

# Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing

### ANDERSON PROMOTED

Alva E. Anderson, a Lyons marine, was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant while stationed somewhere in the Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson of Lyons.

Sgt. Anderson is a member of the fourth marine division and saw action in the Saipan and Tinian campaigns. His unit made the assault landing on Saipan and was the first American troops to occupy a Japanese town. He also fought in the Marshall Islands last February, participating in the attack on Roi Island, Kwajalein atoll.

**SCIO**—Pfc. Reid L. Shelton is in charge of a new recreation center for service men in New Guinea, according to word received by his father, Roy V. Shelton.

Sgt. Hans Petersen is with an anti-aircraft battery in the South Pacific, he states in an airmail letter received in nine days by friends here. Petersen, a former employe of the Scio garage, has been overseas since January, 1943.

**PIONEER**—Pvt. Ken Loudahl left Wednesday for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., after a two weeks furlough spent at his home here.

Dale Muhleman has completed training at the advanced bombardier school at Kirtland field, Albuquerque, NM. He was graduated Sept. 30. Mrs. Muhleman, the former Alice Robbins, is with her husband.

Tech. Sgt. Larry Barham, graduate of Salem high school with the class of 1941, was awarded the Oak Leaf cluster to the Air Medal on August 26, friends here have been informed. Son of Mrs. B. F. Russell of Seattle, he is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barham, 396 South 21st street, Salem.

Promotion of Robert Cody Burrell, Salem, air corps, to first lieutenant, was announced officially Wednesday night.

**RICKREALL**—Jan Allen Ragsdale, motor machinist's mate first class, is recovering from a major operation in the naval hospital at Bremerton, where for the past six weeks he has been receiving treatment for complications following

an operation performed in the New Hebrides 18 months ago. He will probably be in the hospital for some time longer, as another operation may be necessary. The veteran had been in almost constant combat for two years. His mother, Mrs. Florence Ragsdale, returned Saturday from a trip to Bremerton to see him. While at the hospital she also visited with her niece, Ensign Barbara Nelson, navy nurse corps, who is stationed there.

**MARINES PROMOTED**  
Two Oregon marines have been promoted to the rank of sergeant at the marine corps Air Station, Santa Barbara, Calif., where they are both assigned to a torpedo bomber squadron.

They are Sgt. William L. Miller, of Turner, who enlisted in October, 1942, and Sgt. Lawrence W. Kerber, whose wife, Ellen, and daughter, Sharon, live at 405 Marion street, Salem. Kerber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kerber, reside in Stayton. He is a veteran of 15 months service in the South Pacific.

**SILVERTON**—Cpl. Loyall Beals came Tuesday to visit his wife, the former Bonnie Jean McPike. He has been in the South Pacific area since early this year and is now on furlough.

A Salem marine, Cpl. Gordon A. Krueger of 220 East Lincoln street recently reported at San Diego after serving overseas. He was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands.

The son of A. A. Krueger of the local address, Cpl. Krueger formerly attended the University of Oregon.

**SILVERTON**, Oct. 4—A birthday greeting from Japan was received by Mrs. John T. Hoblitt Monday night when her youngest son, Frederick Marion Hoblitt broadcast a message on his mother's birthday.

Young Hoblitt has been a prisoner of war since the fall of the Philippines and this was the fourth message received this year. He did not broadcast it himself, but the message was read. The Hoblitts know it was authentic because he mentioned a number of things which only a member of the family would have known.

## Back in U. S.



Pfc. Wilbur F. Gorman, 21-year-old marine son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Gorman of route 1, Scio, recently was returned to the United States after 25 months in the south and central Pacific. He is now awaiting reassignment and furlough at San Diego, Calif.

The young leatherneck, serving with the quartermaster unit of the famed Second marine division, took part in the bloody battles for Guadalcanal and Tarawa.

"The Tarawa campaign was the toughest of the two," he said, "because of the heavy opposition we met while trying to get ashore. The Japs were using heavy and light machine guns, rifles and anti-boat guns as well as mortars, and they took a heavy toll of the invading marines."

Pfc. Gorman is a graduate of Sacred Heart high school and was employed by a Salem bottling works (L. M. Ramage) before his enlistment in January, 1942.

## 4H Health Clubs Elect Officers

**NORTH HOWELL**—Upper grade pupils at North Howell school organized a 4H Health club Friday morning and elected these officers: president, Rolleen McIlwain; vice-president, Lorraine

Kohlemeister; secretary, Patricia Pickens.

The fourth grade pupils elected Arnold Schmidt president; George Rickard, vice-president; and Verona Pickens, secretary.

A cooking club was also organized with Mrs. Ronald Stevens as leader. The group chose Lorraine Kohlmeier as president; Dale Ne-

## Goes to Hospital

**WOODBURN**—Mrs. Minnie Bissel went to Portland Wednesday morning to enter the Emanuel hospital for a major operation.

liton as vice-president, and Patricia Pickens as secretary.

## Scio Replaces City Water Superintendent

**SCIO**—Joe Oupor has been elected city water superintendent and city marshal. He replaces Ladislav Kruml, resigned.

Purchase of a larger water storage tank for the northwest part of town was discussed. The water

committee was instructed to investigate feasibility and cost of installation.

Mayor J. A. Withers reported \$700 or half the total has been paid on debt incurred by the city for water meters. The 200 feet of new hose ordered has arrived here, Fire Chief G. F. Bryan reported.



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