

IN THE... ★ Nation's Service



Margaret Wheeler In WAVE School

One of the latest recruits to report to Hunter's college, US naval training school for WAVES in New York City, was Miss Margaret Jean Wheeler of Dallas, Chief Specialist A. C. Friesen, of the Salem navy recruiting station announced today.

Miss Wheeler was graduated from Dallas high school with the class of 1941 and attended the Oregon college of Education at Monmouth for one year. For the last two years, she was employed by the Columbia Air Craft Corp., in Portland. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wheeler reside at 712 Ellis street, Dallas.

Corporal Garren in European Theatre

(Special to The Statesman)

AN AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND BASE IN GREAT BRITAIN—Cpl. Thomas D. Garren, son of Mrs. Ralph Garren of Salem, Ore., is now serving in the European theatre of operations as a member of the European division of the air transport command, U.S. army air forces, commanded by Brig. Gen. Earl S. Hoag.

As the trans-Atlantic aerial supply line between the United States and Europe, the ATC's European division operates hundreds of cargo and passenger planes monthly, carrying important passengers, vital war cargo, the all-important soldiers' mail, and returning wounded American soldiers to the United States.

Corporal Garren entered the service December 8, 1942.



WOODBURN—PFC Arthur L. Gates, marine corps, has returned to San Diego after a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gates, and his sister, Lorraine Bowman. He was in Samoa 15 months. He now expects to attend advance cook's and bakery school. An other son, John L. Gates, fireman 2nd class, also was home earlier this fall. He now is in the Philippines where their brother-in-law, Sgt. Wilbert Bowman of the 96th division, is stationed. John L. Gates' wife, the former Mary Buchanan, lives north of town.

Corvallis Pilot Safely Lands Damaged Fort

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—(P)—A B-17 Flying Fortress bomber, its nose blown to shambles, instruments wrecked and oxygen system knocked out, flew home through flak-starred skies from a recent raid on Cologne, Germany, and reached its base, the Boeing Aircraft company said today it had been advised from an Eighth air force bomber station in England.

"Only the combined skill of Lt. Lawrence M. Delancy of Corvallis, Ore., pilot, and 2nd Lt. Raymond J. Ledoux, Mount Angel, Ore., navigator, brought the big bomber home "after flak almost ripped away the nose section, the dispatch said.

The plane was off balance and had no brakes, but Lieutenant Delancy "brought the B-17 to a perfect landing," said the dispatch.

Field personnel gazed with astonishment as the plane rolled to a stop and the survivors climbed

out (a staff sergeant had been killed.)

When the ship was hit, Delancy said, part of the nose section "peeled back and obstructed my vision and that of my copilot. What little there was left in front of me looked like a scrap heap. The wind was rushing through the bomber and with our feet exposed to the air at a 30,000-foot altitude the temperature was unbearable.

"The hit had knocked Lieutenant Ledoux back on the catwalk but he was able to get up and set a tentative course home. He did a swell job with no instruments to speak of."

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AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND STATION, England—Sgt. Rodney M. Pruitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pruitt, route one, Halsey, Ore., is stationed at this strategic air depot bomber repair base. He works overhauling the Sperry automatic computing gunsights used in the air force's heavy bombers. Sergeant Pruitt was graduated from Brownsville high school in 1940 and from Bakersfield, Calif. junior college in 1942. In civilian life he was a farmer.



SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—(P)—Sgt. George C. Alexander, son of Warden and Mrs. George Alexander of Salem, is home on furlough from his base at Moody field, near Valdosta, Ga., where he is a ground instructor in the air corps. The sergeant, formerly with the national guard, was with the coast artillery for two years prior to transferring to the air corps.

SALEM HEIGHTS—Pvt. Oscar L. Haugen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Haugen, Ewald avenue, is with the army infantry in France. Another son is with the navy. Howard E. Haugen, fireman first class, has finished diesel training at the Naval Training school, Richmond, Va.

DALLAS—Carl Swenson, BM 2/c, is spending a two-week leave at the home of his father, the Rev. Charles Swenson. Swenson has spent the past two years and seven months in the southwest Pacific, coming to the states from Guam. He will return to his station shortly after Christmas.

The first horse brought to Canada arrived at Quebec in 1647.

SILVERTON—PFC Walter Goplerud is now in Germany with the 96th division, his mother, Mrs. John C. Goplerud, has learned. Goplerud was graduated from the rural Brush Creek school, later from Silverton high school and then from Pacific Lutheran college at Parkland, Wash. He was teaching in Washington at the time he went into the army. He went overseas in June.

Air Medal Is Awarded to Sgt. Boydston

Special to The Statesman

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE LIBERATOR STATION, England—Sgt. Jacques W. Boydston, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Boydston of 1004 Ellis street, Dallas, Ore., has been awarded the air medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in several bombardment missions over enemy territory. Sergeant Boydston serves as a nose gunner on a B-24 Liberator.

Boydston is a member of the 93rd bombardment group, the oldest Liberator group in the European theatre of operations. Besides the air medal, he also wears the distinguished unit ribbon, a group citation from the war department, for the 93rd's action on the Ploesti Oil fields in Rumania in August of 1943, and the European theatre ribbon.

Boydston flew with his crew in support of the ground forces on November 16 in the Metz area when the Allies opened their new offensive in that sector.

Before entering the army, Sgt. Boydston was a student at Oregon State college. He graduated from Dallas high school in 1942.

SILVERTON—Raymond L. Hall soundman third class, who has been in the Central and South Pacific, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Hall. He was honored this week at meetings of the Delbert Reeves post and unit of American Legion. Hall was commander of the Sons of Legionnaires and took active part in legion work at Silverton prior to his enlistment immediately after his graduation from the Silverton high school. The post and unit had the annual Christmas party this week.

ROBERTS—Sgt. and Mrs. Raymond Higgins and daughter, Julie, have returned to Ft. Canby after spending several days with the sergeant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Higgins.

Radio Programs

Fri.	KSLM (1390 kc)	KOIN (970 kc)	KGW (620 kc)	KEX (1190 kc)
6:00	Music Time	News	Dawn Patrol	Mus. Clock
6:15	Music Time	West Stars	News	Farm, Home
6:30	Music Time	KOIN Klock	News	Living
7:00	News	Headlines	G. Fletcher	Harmonies
7:15	News	Headlines	News	James Abbe
7:30	News	Headlines	News	Sam Hayes
7:45	News	Headlines	News	Sam Hayes
8:00	Dr. Talbot	News	Stars Today	B'fast Club
8:15	Dr. Talbot	News	Stars Today	News
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11:00	Ced. Foster	News	Stars Today	News
11:15	Waltz Time	News	Stars Today	News
11:30	Camera Club	News	Stars Today	News
11:45	Camera Club	News	Stars Today	News
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KOAC—FRIDAY—550 kc.—10:00 News; 10:15 Homemaker; 11:00 At the Console; 11:30 Concert hall; Noon news; 12:15 Farm Hour; 1:30 Ride in the Range; 1:45 Soldiers of Press; 1:30 Variety Time; 2:00 Club Women; 2:30 Memory Music; 3:00 News; 3:15 Music News; 3:45 Meditations.

Navy's Need For Seabees Grows Urgent

Immediate submission of applications for enlistment in the naval construction battalion by men who are contemplating early induction, was today urged by A. C. Friesen, chief specialist of the Salem navy recruiting station. Enlistment requirements must be fully satisfied prior to actual induction, to assure Seabee assignment, according to Friesen.

"The need for Seabees is acute, by reason of the fast pace set by naval forces in Pacific war theatres," Friesen said. "The navy needs 350,000 skilled craftsmen within the next six months."

Carpenters, surveyors, pipe-fitters, plumbers, welders, divers, storekeepers, blacksmiths, mechanics, ship-fitters, boat mates, and stevedores—not presently employed in essential industry—are among the trades-classifications eligible for enlistment in the construction battalion. First and second class petty officer rates are available for qualified men.

DALLAS—Louis Digby, S 2/c, is spending a six day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Digby. Digby has completed his boat training at the San Diego station, and will return for further assignment after Christmas.

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