

CORDON RECEIVES EXPLANATION ON SOLDIER PLAINTS

War and Navy Departments Reply to Letters Claiming Inconsiderate Treatment.

Washington, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—Sen. Guy Cordon, R., Ore., said today that he had received satisfactory replies from the war and navy departments to letters calling their attention to reports of inconsiderate treatment being accorded to veterans returned from overseas.

Cordon said he passed along to the two departments reports from Gov. Earl Snell of Oregon that overseas veterans had been denied reasonable furloughs upon their return, had been reassigned to foreign duty without adequate rest or physical examination and had been assigned to the most menial camp duties in this country.

Outline Asked

In his letters to the two departments, Cordon asked for an outline of the general practices in such cases.

Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson replied that the army policy is to grant each veteran of overseas duty a 21-day furlough within 48 hours after his return to the United States, and then send him "to a personnel reassignment center where he is given a thorough physical examination, reconditioned and subsequently assigned to his new station."

Patterson said the war department tried to assign overseas veterans to duty within the United States, replacing men who have not seen overseas action. He said an investigation revealed only isolated violations of this program, and that there were attributable to difficulties of handling a program of such magnitude.

Rotation Is Aim

Secretary of Navy Ralph Forrester said the navy has a program for rotation of duty under which men performing hazardous duty aboard ship and at outlying stations are considered available for return home for rehabilitation and reassignment after a minimum of 18 months in such duty.

The rehabilitation period is set at 30 days for a person with a year or more duty outside the United States, Forrester said. He pointed out that it is navy regulation that every man being transferred from one ship or station to another shall be subjected to careful physical examination.

Braddock's defeat by the French and Indians, covered by the bravery of young George Washington, was in 1755.

FIRE TAKES HALF OF HARBOR GRACE

Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—Half of this four and a half century-old town was in smoking ruins today following a \$2,500,000 fire which started in a jam factory and spread with lightning swiftness through tinder-dry buildings and homes.

The fire started in the eastern end of the town, famed as the takeoff point for Transatlantic flights 15 years ago, and fanned by a brisk breeze swept eastward along both sides of the narrow winding street that follows the waterfront.

The volunteer fire brigade, the only fire "company" in this town of 3,200, left their lunch pails to man a creaky old-fashioned two-wheel hose wagon. With a gasoline pumper drawing water from the ocean they began the almost impossible job of fighting the racing flames.

But the equipment was inadequate and the fire spread through buildings dried by five days of intense heat.



Olive Barber's Observations

Notes from the Bent Pin Logging Company: Man-talk about the camp fire of evenings is a slow, restless bumble of sound, vastly different from the grind and roar and shriek of daytime noise. As the fire burns low the shadows of the group grow shorter, dimmer, until they recede into the all encompassing shadow which surrounds the camp. Then a man will rise, place more wood on the fire and the leaping flames again bring silhouettes into clear relief.

Some of the men have been in other camps together and there is occasional reminiscing. "Remember Slickfoot?" says one and there is a general chuckle. Slickfoot, it seemed, had been neither homesteader nor logger. He had simply gone into the hinterland and squatted. His shoes had no soles. Wishing to cross a creek, he just pulled up his shoe tops, waded across and slid the shoe tops back into place.

"Sluice" was another character brought to life about the camp fire. Sluice got his name from his method of eating. Sandwich in one hand, cup of coffee in the other, he'd bite off half the sandwich then take an enormous gulp of coffee. He never ate without the cup of coffee in hand; said he needed

Children Surround Genial General



Gen. Roy S. Gelger, USMC, commander of U. S. expeditionary forces on Guam, is surrounded by grinning and cheerful native children after their rescue by his forces from Japan.

It to sluice his food down. So he became Sluice to all who knew him.

Because this particular job will be finished before rainy weather, shelter has not been provided. Cots are placed behind clumps of brush or some distance from the main camp. Even Frank has a cot, though I chose to sleep on a pallet on the ground. I need neither springs nor mattress, carrying my upholstery around with me and so being able to lie down in utter comfort wherever darkness overtakes me.

Today a logger came up, his hands cupped together before him. Opening them up a little, he let me look at the quivering, gold-spotted black butterfly. The logger couldn't know that my interest in the butterfly was superceded by my wonder that hands so hard, so rough could hold the fragile creature so tenderly.

Working overtime until darkness fell, the men had no sooner fallen into exhausted sleep than a car drove up. A fellow logger operating miles away was in trouble; needed various logging gadgets whose names I do not recall. To help him, a trip had to be made to equipment quite a few miles distant. Not until well past midnight were the men again in bed. Yet daylight found them up, greasing cats, tightening this part of machinery, loosening that. The show in the woods, like that in the theaters, must go on.

ADMIRAL DECORATED

Washington, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—Award of the Distinguished Service Medal to Rear-Admiral Alfred E. Montgomery, for his contribution to Pacific offensives while commander of a carrier task force, was announced by the navy today.

JACKSON COUNTY YOUNGSTERS WIN STATE CITATION

Nine Jackson county youngsters have been cited by the Keep Oregon Green association for meritorious service to their state and have been awarded merit badges. These girls and boys, members of the Green Guard, have helped in the publicly-sponsored fire prevention program by reporting or putting out fires and have been awarded these badges in recognition of their fine service to the state and their communities.

The Keep Oregon Green association and the Oregon Green Guard have instituted an endeavor to enlist public interest and support in a concerted effort to reduce the ravages of man-made fires in Oregon.

"We are proud of the work of these boys and girls," says Robert Dodge, Jackson county KOG chairman, "but during the next two months when the skies are hazy and the fire dangers are at their height, we must ask all people, young and old, to accept a part in the responsibility of preventing, detecting and suppressing these small blazes in our county."

The boys and girls receiving the honor badge are: Vonnice

May Tipovac, Gold Hill; Randall Olson, Bill Drummond, Norman Loop, Jean Sletten and Mylo Randall, all of Medford; Jack Libolt, Sams Valley; and Stanley Moore, Rogue River.

THE GRANGE

Applegate

Applegate Grange met Aug. 11, with Brother Herbert Elmore acting as master.

One new application for membership was turned over to an investigating committee.

Sister Bessie Elmore announced that the next home economics meeting on Aug. 23 will be at Sister Beryl Elmore. All ladies are to bring their completed Red Cross articles.

All members are to bring a wrapped article to Grange Aug. 23 which can be auctioned off

as a money raising entertainment on the Lecturer's program. All ladies are to bring sandwiches to the Aug. 23 meeting which will be an open meeting. Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

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RUSSIANS DESERT

Seattle, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—An unnamed Russian ship has put back out to sea minus most of its original crew, after American immigration authorities declined to turn over four deserters facing possible execution in Russia, to Soviet officials.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 8:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

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