

Rickreall Man Praises Yank Ammunition

A SOUTHWEST BASE, May 25 (AP)—American equipment has won the respect of soldiers fighting in the damp climates of South Pacific areas, who have found their own methods of keeping delicate parts and finely machined weapons in fighting trim.

Major Ralph Dempsey, ordnance department, Rickreall, Ore., said the percentage of duds in artillery ammunition, which must be handled several times before it reaches the front from the factory, is extremely low. Each round is packed in a waterproof case until just before it is fired. He said that in his experience he had found the percentage of duds to be less than 2 per cent, while in one lot of 400 Japanese artillery shells captured, at least half were duds.

Other officers praised the quality of workmanship on weapons, equipment and ammunition and said that the knowledge that American equipment is generally superior to that of the Japanese gives added confidence to the men who use it.

A veteran ordnance officer, Lieut. Col. C. E. Peterson, 1669 Ardath street, Wichita Falls, Texas, recently reported that soldiers had all but overcome the ever-present rust and mold in the hot, muggy climate of the area. He ascribed their success to constant preventive maintenance—routine cleaning, oiling, and replacement of parts.

Soldiers like the Garand rifle best for general utility, he said, but prefer the carbine for patrol work because it is light, accurate, and has an instantly available volume of fire power necessary for close, surprise fighting. Herebefore, he added, soldiers have grudgingly carried the automatic rifle, or bar, because of its weight, but its accurate blast of rapid fire has won their respect.

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



Dudley Bullock has qualified for fireman 2/c, one of four men in the entire 463rd company to qualify. He will be home on leave early in June and then enroute for the Shoemaker, Calif., school.

Francis A. M. Meier, fireman 2/c, US navy, is training with the amphibious forces of the marine corps at Norfolk, Va. He recently completed a six-months' training period at Farragut, Idaho. His wife lived at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, while he was at Farragut, but she has returned to Salem for a little while before she goes east to join him. Meier was a driver for the Oregon Motor Stages before he entered the service nine months ago.

Cpl. Robert I. Becroft has graduated from the communication department of the armored school at Fort Knox, Ky. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Becroft of 1940 Royal street, Salem.

Lt. Donald Treadgold visited briefly with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Hubbs, on his way to his home in Eugene. Treadgold is stationed with an eastern army camp.



BETHEL—Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lauderback have a letter from their son in the service in England. He has received promotion and is now Sgt. Dean Lauderback, depot repair squadron, Ninth air force. He sent an insignia patch like the one he now wears. He is well, working hard, and wishes the big push would start.

Dean had been troubled with colds and wrote his mother to send cold remedies, which she did. He wrote that it must have been the generous supply on hand which did the trick, for he had not had a sniffle since the parcel arrived.

Two Salem men, Dean Ellis, 2/c seaman, and "Nick" Phillip Schramm, 2/c aviation machinist's mate, met each other at the Norman, Okla., navy school recently. Ellis, who is studying to be an ordnance man, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ellis, route one, while Schramm's parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Schramm of Salem. Ellis wrote his parents of the meeting.

E. E. Beckman has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, according to a letter he wrote his mother, Mrs. Anna Beckman, from Gulfport, Miss. He was transferred to that post recently from the army air base at Decker, Texas.

Allen Newcomer, boatswain's mate second class, US navy, is spending a 20-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Newcomer, 1945 West Nob Hill. He came home from his New York base accompanied by his aunt, Miss Mary Berkey, and nephew, Robert Berkey, of Wakarusa, Ind.

Pvt. Alden H. Cooper, 21, is doing his recruit training at the San Diego marine corps base. His wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George I. Cooper, live on route one.

Oliver C. Jessup, now stationed in Italy, has been promoted from the rank of first lieutenant to captain. Capt. Jessup has been in the army a year and a half. His wife, a former Salem resident who now makes her home in Portland, had word of his promotion.

Pvt. Bob Hinkle will receive five weeks of infantry training and 11 weeks of military police training at his present station in Fort Custer, Mich. Hinkle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Hinkle.

Sgt. and Mrs. John Zumstein are visiting their parents in Salem during Zumstein's furlough from his duties as a specialist aerial gunnery instructor at the Tyndall field air base in Florida. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zumstein, 2010 North Liberty street, while Mrs. Zumstein is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Zielinski, route seven. Before Sgt. Zumstein entered the service, the couple lived in the Hayesville district.

Any person 16 years of age or older interested in becoming more highly skilled as a machinist is eligible, he explained. Lathes, drill presses, shaper, various measuring tools and even the latest type of contour cutting machine are available for the classes.

Operating on a five-day week, six hours a day, the class is arranged so that schedules may be worked out with each trainee individually to accommodate his work schedule.

Persons interested may secure more information by calling office, 6737, or going to the 14th and D streets district, 4 p. m. to 10 p. m.

State to Stop Direct Flax Industry Help

The state of Oregon, which has fostered and provided expert advice for private as well as state-operated flax plants, should henceforth not have to go too far out of its way to aid the industry, board of control members intimated Thursday as they instructed L. J. DeMytt, flax au-

thority at the penitentiary plant, to limit his ports of call to state plants and the growers from which those plants buy unless asked for assistance and advice.

Of the 12 plants in Oregon, all located in the Willamette valley, nine are owned entirely by private capital. Approximately 8000 of the more than 18,000 miles DeMytt drove last year in his own car on flax business was for visits to plants outside the penitentiary grounds.

Cancellation of the calls to the nine plants may not mean cancellation of the entire 8000 miles of car operation, since the state is financially interested in three plants outside the penitentiary.

The discussion arose with presentation of a study of mileage figures and the request that the state provide a car for the flax operations. The board voted to ask for a ration permit for purchase of another car for the penitentiary with the understanding that if the car is purchased one of the prison cars will be made available for DeMytt's state flax business trips.

7 Girls Graduate From Hillcrest

Seven girls are members of the grammar school graduating class which will hold its commencement exercises this afternoon at Hillcrest school, with State Treasurer Leslie Scott as the speaker.

Chorus and vocal solo numbers will feature the program, to be held outdoors on the lawn.

Members of the class and their mothers will have corsages, and a number of guests have been invited to tea.

Palmer Hoyt Receives Plaque From GOP's

PORTLAND, Ore., May 25 (AP)—Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Oregonian, received a plaque from the Multnomah county republican executive committee, in appreciation of an address at the party's Lincoln day banquet.

The committee was so impressed with the address that copies have been distributed to republican leaders all over the nation, and much laudatory comment has been received.

Deaf School Graduates 6

Six seniors will receive diplomas at graduation exercises scheduled for 8 o'clock tonight at the Oregon State School for the Deaf, Carl E. Aschenbrenner, principal of Parrish junior high school will deliver the address, and friends are invited to attend the program.

Exhibits showing work done in the vocational department will be arranged in the school parlors.

Graduates are Clyde Randolph Ketchum of Vale, Lewis Harvey Kuenzi of Silverton, Reta Jewell Toombs of Salem, Betty Lee Turner of Lakeview, Beverly Jean Pettit of Portland and Marguerite Troyer of Albany.

Portland Man Gets SAR Vice-Presidency

Alfred F. Parker of Portland was elected vice president-general for the Pacific coast district at the 55th annual congress of the national society Sons of the American Revolution held in Harrisburg, Pa., on May 19. The honor came as an unsolicited recognition of Mr. Parker, who was not in attendance at the congress but was busy at his office when the vote was taken. The states of Oregon, California, Washington and Nevada and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii comprise the western district.

Working in Italy



WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—Serving as a radio maintenance man near the Fifth army front in Italy, Sgt. Joe E. Dehler of Mt. Angel, Ore., checks transmitters in a radio room built onto a tank. Sgt. Dehler and his crew have been under fire many times, including the north African landings and the Sicilian invasion. Sgt. Dehler is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Dehler and a brother of Miss Theresa Dehler, principal of St. Mary's school of Mt. Angel. Before Mr. Dehler, he attended St. Mary's school and Mt. Angel college and later graduated from St. Martin's college at Lacey, Wash., majoring in engineering. He entered the service in March, 1942, and was stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., where he took a special-advance course in radio. The next fall he was a member of the first American invasion force and likewise took part in the successive Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

AT **PENNEY'S** MAY... Open Door to Summer

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NAVY

To young men of Salem and the Willamette Valley—
Formation of a complete company of 17-year-old Navy enlistees, to embark for recruit training at Camp Farragut June 5, now is nearing completion.

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