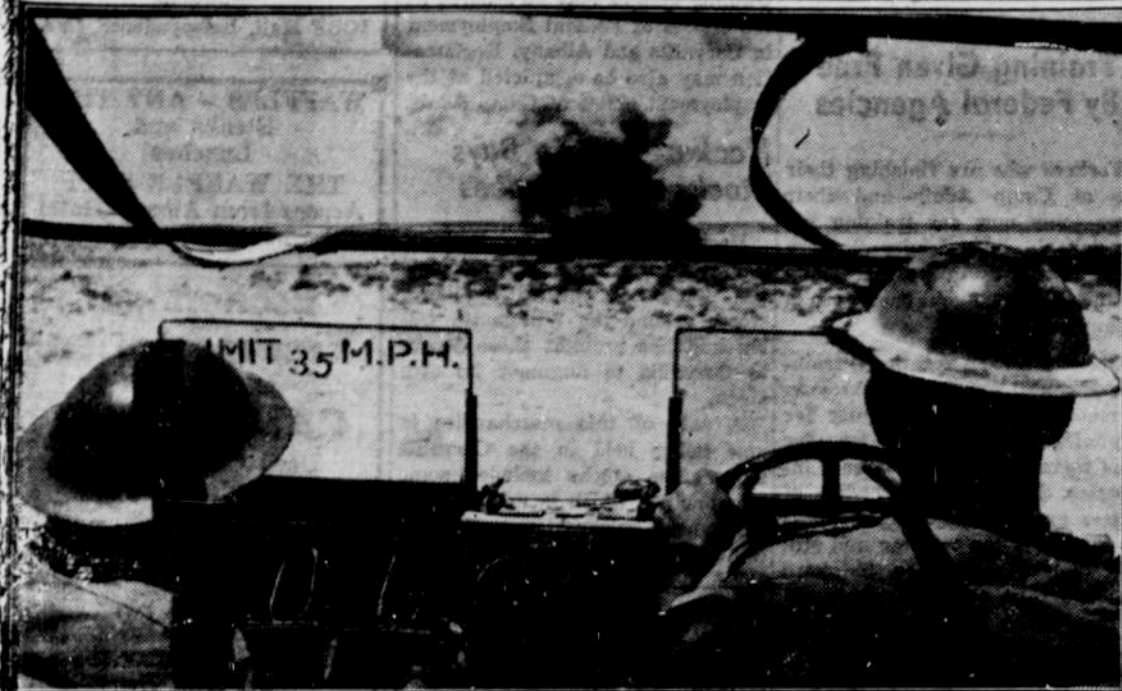


# As Good As A Mile



**SUPPLIES MUST GO THRU** is the watchword of the drivers bringing up food, water and ammunition for the troops in the desert battlelines. Enormous convoys of vehicles are needed for the job and they are visible for miles from the air, but the British drivers proceed regardless of bombing. This picture gives a driver's-eye view of the bombing of a convoy. One bomb has just burst ahead and others are whistling down behind and at the sides. If the driver stops for shelter, his truck becomes an easier target and the supplies are delayed, if not destroyed. So, he zig-zags and keeps right on.

## Monmouth Preparing For Soldier Visits

### Hall Rented, Money Coming to Run Plan

By BEULAH CRAVEN

Monmouth residents are actively engaged in raising funds for establishment of a recreation center here to help entertain the armed forces from Camp Adair. The upper floor of the Hall estate building at corner of Knox and Main streets is being leased. This building is 80 by 80 feet equipped with kitchen and ample lounge facilities. It will

be redecorated and furnished to meet USO requirements. The owners will donate one month's rent for cleaning, and retinting the walls.

A drive is on here to raise \$500 for the local USO quota; and for an additional \$1500 to finance the proposed recreation center. Mrs. Clay Egelston who canvassed the business section and Oregon College of Education last week reports collection of \$500. Total figures on the residential and community contributions has not been aggregated yet, Fred J. Hill, chairman, said today.

Friday night, July 17, Captain Frank C. Wimer who heads the USO recreation and entertainment setup at Camp Adair, spoke informally to the recreation center

committee heads here, offering helpful ways and means of cooperation with Monmouth in promoting the proposed local program.

Formerly a high school athletic coach in his native state, West Virginia, Captain Wimer believes that basketball is the most played of all sports, and thought that many recreation halls might well be turned into equipped basketball courts for soldiers.

J. Alfred Cox, athletic coach at Oregon College of Education heads the physical activities' committee of the recreation center here. He states that the Polk county fairgrounds located in Monmouth will be available for softball, volleyball and similar games for soldiers' participation; the college and high school football fields will be opened

to them, and later on the college and high school gymnasiums for basketball.

Mrs. H. W. Morlan who heads the junior hostess league here is recruiting and training young women to assist in serving at the recreation center, or at other local recreational functions for the soldiers. Mrs. Morlan is also registering girls of Monmouth and its surrounding communities who wish to attend local dances to be given for the soldiers. The national USO regulations govern this registration, admitting unmarried girls 18 or over, and excluding high school girls.

Church cooperation is active here also, with the Rev. Victor A. Ballantyne, minister of the Evangelical church, as committee chairman. Mrs. F. E. Chambers is chairman of the recreation center project. Her assistants are Mrs. Paul Riley, Mrs. Clay Egleston, Roy Clarke, Ellis A. Stebbins, George Cooper and Clarence Grund. Residents of Monmouth wishing to entertain soldiers in their homes will contact Mrs. C. C. Powell, hospitality chairman.

The Elkins Woman's club and Farmers' Union, Saver Community club, and other community organizations have offered contributions. The Valley View Woman's club which is disbanding because that area is absorbed by the cantonment, has offered its dishes to the Monmouth center.

Monmouth's Canteen corps has offered to equip the kitchen and assist in serving whenever needed. The Chamber of Commerce and Civic club are both contributing, and other service organizations in town have expressed willingness via their members to aid the project. Donations of furniture and books, magazines and other equipment, offers of help in cleaning and renovating the building, in fact all sorts of promotional aid is coming in from all sectors of the city and community.

It might be of interest that Monmouth with a population of 965 (1940 census) aided by its neighboring sections of farm population, sponsored a miscellaneous auction sale in 1918 for the Red Cross which netted \$2500 cash. Everything put up for sale was donated by the people of this area, auctioneers donated their services; result was clear gain. When Monmouth folks get behind a project they're going to put it over. They are anxious to assist in every way possible to make the soldiers' stay at Camp Adair a happy and profitable interlude in their military careers.

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