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ERNIE PYLE, REPORTER

Casualties have run high among news correspondents in both Pacific and European wars of this decade. How nearly comparable the death, injury and disease rate of these "soldiers of the press" has been to that of those other soldiers whose achievements they record would be difficult to say. Perhaps the percentages are not far apart. There is no special reason that they should greatly vary. Writers and fighters in the battle zones are exposed to much the same dangers. They are in camp, in foxholes, in advanced positions together. War is taking its toll of both.

These thoughts come to us as we re-read the news which tells of the death of Ernie Pyle, most outstanding "human interest" reporter of world war II. Beginning with the African campaign, his service went on until a Jap bullet found him on the island of Ie. He is mourned by many a soldier who knew him and by countless other soldiers and civilians who had read his dispatches and had found understanding and comfort in them.

Like many another man, Ernie Pyle came to prominence in the war. Serving in one combat area after another, he did the sort of reporting that he had always preferred to do and that readers have always liked. As war reporting it clicked, too. It was different from the work of the ordinary war correspondent and it was what the people back home were hungry for.

Ernie Pyle never posed as a war expert. Analyses of strategy he left to others. He wrote about people. He wrote chiefly about the commonplaces of army life, about individuals in the army. He was a plain writer. He made no attempt to dramatize war, or to dramatize the doings of the individual G. I. The facts were sufficient and he gave them. They could speak for themselves. They did speak for themselves, through Ernie Pyle, and they left the reader with the feeling that they were facts. They were convincing reality.

All this does not mean that the man who gathered them and passed them on was incapable of writing of things and events in the large. His descriptions of the vast invasion movement from Africa to Sicily and of the invasion itself was a series of masterpieces, but still a job of simple straightaway reporting. His impressions became those of the people who followed his reports. But in reading them there was no thought that he had sought to impress. He was telling the story and he told it well.

But primarily Ernie Pyle was interested in people. Primarily he wrote about people. Here was the reason for his great appeal and for the immense popularity of his writings. For the duration at least, the great reading public was also interested in people, specifically in the ones whose story he related from day to day. The type of coverage he gave was a needed complement to the accounts of battles and campaigns done in the traditional style.

There will be more of this sort of war reporting, but it is not likely that anyone will fill Ernie Pyle's place while the current war is in progress.

Rev. Hinrichs to Accept Burns Call

Rev. Donald Hinrichs request for a peaceful dismissal as pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church in Bend was granted by the church board meeting last night, and Rev. Hinrichs has notified the Burns congregation that he is accepting the call to become pastor in the Harney county town. Rev. Hinrichs will preach his farewell sermon here on May 6, and will be installed at Burns the following Sunday. Rev. W. G. Georg of Portland has been asked to serve as vacancy pastor here. The congregation is now taking its first steps to call a new pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Hinrichs and their two sons, Donald, 2, and Gary, 8 months, will move to Burns.

Strikes It Rich



Lt. Jack MacFarlane, above, of Hollywood, Calif., literally "struck gold" in Germany. The engineer officer supervised blowing open of the salt mine vault at Merkers, where U. S. Third Army captured hoard of German gold and art treasures.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications are invited on matters of current and local interest. Letters should be not over 400 words in length, on only one side of the paper and, if possible, typewritten. Letters or manuscripts submitted for publication will not be returned.

DISLIKES ROOSEVELT EDITORIAL

April 16, 1945

To the Editor:
 Headline on 13 April Bulletin: "Nation pays respects to FDR." Editorial in same paper follows same line it has since the days of Hoover, when all was then supposedly well.

To a regular reader of the Bulletin's editorials one could see in this editorial a half hearted attempt to conceal the usual sarcasm, but it was there. Take this: "In 1944 there was no tradition left to shatter, or he would have shattered it." or "His tenure had come to have the 'implication' of permanency." Here too, is a good one, used in closing: "This, we realize, does not even approach a complete evaluation." As we often said in the army, when the situation permitted, "You said it there, brother." The perspective of time is essential if a true picture is to be had, were the closing words. Yes, a long long time indeed if one were to depend on the Bulletin to give credit to anything good done during the Roosevelt administration.

In American democracy criticism is of high value in many things, especially in government. It is a controlling influence, and something often very much desired to see that those in power do not go too far. I've heard many say that the Bulletin has long since ceased criticizing and of late has gone more and more to plain sarcasm, and now, as the whole allied world mourns the death of this great leader, as the flags of nearly all friendly nations fly at half mast in solemn tribute to him, the Bend Bulletin gets in one more sarcastic editorial on the life, and death, of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
 VERN HARTFORD.

DEVELOPS LENS FOR HAZE

Southbridge, Mass. (AP)—Even haze-covered targets will be visible to army air force pilots, thanks to a new glass lens developed by the American Optical Co. The new lens removes blinding glare and invisible light rays because its glass composition absorbs scattered blue light characteristic of haze.

the Magill & Erskine drug store, returns from Portland where he was admitted into membership in the Al Kader Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Bend's Yesterdays

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(April 19, 1920)
 (From The Bulletin Files)
 Plans are completed for a Y.M.C.A. dinner Wednesday night, at which the following will give musical numbers: Miss Bonnie Scribner, Miss Vera Thorbus, Dr. R. D. Ketchum and Charles Wilson.
 Mayor J. A. Estes is in receipt of a letter from the Oregon Rating bureau, suggesting that if the city passes an ordinance regulating sprinkling, fire insurance rates here may be reduced.
 Frank R. Prince receives a cap-

taincy in the army engineers for the Oregon district, from the adjutant general's office in Washington, D. C.
 County Clerk H. H. Haner reports that registration of voters is proceeding well in Deschutes county, with Joseph Innes, C. V. Silvis and J. F. Arnold signing them up in Bend.
 J. O. Hagan opens a new meat market at the corner of West Twelfth and Ogden streets, and as an assurance against profiteering reports that his books will be open to inspection at all times.
 R. B. Campbell of Culver, spends the day in Bend.
 Charles Ayres resigns as a ranger in the U. S. forest service.
 W. L. Stephens, pharmacist in

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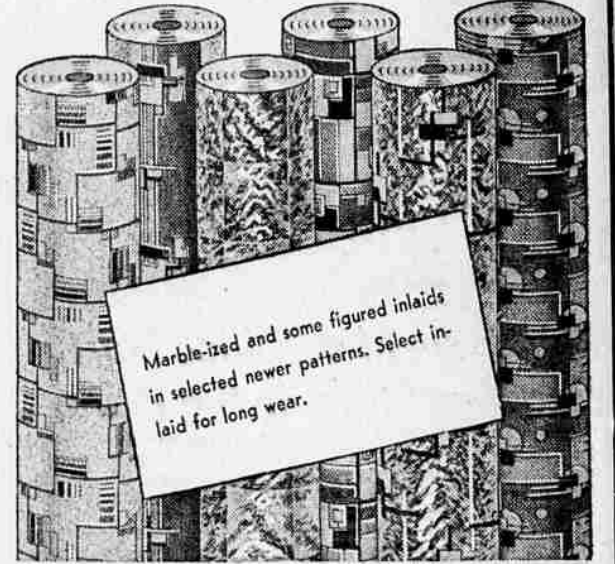


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SUPER SALESMANSHIP

Hyattville, Wyo. (AP)—A small boy in Hyattville has hit upon a sure-fire method for selling seeds. He sells 49-cent packages of gar-

den seeds, and his method is simple. He goes up to a house, knocks on the door and when the housewife opens it, he hands her the package of seeds, plus a penny. When the woman inquires about the penny, he tells her it's her change. Business is good, he reports.

The coast guard borrowed, bought or chartered a fleet of more than 2,000 pleasure craft for use in off-shore operations in the first days of the war. Many are now being returned to their owners.

At the Capitol



Diana Lynn, Gail Russell go abroad to get sophistication, in the picture "Our Hearts Were Young And Gay."

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