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Major Marion E. Carl, Hubbard marine ace, pictured at Miramar, Calif., soon after return from his second tour of combat duty in the Pacific.

Marion Carl Back in U.S.

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—(P)—After two tours of duty against them in the Pacific, Maj. Marion E. Carl, marine ace from Hubbard says of the Japanese:

"Don't sell their fighter pilots short."

Major Carl, who shot down 18 1/2 Japanese planes and holds the navy cross with star, is now at the Miramar marine air station in southern California.

"The quality of the Japanese pilots may be on the decline," he said, "but from personal experience, I'd say they were still plenty good. They don't show as many tricks as they did at Guadalcanal and Midway, but they're a long way from being pushovers."

The Oregon flyer downed 16 Jap planes and shared in another kill over Midway and Guadalcanal in the early months of the war. He was awarded both his navy crosses for those actions.

During his most recent tour in the Pacific, he encountered Jap planes only twice, over Rabaul, and shot down one each time.

The major's mother, Mrs. Ellen Carl, lives in Hubbard. His wife, the former Edna Kirvin, a model, lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

T. Sgt. Robert East, USMC, is home on a 30-day furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. East, 1620 South Church street. He has been overseas 14 months and after spending Christmas with his family will go east to LeJeune, NC, for advanced training.

Sgt. East is a graduate of Salem high school and attended Willamette university for two years.

Special to The Statesman
AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND STATION IN ENGLAND — Lt. Don L. Turnidge, husband of Ruth Turnidge of Box 104, Jefferson, Ore., recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the states and combat soldiering against the enemy in Germany.

RICKREALL—Jan Allen Ragsdale, motor machinist's mate 1/c, youngest service son of Mrs. Florence Ragsdale, is home for a 30 day's leave which will include his first Christmas spent at home in three years. The young sailor has been receiving treatment at the naval hospital at the Puget Sound navy yard for several months, following almost constant combat duty for over two years. At the expiration of his leave he will report to the naval auxiliary air station at Shelton, Wash., where he will be stationed for light duties.

SILVERTON—Pvt. Dennis Le-gard is now at Amarillo, Texas, studying airplane mechanics. He took his initial training at Shepard field, Texas.

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Recruiter for Seabees Due Here Tuesday

A Seabee interviewing officer from the Portland navy recruiting station will be at the Salem substation in the postoffice building from 12 noon until 6 p.m. Tuesday to provide information concerning the petty officer ratings which have recently been reopened in the navy's famous construction battalions.

Any man between the ages of 17 and 50 1/2, inclusive, is eligible for a rating if he can qualify physically and technically, and if he is not already in an essential industry, it is explained by A. C. Friesen, in charge of the substation.

Seventeen-year-olds and men between 38 and 50 1/2 can enlist immediately, and the plan of voluntary induction has been reopened to draft-age men (18 to 38). If found qualified for a rating by the visiting interviewing officer, they may apply to their draft boards for voluntary induction into the Seabees.



Ensign Glenn Monroe Larkins, Jr., 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn M. Larkins, 275 Garden road, was killed in a plane crash in the south Pacific theatre of operations December 4. His parents were notified this week.

Roger Lewis Wins Medal

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AT A 12TH AAF B-25 BASE—Award of the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement while participating in an attack upon a railroad bridge at Cesto Calende, north Italy, as pilot of a B-25 type aircraft," to Second Lt. Roger D. Lewis, 25, of Salem, Ore., is announced from 12th air force headquarters in Italy.

Lieutenant Lewis is a member of a B-25 Mitchell medium bombardment group on Corsica, in the Mediterranean theatre.

The Salem pilot, overseas since August, 1944, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jory, route three, Salem. His wife, Ruth, resides at 1695 Berry street, Salem.

(Special to The Statesman)
AN AIR STATION COMMAND STATION IN ENGLAND—Second Lt. Leonard R. Rush, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter K. Rush of 310 N. 19th street, Salem, Ore., recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the states and combat soldiering against the enemy in Germany. Before entering the army air forces, he was employed as an airline mechanic by the United Airlines in San Francisco, Calif.

Cubs, Friends Attend Rally Friday Night

Three hundred and fifty Cubs, parents and friends attended a city wide Cub rally in Parrish junior high gym Friday night.

All packs in Salem were represented, as well as Pack 38 of Monmouth and Pack 19 of Salem Heights. The Monmouth Cubs and their parents were special guests for the evening. About 50 Cubs and adults, under the leadership of Cubmaster E. A. Reed, came from Monmouth by bus to participate in the program.

Scout Executive Lyle Leighton was in charge and acted as master of ceremonies. He was assisted by 12 Boy Scouts, who in their capacity of den chiefs of the various packs, helped with the games and entertainment.

Following the program, a camp fire story was told by Mr. Leighton. The evening was concluded by serving cokes and doughnuts to all Cubs and guests present.

Rev. Edward Allen Is Guest Speaker

Rev. Edward L. Allen will be presented as guest speaker at the First Baptist church Sunday in absence of the pastor Dr. Irving A. Fox who left Thursday to attend the program committee meeting of the Northern Baptist convention in Chicago. Rev. Mr. Allen will preach on the subject, "The Only Cure" in the morning and "The Reality of Christianity" in the night services.

In a recent business session of the church the following elections were made to complete unexpired terms: Fred Broer to the board of deacons, Ray Cates, general superintendent of the Bible school and Stanley Morris to the committee of the ministry of music.

The church also went on record to help support the Youth Center located on South High street in Salem.

Promotion of Arnold Hardman, Willamette university, '42, to lieutenant junior grade has recently been announced. Mrs. Hardman (Margaret Siegmund), 250 Garden road, Salem, was notified Saturday of her husband's advancement.

Hardman, who flies Liberator bombers for the navy, enlisted in August, 1942, and is now stationed at Hutchinson, Kas.

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SILVERTON—Mrs. Bryan Gordon has learned that her brother, Pvt. Glenn Livingston, with the 5th army in Italy, has fully recovered from an attack of arthritis which confined him to base hospitals most of the summer and is now back with his old outfit.

ELDRIDGE — Junior Miller, S 2/c, returned to California Wednesday after a five day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. J. Miller.

TURNER — Robert C. Parrent, gunner's mate 2/c, underwent an appendectomy at Naval hospital, Treasure Island, after returning from his recent leave. His wife, Emmogene Farrell Parrent, has received word he was released from the hospital.

Boys Meeting Is Concluded

Youths attending the 24th annual Older Boys' conference held Friday and Saturday in the First Presbyterian church under auspices of the Salem YMCA returned to their homes Saturday evening after hearing speakers tell them "it takes strength, courage and character" to succeed in today's world.

Dean U. G. Dubach, Oregon State college; Dr. W. J. Stone, Marion county department of health; Rev. William Hall, Knight Memorial church; Wendell Webb, managing editor of the Oregon Statesman, and Rev. Clay Pomeroy, First Christian church, addressed the boys, each giving practical treatment on a different subject. Frank B. Bennett, superintendent of Salem schools was toastmaster.

For recreation the boys were treated to a basketball tourney which was won by Woodburn. Meals for the 100 boys, from 25 towns were served by women of the church and Willamette university girls did the serving.

Jack Slater presided at all sessions.

Child Burns in Home

VENATCHEE, Dec. 9.—(P)—Paty Brazda, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Brazda of Winthrop, was burned to death Friday in a fire which destroyed the family home.

ON the HOME FRONT By ISABEL CHILDS

"And how does food rationing work here?" The voice of the man from a faraway land still rang in my ears as I dodged through the crowded grocery store, a package of fat pork steak under one arm and a box of rydak reducing crackers under the other.

T'en the woman in the dark red, fur-trimmed coat queried our clerk "How do tomatoes sell?" Behind the counter, the clerk grinned and came back with a snappy "50 blue points a can." As the woman gasped, I thought I saw the clerk's grin reflected on her husband's face, and I know I heard an eager note in his voice as he said "Let's get some onions, then."

Auxiliary Will Fete Children

A Christmas party will be held December 18 by the Disabled Veterans Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. A. L. Brewster, 508 North 21st street when gifts will be presented to all children attending. The auxiliary now is preparing gifts for veterans in veterans hospitals.

Guests at the Christmas party are asked to bring an inexpensive gift for children. The committee

in charge includes: Mrs. Roy Reynolds, Mrs. William Croghan, Mrs. Stuart Jones, Mrs. Elmer Byer, Mrs. Elmer Conn and Mrs. Vern Ostrander.

Auxiliary members will be guests at a no-host luncheon Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Fern Richards. During the day members will sew.

Thursday night at the regular meeting of the organization Mrs. Ostrander presented the bronze national history plaque to the auxiliary which she received at the convention for a book she had prepared for the organization.

Brush Creek Groups Plan Holiday Parties

SILVERTON — Brush Creek school and Booster club will hold its annual Christmas party December 22. The school children will give their program in the afternoon and exchange their gifts at that time.

The club members will have the annual tree and gift exchange. Each family is asked to furnish one number for the evening program and bring a gift to exchange.

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