

# Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



Donald K. Free, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Free, 645 North Cottage street, was recently commissioned a second lieutenant following completion of army air forces advanced flying school training at Williams field, Chandler, Ariz. He is a former Salem high school student.

Norman Parrish Hinges and Lester Robert Jones were commissioned second lieutenants in the engineers corps of the US army, following graduation from the engineer officer candidate school at Fort Belvoir, Va., on May 31. Both men entered the army at Ft. Lewis March 29, 1943. Hinges was a student at Salem high school, Willamette university and Oregon State college. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Benson, 173 South Cottage street, Salem.

Jones also attended Salem high school and Oregon State college. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jones of 150 North 21st street, Salem.

Robert Bruce Wallace, seaman 2/c, telephoned his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Wallace, 1155 Elm street, West Salem, Saturday night. He told them he had just been released from the hospital at Pearl Harbor, and would like to have his friends write him.

Cadet Charles Beardsley is home on a ten-day leave at 80 Madrona avenue. He completed the first part of his training. Beardsley is the son of Mrs. Olive Beardsley.

Lt. (jg) Win Jenks was credited with lifting the spirits of the crew on an LST boat in an article appearing in the June issue of the Florist Telegraph association's official publication.

The association presented the boat with a public address system, radio and phonograph equipment and a collection of classical and popular recordings because Jenks, a former Salem florist, is serving as supply officer on the boat. Presentation was made by Willmore Holbrow, regional director for Dorchester. The article commends Jenks for seeking to provide the same floral service for navy men via the association as is now received by army men through the army exchange service.

MAJORS FIELD, Tex., June 7.—Aviation Cadet Clayton W. Vardarwarka, formerly of Salem, has arrived at this army air forces training command station for the second phase of flight instruction.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vardarwarka, 1085 Larmer avenue, Salem, he was employed at the Master Bread Co., prior to entering the armed forces.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Schellberg, 1725 Fir street, have received word that their son, Kenneth O. Schellberg, who is stationed at Fort Riley, Kas., has been promoted from major to lieutenant colonel. He is in the quartermaster department and is commander of all colored troops in his area which comprises 11 units.

S/Sgt. Allen M. Stratton arrived in Salem Wednesday morning from Wilmington, Del., to spend a brief furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Stratton, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Stratton. He is enjoying the cool Oregon climate doubly because of recent experiences in Iran, where temperatures sometime range from 120 to 180 degrees, members of the family said Wednesday. His sister, Jeannette Stratton, stenographer in a Portland war plant, has been given a few days' vacation to spend at home while the sergeant is here. Stratton is third in command on a ferrying plane.

ST. LOUIS—S/Sgt. Francis P. Schomus, who is connected with the AAFRC liaison office at San Francisco, is here on a furlough which was lengthened because of the serious illness of his father, Joseph Schomus, a patient at St. Vincent's hospital, Portland. The sergeant has been in the service 30 months and prior to his San Francisco assignment, was stationed at Washington, DC, and Atlantic City, NJ.

Dan Norris, a man second class, son of Mrs. Ruth Norris, Salem resident temporarily living in New York, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Miller, 376 North 23rd street, has been transferred from Sand Point to Northfield, Minn., where he will take naval aviation training.

Lt. Paul Harrison, for almost a year stationed in England with the US army air corps as pilot of a Marauder bomber, telephoned his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Harrison, Salem, on Tuesday from Shreveport, La.

After a visit with his wife and infant son, Ronald Paul, he will come on to Oregon, accompanied by them if proper accommodations can be secured, for his first visit with his parents since June 13, 1942.

## Playground Group Will Meet Today

A meeting of the city playground committee, originally scheduled for Tuesday, will be held this afternoon, Director Gurnee Flesher has announced. Discussion of playground policies and action on the distribution of funds appropriated by the recent city council budget plan is slated. Members of the playground committee are Charles McElhinny, chairman; Dr. L. E. Barrick, Roy Harlan, Tom Armstrong, Mrs. Gertrude Lobdell and ex-officio members Frank Bennett and Mayor I. M. Doughton.



Cpl. Roy D. Tansey, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Tansey, route 5, Salem, has written his parents that he is in New Guinea. Sixteen months of his service has been spent in Canada. The South Pacific, to date, has been "warm," he writes.

## Charges Made On Bus Crash

ALBANY, Ore., June 7 (AP)—Three persons were accused of involuntary manslaughter by a coroner's jury tonight in connection with the death of three passengers in a tree-bus crash on the highway near Cascade, Ore., yesterday.

William G. Lightie and Charles H. Brown, woodsmen who felled the tree which crashed onto the bus, and Glen Ohling, their employer, were charged with involuntary manslaughter by the jury which said they should have posted flags on the highway.

Mrs. Gertrude Dorothy Holton, Redmond, Arthur Holmgren, Waldport, and Thomas G. O'Kelly were killed and four others were seriously injured. The Albany hospital reported the injured persons are holding their own and may recover.

## Admiral Praises Portland Shipyards

PORTLAND, Ore., June 7 (AP)—Rear Adm. Leigh Noyes, former commander of a Pacific task force, said here today the Portland-Vancouver area has made wonderful contributions to the war effort.

Admiral Noyes is now director of the navy's Pacific coast board of inspection and survey. He will speak at the launching of the USS Munda, last locally-built baby flat-top, Thursday at the Kaiser Vancouver yards.

He especially lauded the large and small war plants turning out material for the navy and merchant marine.

## 'Ike' Confers With Leaders Off Beaches

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Thursday, June 8 (AP)—For four and one-half hours yesterday Gen. Eisenhower and Adm. Sir Bertram Ramsay, commander of allied naval forces, cruised off the invasion beaches of northern France and held conferences with operational commanders, it was announced today.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of the invasion ground forces, and Rear Adm. Alan Goodrich Kirk, commander of the US naval task force in the operations, were among the high officers who attended the sensational conclave in the midst of an armada of thousands of ships as the supreme commander obtained an up-to-the-minute picture of the progress of the invasion.

A meeting was held within five miles of the enemy at one point because Eisenhower felt that he could thereby get better communications.

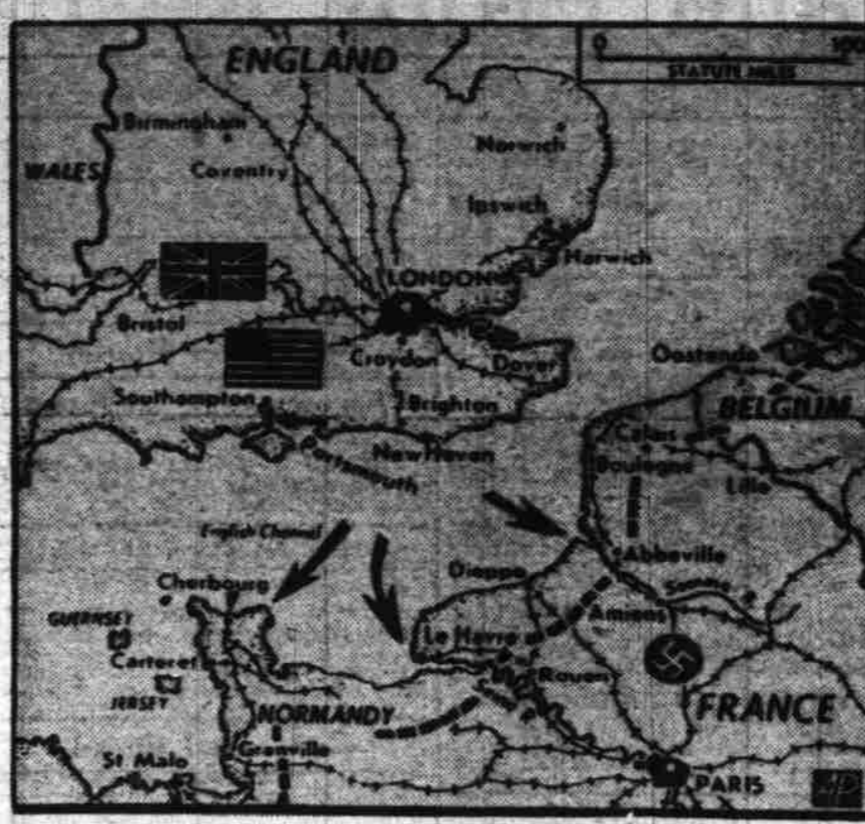
Upon his return the general showed satisfaction at the results of the conferences.

As Montgomery, in corduroy trousers and fleece-lined jacket, clambered down from the warship into his launch at the end of the session Eisenhower grinned, stuck up his thumb and called: "Good luck to you."

Eisenhower also had a historic conference Sunday night with Prime Minister Churchill, Gen. Charles de Gaulle, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Prime Minister Jan Christiaan Smuts of South Africa.

The meeting lasted two hours and the supreme commander subsequently reported complete

## Where Attacks Launched



Arrows point to area of Le Havre and mouth of the Seine river, to the Normandy peninsula, and to the area of Abbeville and mouth of the Somme river in France, where the Germans claimed the allied invasion of western Europe began. The broken line indicates area of about 25 miles inland from the French coast—the area covered in London broadcast by Eisenhower spokesman warning people to move inland that distance. (AP Wirephoto.)

## Leaves Monmouth

MONMOUTH — Leonard R. Moore, manual arts instructor at the high school here for several years, has signed a contract to teach in the same department at Tillamook high the coming year.

## New Class Organized

HOPEWELL—A young married people's class has been organized at the Hopewell United Brethren Sunday school and Mrs. E. F. Schroeder has been appointed the teacher. It meets at 10 a. m. Sunday.

## Birthday Dinner Held

UNIONVALE — Complimenting Ivan L. Crawley, former Unionvale resident, a surprise birthday family dinner was served Sunday at his home in the Broadmead district with 12 members present.

## Nazis Caught Asleep When Allies Struck

ABOARD A US P-T BOAT OFF FRANCE, June 6 (Delayed) The invasion caught the nazis completely by surprise.

It was not until 3:30 a.m. that a German reconnaissance plane sighted the United Nations invading forces moving into position and this was too late to be effective.

Dawn revealed the most amazing sight of this or any other war. There were ships everywhere—looked. Planes were darting through the clouds above them.

Heavy broadsides of American and British battleships and cruisers rumbled through the overcast and yellow flames from the gun muzzles all but obscured the warships as thousands of tons of explosives were sent shoreward against German installations.

Destroyers and landing craft jockeying for position, awaiting the opportunity to discharge their cargoes.

So completely asleep were the Germans that British minesweepers escorted by this P-T squadron ran interference for the invasion by clearing a broad path right up to the beaches without once being challenged.

This unprecedented maneuver was carried out without the loss of a single P-T. Despite rough seas which left crews bruised and battered and many acutely seasick, the American P-Ts shepherded the minesweepers along the charted route all night. Because of the slowness of the minesweepers it had been necessary to begin the operation in broad daylight Monday, but perfect air cover by the US air forces and

## Yank Planes Blister Guam

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 7 (AP)—American army and navy planes blistered Guam, less than 1600 miles east of Manila, in the fourth land-based raid of the war Monday, failing to stir up enemy interception but encountering moderate to intense anti-aircraft fire.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the raid today, along with strikes at the former British phosphate island of Nauru, at Ponape in the Carolines and at Mille atoll in the Marshalls.

In the two preceding land-based attacks on Guam, May 6 and 28, American airmen fought off Japanese planes over the former American naval base seized by the enemy early in the war. From seven to eleven enemy aircraft were downed in the earlier attacks. All American planes returned from these forays into the southern end of the Marianas islands.

Nimitz also reported that navy search planes, operating near Truk, damaged a small Japanese bomber. The actions occurred Monday.

## Hitler Anti-Invasion Speech Expected Soon

LONDON, June 7 (AP)—The Daily Mail reported today in a dispatch from Stockholm that Adolph Hitler was expected to make a speech soon from "somewhere in the west" as "personal commander of anti-invasion operations."

RAF kept away any German planes.



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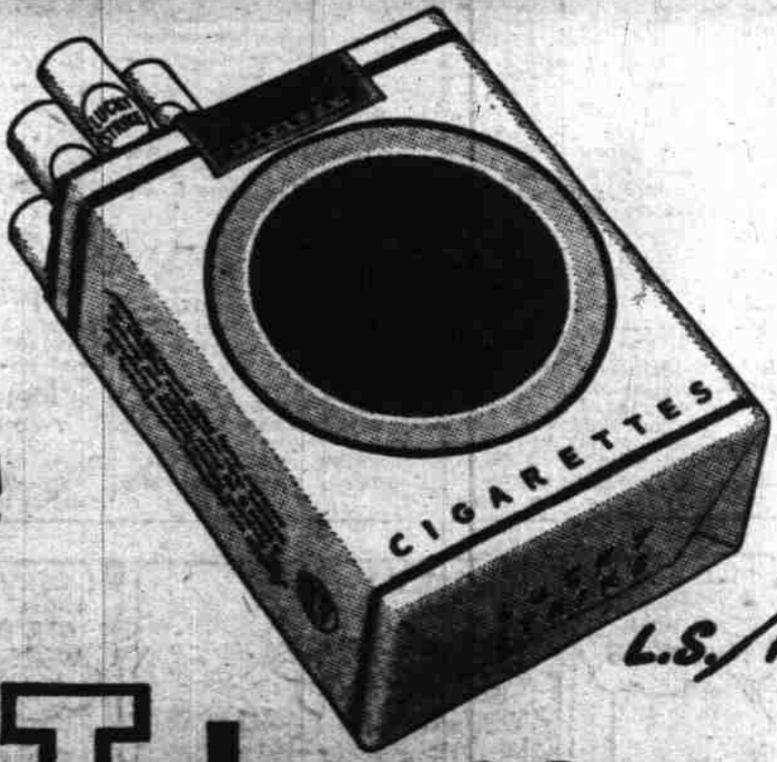
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