

Japs Jolted, Vandegrift

Hope of Building Defense Network Being Destroyed

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 31—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, commander of the US Marine Corps, told members of the Virginia Press association here that "we are jolting the Japanese hard enough and often enough to discourage his last feverish hopes of settling down to the job of building an invincible network of defense."

And the day "will come soon," the hero of Guadalcanal added, when the United States will have sufficient material and power "in the Pacific to undertake an offensive sizeable enough to force the enemy to transfer the major part of his strength from the task of building his new barricades to the task of stopping us."

Gen. Vandegrift said that "as far as our naval and military planners are concerned, the defeat of the enemy in the Pacific is certain."

"At the same time, no one underestimates the tremendous, burdensome scope of the operations necessary to bring about that defeat. The Japanese 'are tough, their defenses are deep and strong, and the American people are going to have to fight hard and untiringly to beat them.'"

The Marine Corps commander said the advance against the Japanese in the Pacific "is as much a part of the grand squeeze play on Tokyo as the Russian drive, or the allied aerial campaign, is essential to the great pincers on Berlin."

"Call our advance 'island hopping' or 'massive blows,' or what you will, the fact remains that the allies must converge on Japan from all directions, and that one of those directions lies along the chain of major islands leading directly to Japan's front door."

This is not to say, he added, "that we are creeping along methodically from island to island—having no concern how large or small, important or unimportant, each may be—with the intention of going on and on in such fashion until we finally arrive, in our old age, at the gates of Japan."

"It is to say that certain amphibious advances are necessary to the allied strategy in preparation for hitting Japan's greatest bastions—and the Japanese homeland itself—from all directions."

Gen. Vandegrift said the seizing of Guadalcanal was "just like putting our foot in a steel door that was being slammed shut."

"From that point, we were able to pry open the door—the door of the Solomons—through which we could pass to the inner sanctums of Japanese defense. At the same time we succeeded in diverting some measure of the enemy's strength from his desperate efforts to amalgamate his gains."

Army Won't Take Him but Marines Or Navy Will

TWISP, Wash., Jan. 31—(AP)—Uri Stockdale is in the service at last—because he proved his prowess as a "jungle fighter."

Stockdale had been turned several times by the army because of flat feet. So, he announced, he would show the army what he could do with a rifle. He took to the woods and in two weeks bagged eight cougars.

This time, he disclosed, navy and marine recruiters came looking for him. He was accepted by the marines.

Stockdale has a furlough until February 11, but he's going to be pretty busy. He invested the \$400 bounty from the eight cougars in war bonds and he figures, he might be able to double the total.

Tule Lake Tract Is Returned

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 31 (AP)—A 2318-acre tract near the Tule Lake center for disloyal Japanese was returned to the bureau of reclamation as the war relocation authority (WRA) planned to reduce harvesting from 3800 to 1300 acres.

The tract, taken over by the WRA in May, 1942, was not used after Japanese occupants refused to harvest crops for use of loyal Japanese evacuees at other centers.

Ray R. Best, center director, said only crops needed to feed the Tulelake camp would be harvested this year.

Marshfield Oil Below 6000 Depth

MARSHFIELD, Jan. 31—(AP)—The Davis Slough test well neared a depth of 6000 feet here with no oil in sight, and the Phillips Petroleum company did not disclose whether drilling would continue below the 6000-foot level originally planned.

Lars Peterson, county commissioner predicted the firm would order another 1500 feet of drilling in hopes of reaching through shale to the oil which geological surveys have indicated to exist in this district.

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



C. S. "Pat" Emmons, assistant attorney general assigned to state industrial accident offices, has been commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in the US navy and will report for duty at Tucson, Ariz., February 15. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Emmons, he is a graduate of Willamette university law school, practiced here before entering the state employ and is an active member of the Young Republicans club of the county and state. His wife is the former Mildred Fug; they have four sons.

AN EIGHTH AAF BOMBER SQUADRON, England—Staff Sgt. Melville G. Duff, 21, of 1535 Trade street, Salem, Ore., was tail gunner on an eighth air force flying fortress which recently fought a bloody battle back home from Paris, France, at an altitude of 50 feet.

Seven of the 11-man crew suffered injuries in the desperate flight back to England, but Sgt. Duff was unharmed. First man wounded was the bombardier, who was injured when the propeller on the no. 3 engine broke off and sliced through the fuselage. The others got their wounds when the ship was attacked by German fighters, and finally escaped to reach land in an English pasture.

Four times the wounded fortress almost came to grief. Once the crew was ordered to stand by to bail out shortly after the target had been bombed, again for a crash landing near the French coast, again for ditching in the English channel, and finally for the actual crash landing in England.

"The prop damage to the ship, supercharger trouble, and shell damage to the controls were the cause of our trouble," said Sgt. Duff.

"Right near the target Lt. Beeby (Lt. Barclay B. Beeby of Alton, Ill., the pilot) called for us to stand by to bail out. Once after the fighters left us we thought we were going to crash land in France, and he called for ditching once in the channel. Then we had to stand by for the final landing."

After the Nazi fighters left the fort, which escaped them after a running battle by diving to within almost 50 feet of the ground, the low-flying fortress was the target for many German ground guns—especially when it crossed the invasion coast area.

Sgt. Duff, who was on his 19th mission, is the son of Mrs. Elsie Duff of Salem. He entered the AAF on September 22, 1942.

Cpl. Walter Barham has been granted a furlough and will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barham. A marine, serving as a radioman in the air force, Cpl. Barham served at Guadalcanal. He telephoned his parents unexpectedly from San Diego on Christmas eve but has just been given a furlough.

Another son, Sgt. Paul Barham, is in the Gilbert Islands.

Second Lt. Leonard Reimann is now a student at the four-engine pilot school at Roswell, N.M., army air field. He was in Salem on furlough recently following graduation at Marfa, Tex., flying field where he won his wings and commission. He is a son of Rich L. Reimann, 1275 Fairmount street.

Capt. Floyd Siegmund, formerly a member of the Salem high school faculty, is at home on furlough. He is stationed at Great Bend, Kas.

Part of the Christmas feast for Pfc. Fred L. Andrews of Salem, now with a signal photo company of the US army in India, was the label on a shipment of English walnuts provided for the occasion. The stencil informed that the nuts had been packed by the Klorfein company in Salem.

PEDEE—Robert John, motor machinist's mate third class, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus John.

SCIO—Clyde Finegan, signalman first class, is at home on a 30 day leave. He is stationed at Bremerton, Wash.

Fredrick J. Bradshaw, 146 Railroad Drive, who enlisted in the US Marine Corps, June 28, 1943, is home on leave. He took basic training at Parris Island, SC, and was assigned to duty in Washington, DC.

He was born in England and received his secondary education here. When he enlisted he was

employed by the Oregon state unemployment commission. Mrs. Bradshaw is employed at Stevens and Son Jewelry store.

Charles A. Foster, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Foster, route 7, box 73, is home on leave. He enlisted December 11, 1941, and has seen action at Guadalcanal.

Pvt. William F. Lieske, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lieske, 690 South 12th street, has arrived at the army air forces basic training center at Greensboro, NC, for reclassification. While there he will take basic AAF training and undergo a course in physical conditioning. Formerly employed by Boeing Aircraft at Seattle, Pvt. Lieske is a graduate of Salem high school. He entered the army a year ago tomorrow.



George Fremont Christoffersen, second class seaman and son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Christoffersen, has completed his recruit training at Farragut, Idaho, and has been spending a 15 day leave with his wife and small daughter at his parents' home.

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"Physically, the men are at their peak," he said. "They are in excellent condition. The training they have undergone since their return to Australia from New Guinea, plus the furloughs they have had have done wonders. They are raring to go again. Some of the men of the 162nd infantry who had a tough time of it at Salamaua lost some weight, but they have regained it."

"The division has many friends in Australia and the Australians have been mighty good to us. The 41st still is, in our opinion, the best division in the United States army, bar none. But it is not a Pacific northwest outfit any longer. It belongs to the whole United States. Our replacements have come from all over the nation."

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Jeffers added that Pinson also admitted burglarizing three Pasco homes a few weeks ago. Some of the stolen articles have been recovered.

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PORTLAND, Jan. 31—(AP)—Pasadena on a Portland street ate a 100-pound cake today in the climax of the "March of Dimes" drive against infantile paralysis.

Miller Given Patterson 4H Trophy

Brentwood Miller of Gervais, production champion among 4H club members in the 11 western states and one of three winners in the national competition a year ago at Chicago, was presented the Gov. I. L. Patterson trophy awarded annually to Oregon's outstanding club worker, Monday at the Salem chamber of commerce luncheon.

H. C. Seymour, state club leader, explained that although no winner was selected among the top three, "Junior" Miller's record actually far excelled those of the other two finalists.

State Sen. Lee Patterson in presenting the award which commemorates the interest his father, the late Gov. Patterson, took in boys' and girls' club work, mentioned that patriotism has always been characteristic of the club members so that they did not participate in the pacifist movement which prevailed some years ago. There are now 14 names on the trophy, which was provided originally by the late Mrs. I. L. Patterson.

Erma Kuenzi of Salem, who was Oregon winner in food preparation and as such attended the national 4H congress at Chicago, was introduced and mention was made of Alice Roberts of Turner, a state winner and one of the five national leaders in the record contest, who was unable to attend.

Seymour pointed out that in addition to providing boys and girls with practical training under competent personal leaders and with the latest technical information, the 4H program fosters leadership, responsibility, honesty and sportsmanship. Gene Vandeneynede, active in encouraging 4H club activity in the Salem vicinity, in introducing Seymour declared that the 4H clubs are character-building agencies second to none. Frank Doerfler, first vice president of the chamber of commerce, presided.

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Trainer Plane Salem High's War Bond Goal



Salem senior high school students have selected a Fairchild trainer plane for sponsorship in their fourth war loan bond-buying campaign. That will necessitate investment of \$15,000; the students report good headway with one-third of the amount raised. Pictured here is the student war bond rally held in the high school auditorium with Travis Cross, student body president, presiding. Jesse J. Gard, Marion county war finance committee chairman, and Adam LeFor, publicity co-chairman, addressed the group. The five girls in the front row, all members of the bond committee, are from the left, Grace Shields, Mary Lou McKay, Doloris Hamilton, Trudie Meyer and Joan Seakey. Another member of the committee, Farrell Rust, is not in the picture.—Dave Scott, McEwan studio photo.

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT
R. C. Glover, M. C. Findley and Tinkham Gilbert, trustees of Sarah E. Carrier estate, vs. Oregon annual conference board of education of Methodist church et al; decree authorizes trustees to sell any property of estate as they may see fit save for 1839 shares of capital stock in Meadow River Lumber company; also permits trustees to receive from certain of defendants five-twentieths interest, and to administer it as a part of the trust, with distribution hinging on terms of previous contract consummated between trustees and beneficiaries, and subsequent use conditioned on provisions of will; provides for compensation of trustees.

MUNICIPAL COURT
William P. Leach, route 4, Salem; curfew violation warrant; \$5 bail.

J. W. Campbell, 1655 North Capitol street; curfew violation warrant; \$10 fine.
James Monaco, sr., 146 Gerth avenue, West Salem; curfew violation warrant; \$7.50 fine, elects to serve out.

Walter Fay Mott, 248 West Nob Hill; violation of basic rule; \$5 fine.
Frank A. Rhoads, 1775 North Front street; no muffler; \$12.50 bail.

Ray Gene Buler, Portland; violation of basic rule; \$7.50 bail.
William Manning, 840 Trade street; disorderly conduct; \$15 fine.

Joseph E. Albrich, 1625 South High street; illegal reverse turn; \$1 fine.
William Becker Patton, 1615 North Winter street; failure to stop; \$2.50 fine.

Joyce Reardon, Portland; disorderly conduct; \$50 fine and 10 days, to be suspended.
Lorene Christine Samel, Portland; disorderly conduct; \$15 and 10 days, to be suspended.

Arnold Anton Warner, 1564 Ferry street; disorderly conduct; \$15 fine.
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Roberts Rite Set Today

Funeral services will be held from the Clough-Barrick chapel at 1:30 p.m. today for George W. Roberts, 80, retired railroad man and prominent Mason who died here early Sunday.

Employed at Astoria for 43 years by the Union Pacific company, Roberts came to Salem to reside upon his retirement ten years ago. Mrs. Roberts died eight years later.

Survivors include a son, Donald Roberts, and one daughter, Mrs. Gayle Roberts Finley, both of Salem.

Gravestone ritualistic services will be conducted by Pacific lodge No. 50, AF & AM.

Representative Of FWA Urges Postwar Planning

EUGENE, Jan. 31—(AP)—Ray C. Kirkpatrick, Washington, DC, representative of the federal works agency, believes postwar plans must be drafted immediately to avoid a recurrence of bread lines.

Otherwise, he told the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council convention, boom days on the Pacific coast will die out within one year.

The council called for a standardization union wage on all postwar projects and congressional aid in training of returning veterans. Another resolution urged all unions to unite in campaigning against reelection of Sen. Rufus Holman (R-Ore).

Major Delbert Burke Killed in South Pacific

PORTLAND, Jan. 31—(AP)—Major Delbert W. Burke, 1939 graduate of Oregon State college, was killed in a flying accident in the south Pacific January 4, his wife was informed today.

Burke, former class president and honor student at Oregon State, enlisted in the marine corps in 1940 after a year on the Medford high school faculty. His parents reside in Buxton.

Justice Court
Glenn Luray Spencer; no 1944 vehicle license; \$5 fine, suspended, and costs.
Kenneth Lloyd Hoar; violation of basic rule; \$5 and costs.
Donald Harvey Plummer; no

Dennis Faces Murder Charge In Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31—(AP)—Andrew W. Dennis, 43, was charged with first degree murder today in connection with the slaying of his mother-in-law, affolice said four neighbors identified him as the man seen lurking around her apartment.

The woman, Mrs. Anna Bell McAllen, 53, was found amid debris in her apartment hallway yesterday, the back of her head crushed. Dr. Warren C. Hunter, state crime laboratory pathologist, said today however, that death was caused by strangulation. Police said Dennis denied seeing his mother-in-law since last Tuesday, when he called to see his estranged wife, who he said had separated from him last August and lived with her mother since November. Mrs. Dennis left Saturday to meet her father in San Francisco.

Mrs. Minnie Gross, shipyard worker, reported to police she saw Dennis stagger from the front door as she returned home from her swing shift about 1 a.m. Sunday.

Marines Find Inflation In Solomons

PORTLAND, Jan. 31—(AP)—Sgt. James Munroe and Cpl. Bill Nelson, Portland marines back from a year's action as dive bomber rear gunners, declared sadly today there weren't any Dorothy Lamours in the Solomons.

Moreover, they lamented, the islands are in the midst of an inflation boom. "Nothing ever cost more than about 15 cents at first," Munroe said. "But it wasn't long before all that the natives understood was a dollar or five dollar bill. It got so we were paying more for bananas right off the tree than we used to pay here at home before the war."

The natives were wary of invading Americans at first, the veterans of Guadalcanal, Munda, and Bougainville said. "They hadn't been treated too well by the Japs and thought we'd be the same way," Munroe explained, "but we were pretty nice to them and they soon were bringing us all kinds of fruits and trinkets, first as gifts and later to trade or sell."

Mrs. Hockett's Car Stolen

Mrs. V. E. Hockett, 2185 South High street, who one day late last week left the front portion of her residence for a few minutes and returned to find that a pane of glass had been broken from apparently an attempt to gain entry there, last night parked her car at 235 South Commercial street for a short time and returned to find the parking place vacant.

The larceny of Mrs. Hockett's car was one of numerous such thefts from Salem streets in recent weeks. Most of the vehicles have been recovered within a matter of hours.

City police Sunday night found abandoned in the 100 block of South Church street a car stolen approximately 24 hours earlier from Orval's used car lot.

Dimes Down Street

BEND, Jan. 31—(AP)—A "March of Dimes" collection of Bend Boy Scouts reached from one city block to another.

The boys laid them out that way—end to end down the main street—to spur contributions to the infantile paralysis fund.

US Losses 3 Of 7200 Planes In 100 Raids

PORTLAND, Jan. 31—(AP)—Only three out of 7200 United States Marauder bombers escorted by British Spitfires were shot down by enemy fighters in 100 missions over Nazi-held Europe, Wing Commander W. K. Crawford—Compton said today.

The 26-year-old New Zealander, who led a New Zealand Spitfire squadron on all the missions, said the successful counter attack on enemy fighters held American bomber losses to .03 per cent.

Here on a speaking tour, he credited American bombers with equal efficiency. "At a height of 25,000 feet and with a down wind of 50 miles an hour," he said, "60 bombers dropped 600 bombs on an airfield, completely destroying it in a few minutes. Only three of the attacking planes were shot down, victims of flak."

Women have taken over ground duties in British air fields, the New Zealander said. His ground crew, all female except for one person, serviced his ship so skillfully it never had to turn back.

Crawford—Compton is credited with destroying 17 enemy planes, 8 locomotives, and probable destruction of 19 other planes since his enlistment in the British air force the day after war was declared.

Mrs. Hedrick To Be Speaker At Matrix Table

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 31—Matrix Table, annual banquet of the university chapter of Theta Sigma Phi, women's national journalism honorary, will be held Friday, February 11, at the Osburn hotel, it has been announced by Joanne Nicholson, Vernonia, president of the group.

Mrs. E. H. Hedrick, Medford writer for slick magazines and author of the novel "The Blood Remembers," who is known professionally as Helen Norcross Hedrick, is scheduled as guest speaker for the event. The Matrix Table program honors the achievements of women in journalism, music and other arts, and is an event given by chapters of Theta Sigma Phi throughout the country each year.

Ann Reynolds Leo, Eugene, is general chairman in charge of the banquet, and is assisted by Carol Greening, Saratoga, Calif., programs; Marjorie Major Goodwin, Eugene, decorations; Edith Newton, Portland, flowers; Marge Curtis, Portland, Ruth Dozier, Redding, Calif., Anna Hegstrom and Barbara Lamb, both of Portland, invitations; Marjorie Young, Klamath Falls, Anne Craven, Portland, and Utahna Hall, Boise, Idaho, publicity; and Margie Robinson, Eugene, refreshments. Mrs. George S. Turnbull is adviser to the group.

Jap Regiment Eliminated In Burma

By PRESTON GROVER
NEW DELHI, Jan. 31—(AP)—Chinese troops striking 100 miles into northern Burma to clear the way for the Leda road supply line to China eliminated an entire Japanese regiment, and threatened another with similar fate, Brig. Gen. Hayden Boatner declared today.

Boatner, chief of staff to Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, returned here after 10 months in the jungles on the route of the Leda road, being built from India across northern Burma along the old Burma road trail. He and other US officers have been aiding the Chinese troops.

The Japanese were trapped and then methodically wiped out along upper tributaries of the Chindwin river, and the Chinese found hundreds of bodies.

"The Japanese uniforms were in shreds and documents taken from them indicated an acute food shortage. Many units on half rations were living on bananas and what they could rob from refugees."

"The Chinese were supplied entirely by air (from low-flying American planes.) There's nothing like it in the books, but it works, and gives us a tremendous advantage over the Japanese who are being supplied overland."

(Warning of heavier and more frequent allied air attacks on Bangkok, the Bangkok radio urged Monday that the people abandon the city, as the government has done. "It can be considered that the Thailand no longer has a capital," said the broadcast heard by US government monitors.)

Funeral Planned For Oregon Pioneer

SILVERTON, Jan. 31—(AP)—Funeral plans were under way today for Mary Agnes Higginbotham, 79-year-old pioneer born during an Indian attack on a wagon train moving westward to Oregon. Mrs. Higginbotham, who grew up in the Brownsville area and later lived in Independence and Marcola, died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Ronaldi in Port Angeles.