

Our Men and Women in the Nation's Service

SYBIL B. REAMES IS PROMOTED TO SERGEANT'S RANK

Marine Sergeant Sybil B. Reames, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Reames of Eagle Point Star route, Medford, recently was promoted to that rank. She is stationed at Paris Is-



Sgt. Sybil Reames

land, S. C., with the First Recruit Battalion as an insurance clerk.

A graduate of Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, Sgt. Reames taught school for a short time, prior to her enlistment in November, 1943.

Pvt. Lewis Buckley
Pvt. Lewis T. Buckley is a member of the T. C. Engineers which was awarded the meritorious service plaque for superior performance of duty. Pvt. Buckley has served 30 months overseas, being in the North Africa, Italy and France campaigns. He

is the son of J. T. Buckley, Jacksonville.

Capt. W. H. Leever
Capt. W. H. (Bill) Leever, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leever, Lee Acres on the Old Stage Road, recently wrote his parents telling of sights he has seen in France and Germany. Capt. Leever was with the 3rd division on their invasion of Africa, was in Tunisian, Italian and southern France campaigns and is now with Gen. Patton's 7th army.

Capt. Leever's letter, written on Nazi stationery, told of excellent living conditions for Germans found in that country and of the forced laborers who have been liberated by the U. S. forces.

S/Sgt. Robert Yocom
S/Sgt. Robert Yocom, a gunner on a heavy bomber with the Eighth Air Force in England, has recently been awarded the air medal and oak leaf cluster. Sgt. Yocom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Yocom, route 4. He graduated from Medford high school in 1942 and enlisted in July, 1943.

Douglas Savoy
Douglas Eugene Savoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dailey, 256 Beatty street, recently graduated from the naval air technical training center at Norman, Okla., with rank of seaman second class. He is a graduate of Medford high school and enlisted in the navy August 31, 1944, at Seattle.

George Payant
George Samuel Payant was recently promoted to rank of sergeant at Camp Wolters, Texas, according to an announcement from the camp's public relations office. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Payant, 539 West 10th street. His wife and daughter are residing at Mineral Wells, Tex.

T/Sgt. John Latourrette
15th AAF in Italy — A radio operator-gunner on a B-24 Liberator plane, Technical Sgt. John W. Latourrette, Jr., whose parents live at Route 1, Medford, Ore., has flown his 50th combat

Now At Craterian



Judy Garland and Tom Drake in a scene from "Meet Me in St. Louis," the Technicolor hit, with Margaret O'Brien and Mary Astor.

mission in the Mediterranean theater of operations.

His golden flight was to the 5th army front near Bologna where his unit has been bombing troop concentrations and supply lines with great frequency.

A graduate of Medford high school, Latourrette has been in the USAAF since May, 1943. He received his radio schooling at Sioux Falls, S. D., and won his wings at Yuma, Ariz. In Italy since September, 1944, he has been awarded the air medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters.

Cpl. James McDowell
Chanute Field, Ill., Corporal James C. McDowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDowell, P. O. Box 117, Talent, Ore., has completed training and has been graduated from the school of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

While attending this Army Air Forces Training Command school he received instruction in the airplane electrical mechanic course, and in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the country's fighting planes.

Lt. Richard Wright
First Lieutenant Richard Wright has reported for duty at the Carlisle Army Air Field, Carlisle, New Mexico.

He is the son of Captain and Mrs. M. C. Wright, Hobbs, New Mexico. His wife is the former Jean May Hayse, Phoenix. He was commissioned Oct. 2, 1943, upon completion of cadet training at Roswell, New Mexico. He served with the 8th air force in the European theater of operations.

Lt. Harold Stevens
Lieutenant (junior grade) Harold H. Stevens, U.S.N.R., of 415 Laurel street, Medford, flew a navy torpedo bomber from the flight deck of the "Fighting Lady" when that aircraft carrier lashed out at Tokyo.

Recently returned home on leave, Lieutenant (junior grade) Stevens was attached to air group three, operating aboard the carrier whose earlier exploits are dramatized in the navy's documentary film, "The Fighting Lady," recently shown on the screen of the Craterian theater here.

Lt. Stevens has returned to duty after spending a 30-day leave with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Page, 415 Laurel street.

T/4 Alfred Hooker
T/4 Alfred C. Hooker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hooker, Eagle Point Star Route, Med-

ford, has arrived in the United States on furlough from the southwest Pacific theater of operations where he served 33 months with the Signal corps.

VETERANS TO GET GAS FOR TAXICABS, TRUCKS

Portland, May 16—Veterans of World War II will be granted permits and gasoline to operate taxicabs and trucks under a new Veteran Preference Policy of the Office of Defense Transportation, Donald F. Call, district manager of ODT's Highway Transport Department announced today.

Call said that while ODT during the past several months had granted veteran applications for commercial gasoline "preferential leeway," the new provisions contained in General Order ODT 50 effective May 11 specify "greater veteran privileges to further the national policy expressed in the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944."

THE GRANGE

Gold Hill Grange H.E.C. met May 9. The 16 members present enjoyed the usual covered dish dinner. The ladies donated \$11.20 to the Cancer Control committee.

Chairman Mary Shaw announced the quilt she is making is progressing nicely. Sister Shaw presented a special birthday cake in honor of Minnie Fiene's birthday falling on V-E day. A welcome home card was sent to Faye and Charles Lee who returned recently from California. Cards were also sent to Janette Green and Mr. Potter, who have been ill, and cards and presents to Nellie Smith, Edith Bornaman and Minnie Fiene. Carrie Puhl received the prize. Serving committee for the meeting May 17, is Lillie McKay, Nellie Smiths and Ralph and Eva Wigle.

Ladies attending the special Pamona Meeting at Central Point, May 26, at 8 p. m. are to bring cookies.

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JAPS FORCED TO RETREAT IN PATH OF CHINESE ARMY

By George Wang
United Press Correspondent
American Field Headquarters, Hunan Province, May 16—(U.P.) An authoritative American source said today the Chinese army's Hunan province counter-attack has recovered roughly 2,700 square miles of territory and driven the Japanese back to within 18 miles of Paoching, base for the ill-fated enemy drive on Chihkiang air field.

The Chinese have forced the Japanese back as much as 75 miles. The enemy troops are now 110 air line miles from the U. S. 14th air force base at the nearest point. Two weeks ago they were within 35 miles of Chihkiang on the east.

Jap Lines Cut
American observers said the Chinese, using flanking and rear attacking methods, have cut the Japanese advance line along the Paoching-Chihkiang highway into pockets, trapping groups totalling 7,000 Japanese troops. The Chinese are fighting viciously despite inferior land weapons, backed up by the air power of the U. S. 14th air force and American medical and supply aid.

American air power has compensated for Japanese superiority in heavy artillery, enabling the Chinese to batter three crack enemy divisions and account for 11,000 Japanese casualties in recent battles in Central China.

A Chungking communique announced that American airmen, roving through Hunan, Honan and Kupeh provinces Sunday and yesterday, killed 700 Japanese troops, damaged 19 locomotives, sank two river craft and damaged a gunboat.

Four hundred of the Japanese troops were killed by fighter pilots backing up the Chinese in the Yangchi area 40 miles north of Paoching.

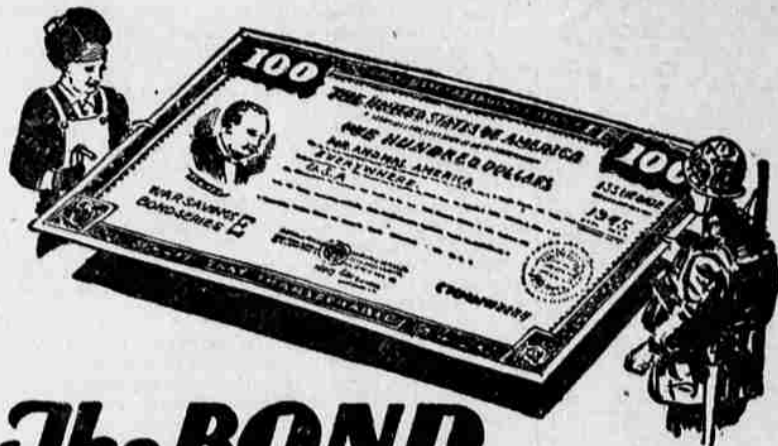
One enemy dive bomber was shot down, with no American planes being lost.

Molotov Returns From Conference

London, May 16—(U.P.)—Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov arrived back in Moscow yesterday flying from the San Francisco world security conference, a soviet broadcast said today.

UNITED QUITS HAYS
Hollywood, May 16—(U.P.)—United Artists Corp. today announced its withdrawal effective Sept. 21 from the Hays office, filmland's self-regulatory agency. The action marked the sec-

ond crack in the once-impregnable association, officially known as the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America. Warner Bros. previously had announced its withdrawal effective June 1.



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