

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing

Willamette Valley Crewmen Cited



Sgt. W. G. Esplin, Salem, and S/Sgt. R. M. McKechnie, Albany, right, both ground crewmen for a marine aviation group, were commended for "unselfish devotion to duty" during Japanese shelling of their Solomons island base.

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND—Sgt. Peder A. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Svenneby, 250 Park Ave., Salem, has been awarded the good conduct medal for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity" at an Eighth Fighter command station in Britain.

The station to which he is assigned is the base for long-range P-51 Mustangs engaged in escorting heavy bombers to their targets and ground strafing enemy air fields, supply and transportation facilities, and military installations behind German lines.

Sgt. Johnson, who is an airplane mechanic in his flight squadron, has been overseas for a year. He was a landscape gardener prior to entering the army in June, 1942.

Sgt. Robert W. Baker, son of Mrs. Dean T. Goodman, 1520 State street, Salem, recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and combat soldiering against the enemy in France.

AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND STATION IN ENGLAND—2nd Lt. Joseph W. Rierson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Rierson of 1561 Plaza street, Salem, recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and combat soldiering against the enemy in France.

Before entering the army air forces, he was employed as a carpenter by the Keith Brown Building Supply.

SCIO—Ernest Schradle, aviation radioman third class US navy, is spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schradle, near Scio. He has been in the Pacific area. He is the youngest of four brothers in the service, three of whom chose the navy.

Missing Naval Man Awarded An Air Medal

Gail Miller, aviation ordnance man second class, USN, son of Gay Leroy Miller of Salem, has received the air medal, it was announced by the navy department Monday, "for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as a member of the crew of a patrol bomber attached to photographic squadron in combat against enemy Japanese forces over the Marshall islands in January, 1944.

"Taking part in a two-plane flight assigned the extremely hazardous task of obtaining low, close, oblique photographs of enemy beaches on Kwajalein, Miller took off for the strongly defended islands and, approaching the objective, was subjected to vicious attack by twelve or more Japanese fighters.

"As his plane assumed the brunt of the enemy in order to protect the accompanying bomber, he skillfully assisted his intrepid comrades in maintaining fierce and accurate fire against the overwhelming hostile forces, enabling the other aircraft to complete its task and return to base with valuable information.

"By his outstanding courage and unswerving devotion to duty, Miller contributed materially to the success of a vital mission and upheld the highest traditions of the United States naval service." Miller has been missing in action since Jan. 4, 1944.

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Paul Ross Rudin, S 2/c (RDM), son of Mrs. Jessie Rudin, formerly of Salem and now in Vancouver, is taking an advanced radar course at Terminal Island, Calif. Rudin completed his "boot" training at San Diego in July and remained there for his initial course in radar.

His wife, the former Evelyn Meyers also of Vancouver, and son David are planning to be with him for a month at San Pedro, Calif.

CLOVERDALE—Ensign Gordon Kunkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kunkle, returned home Sunday morning for a short leave with his parents and friends here. He was commissioned upon graduation last Thursday from the United States naval reserve midshipmen's school at Chicago, Ill. He will report to the San Diego naval base for advanced training following his leave.

Second Lt. Ralph M. Lulay, 21, of Sublimity, is now in training as a fighter pilot at Fort Sumner Army Air Field, Fort Sumner, N. M.

Lt. Lulay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lulay, received his wings in June at Foster Field, Tex.

Paul Judd Dies In San Diego

Paul Arthur Judd, 22, seaman 1/c, United States navy, grandson of Mrs. Flora Berndt of Salem, died September 16 at the San Diego naval hospital following an operation for brain tumor.

Judd is a graduate of Salem high school and entered Willamette university in 1941. He enlisted in the navy in August, 1942, and in his junior year entered the navy V-12 training program when it was instituted at Willamette.

He was sent to Farragut for basic training in January, 1944, and entered quartermaster school in April, 1944. He signed for submarine duty and reported at San Diego on August 7, 1944.

Judd is survived by a sister, Edna Judd of Salem; and a brother, Robert Judd, seaman 2/c, serving in the South Pacific, and his grandmothers, Mrs. Flora Berndt, route 3, box 542, Salem, and Mrs. Edith Judd, Berkeley, Calif. His body is being shipped to Salem and funeral announcement will be made later by Rose Lawn Funeral home.

Army Camp Liquidation Draws No State Protest

GEARHART, Sept. 18 (AP)—No protest was heard in Oregon over the liquidation of three large army cantonments, Camp Adair, Camp Abbott and Camp White, Davis B. Simpson, Portland Chamber of Commerce president, told real estate men here last weekend. Simpson said he wondered why Oregon was selected for the first liquidation. He also said that while Puget Sound and California have received large allotments for naval defenses, Oregon has received none.



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WACO ARMY AIR FIELD, Waco, Texas, Sept. 18—Aviation Cadet Loren N. Christiansen, son of Henry Christiansen of Salem, Ore., has completed basic flying training at the Waco army air field and departed for his final phase of training at one of the AAF advanced training fields in the central flying training command. Cadet Christiansen received elementary training at the primary field in Uvalde, Texas.

MADISON, Wis.—Pvt. Robert H. Siefarth, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Siefarth of 1840 Madison St., Salem, has been graduated from the AAF training command's aircraft radio mechanics school at Trux Field. Trained primarily as a highly skilled technician, Pvt. Siefarth also has had instruction in physical training, defense against chemical warfare, aircraft identification, handling of fire-arms, and other allied subjects.

AUMSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steiner have received word from their son, George Steiner, that he graduated from the quartermaster training school at Bainbridge, Md., last week with the rank of q.m. 3/c.

TURNER—Sgt. Roger DeLorn has been released from a New Guinea hospital, according to word received by his wife who lives here.

NEWS NOW CAN BE SENT

News from home also is off the "ration list" for service men and women overseas between September 15 and October 15, the post-office said today. In other words, no written request need be shown to have The Oregon Statesman

Salem Soldier Gets Old Army Run Around

"You're in the army now" was what Fritz Deckebach learned after a "clothing inspection" at Camp Rucker, Ala., where he is now stationed. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Deckebach, 1410 Court st. His letter describing the experience gives a picture of army life which will be appreciated by all ex-soldiers and by others who never have been up against the mysteries of army "regulations." Fritz writes:

"Well, Tuesday morning we ended up by leaving classes and P. T. for a couple of hours and then started in on a clothing inspection. It was just about the biggest mess I've seen around here in a long time. We had to have every article of clothing we have ever been issued out, or accounted for, and then the divisional supply men came around and started checking. We started out in the battalion area (the whole battalion was checked at once) and were there the whole afternoon, but then it got dark after dinner and we moved into the barracks.

Doesn't Make Sense
"Each article was stamped serviceable or unserviceable (draw your own conclusions) and then we were to put the serviceable items in one barracks bag and the unserviceable ones in another. The instructions were then to make out two tags giving name, rank

sent to your friends and relatives between those dates.

and serial number and stamp one of them unserviceable and tie them to their respective bags. Then we were to take the unserviceable tag off the unserviceable bag and leave it by our bunks—which didn't make sense, because we thought unserviceable equipment out to be turned in; and then we were to collect our serviceable bag, the unserviceable tag and two pages of records, and run over to the supply room and turn them in—which didn't make sense, either, because you would almost expect to keep serviceable equipment, but the supply sergeant blew the hair and sweat out of his eyes and said "Nope—they are the orders," so we all lined up outside the supply room.

"But it wasn't over. Inside you clunked everything back out on the floor and piece by piece tried on every article of clothing you had left as a second looney checked for size. Then they guy behind you would give your clothes a boot across the floor to the next stop and some one would start in with a pen and a bottle of ink, putting numbers on everything.

Slowly Going Nuts

"I waited from eleven o'clock to twelve-thirty to make the next jump and then I finally met the supply sergeant. All he wanted was for me to call off the articles I had as he checked them off my form 32 and I could pile them back in the bag and get out. When I got back there were still guys who had been over yet, running around yelling "serviceable or unserviceable?" and throwing things into bags. They were slowly but surely going nuts, for as each guy came back he had some helpful bit of information to add to their stew until finally they didn't know

Morse Says State for GOP

PORTLAND, Sept. 18 (AP) Wayne Morse, GOP candidate for the US senate, told the Oregon Republican club tonight that "if the coming November election was held tomorrow the republican ticket would win in Oregon from top to bottom by a substantial majority."

The Eugene man, speaking at the club's annual convention banquet, said his party offers the American people "a constructive program that will keep our country economically sound, our standard of living high and our social order moving forward."

Morse declared the republican party has taken the lead in making the writing of the peace a non-partisan issue.

He said that if elected he will vigorously oppose "those economic theorists in the senate whose belief in reciprocal trade agreements is such that they appear willing to sacrifice the interests of whole regions of our country."

whether to tie both bags together and flush the tags down the toilet or run over and kick the supply sergeant in the face. It is the honest truth to say this went on all night, for as I went to breakfast Wednesday morning there were still six men standing in front of the supply room with their bags hung over their shoulder. All of this wouldn't have been so bad except that besides it I also had guard that night. Maybe I wasn't running back and forth! And I never did find out what happened to that unserviceable tag."

AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF



After giving orders to abandon their torpedoed ship, Walter E. Reed, Master Marine, Merchant Marine, returned amidships to assist the radio operator and a steward through blinding flames to safety. The Distinguished Service Medal is his, because of courage and disregard for personal safety. We too must place the lives and hopes of our men above all; buy more War Bonds than ever before! U. S. Treasury Department

YOU REALLY CAN

AUSTIN, Tex.—(AP)—Cavalry troops who fought in Texas' revolution against Mexico won a major naval engagement.

Sidney, Liham, secretary of state, who collects Texas tall tales as a hobby, says the has been unable to verify all the facts but this is about what occurred: The Mexican fleet sailed into a port and attacked the mainland

at high tide. The turn of the tide left the Mexican ships grounded in the shallows. The Texas cavalry charged the ships through the low water and captured every vessel.

The first European to land in what is now California was Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, who discovered San Diego bay in 1542.



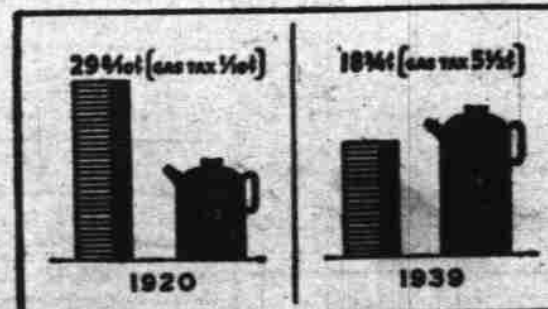
Where will gasoline prices be lowest after the war?

GASOLINE PRICES IN MAJOR WORLD CITIES* (On or about Jan. 10, 1939)			
Per Gal.	Per Gal.	Per Gal.	Per Gal.
Antwerp . . . 35c	Hong Kong 26c	Paris . . . 30c	
Berlin . . . 59c	Istanbul . . 45c	Prague . . 41c	
Bombay . . 30c	Lisbon . . . 42c	Rome . . . 81c	
Budapest . 35c	London . . 31c	Warsaw . 40c	
United States Average . . 18 1/2c			

1 Well, in 1939, the last year before the war, gasoline cost less in the United States than in any other nation in the world. The average price throughout this country was 18 1/2c per gallon—including taxes. The average price throughout the rest of the world was 33.7c per gallon.

2 Of course, we had plenty of crude oil within our boundaries. But then, so did many other nations. We had the scientists, the equipment and the skilled labor to convert that crude oil into gasoline efficiently. But we weren't alone in that respect either.

3 What did we have then that kept our prices almost twice as low as the rest of the world's? The answer can be given in one word—competition. No nation had as little governmental control of the oil industry. No nation had as many companies competing for the business.



4 In most countries, either prices are regulated by the government, or the industry is dominated by two or three big companies. Here, prices are allowed to find their own levels and the biggest single company has less than 13% of the country's business.

5 In fact, there are 8,267 separate oil companies in this nation competing for your patronage. As a result, the cost of "regular" gasoline to you (exclusive of taxes) dropped from 29.7c per gallon in 1920 to 13.4c in 1939. And the quality climbed from 52 octane to 78.

6 That's why we predict that gasoline prices after the war will be lowest right here in America. For our competitive Free Enterprise System has demonstrated time and again that it can bring better products to more people at lower prices than any system yet devised by man.

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