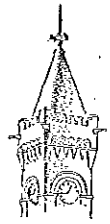




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## Summer Sports Banquet Held In Webster

Summer Sports Winners Rewarded; Naldi Troupe Entertained Group

The Second Annual Summer Sports Banquet was held by the W.A.A. at the Webster-Dudley Country Club on Wed. evening, November 14. A crowd of about 75 attended, enjoyed a steak dinner, applauded the winners of the summer sports, enjoyed the entertainment offered by Geraldine Naldi of Worcester and her troupe, and danced to the music of the Marganne Music Makers. It was apparent that a good time was had by all.

W. C. Fay, Director of Personnel Services, acted as toastmaster and was introduced by Harold Piehl, A12A, chairman of the committee in charge. Mr. Fay introduced the speakers, who made brief addresses of congratulation to the winners in the various sports. Phil Lewis, BA, was the first speaker, to be followed by Oliver Chipman, D7R, the

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## Suggestions Honor Roll

- Rita E. Earls, DIW . . . \$7.50  
Better location for Bulletin Board at Nomar.
- Toney Klein, AOC. . . 15.00  
Wichita, Kansas  
Four cone head tacks next to inside corner of Rx job trays to facilitate stacking of trays.
- Wilbur Mason, AOC. . . 15.00  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Device to aid in accurately sizing MB40A Automatic Rimless Edger and M540C Cutter.
- Esther L. Mayhew . . . 7.50  
Putnam  
Larger inter-company envelopes.
- James H. Shumate, AOC. 25.00  
Kansas City, Mo.  
A device for padding lens tools.

## AO Man Dies In Service

F. D. House Of Albany Branch Dies In Cal.—With AO 17 Years

Another gold star has been added to the list of those AO men who have died in the service of their country. With deep regret the Company reports the death of Floyd D. House, Jr., S1/C, 31, of Albany, N. Y., formerly an employee of the Albany Branch of AO for 17 years.

According to the Navy Department, Seaman House, veteran of six major Pacific actions aboard the battleship Texas, had been taken off the ship for hospitalization when it arrived at a West Coast port October 15 and died at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Long Beach, Cal.

He graduated from Albany High School and was a salesman for American Optical Company in the Albany territory prior to entering the Navy in March, 1943. After a four weeks' training course at Sampson, he was shipped directly to the Atlantic theater, and later transferred to the



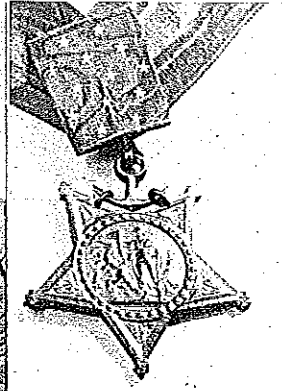
Floyd D. House, Jr., S1/C

Pacific, where he saw action in six campaigns, including Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

In addition to his wife, Mrs. Ella House, he is survived by an infant daughter, Beverly Ann House, his

## Sgt. J. R. Julian Awarded Congressional Medal

AO Man Who Was Killed At Iwo Jima In March, Is First In This Section To Receive The Highest Award Of The Nation For Valor



Platoon Sgt. J. R. Julian And The Medal Of Honor Awarded Him Posthumously

Platoon Sgt. Joseph R. Julian, U.S.M.C.R., formerly of Department DL, who was killed in action on Iwo Jima on March 9, 1945, was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor on November 15. The Medal was given to his mother, Mrs. Adela Julian of Fiskdale, by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal in the presence of Admiral E. J. King, Lt. General A. A. Vandegrift, Commanding Officer of the Marine Corps, Mr. Julian, and many officers of the Navy and the Marine Corps. The ceremony took place in the offices of the Secretary of the Navy in Washington.

Sgt. Julian is not only the first AO man to receive the nation's highest award for valor, but the first man in this section, as far as can be ascertained, to receive it in this or any other war.

### The Citation

signed by President Truman, reads as follows:

"The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

PLATOON SERGEANT  
JOSEPH R. JULIAN  
UNITED STATES  
MARINE CORPS RESERVE  
For Service As Set Forth  
In The Following

### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a Platoon Sergeant serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the seizure of Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, 9 March, 1945. Determined to force a break-through when Japanese troops occupying