

Italy Casualties Told by Stimson

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—American elements of the fifth army in Italy suffered 6774 casualties up to the start of the battle of the Volturno, Secretary of War Stimson announced today.

These casualties included 879 killed, 3047 wounded and 2848 missing.

Stimson called attention to the fact the figure for wounded was lower than the figure of 5428 wounded which he had reported at his press conference October 7. Subsequent reports from allied headquarters in north Africa had corrected the earlier figure, he said. He warned that casualty reports on current operations were only approximate.

Auto Registration In State Declines

SALEM, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Motor vehicle registration in Oregon for the first nine months of 1943 totaled 410,238, compared with 417,503 a year ago, the state department said today.

The number of private cars dropped from 336,369 to 329,196, while trucks totaled 42,834, a three per cent increase. The number of busses was 1118, a 27 per cent gain.

Listen, Folks, For Ben's Gun

HARRISBURG—Ben Halsey reports the bad luck of having had "callers" while he and Mrs. Halsey were away at work. Thieves seemed to have made themselves at home at the Halsey residence.

On the first call they relieved Ben of the task of feeding 70 nice Red Rock spring chickens.

That being so easy, they called again, making sure the family was away. This time they seemed to have had time to plan their Thanksgiving dinner, taking a dozen turkeys.

But they did not stop at that. On the next visit, knowing they could not kill that many turkeys at this time, they "lifted" the necessary feed. When Ben went to count his grain sacks in the barn, 18 were gone.

Now Ben is camping on his back porch with a deer gun, because this week he shot a nice buck, and that, he states will NOT disappear!

WFA Will Pay Part Of Freight on Apples

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The War Food administration announced it would pay a portion of the freight charges on apples shipped from Washington, Oregon and western Idaho into designated markets in

Sgt. Hooker Funeral Set for Monday



SGT. DONALD HOOKER

Staff Sergeant Donald A. Hooker, who lost his life in an automobile accident at Camp Ellis, Ill., Oct. 17, would have celebrated his 26th birthday on October 23. He is the son of Mrs. Beulah Mae Hooker, 1088 Thirteenth avenue west, formerly of Veneta.

Sergeant Hooker was born October 23, 1917, at Independence, Ore., but had lived nearly all his life in Lane county. He attended the Wolf Creek grade school and the Crow Union high school, before his enlistment in the army in March, 1941, before the outbreak of war. He was attached to the medical battalion of the 40th division, had spent nine months in the Hawaiian Islands recently, and was returned to the United States in the past summer. His last furlough was spent at home late in May.

Besides his mother, Sergeant Hooker is survived by a twin sister, Mrs. Dorothy Clemence of Redmond, Ore.; three other sisters, Wilma, at home, and Mrs. Felix Miller and Mrs. Leola Rader, both of Eugene; five brothers, Herbert and Jimmy, both in the U. S. army; Ira, Clifton and Wayne, all at home. The father of the family was killed in 1937.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m., at the Pooles chapel, Dr. Vance H. Webster officiating, and interment at the Gates cemetery.

eastern and central states. The payments are designed, WFA said, to enable the northwestern apples to compete with eastern-grown apples under present price ceilings.

War In Brief

By United Press

ITALY—Americans score four-mile gain in rugged country, capturing two towns and beating off German counterattacks; British eighth army patrols probe new enemy line; allied aircraft raid German communications above Rome and give support to battle lines, shooting down 18 enemy planes.

YUGOSLAVIA—Lightning fighters attack Skopje and Wellingtons raid Split, damaging three ships, in support of partisans; guerrillas wreck iron mine and cross Danube into Hungary.

RUSSIA—Red army gains six miles in crushing offensive through Dnieper bend; Germans expelled from all but northern outskirts of Melitopol; bloody battle rages at Kiev.

WESTERN EUROPE—American planes attack French airfield; RAF raids western Germany in night attacks; light Nazi air force harasses London for sixth straight night.

PACIFIC—Japanese overrun three main highways between China and Burma, seizing 105 mile stretch of west bank of Salween river; navy bombers raid Gilberts; 22 Japanese planes shot down in south Pacific; Australians repulse new attacks near Finschhafen.

Snake River Project Will Be Considered

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 22.—(AP)—The house rivers and harbors committee will give further consideration next week to the inclusion of Snake river developments in an authorization bill that calls for construction of the Umatilla rapids projects.

Rep. Hall Holmes (R-Wash.) so informed Mayor H. G. West, an official of the Inland Empire Waterways association, yesterday. The bill is being drafted for submission to the house appropriations committee and congress.

Holmes said that General Kingman recommended that the Umatilla rapids project be given preference over the Snake development which so far has been placed in the postwar category.

ZINC PENNIES TO GO

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—The treasury announced today that manufacture of the new zinc-coated, steel pennies will be stopped January 1. It will then resume coining of one-cent pieces made of a copper alloy, which was discontinued last February.

Girls in Knife Duel Over Married Man

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22.—(AP)—A hand-to-hand knife duel by moonlight between two teen-age girls over the affections of a married man, says Detective Lt. William G. Marr, left both contestants injured and one in a hospital today.

The combatants met at midnight in the presence of "seconds" following a formal challenge. Marr added. He said the married man's identity was not disclosed.

Doris Rhoad, 17, telephone operator, is in a hospital with deep arm wounds. Betty Reeves, 19, drug store clerk, is at home nursing nicks on her hands.

Oregon Oil Test Will Begin Soon

MARSHFIELD, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Southwestern Oregon will know soon whether a commercial oil field lies underneath the coastal shift near here.

Drilling machinery has been delivered to the Phillips Petroleum company crew here, which will begin sinking a shaft. The crew is prepared to go 6000 feet if necessary.

An earlier prospector drilled in the same area near the Davis slough. He went down 1450 feet, then ran out of funds.

The Phillips company, which has leases on approximately 8000 acres along the coast, also has leased some 20,000 acres inland near Oakland and expects to begin drilling there within 18 months.

Planes Fight Near Russian Islands

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—The navy disclosed today that a navy Catalina patrol bomber had battled with a Japanese medium bomber in the vicinity of the Russian-owned Komandorski Islands in the Bering sea.

The engagement, in which both planes scored hits, occurred yesterday afternoon. The action was broken off after an exchange of shots. The Catalina suffered no personnel casualties and "no material damage."

The action occurred 135 miles northwest of Attu island, westernmost of the Aleutians. The Komandorski lie 190 miles northwest of Attu.

Astoria May Get Permanent Station

ASTORIA, Ore., Oct. 22.—(AP)—A house naval affairs subcommittee will consider the advisability of recommending that the naval station at the Astoria port docks be made a permanent establishment when it inspects facilities in the lower Columbia river area October 31-November 1.

Rep. James W. Mott (R-Ore.), a member of the committee, has suggested that the port dock base be made permanent.

The committee, inspecting efficiency at naval installations, will conduct hearings at Portland before and after the visit here.

Inquiry Proposed On War Training

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—(AP)—The Portland school board sought funds today for an investigation of the war production training program here.

S. Eugene Allen, school board member, charged the program is too costly, that the training staff is attempting to perpetuate itself and that employees have tried to make him withdraw his request for the investigation.

Allen said the program costs more than \$180,000 monthly. More than 100,000 persons have been trained since the shipbuilding program started.

The board asked the state department of vocational education for the investigation funds.

Phone Executive's Death Investigated

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Perry W. Evans, 81, wealthy San Diego telephone company executive, died in the California Lutheran hospital today shortly after police had been summoned to his hotel room by an anonymous telephone call.

Officers reported they found Evans unconscious on the floor, his eyes blackened and his broken eyeglasses on the floor nearby. The hotel house physician and a nurse gave him emergency treatment before his removal to the hospital.

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Many Filbert Crops On Ground, Report

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Those applying for picking jobs will be picked up from the employment service at 7:45 a. m. Saturday. Those having their own transportation may call or go to the employment office for directions to the various orchards.

Mystery Shooting Laid to 'Trance'

SEATTLE, Oct. 22.—(AP)—A mysterious shooting aboard a fishing boat off Jefferson head was being investigated by detectives today after the vessel's owner reportedly confessed to police he shot a middle-aged fisherman while both were in "a trance."

Robert Christian Collins was reported in serious condition at Marine hospital as police held Leonard Nordine, 32, owner of the Anna, for questioning.

Capt. Wesley N. Miller, chief of county detectives, said Nordine confessed shooting Collins in the head with a .22-caliber rifle. Miller quoted Nordine as saying: "He went into a trance and told me that he had me, and I must have gone into the same kind of trance when I shot him."

Miller reported the Anna, with Nordine and another fisherman aboard, left Astoria, Ore., Tuesday morning. Collins boarded the boat from another vessel later.

BONNEVILLE AID NAMED

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 22.—(AP)—Assistant Bonneville Power Administrator U. J. Gendron announced today the appointment of Arthur C. Jacquet as manager of Bonneville's new office at Wenatchee, Wash.

Income Tax Boost Plan Rejected

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—The house ways and means committee today voted to integrate the five per cent victory tax with normal income taxes and rejected all proposals for any further increases in individual income tax rates.

The action rejected completely administration requests that \$8,500,000,000 additional be raised from individual incomes.

In merging the victory tax, the tax framing body figured to increase the normal tax rate on individuals from 6 to 10 per cent.

Father of 11, in Navy May Get \$308 Month

SHREVEPORT, La., Oct. 22.—(AP)—A 34-year-old Negro, ranging in age from 3 days to 11 years, has been sworn into the navy here as a volunteer.

Navy officials said the allotment will be \$308 a month under the proposed service allotment act. The family is a farm.

Alexander Hamilton, Coast Guard on August 1, when his Tariff Act authorizing the building of revenue cutters to insure collection of customs.

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