

Magician Johnnie Eads Back Home From Three Years Duty In Pacific Says Guinea Natives Liked Tricks

Sgt. Johnnie Eads, who combined his war activities with sleight-of-hand during more than three years in the service, was discharged from the army at Ft. Lewis Sept. 22 and is now at home with his wife and daughter at 203 North Ivy street. The daughter, Sharon, had never seen her father until his arrival home this week.

Sgt. Eads, remembered by many in the valley for his magician's appearances before clubs,

lodge and school gatherings, saw service with the Second Engineer Special brigade attached to the famous 41st Infantry Division, on New Zealand, Australia, New Guinea, the Indies and finally the Philippine Islands. He was twice wounded and once was hospitalized for a considerable period. In addition to the purple heart with oak leaf he wears the arrowhead designating participation in an initial assault wave, three campaign ribbons, two battle stars, for Leyte and Luzon, and the Pacific theater ribbon.

In 91 Landings

The sergeant's engineer unit participated in 91 combat landings, only eight of which were unopposed, he reports. For the first few months overseas, Sgt. Eads had little time for using his magic repertoire, but when the Red Cross and special service officers learned of his ability to produce rabbits from hats and coins from behind the ears, the Red Cross sent him for his

Frances Langford In Rialto Hit



Frances Langford, "G. I. supporting cast are Guy Kibbee, Eddie Quillan, Charles Butterworth and Fifi D'Orsay. Peter Cookson and Arline Judge in "Dixie Jamboree," a Mississippi showboat story now at the Rialto theatre thru Tuesday. Included in the

the sergeant had to be contented with producing a make-shift bunny contrived out of fur filled with springs.

Has New Tricks

Sgt. Eads came home with a few new tricks. These aren't "learned" by watching and practicing, according to the sergeant, but have to be "acquired" from other magicians in other fashions. He hopes to try them out on valley audiences before long.

Sgt. Eads was in Manila when the news came that the war had ended. "About 9000 of us were watching a movie," he said. "When they stopped the picture and told us the war was over, there wasn't a sound for several seconds and finally the announcer had to repeat the news." The sergeant added that the battle-weary men took the news calmly and that neither civilians or servicemen in Manila staged any celebration, as was the case in other parts of the world.

For the time being, Eads is just going "to do nothing" but enjoy being at home and forget about the war. He is a son of Mrs. Susan Eads, 29 Kenwood avenue.

Recruiting Station Is Ready to Accept Volunteers in Army

Army recruiting stations are initiating an all-out drive for voluntary enlistments in the regular United States army, the army recruiting station, Post Office building, announced yesterday. The local recruiting station is now ready to accept volunteer applications. Men accepted by the Medford office will be sent to Portland for enlistment and reenlistment bonuses and furloughs will be given at that place.

Men in the age group of 18 to 34 inclusive are eligible. The order lifts the ban against voluntary enlistments in the draft ages.

The drive is designed to speed demobilization of men with long war service, to reduce the army's calls through Selective Service and at the same time to enable the army to fulfill its extensive responsibilities through the transition period and beyond. Men who have not been in uniform as well as those recently discharged through the armed forces demobilization plans are sought through the drive.

M. T. BURNS, ASHLAND, TO BE BURIED MONDAY

Ashland, Sept. 29 — M. T. Burns, a resident of Ashland since 1932, passed away here Thursday following nearly three years of illness. He served on the city police force for four years and was assistant chief when he resigned to enter the monument and insurance business. He served as justice of the peace until illness forced him to quit. The business has since been handled by his wife. Funeral services will be held at Litwiler Funeral Home Monday at 10:30 a. m. with interment in Mountain View cemetery.

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EISENHOWER SAYS GERMAN ECONOMY NEAR STANDSTILL

Washington, Sept. 29 — (U.P.) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has notified the War department that 150,000 Nazis were arrested or removed from office before Aug. 20 in the American occupation zone of Germany, it was disclosed tonight.

His first report on military government operations in the American zone revealed that less than 10 per cent of the industrial plants were operating then and that the German economy had been brought "almost to a standstill."

He said, without elaborating, that "military control and zonal divisions are obstacles to recovery of industry, transportation and business."

The report, dated Aug. 20,

was sent to the War department before Eisenhower called Gen. George S. Patton on the carpet yesterday for an accounting of his stewardship in Bavaria. Patton had admitted retaining some secondary Nazis in office for the sake of efficiency.

"The Nazi party, its organizations and agencies have been abolished," Eisenhower's report said. "Discriminatory Nazi laws have been abrogated and Nazi propaganda eliminated." He said that about 80,000 Nazis in the "mandatory arrest" category had been taken into custody and that 35,000 others in the same classification were expected to be taken from among prisoners of war.

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show equipment and from then on he helped to stage shows for the entertainment of his buddies.

Some of the sergeant's best audiences were natives of the New Guinea jungles. They were

entranced with his magic tricks, weren't always easy to deceive and some thought he must be a GI "superman". The rabbit out of the hat trick especially delighted the natives, for New Guinea has no rabbits. However,

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