

MEDFORD MINER SEALS JAPS IN CAVE ON GUAM

but chose to die, even though organized resistance on the island had been broken.

Army forces operating with the Marines hemmed the Japs in the cave, but the reinforced concrete entrances had foiled the best efforts of the soldiers to blast them shut. Charge poles, long sticks with dynamite attached to one end, had proved ineffective. The Japs, in fact, had tossed several of the poles back at the soldiers before the dynamite had exploded.

Miner Given Job
The help of Marine engineers was sought late the second day. One of their best demolitionists, Marine Private First Class Charles A. Williams, of Route 4, Medford, Ore., a miner in civilian life, was assigned to the job.

He decided to crumble the entrances from above with heavy charges of TNT. Holes were dug down to the reinforced concrete roofs of the tunnels. Three hundred pounds of explosives were packed into each hole.

The charges were exploded simultaneously. The earth trembled violently in the vicinity.

It was dark by the time he finished and Private First Class Williams wasn't able to see how well he had done his work. The next day, however, his commanding officer, Captain Charles H. Horn, of Kent, Wash., was informed the entrances had been sealed effectively.

Some Japs Suicide
Several of the Japs who rushed from the cave entrances be-

fore the tunnels were sealed held grenades to their chests and died by their own hands. The majority, however, were mowed down by the rifle and automatic weapon fire of the soldiers covering the demolitionists.

"There's no telling how many Japs were killed by that terrific explosion," said Captain Horn. "The careful construction of the tunnels indicated the cave was a command post of some sort."

The entrance to the tunnels were about six feet wide and 10 feet high and the best built we saw on the island."

Pfc. Williams wasn't available for comment. He was busy blasting a well for a Marine infantry outfit.

"That fellow," said his first sergeant, "would rather fool with dynamite and TNT than eat."

Pfc. Williams is not registered with either selective service boards in Jackson county and other information concerning him was not available.

SOLDIER STABBED ON COUNTRY LANE; MAN, 62, IN JAIL

Leon Edward Champlin, 62, resident of 242 North Grape street is being held on an open charge in the county jail following allegations involving stabbing of a soldier. Pvt. Stanley H. Sanchez, SCU, Camp White, on Ross Lane Friday night about 9 p. m. according to information released by the district attorney, George Neilson.

Champlin, in company with two women, Sanchez and another soldier were riding on Ross Lane and in an argument, evidently over the car, the stabbing occurred. The district attorney's office and Camp White officials were investigating the witnesses yesterday. Champlin, who was arrested by state police and taken to the county jail, is a fireman at the Medford air base.

The wounded soldier was taken to Community hospital where he received medical attention and transferred later to the hospital at Camp White.

Further charges may be filed depending on the condition of Sanchez.

PEACHES AT \$2.02 EACH IN ENGLAND

A little peach sells for 10 shillings, or \$2.02 apiece in England, according to a letter written by Preston J. Card, U. S. N., to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Sanden, 304 South Central avenue. "Wormy little apples bring 10 cents a pound and most of the time no fresh fruit is to be had at any price," Card wrote.

He stated he had received a package of nuts and films recently from his parents and took some of the nuts ashore and gave them to some English folk. "They sure did appreciate them, as they were the first nuts they had had since the war started five years ago."

The sailor said that grapes sell for 30 shillings or \$6.06 a pound. He added that he would "give a lot to sink my teeth in a good peach or pear. I haven't done either since I left home three and a half years ago," the letter said.

IDENTIFY WRECK AS ARMY'S PLANE

Klamath Falls, Oct. 7—(Special)—The wreckage of an airplane found in the forest of western Klamath county by two deer hunters was identified Friday as the remnants of a crashed plane previously inspected, photographed and dynamited by the army air force.

The single-motored Vultee trainer crashed April 14, killing the pilot, Lt. Adolph Rogers, Bellevue, Wash. A passenger, Capt. William H. Carpenter, escaped. The wreckage was

dynamited when it was decided salvage was impossible.

Al Rider and Bob Boldischar, hunters, rediscovered the wrecked plane and reported to Sheriff Lloyd Low.

TURTLE DROWNS DOG
Columbia, Mo.—(UP)—A Columbia woman whose dog drowned in a lake near here the other day was informed by veterinarians that the pet had been bitten, and drowned, by a turtle.

BIRTHS

POXLEITNER—To Mr. and Mrs. Leo H., Phoenix, Oct. 7, 1944, a girl, 8 lbs., at Sacred Heart Hospital.

RIGEL—To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie, Butte Falls, Oct. 5, 1944, a girl, 7 lbs., at Community Hospital.

The average rainfall for the United States is about 29 inches.

SKUNKS RAID BEES
PESHITGO, Wis.—(UP)—Skunks raided the apiary of Norbert (Cubby) Archambault on the Mayflower farm here and

dined on bees. But it might interest the skunks to know that Cubby isn't too burned up anymore. He is harvesting at least 2,500 lbs. of honey—which, ac-

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Then one night she gave a show, and as usual, it was more than a show. It was, to its audience, a dream of home come true. Here was a live, lovely American girl—a symbol of all the girls all the boys had left behind them.

A week later she was asked to visit the wounded in a base hospital, and as she passed between the long rows of cots, a voice, weak and shy, called her name.

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She bent over the youngster's cot. "I was in the audience at," he whispered. "Since then we were in the fighting at They got my right eye. In a few minutes the doctors are going to take out the other one. It's gotta be done, they told me. My girl at home looks a lot like you. So if you could be—well, the last thing I'll ever see in this world—if you could stay with me until—I'd be a lot happier . . ."

She didn't answer. She couldn't. Could you? But she stayed there with the boy's single-eyed gaze fixed upon her, and her hand in his, until they wheeled him to the operating room and the anaesthetist's merciful cone slipped over his face, and the last thing he saw, or ever was to see, was her face—so much like the face of the girl at home he loved . . .

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But for the grace of God it could have been your boy upon that operating table. So for that boy—and every boy—fighting our battles for us everywhere in the world, support the National War Fund of which the U.S.O. is one of the 19 participating agencies. You can do this by giving to your local Community War Fund. For boys in battle zones—and prison camps. For starving Allies—and for "casualties" right here on the home front. For everyone and everything concerned—including your own conscience—give . . . give . . . give . . . NOW!



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