

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing

GERVAIS—Pfc. Lloyd Patterson and Lorraine C. Morey were married at Vancouver Saturday, October 7. They were accompanied by Mrs. Charles Morey of Silverton, mother of the bride and Mrs. A. S. Patterson, mother of the groom.

Pfc. Patterson, who is stationed at Ford Leonard Wood, Mo., is home on furlough. A wedding dinner was served for relatives Sunday at the Morey home in Silverton.

RECEIVES COMMISSION

Marine 2nd Lt. LeRoy Chester Long, of Salem, recently received his commission at Camp Lejeune, NC, graduating with the first class to undergo basic officer training at that base. He is now taking an advanced course.

Lt. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester G. Long of route two, box 85, Salem, attended Salem high school and Willamette university. He was graduated from the university with high honors and is a member of Tau Kappa Alpha, Theta Alpha Phi and Tau Kappa Gnu fraternities.

GERVAIS—Ray Potts left Saturday to join his unit after a 21-day furlough spent at the home of his father, Al Potts south of here. He has an air medal, 30 oak leaf clusters and a distinguished cross medal.

GERVAIS—Mrs. Lucille Boosler has just received a letter from her son, Pfc. Dean Boosler, who is stationed at Farragut. He says he is flag carrier for his company and expects to be at Farragut until January and to have a furlough some time soon.

GERVAIS—Mrs. Francis Leonhart arrived Wednesday from Clairmore, Okla., where she has been with S/Sgt. Leonhart since he left here following a 21 day furlough. She expects to return soon to Clairmore to remain while her husband is stationed there.

Mission Report Given Members

JEFFERSON—Mrs. E. M. Ackerman was hostess Wednesday at the October meeting of the Evangelical Missionary society. Mrs. Don Davis, president presided, also led the devotions assisted by Betty Hague. Verses of scripture were given in answer to roll call. The treasurer reported sending \$39.56 to the branch treasurer for the last three months offerings.

Mrs. George Kihs, chairman of the social relations committee, told of the church program for the coming months, such as Good Literature Sunday, World Temperance Sunday, Foreign Mission Day and Men's Day.

The Good Literature committee reported eight members have completed the reading course. Spiritual Life committee gave the names of missionaries having birthdays this month, and prayer was offered for them.

It was decided to hold the thank-offering service on Sunday night, November 19. Mrs. A. W. Oliver's name was added to the membership. Mrs. Betty Hague, leader of the Little Heralds, presented certificates to ten children.

Mrs. A. Wilson reviewed a chapter of the study book, "West of the Date Line." The meeting closed with prayer.

Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Anna Klampe and Mrs. C. M. Cochran. Mrs. George Kihs served a birthday cake honoring her daughter Carmin's birthday. Mrs. Arthur Rhodes was honored with a shower.

Lloyd Claggett Is Promoted

Word was received from Lloyd Claggett from France, that he has been promoted to staff sergeant. Claggett, son of Mrs. Cal Patton, has been overseas since June and is now stationed in Paris.

Staff Sgt. Claggett says the quartermaster station depot, in which he works, is quartered in the place prepared for a permanent German staff. The offices are luxurious and well equipped, as the Germans moved out of Paris too fast to permit much destruction of the quarters.

In his letters, Claggett talks about the French civilian workers under his direction and often praises the good work done by the Red Cross in France.

Liberty Resident Goes On Trip to Venezuela

LIBERTY—Mrs. L. W. Eveland is on a long trip that will take her eventually to Venezuela. She will stop first in Chicago to visit a son, going on to Miami, Fla., to visit a niece, Mrs. R. B. Munns. Mrs. Eveland will go by plane to Caripito, Venezuela to join her husband, who went there in August to manage an oil refinery there.

The Evelands were formerly in the West Indies for the same company, and were there at the time of the Aruba bombing.

The Evelands lived on the Tom Galloway farm while here.



Robert Taylor, son of Mrs. Mattie Taylor, 714 North Church street, is spending a long leave here following 15 months in the Southwest Pacific. Taylor enlisted in January, 1943.



Eugene Whitcomb Ryley, 55, Willamette university graduate who died August 16 and was buried at sea. He was a former resident of Salem, and his sister, Mrs. Bertha Barr, lives here. Masonic funeral rites and a memorial service were held in Honolulu September 18. His home had been in Honolulu where his widow, Alberta Mofat Ryley, resides.

MONMOUTH—Donald Smith of Portland spent a few days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riley. He is now stationed at the Portland air base, following his release from a long siege of hospitalization. He was seriously injured in a motor truck accident in Africa, while in army ordnance, was in a French hospital for a time, and after being brought to the states was at the O'Reilly hospital at Springfield, Mo. His wife is office assistant in a shipyard dormitory in Portland.

Louis Berning Wins Wings

MT. ANGEL—Louis G. Berning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph J. Berning of Mt. Angel, was presented with the silver and gold wings of a naval aviator and will now be assigned to an operation squadron and proceed to one of the battle fronts either aboard an aircraft carrier or at a naval air station, according to word received from Jacksonville, Fla.

The young aviation gunner is 18 years old and enlisted in the navy Nov. 12, 1943. He completed boot training at Farragut, and, because of his mechanical aptitude, was sent to Aviation Ordnance school at Norman, Okla. He graduated with the rating of seaman first class May 27, 1944.

He was then sent to aerial gunnery school at Purcell, Okla., and from thence to the Naval Air Operational Training Command headquarters station at Jacksonville.

361st Regiment, Once Based at Camp Adair, Sees Bitter Action

The 361st infantry regiment, a part of the 91st division once based at Camp Adair, has seen plenty of action since being attached to General Clark's Fifth Army in Italy, and "never gave ground once gained." It was disclosed in a story received by The Statesman.

The story was sent by T/O. Max Burns of Salem. It was in the form of a clipping from an unidentified newspaper, and herewith is reprinted in full:

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Sept. 14—The 361st infantry regiment, whose presence in Italy as part of the 91st infantry division has just been revealed, landed in Italy on May 31, entered the line two days later, and the following day was in battle.

Commanded by Col. R. W. Broedlow, of Medford, Ore., the 361st first went into action north of Veletri where it was attached to the 36th Division. It participated in the fighting that won the Albano Hills, and it figured prominently in a bitter battle for picturesque Lake Albano.

The fall of Rome, a climactic chapter of the campaign, brought no halt to the 361st Regiment. By-passing the city, they moved north along Highway 1, overcoming successive German delaying positions in the process.

361st Advances Regularly

On June 8, the 361st participated in the capture of Tarquinia. The following day, it moved 10 miles farther north to capture Montalto. Continuing to advance, and passing Orbetello, the 361st defeated German forces near Magliano.

Upon arriving in the Grosseto area, the regiment was attached to the 1st armored division. It was east of Grosseto that the 361st had one of its most successful engagements. At a place called Ponte d'Istria, one company crossed the Ombrone river to enter the town while two other companies flanked the village. When a German force moved forward to counterattack the one company, the other two on the flank caught the enemy by surprise.

Outfit in Bitter Fighting

On July 4, the 361st came out of the line for a week's rest and refitting. It went back on July 11, taking up a position east of the coastal village of Cecina. From there it moved forward against varied opposition, taking Ponsacco, Orceeto and Pontedera. The 361st reached the Arno river on July 17, one of the first units to reach that natural barrier.

Although a relatively recent arrival in General Clark's 5th army, the 361st has participated in bitter fighting, made spectacular advances, took all assigned objectives, and never gave ground once gained, an enviable record for an organization whose battle baptism came within 48 hours of landing.

Joseph Felton Writes Home

Heat and chiggers make life uncomfortable but none the less Missouri isn't such a bad place after all, Cpl. Joseph Felton, former Salem justice of peace writes in a letter to members of Salem's police force. Felton is stationed in Missouri with the military platoon of the 70th infantry.

"The chiggers don't attack all G.I.'s," Felton writes, "but they seem to have an affinity for me. Every time I go afield I come back covered with them. But seriously the Missouri people have been fine to us and it isn't a bad country at all."

Felton likes the country but misses the evergreens of Oregon. He can understand, he writes, how Harold Bell Wright became inspired to write "The Shepherd of the Hills" with the Ozark mountains as a setting. Rolling and heavily wooded, he writes, they are an intriguing sight.

A compliment was paid the police of Salem by the former judge when he indicated "cooperation of the local enforcement officers here doesn't match that given by the home town police."

Red Hills Grangers Discuss Ballot Measures

LIBERTY—The Red Hill grange held an open meeting Tuesday for the discussion of measures which will be on the November ballot.

Tinkham Gilbert spoke in explanation of the banking bill, Lewis Judson and C. A. Ratcliff discussed other measures.

John Brooks of Grants Pass, representing the state grange, spoke on the truck amendment. Mrs. Brooks also was a guest. A grange no-host dinner was held earlier.



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