

William Ragsdale Lincoln, T-43

15 February 1925 – 25 December 2020

(aged 95)



Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, 1954 Carr, now have three children in service, the only one left being Ann, 6, who says she wants to be a WAC.

MARINE CORPORAL THOMAS G. LINCOLN, Central High School graduate. Marine Corporal Thomas G. Lincoln fooled the doctors and is now back in action somewhere in the Pacific. This means his sister, Esther Mae Lincoln, didn't take his place after all when she joined the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. Corporal Lincoln, 20, Central High graduate of 1941, served aboard the carrier Hornet, and was rescued when she was sunk. He was aboard the Hornet when Major Gen. Jimmie Doolittle and his squadron took off to bomb Tokyo and other Japanese cities. In five major battles on the Hornet, Corporal Lincoln escaped unscathed until the last battle of the gallant carrier, when he received a minor shrapnel wound in the shoulder. Given shore duty, he was serving as a sentry in a watch tower at San Diego last January 23. A windstorm blew over the tower and he suffered a crushed right ankle. For three months he remained in a hospital. He was told he'd probably never walk again. Marine Corporal Lincoln recovered and has returned to combat service with the amphibious corps. Mrs. Lincoln said he was disappointed because he didn't get a berth on the new Hornet.

MISS ESTHER MAE LINCOLN - Tech High, 1939 class. Miss Lincoln, 22, left her job as assistant cashier at Fidelity & Deposit Company to join the Marines last May, saying she wanted to free a Marine to help take the place of those killed in the Pacific area. It didn't seem likely then that her brother would get into combat. After boot training, Pfc. Esther Lincoln was assigned to Washington, where she attached to the Second Headquarters Battalion.

ANOTHER LINCOLN, Pvt. WILLIAM RAGSDALE LINCOLN - Tech High, class 1943 In July, another Lincoln, Pvt. William R. (Bill) Lincoln - was inducted into the Army. He finished Tech High in June, wanted to volunteer, but as he was already 18 had to wait for his call and landed in the Army instead of the Marines. He is with an anti-aircraft outfit at Verona NJ. Information from The Press-Scimitar, Friday, November 26, 1943.

