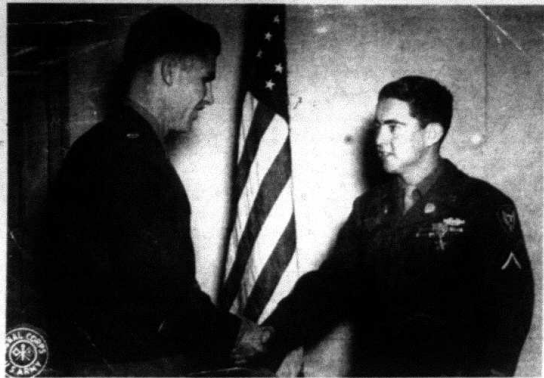




G.D. Leece of Copper Creek, right, shown receiving his Purple Heart.



Harold Imler in Europe during World War II.



G.D. Leece in Europe during World War II.

Veterans Reunite

(Cont. from front)

factory besides farming full-time and his oldest son Larry, would serve in Vietnam and a grandson, Scott Sears, would serve in Desert Storm.

And Hester's brother, Joe, would serve his country during the Korean conflict.

Luckily for the Leece and Ellison family, everyone came home safely.

Harold Imler would also farm and was a carpenter for 30 years. He built his own single engine plane and he and his wife of twenty years have five children.

Editors Note: An hour spent with the two men listening to them recount the invasion and what they went through over a half century ago and thinking about all those soldiers that didn't make it back home to a Copper Creek or Tenino, Washington, certainly gave this reporter a greater appreciation for this country's war Veterans.



G.D. Leece's grandson, Scott Sears, served in Desert Storm.



G.D. Leece's son, Larry, served in the Vietnam War.

"A Moment to Rest"

By Bill R. Patrick

Last year on Mother's Day, my wife and I attended church as usual. I noticed Mom kept looking back toward the church entrance door. She was searching for one of her off-springs.

When I became her only support, I noticed the disappointment look in Mom's eyes as they begin to tear...inspired me to write...

A Moment to Rest

To all Mom's children: The first nine months of your life, you were well hid from the world. But Mom knew just where to find you. "Excited!" she talked about you to all her friends. Without stopping, she would know your every move.

Later on in life, you needed that someone to start you in school. Mom was right there, doing her thing, didn't take a split second to rest...She supported you in that usual run all the way.

Remember your wedding day...She was happy for you, preparing, getting things ready...That was a day for her too...Oh she was dragging her feet. But overpowering her tiredness...She fought on.

After church that Sunday, Mom and I returned home. You know Mom, how understanding she is...But ev-

ery minute she was looking for something out the window...And I'm wondering when Mom was going to take..."A Moment To Rest."

That Sunday morning...Mom wanted to feel her proudest, that's why she kept looking back in church, her heart was inflated, until her eyes were burning with hope. For...I love you Mom...This means everything to her.

...Oh Yes...It was Sunday...A Day You Needed For...

"A Moment To Rest."

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