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Nation's Service

Lt. Williams Credited With Seven Planes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (Special)—Lt. Bruce Williams of Salem, Ore., was one of three naval officers credited with three planes each in the "Fighting 19th's" great show east of the Philippines when 52 Japanese planes were shot down, at the cost of one Helicat pilot, last October 23.

(Lieutenant Williams has received the navy cross, the distinguished flying cross, two clusters in lieu of second and third DFCs, and the air medal for his exploits of late September and in October.)

Lieutenant Williams (as this story is written) is credited with a total of seven planes.

The action October 23 broke out when the enemy attacked Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's fast carrier task force.

In Service



Maurice Shepard



David Shepard



James Shepard

Seattle Taxi Drivers Rebel Against Union

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 23 (AP)—Seattle's taxicab drivers decided today to remain at work but to defy an order by Teamster Leader Dave Beck that no meetings be held until he returns from an American Federation of Labor convention at New Orleans.

A meeting of "independent" drivers will be held tomorrow morning and the men will consider withdrawing from Beck's teamsters union to form a new independent or a union affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations, said James Fordan, chairman of the group's grievance committee.

Cabs were operating today after drivers voted last night to return to work, ending a 36-hour strike. Fordan said one reason for the stoppage was that no union meetings had been held and no elections conducted since the war started. A union leader countered that the membership had decided against meetings or elections for the duration.

The taxicab drivers union was placed under trusteeship in a statement issued by the teamsters union today in Beck's name. Tonight the grievance committee headed by Fordan issued a statement saying:

"The issue here is not new but is the same issue the founders of this country fought against, 'taxation without representation.'"

Army Rites to Pay Gold Star Honor Dec. 3

Memorial services, dedicated to western families who have suffered World War II casualties, will be conducted at all Ninth service command installations Sunday, December 3, Maj. Gen. William E. Shedd, commanding general, announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Services will be non-sectarian, the general said, and will be held for all families irrespective of creed, race or nationality. Friends of "Gold-Star" families as well as residents in the vicinity of Ninth service command posts, c a m p s and stations are invited to attend, he added.

A request to pledge "dedication of our lives" so that the sacrifice of American youths was not in vain will be made by army chaplains during the service.

Civilian clergymen in areas adjacent to military installations will be asked to conduct similar memorial services for the families of war casualties residing in their respective locals, Col. J. L. Blakeney, NSC chaplain, said.

Marvin Roth Gets Advance in Rating

NEW DELHI, India—Marvin A. Roth, 925 D st., Salem, Ore., has been promoted to technician 3rd grade (s/sgt) from the grade of technician 4th grade (sgt), according to a recent announcement from the headquarters of Lt. Gen. Dan I. Sultan, commanding general of the U.S. forces in the India-Burma theater.

Prior to his induction, Oct. 24, 1942, Roth was the supervisor of the Willamette Grocery Co. in Salem. He has served in this area almost two years.

Eugene Not Listed For Rent Control

EUGENE, Nov. 23 (AP)—The situation in Eugene is not yet critical enough to warrant putting the long-debated federal rent control program into effect now, Daniel D. Gage, OPA official, said today.

LYONS—W. E. Stevens has received an honorable discharge from the navy after two years service. He was one of the survivors of a ship lost in the Mediterranean and was later sent to the west coast.

Shepard Made Major, Serves In Philippines

Promotion of Maurice L. Shepard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Shepard of Zena to grade of major was announced recently from the Pacific area, where he has been serving with an amphibious tractor battalion since June of this year.

Shepard, who has been on active duty with the army since January, 1941, is now in the Philippines, writing in red ink on paper ruled in red his family, "I was one of the very first to help 'Dough-out Doug' M s c Arthur make a comeback. It was a cinch. I had a mortar shell hit close to my tractor in an airburst . . . got a good gash on my shinbone which is practically healed now, didn't hardly slow me even for several days when I finally had to rest 12 hours and get some treatment. Now everything is fine except for occasional air raids that sure are a nuisance but no more.

"Scuse the Jap (captured) paper and ink, but necessity knows no regulations out here . . . The natives here are a nice people and friendly—maybe getting a little spoiled by us now and sorta have the 'gimmies' but I guess that will straighten out. They were out on the beach to meet us despite the heavy bombing. How they stood it I don't know. Guess I'd better call a halt and make a patrol. I uncovered a dump of about 100 pre-war tires, brand new, yesterday. Some they took from us I guess."

The Shepards have two other sons in the service, Capt. David S. Shepard, former company commander at Camp Adair, now in a hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., and James Shepard, who, after 18 months in Iceland, is stationed at Norfolk, Va., in reconversion service.

All three were trackmen at Salem high school; the major and the captain continuing cinder careers at Oregon State college, where David was captain of the team and where Maurice graduated in 1933. The new major's wife, the former Carolyn Blakely, and their two-year-old son reside in Portland.

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Pat DeJardin Is Winner Bronze Star

GERVAIS — Robert (Pat) DeJardin of Gervais has been awarded the bronze star for valorous conduct in action against the enemy while fighting with the third infantry division of the seventh army in France, according to a communication to the Gervais Star from the seventh army.

Pat has been with the third division ever since he has been overseas. He was in tough combat in Italy, and it was while digging a foxhole he showed the daredevil of the American doughboys. A superior officer was with him. A mine exploded near them and a shrapnel nearly severed the arm of the officer. Pat picked him up and carried him to safety and medical care amid a shower of bullets.

Pat is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. DeJardin of Gervais.

Lt. Daniel Olin Visits Salem on Leave From Post

Lt. Daniel Olin, who just completed a special school at March field, Calif., is in Salem on leave before returning to his base at Great Bend, Kas. He was accompanied by his wife, the former Beth Billings, and they are guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jay Billings. The Olins also have visited in Vernonia with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Olin.

Lieutenant Olin took his MIT training at Harvard and from there was sent to Camp Murphy and Robins field, Ga. He took special training for two months at the Bell Telephone laboratories in New York City. Lieutenant Olin is communications and radar officer at the 76th service group at the army air base at Great Bend, Kas.

Pvt. J. J. Anderson Serving at Supply Base of Fifth Army

PENINSULAR BASE HEAD-QUARTERS, Italy — A former citizen of Lyons, Ore., is serving with the headquarters command of this base, important services and supply organization for the fifth army.

He is Pvt. John J. Anderson, son of Marvel Anderson, route one, Lyons, who has been in the service since March 5, 1941, and overseas since July 5, 1943.

The headquarters command, with the arrival of this base headquarters in Italy in October of last year, was responsible for securing proper billets for officers and adequate quarters for the enlisted personnel of this headquarters.

The supply of eight organizations, more than forty officers, four large messes and numerous smaller unit messes, and the supply and equipment of all headquarters personnel are functions of this organization.

MARION FORKS — Robert C. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Young, is now in the South Pacific, according to word received by his parents.

TURNER — Pfc. Wesley Ray Goodwin of the 41st division, and of the original company B from Salem, is home on a 21-day furlough from the South Pacific. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goodwin, and other relatives. He has seen action in three major battles and was wounded at Biak Island, to become entitled to the Purple Heart.

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Nov. 23—(Special) Among those graduating from an intensive course of basic engineering training at recent service schools exercises here was Arne M. Lien, 23, route 6, Salem, Ore. This bluejacket was selected for his specialized training on the basis of his recruit training aptitude test scores.

M/Sgt. Curtis E. Service stopped over in Salem 10 days with his wife, Mrs. Curtis E. Service, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Service of 50 Elma street, when enroute to Camp Barkley, Texas, to officers training school. Sergeant Service is studying to become a medical administrator. He has been in New Caledonia with the 29th general hospital for over a year. Before enlisting, Service was employed at Frosty Olson's Florist shop.

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