

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Squire

In this war, perhaps more than in any other, bad news about an individual soldier or sailor is later disproven. There have been numerous cases where men reported killed or missing in action turn up later alive. I talked to one such yesterday, Sgt. Jack Luehrs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Luehrs of Ontario, and a nephew of Elmer Orcutt, Mrs. Dave Caplan, Mrs. W. L. Waring and Mrs. Wm. Allison of Salem. Otto Luehrs, by the way, was a long-time druggist in Ontario, who retired not long ago and looks after his ranch near Ontario where he raises many fine game birds. Jack, the son, worked on the state game farm near Ontario before entering the service.

This is Jack's story: He served as radio gunner, with a squadron based in England. He went on 19 missions, with a total of 105 hours flying. His last mission, one day last April, was an attack on the Renault works near Paris. His flight sailed in over Paris and over its target without encountering enemy fighters or flak. But on the way home some Focke-Wulf 190's that had been hiding in the skies jumped down on them. His plane was so badly crippled he was forced to bail out—his first experience doing so. His chute opened all right; an enemy plane headed in his direction, but averted away and the pilot waved at him.

Jack landed in a small village, and quickly attracted local people, particularly children. He made his way to a road, which was being patrolled by Germans on motorcycles and in trucks looking for American airmen. The children signalled to him when any German was approaching, and he escaped detection by lying prone on the ground. Finally he hid behind an apple tree while Nazi planes flew low hunting for Americans. A native came along and told him to stay where he was until dark. Later a couple came along as though picking berries along the road. They dropped a suitcase which he found contained civilian clothing, food and wine. After night the native returned and took him to a house and later into the country where he was sheltered in a barn for several days.

The man who befriended him got hold of some form of passport, then took him on the train to Paris where he was given refuge in different places until finally he was placed with the "underground" which works just like the old "underground railroad" in slavery days in (Continued on Editorial page)

### Work Stops on Central America Military Highway

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Suspension of work on a military highway through Central America to the Panama Canal zone was announced last night, and President Rafael Calderon Guardia said today it "constitutes a hard blow to Costa Rican economy."

### RAF Attack on Ruhr City Ends Peak Raid Month

LONDON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The RAF concluded a month of peak allied air activity from Britain last night with a heavy attack on the Ruhr industrial city of Bochum, a nest of targets including three large steel works and coke, coal, iron and chemical works. It was the RAF's first attack on the Ruhr in September, a month devoted to nine powerful defense-dispersing blows at targets hundreds of miles apart, ranging from Berlin to central France and the Italian border, and a month which brought the American Eighth Air Force's greatest progress to date. The month's operations made it clear that allied air fleets are moving from "groundwork" attacks to a phase of intensive operations preliminary only to the final big invasion drive against Germany.

## Russians Open Battle for Kiev

### Moscow Hails Fall of Krichev Rail Junction

Soviets Expect Hourly Fall Of Gomel, Last City Held By Germans East of Dnieper

LONDON, Friday, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Soviet troops fought to clean up the eastern bulge of white Russia today in new advances that overwhelmed Krichev, 57 miles east of the Dnieper river crossing at Mogilev, while to the south a crescendo of guns and bombs announced the beginning of the battle for Kiev, Moscow said today.

### Patriots Fight Nazis Savagely In Yugoslavia

LONDON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Yugoslav patriots by scores of thousands savagely fought German troops tonight from the middle Adriatic to northeastern Italy, hacking at Hitler's tight-stretched southern European lines in battles now approaching the stature of a major front.

### Oregon Fills Its Bond Quota

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 30.—(AP)—Oregon's raft sitters, castaways for 13 days in the middle of the Portland harbor, were rescued tonight by bond officials and hauled downtown to help put Oregon over the top in the third war loan campaign.

### US Goes Over Goal On Bonds

National Drive Exceeds Quota By Half Billion

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Largest financing operation in world history, the treasury's third war loan to "back the attack" went \$532,000,000 over its \$15,000,000,000 goal tonight with two days of the drive remaining and untold millions still to be counted.

### Senator Just Warming Up

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Senator Downey (D-Calif.), opposing drafting of fathers, addressed the senate for four and one-half hours, and then announced:

### Father Draft Begins Today On Schedule

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The general draft of pre-war fathers is due to begin tomorrow and congress, mindful of military leaders' advice that nothing must stop the flow of men into the ranks, showed no signs tonight of heading it off.

### Over-Top Rally Is Tonight

Marion in Need Of \$143,033 To Reach Its Goal

Oregon has bought its quota in the third war loan campaign and the raft sitters are safely back on dry land. The regional goal also has been attained.

### Gas Ration Up On East Coast; Midwest Cut

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The office of price administration tonight raised the gasoline ration of "A" card holders on the Atlantic seaboard from 1 1/2 to 2 gallons a week and simultaneously cut the value of "B" and "C" coupons to 2 gallons everywhere east of the Rockies.

### Crop Insurance Bill In

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Chairman Fulmer (D-SC) of the house agricultural committee today introduced a bill to provide crop insurance in 1944 for wheat, cotton, field corn, tobacco and "war crops."

### Maj. W. C. Evans Commands Airfield

Map. William C. Evans, former mayor of Riverside, Calif., coming here from the Portland air base, today takes over command of the Salem air field.

## US Army Tanks Storm Outskirts Of Ravaged City

### Allies Already Pointing At Rome, 135 Miles North; British Seizing East Coast

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Beaten German forces streamed north out of burning Naples tonight toward their next defense line in the hills just short of Rome, 135 miles away, as American tanks clanked into the outskirts of the great port from the south after skirting Mt. Vesuvius.

(A Berlin dispatch to Stockholm said the Germans had evacuated Naples, and the Nazi-controlled Italian radio said a British fleet was shelling the ravaged city.)

### Allies Storm Last Jap Hold At Finschhafen

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Friday, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Australian jungle troops are closing in on the last Japanese positions at Finschhafen, New Guinea, after having hurled back three savage Japanese counter-attacks which sought to break the stranglehold.

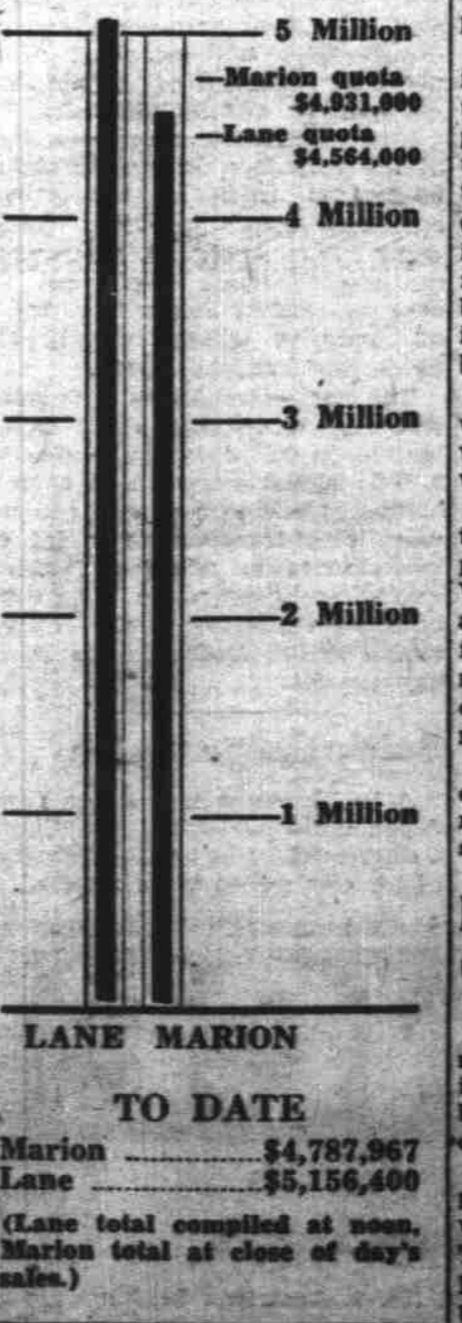
### Blaine McCord Wins Cluster

WOODBURN.—Lt. Blaine McCord, Jr., of Oakland, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine McCord, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster in recognition of his participation in a dangerous bombing mission over the Bismark sea last March.

### New Tax Bill to Withhold 30 Percent, Refund Later

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—A proposal for postwar tax refunds — with the taxpayer allowed to take them in government insurance or annuities — was reported tonight to be included in a new administration revenue program calling for a 30 per cent withholding tax.

### MARION vs. LANE THIRD WAR LOAN THERMOMETER



21-1-36 Bonds D O COMP