

STATE GUARD HOLDS FIELD MANEUVERS

Sunday, August 3, has been designated as the first of four field maneuvers for Oregon State Guard companies in this area. Extensive plans have been formulated for various types of field practice, according to Major D. D. Van Fleet, commanding officer of the 19th battalion with headquarters here.

It is expected that Company C of the 19th battalion, and company B, of the first regiment will turn out in full strength as well as units from Lakeview, Chiloquin and Merrill, Malin.

An innovation of this year's maneuvers will be the work of the communications squad of the headquarters company. This detail, headed by Lt. Gilbert Holte has been working hard with field telephones and semaphores and should add greatly to the annual maneuvers.

Last year's maneuvers were enjoyed by all those who took part in them. Sunday's action will take place in a series of hills north of the city and all members of state guard companies are requested to assemble at the armory at 8 a. m. Sunday. Each guardsman will bring his own ration for noon-day lunch.

SGT. O. J. HORNE.

No Information On Increased Sugar Allotments

No information has yet been received by the war price and rationing board of any increase in sugar allotments, it was reported today.

Details on reports read in newspapers or heard over the radio have not been extended to the board and there is no information about increases in sugar for canning purposes or for industrial and institutional users.

Josephine County Sheriff Appointed

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 3 (P)—Lloyd Lewis, for the past 14 years chief deputy sheriff, was named sheriff of Josephine county this morning by the county court. He succeeds A. Donley Barnes, who resigned to take a defense job in Portland.

Now, It Happened This Way . . .



Captain Robert E. Smith, who was long with General Chennault's command in China and claims eight enemy planes to his credit, is shown talking over his experiences with his uncle, R. W. Browning, Klamath Falls. Captain Smith visited here last weekend.

Veteran Flier Tells How Chinese Shot at Him, Then Apologized With Banquets

How friendly Chinese shot at him by mistake and apologized with receptions and banquets was told by Captain Robert E. Smith, United States army air corps, on a visit here Sunday with his uncle, Robert Browning, of Klamath Falls.

The veteran of 70 combat missions, with eight enemy planes to his credit, has seen action in Africa as well as the far east. He came down on the Klamath airport Saturday evening in a P-39, and took off Sunday afternoon to return to his station at Oakland, Calif.

Target for Chinese Captain Smith's experience as a target for Chinese who thought he was a Jap occurred just after the Americans treated Hong Kong to a dive-bombing raid several months ago. Newspaper stories at the time said all the raiding ships returned to base but one. That one was Captain Smith's plane.

On the way back from Hong Kong he had engine trouble and was forced to seek an emergency landing place. He picked a sandbar in a river, and came down successfully, wheels up.

Almost immediately rifle shots broke out from the brush and bullets splattered in the water about Captain Smith's plane.

Hides Behind Plane The flier took refuge behind

his plane, and hurriedly got out a Chinese flag he had with him. He waved the flag; the shooting stopped, and the Chinese came out to look him over. Writing on the flag convinced them he was a friendly American.

Word spread and a throng of jabbering Chinese gathered around to see the Yankee flier. Presently, he heard a friendly voice speak in the English language, and looked up to see an American missionary, who from then on acted as his companion and interpreter. The missionary, a Rev. Overmeyer, came from Columbus, Ohio, where Captain Smith went to school.

The Social Whirl "From then on, life was a round of parties and banquets as

long as I stayed in that community," said Captain Smith. "Local police lined up and stood at attention in my honor. The mayor and other dignitaries played host. They were constantly apologizing for shooting at me."

Some time later, after he had rejoined his outfit, the plane was salvaged from the sandbar.

Captain Smith spent 10 months with Brigadier General Claire Chennault's command in China, and there saw action in scores of strafing and bombing missions. He was attached to the Flying Tigers in an observer capacity to learn their methods, before that famed organization was dissolved and became part of the U. S. air forces.

Closest Shave It was while with General Chennault that Captain Smith had what he regards as his "greatest day and his closest shave." On that day he and another flier piled into formation of 20 Zeros, which were loafing high over a Chinese city to protect a force of bombers attacking the city.

Selecting a Zero as his target, Captain Smith darted to the attack and saw the plane shudder and drop out of formation, obviously hit. Before the other planes could turn on him, he had started a sharp descent and dropped in an almost vertical dive for 19,000 feet, escaping them. The other American pilot had no such luck, and was lost.

Thrilling Stories Those were only two of the brilliant stories recounted by Captain Smith on his brief stay here. It was his second trip to Klamath Falls, and he agreed that a lot of things have happened to him since he visited the Brownings two years ago. However, he has not yet realized an ambition to fly around the world. When he went to the far east, he flew by way of the Atlantic and Africa. He returned the same way. He has yet to fly the Pacific.

The post-war transition period will not be easy. A great many men and a great many women are going to be out of work. — Mary Anderson, director Labor Department women's bureau.

KNOX CREDITS SEABEES FOR ALLIED GAINS

Much of the credit for the United Nations' gains against the axis is due to the miraculous achievements of the U. S. navy's construction battalions (Seabees), according to a recent statement by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox. These are the men who build advance bases beyond the continental limits of the United States and who defend these vital installations.

But, as the allies extend their gains in enemy territory, the greater becomes the need for additional men for the Seabees. Right now the situation is critical, according to D. T. Schreiber, of the Klamath Falls navy recruiting station. Thousands of skilled workers are needed immediately for duty in the combat areas.

Mechanics, carpenters, machinists, draftsmen, electricians, riggers, powermen, pipe-fitters and plumbers, welders, wharf-builders and concrete workers are a few of the skilled workers men so greatly in demand. Any man with experience in one of these trades can qualify for a petty officer rating in the Seabees, Schreiber reports, and is asked to go to the navy recruiting station without delay for a preliminary interview.

UNDILUTED LOS ANGELES, (P)—Upstairs, firemen drenched flames with water.

Downstairs, patrons of a street-level bar quenched thirsts with beverages.

Upraised umbrellas protected them—and their beer—from the water dripping through the ceiling.

Ganong Retained to Defend County In Frank Howard Case

Klamath county has retained William Ganong to assist in the defense in the pending case of Frank Z. Howard versus Klamath county.

In his complaint Howard asks for back pay of \$150 a month which, allegedly, the county owes him for services rendered since July, 1942, in conjunction with his duties as county surveyor.

William Kuykendall is attorney for the plaintiff.

CAMP FOUR LEADERS MAKE BOND REPORT

WEYERHAEUSER CAMP 4 Mrs. Earl Cruickshank, Mrs. Hal Ogle and Mrs. Wayne Knapp of Weyerhaeuser Camp 4 were in charge of the savings bond and stamp drive in their community during July. Personal contact was the method used.

Almost all the families called on report that they use the payroll deduction plan to purchase bonds regularly, and they also buy stamps.

Dorothy Wilcoxon and Barbara Johnson are among the young people who finished filling a stamp book, bought a bond and started another stamp book during the month.

Stamp books were given to people who were ready for new books.

Mrs. Harry Carroll of the Camp 4 store has a supply of stamps and reports her sales only slightly increased during the drive.

Members of the committee expressed the hope that their work would increase future sales.

Approximately 2,500,000 automobiles were taken out of service since May 1, 1942.

JAYCEES TO CONDUCT SPUD LABOR SURVEY

Junior chamber of commerce members voted at their meeting Monday evening to adopt as an organization project a survey to be made in connection with community support of the fall potato harvest program.

A committee headed by Charles Finch will determine the exact form of the survey, which will cover the business district. Purpose is to stimulate interest in assisting in the harvest and to get a preliminary idea as to how much help can be expected from the business district if an emergency arises. The chamber was asked to undertake this work by Myrie C. Adams, who has charge of the

Recruiting of Seabees, WAVES Stressed at Meeting

Recruiting of WAVES and Seabees was stressed at a Portland recruiter conference, First Class Specialist Dan Schreiber said today. Because of the large quota set for Oregon during the month of August for the enlistment of men in the construction battalions, many applicants will be sent to Portland without being interviewed by Warrant Carpenter Leo Wolgamood, who will be here late in August. The Seabee quota for this month is approximately eight times the number usually enlisted, Schreiber said.

harvest work campaign in the city and suburbs.

Malcolm Epley, Klamath newspaper man, reviewed highlights of a recent trip to Washington, New York and Boston in an after-dinner talk to the junior chamber. The meeting was held in the Pelican cafe party room.

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 All members of B Co. 1st Reg., and C Co. 19th Bn., Oregon State Guard will assemble at the Klamath Armory, Thursday, August 5th, at 8:00 p. m. for inspection and review by the Commander-in-Chief, Governor Snell. Regular Wednesday night drill cancelled.
 Also remember field practice, Sunday, August 9th, from 8 to 12 noon.
 By order
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