

## Diary Of A Doomed Jap Officer Found

### Acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Whitley Has Copy Of Unusual Diary

An unusual and interesting diary of a Jap medical officer was found in Attu by Capt. Paul Hewitt, U. S. Army, of Lake Village, Arkansas. A copy of the diary, translated, was brought here a short time ago by Captain Hewitt's brother, Captain Lewis Hewitt, who with his wife and mother, Mrs. Fred Hewitt, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Whitley.

The Jap was educated in this country and received his medical license in California on September 8, 1938, and entered his country's service on January 10, 1941. The diary reads:

May 12, 0155: Carrier based plane flew over—fired at it. Low fog with summit. Evacuated to summit. Air raid carried out frequently until 1000. Heard loud voice which is naval gun firing. Prepared battle equipment 'A'. Information: American transports, approximately fourteen began landing at Hokkai Misaki. Twenty boats landed at Massacre Bay. It seems they are going to unload heavy equipment. Day's activity—Air raid, naval gun firing, landing of U. S. forces.

May 13. Battle. The U. S. forces landed at Shiba Dai and Massacre Bay. The enemy has advanced to bottom of Misumi Yama from Sheba Dai. Have engaged them. Massacre Bay defended by only one platoon and upon unexpected attack the AA Machine cannon was destroyed as we have withdrawn. There is a tremendous mountain artillery gun fire. Approximately 15 patients entered the field hospital.

May 14. Our two submarines from Kiska have greatly damaged two enemy ships. 1st Lt. Suyuki dies by shots from rifle. There is one continuous flow of wounded to the field hospital. In the evening the U. S. forces used gas but due to the strong wind, no damage was done. Took refuge in the trenches in the day time. The enemy strength must be a division. Our desperate defense is holding up well.

May 15. Continuous flow of casualties to our field hospital caused by the fierce bombardment of enemy land and naval forces. The enemy has a great number of Negroes and Indians. Facial expression of soldiers back from West Arm is tense.

May 16. If Shitagata-Dai is occupied by the enemy the fate of East Arm is decided, therefore burned documents and prepared to destroy patients.

May 17. At night, about 1800 under cover of darkness, left the cave. Was rather irritated by the fog and the thought of getting lost. Set down every twenty or thirty steps. Would sleep and wake up again—same thing over and over again. Set on the butt and lifting the feet, I slide very smoothly and change direction with the sword. Slid down in about twenty minutes. By the favorable turn since the battle of East Arm, reserves came back. Off shore of Shiba-Dai six destroyers guarding one transport.

May 18. Everybody did combat duty and waited. Had two grenades ready. 2nd Lt. Amura left for the front lines trenches. Said farewell. The counter sign is Yshi Hoka.

May 19. Went to Attu Village church—felt like someone's home. Some blankets were scattered about. Was told to translate a field order presumed to have been dropped by enemy officer in Massacre Bay and Holtz Bay which was in the possession of Capt. Robert J. Edward, Adjutant to Colonel Smith.

May 20. The hard fighting of our 303rd Batt. in Massacre Bay is fierce and it is to our advantage. The enemy gun firing near our hospital Ward 5 fierce and drops about twenty meters away.

## Sales Of Legal Liquor Held To High Figure

### Total of \$1,709,334.35 Is Spent For Liquor Since Stores Opened



**WEARING** a combat badge and other ribbons, Pvt. Raymond Wallace, 15, is shown shortly after his arrival in Chicago. While he was fighting in France, a truant officer from McKinley High School was checking up on his absence. The boy who landed with the 315th Infantry of the 79th Division in France, was wounded by shrapnel at the St. Lo breakthrough. (International)

## Lt. Hardy Rose Tells About War Victims

Writing to his father, Professor Z. H. Rose, recently Lt. Hardy Rose reviewed a few interesting observations in war-stricken areas in the following letter:

Due to a series of petty accidents and circumstances I've spent some nights in France and Belgium recently. The French generally are healthy and well fed. Some parts, mostly industrial, might have suffered a little. They lack mostly in luxuries such as soap, cigarettes, coffee, sugar and gas. The French, being economical and adaptable, have managed without such articles very well. All of them seem to be sincere in their welcome of Americans.

With the Belgians, the picture is different. As you know, Belgium is thickly populated and highly industrial. Agriculture is of no consequence. The people, depending on their own produce, haven't had enough nutritious food. Malnutrition is more apparent in the children as always is the case. They seem to have suffered in varying degrees, according to their personal wealth. The poor state of the people didn't detract from their hospitality, however. Southern hospitality could learn a lot from them.

"I was deeply touched by one incident. A young Catholic priest was in charge of an orphan home nearby. Food had always been scarce at the institution. During the German occupation they were allowed only a body-sustaining ration. When the Germans left they took all the surplus food; consequently, such orphan organizations suffered. This priest asked us in a apologetic manner did we have any food to spare. It hurt me to say we didn't, however, we gave him all we could spare. The look of gratitude in his face was more than ample compensation for our small gift.

"You can see that the present situation parallels World War I very closely. Belgium will have to be fed again. Small parcels of food such as mine will not accomplish this. It will take a well organized relief society...."

Traveling to State's Prison last week, Griffin declared to Cpl. W. S. Hunt and Deputy J. H. Roebuck that he thought he had been given too much time, actually.

The sentences were the longest meted out in the courts of this county in some time. As for Griffin's sentence, it was first thought he would get the absolute maximum of twenty years instead of from 15 to 20.

## Soldier Comments On News and Views On the Home Front

### Worried Over Casualties Back Home

Writing recently from Luxembourg, Sgt. Roy Manning, Martin County young man, reviews the home news in a letter to the folks. It follows, in part:

"I shall take as my text, the September 8 issue of The Enterprise which I have just received. "As I am sure you are curious as to the state of my health, I will say that I am healthy and perfectly safe. In fact, I think I'm safer here than I would be at home. According to The Enterprise, the civilian casualty rate in the county is about as high as it is for us guys who are in the Army. Why don't those people wise up? Aren't enough of us getting crippled and killed without the people around home shooting each other and drive like fools, and tearing off parts of their anatomy.

"I see that various leaders in the county are working for better nutrition these days. That is surely a worthy cause, and I sincerely wish them success in their efforts. I also wish to recommend the KI favorite—Field Ration Type K. It can't be beat for its nutritional value. You get all the vitamins and minerals besides, that is if you eat the cans. You even get a stick of gum with each one.

"In these days of scarcity on the home front that should be bonus enough to get most anybody to eat the whole works.

"The county seems to be well represented in all branches of the service, but who but a doughboy can get shot in the heart and live to tell the tale? My helmet off to you Red Taylor. Instead of Thomas Blount complaining about wearing Army clothes, he should be doggone proud to be able to borrow some of them. He'd be a better man for wearing them a few days.

I used to think that down in Williams Township was the muddiest place on earth. Now, I have changed my mind. It's just one of the muddiest. This stuff over here is of a little different color but it has everything that goes to make up a perfect mudhole. We don't have fox holes any more—just mud holes.

"How is the morale back there? Hope it isn't too bad, but I know this gas rationing is tough and the shortage of automobile tires is terrible. It keeps people too close home, so they get restless and fretful. That's bad, and I have a sure remedy for it. Join the Army and see the world! No more staying at home Sunday afternoons and listening to the radio until it gets tiresome. No night after night walk to the nearest movie. That gets terribly monotonous. No light bills to pay. Why? No light. No laundry bills; you do your own. No crying babies to keep you walking the floor nights. (You have a nice rifle for company and no floor). And last but not least, you don't worry if it takes 16 or 20

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## Throng Sees Annual Christmas Program

Climaxing a series of annual Christmas programs in the local high school auditorium, the presentation last Sunday evening at 8 o'clock of "Why the Chimes Rang", an adaptation from the story by Raymond MacDonald Alden, was most impressive. Crowding the auditorium, the audience, the largest ever to attend such an event here, was greatly inspired by the story and its superb presentation by the large and well-trained cast, supported by carolers and the junior and senior choirs.

Directed by Miss Kathryn Mewborn who was aided by Miss Grace Talton, accompanist, and several other teachers and a number of high school pupils, the production was given much praise and high acclaim by the unusually large crowd, quite a few of whom were present from various parts of the county, others coming from even greater distances.

Much credit is due the directors and everyone of the characters for the splendid rendition of the appealing Christmas story.

## Funeral Sunday For Mayo Bailey

Funeral services were conducted in the Presbyterian church at Bear Grass Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Mayo Bailey, young Martin County man, who died last Wednesday night in a sanatorium at Colorado Springs, Colo.

## PRESENTS FOR THE FOLKS AT HOME



**NOT ALL OF THE XMAS PACKAGES** are going from the U. S. to the Yanks fighting overseas. Here a big trailer is being loaded with Christmas gifts at the Fleet Post Office in Oahu, Hawaii, for shipment to the folks at home from American servicemen throughout the Pacific. This is an official U. S. Marine Corps photo. (International Soundphoto)

## Cigaret Shortage In The Armed Forces Due To Bottleneck

### Confusion Traceable Partly To Anti-Administration Critics at Home

Second to the liquor shortage, the scarcity of cigarettes is the talk of the country, and everyone is ready to offer his own individual explanation irrespective of facts. Confusion has been rampant, and about the only thing all are agreed upon is the fact that there is a shortage. But even in a few cases some doubt that a shortage exists, declaring that cigarettes can be had in quantity in that town or store.

Some said the manufacturers are holding their products off the market for higher prices. Others declare that the shortage of manpower had curtailed manufacturing output. Still other said that there is a great shortage of raw tobacco. This latter charge has been fanned by the anti-administrations who recognize in the cigarette shortage just another opportunity to lambast. They talk about how the growers were paid not to grow tobacco and that a shortage was to be expected, that the whole business is caused by the "inevitable mis-calculation of a planned economy". The group went on to say that the farmer was doing "pretty well" when he averaged 20.5 cents a pound. Government reports show that more tobacco is being raised than the markets are consuming, that the supply is adequate. As for production quotas, farmers in this belt could not plant their full allotments in 1944.

Possibly some of the explanations offered are true to a certain extent, but it is an actual fact that hoarding in this country has aggravated the shortage. As for the shortage in the Armed Forces in Europe, the Retail Tobaccoist offers a plausible explanation:

"If you are looking for the reason why the soldier boys in France write letters home asking for gifts in their overseas boxes, of cigarettes, please know it is because enormous shipments have piled up in the British Isles where they now lie sidetracked by the priority of other war commodities.

"This has caused a genuine shortage to develop in France, for cigarettes have had to give way to other and more important items of military gear and supplies. The fact in itself is reassuring, however, for there has been a good deal of perplexity felt in this country over a situation that was puzzling to say the least.

"On all sides we heard reports of the overseas shipments accounting for our own shortages. The latter have grown so acute within recent weeks that some of the better known brand have practically disappeared from the retailers' shelves. Why, therefore, if the armed forces were

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## County Youth Tells Of Campaign In The European War Area

### Sgt. Joe Stalls Homes For The Complete Destruction of The German Armies

S/Sgt. Joe Stalls, writing to his mother, Mrs. Joe Stalls, of Everett, recently, expressed the wish that the weather would fair off in Germany where he is now engaged, and went on to tell his experiences in the war theater in the following letter:

"Since higher headquarters have released this division for publication of events from the time of our landing in France up to October 23, I can give you a brief account of our activities up until then. Of course, I can't give it in detail but I want to write this now while most of it is fresh in my memory.

"We landed in France at Omaha beachhead on D-9 or June 15. I can't tell you anything of the channel crossing but I shall always remember that anyway, so that can wait. I never will forget that beach when I first saw it. We had to lay off shore for several hours waiting for the tide and I was very anxious to get my feet on the ground. That night when we landed reminded me of the biggest Fourth of July celebration ever. There was more anti-aircraft on that beach than London ever dreamed of having.

"We moved inland occupied our first position near Isigny, France. We moved from one position to another in that area between Isigny and St. Lo, advancing generally towards St. Lo and the Vire River. That was our first real action—the Vire River crossing. As we slowly advanced on St. Lo through the hedgerow country, we saw some of the toughest fighting so far experienced.

"I would like to tell you of one incident that occurred while in this area. We were at St. Romphaire in position and were attacked by German planes just about dark. For thirty minutes we were subjected to severe bombing. I cannot tell you too much about it now, but I surely was glad to come out of it alive and in one piece. It seemed like ages, lying there in my foxhole, before they went away, and when they did, I surely had a higher respect for the German Luftwaffe than before.

"Although this division didn't capture St. Lo we did play a major role in that battle. The death and destruction in this area, in fact, all through Normandy is still vivid in my memory. Anyone who didn't see it or anything similar doesn't know what war is. If future generations could get a picture of this when they think about going to war again, there would be no more wars. I have stumbled across many a dead man, or horse, or cow simply because the stink of the dead was so common you couldn't tell when you were close to one lying there rotting. I'm telling you this now because since then I have seen nothing like it and don't expect to anymore. I have felt almost like the war is over since we left there.

"After St. Lo our next major battle was Mortain or Avranches. It was about this time that General Patton began to shine.

"We held a thin strip between Mortain and the short. That was the only way to supply General Patton's Army. We were put in here to hold his area. Well, for a couple of days things were quiet, but all of a sudden the Jerries struck at us with four panzer divisions. For five days and nights we probably had our biggest fight. They threw everything at us. I sometimes thought that they were throwing the kitchen sinks at us, if that was possible. That was the

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## Seventy-four Tires Allotted By Board

Seventy-four tires—67 for passenger cars and 7 for trucks—were allotted by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday night.

Certificates for Grade I tires were issued to the following: W. S. Hadley, W. I. Skinner Co., S. J. Lilley, J. L. Mobley, Wicomico Lumber Co., C. G. Coltrain, Chester B. Revels, H. W. Leggett, F. B. Wynne, Toba Bowen, Dennis Modlin, L. C. Brown, C. B. Saunders, Ernest Hayes, Elbert Rawls, A. F. Weaver, M. W. Bissell, L. J. Lilley, Mrs. Beatrice J. Edmondson, Mrs. Hettie Johnson, H. H. Matthews, R. S. Everett, Kenneth Hatterford, Calvin Ayers, W. H. Vanderford, D. Bowen, Urban Lilley, Mrs. Fabbie Wynne, S. D. Pervey, Ben W. Mason, Mayo Harvell, Claude Rawls, Charlie Lloyd, W. E. Manning, L. B. Williams, S. T. Harris, E. N. Harrell, Jesse L. Hale, W. H. Peel, Homer Stokes, Frank Weatherbee, W. E. Hale, Elsworth Beacham, Floyd Milton, Z. H. Beddard, O. L. Robertson, Theodore Warren, W. A. Bailey, H. L. Roebuck, L. L. McLendon, F. A. Nelson, W. R. Banks, F. F. Pollard, Jordan G. Peel.

Certificates for small truck tires were issued to the following: Robertson Slaughter House, Edgar Davis, A. C. Boyce, G. D. Grim's.

## Urged Not To Delay Ordering Fertilizer

Local representatives of fertilizer dealers and manufacturers are insisting that all farmers contemplate their fertilizer needs for next year and buy and store on their farms as soon as possible their fertilizer requirements for 1945.

This is not sales talk or propaganda to get farmers to buy their fertilizer early. The War Food Administrations say "due to the heavy demands and the vast increase of nitrogen materials used by the government in the manufacture of munitions, it may be impossible to procure fertilizer with some of the potent ingredients unless orders are placed early."

Transportation, in addition to labor, is another problem that will confront the fertilizer manufacturing industry if farmers are late in placing their order for 1945. The difficulty of getting fertilizer distributed or delivered is not only a national and state problem but also a local one as well. It is next to impossible to secure trucks locally when they are usually needed most.

### PLENTY TIME

Many people point out they simply do not have time to do this or that, and to hear most everyone talk there is a real shortage of time. However, Judge Leo Carr, presiding over the recent term of Martin County Superior Court, had plenty time. He dished out 45 years of time to Jesse Griffin, convicted of manslaughter, and Bryant Cherry, young white man charged with second degree murder.

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### Over 1,000 Auto License Tags Sold Here To Date

After getting off to a fast start, the sale of auto licenses by the local bureau is slowing down a bit, many vehicle owners apparently choosing to wait until January to make their purchases. Approximately 1,000 car tags have been sold here to date.