

Mid-Valley Men Men Serve Their Country 'Round the World

Marion Carl Discusses Corsairs

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EMIRAU, St. Matthias Islands (Delayed) — With the skies in the South Pacific area cleared of Japanese bombers and Zeros, marine corps fighter pilots here are loading their Corsairs with explosives and using the planes as dive-bombers against enemy targets at Kavieng and Rabaul.

Every day the blue, gull-winged fighters carry aloft one bomb each, on strikes or patrol missions to blast anti-aircraft gun positions, supply dumps and camps. During June, Kavieng and Rabaul shook under 100 tons of TNT thrown by the Corsairs.

Marine Maj. Marion E. Carl of Hubbard, Ore., 18-plane ace, said the Corsairs have been carrying mostly 500-pounders and 1000-pounders.

"Something Useful to Do" Corsair bombing, begun primarily to give the fighter pilot something useful to do, has developed into a valuable weapon, in keeping neutralized the Jap-held positions on New Ireland and New Britain, Maj. Carl said.

To the pilots of the Corsairs, bombing is something entirely new. In flight school they received no training in it and these fliers have had to learn literally by the hit-and-miss method.

"This isn't the first time Corsairs have dropped bombs," Major Carl continued. "The idea has been used in another section of the Pacific for several months. But there it's been mainly low-level bombing, while here I think we have the first extensive experiments in dive-bombing."

Helps Keep Japs Awake One important use of Corsair-bombing here is constantly disturbing the sleep of Kavieng Japs. Patrols are maintained over the town every night, and occasionally one of the planes will drop a bomb.

The Japs stay in their foxholes, for they never know when another bomb is coming down nor where it will land. It is similar to the type of bombings the Japs carried out against American forces in the Solomons for many months.

"The men like the bombing idea," said Maj. Carl. "It's something different and it's something to do. Recently in an attack on Rabaul, we started seven fires. And every time somebody mentions dive bombing, we talk about our fires as if we'd sunk a battleship."

Dives From 15,000 Feet One of the best hits recently was made by First Lieutenant David S. Bishop, who climbed up to 15,000 feet and dove 5000 feet, with a two-story, brown house as his target. Bishop, who lived at 733 Rand Ave., Oakland, Calif., was missing in action the day this story was being written.

The plane's plunge was half as long as a regular dive, and the bomb, after release, had to travel approximately five times the usual distance to the target. Despite these handicaps the missile landed directly on top of the brown building, demolishing it and wrecking half a dozen others around it.

Gervais Man Gets Captain's Bars In South Pacific

(Special to The Statesman) FIFTH AIR FORCE, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Thomas A. Ferschweiler, who has been navigator on the personal planes of Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the far east air forces, and Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, Sixth Army commander, was recently promoted to captain.

Capt. Ferschweiler, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ferschweiler, Gervais, Oregon, is now a member of the crew of a B-17 armed transport of a Fifth air force troop carrier unit. As navigator on the Flying Fortress the past eight months, he has participated in supply dropping missions to troops shortly after landings at Arawa, Cape Gloucester, Hollandia, Los Negros in the Admiralties, Wakde and Biak islands.

More recently, Capt. Ferschweiler took part in the successful paratroop dropping mission at Kamiri, airdrome on Noemfoor Island in Dutch New Guinea when allied forces seized this Jap base only 800 miles from the Philippines.

Capt. Ferschweiler was graduated from Mt. Angel high school and Mt. Angel college. He won his wings in December, 1942, and left for overseas duty in January, 1943. He has a total of 1048 flying hours, 939 flown in combat areas.

SILVERTON, Aug. 26—Lt. Raymond E. David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor P. David, recently arrived at the Big Spring, Texas, bombardier school, and has been assigned to duty as a pilot with the training department.

A graduate of Silverton high school, he attended the University of Oregon before entering service. He was commissioned last June at Ellington Field, Texas.

Leads Worship in English Church



A NINTH AIR FORCE TROOP CARRIER BASE—Chaplain Robert W. Tindall, whose wife, the former Mildred Will of Salem, Ore., is now living in Dayton, Ore., is best known to his Ninth air force troop carrier group as "Chappie." At present he preaches to a full house of American service men overseas, where the sign "Standing Room Only" is often needed. For both Sunday services and midweek prayer meetings, "Chappie" meets his GI flock for inter-denominational worship of the Master Pilot in this quaint English, 16th century cillage church located on their base.

Brownsville Officer Helps Wipe Out Complete Jap Force

WITH THE AMERICAN INFANTRY DIVISION SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—(P)—Lt. Donald E. Bouey, 306 Coolie Ave., Brownsville, Ore., has finally realized the big ambition of his life—that of being able to slip up on an enemy force without being detected, wipe it out and withdraw without casualties to his own men.



Mickey McDaniel, radio technician 1/c, former Salem boy who attended Grant school here and later was in radio school at Salem high school, is now stationed at Stillwater, Okla. He is the son of Mrs. Anna Mosier, 237 A street, Independence, a nephew of Mrs. F. Oltz, 379 North Liberty street, Salem.



Pvt. Wilbur A. Wilkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Wilkes, Salem, is at home on furlough. He was graduated from Salem high school in 1942, spent nine months in army specialized training program classes at the University of Arkansas and was transferred to Camp Moxey, where he is now stationed with an infantry regiment.



Billy Hackett, S 1/c, former Salem boy who attended junior high school here and whose mother, Mrs. Pearl Hackett, now resides at 532 East Second street, Albany, is somewhere in the South Pacific. He is the nephew of Mrs. F. Oltz, 379 North Liberty street, Salem.

TURNER—Sgt. Melvin H. Baker, Camp Bliss, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker, is home on furlough.

Birthday Finds Red Cross on Many Fronts

"The Red Cross, which this week marked the 80th anniversary of the signing of the first treaty giving official international recognition to the Red Cross movement, faces total warfare responsibilities which still are growing," Basil O'Connor, chairman of the American Red Cross, said Saturday. "And there is no conceivable turn of the war that could reduce the need for Red Cross service in the field; in the prison camps and at home."

The American Red Cross planned no special observance of its 80 years of service because it continues to be too busy with its wartime tempo of work.

Through volunteer workers in its 9840 chapters and branches the Red Cross is helping to feed and clothe more than 45,700 American prisoners of war, and 8,200 civilian internees who are reported in the hands of enemy nations. Approximately 16,000 prisoners of war and civilian internees are now listed through the International Red Cross. These people are identified prisoners of war and are listed with the International Red Cross and standard food parcels, (weekly when international conditions permit); capture parcels, containing supplies for men who have just been made prisoners of war; invalid food parcels for wounded men; medical kits, and clothing are provided.

The generous response to the March war fund appeal made it possible to supplement the services of volunteers by stationing 13,000 trained men and women with the armed forces at home and abroad, in the hospitals and in the field, O'Connor explains. In addition to this work with the armed forces, the responsibility imposed upon the Red Cross by Congressional charter 40 years ago, "To help the service man on his return, and his family while he is away . . . is being met by thousands of home service volunteers under the direction of trained personnel."

O'Connor pointed out the heavy responsibility of the Red Cross which forms its mighty 80th anniversary of service.



Sgt. Technician Richard E. Satter, son of Mr. Edward Satter, is at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. His wife, with their small daughter, Susan Ann, will leave Salem shortly for Bloomington, Ill., where her father resides. Satter is with the 70th division, formerly of Camp Adair.



Pvt. Roy Garrison of 2470 Myrtle avenue, Salem, is at home on an emergency furlough to be with his mother, who is seriously ill. He is in basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif.

SWEENEY—Mr. and Mrs. William Hensell have received a message from their son, Fred. He was returned from Australia after several months in hospital with malaria. He was taken by plane from hospital in California to Walla Walla, Wash.

The extent of his illness is not known as no letter has been received from him for several weeks. He first had malaria in the canal zone before war was declared, while US troops were stationed there.

(Special to The Statesman) AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BORDER STATION, England—Promotion of Leonard E. Ranson, 28, Portland, former Willamette university student, to captain and to serve as squadron training officer has been announced at this Eighth air force B-17 Flying Fortress station.

Michael Sons Win Medal, Promotion



The Air Medal to one and the corporal's stripes to the other, Sgt. Billy Michael (left) now with the Ninth air force in the European theatre of operations, and Cpl. Jimmy Michael (right) stationed at McDill field, Tampa, Fla., sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Michael, 150 Highway avenue, Salem, are recent recipients of army honors. The sergeant's award for "outstanding ability and courage" shown in the initial wave of troops carriers C-47s that dropped paratroopers over Cherbourg on D-day, has been described in a public relations release sent directly to his parents from the Ninth's headquarters, and reprinted elsewhere on this page. Cpl. Jimmy Michael, who enlisted in the air force in January of this year, has graduated from gunnery school at Las Vegas, Nev. The two young army men are nephews of Mrs. Wood Welch, 105 Highway avenue, Salem.

Buzz Miller's Squadron Sets Great Record

PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 26—(P)—"The Japanese," said the admiral, "should be very happy that you are going home on leave."

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz had in mind the almost unbelievable score which Cmdr. Norman (Mickey) Miller's PB4Y squadron rolled up against the Japanese from Nauru to Wake; from the Marshalls to the Bonins in seven one-half months.

Of 147 ships sighted by Buzz Miller's small group of 7 to 14 Liberators, 43 were sunk; 91 damaged. Miller's men shot down four enemy planes in the air; destroyed 20 on the ground, probably destroyed 26 and damaged 44.

They flew more than 12,000 combat hours—that's more than 2,000,000 miles—to make 352 bombing and strafing attacks; to patrol thousands of square miles of the Pacific almost daily from late January until a few days ago.

Miller's squadron, Navy VB 109, was assigned primarily to search and reconnaissance missions. Much of its bombing and strafing was extracurricular.

Miller, 36, whose wife and five children live at 4121 Shirley avenue, Jacksonville, Fla., personally is credited with sinking 20 ships totaling 35,500 tons and damaging 46 totaling 28,350 tons. He has received three Distinguished Flying crosses, three Air Medals and several commendations.

Sometimes referred to as the "one-man task force," Miller also has shot down one enemy plane, destroyed four on the ground and damaged 10.

But Miller rejects personal praise. "We did all this as a squadron," he says.

Jack Wilbur, signalman 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark J. Miller, 1405 North Church street, is at home on a 28-day leave after spending 11 months in the Aleutian Islands. He participated in the landing on Kiska and was a member of a task force at the shelling of Pavumushiro.

Pvt. Robert A. Wiens, son of Mrs. B. F. Wiens, 2142 North Commercial street, Salem, is a member of a class which has recently enrolled at Fort Knox, Ky., for an intensive nine-weeks course in the clerical department.

SILVERTON, Aug. 26—Harvey Christenson has been promoted to first lieutenant, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Christenson, have just learned.

Lt. Christenson is serving in New Guinea and has been in the hospital for some time, but is improving.

Salem Man Is Described as Saipan Hero

(By Sgt. Stanford Opatowsky of New Orleans, La., a marine corps combat correspondent.)

SAIPAN (Delayed) — Navy Pharmacist's Mate First Class Everett N. Joeckel, son of Mrs. Minnie L. Joeckel of route one, box 227, Salem, Ore., a corpsman with a marine corps outfit, distinguished himself during the final Japanese counterattack on Saipan.

He dashed across an open field under heavy machine gun cross fire five times to evacuate wounded men.

The Salem corpsman, a veteran of Tarawa, who has been overseas 20 months, related his experience.

"I knew that I couldn't treat the wounded with all the fighting going on," he said, "so the only thing to do was to get them to a first aid station."

He was unable to get stretcher bearers, so he brought the patients back himself, and then personally gave them first aid.

Attached to a leatherneck artillery unit, Corpsman Joeckel was in the thick of the Saipan fighting. He treated his first patient less than half an hour after he landed here.

Joeckel has recently written from Tinian island to his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Woelk, saying the campaign there was a little easier than that at Saipan, but as far as battles go "no-battle can be called easy."

In a former letter from Saipan, he stated he had seen his twin brother, Irving Joeckel, en route to the engagement. This is the second time this coincidence has occurred, as his twin brother's ship also took him to Tarawa.

When the marines first landed there, the pharmacist's mate, who is attached to a marine group, was among the first to go ashore at Tulagi. So far as is known here, he has come through four major battles unharmed.

Portland Area Favored In Tire Allotments

PORTLAND, Aug. 26—(P)—In answer to their plea for still more large-size truck tires, Portland OPA officials today were told that this area has been especially favored because of its war industries.

Amos T. Crowl, regional mileage rationing representative, San Francisco, said the Portland district has been allotted 20 per cent of the regional reserve this month in addition to its regular quota.

Ralph Wood Rated As Seaman First

(Special to The Statesman) Norman, Okla., Aug. 26—Ralph T. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood of Salem, has been graduated from the naval air technical training center here, the navy department announces. Before entering the navy in August, 1943, Wood was a student at Whitman college. Upon graduation from the school here he received the rate of seaman, first class, and will now be transferred to a naval unit afloat or to another shore station.

VETERANS—Pvt. George H. Cryne, wounded while landing on the Normandy beachhead, discusses a carbine with George Oriscler, 82, who has been making guns for the past 50 years, at the Winchester plant in New Haven, Conn.

LEGION OF VALOR REUNION — Members of the Army & Navy Legion of Valor, each a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, at 54th reunion, Fort Jay, N. Y., are (left to right) Henry F. Russell, Hartford, Conn.; Lt. Thomas Eadie, Newport, R. I.; L. L. Stupka, Baltimore, O.; Michael Valente, Long Beach, N. Y.; John McCutay, Leonia, N. J.; Col. Pierpont Morgan Hamilton, N. Y. C.; Lt. Comdr. John Davis, Boston; Frank W. Crilley, Verona, N. J.; August F. Teyland, Philadelphia; Oscar Burkhard, Rome, N. Y.

