

Letters From Our Boys in Service

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Geschäftsleitung
Hi Yuh, J.P.

Well, well, look what I got. Jerry even furnishes the writing paper, the pen and the ink. Yep, they even furnish the beds, beer, billard tables, wine and what have you.

I can't get up to the river to send you a bottle of Rhine water, because it's only 200 yards wide and there is a lot of jerries on the other side. Some of their snipers are pretty accurate at that range.

Haven't found a good rifle as yet, but with as many as there are laying around, I'm pretty sure I can find one that isn't broken, soon.

As you probably know, some of the elements of the U.S. forces are already over the river. It looks quite as if some of the jerry demolition experts wanted us to get across and end the war, for they surely had the explosives all over the bridge but failed to set it off. Some of the prisoners we have taken, help make me believe that they are ready to quit. The jerry soldiers even wander around and ask to be taken prisoners and believe it or not, sometimes the soldiers, (U.S.A.), are too busy to be bothered with them so they tell the Germans to get the hell away from them. Eventually someone stops and takes them in.

The civilian army that the radio said would fight to the last man, turned out to be a big flop.

Only about one out of a hundred even has a firearm of any kind, and they are afraid to use it.

We are quartered in a hotel, and had a cellar full of beer when we got here. We drank all the beer so I guess it's about time to find another hotel with more beer in it. I sort of hate to leave this hotel though. It has two nice billard tables in it and I'm getting to be a pretty good hand at the game.

We have hot water and a bath tub, too, and mister that tub sure feels luxury like, after taking a bath in a helmet with one canteen full of cold water for nearly a year.

We also have a bowling alley in the back of the hotel but it's cluttered up with rubbish and I'm too lazy to clean it up, so I'll do without any bowling. There is a little metal statue of a man holding a bowling ball, here and I may take it as a souvenir. It would look pretty good in a trophy room, although I don't go in very strong for statues on loving cups. They represent competition and competition represents work and I hate work.

I'm supposed to be bartender today. I have to dispense beer and keep the bar polished up. Maybe I'd better get to work before someone tells me to.

Write soon and don't except any wooden nickels.
As Ever, Ray Hutchin.

Red Cross Drive 140 Percent Over Quota

With three districts unreported, B. E. Harder stated today that Jackson county had topped the 1945 Red Cross war fund quota by about 140 per cent. The drive ended yesterday.

Harder stated that collections in Medford amounted to \$28,266.39, Ashland collections totaled approximately \$10,200 and that outside districts contributed \$107,787. Gold Hill, Butte Falls and Prospect are unreported.

The chairman stated that he had closed the drive offices in the Chamber of Commerce building and that any further drive business should be taken to the Red Cross chapter offices in the courthouse.

We were unable to get final figures on the Central Point figures, but they were well over a \$1000.

Janice Nealon and Dean C. Inglis Wed

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Nealon of the Table Rock district have announced the marriage of their second daughter, Janice, to Dean C. Inglis, gunner's mate 3/c, United States Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Inglis of Birmingham, Alabama.

The wedding was solemnized Sunday, March 18, at 2:30 o'clock in St. James Episcopal church of Oakland, California, by the Rev. W. H. G. Battershill.

The bride wore a street length dress of bride's blue with Juliet cap and shoulder veil of pale blue and navy accessories. She carried white orchids on a white prayer book. Her matron of honor was Mrs. N. W. Peterson of Oakland, and Lieut. J. A. Wickland, Jr., of Oakland was best man for Mr. Inglis.

Following the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. George Linton, parents of Mrs. Peterson, entertained with a reception for the bridal party and friends at their Oakland home. After the reception the couple left for a short honeymoon at Monterey and Carmel. They arrived in Medford Monday to visit the bride's parents and are now continuing to Birmingham, Ala., where they will be guests of Mr.

Inglis' parents for a short while before he reports to Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Inglis graduated from the Central Point high school and attended Oregon State college, where she was a member of Delta Zeta sorority. When the war began she left college to accept a civil service appointment with the United States Navy at Astoria, where she met the bridegroom. From Astoria she continued to Oakland, where she was also employed by the United States Navy.

Mr. Inglis very recently returned to the United States from 30 months of service in the Pacific theatre. He is in the air department of the Navy and will now attend school at the air base, Jacksonville, Florida, where the couple will be at home.

Rep. Frank VanDyke On Interim Committee

Representative Frank Van Dyke of Jackson county has been appointed to serve on an interim committee along with Rep. Harvey Wells, Multnomah county, Rep. C. L. Lieuallen, Umatilla county, Sen. Lee Patterson, Multnomah county and Sen. Ernest Fathand, Morrow county. The appointments were made by Eugene E. Marsh, speaker of the house of representatives.

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The interim committee was appointed pursuant to HR 15, relating to welfare of veterans of World War 2. The committee is to make a study of all legislation of congress and Oregon pertaining to veterans and how to integrate legislation and will consult with state and federal officials and advise how to render more effective such legislation.

Van Dyke said he was especially pleased to be appointed on the committee for he is much interested in the welfare of veterans of World War 2.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Thanks for practically nothing!"—Mrs. E. E. Wade to San Diego, Cal., judge who awarded her only 10¢ of \$50 damages sought.

"Isn't there a ban on talking about postwar?"—Sec. of Comm. Henry Wallace, at press conference.

"Only a ban on doing something about it!"—Response by newspaper correspondent at same.

"There's nothing much that free enterprise cannot—or could not—accomplish in this land of opportunity."—Lovell Mallett, columnist, one time of Washington.

"Benefit to the public is the basis of U. S. patent grant legislation."—Senior Judge Evan A. Evans, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

"It takes about 100 years before a man gets any sense."—Geo. Robt. Lore, Bridgeport, Conn., celebrating 101st birthday.

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