ON THE HOME FRONT

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services

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Medford high's basketball team, already holders of the southern Oregon conference championship, won the district four playoff at Ashland last week-end. They took a thrilling 28 to 25 win over Klamath Falls in an overtime period the first night and went on to down Ashland 46 to 33 in the finals. They now must play the winner of district three, to be decided in a tournament to be played this week-end, for the right to enter state meet at Salem March 15, 16 and 17.

Annual selection of all-star conference basketball team was made the past week with first team berths going to Jerry Ross Bob Watson, Darrell Riggs and Larry Hayes, all of Medford, and Al Riebel, Grants Pass, and Jim Palmer, Klamath Falls. Riggs and Palmer tied.

Home folk have had a busy week, with early gardeners taking advantage of a few warm days to burn weeds and spade the victory garden plot, housewives washing windows and curtains and schoolboys wondering if it isn't time to make a kite to try on the March winds The first day of March was a typical day with a little snow, a little rain and a little sunshine, without much warmth however.

Snow and rain last week-end and Monday brightened irrigation prospects and reports of the snow readings taken Feb. 25 on the Annie Spring course showed the snow depth to be a bit higher than the same time last year and much above the January reading.

Many of the home folk are preparing to aid the annual Red Cross war fund drive, which starts this week with Ben Harder again serving as county chairman. This county's quota is $54,000, same as last year. Circuit court, however, had a hard time finding anyone to serve on the spring jury, business men farmers and housewives all pleading lack of time.

A new cooperative dairy organization for the county was formed this week and directors elected. Donald Campbell has been awarded a citation of merit from the state defense council for his work as chief air raid warden for two Medford precincts.

The marriage license bureau hit a new war low February with but 21 licenses issued. The divorce court, however, finds business increasing.

Some kind of a record must have been set during the week for news about servicemen, with stories coming from many parts of the world. Good news to friends of Mrs. Ed. Barnett, the former Cecile Elizabeth Humphreys, was that she had been released from the Santo Tomas prison camp in the Philippines and was reported "in good condition".

Citations and awards make an impressive array this week. Second Lt. Ralph D. Van Clever, with the 19th fighter unit in France, has been awarded an air medal and oak leaf cluster for flights with his Thunderbolt, "Who Cares"; T. Sgt. Samuel P. Hamilton, at an 8th AAF station in England, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to the air medal and T. Sgt. Gene Blackford has been decorated for "meritorious achievement". He is with the Third air division in England.

Pfc. Eugene J. Hughes, with the Seventh army in France, has been given the purple heart and another purple heart wearer is Staff Sgt. Bob Tuttle, B-29 gunner based on Saipan, who wrote that he had "a bump on his head and a scratch on his chin" after a raid over Tokyo. Lee Reynolds has been awarded the bronze star for military operations in the Philippines and T. Sgt. Franklin Fanger has received the silver star for gallantry in action during raids over Hungary. Sgt. Fanger has been returned to this country and the award was made at Chanute Field.

A letter of commendation has been given Staff Sgt. Howard McNamara for action on Tinian and Saipan.

In the headlines for being wounded in action this week were Pfc. Lee Hubler, wounded on Luzon; Sgt. Charles E. Clark, wounded in Belgium and now in a hospital in France; Pfc Lucius Lull, wounded in the European theater. Sgt. Clark has been awarded a bronze star. Wendall M. Vaughn, S1c, has been awarded the Navy and Marine corps medal for heroism

Now listed as missing is Sgt Ray Casebeer who had been serving in Germany. He was an infantryman with the Fourth Division and had been on the continent since November. Marine Sgt. S. M. Bullis has been hospitalized at a Pacific island base for burns received from exploding gasoline in his tank.

Pvt. James Misenhimer died Jan. 29 of wounds suffered during the battle of Manila, Pvt. William H. Bartlett was killed in Belgium Feb. 6 and Lt. Robert W. Riddle, Ashland, was killed in action on Luzon Feb. 6.

From hither and yon around the world comes word that Pfc Edward H. McLean is serving with the Fifth army in Italy. that Sgt. Jesse P. Babcock is with an engineer's regiment of the Fifth army and Sgt. Charles L. Johnston is now with the allied force headquarters in Italy. Cpl. Cecil H. Wise, also serving as a member of the signal center, allied force headquarters in Italy, is with a company recently receiving the meritorious service unit plaque

Cpl. James Jack recently celebrated his second anniversary of overseas service at a special dinner and dance staged by the Red Cross for men at an AAF service command hospital in Italy. From the Pacific area it was announced that Stanley S. Smith has been promoted to technical sergeant in the marine corps and Wilson E. Shelly has been promoted to first lieutenant with the 96th Division in the Philippines. Thos. S. Humphries is now a technical sergeant with the Eighth AAF, England, and Leslie L. McCue has been made a captain. He is serving with the Third army as a chaplain.

Home from overseas now are Seely Johnston, CM1c, Seabees, after two years in the Pacific and L. W. Robinson, overseas 21 months with the Seabees. Maynard O. Atterbury, EM1c, and Pfc. Gilbert B. Thompson, are both home now, the former having spent 23 months in the Pacific and the latter 14 months in the same war theater.

Major Bruce H. Hammond and his bride were here for a few days last week. The major, on sea duty for the marine corps for a long period, reports next to San Diego. Lt. Dowd Cooper, who spent many months in the South Pacific with the air corps, is also back in the states on leave.

First Lt. Richard Wright, who made 34 missions over Germany before returning home, is now at Midland, Tex., attending instructors' schpol. Returning to the county this week after being honorably discharged from the service were Gilbert Stuart, formerly a chief carpenter's mate in the Seabees; Marvin C. Heideman, formerly a machinist in the navy and Cpl. Gordon Ashcraft. Stuart served in the South Pacific, Heideman in the Mediterranean area and Ashcraft in the Tunisian and Italian campaigns.

Ensign Robert Webber is home on leave having graduated and been commissioned at Yale university several days ago, and Cpl. James R. Clark has entered the field artillery officer candidate school at Ft. Sill, A-C Cecil Hanscam has reported at Carlsbad, N. M., for advanced flight training. Olaf W. Severson has been promoted to the rank of technical sergeant in the marine corps.

The Pruett twins, Dean and Dale, ARM3c, were here briefly after graduating from gunners' school at Miami, Fla., and have now reported at San Diego. Pvt. Harlow Carpenter has reported at Camp Roberts for basic infantry training.

June Younger, widow of Lt. Donald Younger, has joined the Waves, and Betty Latham has gone to Portland to start training as an army cadet nurse.

Among the servicemen home this week after completing various phases of training are Richard David Holmes from Farragut; Charles Alvin Pena, Farragut; Charles Alvin Pena, Farralough from Mississippi; Bob Weisenburger, Great Lakes training station; Jim Tucker, San Diego; Dick Alford, Carroll college; Bill Bauman, Willamette university; Donald L. Cahill, S2c, San Diego; Pvt. Paul Atkins, Camp Wolters; R. B. McKay, Willamette university; C. A. Hansen, UCLA; Robert N. Funk, S2c, Farragut; Bill Hagen, reporting next to Alameda, Calif., after duty at Corpus Christi.

Engagements of interest are those of Dorthea Olsen to Capt Raymond H. Ross of the famous Americal Division; Elizabeth Evanson to William Fellersen of Orland, Calif.; Dorothy Gill to Robert F. Lindstrom, San Mateo Calif. Weddings were those of Nancy Greger, Tacoma, to Cpl Roger W. Cram; D'Lorraine Stockstill of Picayne, Miss., to Cpl. Ted G. Jantzer; and Donna Jacobs to Cpl. Eldon Chastain Both Cpl. Cram and Cpl. Chastain are returned veterans.

WEATHER

Northern California — Partly cloudy today, tonight and Saturday, with few scattered showers extreme south portion today and in extreme north portion Saturday, slightly warmer north portion today.

RHINELAND BREAK IS RAZZLE DAZZLE RACE FOR RHINE

Yankees Moving So Fast No Time to Halt for Meals; Both Sides Dead Unburied

By Ann Stringar
United Press War Correspondent

Herrath, Germany, Feb. 28—(U.P.)It's a real break-through on the Rhineland front—Normandy all over again!

Everything is moving and moving fast.

The Yanks raced through this little town five and a half miles from Muenchen-Gladbach so fast they munched their rations on the march. They didn't even stop for a cup of water to wash them down.

German civilians had no time to seek shelter in their cellars as the war passed them by.

Race for Rhine

It's a razzle-dazzle race for the Rhine.

Prisoners are pouring in by the hundreds. Some told me they had marched 40 miles to reinforce the front line—only to find the Americans already were behind them.

All along the line, American command posts are on the move trying to catch up with their troops. Even the military police are not sure where the next post is located, what roads are safe or what towns are cleared.

One colonel said one of his battalions had been completely out of contact for the past 24 hours. Another had not been heard from since dawn.

Burning villages a few hundred yards off the line of march are by-passed without even a search. So long as there is no artillery fire fro mthat direction, the doughboys keep going.

In many places, American and German medical men are tending wounded in the same shelters. They use the same ambulances and share medicine, bandages and stretchers. Some have been without sleep for 48 hours.

Like Generals' Dream

It's the kind of an advance generals dream about. But it's an advance in war. And in war, an advance is not just a game.

There is smoke and piles of empty shells in ditches. There are ugly splotches of blood soaking into the mud.

There are scattered nazi helmets hurled carelessly into fields beside the road. There are GI helmets, too.

And there is the unmistakable smell of an advance—heavy, hot and sweetish. It means that troops are moving so fast they haven't time to bur ythe enemy dead—or even their own sometimes.

Passing doughboys pause pehhaps to place a blanket, or maybe a blood-soaked flag, over their own fallen comrades. But that's all they have time to do.

They have to keep marching, keep advancing. There's no stopping, no slowing down. They are headed for the Rhine.

And today the Rhine doesn't seem so far away.

Cambodia is the richest country of the Far East in ancient monuments, best known of which are the ruins of Angkor.

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Meat Sauce, C.H.B.		25c

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