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Recognition for Service Men

In wartime, even in a democracy, the individual counts for less. His rights are restricted, his grievances receive scant attention. This of course-in a democracy-is only on the surface. Emphasis is on the nation's fate, for the nation is in peril; but the nation still exists for the individual and the war is being fought for his ultimate good. Nonetheless he has cause to feel, for the time being, a bit neglected. That goes for the civilian; as for the fighting man, individuality is submerged in the uniform and in the military organization.

Yet in this war to an unprecedented degree Pvt. Joe Doakes, USA, is getting a break.

His pay is somewhere near adequate, his uniform is designed at long last for comfort, he is well fed so long as food can be gotten to him. If wounded he receives the best possible care considering the circumstances. American military strategy strives to achieve objectives at the least possible cost in casualties. He is not "cannon fodder" to be carelessly expended.

Perhaps most remarkable of all, he, Pvt. Joe Doakes, is receiving recognition for his sacrifices, his valor and his achievements.

In the training camp the "public relations office" is at great pains to publicize the enlisted man. The extent to which this is possible varies with the different services but from some of the training centers, notably the air corps, the armored service and the marines, comes a great volume of news releases dealing with individuals.

These come, of course, to the newspapers. Yes, this matter of giving due recognition to service men inescapably involves the newspapers and they are doing their part. No particular credit is claimed at this point; this is news, and news is their merchandise. Yet it is proper to point out that newspapers are doing this part of their job better than ever in the past. The "servicemen's column" is an innovation of this war. The Statesman, incodentally was among the first to install it.

"Credit where credit is due' seems to be the slogan of the armed services and all concerned. Commendable as is this new attitude, the objective can never be fully attained. News of the individuals on the firing line is, unfortunately, more difficult to obtain than news of those in training. There is, for one thing, the censorship-most of it necessary. Some of the more hazardous and valuable services are of such nature that they can receive no mention until the war is over, or at any rate until the performing of them is no longer active. Necessarily, there is a dearth of news about navy men on sea duty. Navy men say "You never see a snip s name in the paper until it is sunk."

Yet in the reporting of actual combat, a better job than ever before is being done in this matter of individual recognition. Trained reporters who are non-commissioned officers accompany the troops in at least some types of comoa. both they and the regular war correspongents who obtain eye-witness accounts of the righting are diligent in obtaining the names and nome addresses of men who perform ex-

The war news contains a great many more names of individuals than ever before. Aside from the satisfaction their families—and they, when they have time to learn about it-derive from this development, and the aid to morale in what is at pest a grim business, this is a heariny sign. Democracy is, essentially, recognition of the marvicual, we were arraid democracy would suffer in wartime. In this respect at least, it has not

Shipyard Work Week

The cut-gown of work in the shipyards with marnime commission contracts by eliminating Sunday work will not seriously cripple production, and it will save considerable by ending double-time pay for Sunday work. While the officials say the present complement of workers will be retained and used on a sixday schedule, this is propably window-dressing for the inevitable scaling down of total numbers of workers employed. This can be secured with discharges, simply by failing to make hirings equal the number of workers quitting employment. There is a tremendous turnover in help at the Kaiser yards, and it may even now be true that the number of employes is somewhat below the peak for the three yards.

Meantime other employment opportunities will open up. It is expected that Portland will become more important as a debarkation point, which will call for more labor. And workers can find jobs in packing plants, retail stores, and on farms. There is no cause for alarm that the ghost of unemployment will presently stalk the streets of Portland.

As far as the shipyards go the productive efficiency of the yards has been improving steadily. The cut-back to a six-day week will not hurt efficiency, and may even improve it by giving a more orderly work-week.

Plant Conversion

We refuse to get excited when industrialists prognosticate on their postwar production. Henry Kaiser, for instance, has projected the thought of turning his shipyards into plants for making automobiles, or cargo planes, or lightweight trains. Henry Ford says he will use Willow Run to turn out cargo-passenger planes. What these men forget is that older plants in the business, with ample capital and more experience, should be in position to get that bus-

Most of the people will be satisfied if Ford will keep on producing a low-cost automobile, economical to operate. He should let the planemakers "try their wings" on low-cost, economical planes. As for Kaiser, the prediction now is that his yards will close the day the last ship contract is filled. Without government funds to finance conversion and experimentation the yards will not turn to any peacetime production, though one or two might be continued for restricted work in shipbuilding.

Fox to Defend Coast

Hitler's answer to Teheran's threat of invasion is the appointment of Marshall Edwin Rommel as commander of the defenses of Festung Europa. Rommel is a foe worthy of his designation as "desert fox" won because of his earlier successes in North Africa. Finally fooled and overwhelmed by Montgomery and Eisenhower, he nonetheless is regarded as an able general. He has made allied progress in Italy slow and costly, and is probably the best general Hitler has for the western command.

Recently Rommel is reported to have inspected defenses in Norway and Denmark, and to have reviewed invasion exercises off Jutland. All his cunning and all his strength will be devoted to foil the allied invasion when it comes. Hitler very clearly is not relying on his own intuition but on the veteran and proven skill of his ablest field commander. Rommel.

North Africa proved that Rommel could be defeated, but it must be admitted that his retreat of 1500 miles across he head of the continent was masterly. While the popular song applies: "We did it before; we'll do it again," we must recognize in Rommel a commander of great ability whose defeat will call for superior strategy and tremendous force.

Gov. John Bricker lashed out at the Roosevelt administration in a bristling campaign speech in New York city Saturday night, just as though he were candidating in 1936.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, December 13-The administration has opened a drive to "dispel disunity."

Top rostrum men, Speaker Rayburn, War Production Vice Chairman Charles Wilson and War Mobilizer James Byrnes, have spoken on the subject in rapid

Mr. Rayburn was trying to

quiet the house, where criticism

of the administration's domestic

war effort is continuing to

Mr. Wilson spoke to the Na-

tional Association of Manufac-

turers, where he said too ma-

ny were preparing their post-



Paul Mallon

war positions at the expense of the war effort. Mr. Byrnes, on the radio, went after the big four brotherhoods (first time any administration man has dared attack this most powerful of labor groups) and other labor and farm groups, seeking to break

the government's price policies. Altogether, it looks like a well-managed cam-

The country is truly in a perplexing condition. Whether "disunity" is the proper word for it is certainly open to question. Take, for instance, the inner background from which Rayburn spoke.

The house itself is idling without much to do. Its investigating committees, however, are constantly digging up evidence of mismanagement along the line of one committee which recently heard the charge that although \$13,000,000 had been spent for one plane plant in North Carolina, only one plane

Such things have political ramifications. Nothing in Washington now-or from now on-will be nonpolitical. The election campaign already has started in the minds of the politicos.

Indeed, Mr. Rayburn himself is considered a vice presidential possibility, although his state of Texas is reported to be one of the four most criti-

cal of the new deal in all the south. Only a few days before he spoke for unity, his own administration wheel-horse, Sen. Guffey, was at work bitterly promoting disunity in the party

with personal attacks on southerners in the senate. This peculiar situation is presented almost daily in a certain newspaper in New York, which howls for unity on odd numbered pages and openly opposes disunity on the even numbered ones, with such hate-filled headlines as:

"Rep. Rankin Sneers at War Heroes," and "Cotton Ed Smith Backs Lynch Law."

This is the prevailing state of the whole administration itself-calling for unity and good feeling alternately with inflammatory attacks upon ad-

Or consider the inner background of Mr. Wilson's words. He is certainly non-political. His warning that the country may go too far in its swing toward the right was certainly sound. But, in submitting his warnings of disunity, he

also offered war production figures indicating industry is doing an excellent job-an evidence of considerable unity. He put forward no suggestion that production is falling off.

Indeed, his figures led the American Federation of Labor weekly to carry a banner line "War Production Over the Top" (citing shippards and war plane records to December 1).

Mr. Wilson also spoke of "men who preach disunity (not naming any), "plunging us into disastrous internal strife." If there are any such, unquestionably they should be named, jailed or subdued. The administration has great powers to punish them outside the courts if they exist in business, and if they are an important factor.

But I read the papers and magazines probably as fully as anyone, and I see little real hate and no campaigns for disunity-only good production

I also see a confusing contest of various political and economic groups contriving campaigns and wallowing dazedly in their own confused and conflicting advice, or striving to promote their own welfare primarily. This is not disunity, only typical American politics. It is not good, wise, or beneficial, but it exists.

Not confined to one side, it is not likely to be cured by one-sided campaigns. If all administration spokesmen were Rayburns, Wilsons and Byrnes, it might die downconsiderably, but this cannot even be hoped for.

Disunity? No. No public spokesman favors giving in to the axis, or abandoning Britain or Russia. All want extermination of our enemies. No riots or open demonstrations of protests have occurred, such as have characterized previous wars of this country.

For victory, for production, for utmost fighting effort, this nation has been unified as probably never before the war, Politically, economically, it has not been, and probably never will be.



War Sacrifices

10:00-News

11:00—News. 11:05—KSLM Presents.

11:30-Hits of Yesteryear.

12:06—Organalities. 12:15—News 12:30—Hillbilly Serenade.

:00-Lum 'n' Abner.

:00-Isle of Paradise

2:30-Four Novelettes.

5:15-Let's Reminisce

6:45-Music.

8:30-Mustangs

10:00—Serenade.

:30-Music

4:00—Dawn Patros 5:55—Labor News.

8:30-News Parade

:00-Journal of Living

-Robert St. John.

9:30-Mirth and Madness

0:00—Across the Threshold 10:15—Ruth Forbes.

10:30-Kneass With the News

:00-The Guiding Light

12:30—Pepper Young's Family

1:30—Lorenzo Jones, 1:45—Young Widder Brown, 2:00—When a Girl Marries, 2:15—Portia Faces Life, 2:30—Just Plain Bill,

3:30—Road of Life. 3:15—Vic and Sade. 3:30—Personality Hour.

4:00-Dr Kate. 4:15-News of the World.

4:30-Music. 4:45-H. V. Kaitenborn.

3:30—Johnny Presents. 3:00—Salute to Youth.

9:30—Hollywood Theatre 10:00—News Flashes.

12:00-2 a. m.—Swing Shift.

6:45—Western Agriculture 7:00—Music.

7:00—Music.
7:15—News.
7:30—News.
7:30—News.
7:48—The Humbard Family.
8:00—Breakfast Club.
9:00—My True Story.
9:30—Breakfast at Sardi's.
10:00—News.
10:15—Commentator.

11:00-Bankhage Talkin

11:15—The Mystery Chef 11:30—Ladies Be Seated. 12:00—Songs. 12:15—News.

12:30—Livestock Reporter 12:45—News.

3:15—Kneass With the News. 3:30—Blue Frolics.

4:00 News. 4:15 Letters to Santa Claus. 4:30 Hop Harrigan. 4:45 The Sea Hound.

1-06-What's Do

2:30—Music. 2:40—Labor News.

10:30-Your Home Town News.

KEX-BN-TUESDAY-1190 Ke.

8:00—Musical Clock. 6:15—National Farm and Home.

:30—Horace Heldt Treasure Chest.

:00-Fred Waring in Pleasure Time

:15—Lonely Women. :30—Light of the World. :45—Hymns of All Churches. :00—Women of America.

:45-David Harum.

9:00—Open Door. 9:15—Glenn Shelley.

12:15-Ma Perkins.

15-Stella Dallas

10:30-News

6:00—Tonight's Headlines.

:00—News. :05—Texas Jim Lewis.

:30-Keystone Karavan

8:45-Excursions in Science

9:15-Bert Hirsch Presents.

KGW-NBC-TUESDAY-620 Ke

7:15-News Readlines & Highlights.

7:45—Sam Hayes 8:00—Stars of Today. 8:15—James Abbe Covers the News.

6:15-War News Commentary.

-Evening Serenade.

2:45—Broadway Band Wagon 3:00—KSLM Concert Hour, 4:00—Mexican Marimba.

Today's Radio Programs

5:00—Terry and the Pirates, 5:15—Dick Tracy KSLM-TUESDAY-1390 Ke. 7:00-News. 7:05-Marion Farm & Home. 5:30—Jack Armstrong. 5:45—Captain Midnight. 7:15-Rise n' Shin.e. 7:30-News. 7:45-Morning Moods. 8:00-Cherry City News. 8:10-Music. 6:00—Three Romeos. 6:15—Say It With Flowers 6:30—Spotlight Bands 6:55—Sports. 8:30-Tango Time 7:15-News 9:30-Music 7:30—Red Ryder. 8:00—Roy Porter. 8:15—Lum and Abner. 00—Pastor's Call 115—It's the Truth 130—Music.

8:30—Duffy's 9:00—Inspector Hawks and Son 9:15-Your Mayor Speaks. 9:30—News. 9:45—Art Baker 10:00—Down Memory's Lane. 10:15—Music.

10:30—America Tomorrow. 11:00—This Moving World. 11:15—Music. 11:30—War News Roundup.

:15-Breakfast Bulletin 20—Texas Rangers. 45—KOIN Klock. 115—Headline News. 7:30—News. 7:45—Nelson Pringle, News. 8:00—Consumer News. 8:15—Valiant Lady. 8:30—Stories America Loves. 8:45—Aunt Jenny -Kate Smith Speaks. :15-Big Sister

6:00-Northwest Farm Reporter

Romance of Helen Trent 9:45—Our Gal Sunday. 10:00—Life Can Be Beautiful. 10:15-Ma Perkins 0:30-Bernadine Flynn 10 45—The Goldbergs 11 :00—Young Dr. Malone, 11 :15—Joyce Jordan.

11:30—We Love and Learn. 11:45—News. 12:90—Neighbors. 12:15-Rob Anderson, News 12:30—William Winter, News. 12:45—Bachelor's Children. 1:00—Home Front Mannes.

2:00-Mary Marlin. :15-Newspaper of the Air. 2:45—American 3:00-News. 3:15-Collins Calling. 3:30 Carols 3:45-News 4:00-Stars of Today. 4:15-News. 4:30—American Melody Hour 5:00—Galen Drake.

5:15-Red's Gang. 5:30—Harry Flannery. 5:45—News. 5:55—Bill Henry. Burns &

5:30-Report to the Nation. 7:30-Congress Speaks.

7:45—Music. 8:00—I Love A Mystery. 8:15—Harry James Orchestra.

By LILLIE L. MADSEN JCN of Salem gives us this information in reply to an earlier

Today's Garden

"Isn't it possible that Mrs. H. R. means by 'bronieas' the native genus brodiaea, of the lily family, represented in Oregon by 15 native species, of which at least four are common about Salem in late spring? These four are hyacinthina, coronaria, pulchella and grandiflora var. howellii. Some botanists include these in the genus hookera. Some of them are locally known as 'fool's onion'. They are very pretty little plants, but I have never seen any of them in cultivation though the European B. uniflora

is sometimes seen in gardens. "I feel sure that Mrs. C.A.L,'s 'Sweet Anise' is nothing but the common fennell (foeniculum vulgare, of the parsnip family). It is very common in door-yards and waste places about Salem, and ever since I have lived here I have heard it called 'anise'-I suppose because of the resemblance of its aromatic odor to that of the anise. But we have no anise here, except in the drug

stores. Thanks, J.C.N. I have never happened to hear the fennel referred to as "anise" but I can see where it could be. I saw some of the native brodiaeas grown in the gardens of Carl Purdy at Ukiah, Calif., and they were really very lovely there. In the iris gardens, above Molalla, they were also cultivated to some extent. Their long "necks" keep them from making much of a showing, but they are rather attractive at that.

8:30—Big Town. 9:00—Judy Canova. 9:00—Judy Canova.
9:25—News.
9:30—Million Dotlar Club.
10:00—Five Star Final.
10:15—Wartime Women.
10:20—William Winter.
10:30—Edwin C. Hill.
Lohrson & Johnson -Johnson & Johnson 10:45-Music 11:00-Orchestra.

11:30—Orchestra. 11:45—Air Flo of the Air. 11:55—News. KALE-MBS-TUESDAY-1330 Ke. 6:45—Dave West. 7:00—News 7:15—Texas Rangers. 7:30—Memory Timekeeper. :00-Haven of Rest. 8:30—News. 8:45—Market Melodies. 9:15—Woman's Side of the News. 9:30—I Hear Music.

10:15-Stars of Today 10:30-This and That 1:00—Buyers Parade 1:15—Marketing. 1:30—Concert Gems. 12:00-News 12:15-Concert. 12:45-On the Farm Front

1:00—Harrison Woods 1:15—Music. :30-Freedom of Speech 1:45—Full Speed Ahead. 2:00—Ray Dady. 2:15—Texas Rangers. 2:30—Yours for A Song. 2:45-Wartime Women 2:50-News. 3:00-Philip Keyne-Gordon 3:15-Treasury Star Parade. 4:00—Fulton Lewis. 4:15—Johnson Family. 4:30—Rainbow Rendezvous

3:45-Bill Hays Reads the Bible 5:00-Invitation to Romance. 5:45-Norman Neshitt 6:15-Gracie Fields. 6:30-American Forum. 7:15-Fulton Ousler.

7:30-Music. 8:00—Lyrics of Loraine. 8:15—Education for Freedom 8:30-Hasten the Day 8:45-Manhatters, 9:00—News. 9:15—Rex Miller.

9:30-News. 9:45-Fulton Lewis. 10:00—Orchestra 10:15—Bien Venidos Amigos 10:30-News 10:45-Music.

11:00--Sinfonietta. 11:30—Orchestra. 11:45—Footlight Rhapsody.

KOAC-TUESDAY-550 Ko. 10:00—News. 10:15—The Homemakers' Hour 11:20-Music 12:00-News. 12:15-Noon Farm Hour, 00-Ridin' 1:15-Chronicle. ·30-Music

:30-Memory Book of Music 00-Southland Singing. 4:15-Voice of the Army. 4:30—Novatime 4:45-Adventures in Research.

6:00-Evening Farm Hour. 30-Charlie Barnet. 7:45-Music 8:30—Music That Endures. 9:30—News. 9:45—Evening Meditations.

9:45—Evening 10:00—Sign Off.

For Christman Giving





Bombed British Family Gets Yule Gifts From Salem PUC

Word has come to F. J. Burns, chief of the rate division in the office of the public utilities commissioner at Salem, George H. Flagg, that little Patricia Ducker has been bombed out of her London home, but, with her mother, has survived the recently renewed raids by the enemy Huns. "Pat" is the little four year old whom PUC people have tried occasionally to cheer by sending little things that cannot now

be purchased in England. When their home was struck is just fun. in the November raids, the mother was running for the bomb shelter in the rear yard, carrying the child in her arms. Little Pat was tossed through the entrance, and the body of her mo-

both only slightly injured. The German bomb hit the ground a short distance from the home of the Duckers. It destroyed four adjacent residences and smashed the windows and doors in the Ducker place, knocking off plaster, poked holes in the roof and walls and littered the floors with chunks of clay. The clay came from a bomb crater that was excavated to a depth of 20 feet.

ther was blown along to land

on top of the youngster, and

Little Pat is living now in the top flat of a building that puts her "way up in the sky," and there she has received the first of several Christmas boxes sent by PUC associates of Mr. Burns. She is due for six more stunning surprises if the mails get through, each five pound container being filled with sweets, tolletries and food items that English folk are short of.

"This has been all-American week for us," wrote Mrs. Duck- gon City, president . . er. "Besides the box, there were letters and a birthday card from prices was predicted by Earl C. six Salem girls whom I do not Hald, district OPA price execuknow. I am almost speechless as tive, if congress kills the subsidy that so many people, all stran- sumed the presidency of the Portgers, should be interested in us. land junior chamber of com-And all of them seem to ready to merce . . . Thomas Riggs, Dallas, do something It provides some- was named to Phi Lambda Upsithing to think about.

terrific gap between our two American war dads, undeterred countries

"We average citizens knew very little of each other, but we have come to have a better understanding. There is a sympathy in existence now that was not known before. What I mean may be illustrated when I say your type of humor has become as enjoyable as our own, and

neither of us intend to wound the sensibilities of the other. It

We used to make fun of your non-com officers among American fighting boys because they were their stripes upside down. We don't anymore, because they honor their insignia regardless of how it is worn, and so do we. We are learning about Mr. and Mrs. America, and when this war is over Mr. and Mrs. Britain will welcome a firmer friendship-between us, politically and person-

"We are certainly reminded that America fights with us and of lend lease arrangements, for your jeeps are all over the place, and the Forts and Libs are continually over London on their way to bombing France and Germany."

Around Oregon By the Associated Press -

James Burke, coast guard coxswain on the tender Manzanita, received a silver lifesaving medal at ceremonies in Astoria for rescuing a drowning man from Puget sound last February . . . The Clackamas county Republican club named George Nickles, Ore-

A seven per cent jump in food I think of how wonderful it is program . . . Treve Jones aslon, national chemistry honorary "Before the war there existed a at Oregon State college . . .

> by Gov. Snell's refusal to call a special legislative session to earmark state income tax surpluses for postwar work, drafted at Portland a formal appeal to the governor . . . The second of three 274-foot barges built for the maritime commission was launched Saturday at the Columbia River Packers association shipyard . . .

first full scale Russian cold-wea-

seems poised for action. If that

is the case, it should work to

Russian advantage. It may be

the circumstance on which Rus-

sian counter action in the bulge

south and southwest of Malin

apparently is a departure from

the usual technique of soviet at-

tack since it appears to be a

frontal drive at the very center

of the German line. Throughout

the Russian march from the

Volga and in all current Russian

attacks to the north and to the

south of the Kiev bulge the pin-

cers technique has invariably

characterized Russian maneu-

The change to a frontal drive

at the center of the German

thrust at Kiev might either in-

dicate Russians have informa-

tion as to the cumulative ex-

haustion of the nazis' men and

equipment or that the colder

weather has provided better go-

ing for Russian tanks. There

have been many indications that

for defensive purposes in the

Kiev struggle the Russians have

been relying on self-propelled

field guns to blast massed nazi

tank attacks, reserving their

own armored units for later of-

fensive operations.

The Russian counter stroke

was waiitng.

ther offensive of this winter

Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON Copyright 1943 by the Associated Press well as to the north where the

The climax of the battle in Russia seems at hand in the Kiev bulge.

A military disaster of first magnitude for one, side or the other is in the making there and on its outcome may rest Russian-allied hopes of bringing the war in Europe to an end next vear.

Moscow and Berlin agree that soviet forces have taken the offensive in the Malin sector at the center of the south-southwestern face of the Kiev bulge: but disagree as to the nature of the red army attack. The German version describes it as a counter-offensive, in reality a local defensive-offensive operation. Russian official reports say soviet troops have now taken up a definite offensive after more than four weeks of defensive fighting that has exhausted the enemy.

Regardless, there can be no doubt that what happens in the Kiev bulge within the next few days may go far to determine the duration of the war in Eu-

Malin, a station on the Kiev-Korosten railroad 55 miles west of Kiev, is virtually at the center of an arc against which the Germans have been driving. A German break-through there would not only gravely threaten the Russians' penetration beyond the Dnieper in the Klev sector, but also undermine both Russian flanks forming the bulge.

German failure to reach Kiev, on the other hand, would heighten for the axis the deadly peril of the red army's main thrust beyond the Dnieper to communications linking the nazi right flank in Russia directly with Germany.

Russian advices say the overdue heavy freeze weather is now at hand in the Kiev bulge as



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