

Australians Honor Lt. Col. Munkres

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Dec. 14 (AP)—Lt. Col. Carolyn Munkres, Forest Grove, has been awarded a medal of the most excellent order of the British empire at the request of Prime Minister John Curtin of Australia for saving Australian troops pocketed by an overwhelming force of Japs during the Lae-Salamaua campaign.

Munkres' battalion flashed through dense jungles to rescue the Australians and destroyed masses of the enemy, the citation said. He was the first American field officer below general grade to receive an award from an allied nation in the southwest Pacific theatre.

Karpstein Training As Aviation Student

ROSWELL ARMY AIR FIELD, Roswell, N. M.—Recently arrived at this field as aviation student Carl H. Karpstein, son of Mrs. A. Karpstein, route 1, Beaverton, Av. S. Karpstein has been assigned to the provisional aviation student detachment for pre-flight training. He joined the army in January, 1942. Prior to coming to the Roswell Army Air Field, Av. S. Karpstein was in foreign service in England for six months.

Veteran Pacific Navy Officer Local Visitor

LT. J.G. Earl Gipe, who recently returned from service in the Southwest Pacific where he was awarded a Silver Star for gallantry in action at Buak, is visiting at the A. J. Hartman home. Lt. Gipe is a graduate of Pacific university. His home is in California.

News of Men and Women in Uniform

Gehrts Fighting with Famed Infantry Unit

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy.—Pfc. Virgil E. Gehrts, machine gunner, of Cornelius, is fighting in Italy with the 361st Infantry Regiment, which spearheaded the advance of Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army from Velletri to the Arno River without having once given ground.

The 361st is part of the 91st "Powder River" division, currently in the Florence-Bologna drive.

A story about this same unit was printed last week.

Lt. Watkins Arrives At Bomber Base in Italy

FIFTEENTH AAF IN ITALY.—Second Lieutenant John L. Watkins, 26, bombardier on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has recently arrived overseas, and been assigned to an advanced 15th AAF bomber base in Italy. Lt. Watkins, whose wife, Mrs. Marjorie Watkins, resides at Portland, attended Hillsboro high school and Willamette university, prior to his entering the air corps, April 2, 1943. He received his commission and bombardier wings at Deming, N. M., June 10, 1944. His father, Amos Watkins, resides at Hillsboro route 5.

Greetings!

The Argus acknowledges Season's Greetings from Sgt. Jerry Vavra from Italy.

Not a Prisoner
FIRDALE-IOWA HILL.—Glen Springer is not a prisoner of war, as printed in the paper last week.

Lemon Completes Sixty Missions

While its small escort carrier weathered two hours and forty minutes of shelling by four Japanese battleships, seven cruisers and nine destroyers off Samar on October 24, Composite Squadron Four's handful of Wildcat fighter



EVERETT H. LEMON

and Avenger torpedo-bomber pilots helped to stop and turn back the enemy fleet with bullets, bombs and torpedoes.

The enemy warships guns ranged up to 16 inches in size; our largest was five inches. In armor plate, in speed, in number of guns in land-based planes, in virtually everything which normally gives one naval force superiority over another, the Japanese had a huge advantage over the Americans the morning of October 24.

Sheer courage won the day! The courage of the fliers who dived their planes through intense anti-aircraft fire to attack the Japanese warships, of the carrier crew which fueled, armed and launched planes in the middle of the battle, of the destroyers and destroyer escorts which raced through heavy surface fire to get within gun and torpedo range of the larger enemy warships.

Composite Four's Wildcat and Avenger pilots, based aboard one of the escort carriers of the Kaiser-built Casablanca class, typified the courage of the fliers during the hours before the enemy fleet turned.

Shells were straddling its carrier, geysering water over the flight deck, when VC-4's Wildcats and Avengers took the air.

Wildcats were never designed for strafing capital ships of war. But Composite Four, known in the escort carrier fleet as "Deacons Demons" did just that.

The little fighters dived down through the Japanese flak and swooped in low to strafe battleships, cruisers and destroyers with their 30 calibre guns. Their attacks killed personnel, silenced many small guns. Several pilots made five separate strafing runs on capital ships.

Everett H. Lemon, AO 1/c, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucie V. Lemon of Hillsboro, was a member of Composite Squadron Four, according to word received from the navy department. He has completed 60 combat missions. His actions include Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, Palau and Ulithi, Caroline Islands, and Leyte, Visayas Islands, Philippines.

While the Wildcats strafed, the Avenger pilots carried bombs and torpedoes down through the same wall of flak. "Deacons Demons" are credited with damaging two of the enemy's battleships and two

Davis Transferred to Hamilton Field, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Leen Davis returned to their home at Laurel Friday from Bremerton, Wash. where he has been serving as a Red Cross field director. He will leave Monday night for Hamilton Field, Cal. to serve as Red Cross field director in charge.

This is a promotion for Davis and he will have three assistants under him, one being in charge of the hospital with a staff of nurses under her. Mr. Davis and his assistants will cover all activities from Hamilton Field to the Oregon border along the coast.

Hamilton Field, which is near San Rafael, is the port of embarkation and has 24-hour Red Cross canteen and motor corps service.

41st Vet to Return To Pacific Group

Cpl. Warren (Bill) Kent arrived in Hillsboro December 7 on a 30-day leave from his base in the South Pacific. Following his furlough, Cpl. Kent will return to his base a member of the original battery E, 218th field artillery. Kent was among those mobilized in 1940 and has since been overseas two and a half years of duty. He wears the American defense service medal and the Asiatic-Pacific area campaign medal.

Cavalryman Visits

Among the various service men recently home on furlough was Pvt. Elyon G. Walker, who arrived November 23 to visit relatives and friends here and at Portland after finishing basic training at C. R. T. C. at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Elyon, or "Swade" as he is better known to his friends, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Walker, who live on North Fremont avenue. He left December 9 from Portland by train for Ft. Ord, Cal., where he was to report by 12 noon on December 10.

Waits Assignment

A C. Silas R. Vermilyea, Jr. is temporarily stationed at Laughlin Field, Del Rio, Texas, awaiting assignment to pre-flight school, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. S. R. Vermilyea, Sr., route 2, Forest Grove.

In Naval Hospital

John Donohue, SF 2/c, has returned to the United States after 26 months service with the navy in the Pacific and is in a naval hospital in Seattle, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Eva Donohue of Hillsboro.

heavy cruisers with bombs and torpedoes.

This fleet action climaxed seven months of duty for VC-4 in the combat zone, during which it participated in amphibious operations at Saipan, Tinian, Palau, Ulithi and Leyte.

Composite Four and its carrier escorted transports to the enemy-held islands without losing one surface vessel. The fliers bombed and strafed the beaches to weaken enemy resistance before the landings. After the troops were ashore, they gave air support, blasting gun emplacements, installations and personnel ahead of our advancing infantry.

Composite Four and its escort carrier have a near perfect safety record. From April 24 to November 18, more than 800 sorties were flown and only one Avenger being damaged in launching or landing. From August 15 to October 19, more than 250 sorties were flown by Wildcats; only one was slightly damaged. It was repaired and flown again the same day.

Composite Four made extensive and effective use of rockets in their support of ground troops. Hundreds of rockets were expended, in addition to about 200,000 pounds of high explosives and almost 300,000 rounds of 30 calibre machine gun ammunition.

Hilhi News

(By Roy Martz)

Pep Club Initiates

Pep club held a formal initiation Wednesday night at the home of Barbara Person, combined with their Christmas party. Those initiated were Gina Gorman, Lucy Mann, Barbara Person and Lee Ann Kramien.

Hi-Y Has Xmas Party

The Hi-Y Christmas party was held Monday night at the home of Paul Patterson with Bruce Campbell as program chairman.

Blue H to Initiate

Initiations will be held within the next two weeks, according to President Jack Doyle. There will be an indefinite number of new members as all or almost all of the football lettermen will be joining.

Club Gets New Pins

Phyllis Englen, president of the Philo club, announced that the club now has new pins. The club also plans to have a skating party after Christmas.

Attend G. R. Formal

More than 18 couples attended the Girl Reserve semi-formal dance Saturday, December 16, at the Y. W. C. A.

Hold Waffle Feed

Allene Amacher, Nancy Pitman and Gloria Bates held a waffle feed in the school cafeteria Monday evening after school.

Ten girls from Hillsboro attended the traditional "Hanging of the Greens," at the Y. W. C. A. in Portland. Those attending were Jean Yungen, Priscilla Merkel, Ruth Richard, Kitty Boyd, Joan Seymore, and Dorothy Bidwell.

What This Town Needs

What this town needs is a recreation hall. It needn't be anything fancy, just some place where high school students can come to dance, play ping-pong, listen to the radio, and play games.

If the churches would consent, why not have the Youth Fellowship Leagues, or some similar group of "teen-agers" organize it. There are two or three different places here in town where once a week boys and girls could come to dance. There could be a soft drink bar which could be removed so as not to interfere with the activities in the building the other days of the week.

Maybe at first it wouldn't be anything to talk about. The soft drink bar would perhaps be only tables set around with the drinks in another room and ordered on a self-service system could be worked out. The games may only be

checkers or caroms. But it would be a place where boys and girls could go and enjoy themselves in the company of other boys and girls of their ages.

Many people I'm sure would be glad to contribute the use of a phonograph and records. Games could be bought or borrowed for a sum. The Moose hall or some

Thursday, December 21, 1944 HILLSBORO ARGUS—3 similar place could be rented. If it was run exclusively by "teen-Dues by the week or month could be collected to make this possible. Jim Johnson.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas are sent to you this year with the sincere hope that all families will be re-united in the joys of a victorious future—soon.

We have enjoyed serving you during the past year and hope we may aid you again.

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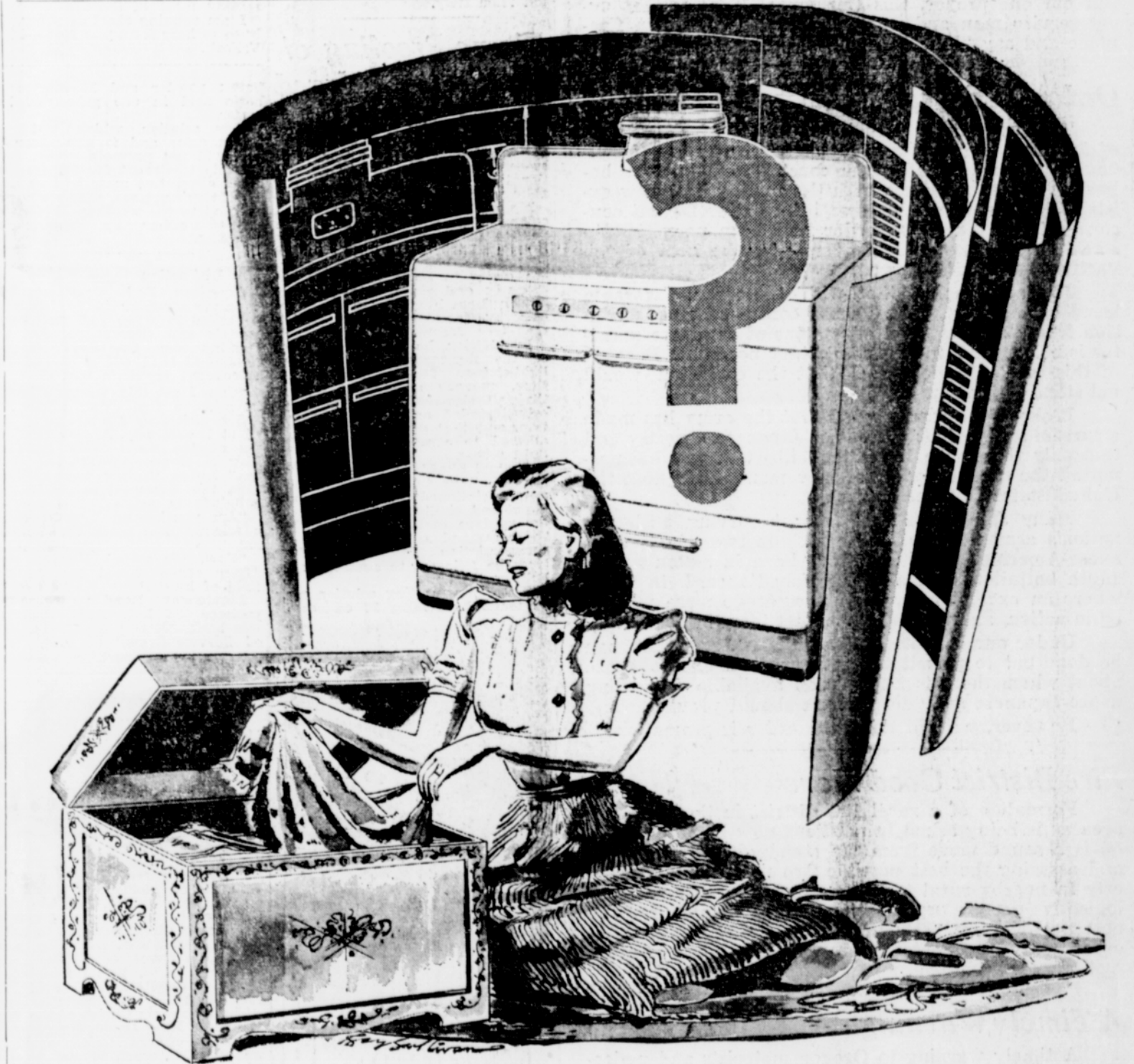
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