

## Iwo's Wounded Quickly Moved From War Zone

(Editor's Note: The following story was written by Barbara Miller Finch, of Reuters, first woman correspondent to land on Iwo Jima, for the combined American press.)

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Aboard a Naval Air Evacuation Plane, March 5 (UP)—Fifteen boys, veterans of the grim battle for Iwo Jima, are being flown to base hospitals in the Marianas on only a few hours after they were wounded.

As a volunteer nurse's aid, I asked to make this flight back to life and health with them. A new naval evacuation unit has inaugurated daily hospital planes to carry these boys from Iwo to Saipan and Guam.

It is a stimulating experience. Every man on the plane—even the gray-faced marine who lost his left leg and most of the toes on his other foot by mortar fire—brightens eagerly at the mention of a hospital. To him it means rest beds and cleanliness and real nightfall.

The marine dozed off when first we took off from Motoyama airfield number 1 at Iwo Jima. He stirred restlessly and motioned me close to his litter.

Still Moving  
"Are we still moving?" he asked.

Our plane, the Nellie V, piloted by Lt. Daniel H. Duren, USN, of San Diego, Calif., was moving so smoothly 9,000 feet above the white clouds and blue water that his question was understandable. When I reassured him, he smiled faintly, sighed and closed his eyes.

On another litter, a black-eyed boy with an engaging smile was fumbling with a small bundle of bloodstained letters. Finally, he managed to get one out of an envelope and started to read it half aloud. He looked up with a grin.

"I'm afraid my girl will be pretty mad at me for getting her letters dirty," he said.

A 19-year-old New Hampshire boy didn't understand why he let a Jap sniper's bullet get him in the leg after he had come through the Marshalls and Saipan campaigns without a scratch.

Will Write Mother  
"I'll have to write my mother that I'm doing all right," he said.

"Last night I was lying there in the dirt on Iwo with a bullet in my leg. Tonight, I'll sleep in a hospital bed. I don't believe it."

"The only trouble is that I hate to leave the boys. I cried when the captain came to say goodbye."

On the beach at Iwo where I visited the medical evacuation station serving the third, fourth and fifth marine division, Lt. Cmdr. Leo L. Thelen, of Elgin, Ill., a medical company commander, told a little incident that exemplified the attitude of wounded marines.

Two corpsmen carried a young man with a bloody bandage around his head. As they passed us, he raised his head painfully, grinned and called out:

Visitor Welcomed  
"Hello, ma'am! What are you doing here?"

It was his island, and wounded or not, he was welcoming a guest.

Most of the marines brought to the evacuation station, Dr. Thelen said, suffer from extremely serious wounds. Horrible head wounds are sickeningly frequent. There is no complaint from the boys on their stretchers and only gratitude for the help they received.

It was the same aboard the plane when Pharmacist's mate 1/c John A. Cronin, Tucson, Ariz., a former University of Arizona pre-medical student brought the wounded an extra blanket, admin-

istered sedatives and otherwise saw they were comfortable. He was one of the kindest and most efficient corpsmen.

## Plane Wreckage Found Near Denio

Winnemucca, Nev., March 6 (UP)—The charred wreckage of a B-24 Liberator bomber which had been missing from Mountain Home, Ida, airfield since last Friday, was spotted late yesterday 20 miles west and five miles south of Denio, Ore.

It was not known whether any of the crew members survived. Rescue and salvage parties were immediately dispatched overland to the scene of the crash.

The plane had been on a routine training flight, army officials said.

## Court Backs Jap In Land Dispute

Oregon City, Ore., March 6 (UP)—In the first decision involving Japanese-American ownership of land, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bergh, Boring, Ore., farmers, today were under circuit orders to return the farm they had leased from Masayuki Fujimoto, who has just come back from a relocation center.

Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourette Monday directed the jury to find the Berghs guilty of forcible entry on the farm, near Boring, about 20 miles southeast of Portland. No other penalty was imposed, other than immediate return of the land to its owner.

The Berghs' attorney, Glen Jack, held that the lease obtained by them for the duration—and not merely while the owner was absent. He indicated he will file an appeal.

The new ruling, if sustained, is expected to decide the future course of other farmers and businessmen who have leased property owned by Americans of Japanese descent.

## BACK IN BUSINESS

Portland, Ore., March 6 (UP)—S. Tsubota—who once was one of the largest fruit and produce farm operators in the mid-Columbia area at Maryhill, Wash., today was the first Japanese grower back at the east side wholesale and vegetable market in Portland.

Although there were no demonstrations, many of the buyers stood at a distance, curiously watching Tsubota dispose of his truck load of vegetables.

## Dam at The Dalles Held Possibility

Portland, Ore., March 6 (UP)—Early post-war construction of a power and navigation dam on the Columbia river at The Dalles, Ore., is under consideration by the army engineers, Col. Ralph A. Tudor, Portland district army engineer, disclosed today.

The district engineer's office here has been instructed to submit a review report on the proposal, he said, the study to be completed by autumn.

In Washington, D. C., Maj. Gen. Eugene Reybold, chief of army engineers, was quoted as saying that a dam at The Dalles was an ultimate part of the Columbia river development program, although it was not included in the rivers and harbors bill recently passed by congress. The engineers are studying whether to recommend this project for early post-war undertaking.

In that the Celilo canal is deemed a possible transportation bottleneck with development of dams further up the river, the proposed dam at The Dalles is being considered as a replacement for that canal.

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## Change of Rates On Trucks Given Study By Senate

By Eric W. Allen, Jr.  
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Salem, Ore., March 6 (UP)—The Oregon senate today took under consideration legislation to change tax rates on trucks after a hard-fought battle and passage in the house Monday.

Two other bills passed the house to give most state employees civil service and retirement benefits, while the senate defeated salary raise proposals for a number of high state officials.

The transportation code bill (HB345) came to the house with a divided report, a majority of the highways and highway revenues committee recommending passage and a minority asking defeat.

Rep. Robert A. Bennett said that the bill, a result of an interim committee study, was "theoretically workable" but contended taxing carriers on a ton-mile basis to be unworkable.

No Opposition  
"The state would not get as much money from carriers under this act as it does now," Bennett said and charged that, because they would pay less, there was no opposition from truckers.

Rep. Burt Snyder, Lakeview, chairman of the committee, and Rep. Jack Greenwood, denied that revenues would be smaller, saying the new act would affect more carriers than the existing law.

"Some operators would be hit much harder under this," Greenwood said, "but they feel that it is a fair act and don't object to paying their just portion. It would protect the little fellow," he added.

Rep. Robert Duniway, Portland, objected to the bill because it assessed carriers inside cities and because he thought heavier trucks are most destructive to the highways and should pay a higher per capita rate than lighter trucks.

## City Trucks Included

Proponents countered that city trucks were included because a percentage of the highway funds go to cities eventually, and noted that trucks under 4000 pounds were exempted.

Snyder said that it was "one of the best bills introduced this session". It had been studied by experts and was the result of long and studious work, he said.

The majority report was accepted after a motion to substitute the minority report failed 42 to 16 with two absent. Debate on the measure lasted more than an hour. It was placed on final passage and carried with only six dissents.

## Cornett Bill Up

The proposed reapportionment of senate seats in central and eastern Oregon, which comes before the senate late today, is expected to cause some of the bitterest controversy of the session.

Sen. Marshall Cornett, Klamath Falls, sponsor, is seeking a single senator for Klamath county, with corresponding reshuffling of counties, which would eliminate Sen. Rex Ellis' 19th district.

## FIVE CARS TAGGED

Five more automobiles have been tagged by Traffic Officer William Burton for asserted parking overtime, police reports revealed today. The cars were registered to F. S. McGarvey, 37 Glen road; Lucille Shewey, 383 Miller street; A. G. Fisher, Pine Cone rooms; T. B. Bailey, South City Limits motel, and F. E. Nutley, Redmond.

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## Output of Planes Below Schedule in Period of Month

Washington, March 6 (UP)—The war production board announced today that 6,286 airplanes were accepted in February. But, it added, plane production was nearly three per cent below schedule.

It was the fourth consecutive month in which production failed to meet the goals set for it. Seriousness of the continued below-schedule output is "further magnified," WLB said, by the fact that actual military requirements in many instances exceed the working schedules.

The February output totaled 71,300,000 pounds in terms of airframe weight, exclusive of spares. This was slightly less than January production, the announcement said. Although 249 fewer planes were accepted in February than in the preceding month, the actual daily rate of output rose slightly more than nine per cent—from 242 in January to 262 in February, which had only 28 days.

The WPB's aircraft production board presented the following tabulation of February output:

Production Lags  
Bombers, scheduled, 2,364; produced 2,283, or 4.3 per cent behind schedule.

Fighters and naval reconnaissance, scheduled 2,940; produced 2,873, or 2.3 behind.

Transports, scheduled, 600; produced 604, or .6 ahead.

Trainers, scheduled, 207; produced 207, on schedule.

Communications and special purpose, scheduled 343; produced 339, or 1.2 behind.

Total production, 6,454 scheduled, produced 6,286 or 2.6 behind.

The aircraft board said February lag was concentrated "entirely in critical models," with two army and three navy plants accounting for failure to produce 227 planes. The board said that the deficit was held below three per cent only because several

manufacturers produced both critical and non-critical planes in excess of schedule.

The Renton-Seattle B-29 plant, the country's largest, missed its schedule "by a substantial number," the board said. A good portion of this loss was made up, however, by three other B-29 plants which met or bettered their schedules.

## To Revise Program

The continued failure to meet schedules at Renton has made it necessary to revise its program downward, the board said, to a point more nearly representing its probable output. This, it said, will correct material maldistribution resulting from "unrealistic schedules."

The critically-needed navy patrol bomber, manufactured by Lockheed at Burbank, Calif., suffered a production lag in February, the board said. Only 40 per cent of the planes scheduled were accepted. Principal reason, the board said, was slow delivery of sub-contracted wings from Good-year at Phoenix, Ariz.

The overall working schedule for March calls for 6,537 planes as compared with February's 6,454, the board said.

## Health Activities Chairman Named

Mrs. James Burgess was named health activities chairman for the Deschutes County Health association in a meeting held Friday, March 2, at the courthouse. Members of the Junior chamber of commerce auxiliary heard Dr. W. S. Ramsey, Glen Thompson, sanitarian, and Lucy Davison, public health nurse, discuss the work of the department and the need for volunteer workers in the children's clinics and other projects of the county health service. A film showing the techniques for helpers was also shown.

Members of the Junior C. of C. auxiliary attending were: Mrs. Bruce Gilbert, Mrs. Bruno Rath, Mrs. Charles Boardman, Mrs. Lowell Aplin, Mrs. W. R. Nance, Mrs. William Burton, Mrs. Wilfred Jossy, Mrs. Claude Cook, Mrs. Harold Gentry, and Mrs. Burgess.

## Bend Sergeants Are Members Of Outfit Honored By 'Mac'

"Nice work, Dalton. Tell regiment."

This laconic message is a prized souvenir of at least two Bend boys, former members of Co. I, who are now in the Philippines theater of war. The soldiers are Sgt. Marvin Perry, son of Mrs. Charles Lamerding, Bend, and Sgt. Hugh Bean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bean, also of this city.

The message, in signal code form, was signed by General MacArthur and it was addressed to Colonel James L. Dalton II, of an infantry regiment that landed on Luzon, apparently on "D-day." It was a message of congratulation to a fighting regiment. Colonel Dalton headed General MacAr-

thur's request that the regiment be told their commander-in-chief was pleased with their performance. Printed forms were prepared for distribution to the entire regiment, and Colonel Dalton added this note, referring to MacArthur's "well done" message.

"This commendation comes from a great soldier to each of you for your courage and strength in this hard fight. Our regiment has done well, and will always do well."

Sgt. Perry has sent his "souvenir" to his mother.

The two Bend sergeants have been together since they sailed for the South Pacific, to battle the Japs on New Guinea. In the Philip-

pinas they saw action not only in the landings operations, but with the 25th division on northern Luzon. News that the 25th division was in action was recently carried in press dispatches.

Souvenirs sent home also include a pamphlet addressed to Filipino patriots and dropped on Luzon prior to the invasion. Japanese invasion money was sent to his mother by Sgt. Perry.

Both sergeants attended Bend high school.

## DRUNK ARRESTS MADE

Said by arresting officers to have been intoxicated on Bond street shortly after midnight, Harold Nieters, 22, a millworker of 1490 Newport avenue, and Theodore Negus, 41, of 812 Delaware avenue, were jailed and face arraignment in municipal court this evening.

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