

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

### IVAN HARRINGTON PRESENTED MEDAL FOR EUROPE DUTY

A Ninth Air Force Bomber Base, Peronne, France—For his part in prosecuting the war against Germany, First Sergeant Ivan W. Harrington, 32, of Medford, Oregon, was recently awarded the bronze star medal. His wife, Mrs. Frances A. Harrington, lives at Medford, general delivery.

A member of the 397th B-26 Marauder Bombardment group, famed as the "Bridge Busters," Sgt. Harrington received the bronze star for his excellent work—first as sergeant major, then as first sergeant of one of the squadrons. His work was most outstanding when the 397th moved from their base in England to a base in France. Administrative officers crossed the channel first with a small advance party. Sgt. Harrington, left in charge, accomplished the move of the remainder of the squadron with utmost dispatch, so that there was no let-up in the continued bombing of the enemy.

**Bridges Knocked Out**  
His group, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Jimmie W. Britt, earned the name of "Bridge Busters" by knocking out nine of the 14 bridges destroyed behind the invasion coast of France in the single week before D Day. They established a new medium bombardment record for the European Theater of Operations by flying 100 missions in 119 days.

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The 397th recently received the presidential unit citation for conspicuous action against the enemy on December 23, 1944, at the height of the Ardennes counteroffensive.

**Clarence Bennett**  
On the Attack Transport USS Mellette, Off Yokohama—Clarence Marvin Bennett, quartermaster, third class, USN, Medford, Ore., and other crew members of this ship brought a battalion of marines to the beaches of Japan for one of the strangest military operations in history—a seaborne invasion of a nation after its surrender.

The transport was passing Guam at sea when Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz ordered her to prepare hastily for the operation.

Some 1,200 marines were rushed aboard her under command of Maj. Wilson E. Hunt, USMC, of Seattle, Wash. Ten American and British war correspondents followed. At the moment Hirohito was broadcasting news of Japan's defeat to her people, combat cargo was swung into her holds.

**Francis Widmer**  
On the Cruiser Louisville in the Pacific—Francis Widmer, quartermaster, third class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Widmer, Medford, was at his station on this ship when news of the final capitulation of the Japanese was announced over the loud speaker in mid-afternoon, Aug. 14.

It wasn't a riotous reception which the crew greeted the news. The feeling rather one of relief, because the tension had been so great in the closing days of the war.

**Elmer Crech**  
Aboard the USS Intrepid in the Pacific—Elmer H. Crech of Medford, Oregon, member of this big aircraft carrier's crew has advanced to chief gunner's mate, USN.

Crech, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Crech, Watertown, S. D., joined the navy in 1929 and served one four-year enlistment. He re-enlisted in December, 1939. Before joining the Intrepid he saw service with two destroyers, the Spruston and the Barker, and also served on the old USS Lexington, a big carrier.

Crech is married and has four children, Mildred Ellen, 10; Margaret Mavis, 9; Marilyn Joyce, 6; and Ronald Elmer, 18 months. His family live at 315 West 2nd street, Medford.

**Charles Robinson**  
Charles Franklin Robinson, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert E. Robinson, route 4, box 149, has arrived at Camp Wolters, Tex., to begin his infantry replacement training, stressing rifle, according to word received from the camp.

**Clarence Conner**  
Clarence J. Conner, water tender, third class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Conner, 615 North Bartlett street, Medford, served aboard the famed Pacific fleet aircraft carrier, Enterprise, the "fightingest carrier in the fleet," now back in the States for repairs after having

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Sat., Oct. 6

9:00 to 1:00

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been hit by a Jap suicide plane on May 14. The Enterprise, whose record of battles dates back to Pearl Harbor, accounted for 911 Jap aircraft shot down by her planes and guns, and 71 ships sunk and 192 probably sunk by her planes during her 275,000 miles of war duty.

**Stanley Jones**  
On the USS Panamint Off Honshu—Ensign Stanley C. Jones, 312 Penn. avenue, Medford, Ore., serving on this flagship of Vice Admiral Frank J. Fletcher, moved through Tsugaru Straits between Honshu and Hokkaido to occupy Ominato naval base in Mutsu Bay on Honshu.

Sixty warships are participating in the first occupation of Japan in Northern Honshu, nearly 400 miles beyond Tokyo. The Panamint moved in from the Aleutians, after Jap emissaries completed arrangements aboard her recently for the Americans to take over the base.

**Capt. Lewis Hedgpeth**  
Capt. Lewis F. Hedgpeth, Medford, is "prexy" of the army's education and information school with the 99th Infantry Division in Germany, according to a dispatch from the school.

**Arthur Hoffman**  
Arthur Albert Hoffman, aviation chief ordnanceman, route 4, Medford, Ore., has returned to the States after 10 months of duty in the Aleutians with Patrol Bombing Squadron 131.

The squadron, flying Vega Venture bombers, was the first one based in the Aleutians to use rockets against the Kurile islands.

Members of 131, the first Vega squadron to be transferred from the Atlantic fleet to the North Pacific fleet, wear two distinguished flying crosses and 81 air medals.

**Paul Thompson**  
Paul C. Thompson, Gold Hill, will arrive in the United States shortly with the 17th Airborne Division when the unit returns home for deactivation. He served as a section sergeant in the 517th Combat Team and is a qualified parachutist. He participated in the Rome-Arno, Southern France, Poe Valley, Rhineland, Ardennes and central Europe campaigns and wears the combat infantry badge, purple heart with cluster, French "Four De Gier," presidential unit citation, English unit citation and invasion arrowhead.

His wife, Mrs. Creighton Thompson and parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Thompson, reside at Gold Hill.

### SENTENCED TRIO GO TO PRISON SATURDAY

Eugene Errol Bellows and Veau A. Robertson, each 21, both sentenced to two-year state prison terms and LaBern Frank Keller sentenced to three years at Salem, for contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl, will be taken to the state penitentiary tomorrow, the sheriff's office reports. All entered pleas of guilty. Keller for bringing a 15-year old girl here from Eugene, and Bellows and Robertson for forgery. A juvenile involved with Keller was turned over to the juvenile court.

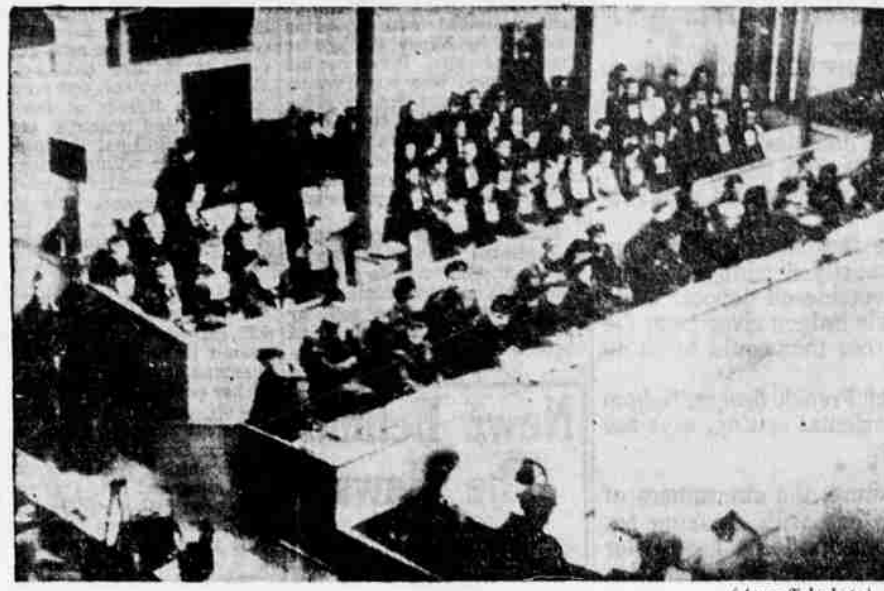
### Court House News

**Divorce Complaints**  
Wendell T. Parrick vs. Ruth Parrick.  
Shirley Lorraine Linebaugh vs. William Clay Linebaugh.  
Esther Walch vs. Louis Walch.  
Walter Clay John vs. Violet J. John.

**Divorce Decrees**  
Nellie S. Goss vs. Edwin L. Goss.

The original draft of the Declaration of Independence was written by Thomas Jefferson in French.

## Beast of Belsen and Henchmen on Trial



Josef Kramer, the Beast of Belsen concentration camp, and 44 other SS henchmen are shown on trial in British military court in Lueneberg, Germany, where they went on trial for war crimes and conspiracy to commit mass murder. All defendants pleaded innocent. Radio-photo from NEA-ACME telephoto.

## JAP RECOVERY TO BE FASTER THAN THAT OF STATES

Chicago (UP)—Japan will recover from the war faster than the United States, according to Dr. John W. Stanton, Northwestern University political science professor.

History has shown that agricultural nations recover from war faster than industrial countries. Stanton, former War Department consultant on Japan, said.

Before the war, he said, two-thirds of the Japanese people were engaged in agriculture and fishing and a third in industry and commerce, compared with two-thirds in German industry and similarly high proportions in U. S. and British industry.

"Employment of demobilized Japanese soldiers will not be a serious problem, as it will be for American veterans," Stanton explained, "because the majority are peasants who will return to the land or to fishing."

Russia will lead the world in recovery from the war, he said, largely because it is so vast and so heavily agricultural.

Stanton said that tax reductions for the Japanese, who no longer need billions for armaments, also will hasten their recovery. This burden will be shifted to the American taxpayer, who will pay for the occupation forces, he added.

"If occupation forces are maintained for 10 or 20 years to insure against militarists regaining a foothold, such a fast Japanese recovery should be reassuring rather than a cause for worry, because it will allay economic discontent and war hatreds," he concluded.

## Thousand Dollar Bills Found Hard To Cash in South

New Orleans (UP)—J. O. Fernandez, Louisiana collector of internal revenue, says that in his state people have a hard time cashing \$1,000 bills, and there's a reason.

He points out that a lot of big money is being made illegally these days, and that though it may sound unreasonable, some people are "selling" \$1,000 bills for great discounts.

The reason: Uncle Sam and all his nephews immediately report to internal revenue whenever anyone attempts to cash the big bills, just to make sure the bill's owner has an income resembling the one he posted on his income tax return.

## DEAD TURTLE NIPS FINGER

Ada, O. (UP)—While the rest of him was dressed for a turtle supper, the head of a 20-pound turtle, chopped off and put to one side, bit off the fingertip of four-year-old Bobby Wyss. When the boy picked up the head for close examination, reflex action caused the turtle's jaws to snap shut.

## BIRTHS

BRITTON—To Mr. and Mrs. Ronald, 718 Victory street, Oct. 5, 1945, a girl, five pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

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## FIVE ACCIDENTS ON POLICE BOOK

Five minor accidents were reported to city police yesterday. Two Medford high school students, Audree Andrews and Janis Duncan, were slightly injured yesterday in an accident at the intersection of Main street and Vancouver avenue when cars operated by Rex Jerrold Igo, route 1, and Clement M. Parker, 307 Vancouver avenue, collided, causing considerable damage to both vehicles, according to city police.

Police were called to an accident at the Third and Front street intersection this morning when a car driven by Loren Carter, route 1, was in collision with a sedan operated by Wayne E. Johnston, 719 Clark street, officers reported. Carter was cited to appear in police court charged with being without an operator's license.

An auto driven by H. C. Thompson, route 4, was reported damaged yesterday in a collision on South Central avenue with a truck driven by Lewis Loper, route 2, and considerable damage was caused to cars driven by F. W. Nelson, route 4, and L. Howard, West Jackson street, in a mishap Thursday morning on Dry Creek road.

Also reported to police was an accident which occurred early today on highway 99 after

cars driven by Peter B. Wazdatsky, of Los Angeles, and Leslie E. Hammett, route 4, collided near a bridge. Both cars were damaged, according to reports filed with police.

**NON-SUPPORT CHARGED**  
James Shaw, Medford, was released on \$250 bail yesterday following appearance in Justice court charged with non-support. Preliminary hearing was continued until Oct. 12.

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## LOCAL HUNTERS FIND PORTION OF JAPANESE BOMB

A party of Medford hunters returned from Lake county yesterday with their "booty"—two fine four-point deer and one used Japanese incendiary bomb. Since the bomb had obviously exploded and burned the men brought the remains home.

The three men Joe Rinard, J. E. McDonald and J. W. Teague, found the remains of the bomb on the ground under a large fir tree high in the Lake county mountains. The bomb was a steel cylinder about one and one-half feet long and about five inches across, and the firing mechanism was very similar to that used on booty traps of the American army, one of the party declared, and the contraption had the remains of chains on the side, this evidently having been the way the bomb was fastened to the parachute carrier.

In descending to the ground the bomb tore its way through the branches of the tree and then buried itself several inches in the ground. It had burned fiercely enough to partly melt the bottom of the cylinder and to fuse rocks in with the melting metal, but the fire had spread but a few inches around the bomb. The men are of the opinion that the bomb fell quite some time ago, probably as much as two years ago, from examination of the broken tree

branches and the metal. The men reported the find to officers at Camp White.

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