

41st Fighting Division Now Stationed in Portland Area

Soldiers from Oregon, who were among the first to sail for battle against the Japanese in Iwo Jima and Central Pacific, are home again, on duty in their own state after months of combat. They are, for the most part, the soldiers of the Military Police Detachment at St. Johns Cantonment, the camp of the officers and men of the Portland Port of Embarkation, Transportation Corps, Army Service Forces.

Formerly with the famous fighting 41st Division, first fully trained Infantry Division to leave American shores in this war, these men have earned, by long and arduous service in the jungles and craggy islands of the far Pacific, the posts they now hold near their homes, to which they can return at frequent intervals on furlough or three-day pass.

Most of the men are former Infantrymen, and as such have acquired skill in all of the many weapons of that branch. All the overseas veterans hold decorations, such as the American Defense Medal, for service before Pearl Harbor; the Asiatic-Pacific Medal, the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal; and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. When they dress up in full uniform, with all their decorations, to stand inspection, or at guard mount, they are a colorful sight.

The J. B. Moomaws Back From Summer Session At U. of O.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob B. Moomaw returned from Eugene, Tuesday, after attending the summer session at the University of Oregon. Mr. Moomaw will teach social science in the Coquille High school this year, while Mrs. Moomaw will be an instructor in Junior High.

During the first part of June, the Moomaws visited their son, David, in Seattle, where he is stationed at a Naval Base. David expects to enter a college or university in September for a year of study before being sent to a Naval Aviation Base for further training. He will be an Ensign when the course is completed.

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The Navy Needs Enlistment Of 2,000 Waves Each Month

WAVES, observing their third anniversary July 26, fill 18 per cent of the shore jobs in the United States, directly serving the fleet and far-flung bases in the Pacific, the WAVES enlistment offices, 301 Exchange Bldg., Seattle, and 428 Park Bldg., Portland, announced today.

Although 86,000 WAVES are on duty, the Navy needs 2,000 more per month. Half the young women, who must be between the ages of 20 and 35, will go into the hospital corps. The others will serve as replacements at air stations, district headquarters, Navy yards and supply depots.

For the first time on a WAVE birthday, members of the Women's Reserve are overseas. Nearly 3700 enlisted women and 350 officers are in Hawaii. WAVES may go overseas after six months' duty in this country.

In three years, WAVES have taken over increased responsibilities in many fields. They handle about 80 per cent of the administration and supervision of the Navy mail service for the entire fleet. In "radio Washington," nerve center of the whole Navy communication system, WAVES fill 75 per cent of the jobs. At the Indian Head rocket powder plant, they operate the laboratory, firing bays and do ballistic calculations.

Approximately one-third of the WAVES are assigned to naval aviation. They repair planes, pack parachutes, and collect weather information. They operate Link trainers, teach gunnery, celestial navigation and direct air traffic from control towers. Flight orderlies are on Naval Air Transport Service planes between New York and Oakland, Boston and Miami, Oakland and Seattle and Oakland and Pearl Harbor.

Soldiers Being Shifted To Believe Railroad Man Shortage

Soldiers from Portland Port of Embarkation and Vancouver Baracks are on their way to report to Western railroads for duty in the acute manpower crisis that has arisen in connection with redeployment of troops and the movement of supplies for the stepped-up war against Japan.

These are the first men from this unit dispatched for emergency duty and others may follow, it was indicated. They are being sent to fill a need for locomotive firemen, machinists and all other classifications of the railroad trade, and have had experience in this field in either civilian life or through training in the Army. The soldiers are being furloughed for 30 days, with the possibility that this time may be extended, although efforts are being widely made to recruit 65,000 civilian workers immediately for the Western railroads alone.

Railroads receiving the men ordered to this duty from Portland Port of Embarkation are the Southern Pacific, the Western Pacific, and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, and there will be others.

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Okinawa Incidents Since The Landing

(By S/Sgt. Vic Kaiman)
World-shaking events have taken place since American troops landed on Okinawa April 1, but years from today Marines and soldiers may recall the little incidents—humorous and tragic—which won't be in history books.

It was on Okinawa that word came of President Roosevelt's death. It was here that Ernie Pyle, Lieutenant General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., and thousands of our friends were killed. It was here, too, that we learned of Germany's collapse, of the end of Hitler, Himmler and Mussolini.

And it was here, during one of the longest and bloodiest battles of the Pacific war, that tense, tired men found relief in laughter—even in the gratitude of children.

En route to Okinawa an officer interrupted a poker game.

"Didn't you men see the signs prohibiting gambling?" he asked.

"Oh, we're not gambling, sir," a Marine private said.

"No? Then what's that money doing on the table?" the officer demanded.

"We're using that to keep score with," came the bland answer.

On L-D-minus-1 two Marines were cleaning their rifles on deck.

"Don, are you scared?" one of them asked.

"Nope."

"Honestly? You mean you're not even a bit scared?"

"Nope. I'm savin' all my scared for tomorrow."

Col. Wilbur S. Brown, popular commanding officer of the 11th Marines, was late for a staff meeting and explained:

"We were stopped by an MP sergeant, who insisted we put chains on the jeep. If he'd have been a major, I'd have given him a piece of my mind."

"But you can't argue with a Marine sergeant!"

If the dove is a bird of peace, certainly the goat is her animal counterpart. There are thousands of goats on this island. Few are found in combat areas. Far behind the lines, however, in field and abandoned houses, one sees them contentedly munching straw mats and old kimonos.

They have one disconcerting trait. They bleat continually and the sound is similar to a child's cries.

One night two infantrymen in the First Marines were awakened by walling.

"I wish that goat would cut it out. He sounds just like my baby daughter," one said.

"Yeh, I'd better take a shot at him, or he'll keep us awake all night," the other answered.

The shot brought silence, but not for long. Half an hour later, the bleating resumed. They shot again—ducking each time because of a possible answer from Jap snipers—but the crying continued throughout the night.

In the morning, tired and angry, the Marines went out to get the goat, which still was walling. And in the underbrush 20 yards from their fox-hole they found the culprit—a two-year-old Okinawan girl! One of the tired, angry Marines reached into his pocket.

Two chocolate bars later, everyone was happy.

DDT Paint Keeps Barnacles From Wood Six Months

Another use for the famed insecticide DDT that may have worldwide importance has been discovered by R. E. Dimick, head of the department of fish and game management at Oregon State college, in connection with research he is conducting on the oyster industry at Yaquina Bay for the agricultural experiment station.

Using some experimental quantities of the DDT, Dimick produced a paint that has completely repelled all barnacle formation on stakes kept submerged in sea water for six months. Other stakes treated with the best repellent paint obtainable commercially became well coated with young barnacles in three months.

Prof. Dimick is the son of Augustus R. and Euphemia Dimick who formerly resided in Coquille when he was connected with the State Highway Department. Mrs. Dimick was a prominent member of the Flower Lovers' Club and contributed numerous articles to the Sentinel. They moved out to Corvallis several years ago.

Again next Tuesday, July 31, between nine and five o'clock, an examiner from the secretary of state's office will be at the Coquille city hall to receive applications for drivers' licenses and to conduct examinations.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

New Ration Books To Be Out In Dec.

It is to be hoped that Chester A. Bowles, O.P.A. chief, is thinking straight when he says he hopes that Ration Book, No. 5, of which some 150,000,000 will be issued early in December, will be the last the O.P.A. will have to put out, which means that food rationing will stop by the time the coupons in those books are all used.

He hopes the same for the "A" gasoline rationing books which will be issued about the same time. "A" will be the third gas rationing book.

Bowles said book five was designed to serve from 10 to 15 months because "it looks as if a ration book will be needed at least through most of next year." He said the supply agencies—the department of agriculture and war production board—had informed OPA that meats and fats, canned goods, sugar and shoes "all will be in tight supply for some months to come."

"All the housewife and grocer have to remember is that stamps of certain numbers are good," he said.

Both book five and the "A" gasoline books will be handed out by school teachers in public buildings throughout the country.

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versity of Oregon campus, shows that an all-over increase of 9.5 per cent has been made over enrollment of summer session of 1944, with 2,772 students registered in the various schools of the state system.

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