

Male Pheasant Season Open In California

The season on male pheasants in California is open. The outlook for this coming season is only fair, the general opinion being that pheasants are more scarce this year than last. No hunting will be permitted in the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Marin, Mariposa, Nevada, Plumas, San Diego, Trinity and Tuolumne.

That portion of Modoc County lying east of the Warner Mountains and north of the Mill Creek Road and north of the road extending easterly from Lake City to the Nevada state line will be closed to pheasant hunting.

Sierra County east of the crest of the Sierra and Yuba Pass summit is closed to pheasant hunting, as is Fish and Game District 212 in Mendocino County.

Pheasant hunters are reminded that in addition to a regular hunting license, pheasants tags are required. These tags cost \$1 for ten, and should be purchased in advance of the opening date for shooting. Tags must be carried while hunting, and on killing pheasant, must be punched and attached around neck of bird.

Wardens of the State Division of Fish and Game report on conditions of the field as follows:

Los Angeles County—Pheasants in the Santa Ana River area are very numerous, but due to heavy rain roads and bridges are out. Hunting will be hard. Also, much of the best pheasant area along Chino Creek and Santa Ana River has been posted against hunting.

Orange County—Pheasant hunting will be poor. Very few birds are evident.

CHARLES WARREN EDWARDS... an electrician's mate, 3/c, arrived this week for a 30 days' leave from duty in the South Pacific. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Edwards of 2248 Andree ave.

MONTY (BOB) MOORE... has been advanced to water tender, 3/c, at his South Pacific base, according to a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moore of 1908 Martins ave.

Major Harrison Is Transferred To Ft. Thomas

Major William J. Harrison formerly of Torrance, Calif., has been transferred from Ft. George



Wright, Washington, to the Army Air Forces' newly activated Convalescent Hospital at Fort Thomas, Ky., where he now serves as a member of the post's permanent-party personnel.

This was announced by Col. W. Frank DeWitt, 20 year Medical Corps veteran who returned recently from nine months duty as the surgeon of the AAF's India-Burma sector, to serve as commanding officer at Fort Thomas.

Major Harrison now is aiding the Fort Thomas staff in preparing for arrivals of AAF convalescents transferred from general or regional hospitals, or other cases sent here from AAF Redistribution Stations. The function of the convalescent hospital is to physically and mentally rehabilitate its patients, to bring about a smooth transition from definitive hospital treatment or operational fatigue to full AAF usefulness, reducing to a small percentage the number returned to civilian life, yet also aiding those who may be discharged.

Major Harrison entered the army July 4, 1942. He is the son of Mrs. M. Harrison, 4815 Colfax, North Hollywood, and resided with his wife, Betty, at 1444 El Prado. He recently returned from 7 months overseas in the New Guinea-Southwest

Corporal Dumont Among Soldiers Commended

Recently commended by Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commanding general, U. S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, for pre-invasion production efforts, Cpl. Edgar Dumont of Torrance, Calif., and fellow soldier-technicians at an Air Service Command depot in England are now basking in praise from the British press.

The widely-read "Sunday Express," in a featured article pointed out that the base's output figures are "among world records," and lauded the soldiers for their part in keeping America's planes in control of the skies over Western Europe.

"It's good to know that other people think we're doing a good job," commented Cpl. Dumont. "And just to prove that praise hasn't gone to our heads, we're going to keep those production figures high."

He is the husband of Mrs. Laura Dumont, 2731 Arlington ave., and son of Mrs. Camille Dumont, 2733 Arlington ave., Torrance, Calif.

RICHARD T. HIGGINS... a staff sergeant, has been enjoying a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Higgins of 1329 Portola. He had recently returned from Seattle, Wash., where he completed a 10-weeks' course studying B-29s. He returned this week to his base at Oklahoma City, Okla.

CLIFFORD E. RUPPEL... A Communications Sergeant, is serving with the amphibious forces somewhere in the Philippines according to a letter to his wife, Winifred, 938 Arlington ave. Japanese invasion money was included with her letter.

Pacific Theater of Operations. Before entering the service Major Harrison was a practicing surgeon in Torrance, and his present assignment is surgeon of the 60th Air Depot Group. He is a graduate of Carnegie Tech and Loyola University, Chicago.

The AAF Convalescent Hospital at Fort Thomas is one of several operated under the direction of the AAF Personnel Distribution Command, which also supervises AAF Redistribution Stations and AAF Overseas Replacement Depots.

Ninth Service Command Tells How Army Serial Numbers Are Issued

Enlisted men may look alike the world over, yet each carries one identifying feature, setting him apart from every other man in the Army—his serial number!

GI Joe's serial number won't tell you such personal things as his telephone extension, but it will tell you how he entered the army and approximately where he enlisted or became a selectee.

For instance, take a look at the serial number of the soldier across the street. You notice that his serial number begins with the digit one. Then you know he enlisted in the army of the United States some time after July 1940. Had he enlisted prior to that time, he would have had a number 6 as the first digit, denoting enlistment in the United States Army.

In case his first number is a 3, he came into the Army of the United States through selective service. If his first number is a 2, he was a member of the National Guard.

If he entered the Army through selective service or enlisted after July 1940, the second digit of his serial number will be the same as the number of the service command in which he was inducted or enlisted. There are nine service commands in the nation.

For example, if GI Joe enlisted in the Army of the United States from the Ninth Service Command, he will have "19" as the first two digits of his serial number.

Another sidelight of the serial number is the alphabetical letter. An "A" precedes the number of an enlisted member of the Women's Army Corps, "L" precedes the number of the WAC officer, "O" begins the serial number of a male officer; a Warrant Officer prefixes his serial number with a "W"; and

the army nurse has an "N" before her serial number.

In the army, animals too have serial numbers. Horses and mules have their identification tattooed on their ears. A similar process is used in marking the carrier pigeons of the Signal Corps. Dogs have the prefix "K" and wear their numbers on tags.

Serial numbers of enlisted men in the present army were set up in 1940. The regulation established the numbers 11,000,000 to 19,999,999, inclusive, as the serial numbers of the regular army.

Numbers of the men in the National Guard were set as 20,100,000 to 29,999,999, and men who entered the service through selective service have numbers from 31,000,000 to 39,999,999 inclusive.

Some men inducted in recent months have serial numbers with 4 as the first digit. These

V. F. W. Auxiliary Holding Big Bazaar, Carnival

Don't forget the "big day" Saturday, Dec. 2, when the V. F. W. Auxiliary are holding their bazaar, food sale and carnival in the V. F. W. hall starting at 10 o'clock in the morning. Many lovely handmade Christmas gifts may be purchased, besides home made pies, cakes, etc., at the food sale.

"All members of the auxiliary are urged to donate anything, which can be used for the food sale and carnival. Please bring any articles to the hall on Saturday morning," states Olive Veatch, president.

men are from service commands in which the "3" series has been exhausted.

ARNOLD CAMPBELL... a lieutenant in France where he is serving with a Military Police Embarkation Group. His friends may write to him at 456 M.P.E.G. Co., care Embarkation, A.P.O., N. Y., N. Y.

ROLLIN FORDICE... Mo. MM, 2/c, was a recent guest of his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Fordice, of 1306 Sartori ave. He returned recently from 18 months service in the South Pacific and is enjoying a 30 days' leave.

PAUL V. JONES... Carpenter's Mate, 1/c will receive mail addressed: U.S.S.Y.R. 68 care Fleet P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

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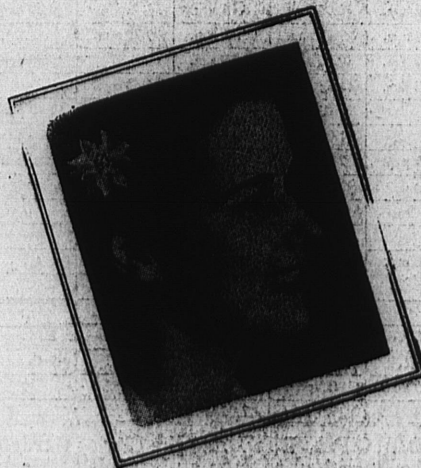


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