

Eugene Doughboy Thankful--- Knows Why Men Survive Battle

Sgt. Guy W. Haynes Jr., former president of Sigma Chi fraternity at University of Oregon and member of the sales staff at Byrom and Kneeland's men's store here, spent Thanksgiving day in Paris.

He wasn't seeing Paris. He was seeing the walls and ceiling of a hospital room.

But he also saw with great clarity the answer to what may seem a miracle—how any American doughboy can live through daily carnage of the western front, where "The fellows are swept like a fast river into something that can't be described by words."

That's the way Sergeant

Haynes described it in a letter just received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Haynes, 1070 Tenth avenue west.

Why does any soldier escape death in places like the Hurigen forest, Metz, and the Roer front? Guy Haynes knows why. The credit, he writes, goes "higher than man." He says that standing between the infantryman and destruction, "God is the only one left."

Sergeant Haynes had been in action in Holland and then in Germany, and he may be again in action now, as he left the hospital soon after Thanksgiving to rejoin his combat infantry outfit with the American first army.

Homesick

His Thanksgiving day letter home, with its frank homesickness for family and "Mom's" cooking, follows:

Dearest Mom and Dad: Here I am starting another letter to you folks, with not much news but a lot of Thanksgiving and hope in my heart.

This is the second time on Thanksgiving day I have longed to sit down at your table, Mom, and enjoy this day like we used to do, but the war is still on and it is impossible.

You know, folks, I have had a lot of time to think about this business of war, and how all the fellows are swept like a fast river into something that can't be described by words.

When it is finished, and a fellow finds himself intact and not hit, there is one feeling he has. (At least, I did) and that is the fact that skill or luck or chance did not decide who would die or get hurt in battle, but it is higher than man. Consequently, God is the only one left who should have credit for keeping you safe for another day.

All I feel alike Most fellows agree on this conclusion, so today, I believe, is the first day in my life that I have really had Thanksgiving in my heart—not for the food or material things that are offered, but for the fact that I am still alive, and the hope that some of these days we will be together again.

This sounds pretty sentimental and kinda in the air, but it is something I have meant to write for a long time. This day seems to be a very appropriate time for such thoughts.

Dad, I am sure you understand this feeling I have written. (G. W. Haynes is a veteran of the first world war and saw action overseas). Say, I read a story in June 1944 issue of Readers Digest you might like. It is called "So Long, Son."

The war news seems to sound better every day and I think this time, more than ever before, a fellow can hope to be home on next Thanksgiving day. Don't you? I know most guys have that wish in their hearts, the same as I do.

Mom, you will be surprised the next time we have dinner, because my appetite has grown by leaps and bounds. I have learned to like many different kinds of food now, and it won't be so hard to cook.

Well, it is about time to eat again, so will close for now. Take care of yourself, and write. All my love, Guy.



FORCED TO RETIRE—Col. Don J. M. Blakeslee (above), whose 1,300 hours of air combat against the Luftwaffe exceeded the time of any other U. S. flier in the European theater, is being forced into retirement. He, however, was unwilling to quit, asking "How can they do this to me?" He is from Fairport Harbor, Ohio. (AP wirephoto)

Combat Casualties Reach 552,018

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—U.P.—U. S. combat casualties for three years of war have reached 552,018, including 121,363 killed, incomplete official tabulations disclosed today.

The total was 15,068 greater than that announced last week. Secretary of War Stimson said army casualties through Nov. 22 totaled 474,898, including 91,625 killed, 268,099 wounded, 59,926 missing, and 55,248 prisoners of war. Of the wounded, 128,440 have returned to duty.

Navy casualty figures released for the navy, marine corps and coast guard totaled 77,120, including 29,738 dead, 33,469 wounded, 9,427 missing, and 4,486 prisoners of war.

Camp Adair Hospital To Have 3,000 Beds

ALBANY.—(U.P.)—The new navy hospital at Camp Adair will have some 3,000 beds and accommodate ill and wounded navy personnel in both acute and convalescent stages.

Lt. J. W. O'Donnell, 13th naval district official who came here to make preliminary arrangements, said the staff of doctors, nurses, and attendants will number nearly 1,000. Most patients will be men whose homes are in the northwest.

O'Donnell said the navy plans to build a laundry and garage near the hospital building which was formerly part of the army encampment. He did not disclose how soon the hospital would be opened.

Australia Encourages American Immigrants

SAN FRANCISCO.—(U.P.)—Australia will extend every possible aid to Americans to establish either homes or businesses in Australia after the war. Frank Goldberg, Australian advertising executive said here. He is making a goodwill tour of the United States as a representative of the Australian ministry of information.

Goldberg said he will go to every major city in the United States and Canada where he hopes to promote friendlier relations between the governments.

Biddle Denies Influence By Tom Corcoran

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Atty. Gen. Biddle today denied charges that he was "under the influence" of Thomas G. Corcoran, former new deal braintruster and now a private attorney, but added:

"He's a friend of mine. If that admission on the record is discreditable to me, I stand by it."

Biddle in testimony before the senate immigration committee told his side of the quarrel with his former assistant, Norman M. Littell, which resulted 10 days ago in Littell's dismissal by President Roosevelt for insubordination.

The attorney general also denied Littell's charges that he interfered with the former assistant attorney general's testimony before congressional committees—notably his testimony about the Elk Hills oil case.

Meanwhile it was disclosed that Corcoran has been subpoenaed to testify late next week before the house committee investigating the federal communications commission. Chairman Clarence Lea, (D. Calif.) said the committee also had obtained Corcoran's income tax records.

The committee is expected to question Corcoran as to what part, if any, he played in the sale of radio station WMCA, New York. WMCA's former owner, Donald Flamm, has charged that Corcoran and others put pressure on him to sell the station for less than its market value to former Undersecretary of Commerce Edward J. Noble.

Penalties Slated For Lumber Firms

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Accused of violating the stabilization act, 54 Washington, Oregon, California, Montana and Idaho lumber and logging operators are due to be penalized by the internal revenue department, John D. Gale, chairman of the west coast lumber commission of the war labor board, said today.

Francis H. Bacon, commission enforcement head, said violations included unauthorized adjustments of wages, employer failure to obtain approval of wage rates he proposed to pay in a new operation.

Pvt. Carl L. Warder Wounded In France

Pvt. Carl L. Warder, 22, whose wife, Mrs. Lena Warder, lives at 139 Sixteenth Avenue east, was wounded in France Nov. 9, while serving with an infantry company. A letter received from him states that he is recovering nicely.

Private Warder, who formerly lived at Harrisburg and enlisted from that place, entered the army in January, and took basic training at Camp Wolters, Tex. He went overseas in July, to Italy, later to France.

RATION CALENDAR

PROCESSED FOODS

Book 4—Blue stamps A5 through Z8 and A5 through Z5 and A2—B2 valid indefinitely.

Blue stamps X-5, Y-5, Z-5, A-2 and B-2 valid Dec. 1.

MEATS and FATS

Book 4—Red stamps A5 through Z8 and A5 through S5 valid indefinitely.

SUGAR: Book 4.

Sugar stamps 30 through 34 are valid indefinitely for 5 pounds each.

Sugar stamp 40 valid through Feb. 28, 1945 for 5 pounds home canning only.

SHOES

Book 3—Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely. Loose stamps invalid.

GASOLINE

"A" book No. 13 expires Dec. 21. Each coupon worth 4 gallons. Not valid unless endorsed.

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Aug. 31, 1945—Period 4 and 5 coupons (1943-44 series) and period 1 coupons (1944-45 series) expire at midnight.

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Apply to local board for oil, gas stoves certificates.

PRICE CONTROL

Refer inquiries and complaints to price clerk at local board.

RENT CONTROL

All rented dwelling units must be registered and changes in tenancy reported.

RATION BOARD HOURS

The war price and rationing board is open to the public from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; until 9 p. m. on Tuesday; until noon on Saturday. The office is located at 29 Eleventh Avenue west. Telephone 4697.

Forest Fire Fighters Seek Radio Band

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—U.P.—The need for an assigned frequency band for radio-equipped forest fire fighters today resulted in the Western Forestry association announcing the federal communications commission will be asked to take such action.

Fire fighters are using airplanes, parachutists and emergency crews in the woods, coordinated with radio.

The annual conference ended today with more than 200 delegates agreeing that individual political units, including states, counties and communities, should take an active part in forestry programs rather than to depend on a "gimme" attitude toward the federal government with its distantly-managed controls.

Benzene is made by distilling coal tar, and also can be derived from petroleum.

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Program Announced For Monday Concert

First concert of the season for the Women's Choral club is scheduled for Monday evening, 8:15 o'clock, campus school of music building, this being the annual Christmas program of the group. The chorus this year has nearly 100 voices. Glenn Griffith is directing the chorus and Miss Helen Luvaas is accompanist.

Featuring the Monday program will be violin solos by Miss Marilyn Olson, guest performer for the evening. Miss Olson is a student at the University of Oregon. She will be accompanied by Miss Patricia Metcalf.

Program for the Monday event is as follows:

Star-Spangled Banner

The Lord's Prayer—(Malotte-Dels)
Let There Be Music—(Levinson)
God Is A Spirit—(Scholin)
The Creation—(Richter)

Andante from Symphonis Espagnole—(Edouard Ballo)
Caprice Viennois—(Fritz Kreisler)
Hora Staccato—(Dinlough-Helfetz)
Violin solos by Marilyn Olson
Accompanied by Patricia Metcalf

Oh, These Men—(Early American Arr. Trehanne)
Nursery Tune with Variations—(French, Arr. Wilson)
The Snow Storm—(Rogers)

Cavatina—(Raff-Gaines)
The Women's chorus
Violin solo by Marilyn Olson

Sweet Little Jesus Boy—(MacGimsey-Andrews)

The Women's chorus
Solo by Bethel St. Johns
Good Folk Who Dwell On Earth—(Davis)

Legend—(Tschakovsky)
As It Fell Upon a Night—(Davis)
Soprano obbligato by Doris Siegenthaler

Christmas carols by Women's chorus and audience.

All proceeds from the concert go to the Choral club fund to provide a full year's scholarship for voice study at the University of Oregon for some Eugene high school student next year.

Sgt. William Siegman Seriously Wounded

Staff Sgt. William L. Siegman, 19, son of Capt. and Mrs. Louis W. Siegman of Junction City, was seriously injured in action in France Nov. 19, according to a war department message received. He served with an infantry company of the 7th army.

Sergeant Siegman received the bronze star award for gallantry in action in France in September. He went overseas in June, and has been at the front since Aug. 1, sent as a replacement following the D-day invasion. He is a graduate of Junction City high school and also attended the University of Oregon.

Captain Siegman, his father, a reserve officer who served in the last war, now is stationed at Sheppard Field, Tex., with the army air forces.

Flood Control Bill Sent Back To House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—A joint congressional conference committee today completed work on the \$945,000,000 post-war flood control bill, accepting virtually all of the recommendations written into the bill by the senate after it left the house.

The measure now goes back to the house for approval, probably Tuesday, with final senate action expected by Wednesday.

Bartholomew Is V-P Of Horticulture Body

Wendell Bartholomew of Eugene was elected first vice-president of the Oregon Horticultural society at a meeting concluded at Hood River, and Howard S. Merriam was chosen as a trustee, a United Press dispatch reported Saturday.

C. C. Clemmons of Medford is the new president, and the 1945 meeting will be held in that town.

Laird Cregar Dies

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Laird Cregar, 300-pound, 28-year-old character actor, died late this afternoon after two heart attacks, which followed an abdominal operation performed yesterday.

He finished "Hangover Square," for 20th Century-Fox studios, two weeks ago in his most important role to date.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Cregar, and five brothers.

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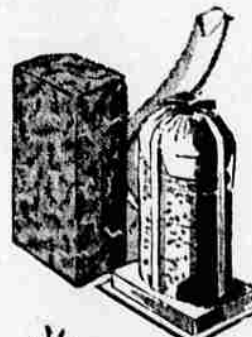
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