

# Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



It's Capt. Garold I. Simpson now, not first lieutenant, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Simpson, his parents, have learned. Capt. Simpson is with the infantry in the south Pacific. He participated in the Salamaua campaign, but now is resting somewhere in Australia, recuperating from a shrapnel wound in his arm.

**MONMOUTH** — Pfc. Donald Smith is here from Springfield, Mo., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riley. Enlisting at the Portland air base 2 1/2 years ago, he has been overseas for some time. He was injured in a motor truck collision in July and has been hospitalized since, suffering from facial contusions and fractures. He will return to the O'Reilly general hospital at Springfield after his furlough to undergo further plastic surgery.

**CAMP LEE, Va., Nov. 20** — (AP) Five Oregon men, who were graduated from the non-commissioned officers training course at the quartermaster school, were listed today as William B. Donnelly, McMinnville; Edward T. Bryant, Roseburg; John C. Clay, Astoria; Mervin R. Evans, Hillsboro, and Charles T. Shimomura, Portland.

Some of the gifts most treasured by service men were given them long, long ago, suggests Miss Elma Weller, 695 North Liberty street, who submits as proof of her contention a letter from Pvt. James Armpriest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Armpriest, route four, Salem. A former music pupil of Miss Weller's, young Armpriest writes from the middle east, in part:

"I am working nights now and like it fine. There are four of us working together and we accomplish quite a bit because we don't have many interruptions at night. I am working at aircraft sheet metal and like it fine. When a plane comes back full of holes, we patch it up so it can go out again the next morning. Often we work from supper straight until breakfast in order to get all of our work done but it makes you feel kind of good to know that you are doing a little something for your country.

"We have had some pretty bad dust storms here lately but today it is raining. This is the first real rainy day I have seen since I left Portland. That has been a little over eight months but it seems a lot longer. I imagine you are having about the same kind of day at home, only it will be colder there. I can close my eyes and picture your home now as I used to see it on many a rainy evening. The trees will be nearly bare of leaves and the sap is going to the roots for the winter. I can imagine the sound of the rain on the windowpanes. To most of the people in Salem it is dull and dreary there, but to me it is beautiful. People come and people go, but the music of the wind sighing through the trees is still there.

"There is beauty here, too, but of a different sort. On one side of us is desert, on the other side is the sea. We have beautiful sunsets here. The slanting rays of the sun tint everything in rosy hues and suddenly the sun drops into the sea. There is a swell beach about ten minutes walk from here. The water is clear and warm and I often go there to swim and lie on the sand and listen to the waves.

"I seem to be in a rather dreamy mood today. Perhaps the rain has made me homesick. Practically the only music I hear is what I hear in my imagination. There are a few radios and once in a while I manage to get in on a good shortwave program from England..."

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**HOLLYWOOD**  
Now Playing!  
Continuous Today from 1 P. M.

**THERE THEY GO... BOMB-BLASTING THE AXIS!**  
PAT O'BRIEN  
RANDOLPH SCOTT  
ANNE SHIRLEY - WALTER REED

**OVER MY DEAD BODY!**  
MILTON BERLE  
MARY BETH HUGHES

**Tree Roses**  
We're taking them up now for transplanting. Good selections still available.  
200 VARIETIES  
Quality stock at a reasonable price!  
**Singer Rose Gardens**  
4 Miles North on Wallace Road

Cpl. William A. Bowes has just left Seneca school, WVs, where he has been instructing in mountain climbing, for Camp McCoy, Wis., where he will instruct in skiing.

Pfc. Floyd Smith, stationed at Camp Adair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith, has proved why the American soldier is one of the deadliest rifle shots in the world. He placed four shots in the space that could be covered by a half dollar while firing on the 300-yard range. He missed by two points the distinction of qualifying as expert marksman. His unit has also made a record not yet topped at Adair. Pfc. Smith has been hunting with his father, a deputy sheriff, ever since he has been able to use a .22 caliber rifle.

**DALLAS** — Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Pleasant have received word of the promotion of their son, Lt. J. C. Pleasant, to the rank of captain. Pleasant has been assigned to Fort Benning, Ga., for further training.

**DALLAS** — First Lt. Dwight Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Webb, has been assigned to the army air base at Gainsville, Texas. Webb has been stationed in California for several months. Mrs. Webb and son, Stephen, will accompany him.

**He's Maj. Leroy V. Casey now.** Announcement that Casey whose Salem home is at 920 Oak street had been promoted from captain to major in the air corps was released Saturday by the war department. A graduate of Willamette university, Casey was awarded the army air medal some months ago. He has been in the air corps since 1939.

**Cadet Robert F. Davy, USMM,** NR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Davy of Newport, arrived in Salem to visit his grandmother, Mrs. Louise Penton. He has just completed eight months of sea duty in the south Pacific. In October his ship was sunk at Guadalcanal.

**SCOTT'S MILLS** — Marion "Bud" Pavnall has joined the navy and will leave early next week.

**Sgt. Ronald Speed, who has been spending a furlough with his father, Ernest Speed, has gone to March Field.**

**Sgt. William Straun, and his brother, Pfc. Raymond Straun, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Straun, former Salem residents and now of Portland, recently have been at home on ten day furloughs.** Sgt. Straun is still visiting his family and both service men visited in Salem while here.

**Sgt. Straun is in the medical branch of the service and stationed at Seattle while his brother is in anti-aircraft and stationed at Camp Haan, Calif. The brothers attended a reunion at the family home in Portland November 18.** Mrs. A. L. Straun was in Salem this week.

**DALLAS** — Dick Osuna, seaman first class is spending his first leave with his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Osuna. Osuna, who joined the navy last December has been operating out of Florida on submarine patrol and convoy duty. He will report to an east coast port November 22 to be assigned to another boat.

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**Plus News and Selected Shorts**



Cpl. Howard R. Woodburn, Jr., above, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Woodburn of route 4, Salem, now is serving with an army air corps depot repair squadron in England. He is a graduate of Salem high school and later attended Willamette university, and received technical training for his present duties at Lincoln air base and at the Packard motor school in Detroit. A letter from Cpl. Woodburn recently received by his mother says in part:

England reporting and all is well. I waited long and eagerly for your letters and now they are coming right on the beam. And do I love 'em?"

I received the pictures—those beautiful pigs! Those shapely hams left me drooling. Our chow is good but I miss the fresh fruit and vegetables and also sweets are scarce. One of the guys is cooking up a batch of fudge and we have been standing around hopping for the best. It sure smells good!

We dashed into town the other night. It's black as pitch and you walk into people and everyone is very nice about it. The streets seem narrow and they amble about. I'm surprised that we don't get lost. It's much better in the day time. There are lots of chimneys and no front yards, altho the back yards are nice and hedged or walled in.

Not much in the way of amusement. The people are fine but have little time for their usual pleasant sociability. Every able person is either in war work or on the farms.

Speaking of farming, you see the way the English make use of their land. They don't waste a foot and when they harvest they clean up everything. With their clipped hedges, the places are the neatest I have ever seen. The girls who work on the farms are called the Woman's Land Army. They are doing lots of the farm work and a good job too.

Recently I got time off and a trip to Cambridge. The college dates back to 1300 AD and just reeks with tradition. The whole setup is nothing but interesting. Plenty of the old college atmosphere but less color than US colleges. Maybe it's the lack of co-eds?

I'm thriving on the English climate. The fog doesn't bother me—it seems like home and I like it.

The editorial columns over here interest me. Every now and then I feel like getting a soap box (if there were any) and straightening them out about a few things. For one thing they don't realize how tough the Japs are.

It's difficult for us to understand the strikes at home, especially on certain days here. I wish that I could tell you about my work. However there is plenty of it and there is plenty of activity all the time. Believe me, we know that there is a war on.

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## Eddy Plays Greatest Role

Susanna Foster, Claude Rains Give Brilliant Portrayals

Well deserving the superlatives which heralded its arrival, "Phantom of the Opera," that thrillingly magnificent screen classic now playing at the Elsinore theatre is filmed in technicolor. The production has astonishing pictorial qualities; but the drama, the music and the performances of its players must be called matchless. The note of terror and hot suspense which accompanies every scene, is completely fascinating. Breathless audience reaction would indicate that Universal has created one of the most brilliant successes in its history.

**Portrays Fraised**  
Co-stars Nelson Eddy, Susanna Foster and Claude Rains give distinguished portrayal. Eddy as the Paris opera star who loves the ambitious young vocalist, has the most colorful role of his career. Miss Foster, appearing as the singer, wins new laurels in a part which reveals her exceptional dramatic ability as well as her musical talent.

**Rains is the "Phantom."** His sinister portrayal of the musical composer who mystifies and terrorizes the personnel and patrons of the Paris opera, is one of the screen's all-time acting classics. The role, which provides the eerie motivation of the story, furnishes amazing action. Scenes showing the "Phantom" releasing the giant chandelier which crashes down upon an audience; and the sequence devoted to the chase of the killer through the deep catacombs beneath the theatre, are vividly exciting.

**Roles Are Important**  
Featured in important roles are Edgar Barrier, Leo Carrillo, Jane Farrar, J. Edgar Bromberg, Fritz Feld and Hume Cronyn. All deliver memorable performances. Many other notable and a multitude of atmosphere players are seen in various spectacular sequences of the film.

An enthralling musical score includes two original compositions by Edward Ward. They are "Lullaby of the Bells" and "Piano Concerto." "Lullaby" is featured by

Eddy and Miss Foster, who also sing together in the presentation of "Russian Opera," "French Opera" and "Martha" (third act). Miss Farrar, Tudor Williams and Anthony Marlow are other vocalists heard in the operatic numbers which feature a large singing chorus.

"Petticoat Larceny," featuring young Joan Carroll and Ruth Warrick, completes the double bill at the Elsinore theatre.

The army takes care of its own. At the world premiere of Warner Brothers production of Irving Berlin's "This is the Army," the army moved in to see that there was nothing to disturb the occasion. The Hollywood theatre in New York was the scene of much military fanfare. The proceeds of the film will go to the army emergency relief fund. See this greatest of all pictures now playing at the Capitol theatre.

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## 'This Is the Army' Brings Music, Comedy, Top Talent

"This Is the Army," the army's own musical show that was so great it had to be put on film for the whole world to see, is playing now at the Capitol theatre in its magnificent Warner Bros. technicolor.

For an inspired job of transferring the show to the screen—all proceeds going to army emergency relief for the privilege—Warner Brothers deserves the nation's "E" for excellence and its everlasting gratitude.

The Sgt. Irving Berlin of World War I was responsible for "This Is the Army," and, of course, wrote the music that is already famous and loved. He wrote one new number for the picture version, entitled "What Does He Look Like," a beautiful tune, sung in the film by Frances Langford.

Happily, it's a case of "something new has been added" and, just as happily, nothing has been taken away. The entire accomplished original cast remains singing "This Is the Army, Mr. Jones," "I'm Getting Tired So I

Can Sleep," "With My Head in the Clouds" and all the other hit-parading tunes.

As he did in "Yip, Yip Yaphank," his soldier show of more than 25 years ago, and again in "This Is the Army," Irving Berlin sings his plaintive lament, "Oh How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," in a way that puts a lump in your throat and brings the dew to your eyes.

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