

GERMANS AMAZED AT PLASMA POOL, LT. D'ALBINI SAYS

Men and women of a German hospital unit, which surrendered in a body to officers of the United States Third Army in France, informed staff members of an American evacuation hospital unit that they had been without plasma for blood transfusions for some time and in some instances had been in such dire need that blood had been taken from the slightly wounded for transfusions for the serious cases. This information was contained in a censored letter which Mr. and Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini of 45 Quince street received yesterday from their daughter, Lt. Corinne D'Albini, army nurse. The nurse wrote that the Germans were literally amazed at the sight of the supplies and equipment which the American hospital unit had and declared that the German units had had no new equipment for long periods.

The nurse described the unit's swift movement across France and said the hospital outfits were hard pressed to keep up with the Third Army troops, commanded by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton. After moving forward about 150 mile in one 24-hour period, the unit stopped momentarily only to be ordered

ahead again at once, the nurse wrote. She stated that work for the unit was intermittent, "depending upon whether the Jerries are fighting or running."

Casualties are much lighter than was anticipated, the nurse declared, and she said that three out of every four patients are either German soldiers or French civilians. While the unit is adequately staffed, Lt. D'Albini said, the captured German hospital unit was put to work instead of being sent back, the nurses and corpsmen being allowed to care for minor cases.

She told of caring for French children who had been injured in explosions and fires and said the French generally were overjoyed at the trend of the war and very grateful for the medical care given them by the Americans. One grateful French father gave the nurses a puppy, she wrote, and commented that caring for the little dog had raised the morale of the outfit considerably.

Lt. D'Albini has been in France since July 12. She received her army nurse training at Camp White.

The Army Ordnance Armory at Springfield, Mass., is conducting a four-year course, leading to an expert toolmaker certificate. Thirteen honorably discharged servicemen are now taking courses in such subjects as engineering drawing, shop mathematics, shop trigonometry, gun theory, metallurgy and heat treatment, thread grinding, jig borers, first aid, foremanship and management production engineering, and shop theory.

SILVER STAR WON BY SGT. SIMMONS OF PHOENIX AREA

Allied Force Advance Press Headquarters, Italy—Sergeant George W. Simmons, husband of Mrs. Emma Simmons, Rt. 4, Medford, Ore., recently was awarded the Silver Star, third highest War Department decoration for gallantry in action. Although wounded, he refused to be evacuated in the Fifth Army's fight for Velletri and remained on guard against enemy patrols throughout an entire night.

While leading his platoon in attack against strong German positions Sgt. Simmons was hit in the face with a rifle grenade. It failed to explode and ricocheted into the path of the man on his left, killing him. The sergeant's face was painfully cut but he remained in command pointing out enemy gun emplacements and firing into counterattacking enemy groups.

During the night Sgt. Simmons' platoon was withdrawn. He remained after them, covering the withdrawal and holding the position until morning when the enemy forces fled. He has fully recovered from his wounds and is back in action with the 36th "Texas" Division.

Sgt. Simmons is well known in the Talent and Phoenix districts, having attended the Tal-

ent grade school and Phoenix high school until going into the service. Mrs. Simmons, the former Emma Dorathean Moore, and the Simmons 13-month-old daughter, Sharon, are residing with Mrs. Simmons' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moore, Route 4. The sergeant's parents are Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Simmons of the Ft. Baker road.

HIGH QUINT AGE SEES JAP ACTION

Pvt. Lee Reynolds, former Medford high school basketball star, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Reynolds of 36 North Peach street, of action against the Japs in the Southwest Pacific.

"We have been in combat for quite some time and it was really a rugged life, but we were successful in accomplishing our mission and the boys did a swell job of bumping off the Nips," he wrote.

"We are now back at the coconut grove taking life easy. This place is almost like paradise compared to the jungles. If you could have only seen me when we first returned, really a rough looking individual with a month's beard."

"We are now getting three squares of hot food a day and does it ever taste delicious after eating rations in the hot, rainy jungles. We now have six-man tents and cots to sleep on, a real improvement over the fox holes."

OFT WEDDED BUCK PRIVATE AWAITS MOVES BY WIVES

Carlyle, Ill., Aug. 30.—(U.P.)—The multiple wives of James C. King, buck private from Wendover, Utah, whose impersonations of an officer revealed his tangled marital life, waited silently today to see which Mrs. King would make the first move.

Wife No. 5, the former Reva Baty, Carlyle, opened the inquiry that showed King's marrying habits when she told State's Attorney Joseph Schlarmann that her husband removed his lieutenant's uniform before returning to the Wendover air base. King told her, she said, that he preferred a private's uniform because he didn't like to salute enlisted men. Further investigation revealed the additional wives.

No formal charges have yet been filed against King. He is still married to Betty Ashworth, Centralia, Ill., wife No. 3; Tina Mae Tanner, Jackson, Miss.; wife No. 4; and Reva Baty, No. 5. He married Rosemary Talbot, Denver, Colo., in May, two months after his nuptials with Miss Baty.

The expedition of Ferdinand Magellan, Portuguese, made in 1519-22, circumnavigated the globe.

MEYERS ASSIGNED TO WALLA WALLA

W. Richard Meyers, Jewish Welfare Board representative on the Riverside USO staff for the past two years, has been transferred to the Walla Walla, Wash., USO club. The oldest director at the local center in point of service when he left, Meyers and his family have made their home in Medford for the past two years.

At first on temporary assignment to the Walla Walla center, Meyers left here about six weeks ago and returned shortly after to act as head of the Riverside club while Capt. Robert Angel was on vacation. He left again two weeks ago to accept a permanent assignment in Washington, and his wife and daughter plan to leave by plane today and join him.

Coming here on his first USO assignment, Meyers was formerly engaged in the teaching field at Los Angeles. His new assignment as area director entails work with all Jewish men in the service or any war capacity in the area around Walla Walla, in addition to regular USO work.

Ponce de Leon landed in Florida in search of the Fountain of Youth in 1513.

SPANISH PEOPLE URGED TO BREAK NAZI RELATIONS

By United Press
The Moscow radio broadcast an appeal today to the Spanish people calling on them to oust Generalissimo Francisco Franco and to effectuate a break with Nazi Germany in order to "gain a place for Spain among the democratic and freedom-loving nations."

Charging that Franco was a "willing host for all fascists who are trying to escape the peoples' justice," the Moscow broadcast declared that the Spanish government already had given refuge to "French fascists" from Algiers and several Gestapo

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