

Service Men

There was pride and joy expressed in the face of J. McNeil, a student of Salem, who now is a quartermaster third class in the United States navy, when he stood beside his son, Robert Kelley McNeil, 18, and saw him sworn in as a United States naval aviation cadet in Seattle recently.

Robert was the fourth and final member of his family to join the armed services. His father was a sailor in the last war and re-enlisted for this conflict. His mother is a major in the office of civilian defense, and his brother, James McNeil, is a sergeant pilot in the army at Pope field in North Carolina.

"I am outranked by my whole family," said the elder McNeil, who, nevertheless, showed pride that his family was contributing so fully to the war program. "I have a half brother, Lt. Comdr. Curtis T. Youngblood, who is chief administrative officer of the Naval Proving grounds at Dahlgren, Va., and another half brother, Edwin Youngblood, who is at Fort Greeley, Alaska."

The young cadet will begin his career in the navy with an assignment to St. Mary's college in Moraga, Calif., for three months of pre-flight training.

Sgt. George L. Volk, having successfully completed his three months course at the air forces officer candidate school at Miami Beach, Florida, has received his commission as second lieutenant in the army air forces. His duties will be to direct vital administrative and supply operations of the rapidly expanding army air forces ground forces, thus relieving trained pilots for full time flying duty.

As a civilian Lt. Volk lived on route three, Salem. His father, Anton J. Volk, lives on route three, Salem.

FAIRFIELD—Ray and Roy Francis, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Francis of south Salem, are in the US military services. Roy is a sergeant with the army air corps at Billington Field, Texas, while Ray is in the infantry at Camp White.

ELDRIDGE—Mr. and Mrs. Karl M. Brown have returned from a trip to Merced, Calif., where they visited their son, Pvt. Melvin Brown, who is stationed with the army air corps, chemical company.

Corp. E. Dale Fuller who has been at Camp Edwards, Mass., has been transferred to Camp Cabela, Fla.

Justin Joyce, US navy, is now in Honolulu, according to information received by Mrs. Frank Thompson.

CENTRAL HOWELL—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Way received a letter Thursday from their son, Bob, who is with the army air corps in New Guinea. The letter was received two weeks after it was written.

JEFFERSON—Mr. and Mrs. John Wright of Jefferson have received word from their son, Les Wright, who recently was promoted to a captaincy in the US army, that he completed desert training with the 13th Engineers, October 15, and is now located at San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Anderson from their son, Corp. James K. Anderson, that he has been transferred from Sheppard Field, Texas, to Miami Beach, Florida, where he will enter officer candidate school to take a course in air corps administration.

Prior to his enlistment early this spring Corporal Anderson was research assistant in the school of government at the University of Southern California.

Another son, William, is in the US navy, stationed at San Diego, Calif. Both men are graduates of Jefferson high school and attended Willamette university.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kletzing of Independence have heard from their son, Harold, with US army forces in Australia, of his promotion to staff sergeant.

First In Algiers



First American soldier to enter Algiers in the allied campaign for control of north Africa was Staff Sgt. Marvin H. Anderson (above), 24, of Minneapolis. Anderson landed at Sidi Ferruch. —Associated Press Telegram.

Where They Are What They're Doing Overseas



CAPT. WAYNE COOK

WEST SALEM—Capt. Wayne Cook, who is now in overseas service, is a brother of Mrs. William Cook of West Salem. He attended Salem schools and was graduated from Oregon State College in 1939. He had a reserve commission and later attended school at Fort Sill, Okla., and more recently was at Camp Carson. His wife, formerly Paula Brewer, and their two children will make their home in Myrtle Point.

Bruce Van Wyngarden, Willamette university 1942, was graduated from midshipman's school at Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., last Friday and has been commissioned as an ensign to be stationed at Seattle, is spending a furlough in Salem at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Van Wyngarden, 945 North Church street.

Marion Davis, until six weeks ago manual arts instructor at Salem senior high school, returned to his home in Salem briefly Monday en route from basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois. Davis is a lieutenant (senior grade) and is serving as a line officer in the navy.

PORTLAND, Nov. 16—(AP)—Charles C. Ralls will replace Capt. Frank G. Ward as officer for officer procurement in the Portland district, marine corps recruiting headquarters announced Monday.

Ward, who won a congressional medal of honor in the last war, had been assigned here temporarily. His new station was not announced. Ralls, a veteran of Asiatic duty, comes here from Seattle.

Marine corps enlistments released Monday included: Delbert N. Hayes, Albany; Darol C. Sigfrid, Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson of 355 North Church street received word recently that their son, Pvt. George L. Johnson, has been transferred from Fort Lewis, Wash., to Sheppard Field, Tex.

INDIANAOLIS, Ind.—John Lewis Ware of 422 Evergreen avenue, Salem, Oregon, has reported to the US naval training school at the Butler university fieldhouse here for an intensive 18-week course designed to train him as a navy signalman. It was announced Monday by Lt. H. C. Cigtenhorst, USNR, commanding officer of the school.

First Lt. John C. Weinert, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Weinert, 145 West Luther street, Salem, is enjoying his 15-day furlough with his parents and his sisters, Bette and Peggy.

Lt. Weinert completed three years at Oregon State college before he joined the army air corps and has now served two years, one of which was spent overseas. He has been in Australia. Lt. Weinert was in active combat in the Philippine islands and four months on Bataan. He flew from Australia to San Francisco with a group of his fellow officers.

Among the men who reported Sunday at the US naval training station in Farragut, Idaho, are the following residents of Marion county: George W. DeWitt, son of Mrs. Esther Miller, 1824 North Fourth street, Salem; Benjamin C. Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Helms, 855 Gaines street, Salem; and Marvin C. Yager, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Yager, Route two, Turner.

Corp. Charles W. Adams, US marine corps, of Rickreall is spending a sick leave with relatives and friends. His mother, Mrs. Mary Adams, is living in Portland. He had been at San Diego hospital six weeks before coming north.

PEDEE—Mrs. Rufus Dorge received word that her son, Pfc. Emmet McGee, who has been stationed at Los Angeles, was ill in Camp Haan Station hospital at Riverside, Calif.

Another son, Joe McGee, is in the navy at San Diego. He recently took an examination and rated high enough to go to school. He and a friend, Paul Meyer of Independence, signed up for motor machinists mate.

Minesweeper Launched
PORTLAND, Nov. 16 — (AP)—Willamette Iron & Steel corporation Monday launched the USS Capable, fourth in a series of minesweepers being constructed for the navy.

Development Of China Described

The current conflict is "a war to liberate the world" and fortunately Americans now seem to realize that Abraham Lincoln's statement, "A nation cannot exist half slave and half free" applies under modern conditions to the entire globe, Dr. Kalfred Dip Lum, commissioner of overseas of the republic of China, told Salem chamber of commerce members at their Monday luncheon.

The speaker objected to any notion that Japan is a less formidable enemy to the United States than her European axis allies, and declared there should be a "second front" in the Pacific.

Describing China's rapid development both politically—in the direction of democracy—and industrially, Dr. Lum described such accomplishments as the building of two 750-mile highways, the one from Chungking to Kuming and the modern Burma road, each in nine months though engineers had estimated three years.

The speaker pointed out that since China's commonwealth is built upon the traditional family relationship, there is no danger of communism being accepted there. What the Japanese have called "China's Red army" is not actually a community group, he explained; and in any case it in-

cludes only 200,000 men, a small fraction of the millions under arms in China.

Dr. Lum who has been a professor of political science in American as well as Chinese universities, was introduced by Justice James T. Brand of the Oregon supreme court.

Camp Mascot Given Gate

CAMP WHITE, Nov. 16—(AP)—Colonel, an evil looking English bulldog with the disposition of an angel, is in the doghouse.

He used to have the run of the barracks of the outfit that adopted him as mascot. He could sleep on any vacant bed, even through reveille. On cold nights the soldiers gave him an extra blanket. But that's all over now.

Colonel proved to be a rip-snorting snorer—so much louder than any of the soldiers that he kept them awake.

Finally he was banished to the boiler room. He sleeps by the furnace, snores as loudly as he pleases and no one objects.

But he's not happy. He acts as though he can't understand how that swell bunch of masters can be such heels.

Workers Buy Bonds

PORTLAND, Nov. 16—(AP)—Almost 75 per cent of the industrial workers in Oregon are buying war bonds under the payroll purchase plan, Gale F. Johnston, treasury department consultant, said Sunday.

Interpreting The War News

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The peril of the axis army in Africa is real and imminent. The consequences for Hitler if it is quickly and completely liquidated are too grave to assume that he is resigned to the defensive for the war's duration. Some bold if risky nazi attempt at a military action must be in the making.

The authors of the North African nut-cracker attack, Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill, make it clear they expect vigorous enemy reaction. They do not believe Hitlerism is yet cracking up or lacks the power to strike back. The axis still enjoys inestimable advantages. It has a single command and a seasoned staff to execute, as it has before, miracles of military logistics. It has inside communication lines, vulnerable only to long distance allied air attack.

There is some indication that in nazi war books the axis-allied battle now joined in Tunisia is primarily a sacrifice affair, a delaying operation. Whether to permit Rommel to find a short line for a stand or to salvage his shattered corps by sea evacuation, it seems vital that the western jaw of the allied nut-cracker be slowed up.

The chances are all against prolonged successful resistance by the axis in Tunisia. Whatever their number, axis troops there must lack the heavy fighting equipment of their Anglo-American assailants.

Hundreds of miles still gape between the British pursuit of Rommel from the east, now rounding or by-passing the Libyan hump, and Eisenhower's advance guard in Tunisia. That they ultimately will meet seems fore-ordained unless Hitler moves more drastically than he yet has to avert it. And his chance of ferrying a huge army to Africa does not seem good. There are plain signs of an allied submarine screen in the central Mediterranean to supplement land based planes from Malta, Algiers, and soon from Tunisia and Bengasi which are a deadly menace to sea movement.

The Hitler alternative would be a diversion attack somewhere else to halt or draw off either or both of the allied nutcracker forces. Conjecture dismisses the Russian front or a stepped-up air attack on England as apt to have that effect. That seems to leave only Turkey and Spain as possible axis diversion theatres.

Both would involve heavy risks. Even if Turkey did not fight back

—and there is now every reasonable assurance that she would—a vast extension of front and communication lines would confront the Germans and their allies. Axis forces in Russia and the west would have to be further and dangerously thinned. There is no assurance an attack on Turkey could halt the allied African nut-cracker short of clearing North Africa of the foe.

Spain would be easier but less threatening to the allies, although air and submarine bases on the Spanish Atlantic coast could be a grave new threat to Anglo-American sea communications. An attempted nazi occupation of Spanish Morocco in the rear of Eisenhower's armies to divert his end of the nut-cracker might be included.

The only certain thing is that Hitler must move somewhere and soon or sit down to stand siege on the continent and admit he has shot his offensive bolt.

OSC to Take Big Role in Research

PORTLAND, Nov. 16—(AP)—Oregon State college will assume an important role in agricultural and industrial research which will aid in the development of the northwest, Pres. August L. Strank said Monday.

Dr. Strand told a chamber of commerce forum that he believed most of the workers who have come to the state to work in war plants would remain.

The college, he said, already has revamped its course to aid research necessary for the solution of war-caused problems.

Two Victims' Bodies Puzzle At Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 16 —(AP)—Officials at the Henry J. Kaiser shipyard Monday sifted the list of missing down to three in an attempt to identify the two remaining unnamed corpses from a dormitory fire here Friday.

Seven died in the blaze, and five have been tentatively identified, although all the bodies were burned beyond recognition.

Those believed to have been in the dormitory at the time of the fire, and who have not reported to work since, are R. C. Thos, 18, Kellogg, Idaho; George Courville, 27, Portland; William Roberts, 43, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Coroner R. E. Dufresne said survivors told him Roberts was asleep in his room when fire broke out. A body was found in the corridor nearby.

The dead tentatively identified are: Stanley Jurkiewicz, 37, Brooklyn, NY; Edna Schafer, 42, Bend, Ore.; Mrs. Agnes Johnson, New York negroes; Sadie Crawford, 21, Fort Jones, Calif.; Raymond Conley, 18, Metropolis, Ill. Raymond Van Trump, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, earlier reported missing showed up for work Monday.

Counties to Meet

PORTLAND, Nov. 16 —(AP)—The association of Oregon counties will open its 37th annual convention here Monday with Judge Carl W. Chambers of Pendleton presiding.

To MEN 18 AND 19 WHO WANT ACTION

RIGHT now the U. S. Army offers you many opportunities to serve your country. Certainly one of the most thrilling, most exciting branches of all for a red-blooded American is our modern, streamlined Infantry.

- For you can bet your boots that the Infantry will be there when the Nazi flag is torn down in Berlin. The Doughboys have always been in on the final victory since the dawn of history. And you'll certainly want to be there this time.
- Today's Infantry is a new, modernized combat unit. It includes more kinds of action than ever before. It gives you more kinds of adventure and training. Read about them carefully, for the Infantry is one of several branches of the Army which men of 18 and 19 may select today. Then talk to your nearest Recruiting Officer and get all the facts about the opportunities still open to you.

GANGWAY FOR THE INFANTRY

HEAVY MOBILE FIRE-POWER—No Infantryman in the world has more deadly, more powerful guns to use. The new 37 mm. jeep-towed field gun has terrific fire-power. Jeeps, including amphibians, also mount 30 and 50 calibre machine guns, making them one of the most versatile battle cars of all time.

MACHINE GUNNERS—Some of our Infantrymen command the barking muzzles of fast-firing, straight-shooting machine guns. Others are equipped with the newest, most modern long-range, rapid-fire weapons, automatic rifles, mortars, pistols, grenades, light and heavy anti-tank guns.

TANK BUSTERS—The Tank Destroyer Force of the Infantry is a new and powerful mechanized fighting unit. Its "tank busters" bristle with armor-piercing cannon and machine guns. They're regular 60-mile-an-hour fortresses on the move. The most effective weapons of their kind in modern warfare.

COMMUNICATIONS—In an army that moves like lightning, communications are vital. Infantrymen operate radio receivers and transmitters, "Walky-Talkie" one-man radio stations, telephone and telegraph equipment to guide movements of their own men and keep in touch with every other armed force in action.

PARACHUTE TROOPS—Here they come, armed to the teeth. They float to earth by parachute from huge transport planes—daring men to do a vital job and do it well. They learn their business from the ground up and receive \$50 a month in addition to their regular pay.

MOUNTAIN TROOPS—The Infantry's Mountain Troops range high over lofty peaks, handling themselves as skilled mountaineers. Ski patrols, snowshoe patrols, pack units with mules and pack horses, and those who scale these mountainsides summer and winter, are part of the Infantry today.

AROUND THE WORLD—The U. S. Army has designed equipment and training for every known kind of climate and geography on earth. Our Infantryman is the best equipped in this war. For the snows of the Arctic or the heat of the Tropics, he has the clothes, equipment and training he needs to fight hard and win.

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