

MP TRAIN GUARDS RULE WITH FIRM, COMPETENT HAND

Over 460 Ride Trains in 8
Western States — Mere
Presence Usually Enough

Camp White—Some 460 neat, alert soldiers are acting as father-confessors, information sources and policemen to approximately three-quarters of a million servicemen who ride the trains each month in the eight western states of the Ninth Service Command, army service forces.

They are the train guards of the corps of military police. In cooperation with the navy's shore patrol, they attend the welfare of military personnel—and frequently give needed aid to civilians—on 116 trains, it was reported today at the Fort Douglas, Utah, headquarters of Maj. Gen. David McCoach, Jr., Commanding general.

Prevention Aim
Much of their work is routine train patrol. All of it is based on an old adage: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." They check passes, furloughs and orders of military personnel. They guard against loose talk on the part of servicemen. They prevent excessive drinking and any untoward incident. They assure that servicemen are in proper uniform when moving about trains and stations.

Once an hour they must patrol the train and frequently they patrol more often as a routine check. They encounter few cases of trouble.

Arrests have been few, although "MPs" are authorized to make arrests if necessary for any offense which reflects discredit upon the services. Usually the mere presence of an "MP" is sufficient to cause military personnel to be quiet and orderly. They are respected by the enlisted man and officer alike.

Picked Men
This is probably due largely to the type of men who are now being selected, trained and used as military police. Train guards are chosen by their commanding officers for their diplomacy, tact

FDR, Eisenhower, Patton in Sicily



With General Dwight D. Eisenhower alongside, President Roosevelt sits informally relaxed in his jeep, after being greeted by Eisenhower along with other high-ranking officers upon his arrival at the Castelvetrano Airport in Sicily. In the background behind the jeep, stands General George S. Patton, photographed for the first time since the "slapping incident." (Acme Radio-Telephoto)

and common sense. Their assignments are considered highly important.

The day of the brow-beating, blustering "MP" is past if, indeed it ever actually existed. Now he leads, not drives. He sets a good example.

His weapons, a police-type stick and a revolver or pistol, are used only as a last resort—when absolutely necessary to enforce discipline or defend himself. He is identified by a brassard (band) around his left arm, lettered "MP."

Above all, he is a friend to traveling servicemen—or he isn't an "MP."

Not All Routine
He must have possession of mind, ability to lead and a spirit of ingenuity, for not all his duties are routine. Incidents on every run test his ingenuity. Take a recent example:

Near Stockton, California, a train-bus collision killed nine persons and injured more. Gasoline from the bus had been spilled over the train, thus creating a setting for a potentially greater tragedy. When the train

stopped, the train guards quickly obtained the services of two army nurses and two navy pharmacists' mates from the train. They then supervised the setting of a guard around the wreckage. Several times military police have obtained assistance when the stork was about to overtake trains. But the enlisted men—the forlorn and unfortunate soldier—is the military policeman's greatest charge and care.

GOLD HILL MAN HELD IN JAP PRISON CAMP

Gold Hill, Dec. 20.—(Spl.)—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin C. Hancock of Gold Hill were advised by the navy department, Friday, that their son Jack is alive and in a Japanese prison camp. He was a civilian worker on Wake Island and the communication from the navy department stated that he had been removed from the island on Jan. 12, 1942.

This is the first official word the Hancocks have received as to whether their son was killed or captured since the fall of Wake Island.

JACK HARVEY OF GRANTS PASS DIES

John R. Harvey, 79, well-known southern Oregon figure and prominent mining expert, passed away in Josephine General Hospital Friday, where he had been confined with a heart ailment since Nov. 30. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced pending arrival of a son, Guy Harvey, from Albany, Cal.

Closely connected with mining during the last half century, "Jack" Harvey was well posted on southern Oregon resources. Two children survive, Guy, a son of Harvey of Albany, Cal., and Mrs. F. W. Dodge, the former Louise Harvey of East Lansing, Mich.

Mrs. Harvey preceded her husband in death on Nov. 4, 1934.

Before coming west, Harvey spent some time in England and France, and owned a large stock farm in Nebraska. Shortly after 1900, the family moved to Grants Pass where Mr. Harvey operated the Old Channel mine at Galice.

Mr. Harvey served as secretary-manager of the Chamber of Commerce from 1925 to 1938 and was active in civic affairs and organizations.

SENIORS TO HEAR RED CROSS AIDES

Frank Gray, Red Cross field director at Camp White; Miss Josephine Ryan, assistant field director, and Miss Martha Fogg, recreation director for the Red Cross at the Camp White Station hospital, will talk on Red Cross work in the field, both here and overseas, to the Senior high school staff assistance class Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 10 a. m., in the high school auditorium. Thirty-six senior and junior girls are registered in this class. The adult recruits are welcome to attend this meeting and will be given credit on their course. However, this lecture will be repeated in the adult staff assistance class in January as many of the Camp White auxiliary are out of town for the Christmas holidays.

Eagle Point Unit Meeting Tuesday; "File It" Topic

Eagle Point, Dec. 20.—Eagle Point Extension Unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Edith Woodrich Tuesday, December 21, at 1 p. m. The subject will be "File It Now," and will prove both interesting and useful. The idea to make a cabinet or file convenient for keeping valuable papers, recipes, etc., for safety as well as saving time when such papers are wanted for use.

The leaders will demonstrate the making of different filing systems. After the meeting a Christmas gift exchange will be held and each member is asked to bring a gift for exchange not to exceed 25 cents in price. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

WEATHER
Northern California—Cloudy with showers today and tonight; snow above 7000 feet, partly cloudy Tuesday; slightly cooler Tuesday.

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COOS JUDGE WILL HEAR CASES HERE

The state supreme court has assigned Circuit Judge Dal M. King of Coos county to preside in the cases of Corinthia E. Stalley against J. B. Thomas and the estate of the late Ted Heimroth against Earl H. Fehl. Judge H. K. Hanna disqualified himself. No date has been set for the hearings, but they will probably be sometime next month.

The actions involve the former Pacific Record - Herald building on Sixth street now occupied by the City Cleaners. Litigation over the building has been underway for several years.

Chick Assn. Leader Offers Information On Pullorum Test

Roseburg, Dec. 20.—Shipment of chicks, eggs and turkeys into Utah is now regulated by that state's requirement that parent flocks be officially passed under the pullorum testing program. It was reported today by Mrs. H. A. Watzig, president of the Oregon Baby Chick association.

The pullorum test, Mrs. Watzig reports, is not a requirement in Oregon, but the program has been set up through the Oregon Poultry Improvement board as a means of protecting Oregon exporters.

Mrs. Watzig reports she will be glad to provide specific information for any flock owners, not fully informed concerning detailed operation of the program.

BIRTHS

CRAWFORD—To Capt. and Mrs. John, 815 E. Main, Medford, at Community hospital.

SMITH—To Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy, 416 Western avenue, Medford, Dec. 19, a boy, seven pounds, at Community hospital.

JESS JOBE RITES 1:30 WEDNESDAY

Services for Jess G. Jobe who passed away Thursday evening will be held at the graveside in the Butte Falls Cemetery Wednesday at 1:30 p. m., with the Rev. Harry Hansen officiating. Arrangements are in care of the Conger Funeral Parlors.

Mr. Jobe was born in Kentucky on March 19, 1887. For the past 20 years he had made his home in the Butte Falls district. Four children survive: Valley Jobe, Brownfield, Texas; Craft Jobe, Vernon, Texas; Charlie Jobe, Sherwood, Oregon, and Mrs. J. L. Cassey, Medford.

Medford Couple Buy Greenhouse At Grants Pass

Grants Pass, Dec. 20.—(Spl.)—Opening of the cut flowers and potted plants department of Denman's greenhouse on Orchard avenue is announced by the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Denman of Medford.

Mrs. Denman is living at the home of friends here until suitable living quarters can be found. Mr. Denman is commuting from their home in Medford. Their two children, Mozelle in junior high school, and Duane, eight months old, are at the home of their grandparents in Medford.

Mrs. Denman was a music instructor in California before coming to Medford two years ago. Since then she has done substitute teaching in the Medford schools.

GRANTS PASS SHIPPING MANY CHRISTMAS TREES

Grants Pass, Dec. 20.—Eighteen carloads of Christmas trees have been shipped from Grants Pass during the last several weeks. Raymond Criswell, Southern Pacific agent, has disclosed. Figuring 4,000 trees to a carload, it means 72,000 trees were sent from this vicinity to southern California. This is by

far the largest number of trees ever shipped from here, Criswell said.

In addition to the railroad shipments, large trucks loaded

with trees have been noted on their way south.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Clammy 5:30 Saturday afternoon

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NOTE: If the miserable symptoms of the cold are not relieved promptly—or if more serious trouble seems to threaten—call in your family doctor right away.



LADY DOCTOR

By Peggy Gaddis

KEPT away from home for some time by her medical studies, Meredith Blake goes back for a visit before starting her career as assistant to Dr. Farley in a big city hospital. Accompanying her is Dr. Farley, who, aside from being her new boss, is also her fiancé. Learn what happens when Meredith's younger sister boldly asks him to take her to a dance. A new serial starting

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