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Nation's Service

Red Cross Clubs Provide Weary Yankees on Leyte Place to Sleep, Hot Food

By Turner Catledge, Foreign Correspondent New York Times
LEYTE, Dec. 1—(Delayed)—Rising from the mud and muck of a principal street in a town of this rain-soaked island is the Quezon club, named for the first president of the Philippine commonwealth. It is a far cry from the Knickerbocker club or Century club of New York or the Union club of Cleveland or the Bohemian club in San Francisco.

Lt. Lindemann Now Holder Of Air Medal

A U. S. TROOP CARRIER FORCE BASE, European Theatre of Operations—Second Lt. Fred A. Lindemann has been awarded the air medal, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights during the period 1 July, 1944 to 30 September, 1944, in the European theatre of operation.

He engaged in intensive aerial activity as a combat crew member of a troop carrier plane in the resupply of Allied armies advancing across France, Belgium, and Holland, and in the air evacuation of casualties. In addition, he participated brilliantly in the greatest airborne operation in military history, the vertical envelopment of the German armies impeding the progress of our ground forces in Holland, by precisely delivering massive airborne assault forces and vast amounts of critical combat equipment and supplies to designated objectives.

Lieutenant Lindemann is the son of Frank Lindemann, Box 93, Stayton, Ore. His wife, Mrs. Glenda A. Lindemann is residing with her parents at Box 55, Lyons, Ore. He was graduated from Stayton high school in 1937, and prior to entering the service in May 1942, was employed as an accountant by the Du Bois Lumber company.

John Croddy Missing

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1—(AP)—John Jerome Croddy, fire controlman third class, U. S. navy, has been reported missing. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Reckter Croddy, 2209 North Front street, Salem, Ore.

SALEM YOUTH GETS WINGS

PAMPA ARMY AIR FIELD, Pampa, Tex.—(Special)—Loren Nicholas Christiansen, 23, son of Mr. Henry Christiansen, Box 171, Salem, Ore., has been awarded his silver pilot's wings and appointed an officer in the army air forces upon completion of his twin-engine advanced training at this Top o' Texas unit of the AAF central flying training command.

Ensign and Mrs. Donald Hagg

spent several days in Salem with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Hagg, 497 South 23rd street, and left Friday for Boston for reassignment. He has just completed two months training at the University of Arizona and is assigned to the radar division in the navy. His wife, the former Naomi Dressler, who has been with him for the past year and a half, will remain temporarily with her mother in Hood River. Ensign Hagg was formerly assigned as an instructor in radar on the east coast.

MILL CITY — Dr. John Warren

Reid has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the army medical corps and ordered to active duty.

SILVERTON—Tech. 5 John M.

Middlemess who was wounded several weeks ago on the continent is now in a hospital in this country, his wife, the former Marcell Kaufman learned Friday.

SILVERTON—Capt. and Mrs. Joe

Forsha and daughter Betsy left for his station in Texas Saturday. Captain Forsha recently completed his missions over Europe and was returned to this country. Mrs. Forsha is a daughter of City Manager and Mrs. Harry C. McCrea.

GATES — Pvt. Rex Harman

has returned to Fort Benning after a furlough spent visiting his mother.

S. Sgt. Leroy Knutson, U.S.

marine corps, has been home on furlough following service in the Marshall Islands.

Lewis Cline, aviation machinist

mate third class, arrived Christmas day from Miami, Fla., where he has been stationed.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Jan. 1—

Technician 5th grade Lawrence W. Baker of 2010 Maple Ave., Salem, Ore., is vacationing at the spacious Biltmore hotel section of the army ground and service forces redistribution station, Santa Barbara, following his recent return from duty overseas.

The Oregon veteran served as an artificer with the infantry at New Guinea, Bialk and Australia.

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Gerald L. McKay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce E. McKay, 434 South 17th street, entered 1945 with silver wings — a pair of them, which were awarded to him along with a diploma at graduation exercises at Lubbock army air field, Lubbock, Tex., late in December.

Lt. Virgil Cox Is Wounded

Lt. Virgil B. Cox, who went overseas as a replacement in July, has been wounded in action in Germany, December 8, his wife, the former Mrs. Vera Knight, of 805 N. Church st., has been informed. The lieutenant, formerly of Chicago, trained with the 70th division at Camp Adair. His wife, Mrs. Dora Cox, also has two sons in the service, James Knight, with the navy in the South Pacific, and Donald Knight, with the merchant marine.

PFC Ellen Jordan Sends Greetings From War Zone

This Christmas card from a WAC in France arrived at the Statesman office in time to serve as a New Year's greeting and reminder that members of the armed forces in Europe still think of home.

WITH THE WACS IN THE EUROPEAN THEATRE

Merry Christmas and best of cheer to everyone back home, to my family, to all my friends, the folks who live next door, the mail man who brings you my letters, the grocer in our neighborhood store, the gang in the drugstore where I buy my cokes, the bus driver on our run, all the people who would greet me with a warm "Merry Christmas" if I were there.

Over here, we'll be saying "Joyeux Noel" but the meaning is the same in any language—Peace on earth, Good will to men.

On Christmas eve we will attend services in famous European cathedrals, but we'll be remembering the familiar services in our church back home. We'll be remembering the sound of children's voices carolling "Away in a Manger," a "white" Christmas with holly wreaths and tinsel everywhere, and Christmas tree lights shining out into the night.

All day Christmas we'll be remembering how it is at home. We'll visit soldiers in field hospitals and talk with combat men on rest-leave, sharing our tree and turkey dinner, and the packages you sent us back in October. But most of all we will enjoy telling each other about the little things that make our Christmas day at home different from anything else in the whole world.

We hope it is just as we remember it and maybe next year we'll be there too. For now we can only write you and wish you "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

FORT DES MOINES, Ia. — Pvt.

Vera E. Mills, 1348 Waller street, Salem, Ore., a member of the women's army corps, recently left first WAC training center here for duty with the army at WAC detachment, Camp Roberts, Calif.

Criticism has stemmed largely

from unavoidable deficiencies because the scope of the war is much greater than the Red Cross can hope to match by relative expansion. But one has only to visit the clubs or the Red Cross field director's tent at a camp, naval station or air force group to see how the men use its facilities to get a high evaluation of the work.

General Wants Coffee

Perhaps the most shocked Red Cross operative in this whole area was Dyson at the "Family Hearth club" yesterday when a jeep arrived with Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, who asked for a cup of coffee.

The general gave the place a real military going over. He didn't like the flies. He thought well of the reading material. The coffee was terribly hot. He warned Dyson against trying to fill his pressure burner with gasoline while it was lighted.

But if Dyson was shocked at first he was superbly happy in the end, and so were a dozen men who were drinking coffee or sitting on rice sacks in the basement of the club house. For as the general left he threw a remark back over his shoulder: "The place is too small; I'm going to get you a real big hut."

Pvt. Donald D. Magee Cited for Combat Work

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—Pvt. Donald D. Magee, son of Mrs. Vera H. Magee, Willow st., Salem Ore., has been cited by the 11th armored infantry battalion of the first armored division and awarded the combat infantryman badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth army in Italy. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

Fabian Albert Nelson Is Second Lieutenant

FORT BENNING, Ga.—(Special)—Fabian Albert Nelson, jr., of Salem, Ore., has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the army upon successful completion of the officer candidate course at the infantry school at Fort Benning. Lieutenant Nelson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Nelson, of 888 Trade St., Salem. He was inducted into the army on Jan. 20, 1943, and served with the 395th AFA BN (armored field arty.) before going to officer candidate school. He held the rank of corporal before being commissioned. The new officer is a graduate of Salem high school.

LINCOLN—Pvt. Mary E. McElroy

and her friend Pvt. Elizabeth McWannell of Newberg, were holiday guests at the Roy E. Hammer home. Both women are stationed at San Francisco. Private McElroy, who was formerly employed at the state house in Salem, is in the office of the adjutant general.

ANNUAL JANUARY CLEAN-UP

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