

War I Vet Launched Sentry; First Issue Off Press on April 23, 1942

On April 23, 1942, the first Camp Adair Sentry rolled off the press, the brainchild of a World War I veteran.

He is Don Wilson, presently Rent Administrator in Corvallis, who was mustered out of the army as a first lieutenant April 2, 1919, after serving for three years. Except for 60 days, Wilson served continuously after starting with Mexican Border service in 1916.

17 Months Overseas
Overseas 17 months, first with a machine gun outfit in the 41st Division and later in the tank corps, Wilson saw 60 days front-line action in both the St. Mihiel and Argonne shows.

His CO—whose name is on his officer record book and on his discharge papers—was now-Lieutenant General George S. Patton.

Returned from the wars, Wilson matriculated at Oregon State college, earning his way through by proceeds from a small print shop which "did" dance programs and house stationery.

He was with the Oregon City Banner Courier, later purchased and operated for seven years the Corvallis weekly newspaper.

When Camp Adair construction began, thought of a paper came uppermost in Wilson's mind. Henceforth, the Sentry was born, "mounting guard in and about Camp Adair, Oregon." In the first days, ads from Corvallis, Albany, Salem, Dallas, Independence and Month-mouth supported the periodical.

On March 4, 1943, advertising was suspended, and on August 13, 1943, the Sentry became the strictly GI newspaper which it has since remained.

Representative of Treasury Praises War Loan Progress

Praise for the drive which put the civilian employees over the top in the bond campaign, building from a 90 percent participation and 10 percent deduction on June 1 to 100 percent participation and 15 percent deduction, was given in a visit last week by John B. Hodgkins, representative of the U. S. Treasury department.

In comment to Major Earl F. Armstrong, post War Bond officer; Capt. Gilbert A. Waite, director of personnel; and E. L. Cramblitt, chief of civilian personnel, Hodgkins stated the accomplishment on the Post in the drive and the system adopted the best he had known.

He extended appreciation to those making investments in the 5th War Loan.

First Publisher



Signal Corps Photo
DON WILSON of Corvallis, World War I veteran who published Sentry first as a civilian enterprise.

70th Men Perform Club 1 Wednesday

It was 70th night Wednesday at Service Club 1, as a special GI floor show was presented by men of the divisional special services office.

Leading off and emceeing the show was Tec5 Bob Rivers, tap dancer, whose professional antics have made him popular at all Post entertainments.

Feminine addition to the program was Pat Krewson of Dallas, who gave out with the blue in her typical fashion.

Others rounding out the show included Sgt. Howard Townsend, pianist, who helped arrange many of the musical numbers for the division show, "As You Were"; Cpl. Hugh Smith, vocalist, and ex-announcer on the "Oregon's Own" radio show; Pfc. Clifford Berge, violinist par excellence, and Pvt. Ed Golden, whose "golden" tenor is well known to division music fans.

Camouflage blinds the enemy! If he can't see you, he can't hit you.

If You Know Ex-Post Employees with Bonds, Money Due, Read on

If you know any employees, listed in recent Sentry stories, who were employed at Adair in 1942 and were mentioned as having War Bonds or money awaiting them, contact Virginia Brown at extension 2888 in Post Headquarters.

This number was changed from the one previously listed. More than 70 ex-employees are represented on this list.

Paper, Dated 1720 America's First, Owned by Engr.

Napoleon is in jail! News in New York over 224 years ago is authentically reported by Carl Jirel, Principal Engineer, of Post Engineers. Reason: Jirel claims to hold a first edition of the first newspaper in America. It has been the basis of many stories and articles in newspapers throughout the country. The paper is very well preserved and, according to the owner, is made of the finest rags and could probably not be reproduced today.

The paper helps to draw a comparison between present day living and American colonies of 1720 by its stories of European upheaval, as well as the size of New York City and the modes of travel.

It took, for instance, 25 days to travel from New York to Philadelphia. Two deaths were reported in New York that day. An ad wanted "one negro wench to nurse two young picanninies."

Worth \$5000
Jirel says that the paper has many times been object of collectors' eyes. He was offered \$5000 by Frank Morgan, radio and screen star, who allegedly has a relative in the listing of one of the stock companies then playing New York.

Jirel also has a fine collection of first editions of many other books, newspapers and magazines dating as far back as 1530. He says that his Carolina ancestors were the instigators of the collecting hobby and that his wife is the chief caretaker of the collection now.

DODGER PITCHES FOR TEAM AT ATTERBURY

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind. (ALNS)—Van Lingle Mungo, former Brooklyn Dodger, is now making a new mound mark as pitcher for the Camp Atterbury baseball team.

First Sentry Editor "Fabulous Sgt. Brown"; Those Gone Before

On May 8, 1943, T/Sgt. Edwin Anthony Brown went to OCS. Thus the Sentry, in losing its first editor, lost a fabulous character.

First Editor



WHEN HE WAS T/Sgt. Edwin A. Brown—the first editor of the Sentry.

Genial "Brownie," forty-ish and a War I veteran who had been on the city desk of newspapers from Paris to New York to Los Angeles to Portland, was honorably discharged, and later ruefully wrote in an Oregonian feature called "One War Too Many":

Calm Analysis

"Now that I am back in the unpressed tweeds some writers are pleased to call mufti, a calm analysis has convinced me that it wasn't war, not World War I nor World War II, that got me down, but the lush and happy years between."

Author of two books, "Border Town" and "Queer People," and countless other items, part of Sgt. Brown's extensive Hollywood career was with Jimmy Fidler.

As a matter of fact, the Sentry in its brief span, has had a colorful galaxy of Fourth Estaters. Chronologically:

The Galaxy

There was T/Sgt. Bob Black, now a lieutenant overseas, formerly production manager for Station KIT, Yakima; Sgt. Henry Beckett, New York Post; Sgt. Ray Johnson and Cpl. John Gubelman.

There was Cpl. Wallace X. Rawles, former King Features editor; Pfc. Jim O'Connell, now a lieutenant serving overseas; Pfc. Joe Love, Pvt. Glenn Peterson, Pvt. Harry Klissner.

Of the later staff, there was Cpl. Lionel Kay, now at CCS; Cpl. Ben Hirschowitz, lately of Camp Beale, and Cpl. Paul Rosenberg, currently at Fort Lewis.

'Oregonian' Will Feature Adair's Sentry, July 30th

A feature article, titled "Army Editor," reciting the woes, weals and ad infinitum relevant to the publication of an Army newspaper (the Sentry, that is), is scheduled to appear in the July 30 issue of the Portland Oregonian.

The article, written by Tec3 Bob Ruskauff, managing editor, will appear in the Oregonian Sunday magazine section, edited by Don McLeod.

Camouflage blinds the enemy! Conceal black shadows under nets.

Casualties of War II Surpass War I Total

American casualties during 31 months of global fighting in World War II have surpassed total American casualties in War I, according to official Washington reports.

Casualties to date are 261,541, as compared to 259,735 during the 19 months of U. S. participation in the 1917-18 war.

By breakdown, the figures show: This war—56,772 dead; 107,938 wounded; 55,903 missing; 40,928 prisoners.

Last war—53,878 dead; 201,377 wounded; 4,480 prisoners.

Japs Seen Suckers For 'Change of Pace'

Southwest Pacific (CNS) — The Jap is "a sucker for a change of pace," according to Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, who has seen the enemy in action both here and in the South Pacific.

Writing in the magazine "Air Forces," Gen Kenney said that the Allies have discovered that the enemy is baffled by any new type of attack. "Finally, he figures it out and is ready for it," the general wrote. "But by that time we have it changed."

A bond bought is \$\$ saved.

TIDE OF WORLD EVENTS HAS CHANGED SINCE 'WORLD THIS WEEK' BEGAN IN SENTRY

By Tec4 John Stump

A year ago this month "The World This Week" was launched in an attempt to keep the enlisted man informed at a glance of the significant events in an ever changing world. The first issue marked a turning point of the war, for the Allies began offensives on all of the major battlefronts of the world.

How War Was Waged

In western Europe, the battlefield was in the skies; in Russia, there was a clash of armies; in the Pacific, the first purely offensive campaign was undertaken; while in the Mediterranean, combined operations achieved the most brilliant triumph for the Allies.

July 1943 saw the Allied air force come of age as it flung itself into the battle of Sicily. Combined operations of land, sea and air contributed to the Allied triumph as the 38-day battle ended with the fall of Messina. Terrific aerial bombardment of southern Italy followed as a prelude to the long awaited invasion of the continent. As the year went into autumn, the British 8th crossed the straits and landed on the toe of Italy. Mussolini resigned and Badoglio took over. Italy surrendered and joined the Allies. In the months that followed, British and Americans made slow and rapid gains northward from the Tyrrhenian to the Adriatic, leaving Salerno, Naples, Anzio and Cassino in their wake.

Fall of Rome

With summer came the fall of Rome and the second front invasion. Meanwhile, the greatest aerial bombardments the world has ever seen descended upon the continent. Day and night, Allied bombers roared across the English channel, smashed industrial installations, railways and highways in Germany and the occupied countries, reduced Germany's principal cities to shambles, and softened up the invasion coast. Allied troops, under cover of terrific air and sea bombardment, landed on the coast of France between Cherbourg and Le Havre and pushed inland. The conquest of the Cherbourg peninsula and the first lap of the march

'World This Week'



Signal Corps Photo
TEC4 JOHN STUMP, whose "World This Week" began a year ago in the Sentry.

Russian Offensive Year Ago
A year ago, Russia had just begun her major summer offensive along a 600-mile front. Orel, Kharkov, Staling, Smolensk, Kiel

onrushing Soviet armies. The Germans no longer looked for territory but for escape routes and by the end of the year the Russians carried the comeback trail to Poland, Latvia and the Romanian borders.

Attacking on a 500-mile front from old Poland to the Black sea, the Nazis were hurled back as Stalin's armies swept through the Kerch peninsula, the Crimea, the Romanian center of Iasi and fought over the Czech border to the Hungarian plain. The summer offensive rolled around again with the eastern front blazing into action from the Arctic to the White sea and the Gulf of Finland. Red armies captured Viipuri, Finnish gateway city; Minsk, capital of White Russia and drove to the East Prussia border and on to the road to Warsaw and Berlin.

Japs On Defense

A year ago the battle of the south Pacific assumed its final stage. Japan was on the defensive. The Americans attained superiority in sea and air power, and though

island hopping. Moving in an arc, U.S. naval, air and ground forces forged ahead, striking at New Guinea, New Georgia, New Britain in the Solomons—on to the Marshalls and the Gilberts. Allied airmen blasted Jap bases from the Bismark sea to the Carolines islands. By sea and air, the U. S. navy now controls the last reaches from the Kurile islands on to the Marianas on the south.

And Today!

In the world today, the German dread of two fronts has become a three front reality. The Russian offensive has swept the Germans to the reich itself in one of the worst defeats since Stalingrad. In Italy, there is no longer any German hope for another great offensive. The American offensive closing on Japan has swept through 10,000 miles of the Pacific nearly to enemy shores. The invasion of Saipan gives America a springboard on Japan's most strategic island group and a stepping stone to Tokyo less than 1500 miles away.