

# Ensign Harper Relates WAVE Experiences

By ANNE CRAVEN

"The reason I joined the WAVES was because I wanted to do something vitally connected with the war effort," Ensign Mary Elizabeth Harper said Wednesday. Miss Harper will address an all-girl assembly in the Alumni room, Gerlinger hall, this morning.

She and Yeoman Third Class Dorothy Duncan are in Eugene to interview girls interested in joining the WAVES or SPARS. They will go to Corvallis Friday evening and from there to Portland where they are stationed.

Miss Harper was personnel manager of a large department store in Portland until she enlisted in the WAVES September 2. She was in the first group of officers who went to Northampton, Massachusetts, for officer training.

"We were rushed through in three and a half weeks," she said. "Procurement officers like myself, physical education teachers who could teach drill, and teachers for the new schools being set up were rushed through because they were needed so badly." That training now takes from two to four months.

"During the indoctrination period, we were taught naval administration, organization, customs and traditions, types of ships and aircraft, and naval history," Miss Harper said. "We learned navy lingo and even called the floors of our dormitory decks and went to mess instead of dinner."

"On the go every minute," was Miss Harper's description of her life during the training period. A WAVES' day begins at 6:30 in the morning and taps are sounded at 10 p.m.

Miss Harper stressed the fact

that she and Miss Duncan were not here to enlist girls, but to provide information on the WAVES and SPARS and making girls realize the need for replacement of men for combat service. "The sooner girls enlist and release men for active duty, the sooner the war will be over. Girls will have to choose soon between working in war industries and joining the service," she added.

Miss Duncan was assistant secretary to the president at Lipman Wolfe and Company before joining the WAVES. She attended Duluth Junior college before coming to Portland in June last year. She enlisted on October 2 and was sent to Oklahoma A. & M. college, Stillwater, Oklahoma, for her training.

She is receptionist and secretary in the office of naval officer procurement in Portland.

Miss Duncan's reason for joining the WAVES was also patriotic.

"University girls just don't realize this is a war going on," she said. "But the time is not far off when they will be drafting women for war work."

## A New Front

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Nearly 150 colleges and universities have been approved to offer courses under the engineering, science and war training program.

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## Those Things I Left

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"and the government of the people by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

We were walking through the park, and we stopped to feed the pigeons, Harry, Spike, Larry, and I. I'm sure Mr. Lincoln was laughing!

"Hey, Spike, willya put the sling-shot ways? My ear hurts already."

"Yeah, you're just a bum sport, Larry."

"Yo, Harry, willya yell to Mort and tell him to throw me a peanut. I wanta feed these birds on Loncoln's lap."

"Mort, throw me a nut."

—but they were young, too young for war in America. March 1941—not too long ago. Yet laws are being passed, and the world keeps going on and on, keeps changing, and changing. Too young for war—

But it will never be the same again.

I'll never go back to those things I left.

Now I'm grown and soon I'll be in a way—Where are all those things for which I worked and dreamed? Why has the world torn my ideals? Where are the people and friends I love? Where are their laughter and tears of youth? Will we ever again look at the dove and see him drift into the clouds of hope?—chug-chug-chug - chug - choo- the mournful eerie choooo - onward - onward, onward—away, farther and farther away—

No, it will never be the same again.

I'll never go back to those things I left.

(Ed. Note. This story won honorable mention in the recent Marshall-Case-Haycox short story contest.)

## Group Campaigns

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