

# TELLS ABOUT WAR

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## Lt. Com. Lyle O. Armel, Back from Sea Action Addresses Rotary

Lieut. Commander Lyle O. Armel, home for a short leave after 27 months' service with the United States navy, was the speaker at Rotary today. Had a censor been present no utterance would have been criticized, yet he gave his hearers an excellent presentation of the war and of its various activities.

Instead of speaking of his ship, he gave a comprehensive outline of the work and personnel of "a ship," whatever ship it might have been. He told of landing experiences, but mentioned no place nor time of landing. He told of bravery and skill from the men firing the engines, to those in command, and paid tribute to the medical department and care given to wounded.

Commander Armel told of the splendid spirit that has come out of the war and the thoro cooperation of every branch of the service. Where an army man was best informed concerning terrain, he was placed in charge of combined units; and likewise, where a matter of the sea and landings were of greatest importance, the combined service was led by an admiral. There will be no question as to which unit won this war, because they all have had an equally important part.

The speaker spoke of his home and his family, told of the privileges they enjoy in reading and hearing the news, of the opportunities for education, of freedom to meet with their friends and of freedom of worship; and said these are the things the United States is fighting for. It is what the soldiers, sailors and marines want to find unchanged when they return to their homes.

In introducing the speaker, Dolph Simons spoke of Armel having been a sailor in World War I, of his activities in the American Legion where he served as Commander of the Topeka post, and later as an aide to Harry Colmery when he was National Commander. Armel went in World War I as an enlisted man and came out as an ensign.

Armel came to Lawrence as assistant secretary of the Kansas University Endowment association, in which he was doing excellent work when called into service in July, 1941.

The birthdays of Dr. F. C. Allen, Russell Wiley and Dolph Simons were observed by a musical number wherein Simons played the piano, Wiley a violin, and Allen led the singing.

Dr. Allen also was presented with a ten-gallon milk can to hold his drinking water at the coming basketball games, because the tough going in the first game of the season indicated that no adequate amount could be contained in milk bottles.