

Skill, Duty Win War Medal For Norman B. Hess

(The following story was written by Staff Sergeant Alfred E. Lewis, Waterbury, Conn., a marine corps combat correspondent.)

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS — (Delayed) — Pharmacist's Mate First Class Norman B. Hess, 35, whose wife, Meryl, lives at 1206 Chatham street, Roseburg, Ore., has been awarded the bronze star medal.

The citation was presented by Lieutenant Colonel Edward H. Forney, commanding officer of the marine corps unit to which Hess was attached during the battle for Bougainville.

The citation, presented in the name of Admiral William F. Halsey, commander in chief of the South Pacific fleet, reads as follows:

"For meritorious service in action against the enemy while attached to the medical section of a marine unit during the invasion and establishment of a beachhead on Bougainville, British Solomon Islands.

Presceded only by the assault troops, Pharmacist's Mate First Class Norman B. Hess and his unit landed on the island on November 1, 1943, and for the next 10 days were subjected constantly to enemy bombing and sniping.

"During this period, he assisted in the preparation of the first surgical set-up on the island and also with all surgical operations. His technical skill and ceaseless devotion to duty contributed greatly to the efficient operation of the medical section and the



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Ward Co. Often Broke Labor Laws, House Group Told

WASHINGTON, May 23—(AP)—Gerard Rellly, member of the National Labor Relations board, asserted today that the Montgomery Ward company had a long record of violating labor laws.

Appearing before a special house committee investigating government seizure of the company's plant at Chicago, Rellly said the asserted violations were in the Kansas City, Portland, Ore., and St. Paul plants, and "undoubtedly this background of unfair practices played a large part" as a precipitant to the celebrated Chicago strike which led to seizure.

Rellly declared that the company: 1. Attempted to form a company union in Kansas City and sought to "prevent success" of other unions.

2. Refused to bargain "in good faith" at Portland and provoked a strike by "stalling tactics."

3. Maintained "a system of espionage involving employment of labor spies" at St. Paul.

These factors found by the NLRB, Rellly said, were "an important contributory factor to the Chicago union's resentment when this latest dispute arose."

Rellly said the NLRB under its rules and regulations was unable to conduct a new election in the Chicago plant before it did, a focal point in the entire controversy. He said the company at one point refused to consent to a new election and at another point the union submitted "a novel" brief simply seeking to be re-certified as the bargaining agent. This brief included charges

of unfair labor practices and could not be considered specifically as a request for a new election.

The plant was seized by the government April 26.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 23—(AP)—Normal operations were attained "almost 100 per cent" today at Montgomery Ward's Springfield affiliate, the Hummer Manufacturing company plant, the army said as it entered its second full day of control.

J. T. Farr, Springfield, business representative of the AFL, said he expected to resume contract negotiations late this week with the company.

Freezing of Peas, Asparagus Advised For Future Use

Victory gardeners, who are already harvesting asparagus, peas and perhaps tender young beet greens from their gardens, will be preparing for pleasant and nutritious meals next winter if the surplus is placed in frozen food lockers, says Miss Maw, emergency assistant. Freezing is rapidly becoming the most popular, as well as the simplest method for preserving fruits and vegetables.

Asparagus and beet greens are prepared for freezing by cleaning as for the table, then steam blanching in small quantities from three to five minutes. A wire basket or colander is suitable for handling the vegetables while steaming. Peas should be blanched in boiling water about one quart of peas to three gallons of boiling water, for three minutes. Cool all vegetables quickly under running water.

drain and pack in air tight containers. Dry packing is recommended for asparagus and greens but the 2 percent brine pack may be used for peas if preferred. This brine is made by adding one teaspoon salt per cup of water.

Vegetables should be placed in the locker the same day as picked, preferably allowing not more than four hours from garden to locker. Complete instructions for freezing all foods are available at the county extension office.

LAMB POINT VALUES CUT

In a move to facilitate marketing of the spring lamb crop, the OPA has announced that effective April 30 ration point values for lamb will be reduced by 50 per cent. At the same time the Office of Distribution reports that meat famine fears, stirred by earlier dire predictions, are subsiding in the face of pork and beef supplies considerably exceeding those of a year ago.

Enough meat will be available for the second quarter of 1944 to allow civilians per capita consumption at the yearly rate of 139 pounds—about 13 pounds more than the pre-war average (1935-39)—while first quarter per capita consumption was at the yearly rate of 158 pounds. For the remaining two quarters, OD figures consumption must necessarily be lighter.

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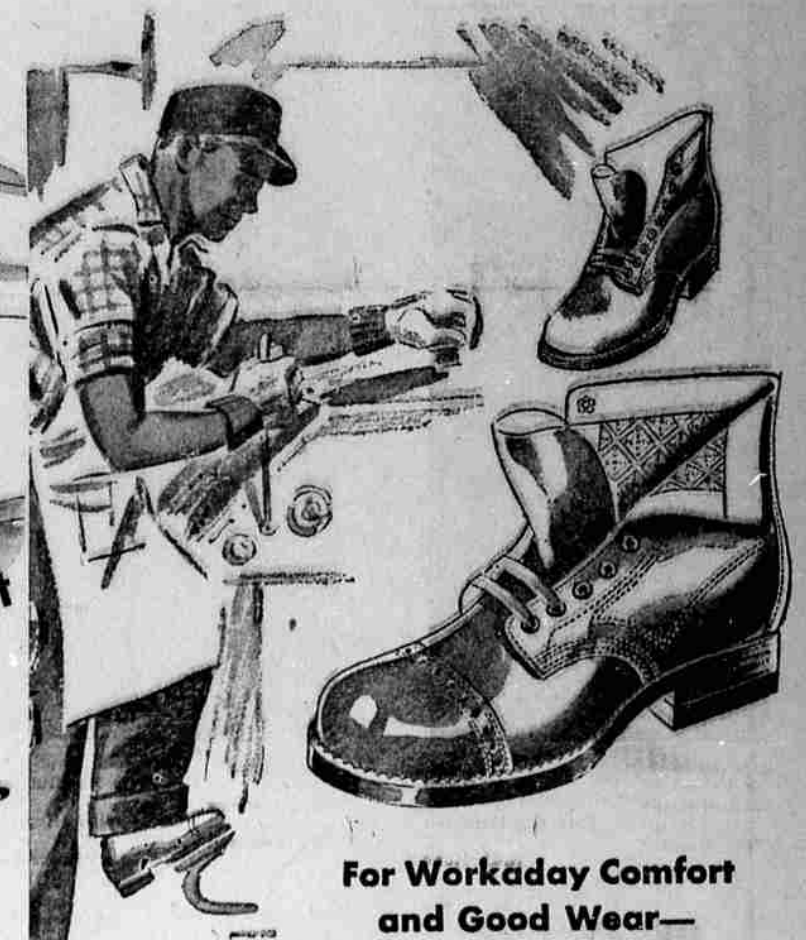
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