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Nation's Service



Willis Vincent Promoted to Full Colonelcy

Col. Willis E. Vincent, Lt. Col. Willis E. Vincent, formerly of Salem and now adjutant general of an army corps in France, has been promoted to a full colonelcy. Mrs. Vincent has been informed here.

From November, 1928, until the outbreak of the World war II he was detailed to duty in the adjutant general's office in Salem. He entered military service in Salem in company M, 3rd Oregon infantry, January 8, 1916, saw service on the Mexican border, and in January, 1918, was sent to the Philippines.

He was appointed second lieutenant of infantry in the Oregon reserve corps in May, 1920, and



Major W. E. Vincent

first lieutenant in 1925. Vincent re-enlisted in the Oregon national guard, company B, 162nd infantry, in October, 1925. Shortly after detailed to the adjutant general's office, he was promoted to captain and assigned as adjutant of the 82nd infantry brigade, in addition to his duties with the adjutant general, in January, 1929.

He was transferred to the 41st division staff in 1939 as aide-de-camp to the commanding general. The same year he was appointed major and made assistant adjutant general of the 41st division. In September, 1940, he entered the federal service for World war II, and was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the adjutant general's department in December, 1941. Col. Vincent was transferred to the 44th infantry division at Fort Lewis in March, 1942, and announced as adjutant general. He was transferred to the 21st corps at Camp Polk, La., in April, 1944, as corps adjutant general.



Richard W. Furness, U. S. navy, has returned to duty after a 30 day leave spent with his wife and three children, Helen Louise, Margaret and Billy, 1170 15th street. He came home after two years in the Mediterranean theatre where he took part in the invasion of Africa. Furness is 45 years old and a navy veteran of World war I, an active member of the American Legion post at Mandan, ND, named for his brother, the first casualty from the North Dakota town in the war 25 years ago. Mrs. Furness is a sister of Carl Sundland of Salem and she came here with her family when her husband enlisted after Pearl Harbor.



Pictured at a spare-parts rack is Marine Cpl. Clarence Baer, somewhere in the Pacific. His duties consist of replacing worn parts, and repairing rifles returned from the battle zone. His wife lives at 1305 South 12th street, Salem.



HERMAN—Herman Grafe, aviation radioman first class, was home on leave during the holiday season from Dutch Harbor where he had been stationed for 18 months. He was reared in Gates, attended Oregon State college and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Grafe live here. His brother, Willis Grafe, is in the naval air corps at Corpus Christi, Texas.



Joseph A. Breckheimer has been promoted to gunner's mate second class in the construction battalion of the U. S. navy. His mother, Mrs. Kathryn Breckheimer lives at 2386 Cherry avenue and his wife, Lillian Breckheimer, and their three children, on Hyde street. He has been in the navy for three Christmases having enlisted in December 1942.

The war department today listed among 2637 United States soldiers wounded in action in the European area the names of three mid-Willamette valley men: Tech. 5 Leonard F. Lulay, son of Cecelia A. Lulay, Sublimity. Pvt. Wayne L. Miller, son of Branch L. Miller, 1645 South Winter street, Salem. Pvt. Harold L. Morse, whose wife, Helen G. Morse, resides at 1401 South Second st., Lebanon. In all cases the next of kin had been notified several weeks ago.



Clarence F. Conrad, aviation ordnance man, 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Conrad, 1118 Madison ave., recently spent a leave in Salem with his parents.

Deryl Roysse, 2/c signalman, United States navy, son of W. O. Roysse, 180 South 12th street, is home on a 21-day leave from the South Atlantic, where he has been the past year. Roysse has been in the service three years. Deryl has two other brothers in the navy, Robert, chief yeoman, who has been in the South Pacific the past 18 months, and Ivan, 1/c seaman, who is attending aviation metalsmith school in Norman, Okla. He enlisted in the navy last June.

CLOVERDALE—Victor Herald Jarman, fireman 2/c, brother of Lloyd Jarman, who has been stationed at Oakland, Calif., spent



Veteran Back From Pacific Sea Battles

The navy is setting brilliant battle records in the Pacific declares Lt. (jg.) J. A. Brown, just back from eight major invasions of the south Pacific. He is a veteran of Bougainville, Marshalls, Guam, Palau, Hollandia, Leyte and others.

After Guam he was awarded a commendation from President Roosevelt and Admiral of the Fleet, Nimitz, for meritoriously distinguishing himself as a tractor wave commander and organizing and directing the movements of assault troops under heavy mortar fire.

He is visiting with his wife, Lorraine Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Albus of Stayton, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Brown of Independence. Shortly he will leave for the south Pacific.

CLOVERDALE—Mr. and Mrs. J. Stinnett received a letter recently from their son, Pfc. Melvin Stinnett, saying that he was in Belgium. This is the first letter they have had from him since he went overseas.

Jack Vickers, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Vickers, is leaving Saturday morning for navy boot camp at San Diego.

Pvt. Daryl W. Drorbaugh, who has completed 17 weeks of basic training at Camp Roberts, is expected in Salem this weekend. Accompanied by his wife, he is to spend a 10-day furlough here before reporting for further training.



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Large Group of 17-year-olds Taking Navy Oath Monday

Twenty-two recruit-enlistees from the Salem navy recruiting area, the largest complement of 17-year-olds to ship from the local office since the departure of Salem's famous "company 608-41", comprising 120 seventeen-year-old youth from the Willamette valley district last June, will leave early Monday morning for Portland. The group will be sworn into the navy at the main recruiting station Monday and depart for the San Diego naval training center the same night.

Approximately 12 weeks basic training will be given the new recruits, before they are assigned to a trade school, or some phase of specialized programs at the southern indoctrination center. Several former high school athletic stars are numbered among this latest contingent of future surface-craft fighting men, including Leo G. Lyman, Glen W. Widdows, and Andrew G. Zahara of Salem, and Jack D. Vickers, Turner.

Navy roster of recruits: Willis L. Bach, Richard W. Dunn, Cameron D. Campbell, Gordon R. Pratt, Robert W. Bishop, Cecil E. Gum, Willard E. Hudson, Paul Gilmer, Donald G. McLaughlin, Leo G. Lyman, James R. Jones, Harvey W. Young, Roy R. Yung, Jack E. Proctor, Glen W. Widdows, Lyle L. Parke, and Andrew G. Zahara, all of Salem; Jack D. Vickers, Turner; Donald D. Thurman, Aumsville; Everett E. Hackworth, Dayton; Carl E. Landon, Scotts Mills; Arnold R. Snyder, Idanha.

Saturday's applicants for enlistment include: George C. Risteen, George H. Davis, Harry G. Wiegand, from Salem; Robert G. Friesen, Dallas. These men will leave for the San Diego training center in February.

a short leave here with his brother and family last week.

Donald Schur Reported as War Prisoner

Notification that PFC Donald L. Schur, formerly of Salem, reported missing in action since December 5, has now been mentioned on German propaganda broadcast as a prisoner of war came this week to his wife, who makes her home at 2800 Southeast 34th avenue, Portland. Mrs. Schur's message from the

provost marshal general emphasizes the fact that no personal message was included in the broadcast and that, pending further confirmation, the report would not establish his status as a prisoner of war. It promised that she would receive any further information coming to officials in this country.

DALLAS—Mrs. R. F. Theiss has received word that her husband has been promoted from S 1/c to coxswain. Mrs. Theiss and daughters plan to join him in California in February.

"Holly" Jackson

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In the Pacific—This war of many fronts takes us to all quarters of the globe... wherever our soldiers need us. Nowhere are we needed more or will we be needed more than in our battle to crush the Japs in the Pacific. Out here, the need for nurses grows each day!



Mothers, wives, sweethearts, and sisters of soldiers... heed this plea—it is urgent! If you are a registered nurse, join the U. S. Army Nurse Corps. Visit or write your local Red Cross Procurement Office for complete information, or communicate with the Surgeon General, U. S. Army, Washington 25, D. C. If you are not trained, take a home nursing or nurse's aide course. If you are a senior cadet nurse, serve the final six months of your training in an Army hospital.

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