

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



Earl William Shreve, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shreve, route 3, box 631, Salem, is now participating in his final training as a member of a Flying Fortress crew at 236 combat training school, Foyote, Tex. Shreve is an engineer. He is a graduate of Salem high school.

WEST SALEM—Mrs. Charles Shipman, 651 Rosemont avenue, was notified this week by a telephone call from her son, Spl. Delbert Shipman, that he is being transferred to Letterman's hospital, San Francisco, Calif.

Cpl. Shipman is in the army medical corps, and was stationed at Kodiak, Alaska, for 34 months prior to returning to the states in May. He spent a 21-day furlough here with his parents and three brothers.

The Shipmans' other son, Pfc. Virgil James Shipman, with the military police at an English hospital, has been able to see his cousin, Sgt. Ercel George Donaldson, in the medical corps at the same hospital, a number of times.

(Special to The Statesman)
CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.—Pvt. Carl H. Bock, son of Mrs. Herman Bock, Lyons, Ore., has completed training and has been graduated from this school of the army air forces training command. Here he received instruction in the airplane electrical mechanic course in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the country's fighting planes.

JEFFERSON—Chester Stewart, army cook at Camp Beal, Calif., spent the week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stewart. He has been in the service for seven months.

Pvt. Arthur Harris, of Camp Fannin, Texas, is home on a furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and T. P. Harris. He has been in the service since March; and at the end of his furlough will report to Camp Fannin, and be reassigned to Ft. Meade, Md. Harris is the possessor of two medals, one for sharp shooting, and the other for expert with a carbine.

Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris is Pitchlyn Harris, machinist mate first class, has been transferred from Long Beach to a camp 60 miles north. He has been in the navy for almost four years.

DALLAS, Aug. 10—Carl M. Perry, seaman first class, spent a short leave with his mother, Mrs. Marie Perry, while his ship was in for repairs. He has been in the service for over a year now, part of the time in the South Pacific. Mrs. Perry has five sons in the various branches of the military service.

HAYESVILLE—Lt. Harrison Hartzell and his wife, the former Jane Price of Philadelphia, were guests at the Chester Doolittle home during the past week.

Lt. Hartzell was en route to San Francisco from Seattle. His brother, Tech. Sgt. Bob Hartzell, of Ft. Stevens was also a guest.

Aviation Cadet Lee C. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman McDonald, 939 Parrish street has just completed the 10 weeks course of primary flight training at Rankin Aeronautical academy, Tulare, Calif., under the direct personal supervision of J. G. "Tex" Rankin, world champion acrobatic pilot and a flying school operator for the past 25 years.

The Rankin academy is one of 40 civilian aviation academies under exclusive contract to the army air forces to train aviation cadets on active duty.

A/C McDonald received his academic and pilot training from the same instructors and in the same airplanes in which many of America's leading aces have been trained, among them being Maj. Richard I. Bong, 27 Jap planes to his credit; Maj. Robert Westbrook, 15 Jap planes to his credit, and Capt. Irvin C. Ethel, the pilot who became an ace in Africa in 15 minutes.

McDonald will next report to an arm operated basic flying school where he will receive further training in heavier type aircraft.

SWEGLE—Leland P. Brandt, aviation radioman 2/c, returned to Fort Huemene, Calif., this week after a 30-day leave spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brandt on East Garden road, and with his sisters, Mrs. Howard Ames in Seattle and Mrs. Milo Grace in Toledo, Ore.

This was his first leave in more than 20 months of service, 15 of which were spent in the central and southwest Pacific theatres of war. He took part in two major battles and has more than 150 hours of combat flying on his record. He was to receive a new assignment upon return to his post.

SILVERTON—Pvt. Harry Larson is on an unnamed island in the southwest Pacific, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Larson of Silverton. He went overseas several months ago and was until recently stationed on New Caledonia.

SILVERTON—Flight Officer James E. Ekman arrived Thursday morning for a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Ekman. Young Ekman has been stationed at Victorville, Calif.

Word has been received by relatives from Lt. Edward Farrington, nephew of Ruth Van Patton, Salem, that he has been awarded the Bronze Star for outstanding accomplishments in the field. Lt. Farrington has been in France with a tank division since the invasion. He was connected with the Ladd and Bush bank for several years before enlisting.



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LT. BURL L. COX

Lt. Burl Cox Receives Silver Star for Gallantry in Action

The Silver Star for gallantry in action at Biak island has been awarded to First Lt. Burl Cox of Salem, and the citation which accompanied it has been sent to his wife, who resides at 995 Center street, Salem. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wiggins, also make their home here.

A member of the 41st division, Lt. Cox has been with Company I, made up largely of former national guardsmen from Forest Grove, for several months.

The citation declares that Lt. Cox commanded a platoon with a supporting platoon protecting flanks and rear. He advanced over rolling terrain through thick undergrowth which was under observation by the enemy from posts which had not been located by US forces.

Approximately 25 yards in front

of Cox's platoon, the enemy unexpectedly opened fire with machine guns and rifles. The Salem officer promptly organized his men and pushed the attack "exhibiting fearless leadership and inspiring his men to greater efforts. He disregarded personal safety by constantly moving among his men, thus exposing himself to close enemy fire.

"The fearless conduct of First

Lt. Cox contributed immeasurably to the success of his unit."

Lt. Cox also holds the Purple Heart medal, awarded after a leg injury received at Humboldt Bay, April 28. With his wife in Salem is their daughter, Karen Lee, now almost two years old, whom he has never seen.

GERVAIS—James C. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Phillips, is at Camp Flauche, New Orleans, La., for basic training in the railroad division.

GERVAIS—Pvt. Robert Knowles of Fort Lewis visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Knowles, and his wife and children last week.

GERVAIS—Harry V. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rondeau, left August 7 for induction in the navy.

Calkins Move to Salem From Gervais Home

GERVAIS—Mrs. Grace Calkins and daughter, Darlene, are moving this weekend from the Amy Harding house, which has been sold, to an apartment in Salem.

Miss Calkins is employed in a Salem bank.

WOODBURN—Pvt. Robert Gorman has returned to Camp Livingston, La., after a 10-day furlough at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Gorman.

He has been in the army since last November going first to Ft. Benning, Ga., for basic training. In April he was assigned to the infantry at Livingston. This is his first furlough home. He has spent a former brief furlough with his brother, Tom, at Camp Fannin, Texas.

North Santiam Woman Patient

NORTH SANTIAM, Aug. 10—Mrs. Clyde Bethel is convalescing from a major operation at the Deaconess hospital. Upon release from the hospital she will spend several days at the home of her brother, Earl Trudgeon, Edgewater street, West Salem, before coming home.

Mrs. Hazel Crane and her mother Mrs. Fred Comstock were in Salem on business Monday.

Mary Lou and Betty Jo Keithleys spent two weeks vacation at Tillamook.

Helen Carleson, who is employed at a Salem hospital, is spending a several weeks vacation at the home of her foster mother, Mrs. Lawrence Fowler.

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