# Mid-Willamette Valley Men Are Serving Their Country on Battlefronts of World

## **AAF** Sergeant **From Salem Gets** Promoted

While the airmail from the 15th AAF in Italy was dotted with dispatches concerning his promotion from staff sergeant to technical sergeant and his experience on a mission to oil refineries at Blechhammer, Germany, William (Dewey) Paulus, 22, was on his way home to Salem and Portland.

Paulus, who visited friends here late last week, beat the airmail. Son of Mrs. Pauline Paulus, 5924 Northeast Mason street, Portland, Paulus is a graduate of Salem high school, class of 1940. Before enlisting in the army air forces Dec. 29, 1941, he was employed by the Cherry City Baking company as a shipping clerk. Engineer-Gunner

He is an engineer-gunner in an Italy-based 15th AAF Flying Fortress, who flew his 50th daylight bombing mission in the Mediterranean theatre, September 7 of this year. That particular flight the group blasted a jet-propelled aircraft factory at Munich.

The Blechhammer mission of August 27 he describes as the toughest of his career, more colorful and dangerous than that of July 8 at Ploesti when Paulus, riding as waist gunner was hit in the left shoulder by flak which knocked him down but inflicted only minor injury. Other Targets

Among other important targets, Paulus has flown missions to the aircraft factory at Wiener, Neustadt, Austria, railyards at Budapest, Hungary, and refineries at Vienna, Austria.

Friends here expect the sergeant to spend some time here while in this country on furlough.

DALLAS - Dick Hariman is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. A. R. Hartman, until November 8, when he will report to the Alameda airport in California for navy flight training. Hartman completed his naval preflight training, at the University of Washington.

Lt. Robert A. Hartman, his brother, is now overseas in the European theatre serving with a field artillery battalion.

DALLAS-Pvt. Richard L. Venter has arrived from Camp Claiborne, La., to spend his furlough



SILVERTON—Three blue service stars grace the windows of the home of City Manager and Mrs. Harry C. McCrea on Mill street. Included are their elder son. Lt. Donald W. McCrea, left, who was re-cently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in Italy; their younger son, Harry Tom McCrea, fire-man 2/c, center, and their son-in-law, Capt. Joseph Forsha, right, who is flying a Liberator in Eng-land. Lt. McCrea's wife is still in the east but may come west by Christmas when her husband is expected here on furlough. Seaman McCrea is at Camp Bradford, Va., where he was sent after leav-ing Camp Farragut. Mrs. Forsha (Betty McCrea) and infant daughter are at the home of her par-ming the Silveston for the duration ents in Silverton for the duration,

## English Woman Dreaming **Of Chicken and Ice Cream; Robot Bombing Described**

Hitler's robot bombs have damaged London "beyond estimate" and "thousands are homeless," but Londoners "are a great crowd and meet the V-1 (robots) with the same spirit as they met the blitzesplenty of cockney humor."

This was the summary written by an English matron at the height of the robot assaults, to Mrs. Jess A. Nunn, the former Nadine Orcutt, of Salem.

The writer, herself a resident of a rural district but 20 miles north

of Southampton on the channel coast, began corresponding with Mrs. Nunn after the latter's husband, Lt. Jess A. Nunn, was quartered at the English family's home. London Main Target

The English woman described London as "their (robots') main Lt. (jg) Egon F. Hoffman, who target," but said, regarding her own district: "We have some very bad nights here. I gave up going to bed and parked, fully dressed, on the settee all night \* \* \*. We have had some narrow escapes; they have fallen all around the town," but "we got nothing more than cracked windows."

She added that "London children play a game called 'Dodge the Doodles', seeing who can get to the shelters first. Taking shelter from air raids is part of the school training. A nice thing to have to teach Teal is in Dallas for a visit with

CLOVERDALE-Lt. Vernon Hedchildren in this year of our Lord, his wife, Mrs. Wanda Teal. He ges, US army air corps, is spend-1944." ing a 21-day leave with his The writer also mentioned ra-

15TH AAF IN ITALY - Tech. Sgt. Robert L. Furchner, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Furchner, 530 North 5th street, Corvallis, Ore., radio-gunner on a B-24 Liberator, recently was awarded his first oak leaf cluster to the air medal. Since his arrival in Italy, Sgt: Furchner has participated in bombing attacks on such important targets as enemy airdromes, oil refineries, railroad yards, harbors and bridges in Germany, Austria, Hungary, France, and other axis-occupied territories. Sgt. Furchner is a graduate of Corvallis high school, class of 1941. Prior to entering the army. air corps he was a free-lance writer.

Aviation Cadet Donald Cecil ing navigation.

DALLAS-Pvt. Don Webster is spending his furlough with his father, C. A. Webster and family. Webster, who was inducted in June, will report to an army camp in Arkansas for further training.

A public relations story from the war department tells that S/Sgt. William Keffer, 39333935, after being shot down over Berlin is now a prisoner of war in Germany. Mrs. A. M. Keffer of a Salem rural route is said to be his mother, but it is doubtful she has heard of the news.

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to anyone who will prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Denver Young, while serving as a criminal deputy in the sheriff's office in September, 1943, "turned up . . . more than \$300 in claims for mileage traveled in serving civil papers" as set forth in an editorial in the Salem Capital Journal of date November 2, 1944, said editorial being headed "Time for a Change." This reward money on deposit in the U.S. Na-

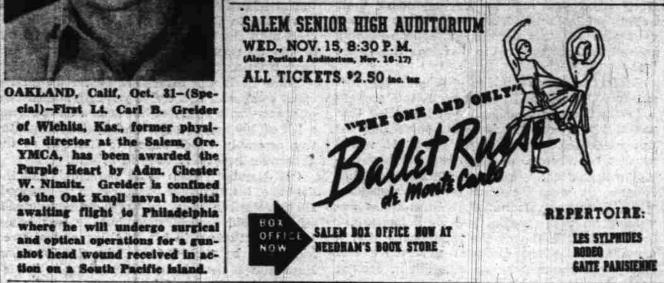
Bert McKiggen of the birth of a daughter, Gail Louise, to their son hampton, Queensland, Australia. This is the first granddaughter of the McKibbens'.

The father was the first member of the local company to marry an Australian girl. McKibben is serving with the 41st division in the southwest Pacific.

DALLAS, Nov. 4 - Word has ator with the engineers of the mabeen received by Mr. and Mrs. rine division on Peleliu island during the invasion, describe some and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Keith McKibben at North Rock- in combat with that division.

He built roads up to the front lines in opening supply lines; covered up Jap caves and pillboxes and also large shell craters. In fact states Hoff, "I'll have enough to talk about the rest of my life." Hoff has been in the marines since September 1943 and is the

DALLAS - Letters from Pfc. son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Linton E. Hoff, a bulldozer oper- Hoff now of Portland.





with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Venter. Venter is a cook with an army engineers outfit.

Mr. and Mrs. Venter have another son serving with the army air forces in England, who writes that he will soon complete his required missions and expects to be sent home on leave. He went overseas in March.





LIBERTY-St. Sgt. Ivan "Dale" Clark, top, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Clark, who has been awarded "the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight" with the 15th AAF in Italy. A second son, Sgt. Howard T. Clark. ottom, is with the 78th division at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Mrs. Howard T. Clark and their two children, Marlyn and Jerry, have just returned to Salem following a visit with him. She is the former Grace McCey of Turner.

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father, Earl Hedges, following tioning - weekly allowances of ing 224 combat hours as a radiocompletion of 65 missions over two ounces of tea, two of butter, operator-gunner with the "Air Europe. His father is now work- four of margarine, two of fat, Apaches," veteran B-25 skip bombing in a Portland shipyard. three of cheese, half pound of While here Lt. Hedges will meat - but closed her letter with spend some time with his grand- the cheering hope that "I'll bet you mother, Mrs. Dora Tittle, and 20 cents next time I write I shall his present unit in October 1943, his younger brother, Floyd Hedbe glorying in peace \* \* \*. We somewhere in New Guinea and zes, both of 1666 North Fourth want an American flag to hang has been awarded the Oak Leaf beside the Union Jack in front street, Salem. Another brother, Frank Hedges, is at Farragut of the house: If L can't get one and was home on a short leave I may send an SOS to you for last week. one.'

As to war reaction, the English SCIO - Sgt. Harold Hoagland woman said "the war is getting" had breakfast in bed for two fur- on my nerves in a curious way-I keep dreaming I am eating lovely ough weeks with a Scottish famlly, according to a recent letter remeals of chicken and ice cream." ceived here by his parents, Mr. She added that she had one cockerel "which I am fattening up and Mrs. Hobart Hoagland. Sgt. Hoagland, a graduate of Scio high on potatoes in readiness in case those boys (meaning Lieutenant school, has been stationed in England with an army photographic Nunn and another army officer) spring a surprise on us and come unit for more than a year. "Spent my 21st birthday in a

Regarding Lieutenant Nunn, she muddy fox-hole, but it could have been worse," Pvt. Marvin L. Shell commented: "When he cables and says 'I love you,' you can walk on writes from his American division air with perfect safety-he cersniper patrol in the Southwest Pacific. Pvt. Shell is a grandson of tainly means it." Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lytle of Scio and

RICKEY-William H. Bales, apbefore his induction. His home is prentice seaman, is at San Diego, for his basic training. He is the

home on leave."

son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bales

DALLAS - Pvt. George Nicel of route six. is spending the week with his mother, Mrs. Rosa Nicol, while en route from the infantry replacement training .camp ..to ..Camp **Re-elect Your** Wolters, Texas. He will report to Fort Ord, Calif. Nicol enlisted last spring and this is his first visit ome

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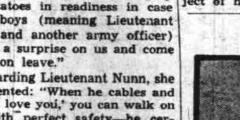
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flight. His organization specializes in swift, low level bombing-strafing attacks and has been instrumental in sinking 163 Jap ships and destroying 317 enemy aircraft, Rabaul, Wewak, Hollandia and the Halmaheras were among the object of his missions.

was reported missing in action

in the South Pacific, according

to a telegram received by his

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil

Hoffmann, 440 North 17th street.

Word was received by his wife

and parents this week, that Lt.

Hoffman had been awarded the

DALLAS - Tech. Sgt. Leroy

has completed 50 missions total-

Distinguished Flying Cross.

straight: The record-keeping in the sheriff's office is done by Chief Deputy Miss Alma Johnson. It is my belief that the allegations made in this editorial in the evening paper were the outgrowth of spite and prejudice, rather than an earnest desire to correct any mistakes, or wrongdoing.

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