

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



Ben Kerns Sees Famous Nazi Prisoners While Stationed With Army In Hun's Country

PIONEER COMMUNITY—J. W. Kerns of the Reno road has received the following letter from his son, Ben, who is stationed with the army in Germany. A brother, Jim, is also stationed in Germany. Ben writes:

"Every time I walk into the room now, I expect to find Jim there. He drove up to visit me over the weekend, and we really had a good time just seeing each other. He had to come about 100 miles, but one of his pals had a brother here, too, so they could make the trip. I was able to trade guard shifts so I worked at night, hence we had all of Saturday evening and Sunday together.

"Jim looks wonderful—better than when I saw him in New York. He's been through a lot here, it hasn't let it affect him. Gosh, it was good to see him, talk about the family, compare pictures and notes. He gave me a pistol, something I have been unable to find. Also, he showed me his camera, a super-candid with built-in light meter, range finder and all sorts of other expensive devices. I expected to find an eggbeater on it—it had everything else. Sunday we went for a long walk, took some pictures and fixed my pistol. The camera is so complicated that a camera fiend friend of mine showed Jim where he had been wrong in pulling the lens out, hence none of the pictures may be good. We took some correct ones which Jim will send to you if they turn out.

"If he stays where he is he may get up again Saturday night. I took him up to see Doctor Gauss on his farm—he's the chemist. We sat on his veranda with his family and lovely daughter-in-law and the doctor described his trip to America 20 years ago. He can tell you of his trip, the cities and states in more detail than I can. His ancestors' theories of electricity and math are studied by all of us. His own work on ammonia in chemistry is in every high school book.

"I can't get used to Jim not being here now. Rumors still abound but I believe we will stay here for some time. We can now go swimming and boating, besides having a movie in town. That along with all the free time I have to read and visit German friends I make, makes my life interesting.

"So far, dad, I can practically count myself lucky being in the army. I actually got to live in New York, a secret ambition I've had since I was a kid. I've met and made friends with people all over the States and now I'm visiting Europe peacefully. It isn't fair that one guy should get all the breaks.

"I was prepared to write letters home minimizing the hard-

Our Home Town

The Joke That Turned

By EARL WHITLOCK

One of the reasons why you can buy an electric light bulb today for only 15c, which back in 1931 would have cost 35c or 40c, and which would have delivered only half as much illumination at that, is the joke which the old-timers at General Electric used to play on new engineers. Invariably these novices were assigned the "impossible" job of frosting light bulbs from the inside.

Everyone knew that such a bulb would diffuse more light, with less absorption. Everyone also knew the thing simply couldn't be done.

One day, however the neophyte happened to be named Marvin Pipkin and the poor goof refused to see the joke. He actually took the stunt seriously and set out in dead earnest to find out how to do this inside frosting stuff.

And he not only solved the problem but, for good measure, found an etching acid which gave tiny rounded pits instead of sharp-edged depressions, so that each bulb was strengthened.

These "can't-be-done" things! Those are the things these youngsters coming out of school and college will whet their teeth on. . . . Greatly to the world's benefit.

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Next Monday Mr. Whitlock of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home will comment on "Labor Day."

ships, but I've no hardships. Living with five men in an old German house is practically like being out of the army. In my work here I've been able to see many Nazi underlings (even Hitler's mistress) in defeat in our prison. Sometimes I think I'm privileged to be here at a time like this, to see Germany first hand, though I don't voice this thought or the fellows would think I was crazy.

"If I get to go to school over here—there is a small chance—my cup of luck will run over. I'm studying the language on my own, partly to pass the time while standing guard, but mostly to get so I can talk to the people. The people can't buy as much as a piece of bread—everything is barter. Food is terribly low and will be so until after harvest. Even we have goat meat now and then. Even black bread and potatoes are among the scarest items."

LOOKS TOWARD HOME
Master Sgt. John Groves is now waiting transportation home from Europe. He is eligible for a discharge under the new post system, having been in the service three years. Two and a half years have been spent overseas, with headquarters and headquarters company of the combat engineers.

He has been awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and five battle stars.

Two brothers, Floyd and Steve, are also in Europe awaiting redeployment.

PATIENT AT McCAW
Awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in Italy, Sgt. Merle J. Akin is a patient at McCaw General Hospital, Walla Walla, Wash.

Sgt. Akin enlisted in the army in 1942, went to Africa in April, 1944, and landed at Naples in July. He was a member of the 91st infantry division, 361 infantry regiment, and fought up the coast of Italy to Rome.

On June 22, when Akin's company was moving against a tank concentration, he was hit by artillery shell fragments in his right leg.

Upon recovery, he was reassigned to a quartermaster laun-

PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM FOR OREGON TOLD

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (AP)—Materials for public works construction in Washington and Oregon will be available in about two months, a war production board spokesman said Saturday.

The two states are due for approximately \$1,000,000,000 worth of dams, reclamation, roads, airways installations and river and harbor projects already blueprinted.

A summary of major federal works plans follows:

The army corps of engineering has \$299,400,000 earmarked for rivers and harbors and flood control in Washington and Oregon.

The bureau of reclamation and the department of interior plan \$97,353,200 in irrigation development in Oregon and \$411,488,000 in Washington.

Oregon will receive \$21,253,089 worth of public roads funds allocated under a 1944 road act. The state must match the federal money. Another \$37,500,000 will be spent on forest roads, most of it in the two northwest states.

Tentative plans of the civil aeronautics administration call for \$6,579,000 in airport development for 83 communities in Oregon and \$20,158,000 in Washington.

A three year rural electrification program calls for \$7,000,000 in Oregon and \$7,750,000 in Washington.

JUVENILE HELD
SEATTLE, Aug. 27 (AP)—Traffic Investigator M. E. Cook said a 15-year-old boy was apprehended yesterday in connection with the traffic death Friday of Louis Hallet, 76. A passenger in the car Hallet was driving, another 15-year-old, said he was in the car when Hallet was struck.

REDEPLOYED
Lt. William E. Sweet, 1340 Wilford, Klamath Falls, is a member of the 24th special service company which is now being redeployed from Camp Chicago, near Reims, France, to the United States for a 30-day furlough.

OLDEST SAUSAGE
Salami is the oldest kind of sausage. Its name, applied by ancient Greeks, has remained unchanged through the centuries.

Japs Claim Sinking 6 Times But Enterprise Still Sails

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (AP)—The navy said today in detailing experiences of the "Big E"—only surviving U. S. carrier in the South Pacific in 1942. In those dark days the Enterprise "held the line" despite scars from grievous wounds she received in the battles of the east-tower Solomons and Santa Cruz.

Her latest and most serious brush with disaster came on the morning of last May 14 when a bomb-laden Japanese suicide plane crashed into the flight deck. The explosion blasted the forward elevator more than 400 feet into the air, killed 13 and injured 67. The flight deck buckled.

Aboard the Enterprise at the time was Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, then commanding the legendary task force 58. Less than a week earlier, Mitscher had been forced to transfer his flag from the carrier Bunker Hill when she suffered serious damage from a kamikaze attack.

From the Enterprise, he moved again to the Randolph. The attack occurred as the Enterprise, a part of task force 58, was helping protect troops on the beach of Okinawa from Japanese air attack. Twice before, during the two months she spent on that mission, the carrier had been forced to withdraw briefly for temporary repairs at a nearby base. The May 14 attack put her out of action.

Midland Man Is Sales Engineer
C. W. Patterson, son of A. H. Patterson of Midland, is now located at Tulsa, Okla., where he is sales engineer for General Motors' Petroleum Industry's diesel engine division.

Patterson has been with General Motors for several years and for a long time was with the Detroit diesel engineering department in the South Pacific, where he was assigned to the amphibian engineers supervising maintenance of series 71 G. M. diesel engines in battle zones.

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Spokane Citizens See Goering Medals

SPokane, Aug. 27 (AP)—A dozen medals which Herman Goering sported when the third reich was his apple are on display at the police station here. They were brought back by Harry Indahl, former policeman now released from the army who said he found them in Goering's room at Berchtesgaden.

Some he had to take off a dazzling white uniform. "The uniform couldn't have belonged to anybody but Goering," Indahl said. "The pants were about six feet around the waist."

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RANCHERS CONSIDER SURPLUS WHEAT USE

THE DALLES, Ore., Aug. 27 (AP)—Plans for a chemurgy plant to convert surplus Oregon wheat into commercial glucose and dextrose sugar are being investigated by a new committee of east Oregon grain ranchers.

Success of two Washington plants sponsored by the Washington Farmers' Cooperative association was outlined here by officials of the Washington state grange. Morton Tompkins, Oregon state grange master, was named chairman of a special committee after Henry Carstenson, Washington grange master, spoke to the farmers.

Proposals call for a plant producing 50 tons of glucose and 50 tons of wheat dextrose sugar daily. By-products would include wheat germ, oil and gluten.

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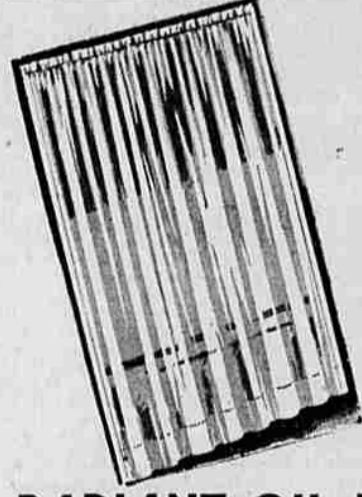
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12 Yank Subs Operate In Jap Home Waters

GUAM, Aug. 27 (AP)—Twelve submarines are operating with Admiral Halsey's third fleet in Japan's home waters, the navy disclosed today.

They were identified as the Pilotfish, Runner, Hake, Seacat, Segundo, Cavalla, Tigrone, Haddock, Razorback, Muskelunge, Gato and Archerfish.

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