

IN THE... ★ Nation's Service

Silver Star Awarded to Sgt. Kliever

DALLAS—A dispatch from the headquarters of the 41st division in the Southwest Pacific, said that T/Sgt. Raymond E. Kliever had been awarded the silver star for exemplary valor and devotion to duty. Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe, commander of the 41st infantry division made the presentation.

It was during hard fighting on Blak that Kliever risked his life to rescue Sgt. Ted Koefgen, whose leg had been blown off and who was lying helpless in range of the heavy mortar fire. Kliever carried Koefgen to safety and obtained medical attention for him.

When a call for a volunteer to make a reconnaissance behind the Jap lines the same day, Kliever volunteered and was able to gather information greatly contributing to successful operations.

Sgt. Kliever is now at Bushnell General hospital, Brigham City, Utah, being treated for wounds received a few days later.

Medal Awarded Sgt. Gene Grice For Heroic Work

MONMOUTH—The bronze star medal citation has been awarded to 1st Sgt. Gene Grice for heroic action in Holland on October 29, 1944.

Under heavy bombardment, Sergeant Grice, "voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety," left his place in battalion command post and "braved heavy artillery fire to rescue wounded men and bring them back to the aid station, thereby saving the lives of several wounded who required prompt medical attention."

Sergeant Grice was formerly stationed at Camp Adair with the 104th division. He came here with his wife and daughter from Minneapolis. Mrs. Grice and child are living in a home they bought on West Main street here.

MONMOUTH—Joseph H. McEldowney, a native of Monmouth, has been promoted to the rank of captain. He is battalion commander of the Holabird signal training depot at Baltimore, Md., where he has been stationed since October, 1943.

McEldowney attended local schools, including Oregon College of Education. Before enlisting in July, 1939, he was owner and operator of a confectionery store at the Dalles.

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'Hail the Conquering Hero,' Comedy, Opening at Grand

The rave notices accorded to Preston Sturges' "Miracle of Morgan's Creek" are quite likely to be repeated for the writer-director's "Hail the Conquering Hero," which opens today at the Grand, according to latest Hollywood reports.

The striking resemblance of the two Paramount productions is quite apparent, reviewers say, and not because of the story lines. The plots of these two pictures are far removed. The similarity occurs in the characters which the astute Mr. Sturges has created. In "Miracle," the every-day ordinary citizen seemed to practically shake hands with the audience, so human did he appear on the screen. The same goes for "Hail the Conquering Hero." More than that, the central characters are back again to provide movie-goers with belly laughs.

Eddie Bracken is the star of this rib-ticking production—a disappointed marine, discharged for hay fever, who masquerades as a returning hero over his own objections. Worse than that, his home-town neighbors put him up as a candidate for mayor.

Behind all this promotion is William Demarest, veteran top-kick back on a furlough from the wars in company with five other tough companions. They take matters in hand themselves in behalf of their newly-found "buddy" with screamingly funny results. One scene vies with another as laugh-getters, it's said. Sturges' formula covers every type of conceivable instance, creating a love triangle for one thing, a dash of mistaken identity, a few deadly serious moments and a pack of comedy.

Ella Raines plays the girl Eddie left behind, and among the home-town cohorts are Franklin Pangborn, Raymond Walburn, Bill Edwards, Chester Conklyn



Kathryn McCarroll Is Now Stationed In Calcutta, India

Pfc. Kathryn McCarroll, WAC from Salem, is now stationed in Calcutta, India, according to Lt. Edith Di Re' of the recruiting station in the post office building here. Mrs. McCarroll was flown to her assignment with the supply department in India from Miami, Fla., upon completion of her overseas training. This special course, preparatory to leaving the states, is given at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

After enlisting in August of last year, Mrs. McCarroll took her basic training at Fort Des Moines and was subsequently stationed at Moore Field near Mission, Texas, in an administrative capacity. The WAC is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Coomler of Salem and the wife of Floyd McCarroll, also of this city. Before entering the service Pfc. McCarroll was head bookkeeper for the F. W. Woolworth store in Salem, a position she held for eighteen years.

Corvallis Officer Fights Through To Hit Targets

AAF, PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS, Western Pacific—"After our loads of bombs exploded on the target we saw fires break out and columns of black smoke rising from the enemy installations."

Those were the words with which 2nd Lt. Roy D. Morris, of Corvallis, Ore., co-pilot of the 7th AAF Liberator bomber, Kontagious Katie, described the "results of a bombing strike on Iwo Jima. On the mission, the Kontagious Katie battled through a flight of enemy interceptors, hit the target squarely and then beat off a score of Zeros which attacked them with phosphorous bombs.

On a later mission over the Chichi Jima area, Lieutenant Morris and the other members of his 7th AAF combat crew were credited with sinking a Jap merchant vessel.

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DALLAS — Carl R. Hobson, S 2/c, has completed yeoman's school at San Diego and will receive further training at the communications school, amphibious training base, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Hobson spent a short leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hobson, before reporting to Oceanside.

Judith Christine Jensen of 320 Statesman St., Salem, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Jensen, also of 320 Statesman, was graduated from the United States naval training school (Y), Stillwater, Okla., on November 27 as a seaman first class, striker for yeoman. She was assigned to active duty at naval supply depot, Oakland, Calif.

DALLAS — Sgt. Fenton Blyeu is home with his mother, Mrs. Lillian Blyeu, after receiving a medical discharge. Blyeu, who was wounded in the arm at Blak Island, has been receiving treatment at the McCaw General hospital since August. He was overseas several years.

DALLAS — Mrs. Lee Borland has received word from her son, Calvin Borland, F 2/c, that he has arrived safely at his destination somewhere in the Pacific.

and Victor Potel. The surprise actor of the story is Freddie Steele, once a top-flight fighter. Audiences report that he'll hit the Hollywood jackpot after this picture because of his strong character portrayal of an orphan who joins the marines and seeks motherly love—the mother happening to be Eddie Bracken's.

Hollywood
Matinee Today — Continuous from 2 P. M.
IN TECHNICOLOR
Alice Faye Carmen Miranda
in
"The Gang's All Here"
with
Phil Baker — Edward Everett Horton.
Charlotte Greenwood — Eugene Pallette
and
BENNY GOODMAN AND HIS ORCHESTRA
ALSO
"THE DEERSLAYER"
With Jean Parker and Bruce Kellor
Based on the Novel by James Fenimore Cooper
Cartoon Music Shorts



Tech. Sgt. Warren Stoddard, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stoddard, Wallace road, arrived here Saturday on furlough from Dibble general hospital, Menlo Park, Calif. He was an airplane inspector in the southwest Pacific when he was severely injured.

Sergeant Kraft Is Radio Mechanic On Troop Planes

A U. S. TROOP CARRIER BASE, European Theater of Operation: Technician 4th Grade Albert H. Kraft, whose wife and six-months-old son, Laurence, reside at 645 Johnson st., Salem, Ore., is serving as a radio mechanic on aircraft radio equipment of troop carrier C-47 and C-53 planes.

He is the son of Mrs. Henry Kraft, route 1, box 187, Canby, Ore.

Sgt. Kraft entered the armed forces October 19, 1942. He was graduated from Canby union high, class of 1933. Sergeant Kraft is assigned to a service wing.

After the airborne attack on German strongholds in Holland by the first allied airborne army, service wing mechanics followed up the infantry and, within range of enemy artillery and harassing of snipers, salvaged and reclaimed the fallen aircraft and equipment used in the assault. The huge twin engine skytrains are today evacuating wounded personnel from the battlefronts after making deliveries of supplies, gasoline and blood and blood plasma to front line troops.

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Paulette Goddard, Sonny Tufts Star in Elsinore Offering

With a generous sprinkling of drama, comedy and romance, Paramount's "I Love a Soldier" seems likely to fill any entertainment bill. This Mark Sandrich production arrives today at the Elsinore theatre. Sandrich directs two of his "So Proudly We Hail" stars in this one, Paulette Goddard and Sonny Tufts. Previewers say this pair turns in swell performances which keep the action moving at a lively pace throughout the film. A sure-fire bet to draw audience acclaim is the veteran actor, Barry Fitzgerald, who scored the most notable triumph of his career in "Going My Way," the Bing Crosby picture. Also on hand is Beulah Bondi in an emotional role which is destined to capture the audience's fancy.

Allan Scott's screen play deals with a returned army hero from the South Pacific, Tufts, who meets shipyard worker Paulette, with both falling for each other at first sight. Thereafter, it becomes a duel to see whose logic is best as far as marriage is concerned. Sonny wants no waiting period while Paulette thinks it wise to hold off the wedding until the end of the war. There's a load of fun during the period Paulette ponders over her decision. She tries dating other men, one of whom is Frank Albertson, but a date with the latter convinces her even more strongly that only one man's on her mind. Sonny, incidentally, trails along on this date with some uproarious incidents taking place in an amusement park, so say the previewers.

The serious vein of the picture brings out some fine dramatic emoting by Ann Doran, young mother whose husband has gone to war. The lighter side is capably handled by Mary Treen and Walter Sande. This pair meets much in the same fashion as Paulette and Fred, but Mary and Walter get married in short order. From then on, it's a case of the tough army sergeant becoming a hen-pecked husband.



COLLARED BY MARINES, Eddie Bracken doesn't know which way to turn in Paramount's "Hail the Conquering Hero," comedy riot directed and written by Preston Sturges, now at the Grand theatre. William Demarest, right, is cast as a tough Marine sergeant who forces Bracken to pose as a returning war hero. Eddie has the starring role with Ella Raines as leading lady.

Now Playing! LIBERTY
Still One of the Greatest Hits!
James Stewart
Jean Arthur
Frank Capra's
"MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON"
Thrill Co-Feature!
Hail TO THE RANGERS
Charles STARRETT
Arthur HUNNICOTT
Robt Owen ATCHER
Leta ATCHER

Valley Youths Sign Up for Navy Training

Most recent 17 year old young men to make application for the navy's aircrewmen are William J. Juzo and Marvin C. Morrissett, both of Salem; Walter R. Wordon, Amity, and Paul H. Harms of Dallas. Soon after completing their enlistment these men will leave for Jacksonville, Fla., for nine to 12 months' training as a crew member of the navy's fighting planes. These men are trained at radiomen, ordnance-men, or mechanic, and all men are gunners.

Those making application for the navy are Gilbert G. Wagner, Mehama; Walter R. Fox, Dallas; Arthur J. Young, Monmouth, and Lyle L. Johnson and Carl F. Johnson of Willamina.

John R. Romig of Rickreall and Carl R. Fitis, Brooks, have passed the Eddy test and will soon be enlisted as seamen first class in the radar and radio program. These men will start their navy training in Chicago.

Men in the 18 to 38 and the 38 to 50 1/2 age groups, if physically and technically qualified, may again volunteer for service in the seabees. Those in the draft age group must volunteer before they receive their induction call in order to be accepted for naval service.

Maj. Dolph Craig Released; Plans Return to Salem

FORT LEWIS, Wash., Dec. 15 —Maj. Dolph L. Craig of 2427 South Cottage street, Salem, Ore., was released today from active duty in the dental corps at the Fort Lewis separation center, Lt. Col. Harvey D. Taylor, commanding officer, announced.

Major Craig was a member of the Oregon national guard in the 249th coast artillery regiment when it was federalized in September, 1940, and has been stationed since then at Barnes General hospital, Vancouver, Wash., at army service forces training center, Fort Lewis, Wash., Baxter General hospital, Spokane, Wash., and Camp Roberts, Calif. For two years he was the regimental dental surgeon for the 249th.

His wife, Dorothy, and two children lived in Salem for most of the four years Major Craig was in the army. He said today he planned to return there to take up his dental practice.

SILVERTON — Bill Evans and Bob Zimmerman, Silvertown high school seniors, have submitted their applications for US naval reserve training. Both boys were members of this year's high school football squad.

SILVERTON — Sgt. Edgar Ame is in a hospital in Australia recuperating from an illness. He has written to his parents that he had just enjoyed a 14-day furlough before entering the hospital.

Henry Hendrickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hendrickson of South Cottage street, arrived home last week to spend Christmas with his parents and brother, Emery, and family. Hendrickson hasn't been home for almost two years. He is a merchant seaman and has traveled 80,000 miles since leaving the States 16 months ago.



Producer Samuel Goldwyn introduces Danny Kaye, Broadway's ace comedian, in "Up in Arms," the elaborate technicolor comedy with music depicting a reluctant draftee who becomes a one-man army. With Danny appears songstress Dinah Shore, handsome Dana Andrews and lovely Constance Dowling, who also makes her debut under the Goldwyn banner, now playing at the Capitol.



"I LOVE A SOLDIER," Mark Sandrich's Paramount production which opens today at the Elsinore theatre, stars Paulette Goddard and Sonny Tufts. This pair, acclaimed for their excellent performances in Sandrich's "So Proudly We Hail," receive fine support in "I Love a Soldier" from Barry Fitzgerald, Mary Treen, Walter Sande, Ann Doran, Frank Albertson and Marie McDonald.

JEFFERSON — Sgt. James Griffith is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Libby. He has just been released from the naval base hospital at Tillamook, and also from the service. After a visit with the Libbys, he will go to Texas to visit his parents.

TURNER — S/Sgt. Keith B. Ball arrived Monday to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mary Ball and other relatives. He will return to Aberdeen, Md., for re-assignment Dec. 28.

LEBANON — George MacDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. MacDonald, who is serving aboard a destroyer in the Pacific war area, wrote his parents that his ship had come through 80 air attacks by the Japanese without a scratch. George has been at sea 2 1/2 years.

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STARTS TODAY
WHEN A G-I-GUY (like Sonny) ...
MEETS A HOME-FRONT HONEY (like Paulette)
...STAND BY FOR ACTION ON THE ROMANTIC FRONT!
Paulette Goddard
Sunny Tufts in
"I Love a Soldier"
a Mark Sandrich production
with Beulah Bondi Barry Fitzgerald
Co-Feature
"THE SOUL OF A MONSTER"
ROSE HOBART
First Films of Attack at Month

'Up in Arms,' 'Seventh Cross,' Now at Capitol

With its hilarious action filmed in technicolor, "Up in Arms," Samuel Goldwyn's new RKO Radio release now playing at the Capitol, stars Danny Kaye and a cast of favorites in a rollicking tale of a hypochondriac elevator-operator who is drafted into the army. What happens to the army is sad indeed, but it all makes for one of the funniest musical comedies.

Danny Weems, who thinks everything in the world's wrong with him, and his pal Joe are drafted. When they complete their basic training they find their nurse girl friends, Virginia and Mary, have joined the army too, and are now lieutenants in the medical corps. All four of them head for the South Seas aboard the same transport, although Mary is a stow-away, thanks to Danny's maneuverings.

Danny gets into plenty of trouble with his buddies and with his commanding officer as a result, but shortly after landing at Baguona he is captured by the Japs, and after an uproarious mix-up comes out of the jungle with a string of captured Japs.

Join Us for New Year's Eve!
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Continuous from 1 P. M.
Now Showing!

MIRACLES OF LAUGHTER FROM THE MEN WHO MADE THE MIRACLE OF MORGAN'S CREEK!
Presents
"HAIL THE CONQUERING HERO"
Starring
EDDIE BRACKEN
with ELLA RAINES and WILLIAM DEMAREST
with PRESTON STURGES
Co-Feature!

RED-HOT ACTION DRAMA
of guerrilla warfare in Russia, where women will alongside their men!
DAYS OF GLORY
CAREY BONDON
with GUY EDWARDS
TOMMANOVA-PECK
with E. O. ALLEN
ALAN REED
ALMA PALMER
LOWELL GRUBBS
News! U.S. Navy Task Force Smashes Manila!

THE LEVEL HOUSE WITH THE BLUE SKY
STATE
Continuous from 1 P. M.
Now Playing!
Prisoners of Their Past!
Co-Hit!
Ted Lewis
And His Orch.
Nan Wynn
Michael Duane
"Is Everybody Happy?"