

## ALLIES PATROL STRASBOURG IN SNIPER SEARCH

Place to Keep Many Prisoners Causes Big Problem For Yank Military Heads.

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Strasbourg, Nov. 26—(U.P.)—By daylight Strasbourg was in Allied hands but tonight under a frigid full moon it did not seem to belong to anyone.

German snipers in civilian clothes prowled the city in such numbers that doughboys were ordered to "shoot first" at anything that moved suspiciously. Americans with carbines ready patrolled the city in pairs. Clusters of French soldiers stood at street intersections, stopping cars and occasionally shooting.

**10,000 Prisoners**  
The capital of Alsace was dark and silent except for sporadic German shelling and the echo of small arms fire through the streets.

The Allies already have taken 10,000 prisoners here — 5,000 soldiers, 2,000 prominent Nazis and 3,000 German civilians.

But patrolling doughboys, their eyes searching in all directions and overhead, said:

"Snipers? This squad can get you a dozen within two blocks of here if we start smashing in houses. They are in civvies now but they've got their uniforms hanging in closets. This town is lousy with blond Aryan civilians."

Many more prisoners could be taken, a veteran sergeant said.

"But we would not know what to do with them," he added. "Nobody will take the prisoners off our hands. They just can't evacuate them."

**Trucks Overflow**  
Earlier today I met one con-

voys of 38 trucks each carrying 50 prisoners. Military police with machine guns rode in jeeps after every tenth truck. But the number of trucks available was limited and prisoners were piling up in forward zones. As a result German soldiers in civilian clothes and civilian snipers still prowled Strasbourg after dark.

I just heard orders issued to the 7th army soldiers:

"If you see any lights showing, take a little target practice."

Large number of Russian labor troops were found here wearing German uniforms dyed a bright green. A few manage to pile into prisoner trucks but no one in this whirlwind army wanted them. Many still roamed freely around Strasbourg by day flashing broad grins at startled Allied soldiers.

Where they went by night no one knew.

### Put. Cray Returns To U. S. After Duty In Pacific Theater

Private Charles W. Cray, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cray of 1124 W. 10th street, Medford, Ore., is back in the States after having served for the past 26½ months with the Infantry in New Guinea and Australia. He is now at the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution station in Santa Barbara where he is being reassigned and re-oriented.

Wearing the Purple Heart award, earned by wounds received while in actual combat with the enemy, the Medford youth has been in the army since September 16, 1940. He served as rifleman and auto-rifleman in his overseas unit.

Private Cray was attending Salem high school in Salem, Ore., when he enlisted in the army. He intends to complete his education after the war.

### Daily Weather Report

**Forecasts**  
Medford and vicinity: Cloudy with occasional rain tonight and Wednesday; little change in temperature.  
Oregon: Cloudy west of and partly cloudy east of Cascades, with light rain late today west of Cascades. Wednesday, cloudy with occasional rain low levels and snow over mountains; slightly warmer eastern part.

**Local Data**  
Temperature a year ago today:  
Highest, 56; lowest, 30.  
Total monthly precipitation, 2.94 inches. Excess for the month, .87 inch.  
Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 5.28 inches. Excess for the season, 1.13 inches.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, 90%; 4:30 today, 100%.	Tomorrow
Sunrise 8:17 a. m.; sunset 5:42 p. m.	Past 24 hours: High Low Prec.
Boise .....	38 24 .00
Boston .....	54 47 .00
Chicago .....	39 28 .00
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### Lake Creek Family Has Excellent War Record Of Service

Friends and neighbors of the John Short family in Lake Creek believe that the family is quite outstanding as far as war service goes, for the five sons are all in the service. Mr. Short farms and Mrs. Short is a welder-cutter in a Portland shipyard.

Of the five sons, Carl, sound mate second class in the navy, is now home on a 30-day furlough after spending two and one-half years in service here and overseas. The remaining four sons are all overseas at present. Johnnie Short is a gunner's mate first class in the navy; Tommie is a radioman in the air corps, Jimmie is in New Guinea with the army medical corps and Billie, youngest of the brothers, was recently wounded while serving with an infantry unit of the Fifth army and is now at a rest camp.

### Woman Seeks Help To Locate Missing Four Year Old Son

Mrs. Sarah Edgmon, La Crescenta, Calif., has appealed to the Medford Mail Tribune for help in finding her four-year-old son. Mrs. Edgmon claims her husband, without any word, took the child and disappeared from their home.

He is reported to have been in Oregon since abducting the child on Sept. 21. Edgmon is described as 53 years of age, 6 feet, 4 inches tall, weighing 127 pounds, red hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, wearing heavy rimmed tortoise shell glasses and in poor physical condition.

There is a reward offered for information concerning the whereabouts of the two and anyone with any such information is asked to contact Box 333, La Crescenta, Calif., or telephone CH 9-2958.

### BUTTE FALLS CHURCH HAS MUSIC PROGRAM

Butte Falls, Nov. 28 — A Thanksgiving musical program was presented Sunday night in the church here. Several piano selections were played by the junior girls, under the leadership of Mrs. Gustin. A quartet composed of Mrs. Casey, Mr. Robie, Mr. O'Neal and Mr. MacDougal played a hymn entitled "Fairest Lord Jesus."

Mr. O'Neal played a solo, "Hold Thou My Hand," and Harold Arnold gave a short talk on American Heritage.

### EX-MEDFORD GIRL TELLS RED CROSS DUTIES AT FRONT

"The Red Cross woman at the front serves as combination Dorothy Dix, sweetheart and mother-confessor," Helen Schoeni, former Medford girl and one of the two first Red Cross women to work with abled-bodied men at the front, said yesterday. "We listened to men's news from home and their laments when they received no news, we managed a few matrimonial affairs and we even helped one fellow write a good love letter!" Miss Schoeni, who was the head of Red Cross theatrical productions in the South Pacific, declared that this was only one small part of a Red Cross woman's day, which lasted from eight in the morning until eleven at night.

Miss Schoeni joined the Red Cross in 1942 and left for Australia after a "quickie" orientation course. She and another woman were sent immediately to Port Moresby, where they set up headquarters, a "USO at the front" for enlisted men of the 5th Air Force. The only available building was a grass shack that "leaked harder inside than it rained outside."

"Before we came the men had no place to read and were forced to sit on their beds in dark tents. They rushed at once to their 'club' to read the five magazines we had, to view the movies we flashed on a hand-made screen, to talk, and just to stare at the white women whom they felt must be either crazy or wonderful. After we went through a few air raids with them they forgot the crazy part."

One night the grass shack burned down and every man worked to save its contents. The tragedy turned into a blessing because they hurried the construction of a real clubhouse after that. At the opening of the club the Red Cross and the men presented their own show, "Hellzapoppin'," which finally opened after numerous disasters. A tree fell through the stage roof, a heavy rain forced them to rehearse knee-deep in water and on the day of the dress rehearsal an air raid kept them from working until dawn. Somehow the show was successful and Miss Schoeni was sent to New Caledonia with orders to specialize in theatre productions.

Admiral Halsey saw the show she put on in New Caledonia and sent the entire GI troop on a 2½ year tour of the New Hebrides, Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Savo, Russell Islands and the Florida Islands. They couldn't get into Bougainville because fighting was still in progress.

Miss Schoeni returned from overseas this fall and is now visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lucy Lyman, 45 Ross Court, Medford. Her brother, Lt. Arthur Schoeni, former Medford newspaper man and high school journalism instructor, is stationed with the navy in Washington, D. C.

Before Miss Schoeni arrived in Medford she spent a day in Los Angeles with Madame Ouspenskaya, famed actress whom she worked with at one time in New York. Miss Schoeni had an extensive career in the theatre before joining the Red Cross, at one time serving as American guest director at the Kamerny Theatre in Russia.

**WEATHER**  
Northern California—Increasing cloudiness today with light rain tonight and Wednesday; higher temperature tonight.

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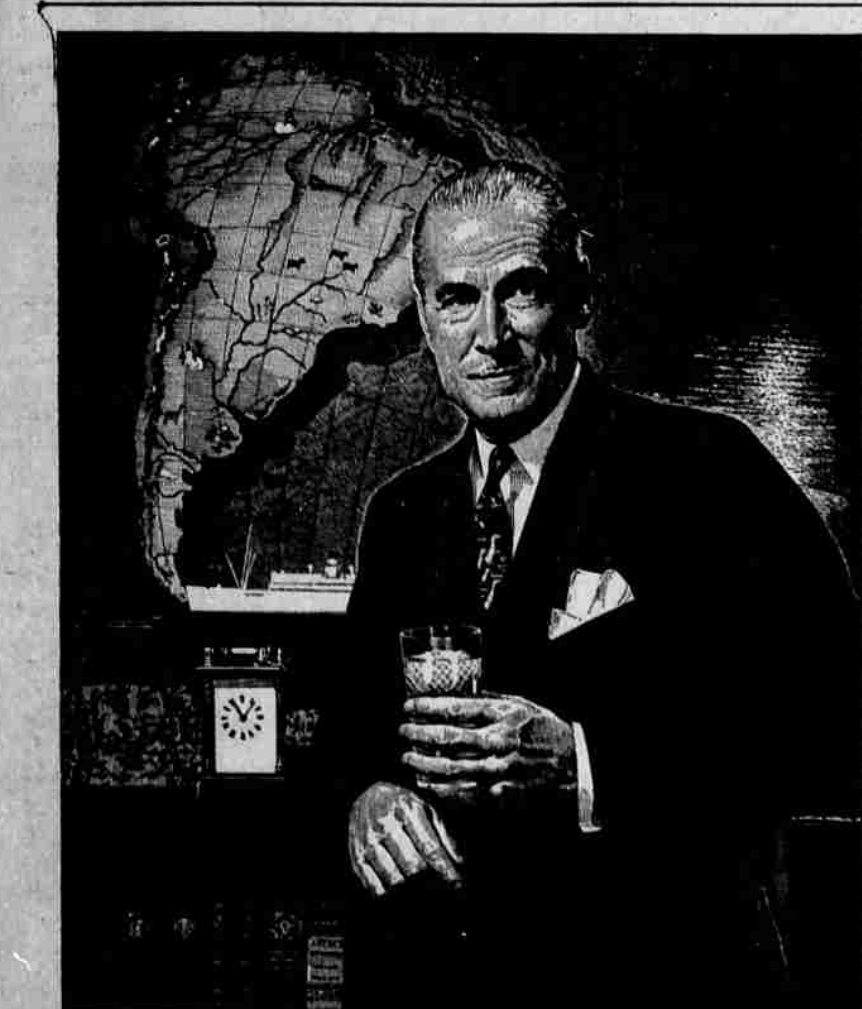
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