

American Bombs Devastate Manila Harbor



He "Struck Oil" on Berlin!

It's a safe guess Charley Hudson never expected to see Berlin. He had an oilman's job on a rotary drill crew in the Taft oilfields in California. Some Taft wells are deep. But you can't look down one and see Berlin. Shucks, you can't even see China.

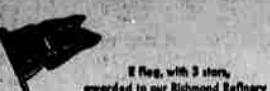
But Major Charles S. Hudson—one of 7,226 Standard Oilers now in the service—has seen Berlin. Through a bomb-sight! He saw it several times from the first plane of his group, and finally as the lead bombardier of the entire 8th Air Force.

That's where he was on another massive raid against Stettin—out in front. This post is an honor they don't dish out of a hat. Unless those eggs smack the target, a bomber raid is a bust. And often the leading bombardier must do the aiming for many planes that follow.

Charley Hudson has proved he can smack that target. The last we heard he had 23 missions under his belt. He holds the Distinguished Service Cross, the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross and two oak-leaf clusters, the Air Medal with three clusters.

We don't mean to suggest that all our 7,226 service people—and that's a good start on a division—can match this record. But reports from every front show that with Major Hudson they have one thing in common.

Before the war, they were trying to do the job at hand, as well as could be done—and to be good citizens. Now, as good citizens in uniform, they're giving their best to the job at hand—sometimes in modest places but often in the van.



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Olive Barber's Observations

The young Coast Guardsman was, I saw, a one-woman man and that woman was not his mother, wife or daughter! Brazen, that lad! No matter the subject on which we talked, he'd drag in that femme fatale of his. Was it politics? "My best girl just about explodes every time the present administration is mentioned!" And that polished off that, so far as he was concerned.

Travel? His girl had sure been around! Then he'd enumerate the dangers she'd encountered; the adventures she'd been through. We spoke of how hard everyone was working these days. Well I should see the work G—got through! He wished he was where he could help her but he'd told everyone in her neighborhood what would happen to them if they didn't look after her while he was gone.

I should see how neatly she dressed and how bright were her eyes. Perhaps she was a little on the vain side, was his tolerantly amused comment. There was no shame in the lad that he thus made public the extent of his amoration.

"Yes, Grandmother will be 94 her next birthday but she's still the gayest, bravest, most energetic woman I know. She's been through four wars but says she gets madder this time than she was during the others. Send her overseas and I believe she'd choke Adolph with her own bare hands, the spunky little devil!"

His grandmother, he told me, had come across the plains in a covered wagon, drawn by oxen. She'd seen Indian fighting and had had babies with no doctor attending. "She doesn't smoke or drink and doesn't hold her punches when talking to women who do. But she likes candy", and he chuckled. "I take her some—but not too much", admiring his own restraint.

Every lad on the boat has become well acquainted with the adored 93 year old. They couldn't help it, with her grandson carrying the torch for her like he does. And no doubt she's all he claims her to be but to me her greatest achievement is that she has so impressed her

NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, Administratrix of the Estate of Fred G. Thayer, deceased. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified with proper vouchers to the undersigned at the office of her Attorney, Don R. Newbury, Room 207, United States National Bank Building, Medford, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of this Notice. Dated and first published November 27, 1944.

ETHA W. THAYER, Administratrix of the Estate of Fred G. Thayer, deceased. DON R. NEWBURY, Attorney for Administratrix.



(Acme Telephoto) Destruction of Japanese shipping in Manila Harbor is dramatically illustrated in this photo, taken at height of recent strike by carrier-based planes of U. S. Pacific Fleet. Cargo vessels such as these battered ships are needed desperately by the Japs. make prime targets for American bombs and torpedoes. U. S. Navy photo.

personality on the third generation. I doubt if you and I will achieve as much.

McLeod McLeod, Nov. 27.—Mr. Petty-grew has gone to Sacramento for the winter.

It was stated in the McLeod news some weeks ago that Cpl. Lee Merriam was here visiting his wife and son. It should have read Sgt. Lee Merriam.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding, Sr., were over-night guests of friends in Medford recently. Mrs. Olga Brill was hostess for a surprise party November 18 at her home in honor of her husband's birthday. Supper was served at 8:30 to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McDowell, Larry Wilson, Lawrence Killian, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Axtell, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coon, Mr. and Mrs. James Hoy of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brill and daughter, Mary Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abbott were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Briggs on November 16. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Laney and daughters, Barbara and Pauline, have moved to Ashland for the winter.

A farewell party was given for Larry Wilson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stafford November 19. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Axtell, Jim McDowell, Mr. Morse, Scott Brill and the honored guest, Larry Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brill and daughter, Mary Ann, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Hoy in Medford on Thanksgiving day. Thanksgiving day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Axtell on "Folding Hills" ranch were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Briggs and daughter, Phyllis, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carlton and son, Tommy.

Mrs. Clarence Coon entertained at bridge November 24.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Axtell and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McDowell and daughters, Marilyn and Linda, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jacks at Talent November 19. Mrs. Marcella Dolenchek entertained the Bridge club at her home, November 15. Attending were Mesdames Gay Chamberlain, Helen Coon, Helen Axtell, Ruth Sawyer, Olga Brill and Olive Staples. Mrs. Chamberlain won high score and Mrs. Coon won low score.

Larry Wilson of Los Angeles spent the week end of November 18 with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abbott.

Mrs. Louis Stafford entertained at a luncheon November 14 at her home on Butte creek. Attending were Mesdames Helen Axtell, Caroline Harding, Nina Casey and Lorian Abbott.

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What the Girl Scouts Are Doing

Investiture Held The Rev. Thomas Hamilton conducted a Girl Scout investiture recently at the Sacred Heart church. This ceremony, held in the atmosphere of the church with friends and relatives present, was most impressive. It is one thing for a girl to know the ideals and standards of Scouting and to know in her own heart that she has lived up to them; and it is something much greater for her to pledge herself publicly to these ideals and to have her achievements recognized in the presence of those who know her. The Brownie and the Intermediate Scouts, as well as their leaders, are all members of Sacred Heart parish.

Brownie Scouts invested were Patricia Freeburger, Dolores Jordan, Rosemarie Roemer, Ruby Mae Weiss, Shirley Bolton, Sylvia McCabe, Maureen Liske and Ellen Waterburg. Leader of this group is Mrs. A. Carrara.

Invested in Troop 11 were Marie Dufour, Myrna Ann Ford, Dorothy Gould, Dorothy Knight, Ann Koch, Mary Bebb McCormick, Mary Wierbecki, Kathleen Carrara, Joyce Gosch, Margaret McCormick, Denise Meunier, Martha Spatz and Elsa Young. Mrs. L. McCormick is leader of this troop and Mrs. M. Merriman is assistant.

For Troop 27 those invested were Joan Groves, Marilyn Malone, Stella Wieskamp, Sylvia Eakin, Beverly Ann Gilbertson, Noreen Ann Kelly, Patricia Merriam, Jocelyn Meunier, Barbara Nathan, Mary Annette Rentz and Norma Weiss. Mrs. H. J. Roemer is leader of the troop and Mrs. L. Rentz is assistant.

WEATHER Northern California—Clearing today, clear tonight and Tuesday. Slightly warmer afternoons but cooler tonight in north portion.

HOUSE DISAPPEARS New York, Nov. 27.—(U.P.) Mrs. Gladys Doherty called to collect rent from the tenant of a Brooklyn house she had bought from Home Owners Loan Corporation for \$1,800 cash and the remaining \$1,000 on monthly installments. When she got there the house was gone. The city had condemned the century-old dwelling and razed it.

There was one nurse for every 357 people in the U. S. in 1940, as compared to one for every 5,389 people in 1900.

Boy Scout News

Troop 2 Troop 2, Boy Scouts, will meet tomorrow night at the Lincoln school gymnasium at 7 p.m. TRIPLE THREAT HUNTER Dubois, Pa., Nov. 27.—(U.P.) Don C. Weaver, a school principal, killed three rabbits by firing one shot on a hunting trip. When he shot his first rabbit, Weaver became so excited that he stomped his gun down in a bush and killed a second rabbit. Running towards the one he shot, the schoolmaster stepped on a third.

GOLD OUTPUT DOWN San Francisco, Nov. 27.—(U.P.) California's mines have yielded only \$2,625,000 worth of gold so far this year, the smallest amount to be mined since the metal was discovered in the mother lode in 1848. Charles W. Merrill, head of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, reported today.

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