

Letters From Our Boys in Service

Feb. 5, 1945
E. T. O.

Hi John:

Boy oh boy, what a setup we have now. Were staying in a German hotel, smoking German cigars, playing billiards on the billiard tables in the lobby, drinking German beer and wine, sleeping in good beds instead of fox holes, eating hot chow. All of which costs us not a darn cent, and we get paid for doing it.

Everything would be really sublime if the Jerries would realize they are beaten and quit shooting at us.

We had a little fun with the jerries on the way up here. One of our units by-passed a bunch of Germans. We woke up next morning to find six tanks and a lot of infantrymen in possession of a little town just across the hi-way.

The air corps soon took care of the tanks, knocking out three of them and sending the other three scooting for cover. Our platoon, backed by one platoon of riflemen and a mortar section played tag with the jerry infantrymen all day. I found out that the jerries can't shoot automatic weapons worth a darn.

One of them fanned my shirt tail with a burp gun. I don't see how he could miss at that range, but he did. Anyway when it got dark, the jerries smoked out of town and headed for Berlin.

It didn't make me mad to see them go for almost anyone is bound to make a hit if they shoot long enough, and since this game is played for keeps, I don't want them to get too good with their weapons.

Incidentally, this is German paper I'm writing on and I'm using a jerry pen and jerry ink. Rather nice of them to be so generous, don't you think?

We can send German rifles home now. I'll keep my eyes peeled for a good one and send it to you.

Several of the boys have found pistols and revolvers, but I'm blind or unlucky. Somehow I just can't find any of the darn things.

I guess I'd better start developing a Russian vocabulary. Something tells me it won't be long till I can shake hands with one of the cossacks, and mister, I'll be darn glad to see them, too.

At the rate of advance we and the Russians are making, I figure I can celebrate my birthday in a peaceful sort of way, instead of peeping over the rim of a hole in the dirt trying to see and not be seen.

From here on out, I think the scrap will be hot and furious. Just the old problem of an irresistible force moving against what at one time was classed an immovable object. We found the jerries are plenty movable so that solves half of the problem. It was once stated that the invasion coast of France, the magnificence line, the Siegfried, the Roer and Ruhr rivers and the Eggt canal were all impossible to cross. The same has been said of the Rhine river. Well, we crossed all of them so that adds up to about 40% more or a grand total of the war being 90% over. We've

been here 10 months so figuring everything together. We still have one month of fighting. My birthday is in April, Soooo. I think I'll have a peaceful day on my 38th anniversary. I sent you a little can of trinkets from Germany about a month ago. You should have them by now. I'll let you know if and when I send a rifle.

I'll close this for now. I've got to get ready for chow then be a bartender and dispense some captured German beer for the rest of the evening.

Write soon and keep me posted on fishing and home news.

As Ever,

Pfc. Ray J. Hutchins

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Wednesday, March 28

This is the last day of school for this week.

We will not have an Easter egg hunt today.

But some day we will have a party in the Park.

We have a new girl.

Her name is Marie Briggs.

Wanda had a happy birthday. Now she is seven.

We wish everyone a happy Easter Day.

Jesus arose on Easter.

He lives and will come again!

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY

SUMMONS
RAY BOLTON AND RUBY BOLTON, Plaintiffs,

vs.
JOHN M. VERGEER and S. H. VERGEER, his wife; I. J. ALLEN, S. JONES; the unknown heirs of John M. Vergeer, S. H. Vergeer, I. J. Allen, S. Jones and each of them;

also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein. Defendants.

To each, every and all of the above named defendants:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you, and each of you, are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the last day of four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer said complaint, for want

thereof, the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in their complaint, succinctly stated as follows, to-wit: That a decree be entered adjudicating any and all right, title, estate, lien or claim which you, or any of you, have, or claim to have, in, to, or upon the real property described as follows, to-wit:

Government Lot 1, in Section 36, Township 36 South, Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Jackson County, Oregon.

And declaring any and all such claims to be null and void; and decreeing that the said Plaintiffs are the owners, in fee simple, of said premises, and of the whole thereof, free and clear of any and all right, title, estate, lien or interest of said defendants, or any of them, and that each and all of the defendants herein, and each and all persons claiming, or to claim, by, through, or under them, or any of them, be forever enjoined, "estrained and barred from asserting, attempting to establish, or claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in or to said property, or any portion thereof, and that Plaintiffs' title to said premises be forever quieted and set at rest.

The date of the order for publication of this summons is March 27th, 1945. The time prescribed for publication of this summons is once

each week for four consecutive weeks. The date of the first publication of this summons is March 29th, 1945.

HARRY C. SKYRMAN
Post Office address: Medford, Oregon.
Attorney for Plaintiffs
73—March 29, April 5, 12, 19.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVEN COOPER STIMSON, also known as Steve Stimson, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the county court for Jackson County, Oregon, has appointed me administratrix of the estate of Steven Cooper Stimson, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same with proper vouchers within six months from this date at the office of Neff & Frohnmayer, Cooley Theatre Building, Medford, Oregon.

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Lucy Grissom,
Administratrix
23—March 22, 29, April 5, 12.

NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NELL V. HEARN, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, administrator in the above entitled matter, has filed herein his final report and account, and that Wednesday, April 25, 1945, at 10 o'clock A.M. at the courthouse in the city of Medford, in said county,

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