

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



Pvt. Stanley M. (Bud) Boehmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Boehmer of route 4, box 424 states in a letter that he has been transferred from Camp Mackall, NC to Camp Campbell, Ken., where he is in the armored tank force. Pvt. Boehmer entered the service in September 1943. He is spending several weeks at Camp Benning, Ga., before going to his new location.

Storekeeper I/C Carl McLaughlin and his wife (Frances Lau) are spending a brief leave in Salem with Mrs. McLaughlin's mother, Mrs. Ethel Lau. He has been stationed at Brown field, Otay Mesa.

A purple heart, awarded to Sgt. James R. Sewell has been received by his sister, Mrs. Leonard Greig, 841 South street. Sgt. Sewell was wounded in Italy January 30 and is still in the hospital. Mrs. Greig's husband, a lieutenant, has been transferred from Camp Callan, Calif., to Fort Bliss, Texas.

MT. ANGEL—T. Cpl. Alvin Saalfeld left here Monday to return to his army base in Mississippi after a week's visit here with his wife, parents, and other relatives. Cpl. Saalfeld has been in the army since last fall.

PORTLAND, March 20—(P)—Enlistments in the navy's ship repair unit as announced today by the navy recruiting station here:

Walter M. Foley, Albany; Robert E. Lyday, Philomath; Quentin B. Smith, Salem, and Byron W. Stearns, Sherwood.

Mentioned in dispatches as leading navy planes in a recent raid over Paramushiro Jap stronghold in the Kurile islands is Lt. Cmdr. William R. Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stevens, 1911 North 19th street, and husband of Mrs. Katherine Stevens, 1815 South Church street.

Lt. Cmdr. Stevens, while never a resident of Salem, has been a frequent visitor here. He graduated from the naval academy at Annapolis in 1937 and transferred to the air corps in 1939.

All planes returned safely from the mission in which he was involved.

Cpl. Riley LaVex Applegate, son of Mrs. Gladys M. Jewell, route 5, box P, Salem, has reported to Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., where determination will be made of his qualifications as an aviation cadet. He will next be sent to a school for five months of further study or directly to a pre-flight center for cadet training.

TURNER—Lt. Harlan M. Bones, son of Mrs. Maude Bones is home on leave. He has been in Africa and Italy. Lt. Bones left the North African war theatre February 9 in charge of a contingent of German prisoners of war being transferred to this country. He will report to a new station in California after his leave.

Lt. Bones enlisted with the seventh infantry at Vancouver, Wash., later was transferred to the Hawaiian islands where he served 27 months with the artillery and military police. After Pearl Harbor he attended officers training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., was commissioned in October, 1942. While in Africa he served as commanding officer of the 100th provisional military police detachment.

Keith Bones, a younger brother, who is attending Hill military academy in Portland is also home on vacation.

PORTLAND, March 20—(P)—Pharmacist's Mate Charles M. Charlton, former Salem fireman, has been awarded the silver star for braving Japanese fire on Tarawa to save a wounded marine.

Mrs. Ha M. Foster of Portland, Charlton's sister, said today. The award, she said, was made by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.



MONMOUTH—Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Mull of Monmouth are at home on furlough. Cpl. Darrel C. Mull (left) has been stationed the past two years at Dutch Harbor, Alaska. This is his first furlough home in that time. He brought home with him a canteen which he carried in action and which was shot off the pack strap by a Jap bullet. He thinks they almost went into a huddle, the canteen and himself, Jack Mull, a younger brother (right), has been at Farragut, Idaho, since January 17, 1944, where he is qualifying for sounding school in the naval department.



Crop Plantings May Be Short Of 1944 Goals

WASHINGTON, March 20—(P)—The agriculture department reported today that 1944 crop plantings, reflecting mounting farmer concern over labor and machine shortages, may fall short of government goals on many vital foods and the wheat crop may be the smallest since 1939.

A department survey based on March 1 plans of representative farmers indicated the area to be planted may reach 374,000,000 acres compared with a goal of 380,000,000 acres and with last year's plantings of 361,000,000 acres.

Much of the indicated increase will be devoted to feed crops, however, requiring less labor rather than direct food crops where the government wanted increases. Only in oats, rice and sorghums do prospective plantings equal or exceed war food administration goals. Crops likely to fall below goals include soybeans, peanuts, corn, wheat, barley, flaxseed, potatoes, sweet potatoes, drybeans and peas, tobacco, hay and sugarbeets. No report on the prospective cotton acreage was given. Unofficial reports indicate it will not exceed last year's.

The department said the wheat crop may not exceed 750,000,000 bushels unless the weather is unusually favorable. That size crop would be below requirements. Production last year totaled 836,000,000 bushels.

While the indicated corn acreage was slightly below the goal, the department said, if yields equal the 1939-42 average, production will total 3,126,000,000 bushels. The department report indicated farmers are pushing production close to the limits of their resources.

"There seems to be a general fear," the report said, "that there will be an inadequate supply of labor needed during short periods for harvesting certain crops which are dependent on seasonal labor." Uncertainties over draft status of deferred farm workers were reported in all states.

Civil Air Patrol League Forms

Formation of a national organization to be known as the civil air patrol, incorporated, is announced by Lt. J. E. Cannon, commander of the Salem unit of the civil air patrol. The primary function of the league, as outlined by Thomas H. Beck, president, is to support and aid the nationwide CAP cadet program.

The educational program includes instruction by adult members of the CAP in such subjects

Jefferson Star Has Initiation Meeting

JEFFERSON—Euclid chapter Eastern Star met Tuesday night, initiated two candidates, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Terhune. Baskets of spring flowers were attractively arranged in the chapter room for the occasion. A comical skit was presented by Earl Steiwer and John Terhune. Members of the Albany chapter were visitors, as also were Mr. and Mrs. Milo Bartu and Mrs. Jessie Smith of Covallis; and other visitors from Turner and Stayton.

Refreshments were served in the dining room, at tables decorated with spring flowers and St. Patrick's day favors. The refreshment committee included Mrs. George Mason, Mrs. Edith Wall, Mrs. Karl Eteiwier, Mrs. Rex Hartley, Mrs. Earl Phelps, and Mrs. Sanders. Sixty four members and visitors were present.

April 18 Last Day For Registration

Registration books for the primary election in all Oregon counties will close April 18, Dave O'Hara, in charge of the state elections bureau, announced here Monday.

O'Hara predicted that the registration for this year's primary election would show an increase when compared with that for the primary election two years ago. He indicated this would be due to the presidential preference election and the fact that two United States senators are to be nominated.

Congressmen's Votes Listed

WASHINGTON, March 20—(P)—Roll calls in congress the week ending March 15 showed Oregon members voted as follows:

House—on adoption of soldiers vote conference report, approved 273 to 111.

Yes: Angell, Ellsworth, Mott. Not listed: Stockman.

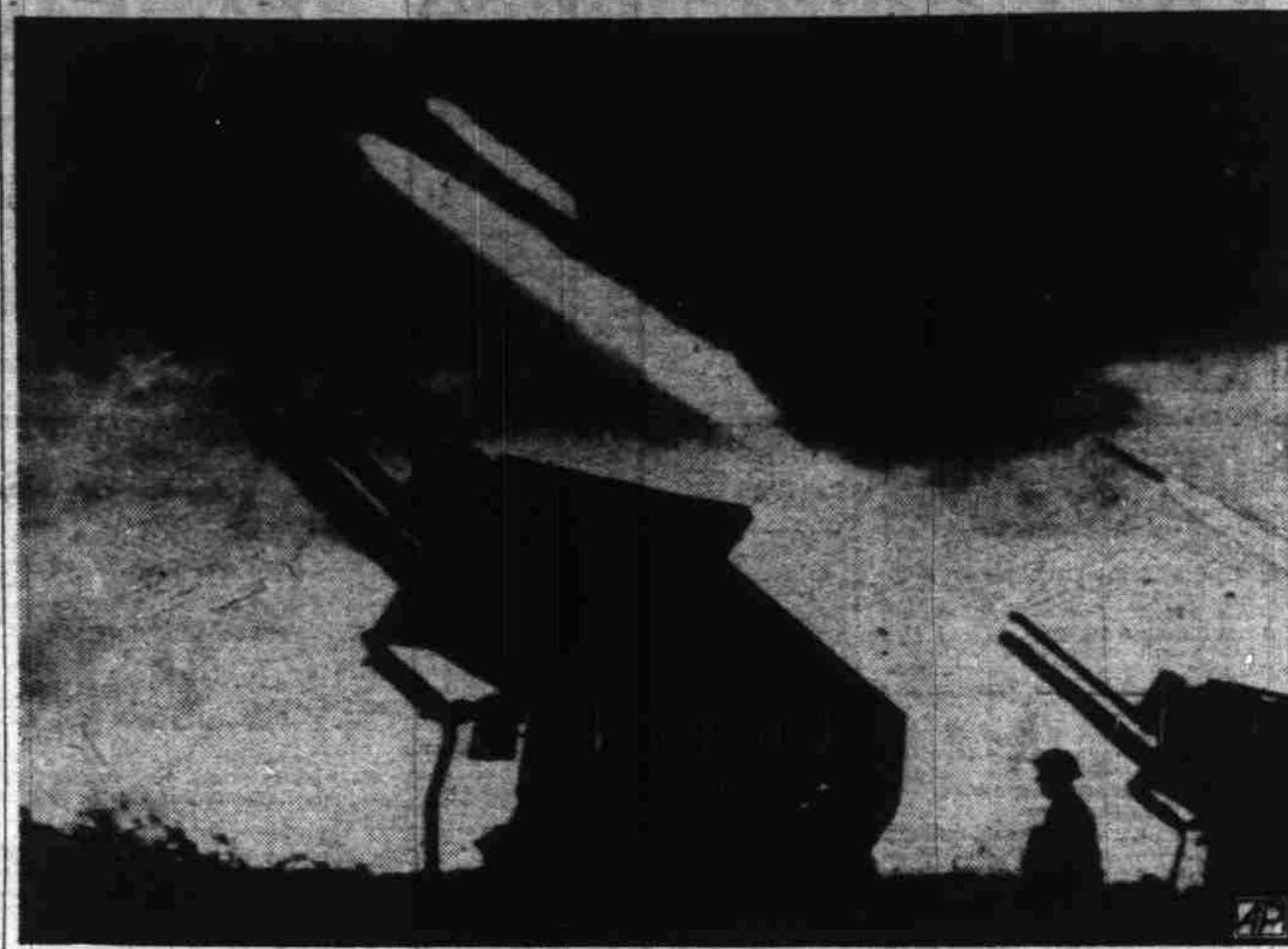
In the senate, where the conference report was adopted 47 to 31, both senators Holman and Cordon voted yes.

In the house: to amend the first deficiency bill to increase to \$127,500,000 the amount in the bill (HR4346) for community facilities passed 264 to 15. Yes: Mott, Not voting: Angell, Ellsworth, Stockman.

To recommit the deficiency bill, No: Mott. Not voting: Angell, Ellsworth, Stockman.

To investigate conditions of Indians: Yes: Angell, Ellsworth, Mott. Not voting: Stockman.

This Is How British Rockets 'Whoosh' at the Enemy



A view of rockets leaving a spectacular path as big projectiles are fired as part of a London barrage of air defenses is shown. Publication of this picture, sent by radio from London, has been approved. Details of the rockets' construction, range and operation still are secret. (AP Wirephoto via radio from London)

British Using Rocket Guns Since War's Start; Fueled in US

By JAMES F. KING

LONDON, March 20—(P)—Britain officially disclosed tonight that she has been using rocket guns effectively against German planes since the very outset of the war—steadily improving them, and now is using a propellant material manufactured in the US middle west.

While this was the first official announcement of the rocket guns and included details never hitherto mentioned, an unofficial report on their use against German raiders was allowed to be cabled to the United States on February 24. That report included mention that five years of work had gone into the device and that tests had been made in Jamaica.

Tonight's announcement said the rockets were in use "in various theatres of operations" and called the propellant "one of the most effective yet known."

Disclosure that this rocket fuel was being made in America was

a clear sign that the US army also is using rocket guns.

"How much the rocket batteries have contributed to the defense of Britain cannot yet be disclosed," the military statement said. "The number of kills, however, is proof that they are a very potent weapon."

The rocket barrage touches off virtually an umbrella of explosives—and in some respects is even a more terrifying sound than the crash of bombs. Even blitz-hardened veterans find it hard to distinguish the rockets from the sound of bombs by their roar.

A sheet of shrapnel comes down from the exploding rocket projectiles like hail pelting a tin roof.

From the days of Munich, the announcement disclosed, Britain was ready to begin turning out rockets in mass production after secret tests in Jamaica.

Workmen were trained in their manufacture, and for three years have been making them without

knowing just what this funny-looking weapon was; all they knew was they repeatedly were cautioned to use painstaking care.

The rockets originally were designed to hold off low-flying dive-bombers; but since the spring of 1941 they have been used with great success against high-flying bombers.

Rockets themselves are not new, and were used hundreds of years ago by the Chinese for fireworks. But development of the modern rocket as weapon really began in 1934, the British said, when they learned that "the Germans were beginning to take keen interest" in them and "we determined not to be left behind, and steps immediately were taken to institute research."

Portland Mishap Brings Tenth Traffic Death

PORTLAND, March 20—(P)—Portland's 1944 traffic toll rose to 10 with the death of Verna Bergquist, 32, in an automobile-truck collision today.



SOUTH OF THE BORDER, TOO, our war trains roll

Do you know of the close teamwork achieved by Mexico and the United States in this war?

Picturesque areas of Mexico now provide materials for U. S. war production and foods in amazing variety, while products required by Mexico are moving south. As is the custom of good neighbors, we supply each other's needs.

Important factors in this international teamwork are the railroads linking our two countries . . . Southern Pacific in the United States, Sud Pacifico de Mexico, and the National Railways of Mexico. These railroads work together in transporting products of our two countries.



Sud Pacifico de Mexico, as you may know, is S.P.'s scenic and interesting West Coast of Mexico route. Crossing the border at Nogales, Arizona, this 1100-mile route runs south to Guadalajara. It

passes through the cactus forests of Sonora and rich agricultural regions . . . touches at the tropic seaports of Guaymas and Mazatlan . . . climbs into the wild Barrancas (gorges) where breathtaking vistas are revealed at every turn.

Ours is the only U. S. railroad with a line in Mexico. And from our daily contacts there we can report to you that wartime Mexico is still a land of special charm and friendliness.

The People of Mexico, like ourselves, are very busy now . . .

Lovely Michoacan, where peacetime tourists saw the "Dance of the Old Men," is furnishing resin and turpentine. Blue Gulf waters off Guaymas, Topolobampo and Mazatlan, famed for marlin and sailfish, yield vitamin-rich shark oil.

Mercury, silver and tungsten come from the quaint old hill town of Taxco. Manganese from Jalisco, Durango and Chihuahua. Mahogany and balsa woods from Tehuantepec. Henequin fiber for rope from Yucatan peninsula where ancient Mayan cities lie in awesome ruins.

Acapulco, in the tropic zone, sends us bananas, limes and coconuts. We are receiving coffee from Orizaba and Cordoba, and cattle, tomatoes, garbanzos from Mexico's fertile west coast.

From Guadalajara, southern terminus of Sud Pacifico de Mexico, Mexico City is an overnight trip via the National Railways of Mexico. The National Railways are also linked with our lines at El Paso, and at other border points served by S.P.'s Sunset and Golden State routes.

We cannot ask you to travel now, because of our great war load. But when peace comes again we hope you'll ride with us to Mexico.

They have a proverb there: "Once the dust of Mexico has settled on your heart, you have no peace in any other land."

To learn how true this proverb is, invest in War Bonds now. For War Bonds will make possible fine train trips after the war, when you can make such trips with a clear conscience.

S.P.
The friendly Southern Pacific

Tune in "The Main Line," Wed. 8 p. m., KALE

Another BIG Farm Production YEAR AHEAD!

YES, Mr. Farmer, again the nation calls upon you to do your "mightiest" in providing food for our armed forces . . . for the home front . . . and for our allies! You may count on our financial cooperation, too . . . in every practicable way.

Ladd & Bush-Salem Branch of the UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK of Portland

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION