

Roger Olmscheid Gets Respite From War in Alaska

Roseburg Radioman in Navy Saw "Plenty of Action" in Fog-Shrouded Region

Playing hide-and-seek with fog bound mountain tops with the temperature so cold that radio antennae of the navy patrol swelled to an inch in diameter with its coating of ice, not to mention frequent skirmishes with Jap Zero fighters and brushes with enemy bombers, soon leads one to agree with Sherman's definition of war, according to Roger Olmscheid of Roseburg.

Olmscheid, second class petty officer and radioman of a navy patrol bomber, arrived home Wednesday night for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter

On the Home Front



Olmscheid, after spending three months in the Aleutian islands. Three days after his graduation from Roseburg high school, Olmscheid applied for enlistment in the U. S. navy, and was accepted June 6, 1941. He was sent to radio training school and upon completion of his course was assigned to aerial patrol. During the early days of the war his ship and its crew was engaged in almost constant patrol along the Pacific

coast and from the coast to Hawaii.

When the Japs invaded the Aleutian islands, Olmscheid's ship was at Astoria, and it was dispatched immediately to the Alaskan scene. For three months the crew has occupied a remote outpost from which the plane has operated in bombing and strafing Japanese bases and installations. Forbidden to report the actual nature of the Aleutian operations, Olmscheid merely stated that the crew with which he served saw plenty of action and had many narrow escapes and caused a great deal of damage to the enemy.

Fog Major Handicap
The great handicap, he stated, is the fog which makes flying extremely dangerous and uncertain. Conditions, however, are expected to change soon and hard winds are anticipated which for a time ordinarily dispel some of the fog. Olmscheid reported that for four days after receiving permission to return to the mainland for a furlough, the naval plane and its crew remained at the base, not desiring to make a take-off when there were no combat duties to make such risk necessary. However, on the fifth day the crew decided to wait no longer and took off for home regardless of the danger, making a safe flight to a California base from which the members were permitted to leave for their respective homes.

Olmscheid does not expect to return to his duties as radioman. Instead, he hopes to become a full-fledged pilot and already has passed the first stage in his application for cadet flight training. He was recommended by his commanding officer for pilot training, and successfully negotiated the preliminary physical and aptitude tests. He will return soon for further examinations.

Nine Douglas Boys, Girls Win Trip in "Green" Contest

Nine Douglas county boys and girls, winners in the state-wide fire prevention contest sponsored among the Green Guards of the Keep Oregon Green organization, left today by bus for a week-end at Santiam lodge, centrally located in the heart of the Cascade wilderness.

The nine contest winners will be among the 26 boys and girls selected from all parts of the state on the basis of their respective entries.

The Roseburg squad, led by Ruth Morgan, includes, in addition to the leader, Winnifred Manning, Joyce Morgan, June Barter, Jeannine Joyce Vierra, Lois Jean Morgan, Lila Mae Ison and Carol Barter. Naomi Casselman, of Sutherlin, also was chosen from Douglas county.

The week-end outing, offered as a prize by the Keep Oregon Green committee, includes trips to lakes and forest areas in tours conducted by forest rangers and wardens, and evening programs of motion pictures and recreation.

Japs Claim Their Navy Units Prowl Atlantic

Japanese just didn't want to be left out of an important battle area.

Other observers pointed out that if Japan actually had sent important naval forces into the Atlantic, she would be unlikely to destroy their surprise value by advertising the fact.

The Tokyo communique said: "Part of the Japanese naval forces has advanced to the Atlantic and is now engaged in strategic operations in close cooperation with the axis navies."

"One Japanese submarine operating in the Atlantic recently called at a certain German naval base and again set sail for strategic waters."

"Operations of the Japanese navy in the Atlantic with the German navy, which are parallel to a German naval operation in the Indian ocean, are highly significant as they represent joint Japanese-axis naval operations against the anti-axis powers."

British Rule Madagascar

Meanwhile, British troops were overrunning French Madagascar to eliminate that 1,000-mile island, lying off the coast of southeast Africa, as a base for axis underwater raiders preying on the vital allied supply lanes to India, China, Russia and the middle east.

In London, the foreign office announced that following the capture of Tananarive, the capital, British forces had placed Madagascar under military rule "to insure law and order... pending establishment of a friendly regime."

The Vichy French flag will continue to fly over the island, it was announced, and the sovereignty of France remains unaffected.

Jap Bases Again Bombed

In the southwest Pacific, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that allied warplanes pressed home devastating new attacks on Japanese communication lines in the New Guinea battle zone and pounded enemy bases in New Britain, Timor and the Solomon islands.

American flying fortresses were officially credited with scoring a direct hit on an 8,000-ton Japanese cargo ship at Rabaul, New Britain, leaving it in flames.

Other allied fliers set Japanese huts afire and strafed the air-drome at Kokoda, New Guinea, advance base for Japanese troops driving across the Owen Stanley mountains toward Port Moresby.

Gen. MacArthur's communique said there was no change in the general situation in the mountains, where the Japanese have been stalled for 10 days within 32 airline miles of Port Moresby.

2 More Trade Ships Sunk

The announced sinkings of two more ships, an American merchantman and a Panamanian cargo carrier with the loss of five seamen, raised to 475 today the Associated Press tally of announced sinkings in the western Atlantic since America's entry into the war.

A total of 98 crewmen of the two ships was rescued and landed safely at United Nations' ports. One seaman was killed in the U-boat attack on the Panamanian vessel in the north Atlantic last July while four men were lost when the United States ship was torpedoed in mid-Atlantic last month.

The American Swedish News Exchange announced that destruction of the 5,244-ton Swedish motor freighter Lima by

enemy submarine action raised to at least 154 ships that neutral nation's merchant marine losses in a three-year period. At least 182 persons were killed in the sinkings, the exchange said.

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"On the river beach are the corpses of women and children killed by German bombs," he wrote. "The Stalingrad waterfront is a great patch of ruins."

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CAIRO, Sept. 25.—(AP)—British torpedo-carrying aircraft dam-

aged a large tanker escorted by destroyers northwest of Tobruk Wednesday night in another attack on German Marshal Rommel's overseas supply lines. British headquarters announced today.

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Compromise May End Farm Parity Battle

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Democratic Leader Barkley said today that an effort to compromise the fight over farm parity prices in the administration's anti-inflation bill rapidly was gaining support in the senate.

At the start of the fifth day of debate, Barkley said that "many senators" who previously had been backing an amendment by Senators Thomas (D.-Okla.) and Hatch (D.-N. M.) to revise the basis of parity upward had informed him they would vote for a substitute proposal directing President Roosevelt to lift farm price ceilings where they did not reflect to producers the increased costs of labor and other items.

The latter amendment would avoid any change in the method of computing parity. President Roosevelt has said that he was "unalterably opposed" to changing this standard.

Kaiser Firm Can House Portland Influx, Aide Says

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—(AP)—When shipbuilding recruits from the east arrive here, housing facilities will be available for them, Albert Bauer, assistant manager of the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation, declared today.

He said the Kaiser company planned to take care of the workers "and there is no reason to believe that we will fall down on the job now." He made the statement in answer to one by City Commissioner William A. Boves that workers from the east "will be sleeping in the middle of the streets" if 20,000 arrive as announced by the first of the year.

Kaiser's New York representatives have announced recruiting of around 2000 workers already. Sixteen thousand family and dormitory units will be ready by Jan. 1 providing plumbing fixtures, utility connections, and other furnishings are obtained, Boves said, but at present "no program to provide for 20,000 more workmen here."

Cecil Gartrell, chairman of the Portland housing authority, said he understood Ralph Collett, director of housing and transportation for the Kaiser yards here, is in Washington, D. C., presumably to arrange for more housing.

Gartrell insisted, however, it would be impossible to provide additional dormitories or houses before 60 days, even if approved immediately in Washington.

Railway Crash Dead Believed to Total 20

DICKERSON, Md., Sept. 25.—(AP)—Railroad officials and state police today sought to identify 12 bodies removed from the charred and twisted wreckage of three trains whose collision was believed to have cost the lives of at least 20 persons.

Wreck crews worked throughout the night to pull apart the last pieces of the Pullman car in which most of the victims died when fire followed the crash of two passenger trains and a fast freight. Railroad officials said they still had not accounted for eight persons.

Veterans, Attention

Lyle Dalley, National Service Officer, D. A. V., will be in Roseburg at Young's Real Estate Office all afternoon Saturday. He will be glad to assist any veteran of any war with problems relative to service claims.

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Steel Makers Gloomy Over Salvage Outlook

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—(AP)—While the nation's newspapers today sparked enthusiasm for the next three weeks' intensive scrap metal salvage campaign, steel men gave this gloomy warning:

Unless millions of tons of junked iron and steel are soon found, some of their furnaces, which otherwise could be producing all-out for war, may have to lie idle.

If any householder, reading that the mills this year will need more than 45 million tons of scrap, gets the idea his little 20 or 25 pounds of scrap is a poor contribution, he is wrong. Those "poor" contributions, multiplied on a nationwide basis, become millions of tons.

Two Pay Fines Here For Drunkenness

Fines of \$20 each were paid in the local justice court today by Donald W. Sullivan and M. V. Abeone of Cottage Grove, who pleaded guilty to charges of drunkenness.

Clarence A. Earls, also of Cottage Grove, was in custody on a charge of drunken driving. The complaint was filed in the justice court at Drain.

Schools Here Readied For Opening Monday

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teacher of each grade. Most of the teachers are now in Roseburg, and all are expected by Saturday, except Helene Robinson, who is ill and will be unable to begin her work for another week.

VITAL STATISTICS

DIVORCE DECREES
WALKER—Anna Belle from Vanie Walker; married at Roseburg, June 12, 1915; cruelty.

GALLAP—Homer M. from Elsie L. Gallap; married at Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 26, 1937; desertion.

KENNEDY—E. M. from Catherine Kennedy; married at Roseburg, June 17, 1939; cruelty.

Wilbur

WILBUR, Sept. 24.—Mrs. Norman Leitheiser left Friday for San Francisco to visit her husband who is stationed at Camp Roberts. She returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Holcomb have moved in the Lloyd Chambers house on the west side for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Alford Teal arrived home, Sunday. They have been near Lebanon the past six weeks helping care for the crops there.

Mrs. Virgil Smith and daughter, Virginia, left Monday for Ashland where Virginia will enter the Southern Oregon College of Education for the year.

Dan Bridge, corporal in the marine corps in California, spent the past week visiting his mother, Mrs. Rosella Bridge, and other relatives and friends here. He returned to his post Sunday.

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| 40 L. B. Shampoo..... | 43c* | \$1.25 Rex Rub, 6 oz..... | 69c |
| \$1.00 L. B. Permanent Wave Oil..... | 79c* | 60c Alka Seltzer..... | 49c |
| 25c Fitch Rose Hair Oil, 4 oz..... | 19c* | \$1.00 J. & J. Baby Oil..... | 89c* |
| 50c Fitch Rose Hair Oil, 10 oz..... | 29c* | 50c J. & J. Baby Oil, 4 oz..... | 43c* |
| 75c Fitch Shampoo, 6 oz..... | 59c | 50c J. & J. Baby Powder..... | 39c* |
| \$1.00 Fitch Shampoo, 10 oz..... | 89c | 25c J. & J. Baby Powder..... | 21c* |
| 75c Citrocarbonate..... | 57c | \$1.25 Anacin Tablets..... | 98c |
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