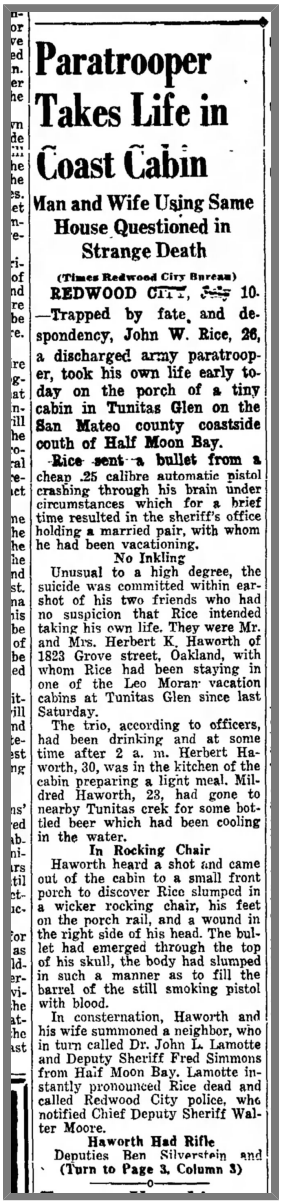
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Paratrooper Takes Life in Coast Cabin

Man and Wife Using Same House Questioned in Strange Death

(Times Redwood City Bureau)

REDWOOD CITY, July 10.—Trapped by fate and despondency, John W. Rice, 26, a discharged army paratrooper, took his own life early today on the porch of a tiny cabin in Tunitas Glen on the San Mateo county coastside south of Half Moon Bay.

Rice sent a bullet from a cheap .25 calibre automatic pistol crashing through his brain under circumstances which for a brief time resulted in the sheriff's office holding a married pair, with whom he had been vacationing.

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Unusual to a high degree, the suicide was committed within earshot of his two friends who had no suspicion that Rice intended taking his own life. They were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert K. Haworth of 1823 Grove street, Oakland, with whom Rice had been staying in one of the Leo Moran vacation cabins at Tunitas Glen since last Saturday.

The trio, according to officers, had been drinking and at some time after 2 a. m. Herbert Haworth, 30, was in the kitchen of the cabin preparing a light meal. Mildred Haworth, 23, had gone to nearby Tunitas crek for some bottled beer which had been cooling in the water.

In Rocking Chair

Haworth heard a shot and came out of the cabin to a small front porch to discover Rice slumped in a wicker rocking chair, his feet on the porch rail, and a wound in the right side of his head. The bullet had emerged through the top of his skull, the body had slumped in such a manner as to fill the barrel of the still smoking pistol with blood.

In consternation, Haworth and his wife summoned a neighbor, who in turn called Dr. John L. Lamotte and Deputy Sheriff Fred Simmons from Half Moon Bay. Lamotte instantly pronounced Rice dead and called Redwood City police, who notified Chief Deputy Sheriff Walter Moore.

Haworth Had Rifle

Deputies Ben Silverstein and

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