

Australian Poet Writes War Epitaph

By AMY PORTER
 NEW YORK (AP)—Poet Michael Thwaites, 27, lieutenant in the British navy, and winner of the King's medal for poetry in 1939, suggests as an epitaph for a new army:

"No drums they wished, whose thoughts were tied
 To girls and jobs and mother,
 Who rose and drilled and killed and died
 Because they saw no other,
 Who died without the hero's throb
 And if they trembled, hid it,
 Who did not fancy much their job,
 But thought it best, and did it."

Thwaites, a gentle, modest-seeming Australian, won the King's medal with his lone poem, "Milton Blind," written while he was at Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship.

He joined the navy immediately after England declared war, and has been under fire often in the course of convoy duty in every danger zone in the Atlantic. He knows how men feel about war, and he said, "I try to translate these feelings into poetry."

The "epitaph" is one of a group of short pieces included in his book "The Jervis Bay and Other Poems," published in New York, but the outstanding work in the collection is the title poem, which tells of the stout fight the converted merchant ship "Jervis Bay" put up before she was mortally wounded and sunk, early in the war.

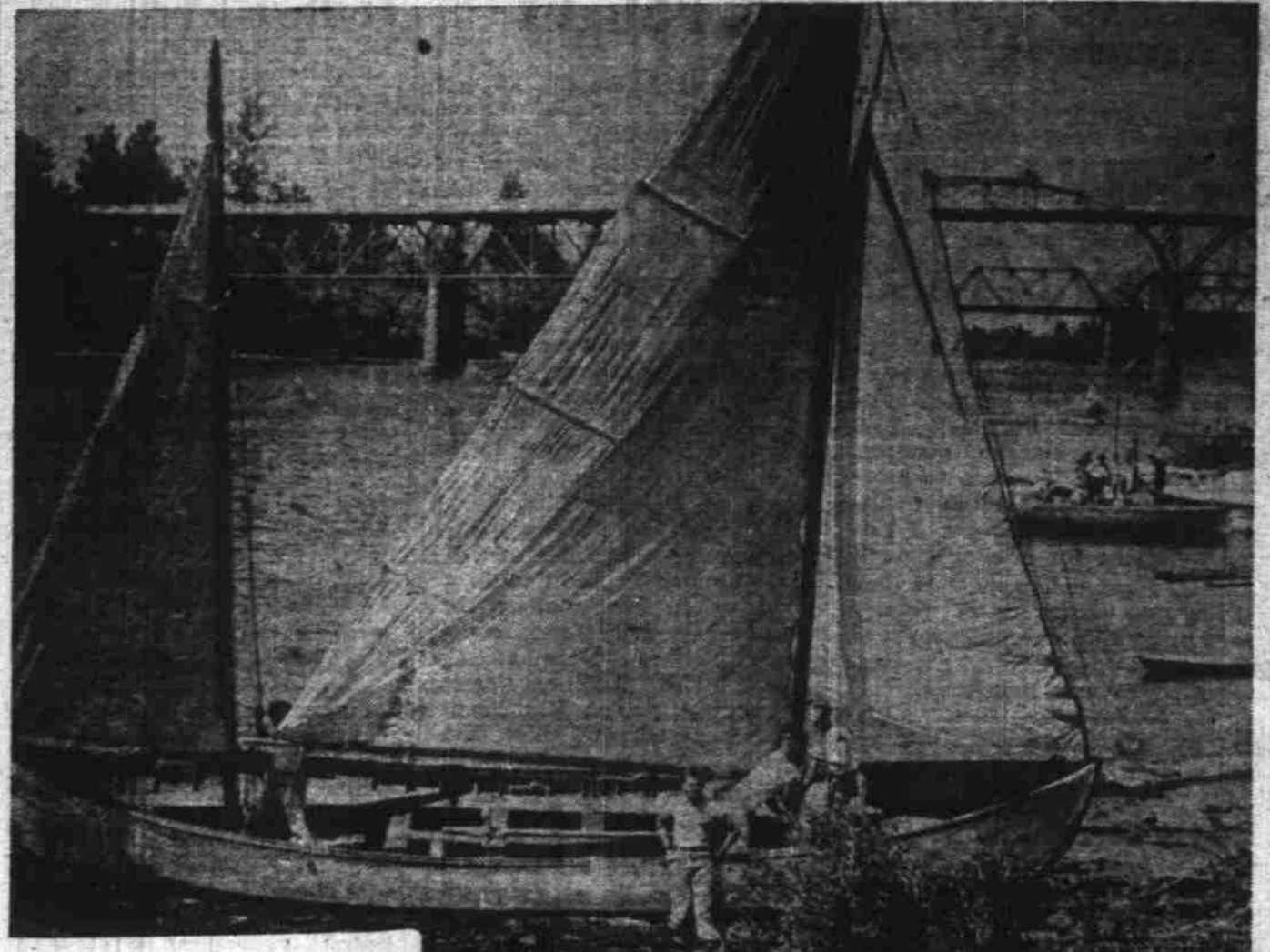
Religion is mentioned rather frequently in Thwaites' work.

"I think the war has opened the way for a return to religion," he said, "it has made us realize our shortcomings."

Thwaites' wife, an Australian girl, lives near Chester, England, with their infant son Roland, whom Thwaites has never seen.

Another son died shortly after birth.

Winning the War in Salem--5



Present Boy Scouts are helping on the home front; former scouts are in the armed services. Many of the boys who manned the Sea Scout ship "Willamette" here four years ago are now in the navy and others are headed that way. They obtained excellent training through Sea Scout activities. Those in the closeup are, from the left, Don Briggs, Bob Bariges and Milton McClain.

Salvage, Book Collection Are Among Services

By TOM WEISS

Boys in short pants disappearing across the crest of a hill; daily good-deed youths helping a blind man or an elderly woman cross a busy street—such are the pictures usually called to mind by mention of Boy Scouts. There is a newer, more timely picture: Boy Scouts as junior war-winners doing non-military duty here on the Salem front.

Scouts of Salem have salvaged everything from rubber boot straps to aluminum hat ornaments and have gathered so much scrap paper with the rest of their American Boy Scouts that the WPB begged them to call a halt to their magnificent job. The job done by the scouts gave more paper to government agencies for necessary communications, and to the newspapers which build morale with facts.

According to statistics sent to national scout headquarters from the scout executive's office here in Salem, thousands of servicemen have borrowed books gathered by Salem scouts from ship libraries. Others have lain in slit trenches in New Guinea or north Africa, reading late novels that might have been stored in Salem attics were it not for the scouts. Still others are browsing through such books in USO libraries of Boston and Iceland. All of this means more books for better soldier morale.

Accurate statistics on other salvage work done by scouts of this district sent to national scout headquarters include: Scrap metal, 50,000 pounds; tin cans, 3000 pounds, and scrap rubber, 5000 pounds. This salvaged material combined with an equal part of new products will make five jeeps, 60 caterpillar treads or General Grant tanks and enough cans to pack voyage supplies for a ten-day destroyer cruise. Scouts are winning the war by salvaging the waste for the fight.

In the Salem district 50 Boy Scout victory gardens are in production, 15 emergency units for the office of civilian defense have been established, 70 messengers are distributing OWI posters and 25 airplane spotters are keeping Willamette valley skies friendly.

Officials of the office of war information have had the Boy Scouts of America registered as official government messengers who will distribute vital war posters to business establishments. After their first official act as government messengers, scouts of the Salem district received a letter of thanks from OWI agencies in Washington.

Residents of Salem will remember the cooperation given local patriotic organizations on Flag day by the scouts who gave a

two minute review of the lives of men who set up a provisional government for Oregon at Cham-poeg in 1843. Scouts have also taken part in the Memorial day parade and the Oregon Trail Centennial program.

Activities of the scouts whether they are the morale building type, such as the Flag day program, or the real war winning kind, such as salvage campaigns, are always more good to the Salem district than they seem at a glance.

When scouts are performing their war duties they aid their country, cost the district \$6.70 for their year's activities and have 99 chances out of a 100 to become good citizens. Boys in the Wood-burn training school burdening society with their correction cost taxpayers \$450 and have only 11 chances out of 100 to become honest citizens.

Thus scout training is valuable at any time and helps to curb juvenile delinquency in time of peace, but even more in time of war the scouts' training is necessary for a nation whose future soldiers must have the scout qualities of self reliance and respect.

Even here, statistics prove the point. More than 65 per cent of the West Point cadets were former Boy Scouts and more than 70 per cent of 411 distinguished service medals awarded to fighters in this war went to former Boy Scouts.

Boy Scouts of America through their chapter in Salem are helping to win the war through their civic work and building up the qualities that will make them good citizens in time of peace.

US Austrian Battalion Being Trained

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind., (AP)—The Austrian battalion, organized as a United States army unit in December at the urging of Arch-duke Otto, is getting basic combat training at this midwestern cantonment.

Privates in company A are Otto's three brothers, Felix, Charles Louis and Rudolph Hapsburg.

Lieut. Colonel Vincent J. Conrad, commanding the battalion, describes them as "good soldiers, making their own friends on their own merits."

Activation of the unit last December drew congressional criticism. Officers of the group make no comment on the policy that led to its formation, but they emphasize that its identity will be maintained. Those now in the battalion who are not Austrian are to be transferred to other units.

Nearly all members of the battalion are native Austrians, and most of them have applied for United States citizenship.

Vacancies are being filled by volunteers who transfer from other army units.

The religious make-up of the battalion is 46 per cent Catholic, 8 per cent Protestant and 42 per cent Jewish, most of the latter group being refugees from the Nazi regime.

Lieut. Col. Conrad believes there has been a lot of misinformation given the public concerning his group. He said some of it may spring from letters written by newcomers on the day they arrive.

"Some of the new arrivals," he said, "think they are coming to some form of concentration camp for Austrians. When they are here for a few days they find out differently."

The battalion is not attached to any army division. Over the door of its headquarters is the sign: "101st infantry battalion (separate)."

Methodists Evolve Plan For Peace

PORTLAND, June 19 (AP)—The Oregon Methodist conference turned Saturday to a study of post-war problems, delegates emerging with a program for peace. Resolutions urged:

Recognition of the four freedoms; lifting of the blockade of central Europe to provide food for children; a transitional period or armistice when hostilities end so that long-view problems can be considered before final adoption of the peace table; establishment of a world conference of religious leaders to consider moral and ethical problems; establishment of a United Nations commodity corporation to assure freedom from want; establishment of commit-

tees in local churches to study bases of a lasting peace.

The conference also endorsed a resolution passed earlier by the Women's Society of Christian Service urging repeal of the oriental immigration exclusion act.

Delegates also voted to hold a "Willamette University" day in each local church in the coming year to provide financial support for the school. President G. Herbert Smith told delegates Willamette's enrollment has dropped from 800 to 450 because of the war.

Rev. Edward Terry, Albany, was re-elected conference secretary and Rev. Orval Whitman, Rainier, was named statistician.

Delegates also scheduled an evangelistic mission in all Portland and Salem churches Sept. 13-25.

Bishop Bruce R. Baxter, general superintendent of the Portland area, declared that personal

Oregonian Fire Is Extinguished

PORTLAND, June 19 (AP)—Mailing room employees used a building fire hose to extinguish flames which towered three stories high in the Oregonian building Saturday. Negligible damage was caused by the fire believed to have been caused by friction of a newspaper conveyor on paper dust.

Visit Union Hill

UNION HILL — Miss Patricia Henter, who is working for Mrs. Douglas Heater during the summer, was home over the weekend.

Mrs. Jessie Pendleton of White Salmon, Wash., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verry Scott and family.

evangelism is needed to halt the decline in church membership.

18th Large Tanker Set

PORTLAND, June 19 (AP)—Henry J. Kaiser's Swan Island shipyard will launch its 18th large tanker, the S.S. York, here Sunday. The vessel will be named for a battle in which Americans captured Fort Toronto from the British during the war of 1812.

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Mrs. Zeller Will Attend Convention

Mrs. Waldp C. Zeller, 1794 South Church Street, Salem, Oregon, will attend the War Service conference of the American Osteopathic association to be held July 18 to 20 in Detroit, Michigan.

The conference will discuss new and increased public health problems of wartime, including civilian rehabilitation and physical fitness for war effort, industrial medicine, the doctor shortage and so on.

The sessions will also include refresher courses for doctors in such things as war and tropical medicine, obstetrics, pediatrics and wartime and industrial surgery. Several osteopathic allied societies and specialists' boards will meet during and just prior to the main assembly.

Northern Oil Fields Open

WASHINGTON, June 19 (AP)—An oil field less than 100 miles below the arctic circle in northwest territory will help supply gasoline and fuel oil needs of the army and navy and Alaska and Canada.

The war department disclosed this Saturday, breaking a silence which has surrounded work on the field since its inception a year ago.

The department said a pipeline will move the oil from the Norman Wells field near Fort Norman some 600 miles westward to a refinery at Whitehorse on the Alaska highway. There it will be converted into gasoline of high octane content for airplanes operating out of Alaskan bases and into fuel oil for naval craft in the Alaskan area.

Evangelist Speaks

UNIONVALE — Rev. W. C. Graves of Los Angeles, Calif., evangelist who has been on a season tour, enroute home was guest speaker at the Unionvale mid-week services here Wednesday. His subject was "Christians and Mountain Climbing." Next week he will go east to start his annual circuit holding revival meetings.

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