

# Service Men

### Where They Are—What They Are Doing

**Aviation Cadet John R. Hagan, 18,** has just commenced the army's primary flight training course at Thunderbird field, no. 11, Paradise valley, Phoenix, Ariz. A/C Hagan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hagan, of 1315 North Cottage street, is a graduate of Salem high school. When he entered the armed service June 18, 1943 at Salem, he was employed by the state highway department. He served at Kearns field, Utah, CTD in Missoula Montana, and Santa Ana, Calif. His wife resides at 1835 Trade street.

**GREAT LAKES, Illinois, March 15—**Among those graduating from an intensive course of machinist's mate training at recent service school exercises here was Lawrence Albert Nelson, 18, son of Mrs. Margaret Nelson, Salem. This bluejacket was selected for his specialized training on the basis of his recruit training aptitude test scores. Graduates from the 20 specialized courses taught here are sent to sea, to shore stations, or to advanced schools, for active duty or further training.

**Sgt. Terry B. Strake is now** with the 37th army division stationed on Bougainville, British Northern Solomon islands. After leaving the United States, he joined the 37th division while on the Fiji islands.

Sgt. Strake has served overseas for a period of two years, participated in the defense of the Fiji islands and has seen action on Guadalcanal, New Georgia and Bougainville islands. With the adoption of the rotation policy established by the war department, for the southwest Pacific, he is in hopes of the speedy return to the United States in the near future.

On a few occasions, Strake has had the opportunity to enjoy his favorite sport of fishing in the waters of the south seas for shark and numerous other species of fish which abound in the tropical reefs. Prior to his induction, Strake was employed by the Portland office of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and is on leave of absence from that organization.

Sgt. Strake is the son and brother of Mrs. Nona L. Strake and Mrs. M. L. Whittle of 17 Park avenue.

**Pfc. Wallace Baldwin, former** principal of Maplewood school, and his wife are in Salem on furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. Elsie Baldwin, and sister, Mrs. Albert Lamb, both of 1920 North Summer street. Pfc. Baldwin is at present attending the school of medicine at Marquette university, Milwaukee, Wis. He at one time was a Statesman carrier boy.

**Sgt. Robert B. Sulton, who formerly** lived in Salem, stopped here on Friday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Pro enroute to his home in Kent, Wash. Sgt. Sulton is with the 329th fighter squadron and is stationed at the air base at Concord, Calif.

**Cpl. and Mrs. Charles Warren** are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Warren at 2630 Brooks street. He is stationed with the coast artillery at San Diego and is home on a 19-day furlough.

**Hugh Jesse Humphreys, oldest** son of Mrs. Lulu Humphreys, 2090 Mill street, is home on furlough following a long and eventful period of action in the south Pacific where he was attached to a medical corps unit. He was for a time stationed at the army base hospital at Port Moresby, later entering active field duty. Humphreys himself was a patient in Port Moresby and other Australian hospitals as a consequence of malarial fever and injuries. His father, the late John Humphreys, was with the second Oregon volunteers, Company A, having seen

service in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war.

**WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)**—First Lt. John Alfred Tyrrell Baxter, 132 E. Grand, Lebanon, Ore., has been promoted to the temporary rank of captain, the war department announced today.

**Apprentice Seaman Francis G. "Don" Boley, former Salem man,** is now engaged in navigation training at Santa Ana, Calif., according to word received by his wife.

**MONMOUTH—Asa Campbell,** electrician's mate third class, arrived home this week for a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Campbell. This is his first furlough since entering the service in August, 1942.

**SILVERTON—Capt. Frank Alfred,** former justice of the peace at Silverton, has written his father, I. B. Alfred, that he has landed in India. Capt. Alfred writes entertainingly of the color of the Indian countryside:

"In the cities the snake charmers," he writes, "carry cobras around and show them off for whatever they can talk out of curious observers, and if they can get enough rupees they put on a fight between a cobra and a mongoose."

"Quite a few of the taxi drivers speak fair English and are good about driving around to the points of interest. I still cannot get used to riding on the left side of the street, especially when the taxis crowd the right-of-way of everything else, but so far I have seen no accidents."

Alfred speaks of the Indian habit of balancing all manner of objects on their heads without touching them with their hands. "Even," he says, "the beggar youngsters walk with a posture and balance that would be the envy of many American girls."

**SCIO—Norbert Krantz, whose** home was in the vicinity of Jordan, is reported convalescing in an African hospital. His brother, Clem Krantz, is somewhere in the tropics and a third brother, George Krantz, is training at Camp Polk, La.

**WOODBURN—Cpl. Fred Evenden, jr.,** of the 24th weather squadron of the army air force, and Mrs. Evenden spent the week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evenden. Cpl. Evenden came by plane from the Mountain Home army base in Idaho to Portland, where he was joined by his wife. They arrived in Woodburn Sunday night and left Saturday for a new base.

**Lt. Orlando Asper, son of Rev. Oluf Asper,** a veteran of the air war over Germany who returned to America after completing his quota of missions, is realizing his ambition to take pilot training for the new B-29. For some months he has been in training to become an instructor of B-17 pilots, but has received a transfer to the new work.

Paul Dickenson is now an instructor in the US navy station at Alameda, training men in the use of .50 caliber machine-guns. He recently spent a brief leave with his parents in Woodburn while en route to his new assignment.

**Pvt. Ralph Sebern is back in** the United States after two years in Alaska. He is spending a 20-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sebern, before going back to duty at his new assignment at Camp Carson, Colo.

**Joe Walker, jr., seaman second** class in the US navy, has been graduated from radio college at Auburn, Ala., where he had been in training since November 1.



**1st Lt. Robert D. "Lindy" Lindstrom,** US army air corps, who has been missing since he failed to return from a bombing raid over Europe February 25. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lindstrom, 2605 Cherry street.



**Roger Evan Baker, coast artillery** corps, was among Oregon army men whose promotions were announced Saturday by the war department. Lt. Baker is a former Willamette university student, trained at Fort Monroe, Va., and commissioned a second lieutenant, in late September 1942.

**Promotion to the rank of** corporal has been accorded Andrew M. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Clark, route 6, Salem. Cpl. Clark is stationed at the Great Bend army air field in Kansas, being attached to a heavy bombardment unit.

## Navy Attracts 17-Year-Olds

The Salem navy recruiting office is a popular place with 17-year old young men these days, according to A. C. Friesen, recruiter in charge. The new program initiated by the navy by which high school seniors are sworn in and then placed on inactive duty status until graduation in June is proving successful as it offers the opportunity of choosing the branch of service in which they wish to serve.

Recent enlistments are as follows: Harry LeRoy Hinkle, Robert Lee McCutchen, John William Stratemeyer, Theodore Hans Christensen, Delbert Wayne Tripp, Lawrence R. Strohecker, David Kent Baker, Robert F. Osburn, William Julius Schliet, and Robert Keith Thurston, all of Salem.

Howard Alton Petersen of Dallas; Earle Edgar Scheffer of Stayton; Wayne Miller Rebo of Aumsville; Leroy Miller and George Allen Howard of Independence; Albert L. Hugill and Fredrick Clare Warthen of Woodburn; Frederick Hal Ratzburg of Chemawa, and Robert Orval Leslie Schneidewind of Whiteson.

## Myrtle Creek Man Killed in Action

**WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)**—Pvt. Robert D. Clayton, Myrtle Creek, Ore., has been killed in action in the Mediterranean theater, the war department announced today.

Clayton, son of Mrs. Marion Clayton of Myrtle Creek, was the only Oregon man among 244 US casualties.

**Pvt. LeRoy Chester Long,** graduate of Salem high school and Willamette university, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Long, route 2, Salem, has been sent to marine officers' training school at Farris Island, SC, following his graduation from College of Pacific at Stockton, Calif., on February 23 with cum laude honors. He was granted his Willamette diploma at that time.

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Allen-**by, route 5, Salem, have learned of the marriage of their son, Second Lt. Donald R. Allenby and Miss Jeanette Powell of Sebring, Fla. Lt. Allenby is training as a Flying Fortress pilot at Hendricks field, Fla.

## Salem, Lebanon Men Wounded in Action

**WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)**—Sgt. James R. Sewell, brother of Mrs. Martha Grieg, route 7, Salem, was listed today among soldiers wounded in action in the Mediterranean theater.

**Pvt. William A. Gall, son of** Mrs. Vera Lindsay, Lebanon, was reported wounded in action in the same theater.

**Mr. and Mrs. John Bertelson,** of West Lefelle street, have received a letter from their son, Warren, stating that he is now in Hawaii after serving for a number of months with an air unit in the south Pacific. Bertelson is a former employe of the PEP in Salem. A brother, Jay, is with the coast guard at Astoria.

## Mrs. Geisler Makes Trip to Astoria

**HOPEWELL—Mrs. John Geis-**ler made a business trip to Astoria Tuesday, returning home Wednesday. Her aunt, Mrs. Walter Kirkwood, accompanied her and they were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beaty, former Wheatland residents. Mr. Beaty is a service man at Tongue Point and Mrs. Beaty is a teacher in a nearby rural school.

**CLOVERDALE—Leslie Peter-**son is now in Ireland, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson. Another son, Keith Peterson, has been stationed at Camp Adair. Ralph Raymond Barrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Barrick has been inducted into the army.

## Service Men's Family On Trip to Visit

**JEFFERSON — Mr. and Mrs.** Claude Armstrong, who have been visiting Mrs. Armstrong's brothers Harold and Elmer Knight and families, left Wednesday for their home in Livingston, Mont.

They had been to Camp Haan, Calif., to visit their son Niles, who is stationed there with the army medical corps.

**Mrs. Veri Sims (Bette Chilton)** of Jefferson and Mrs. Clyde E. Finegan of Scio, are in Bremerton, Wash., to spend a few days with their husbands, who are stationed there.

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