

ITALIAN WAR PRISONERS HERE PERFORM IMPORTANT TASKS FOR UNITED STATES

The actual conditions under which Italian prisoners who form the service units work at the Army Port of Embarkation and Camp Ross were revealed yesterday by Col. James K. Herbert, port commander, who authorized a full day of investigation by newspaper representatives.

A Herald-News representative accompanied the party.

Italians are working at numerous trades eight hours or more a day and are doing a valuable service for the United States, the colonel pointed out. And they're not lionized here nor made lapdogs of society.

These men were found to be from all appearance sincere in their promise to work against the common enemy—Germany. Col. Harry E. Brown, commander of Camp Ross and in charge of the service units, points out that they have been carefully screened and not found wanting as co-belligerents. And they want to work.

Maj. B. A. Di Iorio, 45, Army Medical Corps, born in Italy and reared in the United States, acted as interpreter on the tour. The men were found to have been taken prisoners in North Africa, some after campaigning for years of Mussolini.

Oldest at the local camp is Francesco Parolini, 36, father of six children. He has been in the Italian army for five years. His youngest child, a boy is five years old. He is a shoemaker by trade but is an upholsterer in the local Army shops. He says in broken English that he was "pooshed" into war.

Equipment Amazes
Brothers Alessandro and Primo Tirillini, 23 and 25 years old, both mechanics—and good ones—wonder at the splendid equipment produced in this country on a mass basis. They make amazingly fine hand tools and are so occupied here.

Lombardi Oreste, 33, a professional soldier, formerly in charge of the Italian prison camp at Florence, declares that if Mussolini hadn't been ignorant of the capabilities and of the actual attitude of the American people he would never have entered the war. Oreste joined many others here in ridiculing Mussolini. He is frank to declare that Italy is a crowded country and must find room to

colonize or other countries to which its excess population can migrate.

Two million fascists, he declares, led the other 44,000,000 Italians around like sheep, unable to throw off the yoke or halt the momentum of fascism. There's 1st Lt. Michele De Malo of the Italian Army Medical Corps, a flight surgeon, who on Aug. 16 will direct the taking of blood from 350 donors at the port. He is 29, in the Italian army three years, a graduate of the University of Naples. He is grateful for being assigned here as Di Iorio's aide. He is a member of the LAPE medical staff.

Colonel Here
Lt. Col. Arnaldo Prato, 30 years in the Italian army, is their commander here. He declares politics came into the Italian army with Vio Stracchi, who became war minister in 1934. His wife and four children are in Rome.

Col. Herbert adds that although these men are now signed up as co-belligerents, they're under strict supervision. On two occasions they have been taken to private homes for entertainment and this is frowned on. Relatives or others having a real reason to do so are allowed to visit them twice weekly. A very few have relatives in this country. A demonstration such as only native Italians can stage was prompted on a recent night when a distant cousin of one of them came to the camp on Bixby Slough and got permission to pay a visit. It was a great reunion.

CUB BASEBALL TEAM
Walteria Cub Pack 240-C, sponsored by the Walteria PTA, is building up quite a baseball team, directed by Carl Combs and William Wadley. The Pack plays each Wednesday evening between 6:30 and 8 p.m., according to George P. Thatcher, Cubmaster.

Top Leaders Discuss Saipan Victory



Marine Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith (left), commander of the Fifth Amphibious Corps; Major Gen. Thomas E. Watson (center), Second Marine Division commanding general; and Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, USN (right), commander of the Fifth Fleet, discuss the Saipan tactical situation at the Divisional Headquarters tent on the Saipan battlefield.

Birda Paddock Retiring After Long Service

Birda Paddock, pioneer news-woman and resident of the Harbor district, is retiring, having sold her place in Lomita. With her sister, Mrs. J. R. Strachan, she will seek inland climates for the time being, but predictions of her friends are that she will be back.

"What I want is a year's rest," Miss Paddock said. The old Paddock place, at 25928 Narbonne ave., founded by her father, Job A. Paddock, in 1910, is famous for many "firsts." It was the first chicken ranch south of 101 highway; it has the first avocado trees planted in this area, and the first Feijoas. In fact, Job A. Paddock, himself a horticulturist who died in 1937, had the first Feijoas in this country examined by the Riverside experiment station. Records of this

Don't Throw 'A' Cover Away

When you have used all your "A" gasoline coupons, do not throw away that ration book cover.

This advice was given today by Paul Barksdale d'Orr, OPA district rationing chief. The covers must be submitted when applying next month for new "A" rations for the period beginning Sept. 22.

test still are in Miss Paddock's possession. Among the first fruit trees in the area were planted there.

The home place, about one acre remaining of the original site, consists of eight rooms and an orchard and was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Sampson, former Narbonne coach now at Banning High school, school. Mrs. Sampson, formerly Irene Iverson, was secretary at Narbonne for some years.

Miss Paddock is retiring from the newspaper business. She

Duane Nansel Tells of Art Work in Rome

Mrs. H. W. Nansel, 1913 W. 259th place, has recently received a letter from her son, Pfc. Duane Nansel, paratrooper, in Rome, in which he writes of the great beauty and art treasures of Rome and also Sicily, where he was before going to Italy.

Young Nansel is a graduate of Narbonne.

She was editor of the Lomita News from 1932 to 1934, and from 1939 to 1942. She went with the San Pedro News-Pilot in 1942. She also has worked for the Long Beach Press-Telegram and the Long Beach Sun.

She was postmaster in Lomita from 1934 to 1939, and worked in the San Pedro Post-office for ten years up to 1928. "She says it will take her several weeks to get everything together, so she is not saying "goodbye" yet.

Wacs Entitled to All Veterans' War Benefits

Members of the Women's Army Corps are entitled to all the benefits conferred on veterans of World War II in the "GI Bill of Rights," it was pointed out here today by Maj. Knox Manning, director of WAC recruiting for the Army Air Forces in Southern California.

Explaining that all Wacs are as full-fledged members of the Army of the United States as any man soldier, Major Manning stated that the numerous financial benefits, opportunities and privileges opened by this bill to those who serve in uniform are additional advantages obtained through service in the Women's Army Corps.

Signed by the President recently, this Public Law 346 of the 78th Congress provides additional financial benefits to all members of the WAC. The most important provisions of the bill include:

(1) Tuition, while finishing school or college, up to \$500.00 per year, and \$50.00 per month for living expenses if single, and \$75.00 per month if married, if under 25 years of age at time of enlistment or induction.

(2) Jobless pay of \$20.00 per week for 52 weeks in the first two years after discharge.

(3) Government guarantee up to 50% of 4% interest loans amounting to \$2,000 or less for buying or building homes, farms or business properties.

(4) Preference in qualification for civil service positions.

(5) Maximum of job opportunity in field of gainful employment.

In addition to mustering-out pay, already passed by Congress, all Wacs, as part of the armed forces, are eligible for National Service Life Insurance up to \$10,000.00. Wacs are eligible for pension, should they become disabled owing to their service. Wacs are eligible for all benefits of the Veterans Administration.

"These are valuable benefits which will mean a great deal to a woman in later life," Major Manning concluded. "They are things which she cannot have as a civilian when the war is over. Every woman should know of

CPL. DEEVER HURT
Cpl. Gerald Deever, U.S.M.C., has been reported as wounded in action in the South Pacific. He is the son of Mrs. E. Moore of this city.

Placer County fishing has passed its peak in the smaller streams.

Complete information about these things in order that she may recognize the personal benefits to be gained by joining the Women's Army Corps now.

Coye D. Parson Hurt as Car Is Hit by Truck

Harbor police said Coye D. Parson, 17, of 2330 W. Sepulveda, suffered a sprained ankle on a recent evening when a huge tank truck skidded and struck Parson's car on Pacific Coast highway and turned over, Harbor City. Parson cleared the car from the intersection to turn left onto W. when the collision occurred. Gene B. Palmer of Sacramento was listed as driver of the tanker.

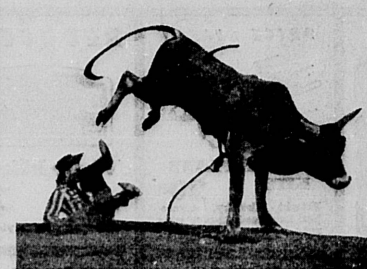
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