

John Leatherwood Seen To Return To U. S. From Europe

Technical Sgt. John E. Leatherwood, of Myrtle Point, will soon return to the United States from the Mediterranean theater of operations. His wife, Mrs. Sara Leatherwood, lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parker P. Leatherwood, in Myrtle Point, Oregon.

A B-25 Mitchell bomber armorer and gunner who flew in the final Po Valley aerial assault that helped end the war in Italy, Sergeant Leatherwood is one of the thousands of battle-seasoned airmen now being re-deployed to the United States.

A veteran of 100 combat missions, Sergeant Leatherwood wears the Air Medal with nine clusters, The Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Distinguished Unit Badge with one cluster.

He is an alumnus of Coquille High school.

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Ruben Cotton Knows What He Will Do After Discharge

Pvt. Ruben E. Cotton, 26, of Myrtle Point, is not at all worried about his future. He's going back to his dairy farm, get married and settle down.

Ruben, a rifleman in the Army's 98th Infantry Division, lost a leg in a Jap grenade blast on Okinawa. Now recuperating in an Army general hospital on Oahu, T. H., he finds it difficult to believe that such a short time ago he had been advancing up a hill.

"We'd just had time to dig our foxholes when they started throwing grenades," he recalled. "Three times I heard men cry out as grenades exploded in their foxholes. One of the men hit was my sergeant. Another man was in the foxhole next to mine."

"Then I got it," Cotton paused, remembering.

"I didn't know what to do," he said, "but I figured the best thing was to take my belt off, tie it around my leg and wait. I called my platoon leader and he came up with the medics."

Cotton was given first aid on the spot, then was flown to an Army hospital on Guam.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Cotton, live in Myrtle Point.

Sgt. Theodore Easton Hopes To Get To Tokyo Yet

Sgt. Theodore S. Easton, was in town Tuesday from his home at Dora, after having been recently discharged from the army air corps. Sgt. Easton, after having served 32 months in the army in World War I, and nearly three years in World War II, expects to leave for Portland to enlist in the Merchant Marine service.

Easton, who saw active service in Europe in the last war, gave up hope of getting within range of the front in this war, he being over age for flight service. So, he got a discharge and hopes to get closer to Tokyo via the Merchant Marine service. He has been stationed at the Roswell, New Mexico, air base, and was discharged at Camp Lewis, Wash. He was on his way, accompanied by his two sons, Forrest and Canyon, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Easton, at Ashland. — Myrtle Point Herald.

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Sgt. Wilfred C. Wasson Decorated With Air Medal

Sergeant Wilfred C. Wasson, 20-year old B-17 Flying Fortress tail gunner, and the son of Mrs. Bess F. Wasson, McKinley route, has been decorated with the Air Medal for courage and high achievement in action while paving the way for Allied Armies into the Reich with bombs. He was formerly employed by Smith Wood-Products.

Sgt. Wasson serves with the veteran 390th Bombardment Group, crack Eighth Air Force unit, which holds a war record for destruction of enemy aircraft by a lone group in a single engagement, having shot down 63 German fighters over Munster, Germany, on Oct. 10, 1943. The group has been cited by the President and shares in another Distinguished Unit award for aiding in the Third Air Division's epic shuttle attack on the Messerschmitt plants at Regensburg, Germany.

County's Waste Paper Goes Into 'Suits of Armor' For Shells

Residents of Coos county can supply enough waste paper for 108,220 "suits of armor" for 105 mm. shells, if they will buckle down and save an average of 10 pounds of newspapers, wrapping paper and boxes a month. The 105's are the big ones that have been helping American forces in their advance toward Berlin and Tokyo.

Last year Americans saved 106 1/2 pounds of waste paper per capita, or enough for about 35 containers each for the 105 mm. shells.

For each ammunition container or "paper suit of armor" used to protect the shells from salt water, dents, nicks and corrosive dirt, approximately three pounds of waste paper are required.

C. H. S. Grad, Iva W. Willis, Back In United States

Iva W. Willis, 20, radioman, second class, USNR, whose wife lives in Salem, is serving on a seaplane tender, which has just returned to the States with Naval aviation personnel who operated from England.

Willis, who has been on duty in the Atlantic for 31 months, was a graduate of the Coquille High school. He entered the Navy in December, 1941. He wears the Good Conduct medal.

Food The Basis Of Many Middle-Age Maladies

How to be young at 70 has a lot to do with what you eat, according to Dr. Victor Heiser, famous author of "An American Doctor's Odyssey," who, in his early seventies, cut a trim and agile figure.

The doctor, now medical consultant to the National Assn. of Manufacturers, has been advising industrialists and their workers all over the country through Industrial Health Clinics on the importance of medical care for employees. His concern with industrial health is a vital factor in industry's fight against wartime absenteeism.

In an interview in the Journal of Living, Dr. Heiser claims that such middle-age diseases as arthritis, gall bladder, kidney trouble, heart conditions, diabetes and stomach ailments come from eating too much of the wrong foods and not enough of the right ones.

Our stomachs need more rest, he says—he eats nothing from nine at night until one next day, and then it is two glasses of hot water. His lunch is a soft cooked egg, two slices of wholewheat zwieback and butter, milk, orange, grapefruit or tomato juice. For dinner, a plate of soup, moderate helping of meat or fish, two vegetables, potatoes, green salad without dressing, glass of milk and two piece of wholewheat bread and butter.

Dr. Heiser plays tennis, takes long walks, and since the gas shortage gets around his country place on a bike. He recommends and takes air baths—half an hour daily in a well-ventilated room without clothes on—to fight colds.

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Memorial Fund To Honor Eric W. Allen's Memory

Plans for a perpetual memorial fund to honor the memory of Eric W. Allen, late dean of the University of Oregon School of Journalism, were formulated by publishers at the annual meeting of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association in Eugene last month.

The fund, to be known as the Eric W. Allen Memorial Fund, will be administered by a board of trustees and will be used for the benefit of journalism in the state of Oregon and the University of Oregon School of Journalism. It will be created and sustained by voluntary donations. Headquarters will be at the journalism school. Included in the benefits which may be derived from the fund, as planned, will be research, scholarships, lectureships, equipment, buildings, and projects affecting and in the field of newspaper practice.

Oregon Gas Consumption Up 1,321,399 Gallons In May

Gasoline consumption in Oregon during the month of May showed an increase of six per cent over the May consumption of 1944, the first time May gas use has shown an upward trend since 1941, Robert S. Farrell, secretary of state, states.

During the month of this year, Oregon motorists used 20,782,529 gallons of gasoline, an increase of 1,321,399 gallons over the consumption a year ago. In mileage, this amounted to approximately 226,945,212 in May of this year compared to 197,814,953 miles a year ago.

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Operation of over-night sleeping cars from Portland to Southern Oregon points and to Coos Bay points will be discontinued with the last trip from Portland, Friday, July 13th and from destination points, Saturday, July 14th, by Order No. 52 of the United States Office of Defense Transportation.

The new regulations eliminate all Pullman sleeping cars operating for distances of 450 miles or less.

The reason for this order is that additional sleeping cars must be obtained to provide accommodations for the returning veterans from Europe, who are reaching Atlantic ports in large numbers. These veterans are coming home for discharge, or for furlough before going on to fight again in the Pacific. They deserve the most comfortable transportation service we can give them.

No new sleeping cars have been built since Pearl Harbor. Over half of the sleeping cars have been in exclusive use by the military. But they were not enough for this new task. The O. D. T. order resulted.

While discontinuance of short distance sleeping car operations will cause inconvenience to many people, we feel that the citizens of Oregon will approve this effort to better serve the men from overseas to whom we owe so much. We know the families of these Oregon boys who are coming home will have no question as to the merit of this new regulation.

As far as Southern Pacific is concerned, our guiding principle has been "The Military comes first," and we are cooperating 100 per cent in carrying out the provisions of the above O. D. T. order. With nearly 25,000 Southern Pacific men and women in the armed forces we, too, have a real and personal interest in the welfare and comfort of service men and women.

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