

Genesee News, Dec. 28, 1945

WITH THOSE IN THE SERVICE

Mrs. Leo Senften (Margaret Springer) has received a telegram from her husband, Captain Senften, telling of his arrival in the States at San Francisco, and that he is being held up owing to transportation difficulties on the coast. Rail travel is overcrowded and there are several ships loaded with veterans lying in the harbor.

It will be necessary for the men to be transferred to other ships for the coastwise trip to Seattle and to Fort Lewis where they expect to be discharged. Captain Senften had been overseas in Pacific Theatre for 41 months, serving with a tank destroyer battalion. Bonnie Lange yeoman, serving in the SPARS, and stationed at Seattle, send heartiest good wishes for the holidays to the American Legion and extends thanks for the gift sent her by the Legion Post. Bud Springer, who arrived home last week, has reenlisted in the army for one year, and has a 30- day furlough at home or rather time off as a civilian for 30 days before he returns to Camp Roberts. He recently completed basic training. He drew initial payments for mustering-out pay, and mileage and commutation of rations. Those enlisting with six month's service do not have the privilege to choose the theatre or place of service.

Bud got into Lewiston late on the night of his arrival, and immediately started up the hill. He made no connections hitch hiking, so kept on the march, and made uphill hike in a flat seven hours, just a mere jaunt for an infantryman.. He carried no pack but did have the usual baggage carried by soldiers on furlough.

Llewellyn Bershaw, who was with an engineer battalion in the European theatre for a long time, has arrived in the States and is expected home daily. Stanley Green, Navy storekeeper, recently returned to the States and is home with a discharge.

Weather forecast—Spokane and vicinity—Partly cloudy today, continued warm, expected maximum near 80. Tuesday's high, 62 at 3 p. m.; low, 53 at 6 a. m.

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Truman Orders Japanese Stop War at Once on All Fronts Following Complete Capitulation

Byrnes Relays Orders to Japan Through Swiss Legation

By ASSOCIATED PRESS.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—President Truman tonight dispatched through Secretary of States Byrnes an order for the Japanese government to stop the war on all fronts.
The dispatch was sent through the Swiss government, being turned over to the Swiss legation here a few minutes after 7 o'clock.
Following is the text of the message of Secretary of State Byrnes to the Swiss government with instructions for the formal Japanese surrender:
"Sir,
"With reference to your communication of today's date, transmitting the reply of the Japanese government to the communication which I sent through you to the Japanese government on August 11 on behalf of the governments of the United States, China, the United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which I regard as full acceptance of the Potsdam declaration and of my statement of August 11, 1945, I have the honor to inform you that the President of the United States directed that the following message be sent to you for transmission to the Japanese government:
ORDERS TO JAPAN.
"You are to proceed as follows:
"1. Direct prompt cessation of hostilities by Japanese forces, informing the supreme commander for the allied powers of the effective date and hour of such cessation.
"2. Send emissaries at once to the supreme commander for the allied powers with information of the disposition of the Japanese forces and commanders, and fully empowered to make any arrangements directed by the supreme commander for the allied

Spokane Streets Are Crowded With Celebrants as Happy Hour Comes



Part of Spokane's V-J day celebration as soldiers, sailors and civilians gathered at Howard and Riverside to watch the excitement and streams of confetti that floated down from office windows. Blaring horns sounded from the cars that crisscrossed down the streets or lined up in near-traffic jams, and blessed with the shrill shouts of "The war's over!"

Japs Accept Terms Sans Quibble or Hedging, President's View

(See full pages of pictures pages 7 and 16.)
By ASSOCIATED PRESS.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Japan surrendered unconditionally tonight. History's most destructive war is over except for formalities.
President Truman released the stirring news at 7 p. m. eastern war time.
Arrangements still must be completed for the signing of formal surrender terms. Gen. Douglas MacArthur has been appointed supreme allied commander to receive the surrender. Then V-J day will be proclaimed.
"Meantime," the President announced, "the allied armed forces have been ordered to suspend offensive action."
And, while the world celebrated with unrestrained joy, he ordered a Japanese government which once had promised to dictate peace terms in the White House to stop the war on all fronts.
MAKES SHORT SPEECH.
As the great news became known Washingtonians raced to the White House to join hundreds already massed around the grounds.
Mr. Truman, accompanied by his wife, walked out on the porch and stepped up to a hastily erected microphone. He waved and smiled. Then he spoke:
"Ladies and gentlemen, this is the great day. This is the day we have been looking for since December 7, 1941.
"This is the day when Fascism and police government ceases in the world.
"This is the day for the democracies.
"This is the day when we can start on our real task of implementation of free government in the world.
"We are faced with the greatest task we ever have

SPOKANE GOES WILD OVER NEWS OF PEACE

PEACE!

WAR ENDS

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ECSTASY ROCKS WORLD

Washington, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The second World war, history's greatest flood of death and destruction, ended tonight with Japan's unconditional surrender.
Formalities still remained—the official signing of surrender terms and a proclamation of V-J day.
But from the moment President Truman announced at 4 p. m. Pacific war time, that the enemy of the Pacific had agreed to ink terms, the world put aside for a time woeful thoughts of the dead and dollars and celebrated in wild

(By the Associated Press)

Hirohito Suzuki, Emperor of Japan, August 15, 1945