

Pacific Veteran Coming to Bend

With the 32nd Infantry Division in Pangasinan Province, Luzon, April 30—Technical Sergeant Harold C. Pedersen, son of Mrs. Julia Pedersen, Route 1, Bend, Oregon, is returning home on rotation furlough after three years' service overseas with the 32nd Infantry Division.

Sgt. Pedersen, holder of the combat infantryman badge, distinguished service cross, a machine-gun section leader, is a battle-wise veteran of six campaigns. Entering the army in January, 1942, he had basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif. He came overseas in April, 1942 with the 32nd "Red Arrow" division to take part in the epochal 52 day march over the Owen range and the battle at Buna that crushed the Japanese threat to Australia. He received the D.S.C. for "extraordinary heroism in action" near Sandana, a bloody strip of disputed ground on the enemy flank at Buna.

Japs Attacked
The citation reads: "Volunteering with three other men for an attack on a fortified enemy position, Sergeant (then private) Pedersen, with complete disregard for his personal safety, advanced through heavy machine-gun fire,

Edouard Herriot Reaches Moscow

Moscow, April 30 (UP)—Edouard Herriot, three premier of France and former president of the French chamber of deputies, arrived in Moscow with his wife today after being liberated by the red army from the Germans near Berlin.

The 73-year-old French statesman was freed April 22 and was brought here on a special plane placed at his disposal by soviet military authorities at Berlin. Herriot said he was in good health. He appeared in good spirits.

He said he would remain in Moscow for a few days as guest of the French ambassador and then return to France.

Herriot had been confined to a sanatorium near Berlin. He said the gestapo officer who was to have taken him to Berlin ahead of the Russians disappeared and he was rescued by the red army.

The statesman originally was arrested by Vichy French police after he had criticized the collaborationist policy of the Petain government. When allied armies ran over France, the Germans took him to Germany.

DRIVERS CITED
Driving a coupe with four passengers in the seat caused the arrest of two Bend youths over the weekend, according to police. Cited into court for the offense were Dean Smart and Baxter Johnson Nabors.

Officers also arrested Neils Pederson, 1367 Thacker street, for allegedly driving over 35 miles an hour on Galveston avenue, and issued a ticket to Aylme Dimmick for overtime parking.

Soil lost by water erosion from deforested areas is sometimes 10 to 20 times greater than that from a forested area.

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Pastor Criticizes India Spokeswoman Redmond

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In a sermon entitled, "Can Vodka Diplomacy Save the World?" the minister declared that "liquor-befuddled brains" have no place at the conference, which should be a meeting "of the best minds of the world in a dead-in-earnest effort to save humanity."

"We . . . are profoundly disturbed by the news that the Russian delegation had brought along a shipload of vodka and other potables, and that other delegations had followed their example," Dr. MacCaughy said. "It was our thought that this conference was anything but a festive occasion or a political convention."

War Briefs - - -
(By United Press)

Eastern Front - Red armies hammer last defenders of Berlin in night-square mile death pocket.

Western Front - Seventh army troops cut down elite guards in Munich and race into alpine redbut within 27 miles of Brenner pass.

Italy - British Eighth army drives within 58 miles of juncture with Yugoslav forces reported fighting in Trieste.

Pacific - American Superfortresses attack Japanese homeland again. American troops split Mindanao in two.

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Co. Soldier In Philippines Tells of People

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"The people here are very civilized and intelligent, and they are not at all like the natives we encountered in New Guinea," the young soldier relates. He added: "Some of the girls here are really beautiful."

Bill told of the receipt of the news of the death of President Roosevelt and added: "It sure was a great loss to the country, especially at a time like this."

Still Hopeful
In an earlier letter home, Bill mentioned that he missed church on Palm Sunday, because he was in combat, but got to go to church on Easter Sunday. He added: "I remember getting out of class one afternoon at Allen school to see 'Sign of the Cross.' What a long time ago that was!"

Bill is still hopeful he will run across his sailor brother, Pat, one of these days. He says he scans the number of every destroyer that comes into port.

Firemen Answer Three Fire Calls
A brush fire, a burning stump and a blazing fence caused Bend city firemen to make three runs over the weekend.

The fire fighters were called to the east end of Miller street Saturday afternoon where they sprayed 480 gallons of water on burning brush. Yesterday they answered a call to the Bend recreation center where a section of fence burned, and they later were called to Fourth and Seward street to extinguish a burning stump.

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