

# Okinawa's Role In Japanese War May Prove Vital

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The conquest of Okinawa has been almost completed now, at a heavy cost in American lives, ships and planes.

Viewing the casualties, Americans are concerned over what benefits are to be derived and how far the defeat of Japan has been advanced. The answer will be found only in the results of coming months, when the naval, air and land forces will have carried the war much closer to the heart of the Japanese homeland.

Meanwhile, a preliminary appraisal is possible, on the basis of Okinawa's strategic position and what use can be made of it. Japanese assertions that the battle of Okinawa would decide the fate of Japan seem far fetched, but there is no doubt that the Japanese view its loss with consternation.

**Value Is Great**

Okinawa's value is first of all as a major air base, only 330 miles from the home islands and within easy air reach of the China coast and Formosa. It also provides a first class naval anchorage and its possession removes a keystone defense outpost on the approaches to Japan and China.

Okinawa has three good airfields developed by the Japanese, the biggest and best of which now is being taken over in the final stages of the bitter struggle. Others can be developed by American engineering skill.

When these bases are in full operation, not only Superfortresses but large fleets of lesser American and British bombers of other types can be based there. Liberators, Flying Fortresses, medium bombers and fighter-bombers will be within practical range of Japan's southernmost island of Kyushu.

**Could Hit Islands**

Such a concentration of land-based air power should be able to knock out the Japanese airfields on Kyushu from which suicide and other planes have made Okinawa an expensive operation for the invaders. It is not a task for Superfortresses nor even primarily for carrier planes. The latter can do effective work, but it is difficult for them to maintain it on the sustained basis which is necessary.

When aerial operations from Okinawa are in full blast and Kyushu properly blanketed, the ocean supply route to China should be reasonably secure. It also can be extended to the China coast with a minimum of Japanese aerial interference. Formosa, which lies athwart the route to China, can be neutralized effectively by two-way action from Okinawa and Luzon, about equally distant.

Extension of the supply route to China, which would involve American landings on that coast, would have a double benefit. First, it would infuse new life blood in the Chinese armies, and secondly, permit the operation of new and powerful air bases for use against Japan.

Thus, while the occupation of Okinawa may not decide the fate of Japan, it drives a nail in the coffin. It means the smothering of the southern approaches to the home islands. With the cutting of the land corridor through China, which the Chinese armies are in the process of accomplishing, it will finally sever Japanese communications to and from the south—French Indo-China, Thailand, Malaya and the Dutch East Indies. Japan's shattered merchant marine and sea power will be unable to penetrate such a blockade.

## Overseas Airman Guest of Fliers

Two training films, "The Story of the Helicopter," and another outlining the importance of physical fitness, were shown at last night's Civil Air Patrol Cadet meeting at headquarters in the Bank of Bend building.

Lt. Keith Sheppard of the 8th air force, B-17 pilot, was the guest of the local squadron last night and told of many experiences on some of his 33 missions over Germany.

The cadets were then given 15 minutes of close order drill and dismissed for the evening. The local squadron is anxious to receive new enlistments for the cadet summer training program. Lt. Larry Vermo announced today. All boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 17 years of age who are interested, are invited to attend cadet meetings, held every Monday night at 7:30 at headquarters in the Bank of Bend building. Application blanks and any other information regarding enlistments will be available.

## 2 Bend Soldiers Back in States

Fort Lewis, Wash., June 4 (UP)—Eighty officers and enlisted men from Oregon are homeward bound on rotation furloughs and leaves, army officials announced today. From the European as well as the Pacific theaters, they represent many branches of the service. They include:

Bend—Cpl. Lester E. Miller, 105 Riverfront St.; Sgt. Louis D. Nettleton, 301 East Franklin.

## AT THE TOWER



Marjorie Weaver, Peter Cookson in a moment of ecstasy in Monogram's latest mystery thriller, "Shadows of Suspicion."

## Lt.-Col. Fred H. Loomis, Bend, Winner of U.S. Medals, French Croix de Guerre, Is Visitor

The trail of the Yanks from the blazing Normandy beaches to the Rhine river was mightily rugged, agrees Lt.-Col. Frederick H. Loomis, Bend resident and ex-Lava Bend grid star who returned from Europe's battlefields the hard way—by stretcher, hospital boat and train. But he is back on his feet again, and there are many grim things of the past year that he would like to forget.

With his wife and their two children, Leonard, 7, and Fred, 4, Colonel Loomis was to return to Spokane today, for a further stay in the hospital, following a week's visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Loomis, and his sisters, Dorothy Sather and Jackie Loomis.

After an absence of more than a year, Colonel Loomis returned to Bend wearing medals presented by the United States and France. These include the distinguished service cross, silver star with cluster, bronze star, a presidential unit citation, all American honors, and the Croix de Guerre, bestowed by the republic of France. In addition, the Bend officer wears three campaign badges, for service in Normandy, France and Germany.

Colonel Loomis has little to say about his "rugged" year in Europe, but citation papers tell a story of heroism, of miraculous escapes under fire, of leadership on battlefields. Three times Colonel Loomis was wounded in the campaign against the Germans.

Citation papers reveal that it was in mid-July, 1944, that Colonel Loomis won his distinguished service cross, when his battalion was pocketed and pinned down under fierce German fire. Under heavy fire, war department records reveal, the Bend officer moved alone across an open field, got four medium tanks, led these tanks out in front of the American lines and pointed out targets to the tank gunners. Then, the citation continues, Colonel Loomis recrossed the open field, asked for 10 infantry volunteers and with these men returned to the support of the tanks. Out of over 900 Americans who took part in that action, only 71 returned. For his heroism in directing men and tanks in action that made it possible for the Americans to hold a vital cross roads, Colonel Loomis was awarded the distinguished service cross by General George Patton, near Veckring, France.

Colonel Loomis won his Croix de Guerre for action in Normandy that closed the gap on the German 7th army, with the Americans advancing from the south and the British from the north. By closing that gap, Colonel Loomis and his men made possible the destruction of the entire German 7th army. Over 7,000 Germans were captured by the Americans. For that action, Colonel Loomis was awarded the Croix de Guerre at Metz, at special ceremonies. The French bronze cross suspended from a red ribbon with

green stripes, was personally presented to the Bend man by Charles DeGaulle.

Colonel Loomis' battalion won the presidential citation for breaking the German Mayhem line, in the "Foret-de-Monte Castre forest. That was the battle Americans refer to as the fight for hill 122. The breakthrough of this engagement, one of the outstanding encounters on western front action, was on July 11, 12 and 13, 1944. The unit citation was conferred in ceremonies in Germany.

Colonel Loomis' outfit landed in Normandy on D-Day plus three, and it was in Normandy that he received his first wounds, when hit by shrapnel. In France, Colonel Loomis received his second wound, when a bullet passed through the fleshy part of his leg.

The Bend colonel's narrowest escape occurred when a group crossing a field was caught in a concentration of rocket fire. Twelve out of 14 officers and men were killed. Colonel Loomis was one of the two survivors, and it is for injuries suffered on that occasion that he is still receiving treatment.

## Helicopter Trip Article Subject

An account of her first ride in a helicopter by Ensign Ann Marcotte Shepherd, Spar, former member of The Bend Bulletin news staff and later a reporter for the Oregon Journal, appeared in the Sunday magazine section of that paper Sunday, June 3.

Ensign Shepherd is now assistant public relations officer at the coast guard station, Ninth naval district, St. Louis. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry C. Marcotte. Her husband, Maj. William K. Shepherd, is with the infantry in Europe.

## New Fire Posters To Be Distributed

Highly decorative and informative fire prevention posters are now available at the headquarters of the Deschutes national forest in the postoffice building. It was announced today by Gail Baker, fire assistant in the forest staff. Baker said that he is making arrangements to distribute them to Bend business houses, but that those wanting them before that time may obtain them at his office.

The posters also will be placed in prominent places around resorts in the Deschutes forest, Baker said.

**POSTMASTER NAMED**

Salem, Ore., June 5 (UP)—The temporary appointment of Albert C. Gragg, Salem, as postmaster, was announced here late yesterday. He will succeed Henry R. Crawford, who has retired after serving in the post for ten years.

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## Oregon Senator Very Critical Of Navy Policies

Washington, June 5 (UP)—Sen. Wayne Morse, R., Ore., today awaited arrival of data from Oregon to substantiate his charge that military authorities have discriminated against Portland as a wartime maritime center.

When he can document his statements, Morse told the senate, he will give his colleagues the facts in the case. During an hour-long speech yesterday on inequities of navy wage policy along the Pacific coast he mentioned that he believed the army, navy, war shipping administration and office of defense transportation were parties to the discrimination.

**Pulls No Punches**

"There have been times when 70 per cent of the port activities have been unused," he said. "They have even gone to the lengths of having longshore gangs shifted to San Francisco."

On the issue of wage injustices in west coast repair yards, Morse pulled no punches. He criticized high navy officers strongly for "namecalling tactics" in an attempt to recruit labor. These, he said, were merely unjustified face-saving devices.

"The navy is looking for somebody to blame," he said.

He placed the navy's manpower troubles at its own door and demanded that the navy bring its wage scales up to those of privately-run yards.

**Meeting Held**

"Should the navy be surprised when workmen are unwilling to leave a private yard at \$1.20 an hour for a government yard at \$1.14?" he demanded.

The navy also should recommend to the war labor board that southern California repair wage rates be brought up to the par of other coast ports, he declared.

This matter was the subject of a meeting among high military officials and western congressmen yesterday.

Maintenance of a southern California repair wage rate 11.6 per cent cheaper than in northern coast ports was a clear "discrimination," he charged. He predicted that unless it was abandoned it would become "a very hot labor issue."

The payment of higher wages for repair work, he told the senate, has a strong historical precedent rooted in the greater skills

## Marriage is a Serious Business

By Randolph Ray

### WHEN THE WAR BRIDE-GROOM RETURNS

It is not only in things of the mind that the war bride can utilize the time while she waits for her husband to come home. The woman's basic contribution to the future is still that of preparing herself for a home. This includes learning to manage a house or apartment, to make it attractive, to cook meals which are agreeable and contain the proper nutrition, and to do so on a budget.

So many of our fighting men, perhaps just out of college, perhaps with one year or more of college, or a high school education, are going to return home un-equipped to earn a living. Their salaries, in most cases, are bound to be extremely small for some time. The war bride who understands that and is prepared to live economically and, if need be, to help earn the living, will be a better wife than the woman who is ill-equipped to handle money and who will demand of her husband a scale of living which he is unable to provide.

The day will come when the serviceman returns, when the war marriage will become a peace-time marriage, and when a man and woman, married perhaps in haste, must take up the job of learning to live together.

For long months, they have been separated. Their lives have followed totally different channels. It is a stranger who comes back, and an intimate family life with a stranger is not easy. It has to be learned from the beginning, step by step.

For the war bride who has to make the psychological approach to a man of unknown qualities and potentialities, the greatest help will come with a clear understanding of the conditions which have brought about these changes in the man she married, and the experiences which have altered, perhaps, his character and his personality, his sense of values, and the field of his interests. The extent of the changes will depend on many factors—on the nature of the experience to which the man has been subjected, on his emotional equilibrium, and on his age.

One thing is certain—this is no gentle boy who has returned. It is a man hardened by danger and horror. Sometimes, if the man is strong enough and wise enough, he has been able to hold onto his civilization, to keep his soul free of the primitive thing that war unleashes. Sometimes, he has given way to savage brutality and hatred and fear, and civilization has been stripped from him as completely as though men had not built it painfully for thousands of years. Sometimes, young and impressive, brought up in an atmosphere of decency and kindness, the shock of horror and bloodshed is more than his spirit can bear. He believes no more in the decent and kindly things, and he is sick to death of the horrors. He has lost one set of values and has acquired no others to take their place.

If these men, embittered or brutalized or shocked by the horrors of war, are to be readjusted to life in a world at peace, their well-being will rest, to a vast extent, on the understanding of their wives and on the efforts these women make to see that their lives together are happy during the first months.

One of the great lacks in marriage is the lack of common interests—nothing to talk about. The man who returns from the war is going to need interests to counteract the flat feeling of return to peace. Do you know what his interests are? Do you share them? Do you know how to develop others which you both can share?

An outside interest, a hobby which will be absorbing, can do a vast amount in helping a man to readjust himself to civil life.

### Next: The Bond of a Common Interest.

### GI SHORT ONE POINT

Newburyport, Mass. (UP)—After a 45-day rotation furlough at his home here, Sgt. William E. Murphy had to leave to rejoin his outfit in New Guinea. With 85 points required for a discharge, Murphy had only 84.

### GOAT HAS PIE FEAST

Chicago (UP)—The blueberry pies went in a hurry at the Wagner Baking Corp. plant the other day. When a door was opened for loading a truck, a goat walked in and ate 12 pies, one right after the other.

### POINT-WISE THREE

Lamar, Mo. (UP)—The thief who robbed A. E. Brady's henhouse had an eye on the red point situation. The swag: 60 hens, 90 fryers.

## Zellers Survivor Visitor in Bend

Survivor of the bombing and burning of the destroyer Zellers, Cecil Hill, RM 1/c, is in Bend on a 30-day leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hill, 346 Lafayette. He is a veteran of nearly eight years of navy service, having served the past five years in the South Pacific.

His most recent action was in the Okinawa campaign, during which his ship was shelled, killing 40 officers and men. Twenty-nine more were wounded, and two were listed as missing. The only doctor on board was killed, Hill said, and the wounded were cared for by officers in charge, assisted by emergency crews.

Subjected to fire for nearly a month, the Zellers received assistance from a sister ship, and limped into port on her own power. Repairs are under way at the Los Angeles dry dock, and the ship will be seaworthy again in about three months, Hill said.

Describing the attack, the Los Angeles Examiner says: "The Zellers was attacked in mid-afternoon April 12, five miles off Okinawa." The account quotes Leon S. Kintberger, commanding officer, as saying, "How we made it, I don't know. There was a wall of flame from amidships forward where the torpedo sailed through the ship and exploded. Communications were cut and lights were out. We were still smoldering two hours later. But we made it, and we'll fight again."

Hill participated in the Marshall and Gilbert Island raids, and the battle of Kammrette, the first island to be taken in the recent drive. He was stationed on Tonga for over two years, and has visited many of the South Pacific islands.

The sailor's last leave was at Christmas time last year, when he and his bride, the former Joyce Weichman, visited in Bend.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE OHIO NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Of Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, on the thirty-first day of December, 1944, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital	\$18,000.00
Amount of capital paid up	18,000.00
Income	7,000,000.00
Total premium income for the year	7,000,000.00
Interest, dividends and real estate income	2,827,187.33
Income from other sources received during the year	1,464,928.61
Total income	\$11,292,115.94
Expenses	11,292,115.94
Paid for losses, endorsements, annuities and surrenders	5,201,123.97
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year	370,415.00
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	100,322.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	1,500,584.88
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	18,829.84
Amount of all other expenditures	3,468,020.23
Total expenditures	\$6,656,432.20
Admitted Assets	1,462,128.23
Value of real estate owned (market value)	2,824,507.63
Value of stocks owned (market value)	32,417,320.27
Value of bonds owned (market value)	42,465.12
Premium notes and policy loans	8,411,310.26
Cash in banks and on hand	70,008.23
Notes, accounts and fees due during the year	48,974.23
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	1,944,802.44
Other assets (net)	28,822.67
Total admitted assets	\$71,421,020.93
Net reserves	\$51,227,880.00
Gross claims for losses unpaid	329,240.00
All other liabilities	1,963,900.93
Total liabilities, except capital	\$53,520,020.93
Capital paid up	\$18,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities	\$17,891,000.00
50% of surplus	\$8,945,500.00
Surplus as regards policyholders	\$8,945,500.00
Total	\$71,421,020.93

Business in Oregon for the Year:

Net premium received	\$2,827,187.33
Dividends paid during the year	470,737.00
Net losses and claims, endorsements, surrenders, and annuities	5,186,583.00
Interest and other income	2,827,187.33
Total	\$2,827,187.33

OHIO NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
T. W. Appleby, President  
R. J. Hissell, Secretary  
Statutory resident attorney for service, Insurance Commissioner of Oregon.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE

of London, England, in the Kingdom of Great Britain, on the thirty-first day of December, 1944, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Income	4,090,768.18
Total interest, dividends and real estate income	1,018,028.00
Income from other sources	3,072,740.18
Total income	\$ 4,324,710.92
Expenses	4,324,710.92
Net amount paid policyholders for losses	1,803,548.54
Losses adjusted and returned	1,275,608.00
Agents commissions or brokerage	1,172,710.14
Salaries and fees—officers, directors, and other employees	232,145.20
Taxes, licenses and fees	114,841.97
Dividends paid to stockholders (Cash)	0
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	0
All other expenditures	885,924.30
Total disbursements	\$ 3,862,928.84
Admitted Assets	0
Value of real estate owned (market value)	0
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	0
Value of bonds owned (market value)	4,800,000.00
Value of stocks owned (market value)	1,232,000.00
Cash in banks and on hand	428,518.27
Notes, accounts and fees due during the year	812,000.00
Interest and rents due and accrued	24,231.60
Other assets (net)	15,102.23
Total admitted assets	\$ 7,280,450.00
Liabilities, surplus and other funds	\$ 1,662,210.00
Estimated loss adjustment expense for unpaid claims	7,233.00
Total unearned premiums on all unexpired risks	3,079,429.01
Salaries, rents, etc. due or accrued	8,372.81
Estimated amount due or accrued for taxes	70,100.00
Commissions, brokerage, or other charges due and accrued	63,924.37
All other liabilities	180,181.24
Total liabilities, except capital	\$ 5,141,542.03
Statutory Deposit	\$ 500,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities	2,138,907.97
Millions as regards policyholders	2,138,907.97
Surplus as regards policyholders	2,138,907.97
Total	\$ 7,280,450.00

Business in Oregon for the Year:

Net premium received	\$ 2,827,187.33
Dividends paid during the year	0
Net losses paid or credited to policyholders	12,433.01
Interest and other income	2,827,187.33
Total	\$ 2,827,187.33

ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE  
R. W. Hissell, United States Manager  
R. W. Hissell, Secretary  
Statutory resident attorney for service, Arthur D. Tranter.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE HARFORD LIFE STOCK INSURANCE COMPANY

of Hartford, Connecticut, in the State of Connecticut, on the thirty-first day of December, 1944, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Income	\$13,360.93
Total interest, dividends and real estate income	42,240.60
Income from other sources	2,997.72
Total income	\$58,599.25
Expenses	58,599.25
Net amount paid policyholders for losses	416,934.47
Losses adjusted and returned	14,472.77
Agents commissions or brokerage	88,553.19
Salaries and fees—officers, directors, and other employees	88,842.58
Taxes, licenses and fees	77,729.87
Dividends paid to stockholders (Cash)	None
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	None
All other expenditures	46,770.83
Total disbursements	\$ 702,463.58
Admitted Assets	None
Value of real estate owned (market value)	None
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	None
Value of bonds owned (market value)	932,078.00
Value of stocks owned (market value)	142,740.00
Cash in banks and on hand	664,427.13
Notes, accounts and fees due during the year	182,487.97
Interest and rents due and accrued	4,808.97
Other assets (net)	2,918.24
Total admitted assets	\$2,566,629.73
Liabilities, surplus and other funds	\$8,912.54
Total unpaid claims	4,800.00
Estimated loss adjustment expense for unpaid claims	455,460.93
Total unearned premiums on all unexpired risks	12,139.00
Salaries, rents, etc. due or accrued	113,900.00
Estimated amount due or accrued for taxes	None
Commissions, brokerage, or other charges due and accrued	36,000.10
All other liabilities	None
Total liabilities, except capital	721,664.63
Capital paid up \$500,000.00	500,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities	1,044,965.10
Surplus as regards policyholders	\$1,479,559.11
Total	\$2,566,629.73

Business in Oregon for the Year:

Net premium received	\$ 2,827,187.33
Dividends paid during the year	0
Net losses paid or credited to policyholders	None
Interest and other income	2,827,187.33
Total	\$ 2,827,187.33

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Name of President: C. R. Kremer  
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