

SURVIVAL AT 9,500 FEET

Roseburg Man Completes Course In Sierra Nevada

By LEROY INMAN
News-Review Staff Writer

Charles (Chub) Church of Roseburg has just returned from what is considered by the military as the most difficult training course it has to offer.

It is the Marine escape, evasion and survival course, conducted at the Marine Cold Weather Training Center at Bridgeport, Calif., high in the Sierra Nevada 150 miles south of Reno.

Church, a Roseburg pharmacist, is a major in the U. S. Marine Air Reserve. He chose this toughest of all courses for his annual two weeks of required training. A Marine pilot during World War II, Church flew in most of the invasions of the South Pacific, including Saipan, Okinawa and Iwo Jima. He can't remember how many flight missions he made. That was before the service started sending men home with 50 missions.

But of all his service, the training course he just completed, which required survival for six days in bleak cold without food or fire arms at an elevation of around 9,500 feet, he considers his toughest assignment.

38 Per Cent Die
Thirty-eight per cent of all Americans who fell behind enemy lines or were taken prisoners during the Korean war died for no good reason, except that they did not know how to survive under adverse conditions. That, said Church, is the reason back of the Marine's training program—to teach Americans how to survive under such conditions.

The fact that of 250 Turks who fell behind enemy lines all survived prompted the United States military men to look into the facts of survival. The Turks lived off the land.

The course included four days of schooling and 10 days in the field. Church related. Six of those 10 days required living off the land. The group of 25 including three officers, were put out at a point high in the mountains representing a parachute drop behind enemy lines. They had to find their way to check points, then to a point of freedom. First, they were able to



CHARLES CHURCH
... survives course

erect shelters, which had to be hidden from "enemy" view, but they had to live entirely off the land. They had neither food nor firearms. They had sleeping bags, but when the mythical enemy approached, the men had to start moving.

Men "Kept Walking"
Divided into eight groups of three men each, it was a case of "keep walking," said Church. That walking amounted to about 30 miles through snow, across glaciers and over rugged, rocky terrain in temperatures that often dropped below zero at night. The walk lasted three days and two nights.

"But we were fortunate," said Church, "last year at this time there was upwards of 19 feet of snow in the area. This year there was comparatively little."

The men had been briefed on what they could find to eat in the area. They were told what shrubs, grasses, leaves, fruits and berries they could eat, and how to prepare them. They were told, also, how to make traps and snares with which to catch wild animals.

While all the 25 men came through the ordeal, four of the eight

teams were "captured" by the enemy.

Some Lose 30 Pounds

As an illustration of how strenuous the course is, participants sometimes lose as much as 30 pounds. Church said he lost eight. "It was rugged walking at night," said Church. "Especially after going with practically no sleep and very little to eat. Most of the walking had to be done at night to evade the 'enemy'."

"It was a terrific ordeal, but wonderful," commented Church. "It certainly instills within you the spirit of survival, what to do if you get lost, and how to live off the land."

With the military, according to Church, it is a matter of facts and figures. Very few prisoners taken in the Korean war were killed. Most of those who were lost died because they lacked the will to try to survive under such conditions. There were 12 million men taken prisoners during World War II. The training teaches what to do if lost behind enemy lines and how to be prepared if captured.

The training is also excellent for anyone who likes the woods and who might become lost, he said.

The Army is definitely interested in what the Marine Corps is doing in this survival program. The Army has a similar training center located at Stead Air Force Base. Instructors from Stead were there observing the program.

A class, usually of 50 men, is put through the course about every four weeks. The Marine Corps is anxious to train persons interested and would like to have more apply.

Hospital News

Mercy Hospital

Admitted

Medical: Mrs. Robert Lasinger, Roseburg; Mrs. John Weick, Winston; Mrs. Frank Chapman, Swiss home; Mrs. Albert Hughes, Wilbur.

Surgery: Arnold Parker, Mrs. Henry Krohn, Roseburg.

Discharged

Mrs. Chester Frew, Kelly Bowers, Pierre Poissant, Mrs. Ray Carico, Mrs. George Winterfeld and son, George Gregory, Roseburg; Lewis Allen, Umpqua; Beverly Halter, Riddle.

Douglas Community Hospital

Admitted

Medical: Mrs. Marvin Cook, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Charles Leonard, Mrs. Archie McAlexander, Richard Fout, Guadalupe Galvan, Roseburg; Mrs. James Ashley, Winston.

Discharged

Patrick James Potter, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Larry Woodard and son Craig Steven; Mrs. Harold Herring and son, David Douglas; Mrs. Roy Schreiber and son, Glen Dylam; Lillian Hume, Bernard Jacobson, Charles Dennis, Bill Ray, Ronney McClure, Douglas Tudor, Mrs. George Todd and son, John Edward; Arthur Jones, Mrs. Joseph Buford, Elmer Paulson, Ann Marie, Hasbrouck, Roseburg; Thomas Darby, Oakland; Mrs. Delmar Record, Yoncalla; Harvey Shultz, Sutherlin; Charlotte Whitehead, Winston.

Oregon Law Upheld

PORTLAND (AP)—The constitutionality of an Oregon law making it a misdemeanor when an employer fails to live up to a health and welfare fund agreement was upheld by a circuit court ruling here Wednesday.

The law was contested by William J. Manning, a Clackamas County masonry contractor. The complaint against Manning was brought by the Bricklayers Union.

Blind Teacher Backed

SALEM (AP)—A bill to forbid school districts from discriminating against teachers because they are blind was passed by the House and sent to the governor Wednesday.

Today and Tomorrow

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY—April 16

Hammond Organ Society, home of Fred and Eloise Harder, 337 W. Hazel St., 8 p.m., program by Esther Geddes and refreshments served by Beverly Ewens and Cynthia Magill.
Drivers License Examiner, 642 SE. Kane, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Glendale-Azalea HEU, Azalea Grange.
North Roseburg Church Gospel Gleemen Sacred Concert, 7:30 p.m.
XYLs, home of Lee Rosenholm, on Lookingglass Rd., 7:30 p.m.
Army Reserve, 1614 W. Harvard, 8 to 10 p.m.
IOOF, IOOF Hall, Jackson St., 8 p.m.
Roseburg Lions Club, Umpqua Hotel, 6:30 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol, Central Junior High School, 7:30 p.m.
Glide Shufflers, pattern lessons, Community Building, 8 p.m.
Lady Elks, Elks Club, 8 p.m., cards.
Barbershop Singing, Ricketts Music Store, 8 p.m.
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FRIDAY—April 17

Green Recreation Assn., 8 a.m. dinner, Green School, 6 to 7:30 p.m., school band will usher in local talent program at 8.
Riversdale Grange, Grange Hall, 8:15 p.m.
Lookingglass Garden Club, annual open house, flower show and plant sale, grade school gym, 2 to 9 p.m., turkey dinner to be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m., tickets may be bought at door, slides to be shown from 8 to 9 p.m.
Roseburg Woman's Club, spring rummage sale, Woman's Club building on Mosher St., 8 a.m., concluding Saturday at noon, those having rummage may contact the club Thursday.
Latter-day Saints Church, Green and Gold Ball, Labor Temple, 8 to 11:30 p.m., local band and floor show included in entertainment. Dress is semi-formal, refreshments will be served, open to all LDS members and friends, no admission.
Fullerton Centennial Carnival, Fullerton School, dinner served at 6 p.m., activities include fish pond, country store, and ring and bean bag toss.
Douglas Barracks 176 and auxiliary, Veterans of WWI, potluck dinner, Veterans Memorial Hall, 6:30 p.m., A-H bring vegetable or salad; H-O, dessert, and O-Z, meat or fish dish.
Douglas Court 18, Order of Amaranth, public installation of officers, Roseburg Masonic Temple, 8 p.m.
Elks Club, duplicate bridge, 12:30.
Loyal Order of Moose, game night, Moose Hall, 8 p.m.
Emblem Club, executive board, Elks Temple, 8 p.m.

Klamath Strike Halts Building Of Sewer Plant

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—A strike by the Klamath Falls Building Trades Council has halted work on a primary sewage treatment plant at Klamath Falls.

City Manager G. S. Vergeer said he had been unable to resolve the dispute between the council and the H. G. Carl Construction Co. of Salem.

The union protested that Carl had used non-union help for a piece of plumbing work and that he had used laborers to do masonry work.

Vergeer said he listened to the grievance, concluded the union had a good case, and suggested the company pay \$150 to a charitable organization as a settlement to bring union members back to work.

Drain To Dedicate New Masonic Hall

By EDITH BUSH

Drain's new Masonic Hall will be dedicated Saturday at 8 p.m., with many out of town Mason members and officials as guests.

Walter Lansing, grand master of Grand Lodge in Oregon, will be present.

Drain PTA will hold its annual open house at the grade school Monday at 8 p.m.

Daily Vacation Bible School workers will meet at Drain Church of Christ Friday at 7:30 p.m. Col-

ored film strips will show materials and work, which will prove helpful in planning the 1959 program.

Sunnydale Grange Home Economics Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Richard Duncan Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Pass Creek Home Extension Unit will meet at Drain City Hall Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. A noon potluck is planned, with the day's project being use of plastic and foam rubber.

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Neuberger Sympathizes With Former Sec. Dulles

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.), who underwent cancer surgery last August, said all America could sympathize with the fight John Foster Dulles has made against the disease.

"More than ever, I think we appreciate the dedication and self-sacrifice with which Mr. Dulles has approached his task as our secretary of state for so many years," Neuberger said.

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