reduced rate of illness and

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WHERE TO MAKE UP ATTENDANCE

TUESDAY

- Brawley, Planters Hotel, 12:10.
- Ocean Beach, Women's Club, 2160 Bacon, 6:30
- Oceanside, Oceanic Cafe, 12:10
- San Diego, San Diego Club, 12:10.

WEDNESDAY

- Calexico, De Anza Hotel, 12:10.
- National City, Kiwanis Club House, 12:10.

THURSDAY

- East San Diego, Masonic Hall, 12:10.
- Escondido, Jordan's Cafe, 12:15
- Yuma, Arizona, Clymer House, 12:10.

FRIDAY

- El Centro, Barbara Worth Hotel, 12:15.
- La Jolla, La Valencia Hotel, 12:10.
- La Mesa, Ernie's Rancho,
 Highway 80 East of Grossm't p.o.

restored the maximum number of soldiers to duty. The accomplishment was a major contribution to the success of the mission, which made possible the mass air raid on Tokyo on Nov. 24, 1944."

(Note: Dr. Gorgas cleaned up the Panama Canal Zone.)



It was a rare privilege accorded the secretary at last Tuesday's meeting to read to the membership the citation of commendation given to another of our members, Captain Orien W. Todd, Jr., a citation for outstanding work done by him at Saipan and Tinian as Cemetary and Burial Officer.

This citation was made, together with appropriate badge by none other than the Fleet Commander, Admiral C. W. Nimitz.

We can feel a just pride in the fine work done by our members at the front and know that these honors are deserved.

We also congratulate ourselves on having as members, men who do things and this goes not only for men at the front but for those at home who are devoting much of their time to the war effort and who perhaps will never be given the opportunity for public acclaim. They are all Kiwanians, and we are proud of them.

Another musical treat

Our program for Tuesday will be another musical treat as we will have the State College Glee Club with Miss Deborah Smith as our feature for the meeting.

We can always look forward to another rare treat with this organization. While it has not been designated as ladies' day, yet, ladies will be welcome.

Wayne Fry will be program chairman.

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How About War Bonds?



OCEAN BEACH

Speaking on the subject, "Ships and the Men Who Go Down to the Sea in Ships," Kenneth Walker of Point Loma, marine surveyor, regaled Kiwanians of Ocean Beach with highly interesting tales of the sea at this week's club meeting, held Tuesday evening. Walker spoke from 39 years of seafaring experience, having ran away from home to go to sea in 1906 when he

was only 12 years old, he said. Harry Masters, club secretary, was program chairman for the evening.

Of particular interest were his tales of the now outlawed practice of "shanghaiing" recruits for the sailing ships making the long journey to and fro around Cape Horn from the Pacific to the Atlantic coasts. In this racket, the victims really were kidnaped after giving them knockout drops in their liquor with result that they did not wake up until they were about three days out to sea. The racket was finally outlawed in 1915 when teeth were put into the law against such practice, he said.

Speaking of his present work, he said that his job is to go out on the high seas to survey and salvage wrecked vessels and establish the "corpus delicti" on ships reported sunk, purpose being to obtain the data required by marine underwriters to fix the insurance recovery value. In determining such values, we set up what we call the "average damage," he said.

One of his missions of salvage he reported was to go to Guatamala to float off sand bars a German ship that the Germans had given up trying to salvage after repeated attempts at floating by channeling the sand. He floated the ship by channeling the stand with sheet steel and use of cement, he related.

Chairman I. J. Claspill of the Education committee had Rollin E. Reed conduct a brief quiz on Kiwanis education as a feature of the session preceding the main program.

Guests were Bob Fuller of the La Mesa Club and Fred Edwards of Ocean Beach, the latter a guest of Dan Moss.

President Jerry Sullivan announced that the La Mesa Kiwanis club will put on the program for next week's meeting and will attend in force. To accommodate the visitors the hour for next week's meeting will be 7:00 o'clock instead of the usual 6:30.



Those members who have not as yet had their pictures taken for the roster are urged to do so at once.

The dead line is fast approaching and if no picture is received, the roster will be printed without your picture, so it is up to you.

Go to the Sensor Studios, 935 E Street, and have your face lifted at once.

Committee Reports are now due. Please get your's in at once.

A letter from Ted Rodefer advises that he will soon be returning to San Diego and encloses some more make-up slips for his credit.


Ted has a keen interest in the club and does not want to be the one to bring our percentage down in the least so he just makes up his attendance wherever he might be and sends in his slips to the secretary.

This is an easy thing to do if you just have the desire to do it, and even some of our newer members are taking this means of making up their attendance while away from home.

Thank you, Ted, for your continued interest.

Our Public School Week program was a most interesting one as it gave us opportunity to know more of our public schools through the talk given by Dr. Daillard, Business Manager of the San Diego City Schools.

No school program would be complete, however, without some



PROGRAM


Tuesday, MAY 1, 1945
SAN DIEGO CLUB
 12:10 Noon

May Day Program

State College
Glee Club
 Miss Deborah Smith
 Conducting

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Wayne C. Fry
 Principal, Grammar School



representation of the schools themselves and in this we were gratified in having Mr. and Mrs. Reyer together with a high school group of young men who gave a good account of themselves in their singing.