

Letters From Our Boys in Service

Monday evening
October 30, 1944

Dearest Mom and Dad:

This letter is going to come rather late and I'm sure sorry it happens that way. However, even though I can't go into detail, surely you understand the situation. Your letter written Sept. 20 arrived nearly three weeks ago but circumstances prevented any answer at that time.

Am glad to hear you finally got the package okay. I'll be looking forward to getting my watch back, also the sock, etc. etc. Only hope it doesn't take too long.

You'd never guess who I saw, finally, after some two years of expectations. Mario, and was he glad to see me, though no more than I was to see him! We spent a very enjoyable afternoon together, aboard his ship, talking over old times, and believe me, there was plenty to talk about. Also saw Bob Vincent's ship, but didn't get a chance to see him. Sure hope he came out okay, like we did. So much for the boys.

Today I am a man! As if you didn't know already. It's quite a thrill, but there are a number of better places to enjoy that particular type of thrill. Need I say more? Only hope I can have the next one at home. Incidentally, mom, the enclosed \$10 bill is about the best way I can say "Happy Birthday" to you. Let's hope things will be different next time. If present conditions are any indication at all, they surely will be.

In your next letter please enclose Gordon's address. Seems like my system doesn't work so good because the important ones are always gone when they are needed the most. Am still waiting to hear from Lorene. Probably by the time we do get back to our mail, there will be several letters from her, and you, and a certain girl, I hope, I hope!

Well, Pop, what's the dope on the pheasants this year? What I would not give to handle a sweet little shotgun again! Easier on your ears anyway. Maybe next season, huh?

What's the weather like anyway? It's a sure thing you're not running around looking like I do, just to keep cool. By the way, it isn't quite as hot as back at the old home port.

For now, guess this is enough, as I want to be sure and get this off to you. It will be late enough as it is. Please tell everyone hello for me. Any and all snapshots will be greatly appreciated. God bless you both and please write soon.

Lots of love and kisses from
Your sailor son,
Bob Grisham

Mrs. Esther Sanderson To Last Reward

Mrs. Esther Merritt Sanderson passed away at her home, 16 Ross Court, early Wednesday morning after several months' illness.

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fessor and Mrs. J. W. Merritt, early pioneers of southern Oregon. She attended grade school in Central Point, then St. Helen's Hall, Portland, and completed her education at Anna Head school, Berkeley, Cal.

While living in Berkeley she was united in marriage to B. L. Sanderson, who survives. They moved to Tacoma, Wash., remaining there until 1922, when they returned to southern Oregon. She had been a member of the Presbyterian church most of her life and was a member of the Eastern Star, Nevita chapter, Central Point.

Surviving, besides her husband, is a son, John, with the U.S. army overseas, and a brother, George H. Merritt, Jacksonville.

Services were in the Conger-Morris chapel at 2:30 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Harry Hansen officiating. Interment was in the family plot in Jacksonville cemetery.

Relief Corps Holds Annual Public Dinner

Wm. H. Harrison W.R.C. No. 27 held their annual public dinner and installation Saturday, January 6th.

A chicken dinner was served at noon to members, their families and friends.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2 p.m. by retiring president Martha Booth.

Past president Eva Smith was introduced and the following officers were installed for 1945: President, Hattie Thompson; senior vice, Nora Hansen; junior vice, Ida Henderson; secretary, Lottie Minnick; treasurer, Dora Jones; chaplain, Martha Booth; conductor, Iva Copinger; guard, Helene McDowell; patriotic instructor, Eva Smith; press cor, Lottie Minnick; musician, Delpha Cox; assistant conductor, Blanch Musty; assistant guard, Edna Kilburn; color bearers, No. 1 Tillie Maple; No. 2, Hattie Taylor; No. 3, Emma Gleason; and No. 4, Sally Musty.

The newly installed officers took over and Martha Booth retiring president was presented with a gift. The main project of our corps will be the blood plasma.

Mrs. John Pandois had received no letter from her son Arthur St. Germain for a month and then she was made happy by receiving ten letters in two days.

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Locals

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Mervyn Gleason and family spent New Years with his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gleason.

Milo Lamb's nephew, Lt. Ralph Lamb was killed in service December 14. Lt. Lamb had many friends here being well known in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Dysinger and twin daughters visited New Year eve with Mrs. Jones and family, the two ladies are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. William Godfrey have moved to Medford. They lived in the Scott apartment. Mr. Godfrey is working in the orchards, pruning.

Lt. Col. Fred Greene left last week after a brief leave with his wife and son and daughter in Medford for Ft. Leavenworth, where he will attend the Command and General Staff school. Mrs. Greene is a local girl, Ruth Collins Greene.

A letter from the young man which arrived recently. He was wounded in the neck but writes that, it did not impair his speech nor ability to swallow and wrote optimistically of his recovery. He received the Order or the Purple Heart soon after arriving at the hospital.

The Medford Corporation's sawmill which has been shut down since November 30 for the annual repair and overhaul period, resumed operation with both day and night shifts Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hamilton of Malin arrived just before Christmas with a big turkey and everything imaginable, to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Si Buckman.

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The American just received a Christmas card from Arthur D. Miller mailed December 8. Arthur hasn't been receiving the paper though it is addressed right but somehow it doesn't get through. Thanks for the card and good wishes which are returned multiplied.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dusenberry from Gold Hill visited Mrs. Dusenberry's mother Mrs. Bertha Bonney Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Hollers spent the week end at the A. E. Powell home.

Mr. Nelson Florey stated that in sawing a log up that sometime as many bullets as eight or ten would be sawed into at each cut. The bullets did no damage to the saw. The tree had evidently been used as a target some time.

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Mrs. Harold Boner and son Jimmy left recently. Jimmy had joined the Marines and went to Portland for

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