

News of Service Men

LT. DONALD L. PEART—
A wire this morning from Second Lt. Donald L. Peart stated that he had arrived in New York and would be home in the near future. The officer, bomber pilot in the army air corps, was recently liberated from a German prisoner-of-war camp after having been interned since last Oct. 17, near Moosberg, Germany.
Lt. Peart, son of Mrs. Gertrude Peart, 1905 West Main street, arrived overseas in September and was shot down after making but a few missions. He was injured in parachuting to earth and will report to an army hospital in this country before arriving in Medford.

1ST LT. DONALD RICHARDSON—
Mr. and Mrs. J. Sanford Richardson of the Table Rock district received a letter this week from their son, 1st Lieut. Donald S. Richardson, dated May 29th. It revealed that he is now in command of Headquarters battery in the 95th Division and quartered in a hunting lodge at Haltern, Germany. He is also serving again as judge advocate after trying a number of cases involving German civilians and liberated laborers. Lieut. Richardson was with the law firm of Green and Landye in Portland, when he entered the service.

1ST LT. ERNEST J. PINKHAM—
AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBING STATION, England—Ernest J. Pinkham, 25, son of Mrs. Alice M. Pinkham of Central Point, Ore., has been promoted from second to first according to a recent announcement from the headquarters of this Eighth Air Force bomber base.

The B-17 Flying Fortress pilot is a member of the 493rd Bomb. Group, commanded by Colonel Robert B. Landry, of New Orleans, La. The group is a unit of the Third Air Division, the division cited for its England to Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany.

PVT. RAY MANN—
WITH THE 38TH DIVISION ON LUZON—Pvt. Ray Mann, husband of Mrs. June Mann, of Central Point, Oregon and son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mann, of Central Point, has just received the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart having been wounded three times in the Luzon campaign.

Pvt. Mann joined the 149th Infantry, a unit of the famed 38th Infantry Division known as the "Avengers of Bataan," shortly after the second invasion of Luzon, and just before the triumphant march down the Bataan peninsula avenging the Death March of 1942.

Pvt. Mann, a rifleman, has recovered from his wounds and returned to his company for duty.

Mann entered the Army July 14, 1942, at Medford, Ore., and embarked for overseas service, Dec. 13, 1944, and landed with a replacement detachment for the 38th Division on Luzon.

Prior to induction in the Army, Pvt. Mann was employed by the Skeeter Logging Co. at Medford, Ore. He is entitled to wear in addition to the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster, the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with one bronze battle star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

F/O RAYMOND L. HAMILTON—
Fifteenth AAF in Italy—Flight Officer Raymond L. Hamilton, son of Mrs. George L. Hamilton, Box 15, Redmond, Ore., now is flying on combat missions with a fast, P-38 Lightning fighter plane unit of the 15th AAF in Italy that is playing a major

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role in bombing and strafing the enemy in northern Italy, Austria, Germany and Yugoslavia.

His new outfit, which went into combat in December, 1942, has, since then, shot down more than 550 enemy planes and destroyed more than 180 caught on the ground. Enemy locomotives make choice targets for the P-38 flyers.

A graduate of Redmond high school, Hamilton was a moulding grader before entering the service. He was commissioned at Williams field, Ariz., in April, 1944. He is a member of the Masonic order.

Young Hamilton has spent several of his school vacations here at Central Point with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Buck.

ROBERT LOREN DAMON—
Robert Loren Damon, 29, seaman, first class, USNR, of Lakecreek, Ore., arrived at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., on March 25, to undergo training for duties aboard a destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet. He recently completed a period of training at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Damon of Lake Creek, Damon has a brother, Lee, 18, a private in the Army, before enlisting in the Navy, he was employed at the Mount Crest Ranch, Hill, Calif. He graduated from high school at Medford, Ore., and attended Oregon State college.

PVT. GAILON G. GENTRY—
WITH THE 43rd INFANTRY (WINGED VICTORY) DIVISION ON LUZON—Pvt. Gailon G. Gentry, infantryman in the 43rd Infantry (Winged Victory) Division, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for exemplary conduct displayed in combat against the Japanese on Luzon. He is the son of Mrs. Bessie Mae Nole of Central Point, Ore. (wife; Mrs. Lacey Lou Gentry, Rt. No. 8, Lakima, Wash.)

During 32 months overseas, the 43rd Division has participated in four campaigns: Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, New Guinea, and Luzon.

BEATS GOLD HILL 5-4—
Central Point Studs, member of the Southern Oregon baseball league, beat Gold Hill, 5 to 4, in a practice game at Central Point Sunday. Gold Hill collected eight hits but committed four errors which brought about their defeat. The Studders hit safely seven times.

SEWING CLUB MEET—
The sewing club met with Mrs. Laura Paterson and Mrs. Webb as hostesses at the Patterson home with a pink and blue shower, honoring Mrs. Vern Pendleton. There were twelve present and the entertainment was appropriate for the occasion. The honor guest received many lovely gifts.

Pfc. Ralph Gilmore wired his wife in Medford that he had been released from a German prison camp at Stalag 4B. Pfc. Gilmore was taken prisoner last December. Mrs. John Burns of Central Point is his aunt.

Letters to Nephews
By Ella H. Leonard

Dear nephew:
It's hard to make a farm out of a town lot: have all the life about it. In Ukiah, dad only had a mare, her yearling colt, her new one, a scottish collie, her three pups, and a spotted fawn on our 66x145 ft. lot, divided into a front and back yard. Along side the house in front was our garden. That yearling could work the gate—latch loose. Did I have fun? It always happened when dad was at the blacksmith shop. I guess Nic and her 3 babies suggested the remembrance to me. They were playing all over the screen porch.

They crawl from one cardboard box to the other. The other day I poured the kittens from the small

into the large box. A tiny mouse poured, too. It snuggled among the kittens and they paid no attention to it. I grabbed Nic and threw her in. The mouse hid in the cloth on the bottom. The kittens were poured back and forth to the small, and the large box. The mouse must have hid in their fur, cause it went, too. It was shaken from the cloth into the big box. Eventually Nic saw and got it.

Is Fatty ever a hog! He sucks the cat dry. He cleans out the food dish. Smarty and So-so look "pink-sized." After lunch a salt pork rind was taken them. Smarty chewed on one end. Fatty sought to have a smell. Smarty pushed a paw firmly over each eye of Fat's and held him on the box bottom. Pat tried another time. A paw with outspread claws covered one eye and held Fat's head to the floor. So-so got interested. Smarty slapped him down. So-so growled. Each one was let have

an end of the rind and left to growl it out. Dad says he's given the whole mess away. There'll be nothing to entertain us.

Still it rains and rains and rains. If a Jap tidal wave can reach us, what about a Jap bombing! Let's pray that God soon reigns, and you return.

Wistfully. Aunty.

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