

Valley Men Fight in Italy With 361st

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy (Special)—Fighting in Italy with the 361st infantry regiment, which spearheaded the advance of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army from Velletri to the Arno river without once having given ground, are the following mid-Willamette valley men:

Staff Sgt. Orvil M. Burns, medical NCO, 190 Garden road; Staff Sgt. Elliot L. Nichols, squad leader, 682 North Commercial street, and Pfc. James R. King, ammunition handler, route three, all of Salem; Pfc. Forrest D. Wilson, cook's helper, star route, Silverton; Sgt. Kenneth E. Gilbert, squad leader, 460 Monmouth street, Independence; Pfc. Frank E. Moulton, ammunition bearer, 1314 Second street, and Sgt. William H. Huff, motor sergeant, route three, both of Lebanon.

The 361st is part of the 91st "Powder river" division, currently in the Florence-Bologna drive.

The regiment landed in Italy last May 31; in two days moved into the line and fought its first battle just north of the Velletri while attached to the 36th "Texas" division. The 361st was one of the units that took the Albany hills and Lake Albano making possible the fall of Rome.

Col. R. W. Broedford of Medford, Ore., veteran of 28 years service, commands the 361st. He has seen action on the Mexican border and in the first world war and served also in the Philippines and elsewhere in the orient.

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James Roger White

James White Is Awarded Air Medal

James Roger White, aviation ordnanceman 2/c, has received the Air Medal for distinguishing himself in an aerial flight as turret gunner, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. White, 1005 Fir street have been notified. White is now at Miami, Fla., attending school.

The citation with the Air Medal is as follows:

"For distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in the aerial flight as turret gunner in a carrier based torpedo plane assigned to attack an important enemy airfield in the vicinity of the Marianas islands on June 12, 1944. In spite of intense, heavy and accurate enemy anti-aircraft fire, which struck and seriously damaged his plane, he materially assisted in effecting a successful attack by strafing and damaging several parked planes and a repair shop. His coolness, skill and courage were at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service."

The citation was presented in the name of the president of the United States, the commander of the first carrier task force, United States Pacific fleet and was signed by M. A. Mitscher, vice admiral U.S. navy.

An older brother, Lt. Jack White was killed in action, May 21 in Italy.

Mrs. E. English, 2680 Cherry avenue, has received a letter from her grandson, Pfc. John William English, who is now in Belgium. The Salem woman was much impressed with the items listed on the menu for the Thanksgiving day dinner as reported by her grandson. It included turkey and all the traditional "fixings" and indicated to her that "the army was really taking good care of the soldiers."

Pfc. English is a son of Penney-English, teacher in a Pennsylvania college and has visited his grandmother in Salem many times before the war.

Home on leave is John W. Harbison, signalman United States navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Harbison. He has been on a minesweeper in the Aleutians for 20 months. Harbison will be here until Christmas night, at which time he will leave by plane for Bremerton where he will report for assignment. The navy man enlisted in the service in April, 1942.

Lt. (jg) R. V. Lorenz, son of Mrs. T. H. Lorenz, 315 South 15th street, Salem, has been transferred from duties in Washington to Pearl Harbor. Now in the naval radar division, Lorenz graduated from the Oregon State college engineering school in 1942 and previously attended Willamette university.

Veteran Tells Of Experience After Sinking

MT. ANGEL—Ens. Lawrence Eppinger, veteran of the Marshalls, Saipan and Philippine campaigns, gave the Mt. Angel Business Men's club a direct and graphic picture of 45 harrowing hours in the shark-infested waters of the Pacific, at the club's Tuesday luncheon.

A survivor of the ill-fated Gambier Bay, Ensign Eppinger is still claimed as a home town boy by Mt. Angel although his family moved to Salem last summer. He arrived at Salem last Saturday on a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eppinger.

In the talk here, he told of the sea battle in which the Gambier Bay, escort carrier, was lost and of the two days on life rafts that followed for the 700 survivors. He said they were without water, as the shock of the rafts striking the water apparently dislodged the corks of the water casks, allowing the salt water to seep in. The emergency food however, he said, was prepared in such a way as not to induce thirst. The wounded were supplied with life belts and lowered to the rafts and most of them survived to be picked up by the rescue ship 45 hours later.

He said the Japanese easily could have destroyed all 700 of them by a depth charge if the enemy had elected to do so.

Capt. Charles L. Wood, Jr., and Mrs. Wood are visiting the former's father, Charles L. Wood, sr., 455 South High street. Captain Wood has just returned from a long term of duty in Africa, Sicily and France. As an officer in the field artillery he took part in the fighting in those areas. Shortly after the break-through at St. Lo he was hospitalized in England because of an attack of malaria.

The Statesman has published previously some of Captain Wood's letters describing his experiences in the field. He has a 21-day leave, and then expects duty in this country for a six-months period.

Capt. Thure A. Lindstrom and his wife, the former Geneva Lacy of Salem, and their son are in Salem visiting friends and relatives. The captain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lindstrom of 2605 Cherry ave. The captain, on leave until after Christmas, is stationed at Fort Miles, Del.

Apprentice Seaman Mary Alderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Alderson, who is in training in Hunters college in New York, has been made student commander of her company and also manager of the volleyball team of her company, her family here has been notified.

Loren J. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. White, route two, Salem, has graduated from the Fort Benning, Ga., school and is now a United States paratrooper.

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Memorial Service for Stanley Brown Set

A memorial service will be held at the church of the Nazarene, 12 p. m. Sunday, December 17 for Pfc. Stanley W. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Brown of West Salem, who was killed in action November 17 in France, after service in Alaska.

He had been transferred to the European front from Alaska only a short time before his death. Besides his father and mother, he is survived by a brother, Cpl. Keith A. Brown of Buckley field, Denver, who, with his wife and daughter are here now on furlough.

STAYTON—Pvt. Norval Carter, killed in action on Leyte, October 24. His father, William S. Carter, lives in Stayton.



DALAS—Howard Van Buskirk left Thursday for Shoemaker, Calif. after spending a leave with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Van Buskirk. He has completed boot training at Farragut and will be assigned to submarine duty upon arrival at Shoemaker. He has been in the service since May.



Pvt. Clarence H. Hippe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hippe of Salem, was among the first American soldiers in the Philippines.

Cpl. Powell, son of the F. M. Powells of Silverton and at one time employed in the J. C. Penney Co. store at Salem, is now with the fighting forces in the Philippines. This was the first message since he left the New Guinea area some months ago.

Promotion of Forbes John Mack, army infantryman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Mack 1080 Hoyt avenue, to first lieutenant, was announced Thursday night by the war department.

FDR Has No Authority in Folkes' Case

The case of Robert E. Lee Folkes, negro dining car worker under death sentence for the "lower 13" slaying of Martha Virginia James in January, 1943, is "purely a state case" in which "President Roosevelt would have no authority to interfere even though he desired to do so," state attorneys here declared Thursday.

Folkes' attorneys in Portland announced Wednesday that a move to obtain clemency for Folkes had been launched. In case Gov. Earl Snell refuses to grant a commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment, the president would be asked to act, they said.

Records here show that Folkes conviction of first degree murder in the Linn county circuit court was affirmed by the state supreme court by a 5 to 2 decision and the United States supreme court declined to review the case.

Governor Snell was out of the city Thursday and could not be reached for comment. Thus far during Snell's administration as governor he has refused to interfere in any case carrying the death sentence. Executive department attaches said Thursday that the governor had not yet been asked to grant a hearing to persons interested in the Folkes case although a number of letters have been received in connection with the slaying. Some of these letters urged Governor Snell to save Folkes from

Posthumous Medal Will Be Awarded

ALBANY, Dec. 14—Formal presentation of the air medal and four oak leaf clusters awarded posthumously to St. Sgt. William F. Randall, US army air corps, will be made to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Randall, route two, Friday. The presentation will be made by Lt. Melville Morris of the Corvallis air base and a ceremony will be in charge of the local American Legion post. Sergeant Randall was killed Jan. 12, 1943 in North Africa. The presentation will be made at the Albany high school auditorium. Sgt. Randall was graduated from Albany high school in 1938.

Walter Erickson Elected to Office

Dean Walter E. Erickson, registrar of Willamette university, was elected vice-president of the Northwest Association of Collegiate Registrars at the annual meeting of the organization held December 1-3 in Spokane, Wash.

Delegates to the conference recommended that non-graduates of high schools be admitted to colleges on the basis of examinations, remaining on special status until 45 quarter credits are earned. They also recommended that former students returning to college be granted advanced standing on the basis of military service by special advanced standing examinations.

execution while others protested against such a move.

Earl Viesko Back in U.S. From Pacific

With messages for mothers of men of the 41st (and other members of their families, too, though greetings to "Mom" predominate), Master Sgt. Earl Viesko arrived in Salem this week after 33 months overseas duty with the 41st division.

Earliest of Salem's men to go into service, those of the 41st were ready for action when Pearl Harbor was attacked, having been called to active duty during the national preparedness period.

Viesko, son of Mrs. M. H. Viesko, is to report to Santa Barbara early in January following his rotation furlough at home.

With his brothers, Ed, Fred and Herman Viesko, he attended Salem Elks meeting Thursday night when his name was added to the lodge rolls.

Guests at their mother's home here also are his sisters, Mrs. N. M. Whiting and Mrs. J. S. Povey of Portland.

Coat Salesman Freed on Bail

James Martin Gorman, charged with peddling without a license, Thursday was released on \$25 bail in municipal court.

Gorman, before being arrested by city police, was dismissed by Justice of Peace on a charge of obtaining money under false pre-

tenses in connection with the sale of a coat to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Turnidge, of Jefferson. The municipal court charge grew out of an alleged similar sale in Salem.

The Turnidges allegedly paid \$165 for the coat and Salem furriers said it had a wholesale value of \$20. Gorman is alleged to have set a value of \$400 on the coat, terming it Alaska squirrel. Local furriers said it was rabbit skin, dyed to imitate squirrel.

Dunn, Polk County, Heads Assessors

Ed C. Dunn, Polk county assessor, Thursday was elected president of the Willamette Valley Assessors' association at the annual meeting in Marion county courthouse. Rufus E. Wood, Clackamas county, was elected secretary.

Uniformity of personal property assessments was discussed with probability the legislature will be asked to make improvement in the law. The assessors also concluded that inflationary prices on real property now in vogue should not be used as a legitimate basis for assessment.

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