

## Items About Local Boys In Service

### Wounded, He Picked Off Seven Japs

Ron Burr returned Saturday from a trip to Oakland, where he saw Harold Hart, formerly a driver of one of the Burr logging trucks, who has been in the Marine Corps for the past year. He is in the Naval Hospital at Oakland recovering from a mortar shell injury which he received on one of the islands in the Pacific where the Commandos made a landing some weeks ago. He told Don that had not a buddy alongside him pulled him down the shell would have killed him.

After he had been laid out on a stretcher, preparatory to being taken on board the hospital ship, and with his gun lying alongside him, he saw a bunch of Japs starting to set up a machine gun farther up on the beach. He lay there, wounded as he was, and picked off all seven of the gun crew.

The Harts still own their home here in the north part of town, but Mrs. Hart is working in the San Francisco Bay area.

### V-Mail Letter From North Africa

Written by Don Willett "somewhere in North Africa," on December 30, the following V-mail letter was received last week by Alton Grimes Don, before going into the service, was employed at the plant here and lived at the Fred Belloni "Boys House."

"Hi ya, pappy! Sure nice to hear from you again. Guess you thought I'd forgotten you, eh? I imagine you must have got the limit today or are you the hunter you used to be? I haven't seen a fowl of any description yet. They must have left this area for wood when hell broke loose I call my office over here.

There wasn't much to do today so I hauled three loads of crushed rock for my office. Yep, it goes in what I call my office over here. Here it is practically January and no rain or snow. Something is bound to descend soon. Maybe it will be in a different kind of a liquid form.

I guess the draft board has nearly picked up all the available men. Course not all, 'cause some have a way of staying out. Army life isn't so bad, but one day I'll have my choice of which I want. No need to say which that will be. I'm not a 30-years man. Write soon, Pop.

### Was Here On Furlough Before Going Over Sea

Private first-class and Mrs. C. B. Patrick and his sister, Mrs. R. A. Patrick of Seattle, Wash., were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller at their home on the North Bank road last week. Pfc. Patrick is on furlough from Cherry Point, N. C., where he is in training in the Marine Corps. He expects to be sent overseas on return to his base.

### Coos County Boy One Of The Mars Crew Members

Marvin J. Floyd, a Myrtle Point young man and the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hooton here, is one of the crew members of the Mars, the largest transport plane in the world which recently made a round trip to Hawaii. Floyd was not on that initial flight, but will be making trips on the flying boat soon. He is stationed at the Alameda Air Base, and his wife, the former Beth Hooton, is employed down there in a defense plant.

Income Tax Returns prepared. Call 280-M for day or evening appointment. George L. Maynard. 212s

### Marine Corps Sergeant A. M. Willey Here For A Day

Master Gunnery Sergeant A. M. Willey, who gave up his dairy business here a year or so ago to join the Marine Corps, was a Coquille visitor from Monday until Tuesday morning this week. He is a mechanic and was stationed for some time in the South Pacific. He did not report, at least not for publication, where and how much action he had seen, but he was near the fighting front.

He came up from San Diego and when he left Tuesday was on his way to Portland, where Mrs. Willey is in the hospital. He will report back soon at the Marine Corps base at San Diego.

### It Is Now Captain Earl C. Hamilton

Since his recent visit in Coquille when he was here with Mrs. Hamilton from California a few weeks ago, Earl C. Hamilton has been advanced from the rank of First Lieutenant and he is now Capt. Earl Hamilton. The promotion was made prior to his being sent overseas to the European theatre, his postoffice address now being New York City.

### Don Estes Took Course At Harvard University

On a card to Alton Grimes and the "postoffice gang," Don Estes, former city mail carrier here, wrote that he was on his way back to Pensacola, Florida, after taking a two weeks' course in third-dimensional photography at Harvard University, which he said was very interesting. He added that he did not know how much longer he would be stationed at Pensacola.

### Bob Kline In Training At Montana State College

Bob Kline has written his father, C. W. Kline, that he had graduated from A squad to B squad at Montana State College at Bozeman, where he was sent after finishing the course at Buckley Field, Colo., camp. Bob is in the Army Air Corps and if he continues to pass the squad requirements he will finish with E squad—it takes a month per squad from A to E—and he will then be sent for final training to some air field like that at Santa Ana, Calif. With the increasing number of air pilots now available for active service overseas the examinations for steady advancement are becoming increasingly more difficult and many of the young men with whom Bob was in training at Buckley Field have been discharged from the Air Corps.

### Jack McCracken Qualifies As Aviation Cadet

F. E. McCracken on Monday received a telegram from his son, Jack, that he had qualified as an aviation cadet after 28 days of basic training at Buckley Field, near Denver, Colo. From there he will be sent to college somewhere for further training. He wrote that the exams, both physical and mental, were very stringent, and with the cutting down now of new men for pilot training that 80 per cent of his group were not passed.

### Both Zwicker Boys Are Now In South Pacific

Fred and Elmer Zwicker are now both somewhere in the South Pacific their mother, Mrs. Fred H. Zwicker, reports. Fred has been stationed in Hawaii for some time but has recently been moved and Elmer left the United States mainland a short time ago.

### 17-Year Olds May Again Enlist In The Coast Guard

Enlistment of 17-year old men in the United States Coast Guard, halted temporarily, will be resumed again in February, recruiting officers at Coast Guard headquarters in the Alaska Building at Seattle announce.

Young men who are physically qualified and who are seeking a wartime career of action and adventure will be enlisted and sent to Alameda, Calif., for preliminary training.

With the Coast Guard active on every major battlefield of the world, from the South Pacific to the Mediterranean, from the foggy Aleutians to the channel coast of Europe, more and more men are needed for specialized training in amphibious warfare and in other duties now being performed by men of the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard took an active part in the historic assault on Tarawa and Makin in the Japanese-occupied Gilbert Islands; they landed forces on Bougainville; they drove landing barges ashore at Attu, Kiska, Sicily and Italy, and they are ready for the big pushes yet to come.

Information regarding enlistment in the Coast Guard may be obtained from room 319 Alaska Building, Second and Cherry, Seattle, Wash.

### Chadwick Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

Special communications of Chadwick Lodge are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 5, at 8 o'clock, with work in the M. M., and on Friday, Feb. 11, work in the F. C. Stated communication next Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Visiting brethren invited to attend. W. B. McLarrin, W. M.

Insurance Specialist, F. R. Bull.

### A Letter From The South Pacific

The following letter and poem, written by August J. Blumyer, somewhere in the Pacific, was sent to Mrs. Ira Bumgartner of Riverton. He is the young man who was with her son Bob, in the Navy and the Sentinel prints them because it gives a slant on what the boys out there are doing and thinking, and the poem expresses a sentiment that everyone feels toward "mother." He wrote a couple of months ago:

This finds me feeling pretty well in every way as Christmas approaches. It will be my second away from home, my first off United States soil. This atmosphere and scenery is hardly fitting for Christmas. I always picture Christmas with plenty of snow, evergreens and holly to brighten things up. I can't fit a coconut palm into the picture. It won't seem like Christmas to me. It will be more just like another day come and gone. Each succeeding day is just like the one before it. I scarcely notice the passing of time. It is almost a year now since I left the U. S. and about 18 months since I last saw my home. However, I like to think brighter days are ahead when all of us can observe a good old fashioned "White Christmas," in the good old American way. I never will tire of hearing the strains of that ballad.

I am not allowed to tell you what happened on a certain day not so terribly long ago—its all something I would like to forget. Whenever I get the chance to stop by some day, I'll tell you the whole story. I will always feel that the hand of God guided my destiny then, as well

as Bob's. (Bob Baumgartner). It would seem a bit strange for me to sit by a fire again. Right now I am shirtless for comfort I don't even wear a shirt except when it is necessary.

The poem of the ship is a true story in verse. I would never have written it if Bob hadn't asked me if I had. So just tell Bob if it hadn't been for him that poem would never have been written.

I really think I am going to come out to Oregon after the war is over. I have just about decided to make it my new home. I've never quite forgotten it and I believe there are better opportunities there than back in Missouri.

Days are pretty dark now but they will brighten again. Bad as war is it does all of us some good. It makes us appreciate the great and wonderful land we have to live in. All of us who are away from it will see it in a new and wonderful light. After all there is only one United States of America. There will never be another. No place on earth can match it.

In this letter I am going to inclose a verse I wrote last spring. Something I wrote to my mother for Mother's Day. Perhaps you would like to add it to your collection of poems from service men.

### TO MY MOTHER

Our here on the wide blue Pacific Far from home and old friends that I knew. Today of all days dearest mother My thoughts turn homeward to you. On this Mother's Day I am thinking As time on wings swiftly flies, Of the morning now one year past me When I kissed you a parting goodbye.

How much I have missed you dear mother, I feel that words cannot tell, And I pray that God in his goodness Will guard you and keep you well. I recall other days of my childhood, You tenderly stood by my side, As I lay on my bed hot with fever And tossed on my pillow and cried. When I needed you most you were near me.

If I were down hearted and blue You were always ready to cheer me A pal that was good and true. Tonight as I'm writing dear mother Out here on my floating abode, I recall how you guided by footsteps To follow the straight narrow road. And now that I've grown into manhood

And learned to be honest and true, As long as I live I'll remember Dear mother—I owe it to you. Though thousands of miles are between us, Of ocean and mountains and plains, Yet I feel the day is not distant When dear mother I'll greet you again.

I can see your face light with gladness As you welcome your long lost boy, Once more I'll embrace you dear mother. Our hearts will be filled with joy Then I'll sit down and tell you my story. Other days will relive again.

Now I bid you farewell dearest mother Far out on the ocean blue, With these words, there will never be another So loving, so kind and true.

Remember — Norton's for office, school and home supplies. 37ts



## SAFeway Green Tag EVENT

We've been amazed, looking around at our shelves and displays, to see the hundreds of items that aren't rationed. And we've arranged this "Green Tag Event" to call them to your attention. The many ration-free items listed below are merely a sample! Note the low prices (they're a month-in and month-out feature with us). Look for the Green Tag markers in the store. Take full advantage of this event at your convenient neighborhood Safeway!

BREAD	Julia Lee Wrights	1 1/2 LB. LOAF	13c
PEANUT BUTTER	BEVERLY	LB. JAR	26c
KRISPY CRACKERS		2 LB. CTN.	36c
SNOWFLAKES	SODA CRACKERS	2 Lb. PKG.	36c
PANCAKE FLOUR	SPERRY	10 LB. SK.	79c
SUZANNA FLOUR		40 Oz. PKG.	17c
CUT BEANS	BLUE LAKE	Cut Pieces No. 303	12c

## SAFeway FRESH MEATS

MEAT		
BACON	any size piece	33c lb. 3 points
SKINNED HAMS	Ready-to-eat	40c lb. 7 points
SLICED BACON	A Grade	42c lb. 4 points
REG. BACON JOWLS		21c lb. 1 point
BEEF ROAST	A Grade	28c lb. 7 points
SHORT RIBS	A Grade	20c lb. 4 points
FISH		
PORK ROAST	Center Cut, Shoulder	31c lb. 4 points
FRESH COLUMBIA RIVER SMELT		23c lb.

## GUARANTEED PRODUCE

ORANGES	220	lb. 8c
LEMONS	Sunkist	lb. 12 1/2c
GRAPEFRUIT	Arizona	lb. 7c
APPLES	Delicious	lb. 12c
CABBAGE		lb. 5c
NEW SPUDS		lb. 6c

### Note the low prices on these ration-free items

- Baking Needs**
  - Leslie Salt 2 lb. pkg. 2 for 15c
  - Baking Powder, K. C. 25c jar 22c
  - Baking Soda, A & H 1 lb. pkg. 10c
- Beverages**
  - Edwards Coffee, 1 lb. jar 28c
  - Coffee, Airway whole roast, lb. 20c
  - Coffee, Nob Hill, whole roast lb. 23c
  - Coffe, Chase & Sanborn 1 lb. 29c
  - Tea Bags, Canterbury Blk, 16 bg 15c
  - Instant Postum, 4 oz. can 24c
  - Malted Milk, Horlick's 1 lb jar 79c
  - Sparkling Water, Cnda Dry 28 oz 20c
- Cereals**
  - Minute Oats, Peacock, 8 lb. sk. 49c
  - Baby Cereal, Clapp's, 8 oz. pkg 15c
  - Quick Oats, Morn. Glory, 48 oz. 21c
  - Shredded Ralston Cereal 12 oz 11c
  - Rice Krispies, Kellogg 5 1/2 oz pkg 12c
  - Wheat Meal, Grapenuts 16 oz 2/25c
  - Post Toasties, 11 oz. pkg. 10c
- Household Goods**
  - Light Globes—25 to 60 watt ea. 10c
  - Purex Bleach, 1/2 gallon 22c
  - White Magic Bleach 1/2 gallon 17c
- Macaroni Products**
  - Macaroni or Spag. Porters 14 oz 15c
  - Egg Noodles, Betty Baker, 14 oz. 17c
  - Egg Noodles, Taystie 8 oz. pkg. 15c
  - Macaroni or Spag., Hardwht 3 lb 32c
- Soups**
  - Chic-Noodle Mix, Continental pk 9c
  - Minute Man, Assorted Mix pkg 9c
  - Split Pea Soup, Kettle, pkg. 13c
  - Rice Dinner, Wylers, pkg. 10c
  - B V Beef Extract 2 1/4 oz. jar 27c
- Syrup--Molasses**
  - Karo Syrup, Blue Label, 1 1/2 lb. 16c
  - Molasses, Red Hen, 2 lb 4 oz. jar 10c
  - Honey, Beeville, 1 lb 13c, 2 lb. 26c
- MISCELLANEOUS**
  - Apple Juice, S x W 32 oz. 38c
  - Olive Oil, Bon Oil 4 oz. bot. 33c
  - Soy Beans, 2 lb. package 20c
  - Green Beans, Briarste Cut No. 2 15c
  - Cut Beans, Little Mill, No. 2 can 13c



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### TIME OUT FOR GLAMOUR!



M-m-m, Betty Grable! William Bendix as "Taxi" in 20th Century-Fox's filming of Richard Tregaskis' "Gudulecan Diary," takes time out from worrying Japs for a refreshing glimpse of America's No. 1 Pin-Up Girl. Preston Foster, Lloyd Nolan, Richard Conte and Antony Quinn are also featured in the picture which opens Sunday for three days at the Roxy Theatre.