

Our Men and Women in the Nation's Service

BUTTE FALLS BOY LUCKY IN RAID ON GERMAN REFINERY

Though his bomber received a direct hit, T/Sgt. Jess F. Francis, 20, of Butte Falls, Ore., was one of a Liberator crew which survived an attack on the Florisdorf oil refineries in Vienna, according to a 15th Army Air Force press release received by the Mail Tribune.

Sgt. Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Francis, was flying his 29th combat mission as nose gunner in the attack on Germany's dwindling oil reserves. "I had a feeling we were going to get it," said Francis. "They had our range and I figured it was just a matter of time. When it came it gave me an awful jolt and I later learned that it came through our wing before exploding. I knew it was a direct hit and was expecting the ball out alarm to ring but it didn't."

The explosion showered upwards of 350 pieces of metal into the fuselage and through the wings. The ailerons were ripped and the rudders damaged and a piece of flak tearing through the tail turret, wounded the gunner. "Our pilot took a chance bringing it back," continued Francis. "He had practically no rudder or aileron controls left and balanced the ship at an angle to keep us going. We were told that any popswab would flip us over and we sweated it out for hours on the way back. I fully expected to be wearing either horns or a halo today and with any other

pilot, I think I would be." Sgt. Francis, a graduate of Butte Falls high school, was inducted in May, 1943. He arrived overseas last August and holds the air medal with cluster, won in aerial combat with the enemy.

SGT. ROY L. HUSON

Sgt. Roy L. Huson, 24, son of Mrs. Ina M. Huson, 436 West Main street, is temporarily resting at the spacious Biltmore Hotel section of the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Santa Barbara, Calif., while awaiting assignment to new duties following his recent return from 34 months overseas.

Sgt. Huson served as clerk in an infantry unit in New Guinea. He was inducted into the army September 16, 1940 here. He graduated from Medford high school in 1938.

CADET CECIL HANSCAM

Aviation Cadet Cecil Ellis Hanscam, son of A. R. Hanscam, Rt. 2, Box 183-B, Medford, and Mrs. Zella V. Hanscam, Rt. 3, Box 464, Medford, has reported at Carlsbad, N. M., Army Air Field where he will receive advanced flight training in high-level bombardiering and dead-reckoning navigation.

On graduation from the 24-weeks course, Cadet Hanscam will be awarded silver bombardier's wings and will be ready for active duty as an officer in the Army Air Forces.

WILSON E. SHELLY

Promotion of Wilson E. Shelly, of Medford, from second lieutenant to first lieutenant was recently announced in a press release from the 96th Division headquarters in the Philippines. Lt. Shelly, a platoon leader for the Division Headquarters Company, participated in the liberation of the Island of Leyte. He wears the American Defense Ribbon for pre-Pearl Harbor service in the army. His wife, Mrs. Wilson Shelly, resides on Holly street.

T/SGT. GENE BLACKFORD

T/Sgt. Gene R. Blackford, 25, of 404 South Ivy street, a Fortress nose gunner and bomb tigger, of the 388th Bomber Group, a unit of the Third Air Division, stationed in England has been decorated for "meritorious achievement" during bombing attacks on Nazi war industries and military targets in cooperation with allied ground forces.

T/Sgt. Blackford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Blackford of 312 North Central avenue, Chicago, and was employed by the Oregon Film company at Portland before entering the AAF in December, 1942.

Pfc. Eugene J. Hughes, husband of Deana Hughes, 1716 North Riverside avenue, was a member of a patrol which held off an all night attack by an estimated 80 Germans, who were firing upon a house taken in an earlier attack. When morning and reinforcements arrived, it was found there were only three men holding the position under fire, according to a release from the Third Infantry division of the Seventh army in France. "I still can't figure out why they didn't try to get into the house," a sergeant commented. They could have taken us without any great loss to themselves. There were only three of us, but maybe they didn't know that."

Hughes wrote two weeks ago that he had received the purple heart but did not state the nature of his wound.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts
Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy with showers tonight. Clearing Tuesday. Little change in temperature.
Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight with showers west of Cascades. Snow flurries in mountains. Clearing Tuesday. Little change in temperature.

Local Data
Temperature a year ago today: Highest 51 degrees, lowest 32.
Total monthly precipitation 3.00 inches. Excess for the month 2.08 inches.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 11.77 inches. Excess for the season .36 inch.
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 64%, 4:30 today 82%.

Tomorrow
Sunrise 7:51 a. m., sunset 6:37 p. m.
Past 24 hours: High Low Prec
Boise 43 26
Boston 43 29
Chicago 33 23 .08
Denver 30 7
Eureka 53 46
Havre 23 4
Los Angeles 64 38
Medford 40 28
New York 48 32
Omaha 54 38
Phoenix 63 32
Portland 59 37
Reno 45 18
Roseburg 59 19
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Bride or Brig, Says Flyer



(Acme Telephoto)
Lieutenant Clyde Monaghan, 30-year-old Navy pilot, pictured with his alleged "shotgun" bride, Nancy. In a divorce suit filed in San Francisco, the Navy flyer says wife of his commanding officer at Georgia airfield offered him choice of marrying Nancy or facing courtmartial. Now he wants his freedom.

VICTORY CLAIMS OF JAPS HOOTED

Washington, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Vice Adm. R. S. Edwards said today that "if we'd suffered all the damage the Japs say we have at Iwo Jima, our fleet wouldn't be operating any more."

Edwards, deputy commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleet, made it clear that the fleet not only is still operating—despite enemy claims of great losses inflicted—but is itching for a chance to get at what is left of the Japanese navy.

Sight-Saving Class Aid to Handicapped

New Orleans, La. — (U.P.) — Sight-saving classes, which New Orleans public schools have led the state in establishing, were inspected here by H. B. Aycocck, state director of services for the blind and sight conservation.

Administered under the division of special services of the Orleans parish school board, the classes help youngsters who might not be able to get an education in regular classes because of poor sight or who might lose their sight trying to keep up with children of normal vision. With the aid of books printed in large type, typewriters with large "bulletin" type, and other equipment, the sight-saving teachers maintain the same standards in their work as other pupils with better eyesight.

RAIL LINE NEEDED

Seattle, Feb. 26 — (U.P.) — U. S. Senator Hugh B. Mitchell said today he believes a railroad line from the U. S. to Alaska is needed for the future protection of this country and for the proper post-war development of Alaska.

ELECT WOMAN DOORKEEPER

Concord, N. H. (U.P.) — Miss Annette Leclerc, a 28-year-old insurance agent in Berlin, has become the first woman ever elected doorkeeper in the New Hampshire Legislature.

Several Perish in South Africa Heat Wave; Cattle Die

Johannesburg, S. A. — (U.P.) — Most of South Africa has been in the grip of a heat wave and drought this summer and reports from outlying areas tell of shriveled grazing, cattle dying by thousands of thirst and lack of feed, rivers and streams drying up and failure of crops on an alarming scale.

One small town called Komatipoort, on the border of the eastern Transvaal province and Portuguese East Africa, has had temperatures up to 117 and 120 degrees. The whole town had to keep inside, except for a few minutes at a time, to escape sunstroke.

Several Negro women found their babies, which they had tied to their backs, were dead from suffocation at the end of the day.

The officially recorded maximum temperature for any day was 125 degrees, in the district of Tembuland, in Eastern Cape Province, on Jan. 28, 1903.

Smart MPs Use Head, Not Club

St. Louis—(U.P.)—The military policeman who makes his head save his club and "yes sirs" right back to the men is a smart MP. In the opinion of Col. William H. Maglin, who recently attended the army air forces' provost marshal conference here.

The colonel stressed the point of politeness in MPs in a lecture. "The MP," he said, "must keep his head and use his club only as a weapon of defense. He must be taught that each infraction of military regulations is not a personal affront to himself."

SHOWOFF FATAL

Beverly Hills, Calif., Feb. 26 — (U.P.)—William James Cord, 28 year-old son of E. L. Cord, former automobile manufacturer, died yesterday when he fell down a stairwell to the marble floor of a Beverly Hills penthouse. His host, Dr. John Lorden, said young Cord called "see how strong I am" and attempted a hand-stand on the narrow balcony rail. He lost his balance, plunging 28 feet to the ornate entry way.

NEW ARTIFICIAL EYE DEVELOPED BY RESEARCHERS

Southbridge, Mass. (U.P.)—The new adjustable plastic artificial eye developed by American researchers to aid war casualties may capture the world market formerly held by German manufacturers of glass eyes.

The artificial eye made of durable, non-irritating plastic was designed by scientists at the American Optical Co. here. The new synthetic eye is natural in appearance, resists breakage and corrosion. Unlike glass eyes, the plastic substitute can be reshaped to fit the eye socket, thus guaranteeing maximum comfort.

Company spokesmen said that for more than three centuries artificial eyes have been made and worn, with scientists of all ages struggling to make the synthetic eye a match in naturalness to the human eye.

War Spurred Scientists
American scientists, faced with the lack of imports from Germany once war was declared, went to work on the problem. They realized they were working against a deadline, that every day war was claiming more and more eyes. Finally, Fritz Jardon, Conrad Noelle, Dr. Reuel W. Bennett and Dr. Richard I. Jackson of the American Optical Co. developed the plastic eye.

Officials said that already 50,000 of the new eyes are on their way to Russia, an indication that after the war the United States may be in a position to export artificial eyes, instead of importing them.

Riviera

Riviera, Feb. 26 — Roy Cameron received word recently from his sons, LeRoy, who is now a staff sergeant with the cavalry in Manila and Pfc. Douglas Cameron, who is with the 3rd army in France.

Mrs. Maude Martin and Mrs. Lyndall Cameron entertained Feb. 14 with a one o'clock luncheon at the Delta Farm. The decorations and menu carried out the "fifty years ago" theme. Guests were Celia Bailey, Janette Spencer, Lucille Sheffel, Lela Shores, and LaVesta Gardner from Medford, and Effie Birs-eye from here.

Duane Hutchins son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hutchins expects to leave for Ft. Lewis next week.

In the Army, there are no fewer than 41 different bugle calls.

Draft Boards To Begin Inducting 30-33 Year Men

Washington, Feb. 26 — (U.P.)—Local draft boards were under order today to begin drafting a large number of the 1,500,000 deferred men in the 30-33 year age brackets.

Selective Service Headquarters announced over the weekend that such deferments will be allowed to continue only if the registrant is "necessary" to an essential industry. Heretofore, a man who was simply "engaged" in an essential industry was eligible for deferment.

There was no estimate of the exact number of 30-33 year men who will be called up. But officials said a "large number" of the estimated 1,500,000 deferred registrants of those ages would be affected. Men over 30 are expected to make up 30 per cent of the entire draft call by the end of 1945.

Education Aid In Poorer States Is Sen. Taft's Plan

Washington, Feb. 26 — (U.P.)—Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., said today he is preparing a federal-aid-to-education bill to guarantee a "basic, minimum education" to children in states which cannot afford it.

Taft said in an interview that he would offer the measure as a substitute to the education bill now pending before the Senate Education and Labor Committee.

The Taft proposal would set a definite figure — possibly \$100 a year per child — as the national standard. All states would then be required to spend a certain percentage of their own incomes for education. If that amount should not be enough to meet the national standard, the federal government would make up the balance.

BIRTHS

BARKER—To Mr. and Mrs. George M. Rt. 1, Box 356, Medford, Feb. 26, 1945, a girl, 8 pounds 4 ounces, at Sacred Heart Hospital.

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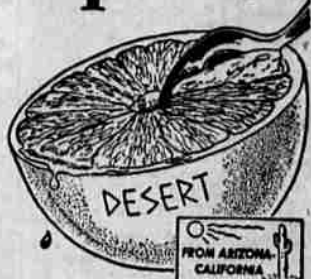


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Before the war, your butcher—along with the nation's other "Bill Cleavers"—was among the country's biggest employers. The packers worked for him. The railroads ran those long sheep and cattle and hog trains for him. The livestock industry was on his payroll.

That's why each of our 12-million service men gets roughly one pound of meat—every day. That's why we home-folks eat meat—most days. That's why the meat people—on farm and ranch, in stock yards and packing houses—could crash through with a "miracle."

Once a multitude was fed miraculously with 12 small fishes. This modern "miracle" involves such items as four billion more pounds of meat in a single year. It means a war-year production 29.7 per cent above a 10-year average—despite every war-time handicap.

It means a meat supply so big that, after 17 per cent goes to our own Fighting Joes, some is left over. After another 12 per cent feeds the fighting men of our allies, some is left over. After a further 4 per cent is put in reserve, the remaining 67 per cent is enough to sustain a population that now works harder and gets hungrier.

And don't forget about morale. Americans are meat-eaters. Without meat, most of us would feel we were starving to death—even amid meatless plenty. So let's say "Thank you" to the wonder-working meat industry that stands behind "Bill Cleaver," the corner butcher.



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