

ON THE HOME FRONT

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services

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Date _____

Dear _____

Like all other towns and cities of this nation, Medford spent Tuesday with thoughts for nothing but the invasion. As the long-awaited news came in, plans were made for the city's observance of D Day, this consisting mostly of special prayer services, held in the Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic and Nazarene churches. Whistles and bells at 3 p. m. marked the closing of business houses for an hour in order that workers might attend the prayer meetings.

Noise-makers of all sorts will be used next Monday at 10 a. m. to herald the opening of the Fifth War Loan drive, starting in all sections of the country on the same day. Elaborate plans are being made for the drive.

Although most high school and college students have completed courses for the year, very few are having what could really be termed vacations, for a large percentage plan on working or re-enrolling for summer sessions. Medford senior high school graduated 184 seniors last Friday night and this week saw many of the girls already at work and the boys either working or leaving to report to training. University of Oregon students returned to Medford last week, but Oregon States are still in classes.

Don Knips was valedictorian

of the 1944 class. All Lovejoy, salutatorian. Various awards were won by Harry Nordwick, Paula Blanton, Luella Arnold, Robert Kruggel, Roger Wolf, Jim Tucker, Bill Barnum, Eloise Peyton, Bernice Stearns, Don Dixon, Jack Baker, Dale Niedermeyer, Mary Crane and Lowell Cooley. Baker and Niedermeyer have also left Medford, Baker to report to Great Lakes, Ill., for navy radar training and Niedermeyer to another radar station.

The past week has been an unusually "newsy" one, with stories from all war theaters about Medford and Jackson county servicemen. First Lt. James A. Anning, a fighter pilot with Chennault's 14th AAF in China, has been awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross after having completed 50 combat missions. From the South Pacific comes word that Lt. Jack Martin of Gold Hill was recently awarded an Air Medal and promoted to first lieutenant, most of his missions having been over Rabaul. A story from Green Island in the South Pacific relates how Lt. David G. McLaren of Rogue River, with two other pilots in a flying boat, rescued a pilot who bailed out of his plane less than 100 yards from Japanese shore positions.

An interview with Staff Sgt. Melvin Bushnell, written from

7th AAF headquarters in the central Pacific, tells of his lucky plane "Lady." The Liberator has been on 27 missions and has but four "scars" as a result. In one raid "Lady's" crew shot down three Zeros, were credited with three probables and a 51 in escaped unharmed. A story from Italy tells of the award of a Silver Star to Staff Sgt. Charles Harold (Ike) Stone, who was a grade and junior high student here at one time for the rescue of three comrades under fire. First Lt. Raymond H. Ross, has been awarded the Silver Star for rescuing a wounded man under intense machine gun fire during a battle at Bougainville, Solomon Islands.

An Air Medal was awarded posthumously to Lt. Don Field here this week, the presentation being made to his parents. Lt. Field was declared missing after a fierce battle over the Mediterranean and North African shores on April 5, 1943. On the week's casualty lists were Pvt. Donald Morton, killed in action in Italy, and Second Lt. Ben Dietrich, co-pilot of an army bomber, killed in a crash in Italy.

Cpl. August D. Vosika, electrician with an AAF Liberator group, has been issued a Distinguished Unit badge since his group received a Presidential Citation following a low level attack on Ploesti, Roumania, oil fields last fall. The group operates out of an Italian base. Also from Italy comes news of Robert A. Wilcox, bombardier-navigator, who has been promoted to first lieutenant.

Lt. R. L. von der Hellen was recently assigned to duty in England, being a crew member of the Flying Fortress, "Round Trip." Pvt. Devere Taylor was recently assigned to an engineer's supply company in the South Pacific. Sgt. Parks R. Shelley and Lt. Harry Bessley are both now overseas. Roger E. Card arrived home recently after a year's service in the Aleutian Islands. He is a storekeeper first class. Also home is Staff Sgt. Olaf W. Severason who has completed a year's com-

bat service in the southwest Pacific area.

Richard W. Hewitt has graduated from the army's bomber school at Blackland field and was commissioned a second lieutenant while Halbert S. Deuel, Jr., graduated this week from Culver Military academy in Indiana. Robert D. Littrell is to graduate as a service pilot in the ATC June 15 at Midland, Tex., and another graduate is Lloyd G. Lyman who was commissioned an ensign at the naval midshipmen school, University of Notre Dame, May 31. Barton LaFon has been advanced to first lieutenant at Pecos, Tex.

T. Sgt. Willard W. Pedersen has designed a camera mount for use by reconnaissance units which has been accepted by the army and is now training as a section chief, aeronautics photography unit, Ft. Meyer, Fla. He was formerly at Muroc Field, Calif.

A story from England states that Pvt. Wilbur M. F. Smith is among the switchboard personnel of the U. S. army's British telephone system and that the army men operators have difficulty because of the difference in word usage and enunciations of the British and American languages.

Three recently enlistees in the WAC are Irene Chetwood, Mrs. Helen M. Peterson and Jacqueline Speirs. Marine Private Millicent Eila McCord completed her training in North Carolina and is now stationed in San Francisco, and Nora Mae Wilson, seaman first class in the Spars has returned to her station in Boston after a visit in the county with her parents.

The Pruett twins, Dean and

"The North Star" Coming Sunday



Starting Sunday at the Craterian is "The North Star," with Anne Baxter, Dana Andrews, Walter Huston, Walter Brennan and Ann Harding.

Dale, have been assigned to the naval air center at Memphis, Tenn. Another set of twins in the news are the new daughters of Lt. and Mrs. Martin Luther, Jr. The twins were born June 6 at Boise, Ida., near where the lieutenant is stationed.

Recent visitors here were Staff Sgt. E. M. Hoffman, who has been instructing in aerial gunnery at Buckingham Field, Fla., and now reports to Tonapah, Nev. He also went to Portland to meet his brother, A. A. Hoffman, chief aviation ordnance man now stationed off the coast of Washington.

Announced during the week were the weddings of Gretchen McAllister to First Lt. Donald H. Mills of Detroit; Helen Marcaldo of Jersey City to Arthur

C. Kent, yeoman in the navy; Katherine Larsen of Sacramento to Ensign Eugene Ash; Charlotte Beeson to Robert C. Toon, both now of Hollywood.

Lieutenant Faces 3 Years at Labor

Los Angeles, June 9—(U.P.)—Lt. Ronald H. Heldreich, territorial island transportation officer, convicted by a San Diego court-martial on 22 counts of stealing government property has been sentenced to three years at hard labor, 11th naval district officers confirmed today.

Heldreich was charged with stealing a tractor, lumber, tools, paint, rope, and other implements for use on his Chino, Cal., farm.

Friday, June 9, 1944

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Red Tanks Eager For Berlin Race Says Newspaper

Moscow, June 9—(U.P.)—The Russian press again published detailed reports on the progress of the Allied western invasion today and the official army newspaper Red Star predicted that Soviet armies "soon" would launch a complementary offensive against Germany from the east.

"It is time to finish off the Germans," Red Star said in commenting on the opening of the western front. Our tanks are straining to race for the pavements of Berlin.

"The war has crossed the channel and Germany feels its hot breath."

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