# Service Men

*Where They Are—What They Are Doing*

**Lt. Robert Byrkit of 1365 Mission street, spent his leave of 11 days at the family home and has been ordered to the replacement center at Lincoln, Neb.**

**Byrkit trained at Stockton field as a B-17 pilot and was stationed for a few weeks at Las Vegas, Nev., before being ordered to Nebraska. He entered the service in January, 1943.**

(Special to The Statesman)

**15TH AAF IN ITALY—Master Sergeant Marion L. Scharn**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Scharn of Salem, Oregon, has been awarded a distinguished unit citation ribbon.

Sgt. Scharn is the armament chief in a P-38 Lightning squadron of a veteran group which was cited for outstanding performance in aerial combat over Steyr, Austria, on April 2, 1944. The Lightnings achieved a striking aerial victory in beating off an attack by a superior number of enemy aircraft which attempted to attack the bombers they were escorting. In destroying twenty of the Luftwaffe's aircraft, the group's pilots helped make possible the success of the bombing.

Sgt. Scharn also wears an African-European-Middle East Campaign ribbon adorned with four bronze battle stars which shows that his unit has participated in the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns as well as the air offensive against the enemy over Europe.

Mrs. Marion L. Scharn, his wife, resides with his parents in Salem.

Sgt. Scharn's brother, Cpl. Leonard D. Sharn, is in the paratroopers, stationed in the United States.

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**MOSES LAKE, Wash., Aug. 17—Private Clarence E. Grubbs**, formerly Shell Oil service station operator at Salem, now stationed at Moses Lake army airfield near here, has recently been promoted to the rank of corporal.

Entering the service September 15, 1943, Corporal Grubbs, upon completion of his basic training, was stationed at Hammer field, near Fresno, Calif., until May 1 of this year when he was transferred tot his Fourth air force post.

He has been assigned to duty at the air supply depot.

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**15th AAF IN ITALY—Second Lt. Harold W. Maker**, 25, of Breek avenue, Salem, Ore., navigator on a B-24 Liberator bomber, has been awarded the air medal and an oak leaf cluster, two 15th army air force announcements released simultaneously today declare.

Almost identical citations explain that the award was made "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy."

Lt. Maker, who enlisted October 12, 1941, is a member of a group which has seen action in the Italian campaign for five months and has participated in repeated aerial flight against the network of German industrial centers thoughout southern Europe.

**SWEGLE, Aug. 17 — Ensign** Glen Larkins is spending a 20-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Larkins, sr., on Gardeh road. He came home from Chicago where he completed his carrier plane training, and will go to San Diego for assignment.

Since graduation from Willamina high school in 1942 he has been trained as a civilian pilot, had pre-flight and flight training. He received his wings at Corpus Christi, Texas in March, transport instruction, and for two months was in Florida.

**Raymond Bond was home for a** short furlough from Camp White with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Bond, route six.

**Pvt. Marion West arrived home** for a short furlough from Camp Roberts, Calif., on Saturday.

**Arnold Nelson, son of Mr. and** Mrs. Dan Nelson, has received his discharge from the navy. Last week he and his wife moved from the home on Swegle road where she has been living to a home at Pratum.

**Waldo Gilbert, son of Mr. and** Mrs. Ralph Gilbert, has been advanced to staff sergeant, according to a letter sent to his parents. Sgt. Gilbert has been in the South Pacific for 30 months and has been in the campaigns of Salamaua, Hollandia and Biak.

**Pvt. Kenneth Hoogerhyde arrived in Salem this week, flown 7000 miles in four days from the Gilbert islands to be at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Cornelius Hoogerhyde, 496 Ford street.**

**Pvt. Hoogerhyde has been overseas in Hawaii and the Gilbert islands 30 months and this is his first furlough since he was inducted in February, 1942.**

**Mrs. Hoogerhyde has been in bed six weeks and suffered several paralytic strokes but was conscious and recognized her soldier son when he arrived home Monday. He is on a 30-day emergency furlough arranged through the American Red Cross.**

**Besides Kenneth a daughter, Mrs. Hobart Dixon, lives in Salem and a brother, Clarence Hoogerhyde and a sister, Mrs. Ross Sherman live in Dallas.**

## 41st Veteran Back in US

Pvt. Kenneth Cater, son of Mrs. Harold Burns of Salem, has all he can do to keep warm in Letterman hospital—after two and a half years in the South and Southwest Pacific.

A welcome telephone call came from the veteran of "Salem's own" 41st division this week, telling of his safe arrival in the United States and commenting that he was wearing two pairs of pajamas and was still cold.

Private Cater, who suffered recurrent malaria 14 times, told his mother no other Salem men returned with him but indicated some were expected to follow.

It was understood he was to be transferred from Letterman, in San Francisco, to another army base hospital within a few days.

## WPB Orders Stoppage Of House Construction

PORTLAND, Aug. 17—(AP)—The War Production board, charging its regulations had been violated, today ordered contractor Joseph A. Hull to stop all work on a $10,000 house on which construction was well underway.

According to C. T. Mudge, assistant WPB director here, an orderi ssued in Washington, DC, asserted that priorities and lumber conservation regulations were violated. Hull was forbidden to make even alterations.

## 507 Pounds of Beans Record Season "Take"

UNIONVALE, Aug. 17 — Mrs. Robert Kelley, regular picker in the U. S. Alderman Blue Lake bean yards in the Unionvale district, picked 507 pounds of beans Tuesday. This is the record picking so far reported for this season.

The regular scale of wages, of 2½ cents and bonus, is paid.

## 100 Persons Attend Metal Workers Picnic

Approximately 100 persons attended the picnic given Sunday at Hollywood park by Sheet Metal Workers union No. 181.

Members of the committee in charge were Albert Johnston, Fred Badertscher, S. S. Griffin, Charles Heath and Joseph Wichman.

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nist, 1240** North 16th street, Salem, yesterday received a cable announcing the promotion of their son, Cecil W. Nist, from the rank of lieutenant colonel to colonel in the army infantry. The promotion became effective August 10, appropriately enough in that the colonel was 44 years old on that day.

Col. Nist, a graduate of West Point, has been in the service 25 years. He is now believed to be stationed somewhere in the Pacific area.

**The name of Staff Sgt. Ralph** W. Palmer, son of Mrs. Clara E. Palmer, 229 Rock street, Silverton, is included in a list of Oregon men wounded in action in the Southwest Pacific area released by the war department Thursday.

## Sergeant Fruechting Given Air Medal for Bombings in Europe

(Special to The Statesman)

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England — Staff Sgt. Raymond J. Freuchting, 25, of Salem, Ore., waist gunner on an Eighth air force B-17, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in bombing attacks on nazi war industries, and on coastal defenses and supply lines in support of the allied invasion of France.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Freuchting of RFD 2, Salem, and his wife is Mrs. Jean Fruechting of Tulia, Texas. He entered the AAF in May, 1941.

## Amity WSCS Meets Wednesday at Church

AMITY, Aug. 17 — The Women'sSociety of Christian Service of the Amity Methodist church met Wednesday. Mrs. W. E. Taylor led the opening devotions and lesson, her topic was "Achievement Through Self Discipline."

A social hour was enjoyed and refreshments served to 18 members and guests.

Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. John Gibbs, Mrs. Wiel Patty, Mrs. Clarence Rosenbalm and Mrs. Ernest Gibbo.

## Aids Vital Farming

Marvin VanCleave of the Hazel Green area is continuing to aid in the operation of a large farm. It was erroneously reported in a story on the farm page Thursday that he had been in the service and had been given a medical discharge.

## *Salem's Young "Salts" Return Home for 15-Day Vacation*

Salem and adjacent communities in the mid-Willamette valley underwent an "invasion" Thursday.

But the "invading" forces were friendly, albeit they took this and other communities on their line of march in mildly explosive and exhuberant fashion.

Making up the "conquering hordes" were some 88 young men from this section of the "volunteer state", home on the first leave after graduation from boot camp at Camp Farragut, Idaho.

**"Salty" Looking**

The more than four-score youths —now trim and "salty" looking navy bluejackets are members of the Salem area's own "Victory Volunteer" company of 17-year-old enlistees who by an odd coincidence, landed at Farragut on last June 6—"D-day"—and graduated from "boot camp" on the day American forces opened their invasion of southern France.

Every member of the Salem company completed the boot camp adventure without mishap or serious illness of any kind. During recruit school, this all-Oregon unit distinguished itself for high marks in many phases of training, including swimming, visual signaling, strength test, drill, seamanship, plane recognition and other activities.

**Get 15-Day Leave**

Upon graduation, the young navy men all were advanced from apprentice seamen to the rating of seamen second class. They will enjoy a 15-day leave before returning to Farragut for further duty assignment in the naval forces.

The Salem area navy youths traveled by train from Farragut to Portland and trickled into Salem in groups yesterday by bus or private conveyance.

**Station Thronged**

The local navy recruiting station in the postoffice building was thronged with groups of returning sailor boys who dropped in to tell recruiters there about their experiences in boot camp.

It was the general concensus of opinion among them that "the boys are pretty happy about being in the navy."

**Worked Hard**

"We worked hard, drilled hard and studied hard to be the best company that Farragut has ever turned out and we pretty well succeeded," one member of the unit said proudly.

"At the same time, though," he added, "we had a lot of fun and a lot of interesting experiences. The fact that we were all from the same towns or the same part of the state made it a lot more fun than being among a group of strangers."

## Where Dud Hit the Texas

**A repair crewman inspects a hole made in the side of the US battleship Texas by a dud shell while the vessel was shelling German coastal batteries at Cherbourg. (AP Wirephoto from US navy).**


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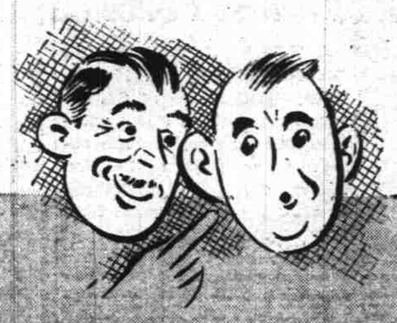

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