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Police today were checking the "confession" of a man who claims he helped kill Elizabeth Short, 22, known as the Black Dahlia," in Los Angeles on Jan. 15. 1947.

Ralph Von Hiltz, 44, walked into the E. 35th st. station the stomach with a .22 caliber just before midnight and told desk Lt. Arthur Bendix he wanted to give himself up.

Dets: John Mostecak, John cut Miss Short's body in half, Mallon and Daniel Fisher After and otherwise mutilated her. On hours of questioning he was Jan 18 or 19, 1947, he said, he charged with vagrancy and was picked up by Det. Sgt. Henplated in a cel lin the E, 67th son of the Los Angeles Homicide st. tation.

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The story he told police was

He was a friend of a redheaded sailor named Daniel James, who was stationed at the San Diego, Calif., Naval Base. The movie struck short girl whose home was in Medford, Mass., was keeping company with the sailor.

According to Von Hiltz, the night Miss Short was murdered, he met James in Los Angeles, and got in the sailor's car. Triby met Miss Short and James accused her of seeing other mon. She got out of the car and James followed and shot her in.

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Then he told : Von Hiltz: "Go ahead: Go ahead! Cut her up.".

Von Hiltz said he got a butcher Bendix turned him over to knife from the car and almost Squad and held in Lincoln Heights jail for three days while being questioned in the murder and then released. He said he did not mention James because he was afraid and that James always carried a gun.

Since then, Von Hiltz told detectives, he had been wandering around the country working as a dishwasher.

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der indicates that the 22-year old
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It was reported that the room where the murder took place was less than 15 minutes drive from the vacant lot where the hide and bisected body of the girl was discovered Jan. 15, 1947, touching off a nation-wide hunt for the slaver.

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Grand tury investigators, according to the newspaper, said blood-covered sheets and blood-stained clothes of the size worn by the "Black Dahlia" were seen in the room of a house on one of Los Angeles' busiest streets.

Numerous persons will be subpensed a grand jury spokesman

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new evidence.

The murder was the first of a series of unsolved Los Angeles murders of women. Hundreds of persons were questioned and scores arrested but no evidence, pointed to the killer.

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## ex-Wife Supports 5 spect's 3 Alibi in 'Dahlia' Murder Case

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Black Dahlia" murder suspect alone," she said.

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was released yesterday.

Mrs. Allen, who lives in near by higher of the date because she ecalled that on Jan. 15, when the Black Dahlia's" body was found,

hey discussed the crime.

"He doesn't know as much
bout the 'Black Dahlia' as I do and I know absolutely nothing;

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When arrested, Connors said ils former wife was dancer Vickie Ivans, a defendant in the Robert vitchum marijuana case. But hè aid Miss Evans' rèal name was Grace Allen.

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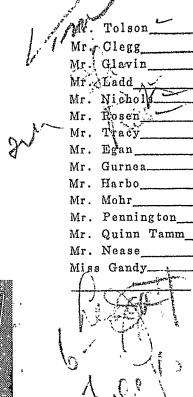
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"On the following morning He showed me newspapers with the

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#### Ex-Wife Gives 'Dahlia' Suspect Alibi

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# show business."

Guam, Jan. 12 (U.P.).—Three Air Force enlisted men, charged today with the kidnaping, rape and murder of pred old Navy civilian employe whose ravished body was found: before Christmas.

Formally charged by Guam police, Navy headquarters said, were Pvt. Calvin Dennis, 26, of Frederick, Md., attached as an engineer erick, Md., attached as an engineer to an aviation squadron, his brother, Pvt. Herman T. Dennis Jr., 20, of Indianapolis, and Sergt. Robert W. Burns, 32, of Spokane, all Negroes.

Both Herman Dennis and Burns were attached to the 12th Air Ampunition Squadron

munition Squadron.

Say Brothers Confessed. The Navy's announcement said the accusations resulted from confessions obtained from the Dennis brothers.

An important factor leading to suspicion being laid on the three was discovery of a smock belonging to the San Francisco girl.

It was found by Lieut. Comdr.

It Hackett, assistant police chief,

in a car driven by Calvin Dennis.

Hackett has been active in the Hackett has been active in the entire investigation since the unconscious girl was found Dec. 12, the day after she was beaten not far from the jade shop where she had been working when she was seized. Miss Farnsworth died Dec. 13 without regaining consciousness. The use of a lie detector by Al Riedel, Berkeley, Calif., police inspector, was instrumental in nar-



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"I don't see how Dillon could have such information" Connors said. "We never talked about the case. I haven't the vaguest idea why he named me. That cuy sure talks a loft, deen't he?"

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Los Angeles police claim the alibi of Jeff Connors (above), suspect in the slaying of the Black Dahlia" has been disproved. Connors says he was with Dancer Vicki Evans the night that the Black Dahlia (Elizabeth Short) was brutally slain.

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Dillon, arrested two days ago, was released in Los Angeles on glounds of insufficient evidence.

Connors said he knew the 22-year-old Miss Short "by sight" and had told Los Angeles police he saw her in a bar the night before her slashed body was found in a lot.

On the murder night, he said, he was with Miss Evans and working as a stand-in on a Columbia Pictures lot. Her real name, he said, was Grace Allen. She was his former wife, he added.

Columbia Pictures in Los Angeles denied ever having a "Jeff Connors" or "Arthur Lane" on their payroll.

[In New York, Miss Evans denied through counsel that she had been married to a man named Jeff Connors, that she ever knew such a man or had ever used the name Grace Allen.]

Connors said his real name is Arthur Lane and "Connors" is a pen name he has used several years.

Miss Evans' Los Angeles lawyer said she had not been in the West until a year and a half ago. Reed took Connors to Los ingeles this afternoon when leed said, Connors would be questioned further.

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## 'Dahlia' Susper's Alibi Attacker



Vickie Evans Arrested in New York

Accompanied by detective Jacob Zuckerman, Vickie Evans is shown in New York after she was arrested on a Los Angeles warrant in connection with a police dope raid.

#### Dancer Denies He's Her Former Husband

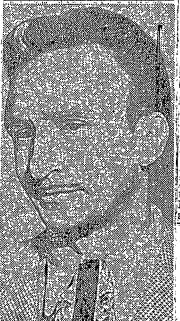
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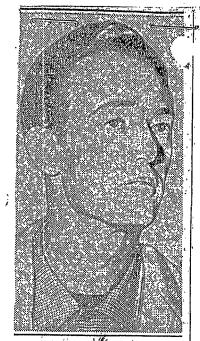
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## Dahlia Suspect Names Second

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11 (INS) Los Angeles police today jailed one red not suspect in the mytilation murder of Elizabeth (Flack Dahlia) Short and opened a mationwide manhunt for a secold man.

Police said suspect number one, Leslie Dillon, a 27-year-old bellhop, broke down after all-night ques-tioning and named a Jeff Con-nors, who is sought for question-ing in the death of the 22-year-old

Police said Dillon described Con-nors as "about 5 feet 10 inches tall, with brown hair and blue eyes." Authorities said that every effort will be made to find Con-

errort will be made to find Connors.

Dillon, tabbed the "hottest suspect in the case so far," was booked for murder.

Police Chief C. B. Horrall said the person identified by Dillon "would be capable of committing this crime."

The "Black Dahlia" was found slain Jan. 15, 1947. Her body had been dismembered and indications were that she had been subjected to tortures "of the most resulting soit." volting sort."

Dillon, who was working as a bellhop at a Santa Monica hotel, was arrested after a fantastic chain of circumstances. Official interest in the thin youth began six weeks ago when he contacted police psychiatrist J. Paul De River.

Dillon said that he was interested in psychopathic cases, such as the unsolved "Black Danila" nurder, and he wanted to collaborate with the psychiatrist in friting a book. The two met and by. De Biver found that Dillor knew more about sadism and psychiatry than I did."

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In Black Dahlia Killing

By the Associated Press

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—A bell-hop who the police say knows minute details of the 2-year-old mutilation killing of Elizabeth Short the "Black Dahlia," is held incommunicado today as a suspect. Booked on suspicion of murder, he gave his name as Leslief Dillon, 27, alias Jack Sands, J. F. Dillon and other names. He is a former sailor and intermittent Los Angèles resident. resident.

Police Chief C: B. Horrall; who announced the arrest, said Dillon knows numerous details of the killing and mutilation "which could be known colly to a parson with direct

Ing and mutiation which could be known only to a person with direct knowledge of the murder itself."

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Chief Horrall said Dillon contacted Dr. J. Paul de River, police psychiatrist, six weeks ago, saying he was interested in sadism. Subsequently he arranged to meet Dr. de River, who said that for the last week he had been discussing the Dahliar killing with Dillon.

Detectives kept surveillance and Dillon and made the arrest.

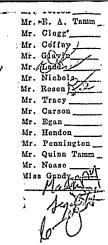
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## Best Suspect Y Held in Slaying Black Dahla

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11-A 27-year-old former hotel clerk and bellhop was described by police as the "best suspect yet" in the two-year old Black Dahlia mutilation murder.

Police said Leslie Dillon, alias Jack Sands, was familiar with details of the unsolved slaying never were made

public. He was held on suspicion of murder. Elizabeth Short,

the Black Dahlia, was found slain and mutilated Jan. 15, 1947, on a vacant lot in the southwestern part of Los Angeles. Many suspects have "confessed"



waist but other details of the multilation were not made public.

#### KNEW A SUSPECT

Dillon first came under suspicion when he contacted Police Psychiatthe told De River that he was in-

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Dr. De River said Dillon told him he knew a man who was a "good suspect" in the Black Dahlia case.

Police became suspicious of Dillon and investigated him for six weeks before arresting him vesterday.

#### DENIES CHARGE

When Dillon met Dr. De River, he allegedly told the psychiatrist de-tails of the crime which police never have been able to explain. Po-lice Chief C. B. Horrall said the details included significant explana-tions of the mutilation of Miss. Short's body and her movements before she died.

fessions" were proved fake by certain details withheld by police for checking purposes.

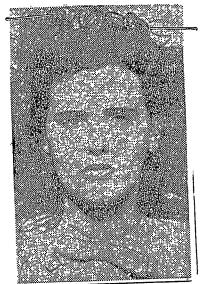
The 22-year-old beauty's naked body had been cut in half at the waist but other details of the multi-

Dillon, who said he had been discharged irregularly from the Navy, denied that he killed the Black Dahlia. He admifted being arrested in San Francisco on a pandering charge in 1946.

The suspect is married and the

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## Another Dahliá Killer' Pops Up

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25 (UP). LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25 (OF):
A 23-year-old Los Angeles painter,
Charles E-Lynch, today told police he killed Elizabeth Short, the
"Black Dahlia," while he was under—the "influence of marijuana
and hacked her to pieces with a surgical knife.

At least 15 other "confessions" of the gruesome slaying here Jan. 15, 1947, have proved to be

Lynch was held on suspicion of murder. He will be questioned tomorrow. Early today the young man telephoned the homicide but the control of t reau from a bar and berated detectives for their inability to catch the killer. He was arrested

catch the killer. He was arrested in the bar a little later.

"I'm the one that killed the Black Dahlia," he told officers.

"I'm glad you caught me. I want to get it off my mind."

Lynch said he first met Miss Short at the Lucky Spot cafe, Lompoc, Calif, near Camp. Cooke, where she worked. They met again in a Los Angeles Main street bar

where she worked. They met again in a Los Angeles Main street bar last Jan. 14, he said.

"We went to a hotel and had a few drags of marijuana," Lynch told officers. "We took off our clothes and I killed her with a jurgical knife I stole from the Camp Cooke hospital while I was in service."

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ST. LOUIS, March 18 (UP).
Melvin/Bailey, 23, held on an auto
their charge, confessed today to
the mutilation slaying of Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia,"
whose body was found in a Los
Angeles lot last January 15.
Leonard Murphy, chief of detectives, said Bailey "seems to tell a
straight story."
Bailey said he was "dazed" the

Bailey said he was "dazed" the night of the slaying by benzedrine he had taken "for a lift" and did he had taken "for a lift" and did not remember the details. How-ever, he gave names and dates concerning events leading to the slaving. Police said he would be held for questioning by Los Ad-geles police to determine the at-thenticity of his confession. In I'm Los Angeles, police said there were several discrepancies in Bailey's story, especially as re-

there were several discrepancies in Bailey's story, especially as regarded dates. It was pointed out that Bailey said he killed the girl early on the morning of January 13 and immediately dumped her body in a lot. The body was not found until January 15 and an autopsy showed the girl had been dead less than 12 hours.

\*\*TWe are neither accepting nor rejecting Bailey as a logical suppet until we have checked details of his story," said Detective Lighter thansen.

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#### Youth Confesses Killing 'Dahlia' With Army Knife

St. Louis, March 18 (4). Chief of Detectives Leonard Murphy said a 23-year-old youth being questioned for auto theft today sud-

tioned for auto theft today suddenly volunteered a detailed story of killing Elizabeth Short—"the Black Dahlia"—in Los Angeles last January.

Chief Murphy said the youth, booked as Melvin R. Bailey, 23 of Lemay, Mo., a St. Louis suburb, signed a statement giving details of the crime, just before 7 p.in.

Murphy said Bailey told of "cutting her up" with his command knife the night of January 12 after a round of drinking in a Los Angeles bar, because she refused to go East with him.

He said he had come to St. Louis by bus from San Francisco a few days after the killing.

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#### 'D<del>ahiia</del>' Susp<del>ect</del> Held in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, March 18 (INS).—
St. Louis police said tonight a man held in the city jail since
Feb. 12 had admitted the slaying in Los Angeles of Elizabeth
Short, "the Black Dahlia."

Picked up on a stolen-car car charge, he gave the name of Melvin Bailey, 23, and said he was from Missouri.

According to police, Bailey said he met Miss Short at a Los Angeles bar. They decided to travel together to Missouri, Bailey said, but the girl later told him she was going to Missouri with two soldiers

him she was going to with two soldiers.

Bailey said he was incensed by this. While they were sitting in a car, Bailey told authorities, he seized a Commando knife and stabbed the girl.

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## GITY ASKS FBI AID IN SOLVING 'DAHLIA' CASE

Request Follows Horrall Meeting With Bowron on Slayings

FBI aid in solving mutilation slayings of the "Black Dahlia" and the "Flying Nurse" was asked vesterdey

Nurse" was asked yesterday.
Police Chief C. B. Horrall made
the request during a long conference with Richard B. Hood,
Los Angeles chief of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation.

Action followed a meeting of Horrall with Mayor Fletcher Bowron. The Mayor was understood to have given unqualified approval to enlistment of Federal aid in the current wave of crimes against women.

#### TWO KILLINGS-

Two ghastly killings occurred within a period of 26 days.

Last January 15 the nude body of Betty Short, 22, called the "Black Dahlia," was flung into a vacant lot in the 3800 block of Norton avenue. She had been bludgeoned and her body severed at the waist.

February 10 brought discovery of the body of Mrs. Jeanne Axtord French, 45, actress, aviatrix and nurse, in a field off the 3200 block of Grand View boulevard, West Los Angeles.

She had been clubbed, then stamped to death by a man's feet. Her nude body was obscenely inscribed with lipstick—an unprintable phrase and the letters "Bo, suggesting "Black Danna".

#### HELP EXPECTED.

There was little doubt in official circles that the FBI would join forces with police in the investigation.

Normally FBI men are involved only in offenses against Federal law or crimes involving two or more states.

It was pointed out, however, that law gives them jurisdiction when their help is requested by a chief of local law enforcement,

Entry of the FBI into the "Black Dahlia" and "Flying Nurse" cases would bring the vast resources of Federal crime laboratories, criminal record files and highly skilled operatives to bear on the crimes.

It was expected that FBI men would immediately begin a check of investigations completed or in process by city detectives.

in progress by city detectives. Authorities emphasized, however, that enlistment of FBI aid was not intended to disparage efforts of Los Angeles homicide officers, who have been working night and day on the cases.

On the contrary, the purpose of the move is to give them every possible assistance, it was said officially.

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## Dahlia Suspect Veiled by Army; Story in Doubt

FORT DIX, N. J., Feb. 9 (NY News)—The army's criminal investigation division here, faced with the likelihood of having its Black Dahlia murder "solution" blow up in its face, withdrew be-

hind a curtain of secrecy today. Corp. Joseph Dumais, the gar-rulous combat veteran and milthat policeman, who said yester-day that it was "possible" that he was the killer, was being ques-tioned again by Capt. William H. Florence, head of the post's CID.

#### Throws Up Veil

But Florence refused to talk to newspapermen, refused to let to newspapermen, refused to let them question Dumais, and refused to tell what progress, if any, he was making. Yet yesterday he hall announced that he was "convinced" Dumais murdered "The Dahia"—attractive Eliza beth Short, 22, whose nude and severed body was found in a Los ageles lot on January 15.

Capt. Jack Donohoe, head of

the Los Angeles homicide squad, said the weakest point in Florence's case was the fact that Fort Dix records show Dumais was in camp at 3 p.m. on January 15, the day Miss Short's body was found in the lot, close to a file-quently used sidewalk and in plain sight.

#### Plane Possibility

The body probably was placed there after dark on January 14 or early on January 15, Donohoe said, otherwise it would have been discovered earlier. Dumais couldn't have done it and get back to Fort Dix by 3 p.m. of January 15, Donohoe said, without flying East on a Constellation plane and there is no evidence that he did.

Today three sergeants said they saw Dumias when he checked into camp January 10 after a 45-day furlough and that they saw him there on January 13, 14 and 15. Post records show he was there January 11, but there is no record

of where he was on January 12.
Meanwhile at Tilton, N. H., the mother of Dumais' first wife reported her daughter alive and well. Dumais reportedly told authorities at Fort Dix she died under mysterious circumstances."

Mrs. Hazel de Langis said Dumais married her daughter, Dumais married her daughter, the former Eunice Fortune, on January 1, 1937, in Claremont where the corporal lived at that time. Town records show that Ibumais was 19 and his bride 15.

Told of Dumais' statement that the time was done where the corporal light wife was done where Da

his first wife was dead, Mrs. De Hangis replied:
"Why, that stabsurd. My daughter is alive and well."

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## Five Give Dahlia 'Slayer' an A

From out of the brutal, woman-beating past of Cpl. Joseph Dumais, who has told authorities he "may have" slain Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia" of Los Angeles, came the voice of his forgotten common-law wife yesterday to brand him as a "vicious," psychopathic bully.

Madeline Nichols, 25, of Holliston, Mass. who bore the sus-

ton, Mass., who bore the suspected killer a child during a violent romance, said yesterday at her home:

If he did this awful crime. I hope he gets everything he deserves. I am terrified of him myself. He has vicious fits of temper and has beaten

Al Fort Dix, Dumais, who until his arrest had terrorized other soldiers as "the toughest M. P. in the Army," was closeted with Army Criminal Investigation Division officials, trying to check contradictions in his so-called "confession."

The case took a sensational turn, however, when Interna-tional News Service reported that five enlisted men at Fort Dix. will testify today that Dumais could not possibly have been on the West Coast at the time of the murder.

According to INS, the men will swear that Dumais was on the post between Jan. 10 and Jan. 16, post between Jan. 10 and Jan. 10, and that they had seen him personally. The report said the saldiers particularly remembered tile murder suspect because he had been censured for parading around in the uniform of a counter-intelligence officer.

Capt. Wiliam H. Florence, head of Dix's CID, who has said he



Cpl. Joseph Dumais 'confident' he's the Army slayer.

is "confident" Dumais is the mystery slayer, was trying to break through the prisoner's blackout" to ascertain these two key points: whether Dumais actually was in Los Angeles on Jan. 15, when Elizabeth Short was murdered and whether he was murdered, and whether he

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#### J'I'M-TERRIFIED OF HIM MYSELE



Madeline Nichols Common-law wife dreads the Dahlia suspect.

#### Z Saw 'Killer' At Dix When 'Dahlia' Died

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knew the details of how her body was mutilated.

The Nicholas girl, who is one of

was mutilated.

The Nicholas girl, who is one of three women whom Dumais has claimed as his wife during a series of tumultuous courtships and sudden break-ups, recalled with horror his temper.

She had seen him last on Thanksgiving Day, when he came to her mothers' home with a story about having just returned from overseas. She added:

"He said he had changed his ways, and asked me to go to dinner in Boston with him. I went, and he seemed all right. But, in a taxi, when I told him I wouldn't live with him again, he beat me up."

The girl managed to escape from the taxi and went to a police station.

## Dix Officials to Query GIs On 'Black Dahlia' Suspect

Army authorities at Fort Dix, through Jan. 12. The soldiers who N. J., last night admitted that a number of soldiers on the post have reported seeing Cpl. Joseph Dumais in camp on Jan. 10, 11 and 12, which tended to shad some doubt which tended to shed some doubt on Dumais's claim that he had a date with Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia," on Jan. 9 or 10, a few days before her nude, mutilated body was found in a vacant Los Angeles lot.

Los Angeles police found the Dahlia's body Jan. 15. They believe she was probably killed Jan. 14, but medical examination indi-

Earlier, Dumais told Army Criminal Investigation men he had "blacked out" from drinking during a Jan. 9 or 10th date with the Dahlia in California while he was on furlough, and that it was "possible" he had killed her. Dumais also is supposed to have admitted also is supposed to have admitted knowing how the body was mutilated.

The 29-year-old, thrice married MP came into the case when he was arrested on charges of emcated she might have been dead for as long as 36 hours when her body was found.

Fort Dix authorities have no record of Dumais' presence on the pist between noon, Jan. 13 and Jan. 17. They are now checking the reports Dumais was in camp

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Soldier Who Dated 'Black Dahlia' Held,

By the Associated Press FORT DIX, N. J., Feb. 6.-A soldier said by Army authorities to have told of dating Elizabeth Short in Los Angeles on January 9-four days before the so-called "Black Dahlia" was found slain-was held in the Fort Dix stockade today while Army authorities awaited word from Los Angeles police.

word from Los Angeles police.

Maj. Cornelius T. Morris, post public relations officer, said the soldier, Corpl. Joseph Dumais of Claremont, N. H., related that after the date his "mind went blank" and the next thing he remembered was being in the Pennsylvania Station in New York City.

The 29-year-old former combat infantryman was examined yesterday by a psychiarist, who recom-

day by a psychiarist, who recom-mended that he be placed in a hospital, Maj. Morris said.

Dumais was taken into custody on the complaint of another solon the complaint of another soldier, who told the provost marshal he was having trouble getting back money Dumais had accepted for safekeeping. Maj. Morris said Dumais mentioned the "Black Dahlia" slaying while being questioned tioned.

Maj. Morris said Dumais told investigators he did not know of the slaying until he read about it in newspapers several days later. He produced some clippings from his

willet, Maj. Morris said. He added that State police chem s had determined that ins inside a pocket of D users were human blood

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## 'Dahlia Slayer Skips Date, Note Expresses Fear

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29 (UP). Three hours after the deadline for the surrender of the killer of Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia," police received a new note which said the murderer had changed his mind about giving himself up.

A previous communication had said the slayer of the 22-year-old beauty would give himself up at 10 a.m. today. The hour came and went without anything happening.

#### New Note Sent

Early this afternoon Capt. Jack Donahue of police homicide bureau received a note. It was addressed to him and said:

"I have changed my mind about surrendering. I'm afraid I won't get a fair deal."

The note was composed of letters and words cut from newly papers, as were several previous messages apparently from the killer. It came in a typewritten envelope.

The envelope and note were turned over to the police crime laboratory for study.

The new note arrived shortly after the police had publicly pledged themselves to be fair to

the slayer if he gave himself up.
For three days Donahoe had
awaited the deadline of the slayer's promise, received in the mail,
to surrender himself at 10 a.m.
today.

But the investigation was not without developments. In a 12-hour period, police received and rejected, completely or in part, three purported confessions to the brutal mutilation slaying of the black-haired girl.

The first came last night when Daniel S. Woorhees, 33, gave him self up to police after telephoning that he was the killer. He gave officers a written five word "confession" which said: "I did kill Beth Short."

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Expert questioning on the dates when he allegedly met the girl convinced police it was unlikely that he killed her. But he was held in the county jail hospital ward.

Officers pointed out that Voorhees claimed he went out with the girl in 1941 but her family had said she did not come to the West Coast until 1943.

Detectives were even less impressed with the confession in San Diego of Enfly E. Williams, alias Emily E. Carter. 24, a former Wac. San Diego officers said she told a rambling story and in their opinion was suffering from a mental allment.

Miss Williams claimed she shot and stabbed Miss Short in an auto court on the outskirts of Los Angeles. The bisected body of Miss Short showed no evidence of a bullet wound.

The third unsupported confession came from Mannie Sepulveda, 37, who telephoned police and said "I killed Elizabeth Short." Officers met her outside a bar on South Vermont Ave. Brief questioning convinced them that she knew nothing of the case.

Although they had received nearly a half-dozen notes allegedly from the slayer, police were doubtful if any except the first had a real connection. It was the first note, received last Friday, which contained personal effects of the victim including her address hook and birth certificate.

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## Lops Seeking Female Sac

#### Former Roommate Suspected of 'Black Dahlia' Slaying

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 21—Police made a complete about-face today in their efforts to Mr. Carson find the torture-murderer of pretty Elizabeth Short, and began an intensive search for a woman, Mr. Egan rather than a man, as the mutilator of the Black Dahlia."

Mr. Hendon

Former roommates of the strikingly beautiful 22-year-old girl were placed first on the list of those to be questioned. The decision to change all previous tactics of the week-long search came after a meeting of the city's topranking police officials which began last night and lasted well into the morning hours.

#### WITHOUT LUGGAGE

Prime suspect in the new drive is a girl roommate who disappeared Jan. 15, the day Miss Short's tortured and mutilated body, hacked in two, was found in a lovers' lane.

Adding to the belief that the girl's slayer may have been a woman were two factors.

First, she was known to be in Los Angeles Jan. 9 without any luggage which would indicate she spent the week before she was killed with some oman who could provide extra clothing and makeup.

Second, police officials said they believed the killing followed a pattern squad, of other horror-murders by women.

Her presence in Los Angeles Jan. 9 was sworn to by Robert (Red) Manley, 25, who was cleared of suspicion yesterday after a long grilling by police and two lie detector tests.

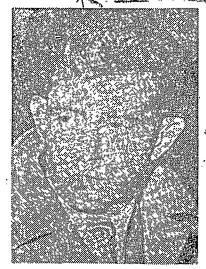
#### JEALOUS SUITOR SOUGHT

Manley suggested another possible suspect, a swathy, sticky "blind date" who jealously scratched Miss Short's arms until they bled. The man was insanely jealous of the girl, he said.

"I saw some scratches on her arms when I had a date with her," Mr. Manley said. "She told me a blind date had been arranged for her in San Diego with this dark, swarthy man, This man thought another fellow got too friendly with her and she with him. He got insanely jealous. That's when he slapped and scratched her."

#### NO MORE CHEATING' .

Mr. Manley saw the girl, whose coal-black hair and fondness for sheer, gack clothing gave her the "Blak Jahlia" nickname, on Jan. 9 when, he iald police, he let her out of his auto a a Los Angeles hotel. The police department's homicide



MR. MANLEY

squad, figuratively starting from "That's the last time I'll ever cheat scratch, was augmented by 100 addi- on my wife, believe me," he declared.

tional policemen and began a wide-|Mr. Pennington\_ spread search for new clues to the Mr. Quinn Tamm girl's murderer.

Half of them combed the area Mr. Nease where the bisected body was found hunting for her clothing, bloods blankets, the ropes with which she was bound while tortured and her torture

The search turned up a militarytype watch, still unidentified.

Other officers began a thoro check of all the Los Angeles drinking spots where the popular girl had been seen.
Others went to the Biltmore Hotel,

where Mr. Manley said the girl was meeting a friend, the day he last saw

An inquest was set for tomorrow after Mrs. Phoebe Short, mother of the dead girl, identified her butchered

Manley's pretty blonde wife who insisted her husband was inno cent of the fiendish slaying, left the jail arm in arm with him, from "That's the last "

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Mrs. Harriett Manley, 22, at Police Headquarters in Los Angeles, urges her husband to keep his chin up. Robert Manley, 25, redhaired former Army musician, questioned in the murder of Elizabeth Short, 22, whose nude body, slashed in two at the wais, was found on a vacant lot. Manley later survived two lie detector tests and was released.

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Suspect Is Released.

In Mutilation Murder

Los Angeles, Jan. 20 (U.P.).

Robert (Red) Manley, 25, was released by authorities today after two lie detector tests failed to link him with the mutilation murder of Elizabeth Short, 22, "The Black Dahlia." His wife and father both slid he was at home the night Miss Short was slain and her mutilated tody dumped in a vacant lot.

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20 (UP). Robert "Red" Manley, 25, was released by authorities today after two lie detector tests failed to link him with the mutilation murder of Elizabeth Short, 22, "The Black Dahlia."

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#### No Suspects Left

The release of Manley left police without a suspect in the five day-old case. He was brought it for questioning late last night about 6:30 p.m. in a hotel lobby after having been sought since last Thursday.

Manley spent nearly two hours

in the police crime detection lab-oratory while Ray Pinker, police chemist, put him through a series of tests to learn whether his story were true. He was held on a charge of syspicion of murder.

Following the test, Police Capt. Donohoe said Manley's reactions still were being checked. He admitted, however, that the second test was "no more conclusive" than the first.

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#### "I Can't Do It"

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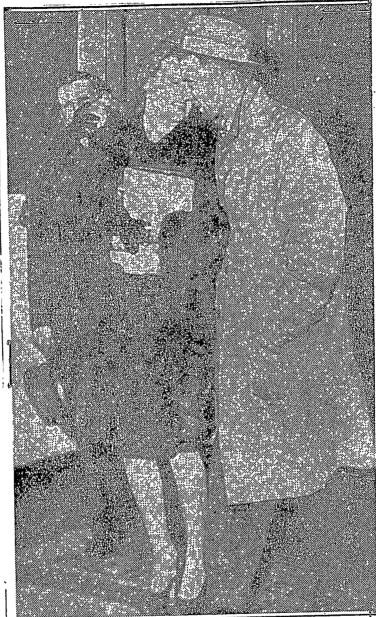
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#### Her Faith Vindicated

Tears of joy stream down the face of Mrs. Robert "Red" Manley as she leaves a Los Angeles police station with her husband. Manley was released by authorities and cleared of any complicity in the "Black Dahlia" horror murder.

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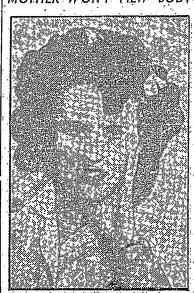
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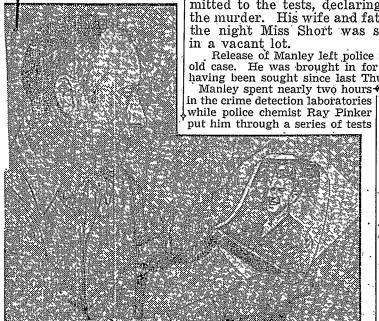
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(International Photo)



ENTIFIES 'RED'S' PHOTO

William Sullivan, railway express clerk at Union Station, Los Angeles, says man he saw with Elizabeth Short 24 hours before she lied is same one he views in photo of "Red" Manley. (International SOUNDphoto)

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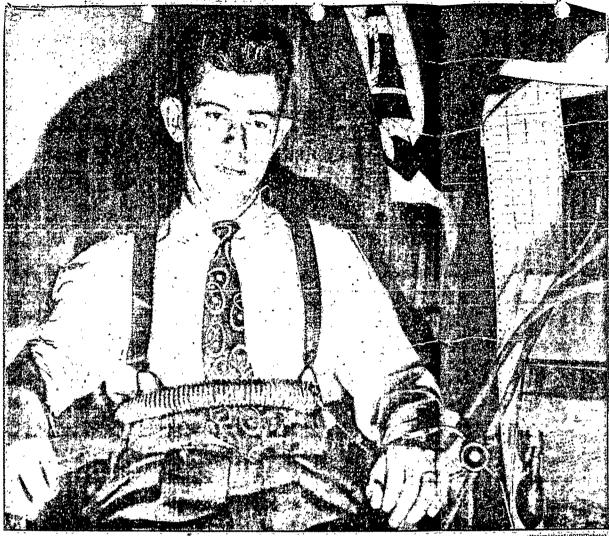
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## Wife Cheers Her 'Red'



Robert
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Associated Press WIREPHOTO ELIZABETH SHORT,

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Miss Short was in at a drive-in restaurant near San Diego the day before her mutilated body, severed at the waist, was found in a vacant lot here, police learned.

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# Ish Hunt for Vain Red-Herd Murder of Black Dahlia

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 19 (UP).—The elusive "Red," hottest suspect in the "Mack Dahlia" murder mystery, was a vain, red-haired youth who lived near 22-year-old Elizabeth Short and was seen drinking beer with her the night before her mutilated body was found in a vacant lot here, police said today.

Tonight police seemed to know everything about him

except his name and whereabouts.

That they might even know his name was indicated by Capt. Donohoe of the Homicide Squad, who said police were looking for a red-haired former Marine with a police record extending back to his youth. The young man also was known as Bob. Donohoe said.

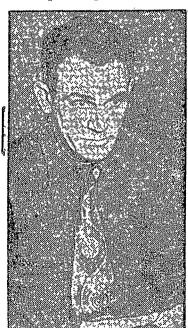
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The latest tip tied in with information given by a neighbor of Mrs. Elvera French, in whose apartment Miss Short was stay-

The neighbor said Miss Short left the house Jan. 7 with a red-haired youth. She was seen to enter a light-colored coupe with him. The car bore a transfer sticker with the words "Huntington Beach" "Huntingtonor

Friends said Miss Short's admirer was an airlines employe who lived in Huntington Park.

Two unidentified men also were sought in San Francisco for questioning about possible informa-tion on the girl's activities and acquaintances.

George Piette, of Rodondo Beach, who was arrested at Parker, Ariz., on an auto theft charge and questioned when he admitted taking the car from a girl named "Betty" at Redondo Beach, was cleared of the Short slaying today.

Nortan New York Daily Mirror

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### Mother and Sister of Slain Girl

Mrs. Phoebe Short, mother of Elizabeth Short whose dismembered body was found last week, is shown (above) with another daughter, Mrs. Virginia West. Pale and weary, Mrs. Short arrived at San Francisco airport en route to Los Angeles to aid police in the search for the slayer of the 22-year-old "Black Dahlia."

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#### Suspect Face

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20—A 25-year-old former Army musician, handsome Robert "Red" Manley, admitted to police today a fronth-long gay fflirta-tion with murdered Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia," but steadfastly denied any connection with her death.

Manley, married and the father of a four-months-old boy, said he "turned sick inside" when he lcarned that Miss Short's severed body was found in a vacant lot Wednesday.

#### SUFFERING FROM SHOCK

Police booked Manley on suspicion of murder, nevertheless, and said he would be questioned further about his connection with the girl.

Taken into custody after a business trip to San Francisco, Manley, a pipe-clamp salesman, consented to a lie detector test at midnight.

& Police later said Manley was sufferng from shock and nervous strain, and he "couldn't establish a good normal" | Such a pretty yet | red-haired companion—was impounded in the detector test and will be given Railway Express clerk at Los Angeles Manley was picked up at the home of the detector test and will be given Railway Express clerk at Los Angeles | Railway E another today.

"I'll go thru with it," he said. know I'm in the clear. I have nothing to worry about."

His attractive blond wife, Harriet, 22, sat in another room at police headquarters, wringing her hands and leaning for support on William Morris.
Manley, the father.

Police decided to pick up Manley after linking him to Miss Short thru evidence uncovered in an intensive week-end investigation. They declined to say what actually led them to him.

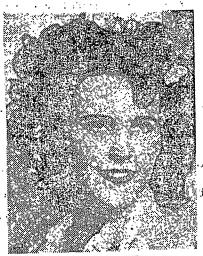
#### MET AT BUS STOP

He admitted his association with Miss Short, 22-year-old beauty whose last hours were linked to a red-haired companion. He said he brought her here from San Diego Jan. 9, but denied seeing her since that day, when

he left her at a downtown hotel.

Miss Short, who had a host of boy friends, because known as the "Black bahlia" because of her love for sheer, Mack clothing.

Police said William E. Sullivan,



MISS SHORT "Such a pretty girl"

station, tentatively identified Manley as a man who accompanied Miss Short to the station the day before she died.

Sullivan said she inquired about procedure for shipping a trunk and suitcase to Ketchikan, Alaska.

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A slender, neatly-dressed man, Manley said he was at San Francisco on business and did not learn of Miss Short's death until her picture ap-

peared in the papers Friday.
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## Omly die Photo Remains

A night club photo found in a trunk (left) is the only souvenir of a war-time romance between 22-year-old Elizabeth Short, known as the "Black Dahlia," and Maj. Matt Gordon Jr., who she reportedly married. The major died in a plane crash, Miss Short at the hands of a Los Angeles sadist. At right is Mrs. Phoebe Short as she arrived in Los Angeles to claim her daughter's body. (Story, Page 9.)

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## Salesman Claims Alibi In Mutilation Murder Of Girl in Los Angeles

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20,haired former Army musician was booked on suspicion of murder today in the mutilation slaying of Elizabeth Short, 22.

Robert Manley, 25, salesman for a pipe clamp concern, was taken in custody last night as he returned from a trip to San Francisco, After being examined for hours by homicide detectives working in relays, he finally fell asleep answering questions.

Capt. Jack Donahoe of the police homicide bureau, wearily winding up hours of questioning, announced:
"Most of the evidence seems to be on Manley's side."

Lie Detector Used.

The salesman willingly submitted to a lie detector test, according to Capt. Donahoe, which classified its results as "confused."

"We'll try again later," he added. "He's tired out, now. And so are

Capt. Donahoe made these points clear:

No bloodstains were found in Manley's car.' (Police earlier had determined that Miss Short's body, after being butchered, was washed and hauled to the vacant lot where it was found.)

Manley's alibi for the time she died, early last Wednesday, "is a family affair" but "does not appear to have been put together."

Manley said he was at home

maney said he was at nome asleep. He was a wife and a 4-month-old baby.

His wife, Harriett, met him at the jail, smiled fondly and chatted with him in low tones in a corner before he stepped nervously to the booking desk.

License Number Checked.

The officer added:

Manley acknowledged meeting Miss Short in San Diego two weeks before Christmas; sending her a telegram that he would see her again January 8; meeting her and driving; with her to Los Angeles, after a stop at a Pacific Beach Motel. Capt. Donahoe said Manley's detention was the result of a check of license numbers taken by the motel manager.

Miss Short's body was found in a vacant lot the morning of January 15. Manley said he left for the north on a business trip with a friend January 17, and read in newspapers there of Miss Short's identification.

The girl, a former Medford, Mass.) resident with movie amhitions, has been identified by police as the widow of an Army major with -according to her scrapbook—boy friends in many cities.

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## Police Seek Mad Pervert In Girl's Death

Los Angeles, Jan. 17 (AP).-The mutilation slayer of attractive 22year-old Elizabeth Short, whose brutal butchery was described by a police psychiatrist as that of a sex-perverted madman, was being sought on a Nationwide scale today, with authorities trying particularly to locate her several "boy friends."

Her suitors were many, said Police Capt. Loren Q. Martin of Long Beach, where the girl lived until recently. He added that to hangers-on at a neighborhood drug store near where she lived she was known as "The Black Dahlia," for her raven-hair and the jet black clothing which she usually wore.

When her mutilated, bisected body was found in a vacant lot Wednesday morning, her jet hair had been hennaed and was just beginning to grow out in its natural color.

#### Seek Army Lieutenant

Police would particularly like to question an unidentified Army lieutenant, described as "tall and handsome," whom Miss Short allegedly told friends she intended to marry. She also was frequently visited at her Long Beach hotel by a Navy man, Martin said, and in Los Angeles, Policewoman Myrl McBride asserted Miss Short once asked her for protection from a discharged Marine whom the girl

described as "insanely jealous."

Martin said she also reportedly had a number of other suitors.

Miss Short, native of Hyde Park, Mass., came here from Medford, in the same State, about four years ago for her health, police were informed. Shortly afterward she took a clerk's job in the post exchange at Camp Cooke, near Santa Barbara, where, said her former boss, Mrs. soldiers.

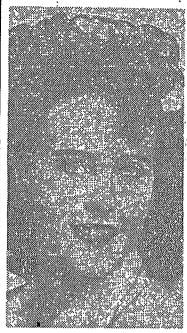
#### A Model Employe

At that time, Mrs. Keeling told police, she was a model employe in all respects, not smoking and seldom drinking. A few months later, said Mrs. Keeling, she began to go out with the soldiers several times a week.

Identification was made through fingerprints on record with the FBI, both as a result of her Army post job and through her arrest in 1943 as a juvenile delinquent. She is the daughter of Mrs. Phoebe M. Short, Medford, Mass.

Dr. Paul de River, police probitrist, said her murder was plainly

### Butchered Girl Was Engaged



Associated Press WIREPHOTO ELIZABETH SHORT

of Medford, Mass., 22-year-old victim of a Los Angeles butcherslaying, had planned to wed an unknown Army Air Force lieutenant undergoing hospitalization, a friend of the slain girl said yesterday. Mrs. Marjorie Graham of Medford, said Miss Short told her of wedding plans last October, when they were sharing a hotel room in Hollywood

the work of a sex maniac manifesting "the sadistic component of a sado-masochist complex."

(In Medford, Mass., Mrs. Phoebe M. Short, mother of five daughters. said she would bring the slain girl's body home for burial. She said that Betty told her in a letter Inez Keeling, she at first was shy and bashful and never dated the doing "bit parts" in motion pictures until she took employment in a wavy hospital at San Diogo.)

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## Torture-Slaying Victim Feared Sadist Suitor

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17—A refeted suitor who kept pretty Elizabeth Short in deadly fear of her life was lighted today as a suspect in her torturemurder.

Investigators withheld the man's name, but said the 22-year-old girl told friends on several consistency was "deadly afraid of him"

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The suitor was desc. Jed by Dorothy
French, with whom Miss Short lived
in San Diego, Calif.

She said Elizabeth was "very popular" with men and had many dates but often spoke about hiding from a boy friend who frightened her.

She left the French home hurriedly for Hollywood Jan. 8, a week before a frenzied killer hacked and tortured her to death.

On the night she was killed, a ter-

ror-stricken girl answering her description begged a policeman for protection from a "jealous marine" who threatened to kill her.

Policewoman Myrtle McBride said the girl spoke of meeting a bus from San Diego. She was sobbing and hysterical from fear.

The next morning Miss Short's body, cut in two and savagely mutilated, was found in a Lovers' Lane vacant lot. It was identified last night by finger prints in FBI files.

Police said she apparently had hung nude by her feet during hours of torture before she died of shock and hemorrhage.

Search for the fiendish killer centered around a Main-st cafe where the girl told Miss McBride she had run into her former boy friend, who threatened to "kill her if he ever found her with another man."

Miss McBride accompanied the girl to the bar where the girl talked to two men and a woman for a few minutes, then left. Miss McBride said she told her to go home.

"I can't," Elizabeth said. "I'm waiting for someone whose bus is due in at 19:30."

The 10:30 bus comes from San Diego, where she was believed to have been employed at the naval hospital.

The development was the first clue in the sadistic slaying, described by police a sthe most revolting sex crime in years. The FBI said Miss Short had been picked up as a juyenile delinquent in Santa Barbara, Calif., in 1943, for drinking in a restaurant with soldiers.

Policewoman Mary Unkefer, who cared for her before she was sent home to her mother, Mrs. Phoebe Short of Medford, Mass., described her as "very good looking and nicely dressed."

The blue-eyed brunet was mutilated and butchered early Wednesday in a secret hideaway while her thighs, wrists and ankles were bound with rope or wire.

Chief Autopsy Surgeon Dr. Frederick Newbarr listed the cause of death as shock and hemorrhage from the deep

slashes the slayer inflicted.

Her mouth was ripped from ear to ear while she was still alive, and Dr. Newbarr said the agony of that would bring on shock. Then she apparently was beaten about the head and face with a club, causing the concussion but still leaving her conscious enough in suffer.

He said the horrible mutilation of the torso occurred after death.

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## An Artist Foils a Slayer

Compare the drawing at left with the photo. The sketch was made by a police artist from the almost unrecognizable features of a then-unidentified girl whose nude, mutilated body was found in a Hollywood lot. As the photo shows, the artist's reconstruction would have nullified the slayer's attempt to hide the identity of his victim had not police been able to identify the girl as Elizabeth Short, 22, thru her fingerprints. (See story, Page 14.)



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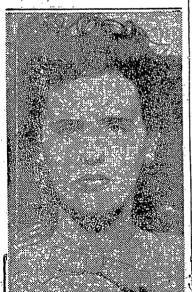
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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16 (CTPS)-Fingerprints have identified the attractive victim of a brutal sex-fiend murder found Wednesday in a vacant lot in West Los Angeles as Elizabeth Short, 22, of Santa Barbara, the FBI said today.

all civilian employes at military bases:

One youth was questioned at City Hall as a possible suspect in the sadistic slaying, while in the coroner's office autopsy physi-cians announced that Miss Short died of hemorrhage and shock. The young woman's mouth was slit with a knife three inches on each side while she was still alive, the doctors said. This plus a con-cussion of the brain induced by blows on the head caused her death, they stated. Other mutila-tion of the body, which was found-



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in half and otherwise uese crated, occurred after death in their opinion.

#### \$10,000 Reward Planned

So shocked by the details of the butcher-murder were city of-ficials that a \$10,000 reward was planned for the capture of the slayer. City Councilman Lloyd G. Davis said he would ask the posting of the reward at the earliest opportunity.

Picked up by officers early to-day at a bus depot, Cecil French, 23, of Bakersfield, was booked on suspicion of a morals offense and questioned concerning possible implication in Miss Short's murder.

French, said officers, was seen molesting women in the vicinity of the depot. His automobile, parked The identification was made as nearby, was shy a back seat. scores of persons telephoned and French told police that he had revisited the homicide detail in City moved the seat to carry some ma-

The victim had been employed in 1943 at Camp Cooke, Calif., as a post exchange clerk.

At the time she went to work at the army post; 100 miles north of here, her fingerprints were taken and forwarded to Washington, a routine wartime procedure.

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The FBI announced last night that a young girl whose butchered body was found in Los Angeles had been identified as Elizabeth Short, 22, a native of Hyde Park, Mass.

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Check of fingerprint records, the FBI said, showed that the girl had applied for a clerk's job in the post exchange at Camp Cooke, California January 30, 1943. The BI added that she was taken into sustody at Santa Barbara on September 23, 1943, for alleged violation of juvenile court laws, afters which she was put on probation.

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