

Capt. Loomis Home After Three Years As Nip POW

By JOY ROLPH
Capt. Donald Loomis, better known as "Red" to his school associates here, is back in the U. S. after more than three years as a prisoner of the Japanese, and has been spending several days in this city, his former home, visiting with his brother, Gordon Loomis of 216 Pine, and with numerous old friends.



CAPT. DONALD LOOMIS

The story Captain Loomis can tell of his experiences from the fall of Bataan to his release from the Rokuski prison on the west coast of Japan, is a saga of cruelty, torture, starvation and hopelessness endured by the men who had the stamina and enough will to live to bring them through . . . and back home.

The captain returned to this country in October, and since then has been receiving medical attention at Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif. Besides being wounded three times, he went through practically the entire list of tropical diseases, and after this few weeks' leave to visit relatives, will return to the hospital after Christmas.

Decorated
On his tunic Captain Loomis wears the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf clusters, the Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf clusters and two war theater ribbons with four battle stars. He served with General Wainwright's headquarters during the retreat to Bataan and has the highest admiration for the man he calls "The General."

The captain was mining in the Philippines at the time war was declared, having been in the islands nearly a year. When Bataan fell he was serving as a first lieutenant with the combat engineers, and was among the thousands of prisoners captured on this last stronghold.

On April 6, 1942, Captain Loomis saw Lt. Paul Sevcik, also of this city, and at that time Paul was looking strong and well, although thin, he stated. He never saw him again, for Sevcik later died of cerebral malaria at horror Camp O'Donnell.

He and Paul had been close friends while attending high school here, both had the same interests and, eventually, they mined in the same district in the Philippines. Both served as combat engineers but not in the same battalion.

Shipped To Japan
On Bataan, following capture by the Japs, the captain spent 10 weeks in two prison hospitals, after which he was removed to Bilbid prison, Manila. Here he recovered from wounds, and on October 13, 1942, was shipped to Japan. His first camp was at Kobe, Camp No. 1, where there was a death rate of nearly 40 per cent in the first four months of confinement.

Kobe camp was in charge of a very indifferent Jap officer, whom the prisoners nicknamed Jack Oake for the comedian's portrayal of Mussolini, but the second in command was a brutal and sadistic Jap doctor.

Stories of his treatment of the prisoners are heart-rending, especially those suffering with dry beri-beri. This dreaded deficiency disease produced an effect known in camp as "electric foot," which, in advanced stages, is extremely painful. Endeavoring to seek relief from the terrible sensation of heat, many men stood that winter for hours in icy water, with the natural result that their feet froze, then gangrene set in, and purifying flesh dropped away, exposing the bones sometimes to the ankle. Almost all of these men, Loomis said, died a lingering and horrible death, which was entirely unnecessary as the Japs had ample medicine to treat beri-beri.

Transferred
After nine months, Captain Loomis was transferred to Zentsu, an officers' camp on Shikoku island. He remained there for 23 months, during which time all prisoners were kept on the verge of starvation. "In fact, if it hadn't been for the Red Cross supplies we received from time to time, I believe we would all have died," Loomis declared. However, supplies of medicine remained entirely inadequate.

Asked if he ever met any other men from Klamath Falls while a prisoner, he mentioned besides Sevcik, a red-headed logger by the name of Rob-

son who had worked for several lumber companies in this vicinity. However, he later lost track of him.

The American officers were eventually moved to the Rokuski camp on the west coast of Japan "for military reasons and otherwise," apparently to prevent recapture. The emperor's declaration of peace was all that saved their lives, according to Loomis. Had there been a military invasion, he is certain every prisoner would have been executed, on orders from Tokyo.

Captain Loomis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis who now reside in San Diego, Calif., and it is with them that he will spend Christmas for the first time in five years.

No Mass Rites For Bus Dead

CHELAN, Wash., Dec. 1 (AP)—The Rev. L. H. Camp said today there would be no mass funeral for the 16 persons carried to their deaths in icy Lake Chelan Monday even if the school bus and its bodies are recovered.

This decision, he said, was reached by the Chelan Ministerial association to conform with the desires of the parents and to avoid any possibility of mass hysteria among the young friends of the children whose lives were lost.

He said he believed, however, a joint memorial service would be held for the victims, but definite plans have not been made.

Divers, who spent yesterday searching in the deep lake for the submerged bus, planned to resume the quest early today. From the depths yesterday they recovered the motor hood of the vehicle and some sodden examination papers bearing the name of an 11-year-old victim, Louie Askland.

Vets Pour Through Portland's Port

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 1 (AP)—More than 8500 servicemen were scheduled to pass through the Portland port today as seven vessels brought 4333 home bound veterans from the Pacific. The outbound SS Marine Linx, a Vancouver built C-4 type craft, embarks for Yokohama with 2398 men for occupation duty in Japan and Korea.

Hans Norland Auto Insurance, 123 N. 6th St.

Miller's
DDT
Sprays • Dusts • Emulsions
NOW AVAILABLE!
PEOPLES WAREHOUSE
1425 So. 6th St.

'It's Tone Quality That Makes Music'
And Derby's Music Co. will handle, as soon as available,
RADIOS — COMBINATIONS
Famous For Quality, Made By
• Stromberg-Carlson
• RCA Victor
• Zenith
• Farnsworth
• Federal
Derby's Music Co.
120 N. 7th Klamath Falls Phone 4519

Flashes of Life

BIG GAME
SAND SPRINGS, Okla., Dec. 1 (AP)—Steve Garoutte's young bird dog came down on a point and the hunter prepared to fire at rising quail.

Instead of birds, however, a 28-pound bobcat dashed from the brush and Garoutte's partner, Leroy Everett, brought it down with a blast from his shotgun.

DOG GONE
LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 1 (AP)—Vicky was back aboard the Iowa today, just another sailor trapped by the lush living of a landlubber.

What happened was told by Mrs. C. J. King, as she turned the trim little terrier over to the shore patrol. She said she invited him to free chow and he just stayed.

There was talk aboard of a courtmartial. But that might rob Vicky of his Good Conduct medal. And his record is good, up to now. Vicky has eight battle stars on his campaign ribbons plus a Presidential Citation, conferred by the late President Roosevelt.

AAA Groups Named In Klamath

AAA committeemen were named at meetings this week to represent four districts in Klamath county.

Committee members, as released by the county agriculturist's office, are Marie Loosley, Fred Brown, George Hagelstein, LeRoy Gienger, and Henry G. Wolff, representing the Fort Klamath district.

From the Henley-Keno-Midland district are William M. Williams, Lee Holliday, Fred Crapo, Ernest Malani and William Cheyne.

J. Frank Adams Jr., James Brothanan, John Giacomini, John McCulley and Earl Wilson are committeemen from the Merrill-Malin district.

Representing the Bonanza-Poe Valley region are Lloyd Hankins, Wilbur Relling, Willard Noble, John Marshall and O. H. Osborn.

Mrs. Duncan Will Head History Group

The Klamath County Historical society met November 27, in the courthouse. The annual election of officers was held at that time.

Officers elected for the coming year are Mrs. R. Willard Duncan, president; Mrs. E. K. Loosley, vice president and Mrs. Kenneth McLeod, secretary-treasurer. The nominating committee included Mrs. W. D. Foster and Mrs. L. H. Stone.

Board members elected for the coming year are Theodore Case, Malcolm Epley, Kenneth McLeod, and Mrs. Everett Dennis.

Mrs. Robert Odell, retiring president, was given a vote of thanks. She served as president for two years.

The program for the evening included a paper supplemented by narration on "Legends and Mythology of the Klamath and Modoc Indians," given by Mrs. Robert Odell. Others present added legendary stories. Further questions and discussion concerned earliest animals of this region, Indian foods, place names, and ceremonials.

The number of museum pieces available for a public museum was enlarged through gifts. Early brand books were exhibited.

Affiliation with the Oregon Historical society is being considered as the local constitution, written by Mrs. W. D. Foster and

Extension Unit News

Mrs. George Britt was hostess to the Fairhaven-Keno extension unit at its last meeting. Mrs. Winnifred Gillen led an instructive discussion on developing good taste in clothes. Luncheon was served at noon. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. L. H. Clocksin, December 19, at 10 a. m. Mrs. Percy Cook and Mrs. W. R. Homer will demonstrate sewing skills. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

DOUBLE DUTY

RANTON, N. M., Dec. 1 (AP)—Those attending an Elks memorial service in Santa Fe today are going to hear a 23-year-old speech. Asked on short notice to make the address, Daniel K. Sadler, New Mexico supreme court justice, recalled he gave a similar address in his home town of Ranton on the same date in 1922.

By telephone Sadler arranged to have the 1922 text copied from newspaper files.

Arnold Gralapp, has been approved without change by the society.

USE **666**
Cold Preparations
Liquid, Tablets, Salve, Nose Drops.
Caution: Use only as directed.

Modernistic Beauty Shop
Reopens Monday under Management of
ETHEL STORM BORDEN
OPERATORS
Myrtle Russell Chamberland
Irene Byrnes
Ethel Storm Borden
All the Latest Methods in Permanent Waving, Tinting, Facials, Hair Dressing and Scalp Treatments.
Phone 3883 for Appointments
915 Klamath Avenue
Across from Greyhound Bus Station

NATIONAL — made automatic electric water heaters are on the way...

Plumbers and Electrical dealers are taking orders for future delivery of these famous **AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS**

Plan now to have the convenience of an abundance of hot water in your home. Production of the famous National, Cascade and Columbia water heaters is still restricted by material shortages and other problems of reconversion, but—by placing your order now you can be sure of being among the first to secure one of these fine heaters.

Why NATIONAL-Made Heaters are worth waiting for . . .

Since 1908 National has been making tanks of all kinds. In 1924 National built the first Automatic Electric Water Heater—now has more heaters in service in the Northwest than any other manufacturer. Years of on-the-job service, plus constant testing of new materials and designs, has enabled us to build water heaters of outstanding value—heaters that give years of economical, trouble-free service.

See your plumber or electrical dealer . . . ask for a quality National-made heater.

Made in the NORTHWEST

CASCADE **NATIONAL** COLUMBIA

three names that mean satisfaction and trouble-free service. It's a good water heater if it's made by . . .

NATIONAL STEEL CONSTRUCTION CO.
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, U. S. A.

Spuds Offered Under Loan Plan
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1 Department of agriculture officials reported this week that potatoes equalling 653,000 sacks have been offered by growers and certified dealers under the special loan program, with loans of 495,926 cwt. completed up to November 24.

Potatoes offered under the regular loan program, which applies only to potatoes in approved storage houses, total 29,339,934 cwt. of which 10,984,328 cwt. had been processed for loans up to the same date.

Saturday, Dec. 1, 1945 **HERALD AND NEWS—TWELVE**

It's Going to Make **A BIG DIFFERENCE IN YOUR HEARING**
THE NEW SONOTONE "600"
Come in for service or a free Audiometric test.
Ira J. Doyle will be at the **Wi-Ne-Ma Hotel, Klamath Falls, Oregon**
December 3rd and 4th

HURRAY !!!
They're Back AT WARDS
ON SALE MONDAY!

A Value Not To Miss If You Want Quality
Part Wool Double Blankets 614
A beautiful 25% wool, 50% rayon, 25% cotton double blanket at an economy price. 72"x90". A complete color assortment. Woven with all the rayon and wool in the filling to give a soft, warm nap. Lovely even colors for bedroom beauty.
15"x30" size.

Rainbow Hand Towels 15c
Lovely rainbow designs . . . unusually large sizes

Fine Knit Combed Cotton
Ladies' Cotton Vests 29c
Closely knit for warmth and comfort

Quality Rayons With Worlds of Wear
Ladies' Rayon Panties 49c
Tearose only. Sizes small, medium, large

For Driving Comfort
Ladies' Capeskin Gloves 1.49
Finely lined with fur for extra warmth

These Make Beautiful Christmas Gifts.
Ladies' Chenille Robes 6.98
Come early because the demand is heavy for this item

Just Arrived; a Value Not to Miss.
Men's Rayon Shorts 1.00
Brilliant designs. Come early for these shorts

Finely Woven for Warmth
Men's Cotton T-Shirts 55c
Snow white cotton at Wards economy prices

These Are Long Sleeve
Mexican Woven T-Shirts 88c
Made in Mexico of long wearing cotton

Olive Drab Color in All Sizes.
Men's Quality Covealls 4.29
Sanforized shrunk for perfect fit and comfort

Attractive Patterns.
Men's Fancy Dress Shirts 2.10
Long length shirts; sanforized shrunk

Box Weights for Boys.
Boys' Western Style Jeans 1.29
Made for western boys; sanforized shrunk

Of Sturdy 11-oz. Material.
Boys' Whipcord Jeans 1.55
Sizes 8 to 18. Pants to fit growing boys

Warmth and Durability.
Boys' Fine Leather Jackets 9.98
Will keep them warm in the coldest weather

A New Shipment of Wire Here.
80-Rod Spool Barb Wire 5.59
12 1/2 gauge at Wards usual low prices

Every Ward retail store, mail order house, and order office throughout the United States is open and in active operation.
All statements to the contrary are false.

Montgomery Ward