

LAST SHOT FIRED BY HIS CRUISER SAYS ROBINSON

Relating how the Cruiser Concord, on which he has been stationed for the past four years, had the honor of firing the last shot coming from a major vessel in shore bombardment in this war, Phil E. Robinson, GM1c recently wrote to his parents in Medford. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Robinson, 836 Taylor street.

Robinson has been home on leave but once in the past four years. His duties have taken him to many ports on both the North and South American continents and in the letter he recalled some of the highlights of the cruiser's war experiences.

"It has been the Concord's job to help keep the pressure on the northern end of the Japanese empire by making a total of eight shore bombardments on the Kurile chain and by harassing Jap shipping around the Kuriles," he wrote. "Two such strikes were made into the Okhtak Sea. Our last trip to the Kurile Chain was made just previous to the end of the war. The Concord has the honor of firing the last shot on a shore bombardment by a major vessel in this war."

"An interesting sidelight, and a very interesting trip, too, was the voyage on which we took Adm. R. E. Byrd to a variety of places in the Pacific, finally ending in the Society Islands. That was in September, October and November of 1943. It was for his accomplishments on this trip that Adm. Byrd was awarded the Legion of Merit."

"The old Concord finally came through. We thought it quite a distinction to have been able to fire the last round on Jap held territory," Robinson, whose ship is now based in the Aleutian Islands, was at one time employed by the Mail Tribune.



Was it a Waltzing Whatsit?

A soldier in a military hospital looked down at the food tray his nurse had brought. There was a quaint little stranger. A comic figurine, you might call it—a thingummy. Or was it a whatsit waltzing among the dishes?

Because it appeared to wink at him, the soldier felt certain it was not a gadget. A gadget is too sober-sided for such shenanigans. But he couldn't decide whether it was a thingamajig or a hootenannie. They're both the playboy type.

Well, he commenced to laugh. And that, sir, was very important. A laugh was just what the doctor ordered—but couldn't provide. It released that inner tension medicine couldn't get at.

Some Western woman had fashioned that little lifesaver. She is one of many, many women who give up their leisure time to make things for men in military hospitals—little things even Uncle Sam can't buy... things with the "woman's touch"... table favors... scrap books filled with chosen stories, articles, cartoons... ornaments for Easter, the Fourth, Thanksgiving... homey "et cetera".

Christmas will be a grander day in the hospitals because one group, for instance, spends weeks fashioning tin cans—4-F's of the metal drive—into Christmas-tree ornaments. They shear out slick designs. They apply shellac. They sprinkle on tinsel. Yet it's something else that makes those trinkets shine.

That's something called heart. That's what truly turns those thingummies and whatsits into medicine quite beyond a physician's magic. That's what transmutes the hard work these women put into their hospital projects to something finer than rubrics.



Imperial City Reduced to Ashes and Ruin



Picture shows the remains of the once proud capital city of Japan reduced to vast area of rubble and destruction by terrific pounding of U. S. Air Force, B-29's flew over Tokyo leaving a steady stream of bombs that flattened the city, and left only a comparative handful of buildings in many city blocks.

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GEOGRAPHIC TAKES COUNTY PICTURES

Jackson county's industries and scenic spots are being photographed this week by Ray Atkinson of the National Geographic magazine staff, the pictures to be used in connection with a Geographic article on Oregon, according to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Sunday Atkinson photographed Crater and Diamond Lakes. Monday he took scenes in Ashland's Lithia Park and of historic Jacksonville spots. Yesterday the photographer visited orchards and packing plants and today he is taking pictures of cattle and cattle ranches in the county.

It is understood that the photographer will visit Josephine county next.

Newton A. Finkler Passes In Fresno

News of the death of Newton A. Finkler, former Medford resident, has been received here. Finkler passed away Sunday, August 26, at his home in Fresno, Calif., after having been in ill health for several months.

Finkler, who left Medford a few years ago after an extended residence here, is survived by his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Curtis C. Darby, and two grandsons, all of Fresno.

HOME HEGIRA GROWS
Kingman, Ariz., Sept. 5.—(U.P.) Homewardbound war workers, averaging eight to a car, passed through the Kingman state highway inspection station en route to the east last month at twice the rate for August, 1944, officials said today. A total of 14,380 cars were counted through the station last month, compared to 8,420 a year ago.

Daily Weather Report

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy to cloudy with occasional light showers tonight and Thursday. Warmer Thursday.
Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday with few showers near mountains. Slightly warmer Thursday. Gentle westerly wind off coast.
LOCAL DATA
Temperature a year ago today: Highest 103; Lowest 51.
Total monthly precipitation: 0 inches.
Deficiency for the month: 0.1 inches.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1942: 0 inches.
Deficiency for the season: 0.4 inches.
Relative humidity at 5:30 p. m. yesterday: 42% at 4:30 today: 85%.
Tomorrow
Sunrise 6:41 a. m. Sunset 7:37 p. m.
Observations Taken at 4:30 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

Place	High	Low	Prec.
Boston	84	62	
Chicago	88	65	
Denver	91	59	
Eureka	70	58	.09
Havre	86	65	
Los Angeles	103	70	
Medford	84	61	T
New York	74	63	
Omaha	95	73	
Phoenix	114	71	
Portland	69	54	
Reno	87	50	
Roseburg	82	58	
Salt Lake City	89	68	
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Seattle	63	55	
Spokane	68	56	.14
Washington, D. C.	80	63	
Yakima	74	49	

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Col. Nicol Smith



(Ame Telephoto)
Lt. Col. Nicol Smith, Office of Strategic Service, reveals in Washington, D. C., that about 300 survivors of cruiser Houston, sunk early in war, are interned in Jap prison camp in Thailand. Col. Smith revealed that five of survivors escaped from the camp to a guerrilla camp in Thailand operated by representative of the O. S. S., bringing first word that any of Houston's crew had survived.

Final Rites For Talent Resident Scheduled Friday

Ashland, Sept. 5.—Funeral services for Edwin Deacon, retired Methodist clergyman and resident of Talent for the past 18 years, will be held at Littlefield Funeral Home Friday at 1:30 p. m., with interment in the IOOF addition of Mountain View cemetery.

Deacon passed away at the Medford Osteopathic Clinic hospital Sept. 3 as result of a cerebral hemorrhage suffered in a fall. He is survived by a niece in Tacoma, Wash., and other relatives in the eastern states.

Court House News

Marriages
Raymond H. Chambers and Leola A. Edmondson.
Elwood Milton Clark and Louise Mae Fawver.
Bert Moore and Elizabeth Anna Donnelly.
James Edwin Putman and Rosa Esther Whaley.
Vernon Dale Gleaves and Virginia Fay Hawley.
Zedor DeMello and Loma Marie Waterhouse.

MODEL DIVORCE

Hollywood, Sept. 5.—(U.P.)—Model Muriel Kane's friends said she always looked as if she were about to burst into tears during her eight-month marriage to Lt. Cmdr. Walter Kane. Today she held a divorce from the former actor's agent. "Our tempers clashed and he would pick and nag at me constantly," she told Superior Judge Jess E. Stephens.

SHOWERS NOT TO DELAY PEAR CROP

Showers that fell last night over the Rogue River valley will not delay more than half a day, harvesting of the Bartlett pear crop, now nearing an end, Assistant County Agent C. B. Cordy reports. The precipitation was not general, and reports indicate it fell heaviest in the hills. Growers hope to complete the Bartlett harvest this week-end and start picking and packing Howells and D'Anjous the first of next week.

The assistant county agent said the estimate by packers of the Bartlett crop, at a million boxes was a conservative figure. The crop is rated as the largest in the records of this section.

MERCHANTS URGED TO WATCH CHECK CASHING

District Attorney George W. Neilson has again issued a warning to merchants and others to use caution in cashing checks for strangers. His office has received numerous complaints the past 10 days. The district attorney states with the first signs of fall, check forgers start operating. He urges owners of check protectors to keep them locked up as a popular autumn criminal trick is to break into some office and steal the protector for use on bogus paper.

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OBITUARY

CLARENCE W. ROSE

Clarence W. Rose, who moved here two years ago from Eugene, passed away Tuesday at a local hospital. He was employed at the Sugar Pine mill at Central Point.

Mr. Rose was born July 29, 1899, at Alma, Kans., and was united in marriage with Miss Joyce Von der Hellen in 1927.

Survivors include the wife, two children, William Clarence and Nancy Joyce, his mother, Mrs. Oscar Rose, of Medford; three brothers, Oral Rose, Medford; George Rose, Tacoma, and Roy Rose, Alma, Kans.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Perl Funeral Home Friday at 4 p. m., with the Rev. Father George Turney, rector of Saint Mark's Episcopal church officiating. Interment will take place in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

WIB CONNER

Wib Conner, Medford resident for 23 years, and beloved by a host of friends, passed away Monday at the family residence, 532 North Grape street.

Mr. Conner was born at Wappello, Mo., June 2, 1861. His wife, Mrs. Almeda Conner, passed away in March, 1944. He is survived by the following children: Clarence Conner and Mrs. Alma Dye, of Medford; Mrs. Ethel Bennett, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Lillian Hanson, Central Point; Wilby and Warren Conner, Merrill, Ore.; stepchildren, Joseph E. Hooper, Barnsdall, Okla.; Charles Hooper, Bakersfield, Cal.; Clyde Hooper, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Harold Smith, LaCrescenta, Cal., and Mrs. Clara Perkins, Yellow Jacket, Colo., and 43 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Perl Funeral Home Monday at 2 p. m., with the Rev. Delbert Daniels officiating. Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

JAMES B. RUSH

Joseph B. Rush passed away in a Portland hospital Sunday. He was born in Pleasantville, Penn., March 5, 1879.

Mr. Rush leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Jessie M. Rush, of Medford; three sons, Frank L., San Francisco; Joseph

B. Jr., in the navy, and Richard E. Rush, U. S. army, one daughter, Mrs. Elaine Lingren, of Medford, also two brothers, Albert L. Rush, Portland, and Merle C. Rush, Fresno, Cal., and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Perl Funeral Home Thursday at 10:30 a. m., the Rev. Bruce of the Methodist church in Ashland will officiate and interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

ANNA MAY WEBSTER

Anna May Webster passed away at her home on East 12th street Tuesday. Mrs. Webster was born on April 16, 1893, at Beaver Lake, Alberta, Canada. On June 2, 1908, she was married to Arthur Webster at Cascade, B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster came to Jackson county in 1923. Left to mourn her passing are her husband, Arthur Webster, and three children, Mrs. Ruth Clark, Central Point; Mrs. Ruby Munshaw, Medford, and Flight Lt. Loren Webster, of the RCAF. Several brothers and sisters in Canada and two grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held at the Perl Funeral Home Friday at 2 p. m. The Rev. Rolph Hansen of the Federated church in Central Point will officiate and interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

An elaborate exhibition of photographs, comparing American and British railroad trains, stations, bridges and equipment prepared with the assistance of the United States Office of War Administration, was opened in London and will make an extended tour of English cities and towns, according to British Railways.

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