

Damaged Yank Craft Back in Duty After Philippines Battle

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—The navy reported today on the Philippines battle which cost the Japanese more than 60 warships and said that some damaged American craft have already returned to duty.

Summing up the furious October 22-27 battle in the longest naval communique of the war, the department identified six American ships lost in action, including the light carrier Princeton. This sinking had been announced previously.

The six ships lost: The Princeton; two escort carriers—the Saint Lo and Gambier Bay; two destroyers—the Johnson and

Hoel; one destroyer escort—the Samuel B. Roberts.

"A few lesser craft" also were reported lost.

"The Japanese are still wondering what hit them," the navy said.

The number of damaged American vessels was not disclosed, the navy said, for security reasons.

After announcing the American ship losses, the communique said:

"Against this, the Japanese definitely lost two battleships, four carriers, six heavy cruisers, two light cruisers, and an undetermined number of destroyers. These ships were seen to go down. So severely damaged that they may have sunk before reaching port, and in any event removed from action for from one to perhaps six months, were one Japanese battleship, three heavy cruisers, two light cruisers and seven destroyers.

In addition, damaging hits were noted on six battleships, four heavy cruisers, one light cruiser and 10 destroyers.

"The victory not only made possible," the navy added, "the continuing supply of men and munitions to General Douglas MacArthur's successful invasion forces, but its magnitude can conservatively be said to have greatly reduced future casualties in both men and waterborne equipment."

The United States forces protecting the landing of troops on Leyte were the target for three Japanese naval groups, totalling — without considering submarines — nine battleships, four carriers, 13 heavy cruisers and seven light cruisers, together with more than 30 destroyers.

Despite the results achieved against this force, the navy cautioned against over-optimism.

"We must not allow ourselves to feel that this victory effectively prevented any reinforcements of the Jap forces on Leyte and Samar, because he can still, by the very nature of the geography of the islands... continue his reinforcements at an increasingly diminishing rate," the navy said.

"He cannot, however, prevent our own reinforcement and supply of General MacArthur and his gallant troops."

Compass Needs Not Always Accurate, Reports Pruett

By J. HUGH PRUETT
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"What's wrong with the small compass in the handle of a knife I recently bought? I called the salesman's attention to the fact that it pointed over 20 degrees east of what seemed to be north. He replied, 'It points north all right. This building isn't set due north and south.'"

There is a general impression that the compass needle, a delicately pivoted and magnetized splinter of steel, indicates true north—at least as accurately as does our reliable north star.

However, worries a plenty await the householder who takes his compass readings literally, for he will surely find his dwelling badly askew. To Columbus' sailors the world seemed so absolutely out of plumb, due to the apparent misbehavior of their trusted compass, that they threatened mutiny.

At a few places, taking the earth as a whole, does the blackened end of the needle, or "north-seeking pole," indicate true north. In North America it points only along a line running through western Hudson Bay, Ontario, Michigan and on down through South Carolina. East of this line it points west of north; west of the line, east of north. Maps are available, usually from governmental agencies, which enables one to determine his locality this error from true north.

The compass points east of north at Klamath Falls by about 20 degrees.

To find directions in a locality where, for example, the error from due north is known

SCOUTS RECEIVE AWARDS AT COURT

Forty Boy Scouts received awards at a court of honor Friday evening, November 17, in the Fremont school auditorium. More than 150 scouts and friends. The court combined a regular presentation of awards with the 6th War Loan bond rally.

Second class ranks were awarded to John Woods, Harold Peyton, Boyd Hansen, Walter Clemons and Lawrence Blesh of troop 8; Wright Carleton, Glen Lambert and James Griggs of troop 4; Richard Doege, Bruce Crawford, Billy Kitchens, also of troop 8; Ben Sheppard, Billy Grubb and Maurice Tedrick of troop 2; Gordon Fletcher and Rodney Bell of troop 3; John Stewart of troop 4.

First class rank was awarded to Charles Heilbronner, Paul Oldenburg, Tom Orr and Robert Hilton of troop 3; Byron Tarr, Bobby Sargent, Ronny Tarr and John Bishop of troop 18.

Merit Badge awards were made to Bob Hilton for reading, cycling and woodcarving; Glenn Lambert and James Griggs for signalling; Bob Brown for first aid, pathfinding and stamp collecting; Bob Clammer for public health; Jack Dow for cooking; Arthur Wilson for bookbinding; Billy Hermant for farm layout and woodworking; John Bishop, Bobby Schieferstein and Teddy Hodges, all for woodworking.

Star ranks were bestowed Billy Hermant, Bobby Schieferstein and Kenneth Kime of troop 18. The highest award of the evening went to Robert Clammer of troop 5—the life rank, which is next to the highest rank in scouting, that of Eagle Scout.

Chairman of the court was Paul Skeen, district advancement chairman. Members of the awarding body were K. G. Klahn, council president; J. V. Owens, district chairman, and Colonel G. O. Van Orden, commander of the local Marine Barracks, and members of the advancement committee.

Merrill Schools First to Fill Quota

Both the elementary and high schools in Merrill are the first in the county to have reached the quota of war bonds which was issued to them, according to Paul E. Lee, who is in charge of publicity for radio and newspaper.

Lee announced that the two schools have exceeded their goal by 31 per cent, three days before the inauguration of the 6th War Loan drive.

to be 15 degrees to the east, turn the body of the compass until the needle is over the 15-degree mark east of the north arrow. The arrow will then indicate north.

The earth itself is undoubtedly a great magnet, else the tiny magnet of the compass would not set itself in any certain direction. The earth's north magnetic pole is in northern Canada, 1200 miles from the geographical north pole.

The cause of the earth's magnetism is not definitely known, but has been assigned to action from the stars, an electric current below the surface flowing around parallel to the equator, the electrical particles of the atmosphere moving because of the earth's rotation, and to huge masses of magnetized iron-nickel alloys in the earth's center.

The direction the compass points changes very slightly year by year. In London in 1590 it indicated 11 degrees east of north. By 1818 it was pointing 24 degrees west of north and was starting westward again.

At times when sunspots and northern lights are much in evidence, compass needles all over the world go wild for a day or two, sometimes in a few hours changing five or more degrees from their usual positions. Telegraph instruments are then badly disabled, and a "magnetic storm" is said to be raging.

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



WARD ON LEAVE
Cox'n Vernon Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ward of Pelican City, is home on a five-day leave. He returned to the



states recently after being overseas for two years. He was in active duty with the navy in the Mediterranean theater and took part in the invasions of Italy, Sicily and France. He will leave Sunday to report to his ship at Boston, Mass.

BROTHERS IN SERVICE
Word has been received that Staff Sgt. John Groves, who is serving with the engineers at



attached to the First Army somewhere in Belgium, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy. Sgt. Groves entered the service in August, 1942. He has been overseas for 22 months in Iceland, England, France and Belgium. He was employed at some of the leading men's stores in Klamath Falls before he entered the service.

Cpl. Steve Groves, John's twin brother is serving with the quartermaster's corps in England. He was sent overseas in January 1944. After some difficulty, the two brothers located each other in England and spent several weekends together. Cpl. Groves spent most of his life here and attended Klamath Union high school. Before entering the service, he was employed as sawyer for the Ewauna Box company.

Pvt. Floyd N. Groves is stationed at Camp Lee, Va., where he is with the quartermaster's corps. Before his induction in 1944, he lived in Tacoma, Wash., where he was an inspector and serviceman for the Burroughs Adding Machine company. His wife, the former Gladys Samson

of Tacoma, is with him in Virginia. The three Groves brothers are sons of Mrs. Jennie Groves formerly of this city. Mrs. Groves is now living in Portland with her daughter, Mrs. O. R. Harris.

HAYDEN VISITS

CWO Dale M. Hayden is home for the first time in 33 months, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hayden, 2029 Siskiyou. He arrived last Thursday and at the end of his 21-day leave will report to Camp Bowie, Tex.

Hayden graduated from Klamath Union high school, and was employed in the store at Bratton's cottages before he entered the service.

GIVANS IN SERVICE

PFC Marilee Givan of the United States marines, women's reserve, has returned to Chicago



after spending a furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Givan of Bonanza. She received her basic training at Camp Lejeune, N. C., and is now attending aircraft school at the U. S. Naval Training station, Chicago. Marilee's brother, Dan Givan, SOM3/c, recently graduated from submarine school at San Diego and is now serving in the Pacific.

KENNETT IN FRANCE

PFC Wayne "Speed" Kennett, former employe of Southern Pacific, is now in France with General Patton's third army, according to word received here by his wife, Marilyn, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kennett, of 2554 Orchard. "Speed" has been overseas since early spring, and in France since August.

ABELL GETS PURPLE HEART

PFC Elmer L. Abell, husband of Mrs. Cleo Abell, has recovered from wounds received in action in France and has been awarded the Purple Heart. It was learned here by his wife that Elmer has now returned to active duty with his company in France. Before entering the service, PFC Abell was employed by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company.

If it's a "frozen" article you need, advertise for a used one in the classified.

TURKEYS SCARCE FOR CIVILIAN USE

By TOM WILLIAMS
CHICAGO, Nov. 18 (AP)—Tom Turkey, who has gone to war to give the boys at the fighting fronts, in prison camps and at home base a measure of thanks on Thanksgiving day, will be an item of scarcity for most civilians on the holiday.

The armed services had first choice of the turkey crop, described by one expert as the biggest on record, while other factors for the shortage of the supply to fill civilian requirements was mild weather and shortage of labor in processing plants.

Warm weather, the war food administration said today, is one of the principal reasons why country marketings have not been sufficient to supply the civilian market. Turkeys, WFA explained, will not eat fattening foods when temperatures are mild. Consequently, many of this year's birds are not ready for market.

The armed services had first choice of the crop, taking a large quantity of the finished stock, most of them hens which mature earlier than toms.

A WFA order prohibiting turkey sales in 24 states until enough had been bought or contracted for to fill the needs of the armed services was lifted November 5. Military requirements were considerably higher this season.

SCOUTS SET BOND QUOTA IN DRIVE

Scouts of Klamath Falls city have set a \$50,000 "E" bond quota on their house to house canvass for the 6th War Loan. They received final instructions and materials at the conclusion of a court of honor Thursday evening.

Ten troops will take part in the sale and their effort is centered on getting residents to buy an extra bond. During the 5th War Loan, scouts sold more than \$30,000 worth of "E" bonds in the same type of canvass.

Scouts who take orders for bonds will not deliver them. It will be up to the person ordering the bond to purchase it from bond headquarters either in person or by mail. The original copy of the order will be presented at the time the bond is purchased so that the scout and his troop will get credit.

The Lions' club committee which will supervise the scout sale of bonds is composed of Bob Lamott, Dr. M. C. Cassel, Orth Sisemore, Hans Norland and Doug Smelecer.

Service Men and Women

Home on Leave

Cpl. Lewis Hull from Camp Spring, Washington, D. C. Here until November 22.
Pvt. Max L. Ruge from surgical technician's school, Palm Springs, Calif. Here until November 28.
T. Sgt. Earl C. Klinkhammer from South Pacific, Here until December 15.
The above service people are

entitled to free passes to the local theatres and free food service at Lovt River daily courtesy of Lloyd Lamb of the dairy. Please call at Paul Haines for your tickets.

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NEW SERVICE PLAN OFFERED FOR MEDICINE

The Klamath Medical Service bureau will offer a family hospital service plan in addition to its complete coverage of medical and hospital service to employ groups, it was announced today by Joe Hicks, manager.

The hospital plan is not restricted to the groups now enrolled under the employe group coverage by the bureau, but is open to all, he said. It is based on small monthly payments to cover all expenses entailed in hospitalization except the physician's fee.

The bureau was organized, January 2, 1943, by Klamath county physicians and surgeons, and purchased the Hillside hospital, July 1, 1943. The group is composed of 36 physicians and surgeons, 16 of whom are now in the armed services. Hicks has been manager during the life of the organization, and more recently Frank Smith was named assistant manager.

"In our bureau, the subscriber has a free choice of physician, and under the new hospital service plan, the physician will be able to service the member of the employe group, as well as the balance of the family," said Hicks. "Approximately 7000 Klamath employes are enrolled under KMSB's full coverage medical and hospital plan," he said.

"The bureau believes that a hospital should be a workshop for the physician rather than a place to direct the services of a physician. With this thought in mind, the bureau purchased Hillside hospital and is now offering the family hospital service plan."

The bureau, to date, has spent its entire income of \$415,000 for medical, hospital and relative services, Hicks said, and will continue to follow the policy of regulating the charge for service so that all income will be spent for services rendered.

The officers of the bureau are as follows: president, Dr. Ralph W. Stearns; vice president, Dr. J. A. Patterson; secretary-treasurer, Dr. J. M. Hilton; assistant secretary treasurer, Dr. G. A. Massey.

Furniture From Bend USO Arrives Here

Furniture from the Bend USO rooms has arrived in Klamath Falls and is being installed at USO headquarters on Main. Hangings were placed at the windows this week and with the addition of the leather upholstered maple furniture, the large room is quite attractive.

USO officials said a second shipment of furniture to complete the room was expected from Bend Saturday.

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