

Salem Units of 249 CA Receive Commendation for Excellent Work in Recent Maneuvers

FORT STEVENS, May 17—The 249th Coast Artillery has returned to its barracks after a strenuous week of "war in the field." Troops left comfortable barracks at Fort Stevens, Canby, and Columbia and manned all armament 24 hours a day for seven days. At the beginning of the period troops were occupied with making themselves as comfortable as possible in pup tents, and buildings near guns, searchlights and other emplacements, establishing field kitchens and camouflaging every piece of equipment in occupied area to make invisible from aerial observation.

Then the huge seacoast guns and mortars began firing serving practice ammunition at seacoast targets eight miles off shore. Battery F, which before induction into federal service hailed from Marshfield, led off the first day by destroying both of the targets towed at sea by tugs.

Not to be outdone, by their regimental mates, Battery A, formerly of Klamath Falls, firing two-gun salvos, placed both shots of each salvo within 4.7 yards of the center of the target.

On Saturday Battery E, Cottage Grove, took up the fire with equally satisfactory results.

Each night the ocean and river area was intermittently illuminated by giant searchlights operated by G battery, formerly of Salem. This battery also operated mobile anti-aircraft searchlights which searched the skies for possible air attacks.

Command post exercises followed closely upon the service practice firing. The regiment then stood a 48-hour test on its proficiency before a group of inspecting officers from the Ninth Coast Artillery district and Fourth Army headquarters.

A series of problems prepared by Harbor Defense headquarters and the Coast Artillery district kept the men constantly on the alert and in action from time to time during the nights, repulsing an enemy represented by the harbor defense boats, parachute troops from the 18th Coast Artillery, and army planes from nearby airfields.

On the last day of the test, a critique was held at which time the inspecting officers advised the regiment that the test had been successfully passed and that the regiment was authorized to proceed with advanced training.

Colonel Clifton M. Irwin, commanding officer of the 249th, was well pleased at the outcome of the "war" and graded many of the sections as "excellent" and "well-trained."

The communication section of Headquarters battery (Salem) was particularly commended for the handling of the constant traffic of messages ever vital in a maneuver of this type.

McCHORD FIELD, May 17.—(AP)—Now that the 3rd balloon squadron has been transferred to North Carolina from Fort Lewis, the air corps' prize story about the men who flew one of the motorized blimps can be told.

Shortly after taking off in an army bomber from McChord one afternoon, Lieut. William H. Cleveland, former University of Washington student, noted the blimp as he flew high above Henderson bay. It looked as though the blimp was on the water so Cleveland circled back and dropped to a low altitude.

"They weren't in any trouble," Cleveland reported. "There were two men in the basket and they had the motor cut down so the blimp was barely moving. They were about 20 feet above the water and they had fishing lines out."

They were trolling for salmon in Puget Sound!

With Medical Corps

SILVERTON—Dr. A. E. Wrightman, Jr., is now with the US army medical corps, with headquarters at Portland, his father, Dr. A. E. Wrightman, Sr., reports. He has classes three times a week at Vancouver, Washington, but makes his home at Portland.

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Final Meet Scheduled

INDEPENDENCE—A 1 o'clock luncheon will precede the final meeting of the Woman's club, Tuesday afternoon, May 20, at the club house.

Annual reports will be given by the committee chairmen and newly elected officers will be installed by Mrs. C. A. Fratzke, president.

Officers to be installed will be president, Mrs. Paul E. Robinson; first vice-president, Mrs. T. D. Pomeroy; second vice-president, Mrs. C. H. Harwood; secretary, Mrs. Melford M. Nelson; and treasurer, Mrs. Joe Rogers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harwood entertained the Wednesday night club.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morlan, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Link, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Pomeroy, and Mr. and Mrs. Grover G. Mattison.

Alaska Road Plans Start

SEATTLE, May 17.—(AP)—Congressman Warren G. Magnuson informed the Post-Intelligencer in a long-distance telephone interview from Washington, DC, Saturday night that instructions to begin negotiations at once with the Canadian government for construction of the Alaska international highway have been sent to the American minister at Ottawa.

Magnuson said Secretary of State Hull had assured him the state department would press actively for an agreement between the two nations on the proposed highway.

Board's Report Shows Drop in Infant Deaths

One of the important factors of the monthly report released by the Marion county department of health is the number of infant deaths in the county. During April there was one death making a total of five for the first four months of 1941 as compared to 12 infant deaths during the same period in 1940.

Deaths for the month amounted to 61 with 37 male and 24 female. Births numbered 112 with 56 each of boys and girls. Communicable disease deaths were attributed to eight of cancer, two diabetes, 11 apoplexy, 10 heart disease, and four kidney disease.

The communicable disease report showed that there were 176 reported cases of influenza in the county as compared to 31 a year ago for the first four months of the year. There were also 100 reported cases of measles and only one in 1941 for four months.

The activities report showed that 1090 tuberculin tests were given during April, making a total of 1999 for the first four months as compared with 1644 a year ago. Positive reactors for the four-month period number 263 with 170 in 1940.

Medical examinations have been given to 121 food handlers for the first four months of 1941 and only 28 were given exams in 1940. Housemaids and airplane mechanics have received examinations with the health department giving them to 133 and only 70 were examined in 1940.

Clutch Effort Report Made

DETROIT, May 17—Tests on effort involved in manual automobile gear-shifting have just been concluded by the staff engineers who perfected the Hydra-Matic drive for Cadillac.

These show 58.9 foot-pounds of energy expended by the average driver in reaching high gear. Eighty eight per cent of the total effort goes into clutch manipulation, 7 1/2 per cent into gear lever movement and the balance in accelerator pressure.

In contrast, the engineers developed that only .833 foot-pounds, or 1.4 per cent of the standard transmission effort, is required by the Hydra-Matic. The automatic shift demands pressure on the accelerator pedal alone.

Tests were conducted at the General Motors proving ground where Cadillacs equipped with the automatic shifting device have rolled up an impressive run of 381,593 miles.

Grangers' News

SILVERTON—C. L. Smith, Oregon State college extension division, will speak on cooperative marketing and other principles of marketing before the Silverton Grange Friday. The talk will be open to the public.

Salem Credit Association Members Named at Parley



JAMES CLARK
Kennell-Ellis photo



LENA BLUM
Jessen-Miller photo



FRANCIS SMITH
Jessen-Miller photo

These three Salem residents were appointed to important positions at the credit conference held earlier in the week at Tacoma. Lena Blum (center above), of the local office of Credit Bureaus, was elected to two offices. She was named president of the Northwest council of Credit Women's Breakfast clubs and was elected a director of district 10 of the National Retail Credit association. James F. Clark (left), of the General Finance company and president of the Salem Credit association, was also elected a director. Francis Smith (right), manager of the Salem Credit bureau, was named president of the Associated Credit Bureaus of the Pacific Northwest, an organization of about 150 bureaus. The Salem Credit Women's Breakfast club brought back the trophy for the second time for having the largest registration at the conference. Reports on the Tacoma parley were given at the luncheon meeting of the Salem Credit association Friday by Ruth Norris, Velma Strain, Miss Blum, Smith, Ralph Glover, Lynn MacLachlan, Floyd Emmons, Chris Seely and Clark.

Army Plans Training Collegians In School Units for Air Service

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(AP)—The army, ordering an intensive campus recruiting campaign for air corps pilots, announced Saturday a decision to train flying cadets from each college as an individual unit.

The decision was admittedly intended as an incentive to qualified youths to become army pilots. The army did not say so, but it appeared it might also mean carrying college athletic rivalries into flight training with, for instance, the Cornell squadron vying with a Pennsylvania outfit in progress.

Cadets from the same city also will be trained together, raising the possibility that the "Bronx Bombers" may soon mean an air corps unit as well as a baseball team.

Instructions went to corps area commanders to concentrate recruiting efforts on students in the few remaining weeks of the college year as the air corps accelerates the training of pilots from 12,000 to 30,000 a year.

Outstanding athletes and campus leaders, officials said, will be sought as organizers of units of twenty flying cadets, each of which the war department promised to keep intact during the training period of 7 1/2 months.

There was no promise however to keep units together indefinitely in the manner of the Eagle squadron of Americans in Britain's royal air force or existing national guard organizations.

To stir campus enthusiasm, former students who already have become army fliers may be returned to their respective institutions to talk with prospective cadets in advance of visits by

army examining boards.

In seeking college students, the air corps is competing with other army branches and the navy which have been seeking particularly engineering school graduates and others with special training.

Willamette Valley Briefs

Blue Ox Featured

SILVERTON — Paul Bunyan and his Blue Ox will be featured at the Cub Scout meeting to be held Tuesday night at the Methodist church. Paul's ax, gun and pipe made by the three dens will be on display. Parents of the meeting are invited to attend the meeting, to be held from 7 until 8 o'clock.

Club Has Party

HAYESVILLE — The Junior Woman's club held a hard time party at the home of Bernice Robertson Thursday. Guests were June George, June Parker, Adelle and Aldene Frey, Shirley Hall, Dorothy Lewis, Dorothy Hartzell, Jo Anne Hobson, Kitty Mowry, Mrs. D. Parks, Mrs. Olive Potter, Mrs. Lillian Parrish and Mrs. J. D. Kennedy.

Sight Partly Lost

CENTRAL HOWELL—The injury which Leonard Lichty received to his eye while cutting wood the past winter has resulted in the loss of sight in that eye. He consulted a Portland specialist the past week concerning the condition of the other eye.

Class Instructed

SCIO—Frank A. Sikes, Lebanon, is instructing a class in American citizenship at the school house in Scio every Monday night. W. H. Beall, Albany, district supervisor of the movement, arranged all details. Scio Sokol society sponsors the program.

Guests Entertained

LINCOLN—Mrs. Alice Simpson had as her dinner guests Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Jacobs and Ann Carol and Mrs. H. E. Smith and daughter, Miss Dorothy, Portland, and Miss Thelma Burns, Seattle.

New Cannery Started

SILVERTON—Foundation work on the new Silverton cannery building is now underway with most of the cement flooring completed. Work on the frame building will get underway within a few days and it is expected that the entire building will be completed by June 1.

Employment Service Plans State Inventory of Women for Needs In US Defense Emergency

Plans for a state-wide inventory of women for national defense labor emergencies were approved Saturday at a meeting of the advisory council of the state employment service. The survey will be under direction of a committee named by William E. Bowes, Portland city commissioner and chairman of the advisory council.

More than 500 occupations which can be filled by women in case of an emergency labor shortage will be listed in forms now being prepared. Miss Lillian Yuongquist, head of Progressive Oregonians, told the council in outlining the plan. Those who have registered will be consulted as to availability for work when and if the emergency arises.

Available women may be used not only to replace men in many of the service jobs but also for such jobs as sewing fabric and light riveting in aircraft industries, it was indicated.

The inventory will supplement the labor survey made last November which showed thousands of skilled workers now engaged in minor occupations. Many of these ship loftsmen, machinists, welders and others already have been placed with defense industries in this section, Director L. C. Stoll reported. The survey, which represented approximately 31,600 people skilled in 360 defense trades, is being used to justify location of many big plants in this area, it was said.

Loren Hinman, OPM representative, told the council of the appreciation of national defense officials for the pioneering being done by the Oregon agencies in training and placement of skilled workers.

In reporting on the farm labor shortage it was said 30,000 workers would be needed in the next few weeks for thinning beets at Nyssa, picking berries in Western Oregon, working in the peas near Athena and other pressing agricultural activity all over the state. About 2000 already have come from California and other families are being called in orderly fashion as the need arises.

Memorial Day Plans Made

Committees and program for Memorial day services in Salem, May 30, were announced Saturday night by the Memorial committee of the Federation of Patriotic Orders. No speaker has as yet been secured.

Morning circle services are to be at City View cemetery, at the GAR circle at 10 o'clock under direction of Women's Relief corps and Sons of Union Veterans and at the American Legion circle at 10:30.

Water and air services on the inter-county bridge are set for 1 and 1:15 p. m., followed at 1:30 by the parade, which forms at Marion square. The parade goes to the war monument at the courthouse, where wreaths are laid. Program follows from the courthouse steps if the weather is favorable, from the armory if rainy.

Jason Lee cemetery services are to be at 3 p. m., on Memorial Sunday, May 25, directed by Daughters of Union Veterans. Byron

Conley is the speaker, and Rex W. H. Lyman is to officiate.

Members of the committee and their assignments are: Col. C. A. Robertson, chairman; Paul Tharalson, parade; Bertha Ray, bands, state institutions, recitations; Sherman Nelson, decorations, firing squad; L. P. Bennett, flag; Don Madison, water service; Mary B. Lickel, Rose B. Garrett, Beatrice Henry, Rose B. Hagedorn, Mrs. Harold Perkins and George R. Maynard.

Daughter in Aerial Act

WEST SALEM—Mr. and Mrs. Lew Howell, who own the West Salem Florist shop, received a letter from their daughter, Jewell, who is now in Baltimore, Maryland. Jewell is a member of the "Six Queens of the Sky," who tour the United States and Canada and put on an aerial act 120 feet above the ground with no net below.

Jewell graduated from the Salem high school in 1934, and then she went to Los Angeles, where she was employed as chief clerk at Warner Bros. studio. In 1938 she married Victor M. Paul, special agent of criminal division at Marabou station, who was later shot and killed by an escaping woman convict.

Community Club Invites Public

WEST SALEM—Everyone in this city is invited to attend the meeting of the Community club in the city hall auditorium Monday at 8 p. m.

Jens Svith of Salem high school will have charge of the program. The boys who are putting on the program are members of the Future Farmers of America.

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That fact was established by John Cunningham, & Associates, Consulting Engineers, of Portland, after surveying the present system and the City's needs.

● Other Modern Cities Are Eliminating Disease-Breeding Open Sewers

Open sewers, such as used by Salem, breed disease through flies and rats, and deposits of rotting refuse left along the banks of streams.

● The Proposed Sewerage Disposal Plant Will

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- ✓ Improve the health conditions in the entire City.
- ✓ Return the Willamette to the list of fine fishing streams.
- ✓ Make the Willamette a Tourist Attraction instead of an eyesore.

● The Proposed Sewerage Disposal Plant Will Cost

Each family in Salem an average of 25c per month.

LESS THAN 1c PER DAY

These are actual cost figures compiled by the engineers employed to figure the plant expense and are not the mental meanderings of oppositionists.

● This Will Be the ONLY COST

This charge will pay the interest and amortization on bonds and all overhead operations which will be approximately \$23,000 per year, total.

● Sooner or Later Salem Will Have to Take This Step

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