

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER COMMAND STATION IN ENGLAND—The promotion to first lieutenant of Michael J. Balkovic of Harrisburg has been announced by Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, commanding general of the Eighth air force bomber command. Lt. Balkovic, 30 years of age, is a squadron intelligence officer at this Flying Fortress station. After graduating from Harrisburg high school in 1936, Lt. Balkovic attended Willamette university where he was an outstanding athlete. From 1936 to 1940 he was assistant football and baseball coach at Willamette, and then for two years was a criminal inspector for the state of Oregon. Lt. Balkovic entered the service February 22, 1942, and was commissioned a second lieutenant the following January. He graduated from the army air forces intelligence school on March 6 and joined his present unit shortly thereafter.

(Army Public Relations Photo)

It's Capt. Alfred J. French now. Son of Alderman and Mrs. C. F. French, the young physician who was graduated from Salem high school and Willamette university and who took his medical training at University of Oregon school of medicine, was given the new commission early this month following special training at Memphis. With Mrs. French and their infant daughter, Janette, he is now back in Nashville, Tenn., where he is connected with the Branch School of Aviation Medicine.

Lt. Robert French, another son of the C. F. Frenches, is laid up with a vertebrae injury. He is in Toledo, O., where he went to teach physical education as part of a military training program and was injured in football scrimmage. He expects to be removed to Battle Creek for at least three months' quiet.

Word has been received in Salem that William C. DePew has been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant. He is stationed at Camp Haan, Calif., with the anti-aircraft artillery.

SCIO — Reid Merritt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Merritt, farmers in the Richardson Gap community near Scio, was inducted Friday into the US navy at Portland.

SILVERTON — Mr. and Mrs. John J. Moe had the pleasure of having their three sons, all in the armed services, at home during the weekend. Pvt. Jordan Moe came down from Seattle for the weekend and left again Sunday night. He was accompanied by Mrs. Moe. Lt. Robert Moe, who is stationed at Mare Island, will leave Wednesday. Lt. Moe is with

PGE Rate Cut Order Looms

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 18—(AP) The Oregonian said tonight that George Flagg, state public utilities commissioner, is expected to order the Portland General Electric company to take additional rate reductions next month.

Clifford A. Lucas, spokesman for a group of Portland power users, said he had been informed by Dave Don, chief engineer of the utilities commission, that a copy of the proposed order has been sent the PGE.

Lucas said he understood that Portland consumers hereafter will pay the so-called Bonneville rates plus 10 per cent, instead of 20 per cent. The same schedule, he believed, would extend to other communities in PGE's area with the exception of Salem which is paying the Bonneville rates plus 5 per cent.

Commissioner Flagg, the paper said, denied issuing a rate order and declared he would not do so until the independent trustees in charge of PGE's reorganization have discussed the proposal.

Adair Land Price Said Excessive

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 18—(AP) The army was charged today with paying excessive prices for lands taken over for Camp Adair.

Harry D. Boivin, department of justice attorney, told a federal court hearing that \$54,000 was paid for land which had been appraised at \$17,000 by army quartermasters, and at a \$24,000 top by a private firm.

A special session of federal court at Albany plans to reexamine 4 condemnation cases involving property at Camp Adair.

the navy dental division. Lt. Harlan Moe will remain for a week longer. He is serving as instructor with the naval air forces at Corpus Christi and this is his first home trip for better than a year. He is a graduate of Willamette university.

Mrs. M. J. Madsen received word this weekend that her oldest grandson, Richard Madsen, is now stationed at the NTS at the University of Houston in Texas. He was transferred there during the past week from Wright junior college at Chicago. Young Madsen, a native of Salem, entered the navy last May from LaGrande when he was graduated from high school there.

FRINGLE — Eugene Wechter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wechter, who is with the navy in the South Pacific, writes that he has seen his cousin, Rex Grabenhorst, also in the navy, somewhere on an island in the South Pacific. Each in writing home said they had seen each other and both looked well and happy. Kent Wechter, another son, stationed at Astoria, was at home recently on a few days' leave.

Leonard J. Baxter, son of Mrs. Theresa Baxter, Grand hotel, Salem, has been promoted from private to first class. He is serving in Europe, the public relations department announcement of his promotion says.

Pfc. Joel H. Peoples of the Timber Wolf division contributes the following verse: Somewhere in Central Oregon Where a girl is never seen The skies are never cloudy And the grass is never green. Where there's never any whiskey And the beer is never cheap And the coyotes' nightly howling Robs a man of blessed sleep.

James Floyd Hunter, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl N. Hunter of Salem, was recently promoted to aviation machinist's mate third class at the naval air station at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Hunter attended Salem high school prior to enlistment in the navy at the Salem recruiting station, and received his preliminary training at the Farragut, Ida., naval station, later attending the aviation machinist's mate school in Norman, Okla. He is attached to the aircrewman department as a student aerial gunner at the Ft. Lauderdale station.

Aviation Cadet George E. High, whose wife is the former Mildred M. Morrison of Salem, has reported for duty at the army air forces bombardier school at Carlisle, NM, for advanced high-level bombardiering and dead-reckoning navigation instruction. He received pre-flight training at the Santa Ana, Calif., air forces replacement center. Instruction he is now receiving will qualify him for a double-threat position styled "bombagator," acquiring a skill especially useful in medium

bomber service. Upon graduation he will receive a commission as second lieutenant or be appointed a flight officer.

Pvt. Wheeler English has begun basic training at the finance replacement training center at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Upon completion of an intensive field program he will take up classroom study of army pay methods. Before entering the army August 11 at Portland, English was a field auditor for the state public utilities commission. His wife, Mrs. Jeryme English, and their young son Reid live at 1329 Chemeketa street. Mrs. English is society editor of The Statesman.

Navigation Cadet Roger W. Kellogg, 26, of 444 North Winter street, Salem, has reported to the huge army air forces navigation school at San Marcos, Texas, for 18 weeks of training in advanced aerial navigation leading to a commission as second lieutenant or appointment as flight officer in the army air forces. The course will be concluded in February. Kellogg is the son of Mrs. Allis H. Kellogg, 429 North 23rd street, and Frank R. Kellogg, route 6.

Donald Largent, seaman first class in the Coast Guard, has been transferred from Portland to an Alaskan base. Mrs. Largent will remain in Portland.

Lt. John H. Kolb, 26, former Willamette university athlete who later was associated with the state parole department, arrived last week at Perrin field, Texas, to serve as a flying instructor. He recently completed a course at Central Instructors' school at Randolph field, Tex. Lt. and Mrs. Kolb, who formerly lived at 1756 Center street in Salem, will make their home in Sherman, Tex.

Sgt. and Mrs. Don Douris are spending two weeks in Salem with Sgt. Douris' mother, Mrs. Lespia M. Douris, and visiting Mrs. Douris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned McCoy, West Salem. Sgt. Douris, on leave from his position as a director of religious education at the First Presbyterian church here, is stationed at Galena field, Spokane, with a medical detachment, and Mrs. Douris is employed in one of the army offices there.

Staff Sgt. Clarence "Tully" Williams, with a headquarters battery of the coast artillery at Fort Stevens, has been visiting with his mother, Mrs. Carrie Williams of Hollywood Drive, and friends in Salem for several days. During his furlough, he with his mother visited in Medford.

NORTH HOWELL — Making farewell calls Wednesday afternoon was Ralph Eagleson of Ed-dyville, who left Friday for induction into the marines. All three Eagleson boys, sons of Mrs. Alice Eagleson Swarner, are in the service now. Lt. John Eagleson is at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Boyd Eagleson is on an aircraft carrier somewhere in the northern Atlantic.

Lloyd Patterson, who has

been stationed at Camp Adair since his induction into the army, is spending a 15 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Patterson.

WOODBURN — Maj. Phillip Livesley, stationed for some time at Camp Adair, has just returned from three months of advanced training at Fort Benning, Ga., coming by way of San Francisco where he stopped briefly with the Donald Macmillans. At Corvallis he was joined by his wife and two children, Diana and Phillip III. They visited with the T. C. Poorman and H. M. Austin families and with other friends and relatives in Woodburn, then drove to Portland to see Maj. Livesley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Livesley.

Cpl. Lloyd H. Reinwald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reinwald, 148 West Wilson street, was one of a group awarded good conduct medals recently at Camp Callan, Calif.

Lt. Constine Otto Schneider of Salem has completed the pilot transition-four-engine course at Hobbs, NM, army air field, according to a public relations office announcement. He received his pilot's wings and commission as a second lieutenant at Douglas, Ariz., on July 28.

Aviation cadets who have reported for basic serial training at Goodfellow field, army air forces pilot school at San Angelo, Tex., include Frank H. Hunt, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt, 2460 Trade street, and James W. Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Cooper, 2455 South High street. Both are graduates of Salem high school and Hunt attended Willamette university. Cooper served with the army engineers for three

years prior to entering the air force.

PORTLAND, Oct. 18—(AP) The navy recruiting station here announced the following enlistments: Verne A. Allen, Albany; Charles D. Fortenberry sr., William R. Massey, Lawrence A. Nelson, John E. Hill, Salem; Paul A. Hagen, Willie J. Lahner, Silverton; Edmund J. Marech, Eau Claire J. Byers, Joseph E. Mills Jr., Charles O. Ronge, Clair J. Vandehay, Woodburn.

Oil Companies Lease in Coos

BANDON, Oct. 18—(AP) A small stampede for what may prove oil-rich land was disclosed today by property owners in Coos county.

The Phillips Petroleum corporation, which has leased 8000 acres of county land and several thousand privately owned acres, obtained a permit from Washington, DC, to drill on the Westport arch, 12 miles southwest of Marshfield. Meanwhile, at least four other oil companies leased—or began negotiations to lease—acre lands in the Coos area. L. D. Felsheim, county judge, said they are now marking time to see what the Phillips oil drills show.

Firms interested in the region are British-American Petroleum corporation, Texas Oil corporation, Sun Oil company; and Jergens Oil company.

Claims 7th Fatality

COTTAGE GROVE, Oct. 18—(AP) Oregon's seventh deer hunting fatality was marked up yesterday with the death of Leslie Nickel, 25, Springfield. He was shot by a stray bullet from his hunting party. His widow survives.

New Navy Recruiter for State



Lt. Cmdr. Glenn F. DeGrave, right, of the Oregon district and the nation's leading recruiter, turned over the helm last Wednesday after three years' service to Lt. John F. Biehler, formerly chief of the Helena, Mont., recruiting district, and is accompanying Lt. Biehler on a tour of sub-stations before heading out to sea for Pearl Harbor and assignment in the 14th naval district. Monday the two officers visited the Salem naval recruiting station and the officers in charge, Chief Quartermaster Robert E. Fallon and Chief Specialist O. E. Anderson, who were among the recruiters from Oregon who gathered in Portland to honor DeGrave before his departure. Oregon won every kind of recruiting honor in the book during DeGrave's regime, never dropping below third in voluntary enlistments, and by latest national figures, placing first in Seabees. Last August Oregon captured the "E" pennant for all around excellence.

Army Collects Scrap Metal In Own Drive

Thousands of tons of scrap metal—some of it received from furling battlefronts—are returning to the war zones in new form to blast the enemy again as the result of the army's own ceaseless salvage program, it was reported Monday at the headquarters of Maj. Gen. David McCoach, Jr., commanding general of the ninth service command, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

A scrap metal report for August showed that during that month the ninth service command's posts, camps, and stations collected 3268 gross tons (of 2240 pounds each) of war-necessary ferrous scrap, consisting of iron and steel.

A total of 3,468 gross tons was sold. The excess of the shipment total over the amount received is credited to stockpiles which, accumulated daily, result in some reserve most of the time.

The report showed 1,054,470 pounds of vitally-needed nonferrous scrap—copper, brass, aluminum and miscellaneous similar types—were collected of which 732,568 pounds were sold.

Seventy-five thousand pounds of copper and brass, 26,000 pounds of aluminum and 1,154 gross tons of iron and steel were shipped into the command from bases overseas. Scrap rubber, also included in the report, shipped from overseas amounted to 355,490 pounds of which 310,800 pounds were disposed of by sale.

Miscellaneous material, including fired cartridge cases, received from overseas, totaled 1540 tons, the same amount being sold.

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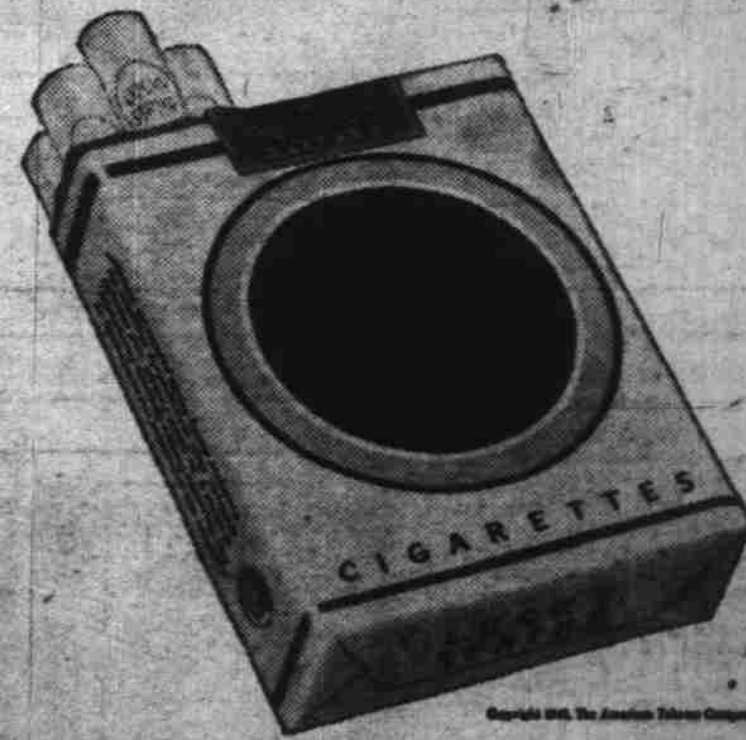


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