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★ Nation's Service

Two Valley Soldiers Wounded in Action

Listed today among the Oregon soldiers wounded in action in the European theatre of operations are Pvt. Donald N. Stoudenmeyer, son of Lily M. Stoudenmeyer, 1280 D street, Salem; and PFC Vergil V. Morgan, son of Sarah A. Morgan, route one, Yamhill.

T/Sgt. Harold D. Alderin, his wife and son, Gary Ray, and Sgt. Raymond Alderin are in Salem to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Alderin. Frank Nichols, another soldier from Salem who has been in New Guinea also is a guest at the Alderin home.

Sgt. Harold Alderin is stationed at an army air base in Mississippi and Sgt. Raymond Alderin has just returned from Australia.

T/Sgt. Robert H. Dolezal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Dolezal of Mill City, arrived home Friday after a fast plane trip from the Southwest Pacific war theater. Dolezal told friends he flew from the far east to California in 44 hours. After reaching California he went to DeWitt Hospital at Auburn and was given thorough time there to spend the holidays at his home here.



21st BOMBER COMMAND, Salpan, Dec. 22—(P)—Lt. Wendell Emmett of Salem was one of ten B-29 crew members rescued from rafts after Lt. Col. Haynes of Hermosa Beach, Calif., Superfortress unit commander, discovered one of his ships had failed to return from a night strike on Nagoya. It was learned today. The colonel, who himself led the search, found the survivors of the missing plane, all uninjured, a half hour after he started out. Two crew members were drowned.

Thumbnail of War!

(By the Associated Press)

Western Europe—Fierce southern flank attack by Gen. George S. Patton's Third army slows down the desperate German offensive.

Russia—Red army begins big push against Nazis pocketed in snowswept Latvia, possibly as a prelude to a general winter offensive.

Greece—Left wing Elass group serves new three-point proposal on British commander after four-day delay because of heavy street fighting.

Acute—American troops hammer the last Japanese escape port on Leyte island and Superfortresses raid Nagoya.

Italy—German resistance breaks northeast of Faenza on the Adriatic end of the Italian front as Canadians smash forward.

Operates Jap Trucks



Capt. Ramon C. Graves of Salem considers repairing and operating captured Jap trucks in western Yunnan the most interesting job in China.

(Special to the Statesman)

Y-FORCE OPERATIONS STAFF, CHINA THEATRE—Repairing and operating captured Jap trucks between the Jap strongpoints in Western Yunnan is the most interesting job in China, according to Capt. Ramon C. Graves, 38, of Salem, Ore., who recently completed 35 days at his hazardous occupation.

When the Chinese expeditionary force launched the Salween campaign in May, the attacking forces by-passed the strong Jap position of Sungshan, and struck toward Lungling, 23 miles behind Sungshan on the road.

A containing force was left at Sungshan and soon surrounded the series of mountain peaks which the Japs had fortified heavily. Between Sungshan and Lungling, the main body captured a number of Jap positions and materiel.

"On August 3, says Captain Graves, 'I was placed in charge of a crew of Y-Force mechanics and flown by liaison plane to a position between the two Jap strongpoints.'

"We found captured vehicles in an inoperative condition. Tires, parts and gasoline were flown in to us for 35 days, during which time over 1000 tons of rice and ammunition were hauled by these trucks, driven by American soldiers, to the Chinese troops making the assault on Lungling.

"We were visited almost daily by Jap Zeros—bombs dropped within 200 yards of us on one occasion. All of the men became expert aircraft identifiers—and 100-yard sprinters, that being the distance to the nearest bomb shelter!

"But our closest call came from American planes. A couple of P-40s were over our position and the pilots were having a discussion, wanting to know why Jap trucks were running on that section of the Burma road.

"We had an uncomfortable 20 minutes until their home field

HOLLYWOOD

Last Times Today

Continuous from 2 P. M.

The East Side Kids in "Follow the Leader"

JAMES DUNN in "Leave It to The Irish" Buy More Bonds

Ends Today! Mickey Rooney "Andy Hardy's Double Life"

Gene Autry "Ride, Ranger, Ride"

LIBERTY

Continuous from 1 P. M.

Starting Tomorrow! (And Monday and Tuesday)

Our Merry Christmas Show for You!

IT'S A Landing PARTY!

A Boatload of Bluejeans capture a galaxy of gorgeous gals...for laughs...love...rhythm and Romance!

THE FLEETS IN

with LIP BUCKTON BETTY HUTTON CARR DAILY JIMMY DORSEY and His Band

Thrilling Co-Feature!

40 THIEVES

Missing Ring Is Definitely 'Inside' Job

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—(P)—The disappearance of a \$4000 diamond ring from the Fifth Avenue apartment of Mrs. Jean-Pierre Stern was definitely an "inside" job.

The ring, Mrs. Stern told police, vanished overnight from a table in her bedroom.

Detectives Tom Neary and Walter Walsh found no evidence of a sneak thief. So with Mrs. Stern's two Doberman, "Granga" and "Beau," at their heels, they made a vain six-hour search of closets, drawers, floor and bed.

Then, Walsh fixed a suspicious eye on the dogs. "You don't suppose—" he began.

"C'mon," said Neary, "we've looked everywhere else."

They took the dogs to an animal hospital. A fluoroscopic examination exonerated "Beau."

But in "Granga's" stomach nestled the \$4000 ring.

"Granga" was speeded to a veterinarian.

Charles King Dies at Coast

Charles A. King, 64, former resident of Salem, died Thursday at DeLake following a heart attack. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from the mortuary in DeLake, with burial at Crawfordsville.

He came to Salem about 20 years ago, and went from here to DeLake eight years ago. He was operating the Tourist Cafe at the time of his death.

Survivors are the widow, Osa King, a sister, Sarah Wright of Salem, a brother, David D. W. King of Holley, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Alma Thorne of Bakersfield, Calif.

2 Injured When Cars Collide Last Night

Considerable damage was done to cars driven by R. B. Comstock, 1710 Trade street, and Stanley Smith, 1740 Oxford street, when they collided at the corner of High and Division streets late Friday night.

Smith and his wife were taken to the Deaconess hospital, where he was treated for minor cuts and bruises, and Mrs. Smith was given emergency surgical treatment for severe lacerations about the face and head. Occupants of the Comstock car were uninjured.

CAPITOL

Starts Today — 2 Top Hits!

IT'S Murder

"They are not going to hang you, Baby... But you're going to do it... and I'm going to help you!"

Fred MacMURRAY Barbara STANWYCK Edna G. ROBINSON ALL CLASH IN

DOUBLE INDEMNITY

Co-Feature

A SPICY TALE OF Marital MISHAPS!

LANA TURNER

MARRIAGE IS A PRIVATE Affair

CRAIG HODIAK GIFFORD

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Like clockwork in the days when even civilian clocks kept railroad time, last night's Christmas party at the Salem YMCA went off last night.

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The Parrish junior high school orchestra, directed by Leslie Carson, never missed a note (nor, I am told, did the young singers, and if you really want to hear something you should hear several hundred boys and girls sing the old carols a few minutes after a Santa Claus with a distinctly North Pole accent has paid them a visit).

Chet Goodman and Kathleen Wrenn directed and accompanied the children; the Magic Man was, of course, Jack Spong, who has been pulling rabbits out of hats since he was the age of the young celebrants and who continues to do that and similar stunts — always providing the hats were bought at Bishop's.

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Dr. David Bennett Hill, who with Bishop's helped the "Y" sponsor the party, showed Christmas movies, and Vernon Merrick of the YMCA staff was master of ceremonies.

Japan Brings Up Reserves

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22—(P)—Reinforcements were brought up to bolster stiffening Japanese resistance at Hochih tonight, the Chinese high command announced, and observers here believed the enemy had decided to try to hold the Kwangsi province town as one of its strongpoints screening the China Indo-China corridor.

"Severe fighting" was in progress around the south China railway town, a Chungking radio broadcast said, adding that Chinese units to the east of the town were "fighting to regain" the nearby railroad town of Chinchengkiang. Hochih, a key point in the Kwangsi region, is 95 miles northwest of Lichow.

Alaska Jack Dalton's Final Rites Today

SEATTLE, Dec. 22—(P)—Jack Dalton, one of the most colorful of the early Alaskan sourdoughs, the man who took the first horses to the territory and cut the Dalton trail to Haines, will be buried here tomorrow.

Work of the pioneer's death last Saturday at the age of 69 in San Francisco reached friends here today shortly before it was announced funeral services would be held tomorrow in St. James cathedral.

Dalton's pioneering trail crossed Arizona, Oregon and Washington before he headed north in the 1880's. He punched cattle, drove stages and then between 1886 and 1889 took his string of horses to the northern territory.

E Bond Sales Still Off 16.5 Per Cent in State

PORTLAND, Dec. 22—(P)—The state's \$34,000,000 E bond quota still lacked 16.5 per cent today as sales climbed to \$28,392,541. The deadline is nine days away.

CONTINUOUS TODAY

ELSHORE

New Showing

THE THRILLING STORY OF PIRATE LOVE AND ADVENTURE

FRENCHMAN'S CREEK

CO-FEATURE

SING LIKE A BIRD

Canucks Make Gains in Italy

ROME, Dec. 22—(P)—German resistance northeast of Faenza on the Adriatic end of the Italian front has broken under fierce pressure by Canadian troops who smashed forward to the Senio river on a broad front and captured the town of Bagnacavallo. Allied headquarters announced today.

The enemy was broken north of Bagnacavallo, which is eight miles northeast of Faenza, and the Nazi

command was battling stubbornly to extricate troops, tanks and guns from a bog pinned on the west bank of the Lamone river. In addition to the Canadian breakthrough on the north of this bulge, other Eighth army units maintained heavy pressure on the southern flank.

Small Fire Reported

One small fire was reported Friday night, at 553 Cross street at which a basement fire caused little damage.

Ends Today! "Nothing But the Truth" "Once Upon a Time"

STATE

ACTION! GRANDEUR! THRILLS!

Tomorrow! And Christmas! Continuous Shows from 1 P. M.

HOME IN INDIANA

WALTER BRENNAN LON McALLISTER JEANNE CRAIN JUNE HAVER

Co-Feature!

THE SWEETHEART OF THE SCREEN! DIXIE DUGAN with LOIS ANDREWS James ELISON Charlotte GREENWOOD Charlie RUGGLES

Ends Today! Robert Young • Charles Laughlin "THE CANTERVILLE GHOST" Vivian Austin, "Night Club Girl"

EVERYONE KNOWS THESE GRAND SHOWS

"GRAND"

Continuous Shows Daily from 1 P. M.

STARTING TOMORROW! SANTA'S BRINGING SOMETHING FOR CHRISTMAS... FOR SALEM!

YOUR "Cherry Blonde" sweetheart in the make-you-laugh musical hit that made Broadway history! It's a parade of rhythm, song and romance set to a Cole Porter score!

MIRANDA • O'SHEA • BLAINE

SOMETHING for the BOYS in TECHNICOLOR

with Phil Silvers • Sheila Ryan • Perry Como • Glenn Langan

Co-Hit! Those Three Funatics Are In Again! Billy Gilbert • Shemp Howard Maxie Rosenbloom "Crazy Knights"

NEWS! Battle Flashes from Belgium... France... Holland! Eisenhower on Tour of All Fronts!... Dizzy Acrobatics on Amuso Radio Tower!