

Yankee Forces Within 1 1/2 Mi. Of Biak Field

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Wednesday, June 7.—Hard-fighting Yankee forces within 1 1/2 miles of Biak field on Biak in the Schouten islands now have battled to within a mile and half of their objective, headquarters announced today.

The advance was scored by a flanking force along cliffs dominating the airfield, a base coveted because it would put the Americans within good bombing range of the Philippines.

On another invasion beachhead 200 miles to the southeast at Mafin Bay, Dutch New Guinea, 107 Japanese were slain Sunday as the Yanks there repulsed a counter-attack.

At still another invasion point to the southeast in the Hollandia-Aitape vicinity, patrols killed 283 Japanese, found 106 more dead and took 33 more prisoners.

The enemy airforce, out in greater force than it has risked in many months, was reported in today's communique to have "twice ineffectively raided our positions" in the Schoutens, a group of islands in the Grootvink bay off north Dutch New Guinea. One was downed by anti-aircraft.

Ten other Japanese planes resisted Liberator bombings of rear positions. One interceptor was shot down, three others probably.

The Yanks, nearing Mokmer along the time-killing ridge route encountered slight opposition but the Japanese still barred the easier shore road approach where the first American thrust toward the airfield was beaten back bloodily a week ago. Yanks moving down that road reached within half a mile of Mokmer before the Japanese cut them to pieces from dominating cliffs.

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



A US NINTH AIR FORCE BOMBER BASE, England — Back in peace time it was Paul L. Harrison and Claude L. Maedke attending Grant high school in Portland. Now it's First Lt. Harrison and First Lt. Maedke, still together, flying in the pilot's compartment of the Ninth air force medium bomber Ma-rauder "Miss Safan."

Recently Lt. Harrison, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Harrison, 636 State street, Salem and Lt. Maedke, 2726 NE 8th avenue, Portland, were awarded the distinguished flying cross, army air force's highest award, for extraordinary meritorious achievement while participating in bombing missions to enemy targets.

Lt. Harrison, pilot of "Miss Safan", former student at the University of Oregon, has been on 51 bombing missions to various important targets in France, Belgium and Holland. Lt. Maedke, co-pilot and former student at Portland university, has 49 bombing missions to his credit.

The Oregonians have been commended by Air Chief Marshall Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory, air commander in chief of the allied expeditionary air force, for their part in "concentrated, determined and skillful efforts against special targets in northern France."

First Lt. Albert J. Huhndorf of Gaston, Ore., has been awarded two Oak Leaf Clusters in the south Pacific area. The clusters were bestowed at services held May 12 by Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commander of US army forces for meritorious achievement as a navigator bombardier with the 13th AAF from November 7 to December 10, 1943, and again from December 14 to December 24.

The Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu of an additional air medal for action in sustained combat operational missions of hazardous nature.

Oren C. McDowell, Jr., serving at headquarters battery here was recently promoted to technical sergeant. He is serving with the 509th AAA battalion.

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA — Lt. Gen. George G. Kenney, commander of the allied air forces in the southwest Pacific, has awarded an air medal to First Lt. Lawrence N. Schade, 592 North Summer street, Salem, Ore. The citation is as follows: For meritorious achievement while par-

icipating in an aerial flight northeast of New Ireland on 19 February 1944. These officers and enlisted men were on the crew of the leading B-25 on a strike against enemy shipping reported near Kaut Bay. Prior to sighting the convoy, a hostile subchaser was observed and immediately a strafing and bombing run was made, scoring a direct hit that completely destroyed the vessel. After reforming, the formation attacked the main body of Japanese ships. Since their own bomb load was expended, this crew singled out an escorting destroyer, which was throwing up an intense anti-aircraft barrage, and pressed twelve low-altitude strafing runs, silencing all of the warship's guns and thereby aiding the other planes in making smooth bombing runs on the convoy. The courage and devotion to duty displayed on this occasion are worthy of commendation.

Pvt. Leo O. Reed, army air forces reserve, is entraining June 8 for Fort Lewis, Wash., and from there he will be transferred to some air base where he will receive his pre-aviation cadet basic training. Pvt. Reed enlisted as an aviation cadet in the army air forces reserve Oct. 28, 1943. He was left in inactive status until his graduation from Salem high school.

A/C LeRoy A. Farmer, 1345 Pearl street, Salem, is now stationed at Coleman, Tex., for primary training as a bomber pilot, according to his wife. She and son Michael leave next week to be with the cadet. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis of LaCrosse, Kas.

An Eighth AAF Bomber Station, England.—The promotion of Gordon L. Tricker, 22, of Salem, Ore., a Flying Fortress engineer and top-turret-gunner, from the grade of sergeant to staff sergeant, has been announced by Eighth AAF headquarters in England.

S/Sgt. Tricker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Tricker, of 804 North 14th street, Salem, Ore., a former student at Salem junior and senior high schools, the sergeant was employed as a mechanic with the Pan-American Airways, before he entered the AAF.

HEADQUARTERS, 12th Fighter Command—Sgt. Robert J. Gallagher, 1516 North Commercial street, Salem, Ore., was recently awarded a good conduct medal while serving with a night fighter squadron in Italy. His squadron is part of the 12th fighter command, the AAF component of Mediterranean allied coastal air force. It is engaged in the protection of allied convoys, shipping and the interception and destruction of enemy aircraft, installations and shipping in that theatre.

Tech. Sgt. Walter Ramey will be stationed in South Carolina. He will be joined by his wife, the former Betty Reetz. The couple were married June 16. Ramey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ramey of Canby.

No. 51-49
Synopsis of Annual Statement of The Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, on the thirty-first day of December, 1943, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Amount of capital stock paid up, \$20,000,000.00.
INCOME
Total premium income for the year, \$113,423,122.10.
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year, \$30,791,657.36.
Income Accident Department, \$91,740,859.59.
Income from other sources received during the year, \$28,282,347.84.
Total income, \$173,218,527.80.

DISBURSEMENTS
Paid for losses, endorsements, annuities and surrender values, \$77,859,271.94.
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year, \$10,981,337.54.
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year, \$4,212,699.89.
Disbursements - Accident Department, \$75,206,482.86.
Amount of all other expenditures, \$22,084,367.52.
Total expenditures, \$110,549,063.05.

ASSETS
Value of real estate owned (market value), \$3,512,516.44.
Loans on mortgages, \$150,273,306.26.
Value of bonds owned (amortized), \$902,827,863.90.
Value of stocks owned (market value), \$24,916,702.00.
Policy loans, \$82,581,405.45.
Cash in banks and on hand, \$11,845,374.11.
Interest and rents due and accrued, \$6,389,864.59.
Net uncollected and deferred premiums, \$1,366,510.25.
Admitted Assets - Accident Department, \$174,266,255.73.
Other assets (net), \$126,012.00.
Total admitted assets, \$1,215,815,673.59.

LIABILITIES
Gross claims for losses unpaid, \$11,196,274.00.
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks, \$20,655,577.14.
Salaries, rents, etc., \$180,531.20.
Due for commission and brokerage, \$68,961.63.
All other liabilities, including taxes \$657,742.84, \$2,017,621.86.
Special reserve, \$1,836,823.64.
Total liabilities, except capital, \$28,418,182.49.
Capital paid up, \$2,000,000.00.
Surplus over all liabilities, \$1,656,801.42.
Surplus as regards policyholders, \$1,266,591.42.
Total, \$1,217,873.59.

First Lt. Robert H. Epler, MC, has graduated from the medical service school at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Epler received his MD degree from the University of Oregon. His home is at 879 North Liberty, Salem.

SPRING VALLEY—Cpl. Richard Sushlich of Treasure Island, Calif., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sushlich, here while on leave. He enlisted six months ago.

Pfc. Clarence Lynch, who is stationed at Seattle, spent the weekend at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary M. Lynch. He also visited his son, Norman Lynch of West Salem, and his sister, Mrs. Thomas Murhammer and family of the Keizer district.

GATES—Mr. and Mrs. Al Carey of Gates may well be proud of their three sons, all of whom are making good in some sort of schooling in the armed forces. Gail Carey is a graduate from officers' candidate school at Fort Belvoir, Va., and has been transferred to advanced schooling at Fort Butler, SC. Norman Carey has recently entered officers' candidate school at Fort Benning, Ga. Donald Carey has completed his college course at Cedar City, Utah, and is transferred to navigators' school at Santa Ana, Calif.

UNIONVALE—Charles Launer, CM 1/c, is spending a 10-day leave from Camp Parks, Ga., at the home of his mother, Mrs. Carl Launer, and other relatives residing at Unionvale. Charles' uncle and aunt entertained members of the family Sunday while his sister, Mrs. Robert Smith of Boise, Idaho, is on her way to Unionvale to visit. Launer has been in the navy since July, 1942, and was stationed in the Aleutians for some time.

GRAND ISLAND—Leonard Will, Mo. MM 1/c, is serving the navy in the Atlantic area and reports he is well and happy in a recent message to his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Will. Cecil Will, cousin of Leonard and who holds the same rating in aviation, is stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas, and is enjoying his work, a letter received recently informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Will.

Aviation Cadet Lee C. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman McDonald, 939 Parrish street, has completed his pre-flight training at Santa Ana, Calif., and has arrived at the Rankin Aeronautical academy, Tulare, Calif., where he will receive a 10 weeks course of primary flight training. This academy is operated by J. G. "Tex" Rankin, world champion acrobatic pilot and a teacher of flying for the past 25 years.

An Air Service Command Depot, "Somewhere in England" — Sgt. Francis W. Niemi, husband of Mrs. Ruth Niemi of Turner, Ore., is

No. 46-44
Synopsis of Annual Statement of the Monarch Life Insurance Company of Springfield, in the State of Massachusetts, on the thirty-first day of December, 1943, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Amount of capital stock paid up, \$445,000.00.
INCOME
Total premium income for the year, \$1,028,717.38, A & H \$4,115,017.15, \$3,194,724.82.
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year, \$308,214.00.
Income from other sources received during the year, \$129,818.79.
Total income, \$1,466,750.17.

DISBURSEMENTS
Paid for losses, endorsements, annuities and surrender values, \$905,717.94.
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year, \$44,500.00.
Commissions and salaries paid during the year, \$197,784.84.
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year, \$20,526.90.
Amount of all other expenditures, \$195,016.12.
Total disbursements, \$1,563,525.78.
Total expenditures, \$4,231,582.96.

ASSETS
Value of real estate owned (market value) \$317,883.00.
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc., \$22,500.00.
Value of bonds owned (amortized), \$6,255,317.
Value of stocks owned (market value), None.
Premium notes and policy loans, \$4,181,858.17.
Cash in banks and on hand, \$632,115.88.
Interest and rents due and accrued, \$86,534.49.
Net uncollected and deferred premiums, \$228,667.75.
Other assets (net), \$6,294.50.
Total admitted assets, \$10,370,881.41.

LIABILITIES
Net reserves, \$5,248,979.85.
Gross claims for losses unpaid, \$31,149.89.
Value of other liabilities, \$36,801.51.
Accident and Health Department, \$2,301,589.20.
Total liabilities, except capital, \$8,318,889.45.
Capital paid up, \$445,000.00.
Surplus over all liabilities, \$1,606,591.96.
Surplus as regards policyholders, \$2,022,181.26.
Total, \$10,370,881.41.

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR
Net premiums and annuities received during the year, \$1,911.76.
Dividends paid during the year, \$20.87.
Net losses and claims, endorsements, surrenders, and annuities paid during the year, \$435,655.68.
Name of Company, The Travelers Insurance Company.
Name of President, L. Edmund Zacher.
Name of Vice President and Secretary, Robert D. Safford.
Statutory resident attorney for service, Phil Grossmayer Co.
The Travelers Fire Insurance Company, Phil Grossmayer Co., General Agents, 418 S. W. 9th Ave., Portland, Oregon.

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Net losses paid during the year, \$216,165.83.
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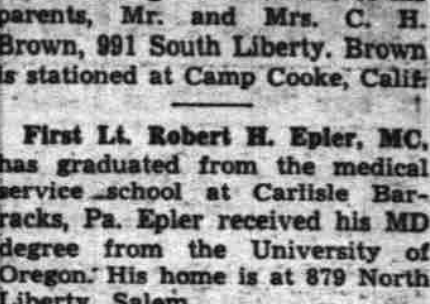
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Flowers for Yank



An Italian youth gives a bouquet of flowers to an American soldier who rests before his tank which has halted on the edge of Rome on route 6. Allied Fifth army troops entered the city limits of the Italian capital Sunday, hard on the heels of the fleeing German army. (AP Wirephoto from signal corps radiophoto)

now overseas working with the inspection department at an air service command depot.

Before any of the bombers or fighters which have been assembled, modified or repaired at this depot can be ferried to a bomber or fighter base for combat they are given a careful and complete going over. They are never released from the depot unless they are 100 per cent perfect.

Sgt. Niemi is one of the men recently commended by Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commanding general of the United States strategic air forces in Europe, when production at the depot increased by over 100 per cent. Part of the credit for this increase belongs to the inspection department, which routes work through the air service command depot and makes suggestions on improving the quality and quantity of work.

Before entering the army he attended the Taft high school in Taft, Ore.

An Eighth AAF Bomber Station, England. — For "meritorious achievement" while participating

State Court Has Busy Day With Decisions

Appeal was dismissed in the case of Barion vs. Coos Bay Farmers cooperative by the state supreme court Tuesday morning.

The state supreme court Tuesday set aside a divorce decree granted to Cecil E. Nichols, Clatsop county, against Margaret Nichols, together with an order awarding him the custody of three minor children, and allowed her to file an answer and cross-complaint reopening the entire proceeding on the ground of fraud.

A year after receiving the divorce decree by default Nichols petitioned for custody of the three children who previously had been placed in the care of their mother, and the petition was granted by the court. Mrs. Nichols then appealed to the supreme court from both lower court decrees.

The opinion, written by Justice Harry Belt, reversed Circuit Judge Howard Zimmerman of Clatsop county.

The supreme court also reversed and remanded the case of R. Fisher against J. H. Lane and Mrs. M. L. Dobkins, formerly M. L. Lane, doing business as the Corvallis Credit Bureau, to recover certain statutory fees alleged to be due the plaintiff as justice of the peace. The lower court held for the credit bureau.

The opinion was written by Justice James T. Brand and reversed Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling.

Another opinion reversed Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson, Hood River county, in the case of Gertrude Benson vs. William E. Williams, executor of the estate of Elizabeth M. Buelow, and William E. Williams and C. D. Nichelsen, trustees of the said estate, Frances Benson and Elfrida Wostl, defendants.

This case involved specific performance of an alleged oral contract whereby the plaintiff's mother, Elizabeth M. Buelow, now deceased, agreed to devise to plaintiff certain property in Hood River county. The lower court held for the plaintiff. Chief Justice J. O. Bailey wrote the supreme court opinion.

Petition for rehearing was denied in the case of Hotelling against Walther.

State Equalization Board Slates Conclave

The state board of equalization, composed of members of the state tax commission, will open its annual sessions here next Monday.

Three utilities already have filed applications for tax hearings. The state equalization board considers tax disputes appealed from county assessment boards and original requests for reviews of valuations for tax purposes.

Roy Calavan Settles Suit

Roy Earl Calavan, 18, through his mother and guardian, Mrs. Mildred S. Calavan, settled his suit against Chester C. Merrick for injuries out of court upon payment of \$140.

The accident occurred October 29, 1943, on the Salem-Silverton road, about 12 miles east of Salem. Young Calavan was driving a car which collided with another car owned and operated by Merrick. Merrick denied any and all liability for any injuries resulting from the accident, but both parties wished to effect a compromise.

Mrs. Calavan was appointed guardian of her son by Judge George R. Duncan Tuesday so that she might act in the boy's behalf, and the settlement was made.

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Employment or S. F. Representative
W. C. Murphey,
219 S. W. 9th, Portland, Oregon.

Page Grants Harden Parole

Walter G. Harden was sentenced Tuesday to two years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary by Judge E. M. Page, who then ordered Harden released on parole to the state board of parole and probation for the term of his sentence. Harden pleaded guilty to the charge of perjury after information on the case was filed by the district attorney. Harden waived further time in which to enter a plea, and also waived counsel or the finding and presentment of an indictment by the grand jury.

Conditions of the parole are that Harden is to reimburse William Noble for losses which Noble sustained through Harden's trade-in of a car to which Noble held title, and that he is to return to work for Noble at once. Harden is also to reimburse the state for the expenses of the county sheriff in bringing him back from Alturas, Calif., but payment may be made in installments at the discretion of the parole board. He is to break no laws of the United States or any municipality, and is to remain in the legal custody of the parole board during his time of parole.

Harden had borrowed money from a bank at Monmouth which Noble, his employer, co-signed for, receiving title to Harden's car as security. Afterwards Harden swore he had lost the certificate of title to his car and received another at the office of the secretary of state. Later he went down to California where he was arrested for perjury himself in regard to the title of the car.

No. 45-43
Synopsis of Annual Statement of The Massachusetts Protective Life Assurance Company of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, on the thirty-first day of December, 1943, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Amount of capital stock paid up, \$300,000.00.
INCOME
Total premium income for the year, \$1,429,012.03.
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year, \$118,132.79.
Income from other sources received during the year, \$108,117.82.
Total income, \$1,655,262.64.

DISBURSEMENTS
Paid for losses, endorsements, annuities and surrender values, \$1,038,000.00.
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year, \$108,000.00.
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year, \$40,966.94.
Amount of all other expenditures, \$150,981.83.
Total expenditures, \$1,247,952.87.

ASSETS
Value of real estate owned (market value), \$1,149.13.
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc., \$629,543.22.
Value of bonds owned (amortized), \$8,274,358.46.
Value of stocks owned (market value), \$638,013.70.
Premium notes and policy loans, \$97,479.45.
Cash in banks and on hand, \$662,242.17.
Interest and rents due and accrued, \$67,461.64.
Net uncollected and deferred premiums, \$94,476.12.
Other assets (net), \$768.07.
Total admitted assets, \$11,714,297.88.

LIABILITIES
Gross claims for losses unpaid, \$74,000.00.
All other liabilities, \$24,280.66.
Total liabilities, except capital, \$10,224,280.66.
Capital paid up, \$300,000.00.
Surplus over all liabilities, \$1,656,801.42.
Surplus as regards policyholders, \$1,266,591.42.
Total, \$11,714,297.88.

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR
Net premiums and annuities received during the year, \$20,412.53.
Dividends paid during the year, None.
Net losses and claims, endorsements, surrenders, and annuities paid during the year, \$10,822.23.
Name of Company, The Massachusetts Protective Life Assurance Company.
Name of President, Charles A. Harbison.
Name of Secretary, Samuel G. Hodgins.
Statutory resident attorney for service, W. W. Wells.

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Statutory resident attorney for service, Phil Grossmayer Co.
The Travelers Insurance Company, Phil Grossmayer Co., General Agents, 418 S. W. 9th Ave., Portland, Oregon.

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR
Net premiums and annuities received during the year (Accident Dept.), \$104,400.51, \$5.42.
Net losses and claims, endorsements, surrenders, and annuities paid during the year, \$435,655.68.
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