

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



Thomas E. Brantner, above, has won the silver wings of a pilot at the specialized two-engine pilot school of the army air forces training command at La Junta, Col. He was commissioned a second lieutenant. The son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brantner, route 2, Salem, he attended Salem senior high school, graduating in 1940.

and Mrs. Clarence Simmons. Dougherty and Mrs. Simmons are brother and sister.
Robert L. Simmons, naval aviation cadet, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Simmons. He has been attending Gonzaga university.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 23 — First Lt. Jack R. Taylor, 5237 N.E. Wisteria, Portland, has completed a course in depot administration and supply at the army service forces depot here. He attended Reed college and was assistant to the executive, Cascade area council of Boy Scouts in Salem before entering the military.

SILVERTON — Pfc. Walter Ruc, who has been visiting his parents, the Bert Rucs, will leave the first of the year for Fort Lewis. Young Ruc arrived home December 11 on his first visit in two years.

TURNER — Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Pearson have recently heard from their son, Sgt. Mervyn Pearson, that he is now in New Guinea after being stationed in Australia for months with an engineer regiment. He remarked about the profusion of coconuts everywhere. Last year at Christmas time Sgt. Pearson was home on furlough, prior to going overseas.

TURNER — Cpl. Rudolph Nelson writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Nelson, from somewhere in England, that he was recently promoted to a corporal. He has been overseas for about two months and was previously stationed at Sheppard Field, Tex. Cpl. Nelson is with the army air corps.

Another son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Nelson, Sgt. Clarence Nelson of Tampa, Fla., was planning to spend the Christmas holidays at home but could not get transportation. He now expects to arrive in Turner after the holidays for a 15-day leave. Prior to being transferred to Florida, Sgt. Nelson spent 17 months in the Hawaiian Islands and the Fiji Islands with the army air corps.

TURNER — Staff Sgt. Roger DeLorm is now in the Mojave desert after being transferred to Indio, Calif., two months ago from the Corvallis air base. Sgt. DeLorm's wife, the former Zena Hogsted, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hogsted, at their Turner home.

TURNER — Pfc. Ray Godwin writes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Godwin, that he is back in Australia and is like getting home. He is with the same family he had stayed with prior to going to New Guinea where he was in a major battle of 76 days steady combat duty. He spoke of the warm weather. Also it's possible to buy kodaks there but no film, and he expressed a desire for his family to send him some. Nothing can be bought without a ration book and on that account he was unable this year to get any Christmas gifts to send home. He mentioned three other Turner young men, Dean Grim and Vernon and Leland Greenlee as all being okay too.

GERVAIS — Somewhere in the south Pacific on 24 hour watches on a pin point island jutting remotely out of the Pacific on what is perhaps one of the loneliest duties of the war is a foursome of United States marines, their eyes peeled toward the horizon waiting for approaching signs of the enemy. Their home for the first few months was a fox hole, then a tent and now a crudely erected cabin of coconut logs.

In the group is Pfc. Thomas R. Lelac of Gervais, who is the non-commissioned officer in charge. He has been two years out of the states and more than a year on this island. He was a farmer before his enlistment and writes home: "Most of the time while not on watch we try to occupy our minds with little odd jobs but regardless of how we try we usually wind up talking about our homes and families."

Cpl. Gerald Flower and a friend, Pfc. Chester Wichart of Camp Adair were weekend guests of Cpl. Flower's aunt, Mrs. Grace Calkins, at Gervais. Cpl. Flower's home is in Portage, Wis.

Vernon P. Gurske, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Gurske, 1234 Allen Court, has received the petty officer rating of electrician's mate third class at graduation exercises at the naval training school on the University of Minnesota campus at Minneapolis.

Daryl Wiesner has been promoted to fireman second class in the navy and will receive further training in diesel engineering at Detroit, Mich. He is a graduate of Salem high school; his wife and young son live in Portland.

CENTRAL HOWELL — Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dougherty and son, Pvt. Jerry Dougherty of Long Beach, Calif., were guests of Mr.



Lt. Robert Brownell, whose name is mentioned several times in the new war book "Bridge to Victory" written about the Alaskan campaign by Howard Handelman. Brownell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Brownell, his wife, the former Gertrude Mildred Brooks and his young son live in Salem.

The writer says in his description of the battle of Attu: "With the crest of Bloody Point taken and held against the first attack, the name 'Brownell' began to be heard throughout the plateau."

"Brownell, slight, sandy haired Lt. Robert Brownell of Salem, Ore., an electrician in civil life, was artillery spotter. Until Bloody Point was taken he was cut off from the higher ground from which he could see Holtz Bay, but with the point in American hands Brownell was able to crawl over to the Jap side of the mountain with his walkie-talkie and tell the artillerymen back on the beach where to shoot.

"His immediate job was to knock out the Jap anti-aircraft guns which were used against Americans on Bloody Point. For two days every time the artillery exploded shells at Holtz, everyone asked 'What does Brownell say about this one?'"

"He was the eyes for the big guns, the man through whom the artillerymen far back on the beach took their bead.

"Theirs was the most frustrating job of all. Miles of mountains separated them from the target. They never saw the effects of their work."

Then again the author says, as the Americans moved toward Holtz valley:

"The navy covered the advance on Holtz valley, even battleships moved in close to bombard. Brownell, still perched on his lookout station on the Jap side of the mountain, did spotting for both the army and navy. He had been working steadily since Wednesday night two full days, and doing a grand job.

"He talked to Ensign Abe Pretzkin, once a Dayton, Ohio, optometrist, who relayed firing directions to the ships. The happy sound of 'no change, no change' came over the walkie-talkie at 4:04 p. m. telling of a direct hit and pleading for more in the same place. The navy gave more, lots more. Each salvo from the battleships went off with a huge puff of flame that made the ships look as if they were on fire. It was a brilliant red flame that hung in the air long enough to obliterate the ship for an instant.

And yet later:

"There was a second shot of AA from the Japs. This time far beyond the troops on the ridge, and over against the mountain to their right. The troops on the mountain scurried for cover, racing over the snow singly and in pairs.

"The 105s answered quickly. Brownell must have given an urgent call for cover for the troops. The Jap AA and the 105s blasted away several minutes, the Japs shooting at personnel, the 105s at the Jap gun. The navy joined the melee of big guns at 5:13, the heavy sound of the battleships guns reverberating through the mountains."

Lt. Brownell was awarded the silver star for his part in the reconquest of the Aleutians. He is stationed now in the Hawaiian islands, according to a cable received this week by his family.

Mrs. Knight Goes To New York City

TALBOT — Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Belknap, Mrs. William Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Brown and children, Ardis and Lynn, were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Redmond of Portland. Mrs. Knight left Christmas night for New York City where she can be with her husband when he is in port. He is on duty in the Atlantic and New York is his home port.

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Hollander Dies Sunday

LEBANON—Mrs. Jacoba Galama Sturm who was born in Holland 67 years ago, died at her home in Lebanon where she has made her home for the past 25 years Sunday. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wilhelmina Platt of Portland and by one nephew, Hans Platt with the army air force in Texas. A step-daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Sturm Doolittle is expected from Seattle today.

Bessie Truelove
LEBANON—Bessie Truelove, 54, who has lived in the Tallman neighborhood since she was brought here from Illinois at the age of three months by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Truelove, died at the family home Sunday. She had taught in Linn county schools for many years and is survived by her sister, Addie and by one nephew, Ted Truelove.

Mrs. Charles Howe
MILL CITY—Mrs. Charles Howe who has been seriously ill since the first of September died at the family home Sunday evening. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Time Buys Interest In Blue Network

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Time, Inc., owned by Henry R. Luce, today purchased a substantial interest in the Blue radio network from Edward J. Noble, former undersecretary of commerce, who bought the system in October for \$8,000,000 cash.

Noble announced that the staffs of Time, Life and Fortune magazines would "make a major contribution" to the network's programs, which will play up news and news features.

Time's interest in the company will represent 12 1/2 per cent of the stock, while another 12 1/2 per cent interest was sold to Chester J. LaRoche, former chairman of the board of the advertising firm of Young and Rubicam, and now head of the war advertising council. Smaller interests also were sold to Mark Woods, president of the Blue network and Edgar Kobak, executive vice president.

Bourbon Bottling Problems Studied

OLYMPIA, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Ray Conway, administrator for the Oregon state liquor commission, discussed with the Washington liquor board today problems connected with bottling and transportation to the respective states of 60,000 barrels of Kentucky bourbon, recently purchased.

Chairman Evro M. Becket of the Washington board said the proposed uniform rationing program for the two states also was discussed, but that there was nothing to be announced at this time.

Arrival in Washington state of some of the whisky was expected shortly after the first of the year.

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Toastmasters Vary Topics

Salem Toastmasters, who talked on subjects ranging from the area's new aluminum plant to "faithfulness" at Tuesday night's meeting, entertained as a special guest Fred Ely of Seattle, one of the founders of Toastmasters' International.

Gilbert Madison presided as toastmaster of the evening. Speakers were: Frank Doerfler, whose subject was "Buy War Bonds and Keep Them"; Howard Conkle, "Conversation With the Fighting Forces"; W. E. Hansen, "Faithfulness"; Linn McLachlan, "Postwar Planning"; Carol Heim, "The New Alumina Plant."

Critics were Dr. W. J. Stone, Walter Lamkin, Ralph Nohlgren, Charles McElhinny and Deral Jones. Marvin Clatterbuck was general critic.

E. L. Bentley, Klamath county potato grower from the Tulelake district, was a guest.

Durham Tries Another Escape

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—(AP) George Durham, 33, who escaped from state prison last spring, tried again today to break free of the law and failed.

He slashed Morris Race, state penitentiary guard, with a razor while being brought to Portland in an automobile for arraignment of two burglary charges. Race suffered only a slight scalp wound.

Durham whipped the razor from a pocket and said, "This is as far as I'm going." E. S. Worden, captain of prison guards who was driving, steered the car into the rear of another on a Portland bridge approach. This halted the car and he helped overpower Durham, who was handcuffed to Race.

Durham was taken to the county jail here. He was free for a week after escaping last May from the prison where he was serving 10 years for receiving stolen property. He was recaptured near La Grande and charged with several house burglaries here.

Snowy Palm Trees



The two and one-half inch snowfall that blanketed Charleston, S.C., made WAVE Shirley Caldwell of Watertown, Conn., feel right at home. It was the first time, however, she ever hid behind a palm tree for a snowball battle, she says.

Around Oregon

Oregon State college granted 59 degrees, 10 to army trainees in engineering, in mid-year commencement ceremonies at Corvallis Tuesday night. . . . Paul B. McKee, Portland Power company executive, announced his reelection to the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers. . . .

Civic leaders at Tillamook have called a mass meeting for January 4 to consider curbs for increasing juvenile delinquency. . . . Phyllis K. Graham, Salem, was among the leaders on the University of Oregon fall term honor roll which listed 82 civilian students. . . .

Umatilla county's 1943 traffic toll jumped to 12 with the death of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hammer, Cayuse, as their car was struck by a train at a crossing between Athena and Adams. . . . Stacey Sexton, 41, who Detective B. H. Yeomans said was wanted in Seattle on a 1941 kidnaping charge, was arrested in Portland.

McKenzie Pass Open

BEND, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Mile-high McKenzie pass has been cleared of an 18-inch snowfall and is open to travel, state highway department officials said today. The pass usually is closed by snow before this, they said.

Pitching Statistics Show Why Cards Copped National Chase

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A glance at the official National league figures, released today, gives a hint as to why the St. Louis Cardinals walked away with the pennant this year.

The three pitchers leading in earned run averages for the season are Cardinals, with Southpaw Howie Pollet topping the list with a miserly 1.75 figure, the lowest since Carl Hubbell's 1.66 in 1933.

Max Lanier, another Card lefty, is second with a 1.90 mark, followed by Right-hand-

To Get Degree



Bert H. Chiles, son of Mrs. G. E. Kitley of 1845 North Summer street, who will be graduated from Los Angeles medical school on January 6 and will take his internship in Seattle. Chiles is a graduate of Salem high school and went one year to Northwest Nazarene college at Nampa, Idaho. He attended Willamette for two years. His wife is the former Maude Martin and lived in Salem before her marriage.

PEP Trustee Disqualification Hearing Set

Hearing on the motion of George H. Flagg, public utilities commissioner of Oregon, to disqualify the independent trustees of the Portland Electric Power company as parties to the Portland General Electric company rate case, was set in circuit court for January 5 at 1:30 p. m., Tuesday by Judge George R. Duncan who will hear this phase of the case.

The commissioner was served Tuesday with a copy of the temporary injunction granted recently by Judge Arlie G. Walker, restraining him from any action to enforce the emergency rate reduction order until the final determination of the case.

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