

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



ASSAULT NIPS
WITH THE 24th INFANTRY DIVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES—A seagoing quartet of infantrymen, afloat in a leaky Japanese suicide launch, made a deliberate assault landing against 20 dug-in Nips on Labang Island, killed ten, routed the remainder and brought home their sabers as souvenirs.

It all came about because the southern half of the island was so densely that the sea-side barrios (villages) could not be reached by mopping-up parties.

Maj. James J. Stovall would have taken more men on his patrol, but only about 16 feet of boat was left by the time the boat was summoned Sgt. Douglas, 3120 Crest, Klamath Falls, PFC Freddie Waldrop of Dalles, Ga., and Harry Stuart of Long Island, N. Y.

They clambered aboard and started out. The first three barges yielded the same fate—natives lined the beaches to welcome them. But there were no Japs.

"Japan been here," they said, "but gone now."

At the fourth barrio it was different. The little village seemed silent and deserted as they approached. Then a figure scuttled from the beach into a thatched house.

"Tolo," said Maj. Stovall, "we'll get him," promised Sgt. Douglas.

They put the little launch in high and stormed ashore. Nothing happened.

"I'll cover the flanks," said the major. "Form a skirmish line and let's go on in."

Thus the assault moved forward. Scarcely had they crossed the thin strip of sand before the Japs opened up. Bullets whizzed by their ears and thumped to the boat behind them. The Japs scrambled for cover, but one man hit, and a murderous return fire from the huts and clumps of bushes where their enemies lay.

After a while they saw figures scurry into the shelter of the single and the firing died down.

"What gives now," asked the major.

"Let's have a looksee," said the major, and the intrepid little and advanced gingerly into the village. Nothing happened.

Sgt. Douglas and Stuart approached one of the huts while Waldrop covered them with a machine gun. Cautiously, Waldrop lifted a canvas flap covering a window, then froze for an instant. Facing him was a smiling Japanese with a pistol pointing directly into his midriff.

Stuart jerked the flap down with a gesture reminiscent of a comic, and dodged sideways. Sgt. Douglas fell over backward. The Nip shot through the canvas and missed both men.

Then Waldrop let go with his army gun. The Jap came pitching out of the window.

Douglas inched forward, reached a match to the hut and the palm-leaf sides burst into black flame.

"It's getting late," said the major. "We had better check again tomorrow."

They came back the next morning, found 10 dead enemy soldiers, most of whom were officers, and gathered up their weapons.

It looked like they had found this place as a safe hide-out in which to remain in peace and comfort until the end of the war. Major Stovall said they had a bountiful supply of rice and other staples as well as the pigs and chickens they had stolen from the Filipinos. They also had plenty of ammunition and grenades.

ALCORN GETS CLUSTER
Sgt. William I. Alcorn of Klamath Falls, son of Mrs. Helman of route 3, has been awarded the fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for his participation in 8th air attacks on vital industrial plants in Germany.

Sgt. Alcorn is a ball turret gunner on a Flying Fortress, and his plane has been used in bombing supply dumps, emplacements, etc., in conjunction with the advance of allied forces.

Sgt. Alcorn is a graduate of Klamath Union high school and is an employe of the Klamath Protective association.

NORRIS AWARDED
WITH A 12TH AAF B-25 GROUP IN THE MEDITERRANEAN THEATER—S/Sgt. Robert B. Norris of Klamath Falls receives the Air Medal.



During eight months, some 500,000 tons of enemy shipping was knocked out by these B-24 radar groups. Radar observers such as Sgt. Scott played an important part in this accomplishment. They were essential aides who helped the navigators locate the ships to be bombed, and helped the bombardiers hit the target.

Decorations which Sgt. Scott wears include the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Asiatic Pacific theater of operations ribbon with one star. He has been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Hasy in England
Cpl. Frank Hasy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hasy, 232 E. Main, recently arrived in England where he received a brief orientation course at the air force station prior to going into combat zone. Cpl. Hasy will soon transfer to his permanent station from which America's fighting planes cover our advance into Germany. Prior to entering the service, Hasy was a test-electrician with Boeing Aircraft in Seattle.

Kuykendall Graduated
PFC William Kuykendall, Klamath Falls attorney now serving in the army, is among the graduates of the transport service course at the school for personnel services, Lexington, Va.

SCOTT REPORTS
T/Sgt. Merton C. Scott has reported to the AAF regional and convalescent hospital at Fort George Wright at Spokane, Wash., after eight months in China with the 14th air force. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Scott of 523 Prescott in Klamath Falls.

Scott served as a radar observer in a B-24 Liberator bomber. He completed 28 missions which represent over 300 hours of combat flying. These missions were flown at night, and the targets were Jap merchant ships and naval vessels. The principal hunting ground was the South China sea.

Both pilots have flown more than 2000 hours in all types of aircraft. Their present route, considered by airmen as the world's toughest, is the lifeline of vital war materials being flown to allied troops fighting the Japanese in China.

SAMMIS DRAWS BLANK
WITH THE 40TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES—"I drew a blank," said Sgt. Joseph V. Sammis, son of Mrs. Della M. Sammis, route 1, Klamath Falls, after helping to stop a banzal attack and piling Japs around the perimeter.

This squad leader, with five buddies of the 185th regiment of the 40th infantry division, accounted for 41 enemy attackers in early April on the island of Negros.

The first attack came in late evening April 11, on a small ridge facing enemy-held peaks of the northern Negros range where desperate Japs are cornered. The second came at 4:30 the following morning.

"We got 33 the first time and eight the second," said Sammis. "My greatest thrill came from a Jap officer," he continued. "I emptied my tommygun in him and then fired a machinegun until the barrel was smoking."

In daylight examination revealed four souvenirs on the

dead officer. They included a sabre, binoculars, watch and pistol. The five Yanks drew the blank.

This veteran of New Britain, Luzon and Panay was a former ranch worker and mill hand and is a graduate of the L. L. Cooke school of electricity. He came overseas August, 1942, after entering service in April of that year. He is at present in charge of a light machinegun section.

HOUGH PROMOTED
ALLIED FORCE HEAD-QUARTERS, Italy—Promotion of PFC Adeline Hough, 418 N. 11th, Klamath Falls, Ore., to the grade of technician fifth grade is announced by her commanding officer.

T/5 Hough, who entered the WAC in January, 1943, is stationed in Italy, assigned to a Wac headquarters platoon at allied force headquarters.

She came overseas in March, 1944, and during her off-duty

hours finds enjoyment in visiting Italy's famed historical spots.

ECKERT ENROLLS
Pvt. Donald M. Eckert, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Eckert, 3247 La Verne, Klamath Falls, 3247 has been enrolled at Scott Field, army air forces training command radio school. At the completion of training here, he will be qualified for further duty as a radio technician and may become one of the many Scott Field graduates serving as members of American bomber crews, at AAF ground stations or on the worldwide battlefronts of the army airways communications system.

In civilian life a student, he attended KUHS.

Ham was the name of Noah's second son.

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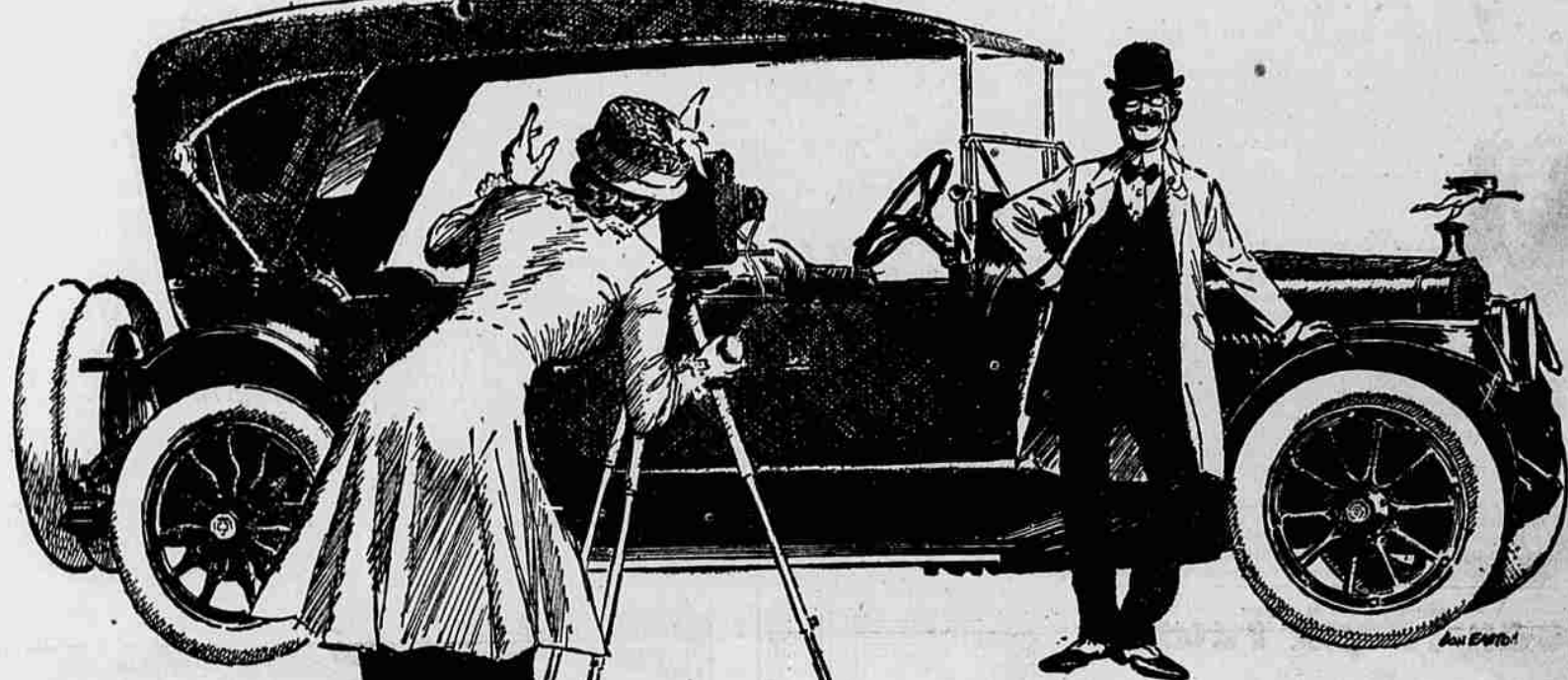
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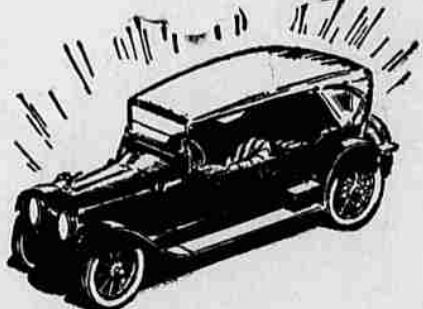
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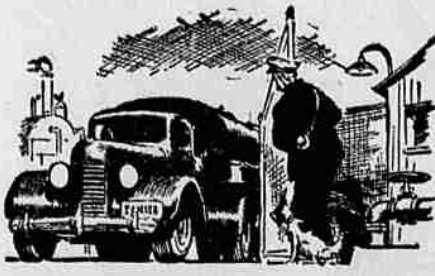
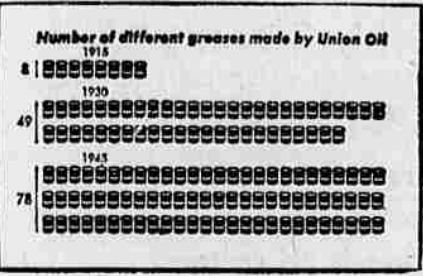
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