

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing

MONMOUTH, Aug. 19 — Sgt. Donald McEldowney, prisoner of war in Germany, has communicated directly with his wife, Gloria, here, and his mother, Mrs. T. A. McEldowney of Burnt Woods, using postal cards issued by the German government for such purpose. The date was May 4, and the handwriting is recognized as the sergeant's, the cards coming from a camp near Breslau, Germany, called Stalagluft III. He stated he was well, and was fed and treated all right.

Sgt. McEldowney, tail gunner on a B-17 bomber, was taken prisoner by the Germans when he bailed out on a flight over France last April 20. He is a native of Monmouth, and graduate of the local high school. A son was born to the McEldowneys July 21.

DALLAS — Capt. Wayne J. Page is in England, his wife, the former Jean Baiburg of Salem has learned. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Page, live here. Capt. Page is a former Dallas doctor and graduated from Dallas high school to the University of Oregon, and University Medical school. He volunteered in March, 1942, and served at Camp Adair for some time before going to Camp Grant, Ill., where he was stationed until recently.

In Camp Grant he was an instructor at the medical center. Mrs. Page and their daughter, Judith Ann, were with him at Camp Grant.



For the first time since January, 1941, three sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Harrold met in Salem recently. Sgt. Harry Bonner Harrold, US army signal corps, (center) has been two years in New Guinea and spent his 21-day furlough here and has gone to Camp White. Hal Harrold, chief motor machinist's mate, (right) US navy, has been in the navy for six years most of the time in Hawaii. The youngest brother, Bruce Harrold (left), ship fitter first class, US navy, has been five years in the navy and spent the last 23 months on a repair ship in the southwest Pacific. Mrs. Hal Harrold, the former Rosemary Herbert, has just returned from San Diego where she visited with her husband. The three boys came here from Nebraska and Bruce finished Salem high school in 1939. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Harrold, now live in Portland.

Bergeant Sing Gets Oak Leaf Cluster

(Special to The Statesman)
AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—An oak leaf cluster to his air medal has been awarded to Tech. Sgt. Ernest J. Sing, 25, son of Mrs. Dora J. Sing, 944 North Commercial St., Salem, Ore., for "courage, coolness and skill" displayed while participating in several bombing attacks upon German military and industrial targets.

He is the radio operator and a gunner on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress.

AT A 12th AAF B-25 BASE—

Cpl. Stanley R. Stiffler, whose wife, Maxine L. Stiffler, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stiffler, reside in Salem, Ore., recently rounded out his 18th month of service on foreign soil, entitling him to wear three gold overseas stripes.

The Salem soldier earned the stripes serving as a radio operator with a B-25 Mitchell bomb squadron, veterans of the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns in the Mediterranean area. He is entitled to wear the European-Middle-East-African ribbon and the Italian campaign star.

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UNIONVALE—Robert Allen Magee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Magee, who graduated from midshipman's school at Columbia university, New York City, last week and has been commissioned an ensign. He will be stationed at Newport, RI, for torpedo training.

First Lt. Edward H. Farrington, nephew of Mrs. Furth Van Patten, 2047 Mill street, has been awarded the Bronze Star by Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robertson for exceptionally meritorious achievements against the enemy in France.

Salem Nurse Now Second Lieutenant

(Special to The Statesman)
FORT DOUGLAS, Utah—Recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the army of the United States, and assigned to the army nurse corps, is Pat Marie Bergin, 468 N. Winter, Salem, Ore. Lieutenant Bergin will report to Camp White, Ore., to receive basic training before reporting to Dibble General hospital, Menlo Park, Calif., where she has been assigned for duty.

SILVERTON, Aug. 19 — Walter Rue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rue, Silverton, has joined the paratroopers at Fort Benning, Ga., according to word received by his parents. He has been in the infantry and has been serving in Alaska. He was expected home on furlough but his recent transfer made it necessary to cancel the trip.

DALLAS — Theodore L. Coon, aviation metalmith first class US navy, visited with his wife and family in Dallas Tuesday, their 11th wedding anniversary. He was recently transferred from Long Beach, Calif., to the Astoria naval air station.



Salem—Capt. Martin J. Elle has been in the South Pacific area for the past 22 months in the administrative branch of the photo reconnaissance. Capt. Elle has been stationed at New Zealand, Guadalcanal, New Hebrides Islands, and New Caledonia. Prior to entering the service, Capt. Elle was assistant superintendent of education for the state of Oregon.

Clarence Conrad, aviation ordnanceman second class, has just completed his seven-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Conrad, 1115 Madison street, and has returned to duty at San Diego naval air station. He is a turret specialist.

Young Conrad came from San Diego by navy plane to Sand Point, Seattle, and spent a day visiting his sister, Ruth, a student in Seattle. He spent the remainder of his time here.



DALLAS — Ed. Jansen, boatwain mate first class in the coast guard, who was a state police officer until his enlistment 28 months ago, has been transferred to the district headquarters intelligence service in Seattle. His family has joined him, and will live in Seattle.

DALLAS — Cpl. James Laney, a patient at the Barnes hospital at Vancouver, visited this week with Mr. and Mrs. Laird V. Woods of Dallas. His home is in Visalia, Calif. Mrs. Woods is Red Cross "gray lady" at Camp Adair hospital, and met Cpl. Laney there.

SILVERTON, Aug. 19 — Lt. Howard Liechty, US army air corps, who has served many months in Italy and in other European areas, is now visiting his parents, the Albert Liechty. He will be located at a California base following his leave.



"Step right up and pitch 'em on the number!" Carl W. Kenacher, Ph. M 1/c, Salem, far left, had just pitched when the cameraman caught this group at an American Red Cross Service club somewhere in Australia celebrating the Fourth of July at a "state fair." Six states are represented by the group. Girls in the picture are a Red Cross worker from Denver and a WAC private from New York City.



Sidney Funk Writes Letter From Japan

SCOTTS MILLS—A letter from Sidney E. Funk, prisoner of war in Japan, was received this week by his sister, Mrs. Fred Buck.

He writes that he "is working every day except Sunday." Food is fair, and he hopes to be home soon.

The family has heard from him only three times since October, 1941, when he left Shanghai, China, for the Philippines. He was taken prisoner after the fall of Corregidor.

This last letter was written with a pencil in his own handwriting. The others were typed with only his signature written.

Pvt. Floyd L. Barnes, Jr., who has recently completed a course at enlisted cadet school, Camp Croft, N. C., is home on furlough with his wife and two daughters at their home at 1764 Market street.

LIBERTY—Lt. Staryl C. Austin flew home from Dover, Del., on a 15 day leave. He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Austin, is a fighter pilot and has been instructor at Lake Louise.



FRINGLE—Robert Blackmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Blackmore, is taking radio training at Memphis, Tenn., and expects to be transferred to Florida to complete his course.

HUTCHINSON, Kas.—Lt. Francis Fred Matthewson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Matthewson, route four, Salem, Ore., has completed a refresher course at the Hutchinson naval air station and is now qualified as a patrol plane commander of a navy PB4Y patrol bomber.

Lt. Matthewson will now join a squadron which soon will go into combat.

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Harvest of this vital war crop depends on additional hundreds of local men, women and children. A day of delay may ruin tons of beans. Help feed the fighting men by helping the farmer who grows the food. Be patriotic and at the same time earn real money.

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Special busses leave from the farm labor office at 8:30 each morning for housewives unable to leave earlier. Return in time for wife to prepare evening meal.

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