

Basin Briefs

PVT. ARNOLD O. BEYMER has returned to the Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton, after a furlough during which he visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beymer.

DICK ATKINSON has returned to Bonanza after several weeks in Missouri where he visited his mother and other relatives.

MR. AND MRS. BILL LANGDEN and four children have moved to Langell Valley from Los Angeles. They bought the former Haley Shaw ranch.

MRS. JIM STEVENSON SR. has returned home after spending a week in Miami with her sister, Mrs. M. D. Jensen.

MR. AND MRS. LLOYD BEEBE have moved back to their ranch in Langell Valley after living in Shelton, Wash., for several years.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLIE SCHMIDT and Connie spent the weekend in Washington with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Schmidt.

MRS. ENOS BLAND and Debbie are spending a week in Sacramento with her daughter and family.

MR. AND MRS. GORDON GIVAN recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Givan of Bonanza. Gordon Givan broke his ankle while skiing at Mt. Shasta. Ernest Givan took them to their home in Portland.

STEVEN CASEBEER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Casebeer, is a patient at Hillside Hospital. Cards from his friends would be appreciated.

AMANDA MCCORD is seriously ill in Sacramento. Her two daughters, Mrs. Mike Ketchum and Mrs. Roger Boyer, will visit her this weekend.

Mystery Of Missing Boy Finally Ends

WINDOM, Minn. (AP)—The belief that his son was "too good a boy" to desert the armed forces has been justified for a father and mother after 16 years of effort to clear his name.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sogge have been informed by the U.S. Army adjutant general that the remains of their son, Gehart, have been located and that an honorable discharge would be forwarded. The information climaxes years of research by the Red Cross, the FBI, England's Scotland Yard, a Windom law firm, the armed services and the Sogges themselves.

The mystery began in the waning days of World War II at St. Dizier, France, where Gehart, a staff sergeant, reportedly had booked passage on a channel-crossing flight to England after being granted a seven-day pass. When he failed to return he was listed as AWOL.

As the facts unfolded, Sogge actually had boarded, as an unlisted passenger, a cargo plane taking the same route. Why he had forsaken his seat aboard a passenger plane isn't certain.

Minutes after take-off the plane was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire. All occupants were killed. The date was Sept. 25, 1944.

First definite information on Sogge came June 13, 1945, when his commanding officer replied to a letter from the missing man's sister, explaining that young Sogge never had returned from his seven-day pass.

But the Sogges didn't give up. From that moment until now, they and a handful of official and private agencies pressed for action.

The climax came in a letter from Maj. Gen. R. V. Lee, stating: "I am happy to inform you that after a thorough analysis of statements and documents contained in your son's records, not one shred of evidence was found to corroborate statements that Sgt. Sogge had ever arrived in London."

Gen. Lee said further checks of the burial records of an unknown soldier near the St. Dizier airstrip indicate Gehart had gone down with the cargo plane.

So the record has been cleared, and with it comes a big relief for Mr. and Mrs. Sogge.

"It still was a shock, though," Mrs. Sogge said. "In the back of my mind was always the ray of hope that some day he would walk in the door."

"It is not so bad when you think of all the other people who lost boys," added her husband. "Four of ours came back."

