

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



VERN MOLVER

Eugene Fred Lieske, fireman 1/c, USN, has been in the South Pacific nine months of his first year in the navy. Youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lieske, 690 South 12th street, he writes that he is in good physical condition and getting plenty of adventure but that he misses family and friends here and is anxious to get home.

Pfc. Clifton Boehmer, US marine corps, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Boehmer, route 4, box 424, that he came through the battle of Saipan unharmed. His V-mail letter was dated July 8 and was received here July 18. He was wounded at the battle of Tarawa and his family was happy to hear he had escaped without injury in the more recent battle.



MICKEY MOLVER

PIONEER — Raymond Richter, US army air corps, former resident of this community, was killed in action over Germany, May 19, according to information received by friends here from the parents in Enid, Okla. His brother, Russell Richter, US army air corps, is in a hospital in Italy, according to last information received here. Raymond had previously been reported missing following the May 19 mission over Germany. Both boys attended Dallas high school.

MT. ANGEL — Ensign Walter Poepping, US maritime service and third officer in the merchant marine is home on a short leave, visiting his mother Mrs. Mary Poepping, and other relatives and friends.

Ensign Poepping enlisted in the merchant marine July 25, 1942, shortly after graduating from Mt. Angel college. He studied for six months at the Long Island merchant marine academy in Kingspoint, N.Y., before going to sea. He has made one trip around the world and his most recent trip was to the South Pacific.



KENNETH MOLVER

MT. ANGEL — Word was received here by Mrs. Leonard Ficker that her husband, Pvt. Leonard Ficker, was graduated in class No. 34 of the postal school division of the quartermaster school at Camp Lee, Va. on Thursday, July 13. He was transferred to California a few days later.

Besides his wife and infant son, Pvt. Ficker has his mother, Mrs. Mary Ficker, numerous other relatives living at Mt. Angel.

Before his induction in the army, Pvt. Ficker, was assistant postmaster at Mt. Angel.



DAN MOLVER, JR.

Vern Molver (top), US army air corps, has been missing since May 29 over France, according to information received by his family. His father is Dan Molver, who lives with his sister, Mrs. Carrie Optis, 879 North Liberty street. Vern Molver is one of four brothers in the US army. They attended Englewood school in Salem and lived in Salem and Albany. Their mother, Mrs. Marguerite Molver, lives at Seventh and Geary in Albany. The other brothers are Cpl. Mickey Molver (second from top), in the harborcraft service in England; Pfc. Kenneth Molver (third from top), US army quartermasters corps, stationed in the South Pacific. The eldest brother, Dan Molver, Jr. (bottom), is in the army signal corps, Fort Stevens.

(Special to The Statesman)
AN EIGHTH AAF BOMBER STATION, England — The Air Medal has been awarded to Tech. Sgt. Ernest J. Sing, 25, Salem, Ore., for meritorious achievement while participating in several attacks upon military installations on the invasion coast and other German industrial and railway objectives. He is the radio operator and a gunner on an Eighth air force B-17 Flying Fortress in the heavy bomber group commanded by Col. Elliott Vandevanter, jr., Washington, DC.

Sgt. Sing is the son of Mrs. Dora J. Sing, 944 North Commercial street, Salem. Prior to entering the AAF in November, 1941, he was a machinist apprentice for A. B. McLaughlin Machine works, Fairgrounds road, Salem. He volunteered for aerial gunnery and received his training at Kingman field, Ariz.

Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Utter of Salem received word Thursday that their son, Robert Utter who is stationed in New Orleans, has been promoted to the rank of major and assigned the task of commanding officer of troops of transportation school.

Back From Alaska



Lt. Cmdr. W. R. Stevens, 30, Salem, Ore., commander of a Ventura bombing squadron, shown here standing, left, has just returned to the United States from an Aleutian naval base where he has taken part in the first consistent bombing of the homeland on Japan. Lt. Cmdr. Stevens has served as pilot in the crew shown here and has completed eight missions against Paramushiro and Shimushu. Operating under fleet air wing four, these Ventura crews have been part of the navy task unit which has flown well over 100 Kuriles bombing missions this year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stevens of LaHabra, Calif. Mrs. Stevens and their two children, William R. Stevens, jr., 4, and Carole Anne, nine months, left Salem Wednesday to make their home in LaHabra. Shown in the photo are, left to right, standing, Lt. Cmdr. Stevens, squadron commander, Salem, pilot; Lt. (jg) G. K. Meriwether, 3625 Lemmon, Dallas, Tex., co-pilot; Ensign J. A. Waggoner, West Milford, W.Va., navigator; front row, John W. Mumma, Dunnigan, Calif., radioman; C. E. Eure, Hattisburg, Miss., gunner; Buford O. Barnette, 1415 Campbell street, Houston, Tex., plane captain; Henry J. Aucella, Revere, Mass., navigator and ordnanceman.

Sgt. Joe A. Walery of Salem Serves as Operations Clerk

(Special to The Statesman)

AN EIGHTH AAF BOMBER STATION, England—Sgt. Joe A. Walery, 26, a squadron operations clerk at this Eighth air force B-17 Flying Fortress base, of 1761 South Liberty street, Salem, Ore., spends many sleepless night arranging ground operation details insuring the success of AAF Fortress long-range bombing attacks on Germany's military and industrial targets or attacks in support of ground troops activity in the Normandy invasion area.

Responsibility for replacement gunner or officer personnel assignment to crews prior to a mission is of prime importance in Sgt. Walery's job. Operations officers, he says, must scan their roster of eligible fliers and decide which men are best suited to fill in on regular crews. Their decisions make efficient operation and coordination of the crews possible.

A few hours prior to takeoff an operations clerk must be a walking encyclopedia of information to combat fliers, especially new

crews. Walery must be able to tell a flier what Fortress he is on and where he can find it. He must know the answers to all questions relative to equipment needed and where it can be obtained immediately. If the time is short before takeoff he may sometimes tell the man to get to his aircraft and he will secure the equipment and take it to him.

All Sgt. Walery's work isn't limited to operational missions as ground school instruction is necessary for new crews and records have to be kept of each man

Lenna Hudson Dies in Sleep

Mrs. Lenna M. Hudson, wife of Maurice Hudson, state corporation commissioner, died in her sleep Wednesday night. She was 43 years old and had lived in Salem since the middle of June.

Besides her widower, Mrs. Hudson is survived by a son, Tech. Sgt. William S. Hudson, now in the armed forces in Italy; a daughter, Beverly, Salem; and four sisters, Mrs. E. D. Hunt, Portland; Mrs. Clyde Lewis and Patricia Boyd, Los Angeles, and Mrs. R. A. Cobb, Verdale, Wash.

Funeral services will be held in Portland Monday.

Mrs. Hudson had been active in fraternal and civic affairs in Portland for many years.

John Nezoda Rites Saturday

WOODBURN, July 20—John Nezoda, 81, died at his home on the Boons Ferry road Wednesday. Funeral services will be held following 9:30 requiem mass at St. Agnes Catholic church in Hubbard. Burial will be made in St. Luke's cemetery in Woodburn. The rosary will be recited at 8 o'clock Friday night at the Ringo chapel.

Survivors are the widow, Ella Nezoda son, John J. Nezoda, jr., at home; two daughters, Margaret Cicco and Martha Bolif, both of Portland, and four grandchildren.

Visits in Swegle Following Operation

SWEGLE — Mrs. Harold Sneath has been spending a few days this week at the E. I. Sneath home on East Turner road, recovering from an operation at a Salem hospital. She will visit at the Hartford home in Silverton before returning to her home in Gervais.

Former Pringle Man Dies at Portland Home

PRINGLE — Word has been received of the death in Portland of Ira Briggs, who until last year lived in the Pringle district.

Mr. Briggs is survived by his widow, Mrs. Rowena Briggs, one daughter Esther and two sons, Marvin and Lollin.

through his schooling and operations. He doesn't mind the long hours and says "Since D-day operations have stepped up, we're now helping our ground troops by bombing enemy installations and that makes it easier for them. They have the same feeling we have in wanting to get the war over and that's the main thing."

Sgt. Walery is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walery of Salem.

Home From Active Duty



W. W. Campbell is pictured with his two sons, who have been visiting him following active duty in the Pacific area. Left is Pfc. Therman L. Campbell in the marine corps, who has been in the South Pacific for some time and is now at Bremerton for hospitalization. He enlisted on January 14, 1942, and was away from home about 19 months. The second son pictured is Leaman E. Campbell, aviation machinist mate 1/c, who entered the navy on May 29, 1941, and has been away from home for three years. He has been in the Central Pacific area. A third son, Newman P. Campbell, is a private in the army and stationed in the Eastern Pacific area. (Kennell-Ellis.)

Boy Is Poisoned By Fruit Spray

AUMSVILLE—Donald Mountain was taken suddenly ill Friday from the effects of spray poison which he got from eating unripe apples. Though he washed the apples, enough spray was left to cause him to become violently ill. An antidote was quickly administered.

Goes to California

SWEGLE — Miss Marian Thretcher and her father left Sunday night for California, near Los Angeles to spend their vacations.

At a 12th AAF Base—Tech. Sgt. Thomas B. Stewart, 1675 Saginaw street, Salem, Oregon has served

overseas 21 months as a radio mechanic with a bomb group of B-26 Marauders which President Roosevelt twice cited for "outstanding performance of duty in action."

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