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Discharge Points Do Not Interest 'Gen. Vanderfuru'

By LEE G. MILLER
WITH THE 35th DIVISION AT BALETE PASS, Luzon (By Wire- less)—One of the most interesting soldiers in this veteran division is staff sergeant—beg pardon, I mean Lieut. Colonel Jay D. Vanderfuru, also known to Japs as Major General Vanderfuru.

He is short and wiry—there's no suet in his 140 pounds. He used to box and play football, and although his job here is primarily a desk job he gets plenty of exercise plowing around the front lines.

Van is regular army. His parents are dead and he is unmarried. His grandmother, Mrs. Belle Smith, lives near Wetumka, Okla. Van's father moved around a great deal when he was a kid, and his education was snatched in five states.

He enlisted in 1936 at 19 and was assigned to the field artillery. It took him three years to make Pfc and his permanent rank is still only staff sergeant.

Van has more than 150 points toward a discharge. But he is not interested in going home except for a brief leave. Soldiering is his profession.

Van was commissioned a second lieutenant eight months before Pearl Harbor. He was at Pearl on that fateful day. The 25th division lost a score of men to Jap strafing. The following October the division left for Guadalcanal, and Van began to show his stuff.

For instance, the time he won a bronze star for "being a damn fool," as he says. His pistol was empty when a Jap, armed with a grenade, confronted him. Van brandished the empty pistol and the Jap surrendered. If he had been a little smarter or braver he might have wiped out Van and the five men following him.

Van fought with the 25th through New Georgia and Vella Lavella. But when the division was training in New Caledonia for the Philippine invasion they picked Van for a special assignment.

In October of '44 he embarked from New Guinea in a submarine with three officers, 10 men, and 20 tons of radio equipment, ammunition, etc. He landed on Luzon Nov. 2 and proceeded to organize the bickering and feuding guerrillas of Cavite, Batangas and western Laguna provinces.

He moved around boldly, in full army uniform, establishing coast watch stations and a courier network—and discouraging the guerrilla practice of killing couriers for their guns. He helped crashed aviators escape. He personally sneaked into Nichols air-drome at Manila to estimate the Nips' strength there.

After the Lingayen invasion his guerrilla knickered out communications and blocked highways. In February he commanded 10 guerrilla rifle companies which shared with paratroopers and amphibious troops the spectacularly successful liberation of Iloilo.

During these guerrilla operations the Japs captured a letter signed "Vanderfuru" major general staff corps. Apparently the Japs didn't know what the general staff corps was. They decided the modifier was a bugshot and hunted hard but vainly for "Major General Vanderfuru" which was as close as Nips could come to pronouncing the name.

Van has not received the legion of merit for those operations. Now he spends much of his time peering over maps and aerial photos and Jap documents, taking telephone reports and collecting all available information for guidance of the veterans.

But he likes to get up front and see the action for himself. He was with Brig. Gen. Dusty Dutton when a sniper killed the general.

"That still makes me a little more careful for a month or so," he said thoughtfully. "I was getting too cocky."

But the next day he was up there again watching a brick skirmish.

Van says he will stay in the army after the war—"In some army anyway" is the way he puts it.

SOUTHPAW IS CHAMP
HOUSTON, Tex., June 5 (UP)—Tony Rios, 21-year-old Mexican southpaw, was the new Texas lightweight boxing champion today as a result of a 10-round decision over Gene Spencer of Chicago.



INFANTRY IN ACTION—Three members of the "Here's Your Infantry" troop which will appear on the high school athletic field here June 15 are shown above as they go into action with automatic rifles. Their demonstrations and exhibits will give the people of this region first hand information on how their war bonds go into action against the Japs.



Cpl. and Mrs. Lyle Crouser arrived last night from Gulfport Field, Miss., for a two-week visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crouser of Imbler and Mrs. Nell Thacker of La Grande.

Cpl. Crouser is attached to the physical therapy department and Mrs. Crouser is a civilian employee in the convalescent training office of the base.

Lt. Scott Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Payne, La Grande, is here on an extended sick leave from Barnes general hospital Vancouver, Wash.

Lieutenant Payne sustained a broken leg and ankle injury when shot down over Germany. He was listed as missing, and was found in a German hospital by allied troops who took that territory.

His wife is the former Lillian Hillhouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hillhouse, La Grande.

Pfc. Walter Gene Garrett, marine signal corps, wrote his mother, Mrs. Walter Garrett, formerly of the Pleasant Grove district and now of Portland, that he visited four days with Lloyd German, also of the Pleasant Grove area, on Okinawa.

German, of the fleet marine hospital corps, and Garrett, were constant companions from the time they entered elementary school until entering the services.

Both attended the rural school and the Imbler high school.

Four soldiers from Union county and one from Wallawa county were among 133 overseas veterans from all branches of the army who were announced yesterday at Fort Lewis, Wash., to be en route home on rotation furloughs.

The Union county veterans are Sergeants Oscar Diaper and Donald K. Ewaldson, both of Union, Staff Sgt. Clifford E. Neidman, Cove and Sgt. Howard W. West of North Powder.

Master Sergeant Ralph M. Justice of Enterprise and Pvt. Hugh A. Johnson of Joseph were the other members of the group.

Second Lt. Ariel S. Bean, 22, of La Grande, co-pilot on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the air medal, according to a message today from the 8th air force base where he is stationed.

Lt. Bean, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bean, is a member of the 10th bombardment group, which received the presidential citation for bombing Berlin, and shares another similar citation for England to Africa shuttle bombing of aircraft plants in Germany.

Among 47 Oregon veterans whose discharge from the army was announced today at Fort Lewis, Wash., under various provisions of the new demobilization program were the following from Union and Wallawa counties: Master Sgt. Marvin R. Smith, Union; Staff Sgt. Clarence E. Whitman, Elgin, and T. J. Lee J. Davis, Enterprise.

Capt. Louis H. Carpenter of La Grande, now wears an oak leaf cluster on his distinguished unit citation badge, since his 36th fighter group of the 8th air force was awarded a second such honor at the base in England. Capt. Carpenter is com-

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Today We Pay Tribute to—



Sgt. Mayo Clinton Walker, 27, an air force mechanic. He is the son of Frank Walker of Hermiston.

Before entering the armed service in March, 1942, he was engaged in farming near La Grande. He attended grade school at Elgin and high school at Enterprise.

He was married March 3, 1942 to Viola L. Goodwin, who now resides at Shafter, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Eldon J. Steele, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Steele of 1303 N. avenue, is revealed in a communication from the headquarters of the 32nd infantry in northern Luzon to be the recipient of the good conduct medal.

The new citation was bestowed upon his outfit for assisting in clearing the ground for the allied airborne invasion of Holland last September.

The distinguished unit citation badge is blue and gold and is worn on the right side of the soldier's uniform blouse.

In the service since January, 1942, Steele has seen action in the Buna, New Guinea, Leyte campaigns for which he has also received the silver star, distinguished unit badge and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon.

Oakley Miller, ART 1 C, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Miller, arrived last night to spend a 30-day leave with his family and friends. He has been stationed at a naval base in Brazil for 10 months. At the conclusion of his leave he will report to Bremerton, Wash., for reassignment.

Lyle David Salskiel, son of Mrs. J. P. Salskiel of Rt. 1, La Grande, was graduated recently from the naval air training base at Corpus Christi and was commissioned an ensign in the U. S. naval air reserve.

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TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

By JACK CUDDY
UP Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, June 5 (UP)—Possibilities of the first super-duper outdoor boxing show since Pearl Harbor rest upon the broad shoulders of Ike Williams, the 21-year-old Negro from Trenton, N. J., who is recognized as lightweight champion throughout National Boxing association territory.

To pave the way for this outdoor extravaganza, young Williams must beat Willie Joyce and his darting left jab at Madison Square Garden Friday night. Such a triumph would indicate the superiority of "Champion" Williams over challenging Joyce and pave the way for a title-deciding bout between Williams—the NBA champ—and Cpl. Bob Montgomery of Luke Field, Ariz.—who is recognized as champ in New York and affiliated states.

Promoter Mike Jacobs believes a bout to settle the title dispute could be arranged between Williams and Montgomery for a big outdoor show if Williams beats Joyce impressively Friday night. All three principals involved are Negroes.

The betting favors Williams at 12-5, although Williams was defeated twice before by fast-stepping, smart-jabbing Joyce of Los Angeles.

Fight Results

By United Press

Baltimore—George Kochan, 168, Akron, O., knocked out Reddy Evans, 169½, Hackensack, N. J., (8).

Philadelphia—Wesley Mouton, 137, Philadelphia, stopped Jimmy Joyce, 134, Gary, Ind., (6).

Providence, R. I.—Pete De Ruzza, 158, New York, stopped Ralph Zamell, 150, Providence, R. I., (4).

Holyoke, Mass.—Marion Ochoa, 164, Havana, drew with Joe Reddick, 165, Paterson, N. J., (19).

Miami, Fla.—Billy Lima, 116, Havana, Cuba, knocked out Jackie Blount, 124, Jacksonville, Fla., (3).

Rescue Workers Seek Blast Dead

PARIS, June 5 (UP)—Rescue workers dug for bodies in the rubble of Bremen's American military government building, where two mysterious explosions yesterday killed at least 15 and injured 80 other Americans and Germans.

A number of Germans still are believed buried in the debris. The military government office, until recently headquarters for German SS detachments, were wrecked.

Camp Adair to Be Replacement Depot

WASHINGTON, June 5 (UP)—Camp Adair will be reactivated as an overseas replacement depot, Senators Wayne Morse and Guy Cordor of Oregon said today.

The huge military installation between Albany and Corvallis has been used the past several months as a naval hospital.

Cordor said the war department approved the reactivation to care for 12,000 to 16,000 men. The camp will serve as a processing point backing up the ports of Portland and Seattle.

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Turnstiles Click Merrily at Coast League Parks

By United Press

With slightly more than one-third of the season over, the Pacific Coast league pennant chase has developed into a Portland-Seattle battle for first place—but that isn't keeping fans away from the ball parks.

The four Sunday games pulled in 47,842 paying customers, with San Francisco, as usual, drawing the largest crowd—15,042. The fourth-place men of Lefty O'Doul should do very well financially again this week when they entertain the second-spot Seattle Rainiers.

The Portland Beavers risk their two and one-half margin when they invade the lair of the improving Los Angeles club. The series will not start until tomorrow night because of travel conditions.

The Oakland Acons, still in third place six games from the top, visit Sacramento, while San Diego gets a chance to "entertain" the tail-end Hollywood Stars.

Gresham To Open Race Meet Tonight

GRESHAM, Ore., June 5 (UP)—Purses totaling \$1900 were posted for tonight's opening of the northwest jockey club 11-night horse racing program at the Multnomah county fairgrounds here.

Feature event will be the inaugural, with \$400 in prizes, and the last race on the eight-event program will carry a \$300 purse, with \$200 in prizes for each of the other events. The final event will be six furlongs, with the others scheduled for five.

Most of the horses entered are new to Oregon tracks. Post time for the first race each night is 8:15 p. m.

Former Ruler of Ring's Lightweights Has 63d Birthday

CHICAGO, June 5 (UP)—The bell rang today for the 63rd round in the life of Battling Nelson, boxing's gallant lightweight champion of more than two decades ago.

Nelson, born 63 years ago in Copenhagen, Denmark, now is a postal clerk in Chicago's main postoffice. He rooms in a little, run-down Clark street hotel where he lives deep in the memory of former fight glory—back in the early 1900s when he ruled the lightweight division over such famed ring warriors as Young Corbett, Jimmy Britt and the revered Joe Gans.

"The fight game hasn't changed much," he said. "Great fighters come and go and although there might not be great fighters in the lightweight division today, there will be after the war."

Although he's slightly stopped, and gray at the temples, Nelson still weighs in at 133 pounds—the same weight at which he rose to ring glory from 1905 through 1908.

Baseball Standings

By United Press

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Portland	39	24	.619	
Seattle	36	26	.581	1 1/2
Oakland	34	31	.523	6
San Francisco	11	32	.256	17
San Diego	32	34	.485	8 1/2
Sacramento	31	33	.484	8 1/2
Los Angeles	31	33	.484	8 1/2
Hollywood	21	42	.333	19

Stars Are Plentiful In Major Circuits

By CARL LUNDQUIST
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, June 5 (UP)—There'll be no major league all-star game this year for the first time since 1933, but that little detail today isn't bothering a host of players in both major circuits who are playing as if their lives depended on being named for the annual baseball extravaganza.

Granting that the standard of baseball is lower than in peacetime, it is hard to deny that there are more individual stars than usual, probably because those of major league caliber that remain are able to dominate the rookies, oldsters, and minor league fill-ins, who have absorbed the gaps in the ranks.

On the basis of play to date it would be interesting to see what the following teams, selected on the basis of all-around excellence at bat and in the field, would do if the all-star game went on as scheduled in Boston in July.

Player, Team, Pos.	Bat. Ave.
Case, Senators, c	.331
Kreevich, Browns, of	.289
Moses, White Sox, of	.299
Cuccinello, White S. 3b	.355
G. Stinnett, Yanks, 2b	.313
Stephens, Browns, ss	.317
McQuinn, Browns, 1b	.230
Trush, White Sox, c	.274

Player, Team, Pos.	Bat. Ave.
Dave Ferriss, Red Sox, p	7-10
Borowy, Yanks, p	7-11
Gromek, Indians, p	6-1
Christopher, A's, p	8-2

Player, Team, Pos.	Bat. Ave.
Holmes, Braves, of	.378
Olmo, Dodgers, of	.357
Mel Ott, Giants, of	.379
Kowski, Cards, 3b	.378
Stanky, Dodgers, 2b	.235
Marion, Cards, ss	.243
Cavaretta, Cubs, 1b	.348
Lombardi, Giants, c	.325

Player, Team, Pos.	Bat. Ave.
W. Vossella, Braves, p	8-2
M. Cooper, Braves, p	3-0
C. Barrett, Cards, p	5-3
Derringer, Cubs, p	6-3

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