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## News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

After a month of beautiful October weather, the fall rains started in time to somewhat dampen the Halloween enthusiasm of the younger generation. Franksters here mostly didn't do anything worse than soap a few windows, but one group drove to Ashland and fell into trouble with the law for throw-

ing eggs at pedestrians. Electioneering is going into the home stretch this week with interest at fever pitch for the presidential campaign. Judge J. B. Coleman has predicted a 75 per cent vote if the weather is good and a 65 per cent vote if it rains. Many absentee ballots have already been returned to the county clerk.

Two or three unseasonable forest fires have been reported on the Rogue river district recently, one in the Applegate district, one on Dutch creek and one in the Klamath district.

Joanna Wyatt has been selected "Miss Jackson County" and will go to Portland in the near future to enter the contest for "Miss Oregon." The contest is being conducted in connection with war bond sales.

Junior Red Cross youngsters have been busy in recent weeks making recreation articles for hospitals and convalescent centers and the last shipment contained 1248 of these articles.

From the mailbox this week came a letter written by Pfc. Frederick E. Krugel, Jr., who wrote to thank a friend for some jerkey. Krugel declared that after eating the jerkey he packed a machinegun up an Italian mountain like it was a toy. Around on the other side of the world, Frank W. Hull wrote to say that he was now a "Shell-back" a "Dragon Back" and had been promoted to yeoman first class. His brother, Sgt. Dan Hull, is now in France.

On the week's casualty list are Lt. Donald Peart, B-29 pilot, listed as missing over Austria; Lt. Don Younger, killed in France on September 29, and Cpl. Bill Thorndike, slightly wounded October 15 in Germany.

Lt. Chester L. Robertson has been awarded a commendation ribbon for flight operations in the South Pacific and Maj. Floyd H. Hart has been awarded the bronze star. The major's star was awarded for "selecting, planning and constructing camp sites at Tarawa and Makin atolls for the 41st bombardment group."

Several men with the 12th AAF in Italy have been in the news. S. Sgt. Robert James Carney, who holds an air medal and one oak leaf cluster, recently flew with his group on the historic 550th combat mission. S. Sgt. Kenneth M. Barnes, with a 12th AAF Thunderbolt unit was given a presidential unit citation. Cpl. John D. Harris, also with the 12th, is a member of a unit which recently set a record for bombing accuracy during attacks made in support of the allied drive in northern Italy.

William F. Sheets, with the 15th AAF as a photographer, has been promoted to technical sergeant. Steven S. Senkavich, doing surveying for an engineer's unit at a south Pacific base, has also been promoted and is now a staff sergeant. Bert J. Marshall is now a corporal in the marine corps and serving in the south Pacific.

Among those newly arrived in England are Lt. John Sauleberry and Lt. Delbert Cooley, bombardiers; Orville Burnette and Charles W. Kirkpatrick, the latter with the American Red Cross. Burnette's brother, Laurence, is now a naval petty officer and another brother, Howard, who has been in New Guinea for 20 months, recently was in Australia on furlough.

Maj. Lyle Wilcox is now with the 9th AAF attached to Gen. Patton's 3d army in France and Harold Stevens, in the south Pacific, writes that he has been promoted to junior grade lieutenant.

Cpl. DeLoss Gilbert is home after spending 30 months in Hawaii and various south Pacific Islands and T. Sgt. Franklin Fanger has gone to Santa Monica for reassignment after a furlough here. Fanger recently returned after serving in Italy with the 15th AAF. Floyd C. Kinsey, veteran of 14 months' duty in the south Pacific with the navy, is now a naval R. O. T. C. student at the University of California after a leave spent here. Also home from the south Pacific is Leslie H. Snyder, S 2/c where he participated in six major operations during 28 months of duty.

Here at home Stuart T. Wharton and Robert Lee Scott both were recently commissioned at Ft. Benning. Joe Miller Beach was commissioned an ensign at Corpus Christi and Paul L. Corwin was promoted to first lieutenant at San Francisco where he is on duty with the transportation corps. Sgt. Dick Roberts, back in this country after AAF duty in England, is now at Ardmore, Okla.

Capt. Dwight Findley, Medford physician, has been assigned to overseas duty and Wallace G. Iverson is now a first lieutenant serving at Will Rogers field in Oklahoma. Marine Pvt. Calvin J. Kohn was recently graduated from the infantry school at Camp Pendleton in California and Florence Runion of the Wac has been awarded the motor vehicle drivers' badge.

Pfc. Philip Henselman recently completed another army mural, this one for the main service club at Camp Ellis in Illinois.

Several weddings have been announced in the last few days. Included were the wedding of Helen M. Lawrence to Ens. Wallace R. Ludwig; Elizabeth Icken of New York to Doris Raymond Bellows, U. S. N.; Christine Huntley of Corning, Cal., to Edwin Hodgkins of Medford; Lu Etta Chase of Friend, Neb., to T/Sgt. Leo M. Wagner; Mable Azevedo to Cpl. Duane Rutherford; Marjorie Squires of Hanford, Cal., to Pvt. Dwight Moore of Prospect; Nellie Rae Tucker of Klamath Falls to Lee Arlet Hickson of Eagle Point; Ann Bernice Peck of Columbus, O., to Lt. Thomas A. Helman.

Dick Alford and Lawrence Wilson have gone back to their navy V-12 studies at Carroll college in Montana after leave at home, and Jerry McDougall, V-12 student at Colorado college, is also home. Seaman Jack Cate has been here to visit friends and Seaman Elmer Bashaw was home to see his parents. Pvt. Rollin Rosenberger is here from Camp Edison, N. J.; Pvt. Donald E. Fredenberg from Camp Wolters in Texas and Aviation Cadet Kenneth H. Jones is here on leave from advanced navigation school at Ellington field, Tex.

Second Lt. Cloyd Porter is home for a time and then goes to Roswell, N. M., to start pilot's training on B-17s. Pvt. Tom Reames is home and Darrel Payant, signalman third class, has returned from duty in the south Pacific. Cpl. L. S. Neff is home briefly from the army air field at Ephrata, Wash., and reports next in Seattle. Lt. L. K. Morris has returned to Camp Rucker, Ala., after leave here. Keith and Thomas Estes, both in the navy, were called home by the illness of their father, Thomas coming from the Panama canal zone. A third son, John Estes, is overseas.

S/Sgt. Alvin L. Tilton has been home from Camp Barkley, Tex., and Pvt. Harlow Carpenter is here from Corvallis where he is with an ASTRP unit.



**NEW HOMES FOR OLD**—Although not the familiar homeland, these shelters give Yugoslav refugees opportunity to stop and rest and plan their future. United Yugoslav Relief, member agency of the National War Fund, supports programs of medical aid, food, clothing and personal services to rehabilitate them.

Last, but not least, comes word of the newest arrivals. A son was born October 27 to Staff Sgt. and Mrs. John Snider at Camp Carson, Colo.; a daughter was born October 29 to Lt. and Mrs. R. E. Watson at Oakland, Cal.; a daughter to Sgt. and Mrs. John F. O'Hara, October 23, at the Camp White hospital; a daughter to Pfc. and Mrs. Charles R. Turner, October 28, at Camp White.

### CASUALTIES NEAR HALF MILLION NOW

Washington, Nov. 3—(U.P.)—Casualties in the U. S. armed forces in world war II approached the half-million mark today.

The war department announced that through October 31 the army had suffered 417,121 casualties, including 80,666 killed, 229,212 wounded, 53,622 missing and 53,621 prisoners of war.

Navy, marine and coastguard casualties through November 1 totaled 70,571, including 28,231 dead, 28,441 wounded, 9,421 missing and 4,478 prisoners of war.

### GERMAN P.O.W. KILLED ATTEMPTING ESCAPE

Camp Carson, Colo., Nov. 3—(U.P.)—Authorities at Camp Carson announced that a German prisoner of war was killed by a guard today when he attempted to escape from a branch prison camp at Fort Morgan, Colo. The German was identified as Obergefreiter Karl Haefner.

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### 40 PER CENT OF MEDICS NOW IN ARMED FORCES

Chicago, Nov. 3—(U.P.)—Paul V. McNutt, war manpower commission chairman, writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association, said today that 40 per cent of the nation's physicians now are serving with the armed forces and the veterans' administration.

Although recruitment of civilian physicians for the army has stopped, McNutt said, the navy

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