

IN THE... ★ Nation's Service



Lt. Bruce W. Williams Wins Navy Cross, DFC, Two Gold Stars, Air Medal, in Month

One month of intensive action in the Philippine island area won for Lt. Bruce W. Williams of Salem one of the largest collections of high honors ever achieved in so short a time.

(See story on page 1).

The lieutenant, who previously was awarded a Purple Heart, was given the Navy Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, two gold stars in lieu of a second and third DFC, and an Air Medal—all for the period from September 22 to October 25 of this year.

All citations were signed by Vice Adm. M. A. Mitscher.

The citations with the medals were as follows:

Navy Cross (Oct. 25, 1944)
Lt. Williams, as pilot of a carrier-based fighter aircraft flying at low altitudes, led his division through intense anti-aircraft fire on a strafing and glide bombing attack against enemy fleet units and "personally dropped a 500-pound bomb on a battleship which was left damaged."

Distinguished Flying Cross (Sept. 22, 1944)

While escorting a mission against enemy shipping in the Philippines he "led the division so skillfully that no enemy planes were able to damage our bombers" and he "personally accounted for two" of the four enemy aircraft shot down. (He also "personally shot down" one plane in leading a protective flight over Formosa October 12.)

First Gold Star (Oct. 24, 1944)

In a long-range search west of the Philippines he encountered a "large group of enemy aircraft" and led his division of three so skillfully that "five twin-engine bombers were shot down of which he personally shot down three and no loss was suffered from the enemy fighter escort."

Second Gold Star (Oct. 24, 1944)

He attacked a group of camouflaged barges in the Philippines and caused a "terrific explosion" which indicated they were loaded with ammunition. Three cargo ships nearby were demolished and his plane "was blown 200 feet up through the debris," but he returned safely even though the plane "had to be stripped and discarded."

Air Medal (Oct. 14, 1944)

When he was helping to defend a task force in danger of enemy assault "he immediately attacked and so effectively handled his aircraft that he shot down the enemy before it could reach the task force."

Lt. John W. Creech, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Creech of Salem this week completed his training as a paratrooper at Fort Benning, Ga.

AURORA—S. Parry Rose, AR 17C, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Rose of Aurora, has returned to the United States after 10 months service in the South Pacific. He will arrive home in 10 days for a 30-day leave.

SCIO—Sgt. Eldred Burton, son of Warren Burton and brother of Mrs. V. L. Fitzgerald of Scio, is expected here in mid-December on a rotation home furlough from the South Pacific area, where he has served with the US army for the past 29 months.

WOUNDED IN ACTION
JEFFERSON—Mr. and Mrs. John Ross have been notified their son Arlie David Ross, aviation machinist third class, was wounded in action somewhere in the South Pacific. Arlie is 20 years old, and has been overseas for the past nine months. He was in training four months in the states before leaving for overseas duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross have another son in the navy, Ray Ross, seaman first class, signal man on an aircraft carrier. He has been in the service almost a year. Mrs. Ray Ross is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bilyeu in Jefferson.

A third son, Robert Ross, of near Roseburg has been notified to report for service Monday, November 20. He spent several days this week visiting his parents.



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Salem Officer In Hospital

Mr. Charles L. Wood had a phone call from his son, Capt. Charles L. Wood, Jr., this last week from Charleston, S.C. Captain Wood recently returned to the states from two years of overseas duty. The young army officer, who is with the field artillery, participated in the North African and Sicily campaigns. He later was sent to England and was in France on D-Day.

Since August he has been hospitalized in England for malaria fever, which he developed in France. He is now at an army hospital in Charleston, but expects to be transferred soon. His wife resides in Portland. Captain Wood is a graduate of Oregon State college and a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Pvt. Albert William Krebs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Krebs, 310 Bellvue street, Salem, is now home on furlough after completing radio operators' school at Camp Belvoir, Va. The former Statesman carrier is to report to Fort Lewis Monday for additional orders.

STAYTON—Pvt. Fay F. Bates, stationed at Camp Walters, Tex., spent an eight-day furlough at home recently and has gone on to Fort Ord, Calif.

Mrs. Bates and their small son, Jimmie, have returned from Texas, where they had spent three weeks with Private Bates.

Mrs. Lloyd (Grace Bates) Jensen, with her small son, Larry, and daughter, Elaine, were here on a 10-day visit with relatives while her younger brother was spending his furlough at home. She lives in Hood River but formerly resided at Aumsville.

Pfc. Roscoe W. Arms, who has been with the army airborne troops at Camp MacKall, NC, is on a short furlough visiting his wife, the former Frances Covey, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Varda Arms, 843 North 17th street.

TURNER—Eleanor Alice Titus, hospital apprentice second class, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Titus, has been transferred from Shoemaker, Calif., to Treasure Island.

Richard Olcott Visits Salem

Visiting in Salem Thursday was Sgt. Richard Hutton Olcott, son of former Gov. Ben Olcott of Portland. Sergeant Olcott was the guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hutton. Olcott, who was a bombardier gunner on a B-26 Marauder with the Ninth air corps, was wounded on July 6 over France. He has been at a base hospital in England for 105 days and recently was flown to the United States. First he was sent to the army hospital at Charleston, S.C., and then to McCaw General hospital, Walls, Walla.

Sergeant Olcott had completed 30 combat flying missions at the time he was wounded. On his last mission he destroyed a railway bridge over the Orne river north of Caen. He has been awarded the Air Medal, Silver Oak Leaf cluster, and the Purple Heart.

Sergeant Olcott has two brothers in the service, Ensign Chester Olcott, a prisoner of Japan, who has not been heard from in a year, and Cpl. Gordon W. Olcott, stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas. The Olcott boys were born and raised in Salem.

Capt. Morrell Cray is in Salem for a week's leave from his duties in the air technical service command, Sacramento, Calif. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Cray, 1885 D street.

Mrs. Cray, the former Gertrude Zielinski, and their young son, Morrell Joseph, remained in Sacramento.

Donald E. Barkley, gunners mate third class, is home on a 30-day leave after more than two years in the Mediterranean and Atlantic area. He took part in the invasion of Sicily, Salerno, Northern France and also Northern Africa, and served on an LCI. He formerly lived in Salem and made his home with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Parmenter, 809 North Commercial street.

Plan Gervais Clinic For Next Tuesday

The clinic to be held at Gervais grade school Tuesday, November 21, will include pupils of Gervais grade, parochial school, St. Louis, Pioneer, and Parkersville. Immunizations and vaccinations will be offered to all students including infants and pre-school children.

Dr. W. J. Stone of the Marion county health department will be in charge of the clinic, assisted by two nurses, Miss Merwyn Darby and Miss Harriett Young. The clinic will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and for infants from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Democrat Not Necessary For Multnomah Auditor

PORTLAND, Nov. 17—(AP)—Chairman Tom H. West said today the county commissioners are under no obligation to name a democrat as Multnomah county auditor but will pick the best man for the job.

His statement threatened to upset the apple-cart of the county democratic central committee, which had recommended three men for the January vacancy.

The present auditor, A. L. Brown, democrat, was elected county clerk.

Counties Put \$2,490,519.85 In War Chest

The amount of \$2,490,519.85 has been raised in Oregon's 36 county War Chest campaigns, Irl S. McSherry, executive director of the Oregon War Chest, announced Friday.

Of this amount, \$1,379,261 is the Oregon War Chest share to be applied to its quota of \$1,340,600. This leaves \$38,661 yet to be subscribed. McSherry predicted that the entire quota would be subscribed within 10 days.

Twenty-seven counties already have exceeded their full budgets and others have promised an early completion of their campaigns, McSherry declared.

Counties reaching their full budgets include Benton, Multnomah, Washington, Walla, Wasco, Baker, Tillamook, Union, Morrow, Josephine, Lane, Crook, Umatilla, Gilliam, Deschutes, Grant, Lake, Linn, Wheeler, Marion, Klamath, Harney, Malheur, Sherman, Curry, Columbia and Polk.

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Dallas Major Leads Capture Of Nazi City

GREESBACH, Germany, Nov. 17—(AP)—A unit led by Maj. James Allgood of Dallas, Ore., a part of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' first army, was credited today with the capture here of a pile of stinking rubble which once was the town of Greesbach.

The town had been deserted by German civilians.

Dead Germans still are in the streets, along with carcasses of horses all killed by artillery shells.

Doughboys who walk about hugging the walls of the houses for protection only make the scene more dismal.

The doughboys began their assault on Greesbach at 8 a.m. today and at 10:30 they had cleaned out the last enemy sniper.

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