

HUNS IN FLIGHT BURN TOWNS AND SLAUGHTER MANY

By Henry T. Gorrell
United Press War Correspondent
With U. S. First Army Spear-
heads Near the Belgian Border,
Sept. 2—(U.P.)—Desperate fear-
maddened Germans are burning
entire villages and murdering
scores of French civilians as
they hurriedly withdraw from
this border area.

The reports of German atrocities,
most of them carried out
by men of Adolf Hitler's Elite
SS, are mounting by the hour.

I have personally seen some of
the evidences of their brutality
at the small village of Plomig,
where the mutilated bodies of 14
Frenchmen lie in state in a small
schoolhouse, surrounded by Allied
flags and flowers and with an
inscription on one of the
blackboards reading:

"Here are 14 French martyrs
murdered by the Germans—our
allies will avenge them."

According to eyewitnesses, the
14 Frenchmen, clad in peasants'
work clothes, were bound
hand and foot, riddled with machine
gun fire and then mauled
with pickaxes.

Before the executions, which
took place in the courtyard of
the town hall, the houses of the
victims were set afire and when
I came on the scene last night
they were still burning.

All around the village I could
see other fires from burning
haylofts.

It was in this fashion that the
Germans avenged the killing of
a lone German soldier by an un-
identified French man in Plomig.

Some of the 14 bodies were
so badly mutilated with clubs
and axes that they were unfit to
be seen, so they had been covered
with white sheets. The
heads of all the corpses were
caved in.

CHURCHES TO CELEBRATE

New Marlboro, Mass.—(U.P.)—
The Rev. Arthur Simmons, newly-
appointed Congregational minister,
is looking forward to a
year of anniversary celebrations.
His church here will observe its
200th anniversary, his church in
Hartsville its 150, and his Mill
River chapel its 100th.

Gebhard Transferred—Franklin
Hal Gebhard, radio man
third class recently completed
six months' stay at a naval radio
station at Port Isabel, Tex.,
on the Gulf coast and has been
transferred to Washington, D.C.
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs.
W. J. Gebhard of Central Point.

PARATROOPER A COP

Portland, Ore., Sept. 2—(U.P.)—
Clifford R. Cunningham, who
participated in D-day as a para-
trooper, was today in a new uni-
form—that of the Portland po-
lice department.

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LOCAL and PERSONAL

Cited — State police Friday
cited John A. Tepouac, 28, of
Gold Hill to appear in justice
of the peace court at 3 p. m.
Sept. 11 on a charge of driving
a car without a tail light.

Sentenced — Mildred Ruth
Morgan Smith, 19, charged
with disorderly conduct, was
sentenced in city police court
Saturday morning to serve 10
days in the county jail.

Fined \$25—Ole Bureson of
Gold Hill, charged with being
drunk in a public place, paid a
fine of \$25 and \$4.50 costs in
justice of the peace court Sat-
urday morning.

Returns To Duty—Pfc. Alvin
A. Alexander left Tuesday to
return to his army station at
Sana Barbara after spending six
days here visiting his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Alexander
of Almond St.

Returns — Mrs. Edward C.
Evanson returned to Medford
Friday from Oxnard, Calif.,
where she had been visiting her
husband, a storekeeper second
class stationed at present at the
naval base, Port Hueneme.

Slightly Hurt — Mrs. R. E.
Carley of Central Point was
slightly hurt Friday afternoon
when her car ran off the road
near the Table Rock store and
struck a chuck hole. She re-
ceived medical attention at
Community hospital.

On Furlough—Sgt. and Mrs.
Dale Fournock are visiting re-
latives and friends in Medford
for a few days while the ser-
geant is on furlough from Camp
Van Dorn, Miss. Mrs. Fournock
makes her home at present
near the sergeant's station.
They will leave here Tuesday
to return to Mississippi.

Two Resign—Two employees
of the local war price and ra-
tion board resigned last week.
Mrs. Evelyn H. Wamburg is
leaving soon with her husband,
Lawrence, to reside in San
Francisco and Miss Joan Burke
plans to enter the fall term of
the University of Oregon the
middle of this month.

On Leave—Marvin L. Crocker,
aviation radioman second
class, member of the famous
"Black Cat" patrol squadron,
is spending a 21-day leave with
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W.
Crocker on Lone Pine road,
after having been on active
duty in the South Pacific for
nine months.

To Roseburg—Mr. and Mrs.
Paul A. Hess and son, Vaughan
of 512 W. Palm St., are moving
to Roseburg where Mr. Hess
will have charge of the freight
office of Oregon-California Fast
Freight. Hess recently received
a medical discharge from the
Third Marines after being in
several hospitals following the
first battle at Bougainville.

Entertains — Mrs. Virginia
Carr, an employee of the Port-
land postoffice, Mrs. Bertha
King of the Grants Pass post-
office and her husband, Sid
King and Mrs. and Mrs. I. B.
Matney of Grants Pass were en-
tertained by Virginia Ramskill
at 112 King St. recently. Mrs.
Matney is the mother of Mrs.
Carr and Mrs. King, and Mrs.
Carr, Mrs. King and Mrs. Ram-
skill are cousins.

Forfeits Bond — Doris M.
Curtwright, 19, Medford, who
was arrested by Ashland city
police Wednesday on a charge
of reckless driving, forfeited a
bond of \$25 when she failed to
appear in Ashland city police
court Friday. In driving out of
Lithia Park, she narrowly
missed a police car and motor-
cycle and hit the rear of a
parked car belonging to Fred
Taylor, parked in front of the
city hall. No serious damage
resulted to either vehicle.

Receiving Training — Charles
L. Cummins, 25, 403 W. Clark
St., is receiving his initial naval
indoctrination at the naval train-
ing center, Great Lakes, Ill., ac-
cording to an announcement
from the station. His recruit
training consists of instruction
in seamanship, military drill and
general naval procedure.

Johnson Home—Wallace John-
son, Etc., is home on leave, hav-
ing completed a naval electric-
ian's course at Purdue univer-
sity in Indiana. Johnson will
leave Wednesday for Treasure
Island, where he will report for
gyro-compass training. He is the
son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl John-
son, 1416 West Tenth street.

Lieutenant Visits — Mr. and
Mrs. Claude Chapman of North
Pacific highway, Gold Hill,
were pleasantly surprised Thurs-
day evening when Lt. Dale Le-
Roy Kaegi of Ashland, home on
leave after his recent return
from combat duty in Italy, vis-
ited them to bring news of their
son, Technical Sgt. Ever-
ett Chapman who served in
Italy in the same AAF squad-
ron with the lieutenant. Sgt.
Chapman was crew chief of the
plane piloted by Lt. Kaegi.

Selected—Sgt. C. B. McCracken,
son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E.
McCracken of 1129 Niantic
street, has been selected for of-
ficer's training and is now at the
officer candidate school at Ab-
erdeen, Md., according to re-
ports received by his parents.
Sgt. McCracken was a manager
for the nation-wide Thomas
Scalp Specialist company before
going into service and resided
in Pittsburgh, Pa. His wife is a
lieutenant in the Women's Army
Corps and is now stationed at
Camp Kohler, Cal. She is the
former Florence Howe of Med-
ford.

16 FROM OREGON LISTED WOUNDED

Washington, Sept. 2—(U.P.)—
The War Department made pub-
lic tonight the names of 1793
U. S. soldiers wounded in ac-
tion, including, from Oregon:
Central Pacific area:
Clark, Pfc. Dale R., Oakridge.
Joplin, Pfc. David G., Klamath
Falls.
Stamper, Capt. Joseph P.,
Portland.
Wooldridge, Pfc., Charles A.,
Portland.

European area:
Abramson, Pvt. Vernon D.,
Portland.
Adams, T/4th Gr., Jack T.,
Portland.
Cipolla, Pfc., Roger J., Mil-
waukee.
Denby, Sgt. John A., Port-
land.
Hardie, Pvt. Earl E., Condon.
Hurley, Pvt., William H. Jr.,
Portland.
Kiser, Pvt. Joseph D., Baker.
Moore, Pvt. James E., Port-
land.
Peck, Pvt. Alva J., Portland.
Perkins, Pvt. Bernard B.,
Portland.
Rhorer, Pfc. Harry M. Jr.,
Lakeview.
Ludviksen, 1st Lt. Lester P.,
Silverton.

DEATH COMES TO ELMER J. WRIGHT

Elmer J. Wright, a resident
of the Sams Valley district for
the last 26 years, passed away
at his home early Thursday eve-
ning following a brief illness.
Mr. Wright was born in Frank-
fort, Kan., on December, 19,
1890.

On February 14, 1916, Mr.
Wright was married to Miss
Clara Rinehart at Topeka, Kan.
To this union were born three
children, one son passing away
in his early youth.
Mr. Wright is survived by his
widow, Clara Wright, two chil-
dren, Harold E. Wright, located
at Fort Benning, Ga., Mrs.
Eleanor Cummings of Beatty,
Ore. He is also survived by six
brothers, three sisters and two
grandchildren.

Rev. D. E. Millard will offi-
ciate and grave side services
will be held at the cemetery in
Sams Valley.

Time of service will be an-
nounced later, pending arrival
of the son from Georgia. Per-
funeral Home is in charge of
arrangements.

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38 ENEMY PLANES LOST IN ATTACK UPON DAVAO BASE

Allied Headquarters, South-
west Pacific, Sunday, Sept. 3—
(U.P.)—Liberator bombers un-
loaded 110 tons of explosives on
three Davao airdromes in day-
light Friday and destroyed 38
enemy planes in the heaviest at-
tack of the war against the Japa-
nese-held Philippines. Gen. Dou-
glas MacArthur announced to-
day.

The Liberator force overcame
extremely bad weather to ex-
tend the American bombing line
to the Philippines for the first
time since 1942 and the heavy
strike against Davao airdromes
apparently caught the enemy by
surprise, with only nine fighter
planes taking to the air to inter-
cept the raiders.

Following up three weeks of
aerial activity by long-range pa-
trol planes over Mindanao is-
land, the B-24s attacked the Da-
vao area and spread fragmenta-
tion bombs among parked planes
and installations, causing exten-
sive damage and large fires, Mac-
Arthur's communique said.

Thirty-seven planes on the
ground—26 fighters and 11
bombers—were destroyed in the
attack. One of the nine inter-
ceptors was shot down by Lib-
erator gunners, against the loss
of two bombers to anti-aircraft
fire.

Large fires were caused among
barracks and installations and
other areas surrounding the
three important airfields, a
spokesman said.

WANT WLB RETAINED

Los Angeles, Sept. 2—(U.P.)—
Delegates to the seventh annual
state CIO convention today
urged that the National War La-
bor Board be retained as a me-
dium of solving labor-management
disputes but vigorously con-
demned its present policies
and personnel.

Boston—(U.P.)—A nursery shop
sign solemnly admonished
mothers as follows: "Don't feed
the baby pickles, pie, beer or
caviar."

OBITUARY

LINDA ANNE HOSICK
Services for Linda Anne Ho-
sick, infant daughter of Cpl. and
Mrs. Joseph R. Hosick, Talent,
were held at the graveside in
the Talent cemetery Thursday
afternoon. Arrangements were
in care of the Conger-Morris
chapel.

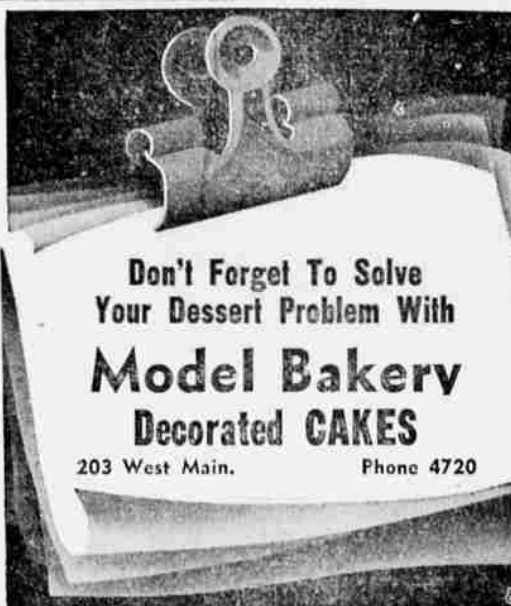
Cpl. Hosick flew here from
Fort Riley, Kansas, where he is
stationed, to attend the services.
Also surviving are the grand-
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford
Garvin, Talent, and Mr. and
Mrs. Raymond Hosick, Eliza-
bethtown, Ill.

FELONS FIGHT FIRE

San Rafael, Cal., Sept. 2—(U.P.)—
Warden Clinton T. Duffy to-
night sent 40 convicts from San
Quentin to help fight the forest
fire raging near Willets, Cal.
The men, who were requested
by the state division of forestry,
went in a special bus and were
accompanied by guards.

MARINE LEAGUE ELECTS

Sacramento, Sept. 2—(U.P.)—
The Marine Corps league, wind-
ing up its 1944 national conven-
tion, today elected Allan Steven-
son, Utica, N. Y., as its com-
mandant, succeeding Thomas
Wood, Cincinnati, Ohio.



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WEATHER DURING SEASONAL PERIOD AVERAGE, NORMAL

Weather conditions during
the seasonal year completed at
the local weather bureau station
September 1 were quite aver-
age, staying within normal lim-
its throughout the year, it was
reported Saturday by officials.
Highest temperature during the
year was 102 degrees registered
August 29 while the minimum
of 21 degrees was noted in De-
cember, January and March.
Total precipitation was 16.25
inches which is .59 below the
16.83 average.

Monthly report for August,
the month just passed, show
the high temperature as 102
degrees on August 29 and low-
est, 45 degrees on August 25.
Total precipitation was .31
inches, or .17 above normal for
the month. Monthly mean max-
imum temperature was 87.4,
minimum, 52.3, making a
monthly mean temperature of

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69.9, 1.2 below the average 71.1
mean temperature. All reports
show that weather during Aug-
ust was entirely normal, offi-
cials state. Twenty-one days of
the month were clear, eight
partly cloudy and two cloudy.
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for the month of August record-
ed at the local weather bureau
since 1911 was 108 degrees,
while the lowest ever noted was
40 degrees.

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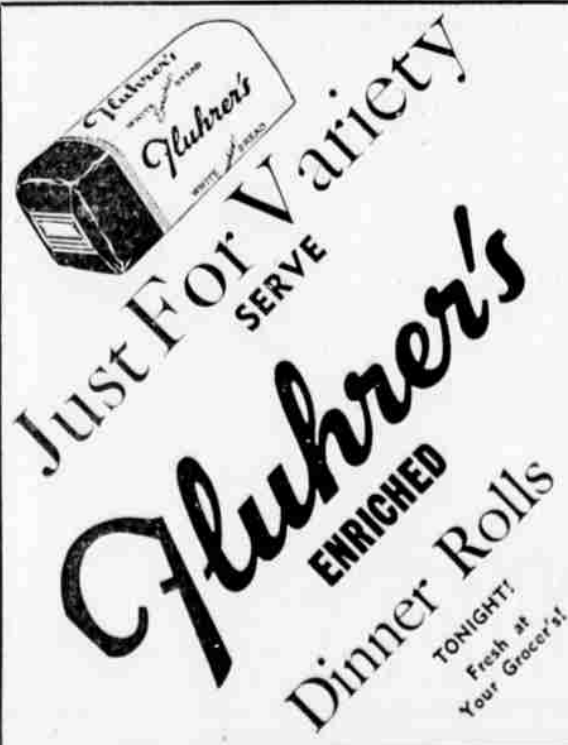
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