

FIRST TASTE OF ACTION ON U. S. WARSHIP

By FRANCIS MCCARTHY HONOLULU, Jan. 6 (UP) — There aren't many army privates who get their first taste of action aboard a battleship but that's Harry Polto's story and he has a commendation for valor under fire to prove it.

Polto is 18 and he comes from Santa Fe, N. M., and Rock Springs, Wyo. He has less than three months experience in the army.

His baptism of fire came Dec. 7 when he volunteered to man a Lewis machine gun aboard a battleship at Pearl Harbor.

"I was at Schofield barracks where I'd been sent after enlisting in the army and applying for foreign service," he said. "I enlisted last year. Before that I was in the marines for 41 days until they discharged me when they found out I was only 17."

"On this morning I decided to get up early and have Sunday breakfast with a chum from my home town, Coy Tyson, a private, first class, U. S. marines, stationed on a battleship at Pearl Harbor.

"We were ironing out our uniforms in the pressroom of the battleship when a voice sounded off over the loudspeaker: 'All men man their stations.' Tyson said he thought we were going to have a 'dry run' (a practice workout without firing ammunition). He told me 'Come along and I'll show you a big gun.'

"We hit the deck and I ran along with Tyson for his battle station. I thought it would be fun to watch them work. Just about then everything started to happen and at once, I still didn't know what was going on but as I looked out over the harbor I saw a big explosion. I darned near jumped out of my skin. There came a roar of sharp cracks like a whole carload of firecrackers going off at once.

"I looked up at the sky and saw a flock of planes diving down, smoke pouring from their machine guns. I looked down at my feet and saw splinters flying along the deck. Tyson and I dove head first for protection into a nearby gun turret.

"You're darned right I was scared! It all happened so fast. I saw many Japanese planes dropping bombs. Some hit the target and others exploded in the water. Shortly after the fireworks started I saw two Japanese planes on fire, coming down.

"I think they cracked up on Ford island. One bomb struck the turret of our ship and did a little damage. About that time the captain called for machine gun volunteers. I told Tyson I thought I could operate one from my training days as a marine. He said 'Let's go.'

"I felt awfully shaky at first. Tyson fed the ammunition and I did the firing with a 30 caliber Lewis gun.

"One good burst of bullets struck about a yard from our position. We saw sailors swimming in the water after abandoning their ship and Japanese planes swooping down low to machine gun them in the water. I am pretty sure we got one plane. It came down low to drop a bomb on the destroyer next to us. The bomb missed and hit the water. As the plane pulled up from its dive it was very low and I got the pilot square on my sights and blazed away. Maybe someone else was shooting at him, too, but the plane went out of control right away and was falling in a crash when I last saw it."

Polto and Tyson stayed in their battle station until the attack was over and Polto worked aboard the ship until the following afternoon when he was given transportation back to Schofield barracks. When he left he carried with him a commendation for valor under fire signed by the executive officer of the battleship.

A Sturdier Shoe Will Come About

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 (AP) — The nation's shoe manufacturers came up Monday with a ready answer to the tire famine—a sturdier walking shoe.

This type of women's shoe, in a variety of colors and designs, was stressed as exhibits were unveiled for buyers at the opening of the four day national shoe fair.

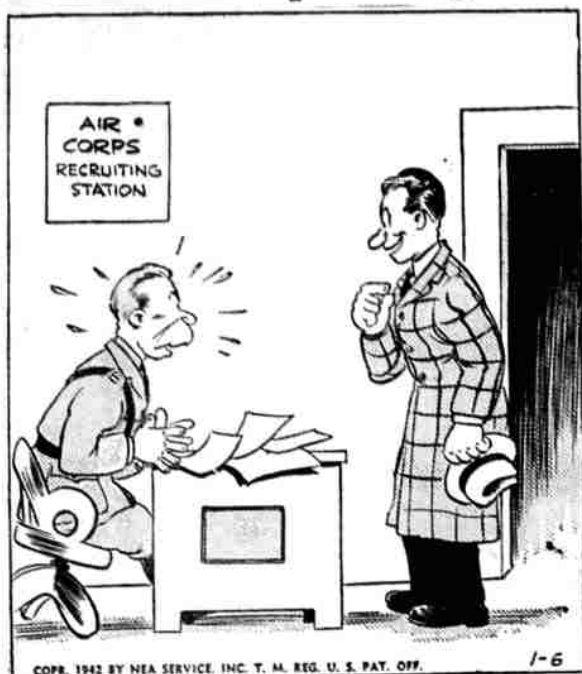
L. E. Langston, executive vice president of the National Shoe Retailers association, said early orders for a sturdy type of women's shoe were 100 per cent more than last year.

The question we must ask ourselves is whether the ideals and standards which we hold and cherish will survive.

Bishop James Maxon, Episcopal diocese of Tennessee.

We must have more planes and ships—at once. Then it will be our turn to strike.

Hold Everything!



"I won't need to go to ground school—I graduated from an agricultural college!"

Goodes Hold Clan Christmas Tree In Dorris Home

DORRIS — Mr. and Mrs. E. Goode held the annual clan Christmas tree at their home. Lovely gifts and delicious refreshments were served out to all the guests.

Those present were Mrs. Bertha Kandy of Klamath Falls, Mrs. John Kleiber, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Don Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Goode and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Goode, Mr. and Mrs. George Padgett.

"Uncle Sam Anxious to Enlist Large Dogs for War Duty" —headline. Small feet, however, won't keep you out.



"BARE" DOESN'T MEAN "NUDE"

And "lead" can be what a leader does or what a plumber uses for pipe, depending on how you pronounce it.

Words—pictures—symbols, the things we all use to convey ideas from one mind to another mind.

They are tools—the tools of civilized men, but they can be sharp or blunt, well used or misused.

WARNING to All America

You walk the paths of freedom: They are glorious paths, but they are beset by dangers.

Words—pictures—symbols can poison you, can hurt you.



Your newspaper brings you; through words, pictures and symbols, two kinds of news:

- 1. FACTS
2. OPINIONS

Now, the very nature of news in a free country demands that you have both the GOOD and the BAD news. You want the FACTS, the harsh, disheartening facts and the gentle, reassuring ones. You want the opinions of all sorts of men, good and bad.

Armed with these facts and opinions you are able to perform the responsibilities of citizenship. If you accept and support the good, reject and cast out the bad, you are armed to destroy the rattlesnakes along the paths of freedom.

Merely refusal to see or hear won't help you. It



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EXTENSION UNITS TO STUDY BUDGETS

"With increasing strain on the pocketbook, more and more planning is becoming necessary to meet the family needs," says Winnifred K. Gillen, home demonstration agent.

Home extension units in Klamath county are meeting this month and next to discuss methods of managing finances. The first of these meetings is to be held Thursday, January 8, from 8 to 10 p. m., at the Bonanza high school, in connection with the Smith-Hughes farmers' meeting. Lois Lutz, extension specialist in home management from Oregon State college, will be present to discuss "Home Accounts," and Professor G. W. Kuhlman, of the farm management department, will discuss the "Farm Accounts." Kuhlman will also be present at the second meeting of farmers and homemakers on Friday, January 9, at the Poe Valley grange hall from 8 to 10 p. m.

Cooperating with the extension service on this project is the Smith-Hughes agricultural program at Bonanza, directed by Raleigh Carrothers, the farm security administration, and the Production Credit association.

Everyone interested is invited to attend these discussions, according to Mrs. Gillen.

Nazi Call for Clothing Success

BERLIN, Jan. 6 — Official broadcast recorded by AP—Two weeks of collecting warm clothing for the German forces at the front brought in by Saturday a total of 22,144,201 pieces, including a fur hunting muff from the family of the late president and World war field marshal, Paul Von Hindenburg.

Relatives of the World war ace, Immelmann, donated his flying furs while furcens also came from nurses in field hospitals on the eastern front. In all, 1,511,579 fur coats and fur-lined waist-coats were contributed.

Ammonia is used in making military explosives and also is fine for cleaning. We'll use it to clean the Japs.

Midland Empire News

CONSTRUCTION ON FEED PLANT STARTED

MALIN—M. Jacobson, of the Acme Packing company, Seattle, who recently purchased 20 acres of land from Dewey Smith on the Great Northern right of way south of town, began construction Monday on a large scale feeding plant where Jacobson started from 4000 to 5000 head of feeder cattle will be in the yards at all times.

Yards, loading shutles, scales, a modern mixing and grinding mill and other equipment will be included in the unit which will be completed by April 1, it is expected. The company will also build a modern home for Jacobson who will manage the plant and for a number of men employed in the mill.

Hay left this season in the southern end of the Klamath basin is being purchased and as much local material as it is possible to obtain here will be used in building. The company plans to ship quantities of extra from the middle west to be used in the ration.

The Acme Packing company has bought cattle and sheep in Klamath county for a number of years.

Annual Firemen's Ball in Malin Being Planned

MALIN—The annual Firemen's ball is planned by the Malin volunteer department or Valentine's day, February 14, it was announced this week by Louis Kalina, chief who stated that the dance will be co-ordinated with defense activities here. The department has already ordered a number of smoke masks, modern first aid kits and new tools.

The dance will be held in the Broadway hall but the music has not yet been selected. New officers will be elected January 19.

Malin

Miss Valarie Sauerberg, manager for the office of the McCollum Lumber company here returned the last of the week from Canada where she spent the holidays with her mother.

Vacationing in Missouri this winter are Mr. and Mrs. Earl McVey and daughter, Betty, who went south before Christmas and Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson and two little sons who left about New Years for Kirksville to visit relatives. All of the travelers expect to be away until some time in February.

The Helping Hand society

will meet Wednesday, January 7 in Klamath Falls. Mrs. A. E. Street succeeds Mrs. Earl Kester as secretary. Mrs. Kester resigned recently.

Mother, Daughter Injured in Crash

TULELAKE — Mrs. Frank Himmicutt and her ten year old daughter were injured late Monday afternoon in a collision with a car driven by a resident of Tionesta, it was reported by Dr. J. R. Barry who treated both Mrs. Himmicutt for bruises and her small daughter for facial lacerations.

Details of the accident were not obtained but it is reported that both cars involved were badly damaged. Occupants of the second vehicle were unhurt.

Dorris

The dry kiln of the Dorris plant of the Long Bell burst into flames about 11 o'clock Saturday night. It was still burning at 6 o'clock Sunday morning.

Saturday morning Les Chase, the new justice of the peace, fined Ted Keffer of Klamath Falls \$100 and suspended his driver's license for drunk driving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kreischer have moved to Hayward, Calif.

while Mr. Kreischer is working at Richmond.

Dick Stevenson of Mt. Hebron accidentally shot himself in the arm this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Gordon have returned from an enjoyable holiday season spent in Tenino, Wash.

Mrs. Enoch Israelson, Chase Israelson and Mrs. Agnes Shaw are spending a few weeks in Los Angeles.

Rich Illinois bachelor married his cook. Now he has a fireless cooker.



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All of our new tires and tubes, and all of our new cars have been frozen by the OPM.

We have just received the following wire: "All 1942 demonstrators, and all 1941 cars, light, medium and heavy trucks with less than 1000 miles are immediately frozen."

We suggest that anyone who is going to be in the market for a good car buy now, because older model cars in dealers' hands may also be frozen by the OPM.

Elmer Balsiger

We Now Have The Following Cars In Stock — Ready For Immediate Delivery

Table with columns: Full Price, Down Pay't., Months to Pay. Lists various car models and prices such as '41 Ford Deluxe Tudor \$895, '41 Ford Deluxe Coupe, auxiliary seats 895, etc.

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