

Our Men and Women in the Nation's Service

MEDFORD MARINE IS COMMENDED ON WORK IN PACIFIC

Marine Staff Sergeant Howard W. McNamara, of 917 West Eleventh Street, recently was awarded a letter of commendation for his work as a communications man on Saipan and Tinian. He is a veteran of the Kiska operation.

The letter of commendation, signed by Major General Harry Schmidt, commanding general of the Fifth Amphibious Corps, reads in part as follows:

"For efficient and untiring performance of duty during the action against the enemy Japanese on Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, from 15 June, 1944, to 2 August, 1944. Staff Sergeant McNamara displayed outstanding courage and calmness



Sgt. McNamara

as a wire team leader with the Corps Signal Battalion."

LT. JACK MARTIN

Headquarters, 13th AAF, Southwest Pacific — With completion of 65 missions as bombardier of a 13th AAF B-25 Billy Mitchell medium bomber, First Lieutenant Jack Phelps Martin, Gold Hill, Oregon, has been ordered back to the United States for rest leave.

In his year of overseas duty with the Crusaders, a crack medium bomber outfit of the 13th AAF, Martin participated in sky battles with the Japs from Rabaul to the Philippines.

Martin was in on the "kill" when the 13th AAF neutralized Rabaul, once the foremost Japanese stronghold in the South Pacific. When that difficult campaign ended, he went to New Guinea with the Crusaders, where the B-25's slashed Japan's sea supply lines and helped isolate some 200,000 enemy troops in the Dutch East Indies.

Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martin, reside in Gold Hill.

LT. ERNEST PINKHAM

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England — Second Lieutenant Ernest J. Pinkham, 25-year-old pilot from Central Point, Ore., was among the American airmen who flew in the mighty B-17 Flying Fortress formations which recently struck two Eighth Air Force heavy blows on consecutive days, against industrial targets and marshalling yards in eastern Germany.

Son of Mrs. Alice M. Pinkham, of Central Point, Lt. Pinkham, a 1939 graduate of Central Point High school, worked as a grocer at Emil's Market in Medford before he entered the armed forces in January, 1941.

SGT. LEE R. MCGEE

Sgt. Lee R. McGee, 22 Summit Ave., Medford, Oregon, has arrived in the United States on

furlough from the European Theater of Operations where he served 14 months with the Army Medical Corps.

LT. RICHARD W. HEWITT

Award of the air medal to Second Lieutenant Richard W. Hewitt, Keene Way Drive, Medford, a co-pilot on a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber, has been announced.

Before entering the army in 1941, Lt. Hewitt was employed by the United States Forest Service in Medford. He received specialized training at various army schools, and went to England last November for combat duty with the 445th Bombardment Group. He has since participated in combat operations including missions to objectives at Magdeburg, Dortmund, Coblenz, and Trier, Germany.

He is the son of Mr. Earl H. Hewitt of Keene Way Drive.

SGT. ROSS J. TURMAN

Sgt. Ross J. Turman, son of Ross Turman, 1215 West Tenth street, recently had a narrow escape on his 13th mission over enemy territory. Sgt. Turman, radio-gunner on a B-26 Marauder, was on duty aboard a plane which was attacked and damaged by two FW 190's before reaching the target. Three ME-109's came in for the kill after the ME-109's were away but the plane escaped.

Badly damaged by the two attacks, the plane lost altitude rapidly and fell behind its formation. Anti-aircraft hit the plane but the pilot managed to bring his ship back to friendly territory where the crew bailed out. Sgt. Turman landed safely but was held by cautious French civilians as a German paratrooper until military police arrived and enabled him to set out for his home base.

Sgt. Turman is a member of the 322nd Bomb group "Annihilators."

Winners Announced By Acme Hardware; Lynn Brown First

Winners of prizes offered by the new Acme Hardware company, Main and Grape streets, for letters written after visiting the store during the formal opening were announced today by Tony Manno, operator of the new business. First prize winner was Lynn Brown, 123 Tripp street, second went to Bernice Kunzman, 607 West Eighth street and third to Ruth E. Cuffel, 909 North Central avenue.

Mrs. C. Tilley, 1115 West Ninth street, was judged fourth place winner and Peggy Johnson, Ross Lane, fifth place. Honorable mention went to Elsie Ragsdale of the American Fruit Growers and Charles Ballou, Oak Grove Road. Cash and merchandise prizes were offered.

"The store that faith built" was the theme of the first place letter.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

GERMANS SHELL CITY CONTAINING MANY HOSPITALS

By Ann Stringer United Press War Correspondent

Bad Godesberg on Rhine, March 12—(U.P.)—This resort city which American troops refused to fire on because it was the location of 14 hospitals is being shelled, strafed and bombed by the Germans today.

When the Americans approached Bad Godesberg, which was the scene of Hitler's and Prime Minister Chamberlain's pre-Munich conference, a delegation of the town's citizens, led by the Swiss consul, went out to a nearby hill and asked them not to shell the town. It was formally surrendered.

Now that the Germans have been driven to the other side of the Rhine, they are razing the town with small arms, artillery and planes.

Until today at least, Bad Godesberg was the only large

German town I have seen which was practically untouched by the war.

The luxurious Dressen hotel, where Hitler and Chamberlain conferred in September, 1938, and where Hitler and von Ribbentrop stayed, still overlooks the grey, haze-covered Rhine, but it is a far different place from the be-flagged gathering place of the conference that gave birth to the phrase, "peace in our time."

The streets of Bad Godesberg are almost deserted today, despite the presence of some 8,000 refugees who have flooded the city's normal population of more than 40,000.

Jack Matlack Wins Quigley Award For Third Time in Row

For the third consecutive year Jack Matlack, formerly on the staff of the Hunt Theaters in Medford and now publicity director for the J. J. Parker theaters in Portland, has won the national Quigley War Showmanship award, Portland releases state. The award was instituted shortly after the outbreak of war as a means of giving recognition within the industry to theater men whose contribution

to the war effort is considered outstanding and was presented to Matlack the first time for his theater war work here in Medford.

Matlack is the son of Mrs. L. J. Matlock, Jacksonville highway. He was recently named junior first citizen for Portland.

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JAPS EXPLAIN By United Press

The Japanese ran out of explanations today in trying to describe the fighting on Luzon.

After much rambling, the Domei News Agency said the fighting east of Manila and in the Lingayen bay area "has begun to assume an aspect."

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that at the annual meeting of the Community Chest of Medford, Inc., to be held at the Chamber of Commerce, 123 West Main Street, Medford, Oregon, on Tuesday, March 27, 1945, at 1:30 p. m., the amendment of Section 5 of Article IX of the Constitution of this organization, which was published in this newspaper's issue of February 16, will be voted upon and members of the Board of Directors of the Community Chest of Medford, Inc., will be elected. All contributors to this organization are privileged to cast their vote in this election.

Dated: March 13, 1945.

COMMUNITY CHEST OF MEDFORD, INC.
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