

MEDFORD BOYS IN AUSTRALIA TIRED OF MUTTON DIET

Bert Luman Home From Down Under, Says Former Local Guards Happy.

"They are healthy and happy but tired of eating mutton, and they wish it were easier to obtain American cigarettes."

That, according to Bert Luman of 14 Cottage street, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Luman, is a thumbnail description of how Medford's soldiers, those members of the former local Oregon National Guard unit, are faring in Australia.

Luman, who arrived back home a year and a day after Pearl Harbor, with a medical discharge from the U. S. army due to perforated eardrums he suffered in a Japanese bombing raid on a supply train in Australia, was stationed in the southwest Pacific for some four months.

Saw Medford Boys

Much of this time was spent on the island continent, and while there he saw the Medford boys several times although he was attached to a different outfit. "They were all fine," he said, "and were being treated royally by the Australians."

"The Aussies liked us and we liked them. Why once we happened to be without food, which the Aussies remedied by giving us their rations."

Speaking of the Australian civilians, Luman said their hospitality toward American troops was wonderful and that they never tired of listening to stories of the United States. "They all want to visit America," he said.

Eardrums Perforated

The Medford youth, while unable to detail his experiences because of censorship regulations, revealed he was in Darwin and Port Moresby, New Guinea during several bombings. He said both his eardrums were perforated when Jap planes attacked a supply train out of Townsville on the east coast of Australia, in July of this year.

Following the attack, Luman was taken to the 4th General hospital in Melbourne and remained there until September 7, when he sailed for the United States. He was confined in Letterman General hospital, San Francisco, for seven days, then transferred to William Beaumont hospital in El Paso, Tex.

He was in the Texas hospital for nine weeks, and after receiving his medical discharge from the army left for Medford and arrived here December 8.

Luman joined Co. A, 186th Infantry, Medford unit of the Oregon National Guard, in September of 1940, before Guardsmen were called into active service. With Co. A he went to Ft. Lewis, Wash., but transferred on November 25 to the 181st Infantry to go to the Philippines.

Ship Recalled

The outfit sailed, but four days out the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor and the ship was ordered back to shore and the troops sent again to Ft. Lewis. On December 11, four days after the Jap attack, Luman transferred to another division, which was taken to Port Angeles, Wash., for guard duty.

Two months later the outfit shipped south, and on February 27 joined a convoy and left for Australia, arriving there March 17.

Naumes Transferred — Word has been received here that Lt. Robert A. Naumes, recently commissioned at officers training school in Miami, Fla., has been transferred to the air transport base in Presque Isle, Maine. Lt. Naumes was accompanied to the new station by his wife. Both are well known in Medford, having left here last spring when Lt. Naumes was ordered to the Miami school.

Whispers from Camp White



About Facts and Faces On the Reservation.

Bright-eyed Miss Percy Margaret Gill, head Red Cross recreation worker at the hospital, enthusiastically conferring with camp personnel, Junior Red Cross and other Medford volunteers preparing the Christmas eve show, gifts and other surprises at the hospital. Don't pity those on the sick list.

Pvt. Edward Chegwidin, who has been trying to lose weight, gazing at the 10 pounds of candy he received for Christmas.

Sgt. Ralph Hartwick, Pfc. Glenn Iverson and Pvt. Merle E. Shirar in the hospital post office, practically hidden behind piles of insured and registered parcels and letters and nearly going crazy, working twelve-hour shifts in these last several days so the boys in the hospital could get their gifts from home on time. Nice going, fellows. You hung up a hospital mail room record. Hope you are able to take a well-deserved rest.

June Brown arranging her hours "just so," so she could visit her folks in Klamath Falls for Christmas.

Shh! Don't tell a soul. But behind the whiskers of the genial Saint Nick at the hospital party was the face of 1st Sgt. Henry R. Putnam, the man who gave the funny "chalk talk" in the same show.

EAGLE POINT MAN VICTIM OF BLAZE IN CABIN FRIDAY

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flames prevented him from entering the cabin.

Two possibilities were advanced concerning the origin of the fire. One was that Woolley had gone to sleep on the bed with a cigarette in his hand. The other was that the conflagration had started from the stove, which was constructed from an old 50-gallon oil drum and stationed on a wooden platform.

Shimfessel, sent to the state penitentiary from Jackson county last July for larceny of livestock, was paroled last week. With his wife he had moved in to the cabin Thursday and they had spent but one night there. The cabin was owned by John Foster of Central Point.

Deputy Coroner Morris said there was a possibility that an inquest would be held early this week.

Raymond Stanford Woolley was born in Eagle Point, September 21, 1917. Besides his father he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Nellie M. Morehouse of Butte Falls; a sister, Mrs. Opal C. Davidson of Spray, Ore.; three half-brothers Samuel, Kenyon and Darwin Morehouse, all of Butte Falls, and two half-sisters, Betty and Barbara Morehouse, both of Butte Falls.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Monday at the Conger chapel, the Rev. Harry Hansen officiating. Interment will be in Butte Falls cemetery.

YANKS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS GAILY ON GUINEA FRONT

Comrades Aid Men In Fox Holes Of Buna—Natives Receive Gifts.

With American Forces, New Guinea, Dec. 25 —(Delayed)—(U.P.)—The Americans liquidating the Japanese toehold around Buna had to observe Christmas in their fox holes today, but they were not forgotten by comrades behind the lines.

By careful planning and hoarding, every one at this advanced allied base set aside something for the boys at the front. Most of the Americans in New Guinea received some gift from home and the Red Cross saw that the others also had presents.

Cigarettes suddenly were plentiful as home folks augmented the regular issue which never is enough. Everybody with a new watch wanted to tell you what time it was. Pictures of girl friends, wives and children passed from one dirty hand to another. There were surprisingly few white elephants among the gifts, apparently a result of the home front campaign advising what the soldiers would like and could use.

Wherever possible, men were allowed time out for the holiday. But since the Japanese did not observe Christmas, this base was geared at high pitch all day. It was a Christmas with your shirt off just like any other day in this tropical climate.

Negro and white engineers stripped to the waist worked and sweated under a blinding sun building roads, hauling dirt and blasting mountain sides. Air corps men kept their fighters and bombers ready for instant action and anti-aircraft crew were doubly vigilant.

A never-ending caravan of jeeps, trucks, motor cycles, staff cars and ambulances bumped over rough dirt roads, sending up a heavy cloud of dust.

Natives working for the Americans received gifts of cotton loin cloths and bandana handkerchiefs and in turn presented the Americans with grass skirts and miniature outrigger canoes which the soldiers like to send home.

Every chaplain arranged church services, beginning with midnight masses.

PVT. HANCOCK REWARDED

Washington, Dec. 26.—(U.P.)—Next payday for Pvt. Walker Hancock, St. Louis, "will be nothing short of magnificent," the war department revealed today, because the government will shower upon him a total of \$1,550. The odd \$50 is his regular pay. The rest he will receive for his winning design for the new air medal.

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Obituary

Richard B. Beeson, 95, and father of Mrs. F. J. Newman of this city passed away at Eugene, Oregon, on Dec. 26, after a brief illness.

A complete obituary will be published in Monday's paper. Perl funeral home is in charge.

FOUR BABES BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The stork played Santa Claus this year and delivered Christmas presents in the form of four babies to Medford parents. At Community hospital two girls and a boy were born during Christmas Day and at Sacred Heart hospital a girl was born.

At Community a girl weighing five and three-quarters pounds was born to Capt. and Mrs. Charles Clevenger of Central Point, a girl weighing seven and three-quarters pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall of Central Point and a son, weighing five pounds, was born to Corp. and Mrs. George W. Chartier of Jacksonville. At Sacred Heart hospital a daughter was born to Capt. and Mrs. R. O. Anseau of 20 N. Groveland avenue. The baby weighed eight pounds.

The stork continued his holiday deliveries Saturday and caused considerable excitement at Community hospital by being in something of a hurry. A 10-pound son was born to Mrs. Alvin Greb of Central Point just as she reached the hospital entrance, the frantic father probably exceeding the 35-mile an hour speed limit while rushing Mrs. Greb to Medford from their home.

Also born yesterday was a son, weighing six and three-quarters pounds to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robertson of 321 Maple Drive at Community hospital. And Mr. and Mrs. Ray Offard of Jacksonville are the parents of a son, seven pounds, born yesterday morning at Sacred Heart hospital.

Not quite Christmas presents were the sons born to Corp. and Mrs. Donald Bock of 346 N. Front street at Community hospital Thursday and to Lt. and Mrs. Kenneth Sevee, 327 N. Oakdale, at Sacred Heart hospital Thursday. The Bock child weighed six pounds and the Sevee's son eight pounds and seven ounces.

TEXAN FLYER HONORED

Washington, Dec. 26.—(U.P.)—Majors Thomas J. Christian Jr. of San Antonio, Texas, and Thomas H. Hubbard of Fort Worth, Texas, have won the silver star award for their feats in battling the Japanese in the air over Guadalcanal, the war department announced today.

Missouri Back Hurt

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—(U.P.)—Don Reece, University of Missouri quarterback, tonight was sent to Stanford University hospital with an injured ankle and declared "possibly out" of the Shrine college all-star east-west game here New Year's Day.

MILITARY POLICE, CIVILIANS CLASH IN TAVERN BRAWL

Black Eagle, Mont., "Out Of Bounds" As Result—High School Boys Involved.

Great Falls, Mont., Dec. 26.—(U.P.)—The army refused tonight to turn over to civilian authorities for prosecution two military policemen accused by county authorities of displaying a "bullying attitude" when they shot and wounded four civilians in a roadside brawl.

The town of Black Eagle where the altercation took place was ruled "out of bounds" for military personnel by Major John L. Eaton, Great Falls air base commandant.

Army authorities said it was "practically impossible" to grant a request of Cleveland Hall, deputy Cascade county attorney, that the army turn the MP's over to local authorities for prosecution.

Eaton said a "thorough and fair" investigation was under way and asked that all authorities concerned reserve judgment until all the facts were known. He said he regretted the incident because it occurred in a locality where relations between soldiers and citizens has been ideal.

The military police said they were hit from behind while questioning Roy Gardner, 18, about his identity and why he was wearing military type clothes.

Hall said the shooting apparently resulted from what he called "an unprovoked attack" on an 18-year-old high school athlete, Charles Kirwan by the two soldiers. They were Corp. Joe Campbell, 26, former Georgia state policeman, and Pvt. John MacMillan, 23, formerly of New Jersey.

They walked into the night club and questioned Roy Gardner, 18, about an army airman's leather jacket he was wearing. The youth said it was an army reject, purchased by his parents as a Christmas present for him at a Great Falls store.

The MP's ordered Gardner to

leave. At that point, Kirwan—who starred on last year's Great Falls high school football and basketball teams—told Gardner, "You don't have to answer to the army."

Hall quoted witnesses as saying one of the soldiers slapped Kirwan and they began to fight. It was reported the MP clubbed Kirwan with the butt of his gun as they rolled over and over on the floor, then began shooting wildly in all directions.

Three of Kirwan's companions wrestled the MP's gun away, hurling it into a corner of the tavern. The other soldier leaped atop the piano, Hall said, and threatened the crowd with his gun.

ARTILLERY TEAM DOWNS CLIPPERS

Hockey Standings

	W	L	T	Pts.
USO	1	0	0	2
Artillery	1	1	0	2
Infantry	0	0	1	1
Hospital	0	1	1	1

In a fast hand charging game that was nip and tuck for two of the three periods the 91st Artillery Gunners downed the 78th Hospital Clippers 4 to 1 at the Medford Ice Arena last night.

At the end of nine minutes of play in the second period Werderber, of the Artillery beat the field, to the goal after a pretty assist from Cassidy. That was the only score going into the third period, but the Artillery was not to be denied and scores by Northey unassisted and two goals by Werderber unassisted gave them a commanding lead. The only Hospital score was by Campeau unassisted just as the game ended. The feature of the game outside of the forever scoring Werderber was the fine goal play of Chevernothy who made several brilliant steps to halt the Hospital boys.

Next Tuesday night will bring together the 91st Infantry Snipers and the USO Bombers both of whom are undefeated so far in league play.

PLAN JEWISH FARMERS

Detroit, Dec. 26.—(U.P.)—Dr. Israel Goldstein, New York, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, declared tonight that Jews in the United Nations must plan for post-war settlement of at least a million Jews on Palestinian farm lands.

LOCALS

Man Fined — Charles Ehrk was fined \$5 in city police court Saturday morning on a charge of failure to stop at a stop street.

On Leave — John Wall, gunner's mate, 3rd class, U. S. Navy, arrived here Wednesday to spend a 10-day leave with his mother and sisters, 628 McAndrews road.

From Coquille — Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Wilson will leave today for their home in Coquille after spending Christmas here at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson, 607 West 11th street.

To Visit Son — Dr. Jouett Bray of Lozier Lane and his son, the Rev. Wm. D. Bray of Tigard, Ore., left Saturday for the latter's home. Rev. Bray spent the Christmas holidays here with his parents and Dr. Bray returned with him to spend a month in Tigard and attending school in Portland.

Hopkins Here — Curtis Hopkins, Jr., is in Medford to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents. Young Hopkins, a cadet in the reserve air corps, is a freshman at the University of Montana, Missoula. He is active in school affairs, being president of the freshmen class, captain of the frosh football squad last fall and is a pledge of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Service Expanded — State drivers license examiners will be in Medford every Saturday and three Fridays a month, instead of Saturdays only, after the first of the year, it was announced by the office of the secretary of state. In the future examiners will be here on Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., and on January 8, 15 and 29 during the same hours. The examiners office is located on the third floor in city hall.

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FOR SALE—Gold and black Cocker spaniel, 419 Maple Park Drive. Phone 5475.

PICKUP—34 International, 90% rubber, A-1 condition, very clean. Price \$800. Will take passenger car in trade. Champs, 120 East Jackson.

FOR SALE—39 Chevrolet coach, good motor, clean throughout. Best cash offer or terms to suit. Hanne Meier, Rt. 2, Box 344, Lozier Lane.

THE REDMEN are sponsoring a New Year's Dance at their hall. Members of Redmen and Pochahontas and invited guests are asked to attend.

LOTS OF USED CARS from Model A's to 1941 models. 50 to choose from. Shultz Brothers.

FOR SALE—Good electric range, cheap; also brooder, incubator, 3 W. corner Stewart Ave. and Orchard Home Drive.

FOR SALE—1940 2-door Ford. See at 215 Iowa St., or dial 3740.

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AUCTION SALE—Wed., Dec. 30, 1942, starting at 1:00 p. m. at Hammond Place, 2 miles North of Central Point on Hwy. 99, turn West on Soenic Ave. — 4 Guernsey cows, milking; 2 Jersey springers; 4 Jersey springers; 2 Jersey springers, heifers; 2 Jersey heifers, bred; 1 Jersey calf; 1 purebred Jersey bull; 17 tons baled clover hay. Owner has been 20 years building this dairy herd of high producers. Am selling my ranch and entire herd of milk cows. Frank Hammond, owner; Ruth Brana, auctioneer; W. W. Brana, clerk.

FOR SALE—Registered Cocker Spaniel pups, red, 611 So. Riverside, across from Parkers.

TRAPPERS—The market is good. Sell your furs to Eagle Point Fox.

RAW FURS WANTED—Eastern prices paid for Muskrats, Mink, Skunk, Bob Cat, etc. Deer, Elk, Bear and Pelts Game traps for sale. Medford "Bargain House", 27 N. Grape St. Ph. 3744. Buy War Stamps and Bonds.

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