

He's a 'Horse Marine'



Pfc. Wayne A. Curry, "horse marine of today's variety," who is stationed on mountain patrol near the US navy air base on Oahu, Hawaii. This official US marine corps photo is one of several of Curry and others of his unit that are expected to appear soon in Life magazine. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Curry, 779 Breys avenue, Salem.

Curry of Salem in Hawaii With the Horse Marines

Immortalized in song was the famed "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines," who, according to the old service ballad, "fed his horse on corn and beans."

But despite the humorous twist given the "captain" and his cohorts, the mounted marines have in years past established one of the proudest traditions of the leatherneck corps.

Helping to carry on that tradition today, a marine corps dispatch reveals, is a 22-year-old marine from Salem, Pfc. Wayne A. Curry.

With little of the glitter and none of the glamor that characterized the horse marines of yesterday, Curry and 24 other leathernecks maintain a constant vigil over the US navy's vital air base on Oahu island, Hawaii.

Over country too rough for a jeep and too big to patrol by foot, this little group of marines keeps a grim watch against any further sneak attacks by the Japs against America's Pacific stronghold.

Curry, son of Marion Curry of 779 Breys avenue, was a department manager at the Salem Montgomery Ward store here when the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Two days later he had given up his job and enlisted in the marines.

By a twist of chance and by virtue of his own previous experience with horses, he found himself a few months later guarding the same fortress whose violation had brought him into the service.

Curry and the other mounted marines of Oahu found they had a job cut out for themselves when they took over their duties there. Consisting of only 25 men and 18 horses, the detachment was itself but a small part of a much larger garrison of leathernecks, guarding the entire island.

But it was too the "mounties" that the patrolling of the roughest of the wave-drenched lava terrain, the snarled barbed-wire entanglements and the muddy flats fell. And under the command of a veteran horseman, Platoon Sgt. Gordon Poling, they did the job.

Using unbroken native thoroughbreds—the majority from the big Parker ranch on Hawaii island—the leathernecks began the patient task of training their mounts for military use.

The horses had to be broken to saddle and rein, to stand fast under fire or when rifles were shot from their backs, and to ignore the almost incessant zooming of navy planes taking off and landing at the nearby base.

And the marines themselves had to be conditioned to an exceedingly rugged life. Each man rides eight hours of patrol in each 24, half in the day and half at night.

While not on watch, the members of the guard must groom their horses, clean stables, take care of saddles, bridles and other gear. In addition, the usual military routine involving drill, cleaning of rifles and other weapons, policing of quarters and standing weekly inspection have to be attended to.

It leaves no time for play, but the members of the patrol did not ask for play when they joined the group.

In dispatching their never-ending duties at Oahu, Curry and his companions carry on a tradition begun by the leathernecks in 1909.

It was during that year, at the foreign legation in Peking, China, that the "horse marines" came into being. There they so impressed the rebellious elements in the city that they were able to afford complete security and protection for every American in the district.

The famous detachment was disbanded in 1936, after Chinese soldiers had become so equipped that they could cope with their own problems there.

spent some time in Salem recently visiting relatives.

Pfc. Jerome B. Hansen, who is stationed at the desert training center at Camp Young, Calif., has been promoted to technical corporal. He is attached to the postal section of the Ninth corps area there. Corporal Hansen was assistant foreman of the state printing department in Salem before his

induction into the army in September, 1942.

Edward W. Holden, USN, aviation metalmith, third class, has been graduated from the naval training station at Norman, Okla., and is now at the ABAT unit at Norfolk, Va., for three months of advanced schooling. Holden was formerly employed by Reinholdt and Lewis. Mrs. Holden will remain in Salem. For the first time since Novem-

ber 28, Mr. and Mrs. A. Denham of West Salem have received news from their son, Ralph, a senior signalman in the navy, of his safe arrival "somewhere overseas." He sends word that he is well and in good spirits and glad to be on land again.

ABIQUA—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Milligan have heard that their son, Vincent, is stationed at Farnagut, Idaho, and their son, Gale, at Fresno, Calif.

10 Temperance Bills Entered

Ten bills designed to promote temperance and morality were introduced in the house of representatives on Tuesday by Rep. Joseph E. Harvey (R-Mult). They would prohibit the sale of beer and wines on Sundays and

holidays, bar women from serving alcoholic drinks, and make ownership of slot machines, pinball machines and punchboards punishable.

Advertising of any alcoholic beverage by any means, including personal letters, also would be prohibited under one of the bills.

Other provisions in the ten bills would permit voters of a single precinct to vote on local option,

make owners of buildings housing "unlawful" businesses liable for damages incurred by patrons up to \$5000, and require owners of such buildings and of buildings in which alcoholic liquor is sold or used as public lodgings to post names of owners on the premises. Harvey indicated that his series of bills had received the approval of at least one or two statewide organizations.

TO ALL MONTGOMERY WARD PEOPLE

1—You are free to join or not to join a union, as you wish. The Company fully respects this privilege. Your opportunity with the Company will be the same whether you are a union member or not.

2—You do not have to join a union to work at Wards.

3—Wards is opposed to all forms of the closed shop. Liberty requires that an employee be free to join, to refuse to join, or to resign from a union without losing his job. Liberty requires that an employer be free to employ the person best suited for the work.

4—The President of the United States has commanded Wards to accept for its Chicago plant a form of closed shop called "maintenance of membership". Under this form of closed shop, employees are not free to resign from the union without losing their jobs. Wards is compelled to discharge every union member who fails to maintain his union membership in good standing (non-payment of dues, etc.). This making of membership in a union a condition of holding a job is the closed shop.

5—Wards did not voluntarily agree to this requirement. Wards believes it to be illegal and uneconomic. Wards has accepted it under duress and only because the President of the United States expressly so ordered.

6—Wards is the only retailer in the United States upon whom the President has imposed any form of the closed shop. It is unfair to impose burdens upon Wards and not upon those with whom it is in competition. If the retail industry is to be subjected to the closed shop requirement, it should be legislated by Congress and applied uniformly against all retail establishments.

7—The National War Labor Board has now called a hearing to determine whether the employees at Wards' six large stores in Denver, Detroit and New York City must belong to the union in order to hold their jobs. Wards will continue to oppose this illegal and uneconomic requirement. Wards will reject any demand of the Board that employees be discharged because they fail to maintain their union membership.

8—The President of the United States has no authority to order Wards employees to remain union members in order to hold their jobs. Congress is the only law-making authority. Congress has passed no law requiring the closed shop.

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Where They Are
What They Are Doing

FARRAGUT, Idaho, Jan. 12.—Lt. Marion R. Davis, USNR, 460 Jefferson street, Salem, Ore., is now on duty at the US naval training station service school here. His wife, Elizabeth Davis, and their daughter Mona, are residing with Lt. Davis in neighboring Hayden Lake, Idaho.

Volunteering for naval service, Lt. Davis received his commission last September 2, and reported for active duty at the naval training station, Great Lakes, Ill. Previously he was head of the vocational woodworking department in the Salem schools.

Lt. Davis is a graduate of Oregon State college, from which he received his bachelor's degree in 1935 and his master's in 1939. He has been a member of the American Vocational association and other professional groups.

Mrs. Corrine Irish has received word that her son, Bob Irish, Oregon State college student last year and prior to that a student at Salem high school, where he was a star basketball center, has received his classification as pilot at the Santa Ana army air base. Irish enlisted a month ago.

According to word received by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Satter, their son Pfc. Russell K. Satter, USMC, is now somewhere in the south Pacific area. Young Satter wrote of having a "very nice Christmas dinner."

Cpl. Richard Morgan, stationed at Camp Roberts, is at home on a 10-day furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. Nellie Roberts, route one.

James W. Thomas has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas of 405 Union street, that he is now a first lieutenant. He received his wings and lieutenant's commission at Stockton, Calif., last February and is now a flight instructor at Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz.

Word of the promotion of Milton Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor of Salem, to the rank of lieutenant-colonel has just been received here. Lt. Col. Taylor is a graduate of West Point and

