

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



SWEGLE—Fred Hanel is in McCall hospital in Walla Walla, Wash. He has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hensel. He was brought to a California hospital and flown to the Washington hospital. He was ill with malaria and had been in an Australian hospital when brought home.

(Special to The Statesman)

15th AAF IN ITALY—Second Lt. Harold W. Maker, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Peck of North Erosk avenue, Salem, has been awarded the second Oak Leaf cluster to the Air Medal, it was announced by 15th army air force headquarters.

In the words of the citation which accompanied the award the decoration was made "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy."

Lt. Maker, a navigator on a B-24 bomber, is a member of a heavy bombardment group which is nearing the one hundred mission mark, representing thousands of tons of bombs dropped on German aircraft factories, railroads, and oil refineries within range.

LA. Roy Rice, Jr., returned to duty August 15, his parents, County Commissioner and Mrs. Roy Rice, were notified by a telegram from the adjutant general Monday. Young Rice, listed as missing in action following a bombing raid April 25, was last week reported safe.

William (Bill) Woelke, in the merchant marine for two years, now is in naval training at Camp Hill, Idaho, and like other Willamette valley boys in the service he certainly likes to get letters, he writes relatives here. He is the son of Peter W. Woelke of Hazel Green and brother of Mrs. Henry Burnham of Salem.

William L. Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Elliott, 250 Fairview avenue, Salem, recently returned to Fort Meade, Md., after spending a furlough at home. He had just finished his training at Camp Hood, Texas, in the motorized infantry of the army. Part of the furlough was spent at Florence, Ore., where Mrs. Elliott is postmistress.

Pvt. Wesley D. Cheffings has landed safely in Italy according to recent word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cheffings, and his wife and son, Gordon, who reside at 2090 Mill street, Salem. He has been in the army since January and was employed as a truck driver here. He would be very glad to hear from any of his friends. His address is 39343253, Co. N.A.P.O., 15404, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.



MT. ANGEL—Don W. Aman, top, chief pharmacist mate, back in the states after 18 months in the Pacific, is awaiting reassignment orders in San Francisco. He is expected home on leave soon. He enlisted in the navy two and a half years ago, was drafted into the marines and later back into the navy. He has never been home since he entered the service.

Cpl. Gordon Aman, middle, is in the army in Iceland. He has been in the service since August, 1942.

Russell Aman, bottom, second class, youngest of the trio, entered the navy about five months ago, and is stationed at San Pedro, Calif.

Lt. Dwight Runner recently wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Runner, route six, Salem, that he was sending them a medal. The young navigator on a bomber, has been overseas not much more than a month and his parents, accustomed to his receiving training awards, were delighted to receive in the mail Monday an Air Medal, awarded for meritorious achievement in the air.

WAVE Toils and Spins



Aviation Machinist's Mate Violet Falkum of Minneapolis turns over the propeller of an SBJ training plane at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla. This is one of the scores of Navy tasks being performed by WAVES. As the WAVES observe their second anniversary this summer, the need is increasingly urgent for thousands of women—20 to 36, without children under 18—who can contribute mightily to early victory. It's profitable as well as patriotic as the starting pay, counting food and quarters, is computed at \$36.65 per week. This does not include such extras as special income tax exemption, inexpensive government insurance, \$200 clothing allowance and free medical and dental care.

Arms Inspector



Tech. Sgt. George I. Nadvornik, of 934 N. Church St., Salem, shown at work at a 12th army air force base, where he recently was made armament inspector of a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter bomber now blasting the enemy in support of ground troops in the Mediterranean theatre of war.

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MADISON, Wis., Aug. 23—Pvt. Leo O. Reed, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo V. Reed of 2455 Commercial street, Salem, has been enrolled in the technical school for training of radio mechanics students at Truax field, an installation of the army air forces training command.

Pvt. Reed will receive a complete course in aircraft radio mechanics and will take supplemental AAF courses in defense against chemical attack, physical training, and related subjects designed to fit him for overseas combat duty with the fighting AAF.

GETS CONDUCT MEDAL

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AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, England—Sgt. Palmer G. Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clare A. Lee of 2465 S. Commercial street, Salem, Ore., has been awarded the Good Conduct medal for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity" at this eighth fighter command station for one of the pioneer P-38 Lightning fighter groups in England.

SALEM MEN END TRAINING

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AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND STATION IN ENGLAND—Lt. Marvin L. Amundson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Amundson of route 5, box 76, and Cpl. Roland J. Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stewart of 1230 N. Winter St., both of Salem, Ore., have completed orientation courses designed to bridge the gap between training in the states and combat soldiering against the enemy in France.

Enlistments For WAVES Re-opened

Enlistments for the second Salem special WAVE volunteer platoon, was being accepted today by the local WAVES enlistment office, 220 Postoffice building.

Inauguration of this movement comes as a sequel to the successful organization of the Salem area's first special WAVE platoon which left here last week for recruit training at the US naval training center (women reserves) The Bronx, N.Y.

"So successful was the original platoon enlistment program," said A. C. Friesen, specialist first class, USNR, in charge of the local WAVES and navy enlistment station, "that it now has been decided

to form a second platoon of WAVES from Salem and other communities in this station's area."

Enlistments for the second platoon, the navy representative announced, will be open until November 1. A minimum of 30 new WAVE enlistments from this area by that date is the goal of the new WAVE recruiting movement.

Departing as a unit on November 12, the new Salem WAVE group will make the cross-country trip to New York via special Pullman car and will remain together intact throughout "boot" days at the training school there.

Rebuilt Church Will Be Dedicated Soon

SILVERTON—The rebuilt First Church of Christ will be dedicated Sunday, September 17, according to preliminary plans announced Sunday by Rev. Russel Myers.



YOUNG MOVIE ACTRESSES—Donna and Elissa Lamberstein, nine-month-old twins, have a bright and inquiring look for the director after being chosen from 1,100 applicants to play the babies of a service man in a movie.

STEVENS

Santa has a lot of traveling to do this year

... at little sun-baked islands in the Pacific, the snow-covered Aleutians, in African deserts, in ruined French and Italian villages and in the crowded cities of England and Australia. Christmas will come as usual to the far corners of the world bringing cheer and gaiety and gifts from home to our fighting men.



Christmas gifts to soldiers overseas must be mailed early—Sept. 15th to Oct. 15th. Don't disappoint them! These remembrances from home mean so much to our battle weary soldiers. They're a touch of home and a tangible proof of love from the dear ones they left behind.

... You owe it to our fighting men to do your Christmas shopping early and to mail your presents overseas as soon as possible so that you can be sure your gifts reach them in time. Gifts purchased from Stevens and Son will be wrapped and mailed without charge. They have a wide selection to choose from in their "Gift Canteen"—shop early and don't forget the date—September 15 to October 15.

The usual Post Office Written Request will not be necessary to mail your Christmas Gifts.

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Manufacturing Jewelers

Former Salem Man Supervises Loading of Wounded Soldiers

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A NINTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND UNIT, EUROPEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS: A lanky lean-faced medical captain from Oregon is a familiar sight around this dusty front-line landing strip in Normandy where mass aerial evacuation of wounded American soldiers is being conducted.

He is Capt. Earl W. Douglas, 4547 SE Johnson Creek Blvd., Portland, Ore., son of Mrs. Fannie L. Douglas, 2390 South Commercial street, Salem.

And he and his white jeep with a red cross painted on it are constantly on the move as he supervises the loading of the wounded on Ninth air force transport planes for the return flight to general hospitals in the United Kingdom.

800 Wounded Loaded

"Just the other day 800 wounded men were delivered here to the landing strip; loaded on the planes and in flight to England within an hour and a half," said Capt. Douglas. "That's our best record since we started aerial evacuation."

The first evacuations were made on D Plus Five when a transport plane of the air transport wing of the Ninth air force service command landed on a temporary strip carved out of a sandy beachhead. Twenty-four wounded soldiers were flown out on that first strip and since that time the air transport wing has evacuated more than 16,000 wounded.

Must Work Fast

"We want every wounded man to get the best possible care in the fastest possible time," Capt. Douglas said.

The wounded men are in the air just a little over one hour before the C-47 twin-engine transport lands at a field near a large general hospital in the United Kingdom. There to meet the plane and take charge of the wounded are medical officers, nurses and medical corpsmen from the hospital.

"We haven't lost a single man in flight across the channel," the captain said. "There is a nurse and a medical attendant aboard each plane when it leaves Normandy with the wounded."

Ambulances Busy

A field tent hospital is located a short distance from the landing strip and on a flying day the road is dotted with ambulances as the wounded are brought to the landing strip where a long line of C-47's are waiting.

"The wards at the tent hospital are emptied as many as three times a day in good flying weather," Capt. Douglas explained. The wounded are brought to the tent hospital near the landing strip

from other tent hospitals nearer the battle areas.

Often within 10 hours after a soldier is wounded in battle he is airborne in the flight to England. During that time he has been given first aid treatment, had his condition checked at hospitals and he is placed aboard the transport plane.

Checks Patients

It is Capt. Douglas' job to see the litters of wounded are loaded correctly on the planes and to see that all patients have the proper care while at the strip.

His jeep carries an oxygen tank, supplies of morphine and a supply of necessary equipment for administering vital blood plasma to any soldier whose condition is critical.

Dawn Comes Early

Dawn comes early in Normandy and the days are long. And Capt. Douglas, like other American soldiers, measures his day by the sunlight. Often he is on duty from 18 to 20 hours a day.

He was one of the first to land on this strip and since it opened he has been on duty each day. He sleeps under his jeep so that he can have transportation available at any time.

The evacuation of the wounded is so vital to the Ninth air force that recently Capt. Douglas commandeered the planes of two high ranking generals and sent them back to England with patients as passengers.

The planes of the air transport wing have ferried more than 8,300,000 pounds of war materials to Normandy on their flights to pick up the wounded combat soldiers.

Sailor on Leave

Is Entertained

PRINGLE—Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Friesen entertained with a wiener roast in the yard of their home Friday for their nephew, Dick Schroeder, who is home for a 25 day leave from the South Pacific war area. Also present were Mr. and Alfred Schroeder, Mary Helen, Estelle, Milford and Clinton Schroeder.