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## News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Valley folk are looking forward to the Fourth of July holiday, when picnics, fishing trips, parades and rodeos will be the order of the day. The Jackson County Sheriff's posse is holding the fourth annual rodeo and horse show Saturday and Sunday. Klamath Falls is staging a rodeo July 2, 3 and 4 and Ashland has planned a patriotic parade and celebration for the Fourth.

Warm, bright days have hastened ripening of early cherries and harvesting of these has started, while thinning is in full swing in the pear orchards.

Voting in the special state election last week was very light. A special levy for buildings for state institutions carried throughout the state but the voters said "no" on a cigarette tax for the support of schools. One of the state projects will be a new dormitory at S. O. C. E. to cost \$125,000.

A fire this week destroyed the mess hall, kitchen and storeroom at Camp Prescott, used to house Mexican agricultural workers.

Ashland has been without its famed Lithia water recently and city officials state the shortage is due to the operation of a dry ice plant near the springs. A new pipe is to be installed to the upper springs.

Again the news of the week has been filled with stories of returning servicemen. T. Sgt.

Clarence A. Tingleaf, Pfc. Morris Corby and Hjalmer Edwards are home after having been honorably discharged. Tingleaf and Corby served with the 7th AAF in the Pacific, and Edwards wears seven campaign stars for the North African, Italian and European theaters, the Purple Heart, Croix de Guerre and combat infantryman's badge. Lt. Jack Martin, pilot, has been placed on inactive duty. He wears the air medal with five clusters and the Pacific theater ribbon with four clusters. Henry L. Stewart has received a medical discharge and is now home.

Pat Shaw, CMM, has been spending a 30-day survivor leave here. John E. Barraclough, warrant officer, is home after three and one-half years in the Pacific and T. Sgt. Delmer Wright is here from McCaw hospital where he was a patient after three years overseas duty.

Home after a year in Russia is T. Sgt. Paul I. Losey and Lt. Richard Witt is back in this country after more than two years Pacific and Asiatic duty. Alton Minger, merchant marine who has made 11 voyages since the start of the war, was recently home for a brief visit. Also here is Sgt. Roland F. Hogue, home from Italy.

T. Sgt. W. H. McCart is home from England where he served as a radio gunner. He wears the air medal with two clusters, two

battle stars and a presidential citation ribbon.

Many honors continue to come to valley servicemen. Pvt. Lee H. Bumgardner, who served in Belgium and Germany, has been awarded a silver star and Lt. Col. Lyle P. Wilcox and T. Sgt. B. F. Sparks have been given bronze stars. Col. Wilcox is at Erlangen, Germany, with a tactical unit and Sparks is in the Philippines.

An unusual honor was that given Lt. J. D. Logan, navy air corps, who was made an honorary member of the Brazilian air force after 14 months duty during which he helped train Brazilian airmen. He has been in Rogue River on leave and will report for duty with the naval air transport.

Roy Elmo Myers, Pfc. of Shady Cove has been cited for courage during the Iwo Jima operations and Pfc. Russell R. Mee, also of Shady Cove, has been awarded the combat infantryman's badge for service on Luzon with the Sixth Infantry. Roy L. DeFluiter has added a star to his Asiatic-Pacific ribbon for the Iwo Jima campaign and Cpl. Duane L. Child now wears the Philippine liberation ribbon and the bronze star for the Leyte campaign. Lt. Col. Charles M. Thomas of the famed 41st Infantry Division has been given an oak leaf cluster to his bronze star.

Cpl. Lester L. Foley of Central Point has been given an A.A.F. award at a B-29 base in the Marianas.

Pvt. Everett E. Taylor's family received a letter from a Filipino boy who became acquainted with the private, now in a Philippine hospital. The Filipino wrote that Mrs. Taylor should be proud to have a son who has been a saviour of humanity.

Former prisoners returning home last week were Cpl. Ray Crosby, Staff Sgt. Cecil Claffin and Lt. Boyd Bellamy. Cpl. Crosby, one of the first Jackson county men to be taken prisoner by the Germans, was a captive 27 months but survived the bitter ordeal in fair shape and is said to be little changed. Lt. Bellamy was a prisoner 11

months and the sergeant three months.

Pfc. Harvey H. Lunan was killed in action on Okinawa May 22 and Johnnie J. Karry, T/4, and Pfc. Charles A. Calhoun, have been wounded while serving in the Pacific region. Pvt. Ray Mann of Central Point has returned to service with the "Avengers of Bataan" after being wounded for the third time.

Albert N. Espey has been promoted to first lieutenant at an 8th AAF base in England and

Robert Iven to the rank of captain at a 21st bomber command base in Tinian.

Weddings announced last week were Alpha Whillock to Captain Wayne Crews, Ruth Cuffell to Capt. John Hunter of Philadelphia, Frances Fitzgerald to Earl Weaver and Barbara Stuart to Jack Gardner, Jr. The Gardners have gone to Norfolk, Va., where the groom will attend naval school. He is a veteran of 17 months overseas duty. Capt. and Mrs. Crews will live near

Phoenix, Ariz., and Capt. and Mrs. Hunter left for a visit in the east after which the officer reports at Ft. Dix. The engagement of Mary Ellen Loeffler to Ensign Larry Jackson of Richfield, Kan., has been announced.

### Camp Haan Named Debarcation Spot

Los Angeles, June 29—(U.P.)—Camp Haan, Calif., was established today as debarcation center of the Los Angeles port of

embarkation to process troops returning from the Pacific.

The army said returned soldiers will spend not more than 48 hours at the new center before going to reception centers throughout the country.

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