

ON THE HOME FRONT

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services

The Mail Tribune suggests you clip and mail this news roundup to a relative or friend in service.

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Officials and veterans of this district were pleased to learn this week that the United States Veterans' Administration plans to establish a Medford office with a contact representative of the administration. It is believed that this will do away with the necessity of appointment of a county service officer by the county court.

The city fathers have set June 12 as the date when Medford residents will vote on a special bond issue to cover the cost of

six contemplated city improvement projects. Separate votes will be taken on bond issues for storm sewers, sanitary sewers, enlargement of the sewage disposal plant, enlargements of the city library and improvement of the new city park on the banks of Bear Creek as well as construction of a new Jackson street bridge.

Veterans' organizations are planning the annual observance of Memorial Day and the Medford AAUW chapter is carrying

on a drive for books for overseas Red Cross libraries. A music festival was held yesterday by students of Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass high schools, with a concert in the evening.

Littrell Paris is holding open house Saturday in their new building at the corner of Sixth and Bartlett streets.

After having been a prisoner of the Germans for more than two years, Cpl. Raymond B. Crosby has been released, a message to his parents stated this week. Crosby was captured in Tunisia, was taken from there to Italy and later into Germany, and was in Austria at the time of being released. He was awarded the silver star during his imprisonment; presentation being made to his parents. Sgt. Herbert Bots, a prisoner of the Germans since "D" Day, was released by the Russians from Stalag 3C Jan. 31 and is now home. From his prison weight of 120 pounds Bots has gone to 195 since being released. Also freed is Cpl. William Kime, taken prisoner in Belgium December 17, and he has written his parents that he expects to be home soon.

A wire was received this week from Pvt. Rodney Witham stating that he was alive and safe. He had been reported missing March 6 while serving with the 1st Marine Division. Sgt. James Lewis was wounded before hostilities ceased in Germany and Sgt. Carroll Watson is now in a station hospital in England recovering from wounds suffered during a cross-country march in Germany. He holds the purple heart for wounds received in Holland last September.

Wearers of five battle stars each are M. Sgt. Bruce L. Blew, serving at a troop carrier base in the European theater, and Sgt. Robert Taylor, serving with the 435th troop carrier group in the European theater. Staff Sgt. Lawrence C. Willis, serving with the 7th AAF in England, has been awarded the second oak leaf cluster to his air medal and First Lt. John M. Saulsberry, also with the Eighth, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to the air medal. S. Sgt. Robert Yocom, with the same force, has received the air medal and one cluster.

From Italy comes word that Sgt. John W. Latourrette flew his 50th combat mission as a radio operator gunner with the 15th AAF before action ceased in the Bologna area and Sgt. Joseph F. Hope's maintenance unit in England has been awarded the meritorious service plaque. Pvt. Lewis T. Buckley's engineering unit has also been awarded the service plaque. He has served 30 months in north Africa, Italy and France.

Among the week's interesting letters were those from Capt. Thomas J. Fuson, medical officer serving in Germany, and Capt. W. H. Leever, who has seen action in Tunisia, Italy and France.

Included among the returning servicemen this week are Lt. James J. Boyle, silver star holder, who served nine months in Europe with the Seventh Army; Lt. Harmon Edge, merchant marine veteran who survived three sinkings; and Lt. Col. Floyd Hart, who served nearly two years in the western Pacific with the Seventh air force and wears the bronze star.

Other's home are T. Sgt. Otis W. Everson, who served on Bougainville, Guadalcanal and New Guinea for a year; Orville N. Stephenson, Sic, who wears four battle stars earned during seven months in the southwest Pacific; T. Sgt. Robert D. Monroe, who served 27 months with the 14th air force in China and James Fredenburg, CM3c, in the south Pacific for two years with a Seabee unit.

Lari Carlson, RM3c, has been home after seven months Pacific sea duty. M. Sgt. Ancel B. Gunter is back in the United States after 28 months with the signal corps in the European theater and Sgt. Alfred Hooker has returned after 33 months in the southwest Pacific, also with the signal corps. Lt. (jg) Harold H. Stevens, who flew a navy torpedo bomber from the deck of the "Fighting Lady" when that carrier participated in an attack on Tokyo, was recently home on a month's leave.

Richard Phillips, Fic, and Al Weir, radarman, crew members of a destroyer, are here on leave after Pacific sea duty.

Milton Pitts, who served both in the Pacific and European theaters and who wears many ribbons and decorations, is home after an honorable discharge from the air corps. Pitts, formerly a staff sergeant, served in the Pacific theater in the early days

of the war, instructed for a time after his return and then was sent to England for duty there. He was twice wounded.

Others discharged recently are William Meier, who served in New Guinea, Miles R. Brownrigg, overseas for 15 months;

James Rosenberger, who served in the European, African and Middle Eastern campaigns, and Floyd E. Lewis, who served in Europe for 17 months.

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