

MEDFORD CAPTAIN AIDS IN HANDLING CHRISTMAS MAIL

With the 5th Army, Italy—The APO of the 91st "Powder River" division on the 5th army front in Italy handled a total of 237,344 packages during the Christmas rush, it was announced by Capt. Robert H. Hunter of Medford, Ore., division postal officer.

From November 25, when the rush began, through Christmas day, the postoffice processed 212,376 packages for the division, plus 24,968 for attached units.

Toughest job was that handled by Cpl. Gene Funk, North Court road, Ottumwa, Iowa, in charge of the locator section. The section, which has a card for every man, serves as the division's "city director." Each package handled by the locator section was ready to be distributed the day it arrived.

On Christmas eve, weary post-office staff workers lugged 1,800 mail sacks from the trucks and a total of 28,800 packages passed through the office that day.

Hunter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hunter, reside at East Prairie, Mo.

Capt. Hunter's wife, the former Betty Reames, makes her

home in Medford with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reames, at 27 Geneva street. Mrs. Hunter is on the staff of the First National Bank here.

THOMAS HENSLER GETS PROMOTION AT ITALIAN BASE

At a 12th AAF B-25 Base—Promotion of Thomas J. Hensler, 22, of Medford, Ore., to the rank of first lieutenant is announced from headquarters of the 12th air force in Italy.

Lt. Hensler is serving as a pilot in a veteran B-25 Mitchell bombardment group in Corsica. He has flown 29 combat missions over Italy and southern France since going overseas in August, 1944.

The Medford pilot's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hensler, reside at 1124 West Main street, Medford. His wife, Betty, resides at 1360 Umatilla street, Albany, Ore.

Bombing targets in eight countries from the Balkans to central France since it began operations in eastern Tunisia in March, 1943. Lt. Hensler's Mitchell group has been frequently commended by high-ranking staff officers for brilliant close-support and pin-point bombing operations. Flying hundreds of successful "bridge-busting" missions in Italy, it helped starve the enemy of supplies, enabling ground troops to throw him back from Salerno to the Po Valley.

MARGINAL MINING OUTLOOK DISMAL

Washington, Jan. 17—(U.P.)—The outlook for small and marginal domestic mining in the years following the war is not encouraging, even although gold and silver mining will be resumed, a senate subcommittee of the small business committee reported today.

The report was issued after extensive hearings conducted by Chairman James G. Scrugham, D., Nev., and it said that thousands of small marginal mines now operating must close down immediately if government subsidies are removed and it recommended that the present premium price plan, which expires July 31, be extended for another year.

WMC AIDE DIES
Washington, Jan. 17—(U.P.)—Charles M. Hay, No. 1 assistant to War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, died in his apartment here last night of heart disease. He was 65.



CONTAINS EQUIPMENT—This box was intended for German paratroopers who took part in Nazi attack on U. S. First Army in Germany. Cpl. Walter Hanauer (left) of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Cpl. Gary Hautman of Bronx, N.Y., examine wheeled carrier which contains hand grenades, ammunition and bazooka shells. (U.S. Signal Corps Photo.)

LOWER CEILING ON SOME PORK CUTS

Washington, Jan. 17—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration today ordered a reduction in the wholesale price of certain pork cuts and said the changes would bring an average savings of one-half to one cent a pound to consumers throughout the country.

Pork cuts involved were smoked loins under 10 pounds and rough shoulders (neck bone in). On the loins, OPA reduced wholesale prices from \$28.50 to \$27.50 a hundredweight (central price zone) while the prices of fresh or frozen shoulders were reduced from \$19.75 to \$19.25 (central price zone).

The reductions will be reflected in retail ceiling prices. All the new changes will be effective Jan. 22.

TO HONOR COMEDIAN
Philadelphia, Jan. 17—(U.P.)—Comedian Bob Hope will receive the Poor Richard club's 1945 gold medal of achievement tonight in recognition of his wartime contribution to the morale of American troops on all fronts of the world.

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Sgt. Joseph Pruitt Wins Oak Cluster In Action In Italy

At a 12th AAF B-25 Base—Staff Sgt. Joseph S. Pruitt, Medford, Ore., has recently been awarded the silver oak leaf cluster to the air medal for "meritorious achievement while participating in an attack upon an enemy supply concentration at Budrio, Italy."

The citation reads in part, "The professional skill and devotion to duty displayed by Sgt. Pruitt reflects highest credit upon the military service of the United States."

Since joining his present group five months ago, this Oregon serviceman has flown over 80 combat missions over southern France, northern Italy and Yugoslavia. He is also entitled to wear the European-African-Middle East ribbon with two battle stars.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Pruitt, reside on route 3, box 269, Medford.

WEATHER

Northern California: Partly cloudy north portion with light showers along north coast and over northern mountains today and tonight; clear in south portions; Thursday generally clear, mild afternoons, but continued cool at night with local frost in valleys.

THREE VARIETIES WESTERN APPLES FROZEN BY WFA

Washington, Jan. 17—(U.P.)—The War Food Administration today prohibited the sale, shipment or delivery of Winesap, Newton and Delicious apples in Washington and Oregon except to government agencies.

WFA said the order was necessary to assure requirements for military and war services.

Stocks in the two states on Jan. 1 totaled 6,800,000 bushels. The quantity the army expects to obtain under the set-aside was not disclosed.

Apples not needed for war requirements will be released into civilian channels, WFA said. A similar order was in effect on last year's crop.

WFA also ordered all persons owning or having in storage 500 or more bushels of the three varieties of northwestern apples to report the quantity and location within seven days.

Golden Delicious apples are not affected by the order. Lots of five bushels or less also are exempt.

"Inyo" is an Indian word, translated as "the dwelling place of a great spirit."

New Standard Oil Richmond Plant

Richmond, Calif., Jan. 17—(U.P.)—The Standard Oil Company of California Tuesday put into operation a \$20,000,000 hundred-octane gasoline plant capable of producing enough fuel to power a sizeable force of B-29 Superfortresses for a daily round trip from Saipan to Tokyo.

The plant, rushed to comple-

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tion after several months' intensive work, began functioning after a brief noon ceremony attended by army, navy and marine corps officials. Principal speaker was Maj. Joe Foss, famous marine corps ace.

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NORMAN T. KIRK
Major General, U. S. Army
The Surgeon General



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The wires hum. It's a "31" order—important instructions for a train soon to arrive and for which the conductor must sign. The station agent sets the semaphore. The red light flashes its warning. The train arrives and rumbles to a stop.

This is just one of many safety measures established by Union Pacific to assure reliable transportation of passengers and freight. War resulted in a tremendous increase in rail traffic. A large part of that traffic has been directed over Union Pacific's "strategic middle route" uniting the East with the Pacific Coast.

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