

### Our Men and Women in the Nation's Service

#### CPL. RICE LOSES TOOTH WHEN HIT BY JAP GRENADE

With the 32nd Division in Northern Luzon, P. I.—"I am all in favor of these motorized patrols," stated Corporal Charles F. Rice, of Medford, Ore., and the 32nd (Red Arrow) division's 126th infantry, "because it is, by far, a more modern method of locomotion than hiking. However, it is very embarrassing when you are sitting there serenely watching the scenery roll slowly by, and suddenly out of a clear sky drops a cloud of hand grenades followed by a fusillade of shots."

**Returning Home**  
Rice, who is now returning home on demobilization, and nine buddies from the anti-tank company were waylaid while patrolling a mountain road in a 34-ton truck. When the lead started flying, Rice and several others leaped out of the truck and crawled underneath it for cover. Rice and the others under the truck found they couldn't see much to shoot at, although they were on the receiving end of a lot of grenade fragments. At about that point a group of engineers came rushing to the rescue, so the Japs, having lost their officer, decided they would cut that engagement short, and took off for unknown places.

**Tooth Gone**  
Rice crawled out from underneath the truck, and started examining himself for wounds. He didn't see any blood, but suddenly became aware of a numb feeling and found a hand-grenade had knocked out a tooth.

Cpl. Rice entered the army in October, 1941, and joined the 32nd at Saider, New Guinea. He saw heavy fighting on Leyte, and went through four months of action in the rugged Caraballo mountains of northern Luzon, where the above episode took place. The awards he has received during his assignment as gunner on a 37mm. anti-tank gun include the purple heart, combat infantry badge, Philippine liberation medal with one star, and the good conduct medal. He is entitled to wear three bronze campaign stars on his Asiatic-Pacific ribbon.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rice, and his wife, Eileen, live at 910 West 11th street, Medford, Oregon.

**Nancy Wall**  
Ottumwa, Iowa — Advancement in ratings for more than 80 enlisted personnel on duty at the Naval Air Station was announced recently. Among those promoted was Nancy Wall, route 2, box 1944, Medford, to rank of storekeeper, third class.

**T/5 Andrew Owings**  
Pfc. Kenneth Ambrose  
Madigan Hospital Center, Ft. Lewis, Wash.—Overseas veterans of Washington, Oregon and California arrived recently at Madigan Convalescent Hospital for a period of reconditioning. Among the veterans were T/5 Andrew E. Owings, General Delivery, and Pfc. Kenneth W. Ambrose, 124 King street, both of Medford.

**Sgt. Ivan Harrington**  
A Ninth Air Force Bomber Base, France—The promotion of Ivan W. Harrington, 32, of Medford, Ore., to first sergeant was recently announced by the 397th bombardment group, famed as the "bridge busters." His wife, Mrs. Francis A. Harrington, lives at Medford, General Delivery.

Sgt. Harrington joined his B-26 Marauder squadron as an administrative clerk in the or-

derly room, shortly after its activation at MacDill Field, Fla., on April 20, 1943. Prior to being made "First Joe," he was the squadron's sergeant major, being a staff sergeant.

Sgt. Harrington entered the service on November 30, 1942, and arrived overseas on March 22, 1944.

**Cpl. Lemmie Trantham**  
With the Fifth Army, Italy—Corporal Lemmie F. Trantham of Eagle Point, Ore., is returning home from the Fifth army's 91st "Powder River" division in Italy under the adjusted service rating system. He left after attending a farewell ceremony at which Major General William G. Livesay, the division commander, spoke.

Trantham was a cook with the 91st Quartermaster Company.

His wife, Dorothy R. Trantham, lives in Eagle Point.

**Pvt. Donald James**  
Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss.—The job of helping keep America's giant bombs in fighting trim for their aerial assaults on the axis awaits Pvt. Donald R. James, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. James, Rt. No. 1, box 137A, Medford, Ore.

Pvt. James was enrolled here recently for Keesler Field's 76-day basic airplane and engine mechanics course, having qualified for the Army Air Forces Training Command technical school with outstanding marks on the army mechanical aptitude tests.

**Douglas E. Savoy**  
Douglas E. Savoy of 256 Beatty street, Medford, has been graduated from the U. S. Naval Air Gunners school at Miami, Fla.

With the Pacific as his eventual destination, Savoy now will be transferred to an air station where he will receive operational training as an aircrew member.

He is the son of Mrs. Walter Dailey of the Beatty street address.

**Lt. Harold Wilcox**  
With the 96th Infantry Division on Okinawa—1st Lt. Harold E. Wilcox, Medford, Ore., has been awarded the bronze star medal for heroic services on Okinawa.

In making the award, Maj. Gen. J. L. Bradley, commanding the 96th division, cited Lt. Wilcox for his courageous leadership when he assumed command of his company during a fierce engagement and reorganized it to withstand enemy counterattacks. He was seriously wounded in this action which occurred April 9, and has been evacuated to the United States.

He was awarded the purple heart for these wounds.

A veteran of the Leyte campaign when he landed with Tenth army assault troops on Okinawa, Lt. Wilcox was a member of the 383rd infantry.

His wife, Mrs. Eleanor P. Wilcox, lives at 408 South Oakdale, Medford.

**Sgt. Eloy Cordova**  
With the Fifth Army, Italy—Sergeant Eloy Cordova of Medford, Ore., is returning home from the Fifth army's 91st "Powder River" division in Italy under the adjusted service rating system.

He left after attending a farewell ceremony at which Major General William G. Livesay, the division commander, spoke.

Cordova was a cook in Company C of the 361st infantry regiment.

His wife, Dorothy J., lives at 1018 West 10th street, Medford.

**T/Sgt. Thomas S. Humphries**  
An Eight Air Force Service Command Station, England—Technical Sergeant Thomas S. Humphries is a member of the air inspector's office at this large aerial repair depot where B-17

### CHAMPION MOTHER IS ADVOCATE OF BIGGER FAMILIES

Wife of Navy Man With 14 Children Says Women Have Too Much Leisure.

By Patricia Cowan  
United Press Staff  
Correspondent  
Winona, Minn., July 17 — (UP)—The mother of S/1c Roman L. Springer's champion family of 14 has a remedy for at least part of the world's troubles—bigger families.

Mrs. Rose Springer, 40, thinks people have "too much time on their hands to bum around and get into trouble."

"They should have more children," the plump, blue-eyed, brown-haired mother said emphatically. "A big family keeps your time and mind occupied."

**Eleven at Home**  
Mrs. Springer should know. She is father and mother to 11 of the 50-year-old champion navy papa's brood while he serves as a messenger in the captain's office at Camp Kearney auxiliary Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.

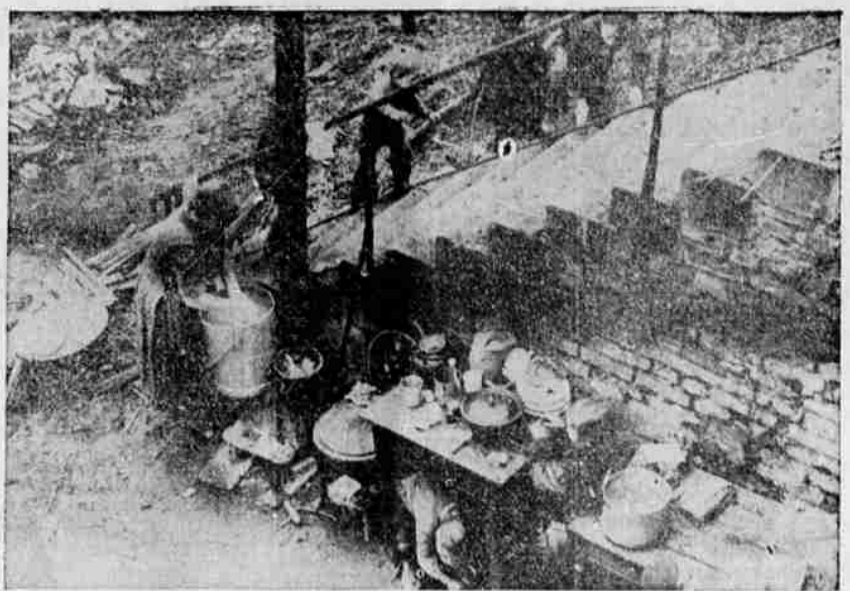
"Besides," she added with a smile, "it's nice to have so many when they grow up, not just two or three."

Three of her youngsters already are grown up, and all are in service. The eldest, Marion, 22, is a clerk in the WAC at Fort Lewis, Wash. Marion was home in June and when she went back to Washington she married a sailor, Donald Puckett. Before joining the Women's Army, Marion worked at Kaiser shipyards.

S/2C Robert M. Springer, who "just couldn't wait to enlist," is aboard ship in the South Pacific.

Flying Fortresses are reconditioned.

As a technician inspector T/Sgt. Humphries is called upon to inspect all types of material—from airplanes to jeeps—to see that they are in perfect condition. One of his biggest jobs is the checking of repaired aircraft, seeing that the job of reconditioning is properly carried out and that all technical orders are filled. Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Humphries, 322 East 12th street, Medford, Ore., he entered the service in December, 1941, and has been overseas 32 months. A graduate of Medford high school he was formerly employed by the Sunrise Auto Court in Medford.



**SETTING UP HOUSEKEEPING** beside a wall in Neuf Brisach, Alsace, mother works over stove while children play. When town was captured by Americans only one building was found intact. Of 1,603 inhabitants, only few remain. These find shelter around forts built in Medieval days.

PFC. James R. Springer, who has been in the army two years, fought at Aschen and the battle of the Rhine and now is homebound before going to the Pacific.

**Jim Favorite Son**  
Jim is the chief reason Papa Springer enlisted in March, 1944. "Roman thinks the world of Jim," Mrs. Springer explained. "Jim's always been his father's right-hand man. They used to go fishing and hunting and trapping together—ever since Jim was five."

The elder Springer formerly worked in the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Repair Shops at Winona, and did some carpentering on the side. In December 1942, he took a job with a Chicago construction company and was in Haynes, Alaska, and White Horse, Canada, until October, 1943.

So Mrs. Springer has had a big job for a long time. Of course, the children help. Sixteen-year-old Don, who plans to enlist in the navy next March, works with a roofing and siding contractor. He pays room and board and buys all his own clothes.

**Two Help Mother**  
Barbara, 13 and Pat, 10, help around the house. They wash dishes regularly, aid in the cleaning, do the shopping and hang out clothes when Mrs. Springer washes. That's a task—every other day.

Barbara, blonde and rather quiet looks after chubby, eight-month-old Teresa and blonde, curly-haired Jean, when Mrs. Springer wants to see a movie. Or when she takes Pat to Gillette Hospital in St. Paul for skin grafting operations. Pat has had 17 operations since she suffered

third degree burns when her clothing caught fire while she was playing with matches.

"I'm going to go all through high school and go to college so I can be a nurse," peppy, brown-eyed Pat declared.

During the summer, Chuck, 14, stays on the farm of a friend 17 miles from Winona, but during the school year, his time is taken up with studying. His three older brothers have insisted he get his education.

Mrs. Springer's chief wartime worries are too few red points and shoes.

Tom, six, and Frankie, five, solve the problem in summer by going barefoot.

The Springer's monthly grocery bill is \$100, no more. Mrs. Springer budgets herself. She has to with fire and life insurance taxes, water and electricity. They own their home in the northwest end of Winona.

Mrs. Springer admits things are easier now with her husband's \$280 monthly allotment.

#### More Chickenpox On County Report

Ten new cases of chickenpox, two of measles, three whooping cough, three mumps and one of trench mouth are listed on the weekly report of Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county health officer, for the week ended July 13.

Seven cases of chicken pox are located in Medford and three in Prospect; Medford and Prospect list one case each of measles; all whooping cough and mumps cases are in Medford; and the trench mouth is in Ashland.

#### Supply of Lithia Water is Assured

Ashland, July 17 — Arrangements are being completed to assure Ashland an adequate supply of Lithia water in the future.

Mayor T. S. Wiley has announced. After conferences with officials of the Dry Ice Manufacturing plant, near here, Wiley said the arrangements are being made to prevent any further breaks in the supply of water to city fountains, except in extreme emergencies.

An additional pipeline to augment the present supply will be rushed to completion, the mayor stated, so that the dry ice plant and city fountains will have an adequate supply of the famed water.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p. m.