

### New Address Necessary to Insure News

News concerning men overseas, of vital importance to their families, is often delayed unnecessarily due to failure of dependents to notify the war department of changes in address, the Ninth service command adjutant general's office, Fort Douglas, Utah, declared Monday.

In one month as many as 4000 telegrams were returned to Washington, D.C., because the addressees could not be found, official reports reveal. Practically every case of non-delivery was due to failure of the addressee to report the correct and complete address.

In keeping records of America's millions in service, the adjutant general's office accepts the responsibility of notifying families as soon as possible after a service man has become a casualty.

Receiving this news late, or from other than official sources, is a great hardship to a soldier's family. Telegraph offices receiving messages for delivery cooperate fully in attempting to locate addressees and exhaust every possible means prior to returning them to the war department.

However, it is necessary to return thousands stamped "Address Incorrect."

Emergency addressees who have moved after departure of a soldier for overseas duty, or for other reasons, are urged to inform the adjutant general's office, war department, Washington 25, D. C., attention casualty branch.

Both new and old addresses should be given in addition to the soldier's full name, rank, serial number, organization, and his APO number.

Special to The Statesman

**AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION, England—**Capt. Jack J. Haek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Haek, Lebanon, Ore., is a pilot of the 56th fighter group, which has destroyed more German planes than any other fighter group in the Eighth Air Force; a total of 723. The group flies P-47 Thunderbolts in escort to heavy bombers and on ground strafing assignments. Haek has won the presidential unit citation for "exceptional aggressiveness, outstanding performance of duty, and extraordinary heroism in action."

## IN THE... Nation's Service



### Lt. Joe Meier With Yank Infantrymen Pile Up Heavy Score Against Nips in Isles

WITH THE 32D INFANTRY DIVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES—Sixty-three to nothing was the lopsided score tallied by Lt. Joe Meier of Salem, Ore., and 26 Yank infantrymen, in a one-hour battle with the Japs on Leyte island in the Philippines.

The enemy were dug in at the foot of a hill held by American infantry. With heavy and light machine guns, knee mortars, and rifles they harassed the Yanks, seriously threatening to stop the advance.

Lieutenant Meier and his men started down the hill to break up the Jap stronghold. About 30 yards from their perimeter, Sgt. James Woodbridge of Marquette, Mich., started the battle by killing two Nip snipers.

The battle increased in fury as the main enemy party was contacted. The Japs took cover in tunnels, and had to be smoked out one by one. Yank doughboys kept the Japs in their holes with a hail of small arms fire, while one of their number crawled to the entrance and tossed in hand grenades.

When the holed up Japs had been eliminated in one area, one heavy machine gun continued to fire. A squad sent to flank the position mopped up the rest of the gun crew with several more grenades.

More tunneled-in Japs were found beyond the gun position, but the infantry moved ahead, killing all of the remaining Japs.

On the return trip, a patrol led around the left flank, added four more Nips to the toll.

The operation covered 600 yards, and took a little over an hour. The patrol captured 3 heavy machine guns, 10 light machine guns, 28 knee mortars, dozens of rifles and a pile of ammunition.

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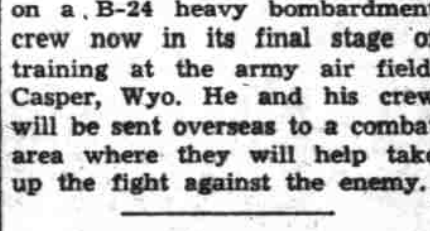
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Three service sons of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Adams, Glen Creek road, are: top, Maj. Hugh Adams, attached to state selective service headquarters here; center, Lt. (jg) Dwight Adams, now stationed at Klamath Falls, and Maj. Howard Adams, youngest of the trio, who is serving on the western front.

### Lt. Townsend Leads Crew

ARMY AIR FIELD, Casper, Wyo.—(Special to The Statesman) Second Lt. Donald M. Townsend, son of Ben F. Townsend, Salem, Ore., is an airplane commander on a B-24 heavy bombardment crew now in its final stage of training at the army air field, Casper, Wyo. He and his crew will be sent overseas to a combat area where they will help take up the fight against the enemy.



HEADQUARTERS, 13TH AAF, Southwest Pacific—Tech. Sgt. Alvan Z. Frey has recently completed 15 months overseas service. Sgt. Frey is a crew chief in a heavy bombardment unit of the 13th AAF's Bomber Barons. Through his unceasing efforts, relentless determination, and mechanical ability, he has crewed B-24 Liberators that are daily driving home smashing blows at the fast crumbling Japanese empire.

SON OF Mrs. Elsa B. Frey, retired seven, Salem, Ore., Sergeant Frey attended airplane mechanics school at Sheppard Field, Texas and specialist school at Willow Run, Mich. He wears the good conduct medal and the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with three bronze battle stars.

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U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION, JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 25.—Richard Niel Zahradnik, Rt. 3, Salem, Ore., recently was graduated from the aviation electrician's mate school here and was promoted to seaman first class (AEM) in the U. S. navy. Entering the navy March 28, 1944, he received his recruit training at Farragut, Ida., before being transferred to the Naval Air Technical Training center here. Zahradnik is now a qualified aviation electrician's mate and will probably see service with a naval air unit.

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### Sergeant Fenner Helped With Real Yuletide Dinner

AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND DEPOT IN ENGLAND — S/Sgt. Louis R. Fenner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Fenner, Seventh and B streets, Lebanon, Ore., and husband Helen M. Fenner, 1136 Fairmont street, Salem, helped his buddies celebrate Christmas with a wing, a drumstick, and a Yuletide prayer.

He is a member of the mess hall staff at an air service command depot in Britain which planned a Christmas dinner to compete with Mom's.

He helped prepare thousands of pounds of gobbiers, dressing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, celery, plum pudding, coffee and hard candy. Huge shipments of the finest Christmas foodstuffs obtainable are on their way from the U. S.

"These soldier-mechanics and technicians here," he said, "have really done a job keeping the fighters and bombers in the air over Germany. We'll try to give them the best Christmas they ever had in the army."

Before entering the air forces Oct. 12, 1942 he was employed as cuttermans helper by the Oregon Pulp & Paper Co., Salem.

NORTH SANTIAM — Louis E. Fowler, carpenters mate third class, is home on a 20 day leave. Mrs. Fowler visited him in California and he returned with her later.

James Bethell, boatswain mate second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bethell, is home on a 30 day leave before transfer to Norfolk, Va.

SCIO—PFC. Leo V. Spruager, son of Mrs. Sam Bass, route two, Scio, Ore., has been transferred from the Carlisle army air field, Carlisle, N. M., to Sioux Falls, S. D.

ENDS TODAY! Jeanne Crain "Home in Indiana" Lois Andrews "Dixie Duigan"

STATE — Opens 6:45 P. M. — TOMORROW!

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T/5 Forest M. Andrews, son of Mrs. Nettie Andrews, 1310 North Winter street, is one of three brothers in the service. Thomas Andrews is in the navy and Charles Andrews is in the army air corps.

### T-5 Andrews Wins Coveted Silver Star

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HQ. 41ST DIVISION, Southwest Pacific—Tech. 5 Forest M. Andrews, of Salem, Ore., has been awarded the coveted Silver Star for exemplary personal valor and a deep-seated devotion to duty on the field of battle.

The decoration was bestowed upon the medical aidman by Major Gen. Jens A. Doe, commander of the famed 41st Infantry Division, at a ceremony held here.

During a phase of most recent operations against the Japs, Andrews was attached to an infantry company as a medic. Learning that one of the soldiers had been seriously wounded by enemy fire, the Oregonian moved forward to rescue him.

The area was being swept by Jap mortar and rifle fire, and Andrews was specifically warned of the danger. Nevertheless, he went, crawling more than 100 yards across the zone with no cover to protect him.

He reached the man, and dragged him to safety, there attending his wounds.

The mother of the bemedaled 41st jungler, Mrs. Nettie Andrews, resides at 1310 N. Winter st.

Clyde Keen, chief carpenters mate of the seabees is home on leave to see his wife and four months old son he had not seen before. Keen has been in France since June 6, going in with the first convoy.

Mrs. Clyde Keen lives at 2465 North Church street and his mother, Mrs. Edith Keen, is at 1210 Tile road. He will report later to Camp Clark, Calif.

DALLAS — Ernest H. Cooper, mm 2/c in the navy, is spending a 30-day leave with his grandmother, Mrs. Rose L. Cooper. Cooper was graduated with the high school class of 1940 and has been stationed in Panama. This is his first leave in 28 months, and at its conclusion he will return to the east coast for reassignment.

### British Press Lauds Salem Man's Group

AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND DEPOT, England—(Special to The Statesman)—Recently commended by Lt. Gen. Carl G. Spaatz, commanding general, US strategic air forces in Europe, for pre-invasion production efforts, T/Sgt. Robert E. Crawford of Salem, Ore., and fellow soldier-technicians at an air service command depot in England are now basking in praise from the British press.

The widely-read "Sunday Express," in a featured article, pointed out that the base's output figures are "among world records," and lauded the soldiers for their part in keeping America's planes in control of the skies over western Europe.

"It's good to know that other people think we're doing a good job," commented Sgt. Crawford. "And just to prove that praise hasn't gone to our heads, we're going to keep those production figures high."

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crawford, 1759 Court street, Salem.



Lt. Joseph A. LeDoux of Mt. Angel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. LeDoux, who is flying in the southwest Pacific, has a brother, Lt. Raymond J. LeDoux, bombardier with an army air corps squadron in the European theatre of operations.

LEBANON—Patricia Tweed, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Peter Tweed, has received her commission as a second lieutenant in the army nursing corps. She reported for duty at Madigan General hospital, Ft. Lewis, Dec. 6. After four weeks of basic training she expects to be sent to Palm Springs, Calif., for further training before assignment to active duty. Lt. Tweed received her bachelor of nursing degree from Portland university and St. Vincent's hospital in May. During World War I her father was in the army and an aunt was in the staff of base hospital 46 overseas.

EDGEWOOD ARSENAL, Md., (Special to The Statesman)—Abe L. Steinbock of 396 Jervis avenue, Salem, Ore., became a second lieutenant at the graduation exercises of the chemical warfare service officer candidate school here Saturday, December 23. He was chosen from the ranks for this training by his superior officers because of excellence in military record, education and character. He attended Willamette university where he was active in basketball.

DALLAS—Pvt. Richard A. Dennis has returned to Chanute Field, Ill., after spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Dennis. Dennis recently was graduated as a radio operator at Scott Field, Ill. He has been in the service about one year.

### Mt. Angel Flyer Helps Shatter Records in SW Pacific Rescue

HEADQUARTERS, 13TH AAF, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—First Lt. Joseph A. LeDoux of Mount Angel, Ore., was one of four P-38 Lightning pilots who recently flew continuously for eleven hours and five minutes to shatter what was believed to be all previous records for fighter combat missions.

Ranging 950 miles from his Dutch New Guinea base, Lieutenant LeDoux helped cover the dramatic rescue of another 13th AAF fighter pilot who had been floating for 24 hours in a harborful of Japanese shipping.

Floating in a partially deflated raft, huddled most of the time under a blue-cloth sail, the downed flyer somehow escaped the notice of a small fleet of Nipponese craft which combed the harbor and often nosed within a few feet of his rubber boat.

In a story-book finish to his harrowing experience, he was rescued the following day by an Army Catalina flying the longest rescue mission of the war—18-hour, 1000-plus-mile round trip.

The pick-up in Macassar harbor was covered by 12 long-range Lightnings of Brig. Gen. Earl W. Barner's 13th AAF Fighter Command.

Tremendously loaded with gas for the unprecedented mission, all of the P-38's were in the air for over nine and a half hours. One flight—that of Lieutenant LeDoux—was airborne a record eleven hours and five minutes. Longest Flight Recorded.

It was estimated that the P-38's covered at least 2300 miles on this mission, counting the flying done over Macassar strait during the rescue operation. The Nips sent no aerial opposition aloft.

Lieutenant LeDoux is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. LeDoux of Mt. Angel. His brother, Lt. Raymond J. LeDoux, is an AAF bombardier.

Lt. Joseph LeDoux flies with the 13th AAF fighter unit known as the Fighting Cocks.

FORT DOUGLAS, Utah, Dec. 23—(Special)—Due to arrive in the United States soon on furlough from the Central Pacific theater of operations are the following Salem, Ore., servicemen:

Sgt. Theodore D. Cozner, son of Mrs. Myrtle H. Soutenberg, Rt. 1, Box 234, who served 58 months with the army air forces, and Sgt. Francis E. Kessel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kessel, 1330 8th St., who served 44 months with the quartermaster corps of the army air forces.

FORT DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 23—(Special)—Pvt. Beulah L. Winger, 1348 Waller street, Salem, Ore., a member of the Women's Army corps, recently left the WAC training center here for duty with the army at Wilmington, Calif.

Ends Today Joan Fontaine, Arturo de Cordova in "FRENCHMAN'S CREEK" Plus "SING NEIGHBOR SING"

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