

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

## ROBERT RECTOR IS HONORED FOR REPELLING JAPS

With the 90th Division on Okinawa—For leading a piece-work unit which repelled one of the heaviest Jap counterattacks of the Okinawa campaign, Capt. Robert E. Rector, a company commander of the 382nd infantry, has been awarded the silver star by Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley, division commander.

During the assault on the main Japanese line north of Shuri, Capt. Rector was in command of one of the lead rifle companies. Due to casualties from fierce Jap resistance, the elements of the entire battalion in which he was serving were unified under one control in a desperate attempt to hold valuable positions. To Capt. Rector fell the job of commanding the consolidated unit.

Then during the night of May 23, the Jap counterattack was launched, aimed at annihilation of remaining American forces in the area. Throughout the night, fanatical Japs charged with hand grenades and satchel charges, even as Jap mortars pounded away at American positions.

The attack was repelled, however, although it was resumed early the following day.

Capt. Rector earlier had served through the Leyte campaign with the 382nd infantry. In addition to the silver star, he holds the purple heart and combat infantry badge.

His mother, Mrs. Golda Rector, resides at 309 W. South St., Bluffton, Ind. His fiance, Miss Jean Leonard, is a resident of Medford, Ore.

#### Pfc. Neal Grubbs

Pfc. Neal A. Grubbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Grubbs, route 4, box 218, Medford, is now a member of the 473rd infantry regiment in Italy.

The 473rd had one of the most unusual battle histories in the Mediterranean theater of operations. It was made up of anti-aircraft artillery soldiers with infantry training and drove up the Ligurian coast to Genoa during the closing phase of the bitter Italian campaign.

Pfc. Grubbs has been in the army for 15 months. He was trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., and has been overseas for 11 months.

#### Lt. Bernice Gill

Paris, France—Lt. Bernice M. Gill, 122 Cottage street, Medford, Ore., assistant chief nurse of the 48th General hospital, has recently completed a special course of instruction at the newly opened Medical Service Center, LeMarais. The classes held in the historic LeMarais chateau built in 1770 include course in technical and military nursing practice which is intended to qualify Lt. Gill as a unit instructor for the technical training of army nurses and medical department enlisted men.

#### Pfc. Upton S. Laporte

With 28th Infantry Division in Assembly Area—Pfc. Upton S. Laporte is en route home from the European theater of operations with the veteran "Bloody Bucket" division, which in eight months saw vicious combat action from Normandy's hedgerows to the heart of the Reich.

Pfc. Laporte is the son of Mrs. Annie L. Laporte, Phoenix. He holds the purple heart, ETO ribbon, four battle stars, good conduct medal, combat badge.

#### William Fitzgerald

William Walter Fitzgerald, 28 fire controlman, first class, U.S.N., of Porter, Wash., is at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., training for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic fleet. Fitzgerald is a veteran of seven years of duty aboard a destroyer and a battleship in the Pacific. He wears ribbons for the American, the Asiatic-Pacific theaters with four stars, the Philippine liberation with one star, the American defense

medal, and the good conduct medal.

He is the stepson of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Mollet, route 3, Medford, Ore.

#### Carl W. Scott

U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.—Carl W. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie F. Scott, Trail, Ore., recently graduated from the aviation storekeeper's school here and was promoted to aviation storekeeper third class in the U. S. navy. Entering the navy Oct. 19, 1944, he received his recruit training at Farragut, Idaho, later being transferred to the naval air technical training center here.

Scott is now a qualified aviation storekeeper.

#### Melvin D. Freeman

Aboard the USS Mobile in the Pacific—Melvin D. Freeman, pharmacist's mate, second class, of Shady Cove, Ore., served aboard this light cruiser which ducked a dozen Kamikaze planes and evaded enemy mines, torpedoes and suicide boats in order to move in close and smash more than 350 Jap shore targets as her contribution to victory at Okinawa.

#### T/S Guy Payne

A member of the 11th airborne (Thunderbolt) division, T/S Guy E. Payne is a patient at McCaw General hospital, Walla Walla, Wash., recovering from injuries received in Austria.

Entering the service in 1942, Payne went overseas in August 1944 with the 41st tank battalion. He was the jeep driver for his executive officer and rode in the leading spearheads on the Third army front.

Payne wears the European theatre ribbon with three stars, and the good conduct medal. His wife, Doris, and son live on route 2, Ashland, Ore. His mother, Mrs. W. H. Bradley, lives at Long Beach, Calif.

#### S/Sgt. Paul Trahan

With the Fifth Army, Italy—S/Sgt. Paul Trahan, Medford, Ore., recently was awarded the bronze star medal for meritorious service in combat in Italy.

He served on the Fifth army front in the 91st reconnaissance troops of the 91st "Powder River" division.

The award citation read: "His willingness to share the responsibility of the platoon commander in assuring the success of his missions, his outstanding conduct and performance of duties under fire, and his versatility and adaptability in leading the platoon despite its wide deployment are instrumental toward the overall success of the platoon."

His wife, Mrs. Dixie M. Trahan, lives at 504 South Holly in Medford.

#### Pfc. Darrel Monteith

Miami Beach, Fla.—Pfc. Darrel L. Monteith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Monteith of 531 Pearl street, Medford, Ore., has been awarded a meritorious service unit insignia at the Miami Beach service base of the air technical service command.

Pfc. Monteith is a clerk in the plans and training office.

## THE GRANGE

Lake Creek Grange wishes to announce their annual picnic will be held Sunday, Aug. 26 at Government Camp, Soda Springs. All come and bring well-filled baskets.

#### BACK FROM FRONT

New York, Aug. 24—(U.P.)—Thirteen colonels from the infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga., who answered an urgent call from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower last January to set up a school for second lieutenants behind the front, were home again today.

## DARRELL ROLLS OF APPLGATE WINS STAR FOR MERIT

With the 14th Antiaircraft Command on Luzon—Technician Third Grade Darrell W. Rolis, son of Mrs. Doris Rolis, Applgate, Ore., has been awarded a bronze star medal by Major General William F. Morquait, commander of the 14th Antiaircraft Command under General Douglas MacArthur, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the southwest Pacific theater.

The award covers a period from Feb. 16, 1945 to March 25, 1945 when Sgt. Rolis was a member of an engineer searchlight maintenance detachment in Manila city.

The citation accompanying the award reads in part: "T/3 Rolis assisted in the establishment of a searchlight depot to service anti-aircraft organizations on Luzon shortly after the occupation of the city of Manila. In augmentation of normal flow of supplies, T/3 Rolis succeeded in recovering a large amount of searchlight equipment captured from the enemy and affected salvage and repair for immediate employment in the field."

"Working tirelessly above and beyond the call of duty, under the hazards of enemy ground and aerial activity, and despite fatigue and illness, he made possible the securing of vitally needed searchlight parts in a minimum of time to maintain anti-aircraft organization at peak combat efficiency. T/3 Rolis initiative, loyalty and devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of a major command in operations against the enemy."

## PENNSYLVANIA IS HIT BY TORPEDO

Guam, Aug. 24—(U.P.)—The veteran battleship Pennsylvania, long called the "luckiest ship in the fleet" was the American war vessel damaged by an enemy aerial torpedo off Okinawa on Aug. 12, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

The Pennsylvania was torpedoed by a low-flying Japanese plane which attacked the ship while it was anchored in Buckner bay. The attack came two days after Tokyo's first report that it was willing to surrender and two days before President Truman announced the end of Pacific hostilities.

## Court Records

**Justice Court**  
Michael Beck, no mirror on motor vehicle, \$1 and costs; passing without sufficient clearance, \$1 and costs.

Joseph Lake, violation of basic rule, \$2.50 and costs; no operator's license, \$1 and costs.  
Lester C. Gordon, driver axle overload, \$7.75 and costs; combination overload, \$10.25 and costs.

Donald S. Kendall, no operator's license, \$1 and costs.  
William R. Francisco, combination overload, cited.  
Lloyd J. Cozo, no operator's license, \$1 and costs; failure to transfer title, \$1 and costs.  
Joseph M. Pagona and Douglas W. Plumley, Jr., trailer unit overload, cited.

Alfred William Schultz, driving while intoxicated, released on \$105 bail, to appear later.

#### Police Court

E. Sherman Riggs, drunk, \$10 fine.  
Albert W. Calhoun and Bernice Modic, drunk, released on \$10 bail.

Jesse Graham and George Bradford, drunk, five days jail each.

## California's Pick for 'Miss America'



Here's California's choice for the title of "Miss America" when the finals are run off at Atlantic City on Labor Day. She's lovely Polly Ellis, 19, and if you're interested in statistics, she's blonde, brown-eyed, 5 feet 3 and carries a well distributed 110 pounds.

## The War Is Over

Babson Discusses Atomic Bomb

You may like to call your readers' attention to Mr. Babson's forecasts of the termination of the War which you gave your readers in the "OUTLOOK FOR 1945". This was published by you around January first. We, herewith, quote four paragraphs:

#### War Outlook

"The greater part of Germany's army will collapse before the German planting season opens in the spring of 1945. Before surrendering, Germany will try poison gas."

"Japan will not hold out as long as most people think. Japan will collapse within six or twelve months after Germany collapses."

"If Stalin's health continues, he will be the world's most powerful man in 1945 and may dictate the peace terms, especially for the Pacific."

"Sometime after April, 1945, Russia will join (or threaten to) the Allies against Japan but only after the promise of territory privileges and a huge loan."

It is true that Germany did not use poison gas although it has since been officially stated that she had great quantities of it on hand which probably would have been used if she had been able to hold out a few days more. Otherwise, this forecast pretty well hit the bull's eye. Considering the general pessimism which existed around January first, this forecast is worthy of careful consideration. This is especially true as you had the courage to print the same when the German bulge was at its height with General Rundstedt running wild toward Antwerp. At that time (January 1, 1945) it was almost universally believed that there was little chance of Germany collapsing during 1945; while very few expected Japan to collapse before the latter part of 1946.—(Publishers Financial Bureau.)

Babson Park, Mass., August 24. World War II is over. Numerous scares may occur in connection with working out details, especially during the Peace Conference when the spoils will be divided amongst

the United Nations. I am just as certain, however, that these coming threats will amount to nothing, as I was last year when I said "Germany will collapse next Spring and Japan a few months later". Last week, when the news of Japan's surrender came, I wrote a column for farmers, who I fear will be the greatest sufferers from an economic standpoint. This week I will write for investors.

#### Securities To Avoid

Considering industry as a whole, peace will be bullish. If destruction and death are bearish, the end of World War II must result in improved fundamental conditions. Of course, certain war industries, such as shipping, aircraft and munitions, face a tremendous readjustment. On the other hand, these stocks have already discounted much of this readjustment. In fact, the total value of the stocks of some of these companies are selling for less than the net liquid assets of the companies. However, even this is no assurance that their stocks will not sell at even lower figures than at present.

The industry, which is strictly a war industry, which has not yet discounted peace is the railroads. I have already called readers' attention to this; but I again say that railroad stocks and second-grade railroad bonds are selling too high. It is true they may have another good year in "getting the boys home," but they are threatened both by lower earnings and higher operating costs. Railroad securities which paid dividends before the war may be expected to continue to do so. But the "war babies" will soon begin to pass their dividends. I believe the stocks of all railroads—good and bad—will go off in price.

**Tax Legislation All Important**  
Now that World War II is over, Congress should immediately reconvene and repeal the war taxes, especially the greater portion of the excess-profits tax. For political reasons I presume all taxes must be reduced somewhat so that all groups will receive some relief. This reduction, however, should be in pro-

portion to their former increases. Thus, the excess-profits tax could be 80% reduced against a 20% reduction in other taxes and yet all groups would be treated alike.

Unless Congress very soon greatly reduces the excess-profits tax, many industries will be obliged to shut down causing much unemployment. Surely the labor situation has now been entirely changed. Already news-paper advertisements, that heretofore asked for more employees, are being pulled out of the papers; while the "Jobs Wanted" columns have begun to increase. Employers need no longer worry about the help situation; but workers may well change their attitude. If you now have a job, give your employer the best service possible.

**Atomic Bombs**  
Now let us consider the possible long-range effects of the new Atomic Bomb on investments. Briefly these are as follows: The Atomic Bomb is bearish on downtown city real estate, but bullish on suburban and country property. It is bearish on the airplane manufacturing industry, but bullish on the automobile industry. It is bearish on highway construction. It is bearish upon large department stores, but bullish on chain stores. It is bearish on naval developments, but should help peaceful pursuits. The Atomic Bomb should aid appropriations for high school and college science courses; but it will kill present plans for compulsory universal military training. It is a warning to investors in public utilities to watch cash book values.

If these Atomic Bombs are as powerful as the reports indicate, it means that a world organization with teeth is absolutely essential to save civilization. The manufacture of these bombs cannot be kept secret. Every nation will know how to make them. There will be bootlegging in atoms! However, even this is bullish and insures world peace for a long time to come, if accompanied by a spiritual awakening. Hence, I am more optimistic today than for many years.

Washington, Aug. 24—(U.P.)—The OPA said today that rationing coupons and certificates for gasoline and fuel oil may be thrown away.

Gasoline ration coupons are not needed to obtain tire purchase certificates. Neither will they help an applicant obtain a tire certificate, OPA said. Fuel oil coupon sheets that have been turned over to dealers and sup-

pliers need not be returned to consumers and may be discarded too.

OPA instructed ration banks to close out all consumer and industry accounts on gasoline and fuel oil so that no more deposits or withdrawals can be or should be made.

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