

### W. L. Baker Reported Missing

Wayne Louis Baker, 19, gunner's mate 2/c, has been reported missing in action. His sister, Ida Bales, Salem, received the navy department's notification. Baker entered the service in May, 1943, leaving the employ of the Salem Hardware company to do so. He had been on sea duty approximately one year. Brothers and sisters in addition to Mrs. Bales are Jud Baker, Salem; Sgt. Fred O. Baker, with the US army in France; Darrell Baker, Hoquiam, Wash.; Mrs. Everett Cook, Estacada, and Bessie Wier, Eugene.

### Willie Fisher Is Promoted

Special to The Statesman WITH THE 32ND INFANTRY DIVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES — Willie C. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie C. Fisher, 1902 Broadway, Salem, has been promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant. Fisher who is chief of all gun sections in a battery of the 120th field artillery battalion with the 32nd "Red Arrow" division, entered the army in February, 1942, and has been overseas since April, 1942. He has participated in three campaigns, and holds the Bronze Star for meritorious conduct and outstanding devotion to duty during the operations on Leyte, in the Philippines.



Pictured above are three Salem men, who met on Tinian, one of the Pacific islands. Left to right are Lawrence "Andy" Anderson, carpenter's mate first class; Marvin "Buck" Hedrick, ship's cook first class, and Carl Bahlberg, chief petty officer, all in the Seabees. Hedrick and Bahlberg had run across each other on the island some time before, and one day were watching a new outfit arrive. They thought one of the men looked familiar and threw rocks at him as he pitched his tent. When one rock struck the newcomer on the head, he started for his tormentors, but immediately recognized them as former friends from Salem. Since then the three have seen each other often, and at one time borrowed a jeep in which they "toured" the island.

### Soldiers of This Area In 362nd

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—Pvt. Wilbur J. Cowitz, 155 North 23rd street, surgical technician; S. Sgt. Jack W. Robertson, 1680 North 20th street, heavy machine gun section leader, and PFC Donald G. Austin, 100 Carlton way, messenger, all of Salem, with S. Sgt. Joseph M. Crenshaw, surgical technician, Cpl. Robert P. Grobe, medical man, and PFC Kenneth G. Cook, rifleman, all of Lebanon; PFC Carl W. Briles, pioneer, route one, Aumsville, and Cpl. Leonard E. Currier, cook, route three, Albany, Ore., are fighting in Italy's Apennines before the Po valley with the 362nd infantry regiment, which broke through the Gothic line in one of its best defended sectors. The 362nd is part of the 91st "Powder River" division of the Fifth army. It was activated Aug. 15, 1942, at Camp White, Ore., with a cadre of the First cavalry division. The men trained intensively for a month at their first overseas station, Oran, Algeria, and joined the Fifth army in Italy with other regiments of the 91st during last June.

### Two Valley Marines Decorated

PORTLAND, March 7—(P)—Two Oregon men have been decorated for outstanding performance of duty in the battles for Saipan, Tinian and Guam, the marine corps announced today. They are Marine Colonel John B. Wilson, 49, of Corvallis, and navy pharmacist's mate first class Vermeine V. Klaus, 24, of Dallas. Colonel Wilson, a veteran marine and holder of the Bronze Star medal for his part in the Bougainville campaign, was awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally able and effective leadership" of an artillery regiment on Guam. He is a member of the Third marine division, now taking part in the fighting on Iwo. Pharmacist's Mate Klaus was decorated with the Bronze Star for his work as a hospital corpsman attached to a marine infantry battalion on Saipan and Tinian. He was wounded on Saipan and was awarded the Purple Heart. His division, the fourth, is also fighting on Iwo.

### H. J. Smalley Missing in Pacific

Howard J. Smalley, Jr., seaman 1/c, has been reported missing in action. His wife, the former Eleanor Struck, who received the navy telegram, said no details as to date were given, but he was known to have been serving in the Pacific theatre. Smalley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Smalley, Sr., of Salem; a brother of Mrs. Marion O'Brien, Jr., and had been in the navy since the autumn of 1943, in the Pacific since October, 1944. He is a Salem high school graduate and was with the state highway department prior to enlisting.

### Sargent in Cited Unit

SPECIAL TO THE STATESMAN WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—Pfc. Robert H. Sargent, rifleman, 1100 North Front st., Woodburn, Ore., recently was awarded the blue and gold badge signifying membership in the 350th "Battle Mountain" regiment's 2nd battalion, which received the Distinguished Unit Citation for its gallant stand on Mount Battaglia. Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander-in-chief of the 15th army group, presented the citation to the battalion during an awards ceremony of the 88th "Blue Devil" infantry division, in the presence of Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, Jr., Fifth army commander, and Maj. Gen. Paul W. Kendall, commanding general of the 88th.

### Aspinall Funeral To Be Held Saturday

SCIO, March 7 — William G. Aspinall, 65, a farmer, died Wednesday at a Eugene hospital. Funeral services will be held Saturday with final services at Wilamette Memorial park at 2 p.m. Survivors are his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Robert Williams, Crabtree; Mrs. Roy Archer, Medford; Mrs. U. C. Adams, Rapid City, S. D.; and a son, Floyd Aspinall, U. S. navy, now in South American waters; and his mother in Nebraska.

### Wengenroth Now a T-5

Dodging Jap mines and mortar fire were among the hazards encountered by Pvt. Bill B. Wengenroth of Salem, Oregon, while laying telephone wire in the Leyte island campaign. For his tenacity in securing communications, Wengenroth was promoted to technician fifth grade, his battery commander announced recently. Landing with the famed seventh infantry division the first day of the Philippine invasion, Wengenroth saw much action as an artillery wire man. Repairing a sliced line, he learned to tread lightly through mine traps and once was pinned down for an hour and a half by an enemy mortar barrage. Wengenroth attended high school in Woodburn, then worked as a tree surgeon in Portland. With eight years in the Oregon national guard, he joined the federal service in August 1940. Leaving the army in October 1940, he re-entered in April, 1942 at Ft. Lewis, going to Camp Roberts for basic training. He transferred to the seventh division at San Luis Obispo, July, 1942. He is a veteran of Attu and Kwajalein as well as the Philippines.

Technician Fifth Grade Wengenroth's grandmother, Nancy M. Johnston and his sister, Donna M. Wengenroth live at 1160 South 14th st., Salem.

### From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### Definition of a Great Man

At Bill Webster's the other evening, we were kidding Bill about his children always saying that their pop's "a great man." "Well, the kids are right," chuckles Bill. "Everybody in America's a great man. You just can't be part of greatness and not share in it." In America (argues Bill) things that used to belong only to the great are common property; a share in government through the right to vote; individual liberties guaranteed by constitution; freedom to speak one's mind; to work at what one pleases; to choose what one likes to eat or drink... whether beer or buttermilk. But from where I sit, there's one important point to add... to make Bill's definition ring true. We must be worthy of this greatness. We must have the humility to appreciate these blessings... never abuse them with intolerance, intemperance, or indifference. Joe Marsh



PFC Cecilia Hawthorne of Defiance, Ariz., left, member of the women's army corps assigned to the medical department, here performs one of the tasks for which the army is recruiting women today. She is aiding Second Lt. Mary E. Alexander, IV, SC, an army nurse, to change the bandages on a soldier's fractured leg. Lt. Edith Bl' of the army recruiting station in Salem declared Friday that the need is great for more army nurses and medical technicians to care for the nation's wounded fighting men.

SCIO—Verl Sims, 3/c, plans to return this week to a navy base after visiting his wife and infant daughter for several days. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Sims. Verl and family visited relatives in Eugene this week, accompanying his brother, Marley, and wife from Scio, where they also visited at the parental home here.

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION, England — PFC Gale R. Milligan, star route, Silverton, Ore., is one of the "Keep 'em Flying" personnel commended by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle for teamwork with the 357th Fighter group pilots who recently broke Eighth air force fighter records by downing 56 1/2 Luftwaffe interceptors in the air and one on the ground in a single day's combat near Berlin. PFC Milligan is an auto equipment operator with a service squadron at this P-51 Mustang base in England. He operates and does first

echelon work on all the vehicles used to transport men to and from their work. The hard-hitting, high-scoring 357th Mustang group, commanded by Lt. Col. Irwin H. Drege, Viroqua, Wis., demonstrated teamwork and cooperation between ground and air personnel by kayoting more than 530 enemy aircraft in the air and over 50 on the ground in 11 months of combat operations. Milligan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Milligan of the soldier's address in Silverton. He was a farmer in civilian life and came overseas a year ago.

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### Radio Programs

Thurs.	KSLM (1390 kc)	KOIN (970 kc)	KGW (690 kc)	KEX (1190 kc)
6:00	News	West Stars	Farm Fair	Bugler "X" Roundup
6:15	Music Time	KOIN Klock	News	News Living News
6:30	News	News	News	News
7:00	News	News	Fletcher	Harmonies
7:15	Orchestra	News	Headlines	News
7:30	News	News	Singers	James Abbe
7:45	Farm. Home	News	Sam Hayes	Law'ng Post
8:00	Heaven of Rest	News	Stars Today	B'Fast Club
8:15	Haven of Rest	Light World	James Abbe	
8:30	News	Light World	Ed East	
8:45	Song Today	Aunt Jenny		
9:00	News	Kate Smith	Voice Nation	Glamour
9:15	M. Downey	Big Sister	Larry Smith	Breakfast
9:30	Factor's Call	Dean Trent	Personality	
9:45	Navy Band	Gal Sunday		
10:00	News	Life Beautiful	Schools	(Tony Morse Stars Today)
10:15	With Lopez	Ma Perkins	Homemaker	True Story
10:30	Paula Stone	Edna Flynn		
10:45	Orchestra	Goldberg		
11:00	Cod. Foster	Joyce Jordan	Guiding Light	Bankage
11:15	U. S. Navy	Two on Cue	In White	Edel Albert
11:30	Never Old	Perry Mason	Hymns	Ladies
11:45	Orchestra	Tena & Tim		
12:00	Top Trades	Neighbors	Women of Am.	M. Downey
12:15	News	Horizons	Ma Perkins	Radio Rio
12:30	Hi-Hifi	Ranch. Child.	Perper Young	J. B. Kennedy
12:45	Music		Happiness	Ranch Boys
1:00	News	House Party	Backst. Wife	Time-News
1:15	Lum'n Abner	Tales	Stella Dallas	Radio Parade
1:30	T. Harris Time	News	Loew Jones	News
1:45	Music		Widder Bro'n	Hollywood
2:00	News	Newspaper	Girl Marries	What's Doing
2:15	Melody Time	Meet Missus	Plain Bill	Church
2:30	Music		Frank Page	Frankie Sarle
2:45	Radio Tour			
3:00	Concert Hour	News	Road of Life	Grace Elliott
3:15	News	Can. Pan-Am.	Plea. Time	Appointment
3:30	News	World Today	Dr. Kate	Appointment
3:45	Johnson		Ar. Mary	
4:00	Fulton Lewis	Stan Martin	Dr. Kate	Symph. Swing
4:15	News	Walter	News	R. G. Swing
4:30	Blc. of Mystery	Lost persons	Rhythm	Ranch
4:45	Orchestra		Day Foster	Hop Harrigan
5:00	News	Mary Martin	For Release	Pirates
5:15	Superman	Red's Gang	Chas. Barbe	Dick Tracy
5:30	Tom Mix	News	Songs	Armstrong
5:45	News Wire	News	K. Emerson	Midnight
6:00	Q. Heather	Major Bowes	Music Hall	Soft Mellow
6:15	Real Stories	Corl. Archer	Bob Burns	Sand
6:30	Hour of Song			
6:45	Orchestra			
7:00	War Com't.	First Line	Abbott, Costel.	Fred Waring
7:15	Red Ryder	To Romance	Rudy Vallee	March Time
7:30	Red Ryder			
7:45	Red Ryder			
8:00	Legis. Highlights	J. Kirkwood	Supper Club	Lum'n Abner
8:15	Bek Miller	Music	F. Lawton	Town Meet
8:30	Orchestra	Sheriff	Coffee Time	
8:45	Leonard's			
9:00	News	Kilery Queen	Dinah Shore	
9:15	News	Song Colum.	The Saint	News
9:30	Orchestra			Orchestra
9:45				
10:00	Fulton Lewis	3 Star Final	News	Ches. Bowles
10:15	Orchestra	War. Women	News	Concert Hour
10:30	News	(Smith, for you)	Music	
10:45	Orchestra	Tex. Rangers		
11:00	Tr. Detect.	Voice Army	Also Serve	
11:15	Open House	Orchestra	Orchestra	Cleomeet
11:30	News	Air-Flu	Orchestra	Organ
11:45	News	Orchestra	News	
12:00	Sign Off	Music, News	War News	

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### SCORCHY SMITH

I PARKED OUR PLANE FOR A GETAWAY... BUT CAPTAIN SMITH, CAN YOU TELL ME, NOW... JUST WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON, I MEAN?

...SO DURING A HOME-RUN, ONE OF OUR BOMBERS WOULD VANISH... NO ENEMY IN SIGHT, YET THEY WERE LOST... WE FOLLOWED A LEAD AND I WAS SENT TO CRASH THIS PLACE...

YES, SIR, BUT WHAT'S GETTING ME, IS THAT YOU SAID, SODDY... FOLLOWING YOUR INSTRUCTIONS... WE SHOT DOWN ONE OF OUR OWN PLANES.

### BARNEY GOOGLE

YOU BETTER FESS UP WHAT A PHONEY YE BE, SNUFFY, OR THEV'LL COURT-MARTIAL YE 'N THE SECON'T WE-UNS HIT TH' UNITED STATES

WE DON'T SAY, H.T.

IT'S USIN' THE O' NOODLE, SNUFFY

CAPTAIN -- CHARGE VORSE'F DOWN HERE -- I GOT A CONFESSION FER VE

WE'VE A JAPANESE SPY IN SHE'LESS SKUNK CIGARETTA MOUND. NOBODY'LL BELIEVE SICH GRANNY TALK

### MICKY MOUSE

IF COUSIN CARRIE'S IN TROUBLE... WHY DIDN'T SHE WRITE? WHY SEND AN INDIAN... WHO CAN'T TALK ANY THING BUT 'LIVE AT THAT'?

SOMETHING FISHY HERE! REAL INDIANS ARE STRONG! WHAT'S 'NOVO SO TIERED ABOUT?

DUNNO... I'LL CHECK!

THEY KEPT BUMPING YOU OFF THE PLANE, EH?

'YOYO SAYS HE RAN MOST OF THE WAY FROM ARIZONA!

### THIMBLE THEATRE

YOU OFFER TO JITTERBUG NON-STOP COAST-TO-COAST, EXISTING ONLY ON A DIET OF SPINACH? I AM A GUINEA PIG IN THE INTREK OF SCIENCE!

BUT IF YOU FAIL, YOU'RE WILLING TO ADMIT THAT SPINACH IS A DETERRENT OF VIM, VIGOR AND VITAMINITY?

SIGN! NOT WITH THAT I WON'T SIGN!

WHEN I SIGNS - I SIGNS IT WIT SPINACH JUICE!!

### LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY

GEE, LOOK AT THE LOVELY HOUSE THAT'S MR. LACY'S DRESSING-ROOM!

MY NAME IS ANNIE ROONEY, I WANNNA TALK TO MR. LACY. HAVE YOU AN APPOINTMENT?

MR. LACY IS IN CONFERENCE, I'M SORRY, BUT--

ANNIE! ANYTIME AN ANGEL NAMED GABRIEL, AND HIS HORN, OR AN ANGEL NAMED ANNIE, AND HER DOG, CALL I AM NOT TOO BUSY TO SEE THEM!

### THE LONE RANGER

WHAT THE -- MASKED! DON'T MOVE, ALL YOU'RE COVERED!

KIT! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

WE TRAILED YOU HERE, SHERIFF.

WHO ARE YOU?

BIG MIKE IS DEAD IF I HAD SHOT A SECOND SOONER I MIGHT HAVE SAVED HIS LIFE.