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MARION COUNTY DEFENSE COUNCIL
Room 1, Ladd and Bush Bank Building
Salem, Oregon

July 14, 1945

Dear Block Leaders,

Again we wish to express our appreciation to each of you for the splendid job done in the 7th War Loan Drive. At the time of writing this letter, we do not yet know if Marion County reached our E-Bond quota, but we are very optimistic. The very difficult task of selling such a high quota in E-Bonds, if successful, is due in no small part to your untiring efforts throughout a long and arduous drive.

URGENT

The enlisted men and officers to be stationed at Camp Adair for the duration of the war to train men going to the Pacific are now coming into town and are very anxious to find housing for their families. These men, most of whom have served overseas for some time, are desirous of having their families with them, inasmuch as this will be the first opportunity for many to have a home life. Quite a number will arrive this week end and the first of next week.

If there are any vacancies in apartments, light housekeeping rooms and houses in your area, or if you hear of any elsewhere, please report to me immediately. Also, if there are to be any vacancies within the next few weeks, please report them.

The Commanding Officer at Camp Adair has assigned Lt. Hooke, rental officer, to take listings of available houses and apartments. These officers, together with the Chamber of Commerce, the U. S. O. and the Defense Council, are very concerned over the present situation, and any assistance you can give will be appreciated by them, as well as by the servicemen and their families.

Thank you again for your patriotic spirit in responding to all jobs requested of you.

Sincerely,

Hazel Harper
Block Leader Chief

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June 27, 1945

Dear Block Leaders,

We know that you have been working hard and faithfully on the bond drive, but we have another task that cannot be postponed.

We have been asked to locate homes for officers and enlisted men to be stationed at Camp Adair for the duration of the war. It was felt that you would be the best informed as to the possibilities for locating living quarters for men engaged in the serious business of preparing men for the finish fight against Japan.

With the cooperation of the real estate board and other agencies, a listing bureau has been set up at the Chamber of Commerce, and either an officer or noncommissioned officer from Camp Adair will process all listings in behalf of the men seeking residence for themselves and families off the post.

You are requested to make a house-to-house canvass of your respective areas to determine whether or not there are any furnished or unfurnished houses, apartments or light housekeeping rooms available for occupancy. Please report to this office immediately on any vacancies, but we urge you to complete your survey by July 9th. Many of you will already have this information at hand.

A similar survey was made by you two years ago, but the need is more urgent now. Many of these men have been on duty overseas, and this will be the first opportunity for home life for many of them.

Sincerely yours,

Hazel Harper
Block Leader Chief

Address of vacancy _____

Name of owner or manager _____

Address of owner or manager _____ Phone _____

Rental per month _____ House _____ Apartment _____

Furnished _____ Unfurnished _____

Are there extra rooms that could be made into apartments? _____

Remarks _____

