

Alvin Potter Member of Enemy Mortar

WITH THE 103rd DIVISION OF THE SEVENTH ARMY, France—These 103rd division infantrymen of the 410th regiment crept so close to an enemy mortar position they could hear the fire orders. The soldiers were Sgt. Alvin C. Potter, of Salem, Ore.; Pfc. Harold Williams, of Goodman, Mo.; Pvt. Albert Frick, of Johnstown, Pa.; and Lt. Curtis Smith, of Peoria, Ill.

The mortar was emplaced on the shoulder of a road near the company's flank and was harassing the Americans each time the enemy observer could spot an automatic weapon. While Lt. Smith, Frick, and Williams posted themselves as flank guards for the five man assault team, Potter and another soldier moved up to within 30 yards of the enemy position, opened fire, killed four of the crew, and silenced the mortar.

Maurice Macy With Skilled Unit Overseas

Special to The Statesman WITH U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE.—Faced by the necessity of immediate operation without field equipment shipped from the United States, the X-ray section of the 179th general hospital swiftly adapted German machines for use until the U. S. equipment arrived. Cpl. Maurice Macy, 2163 North Church st., Salem, is the Oregonian of the outfit.

Most of the technicians in the section were trained at U.S. army X-ray technical schools in the United States. Maj. William M. Loehr, Indianapolis, Ind., chief of the section, an X-ray specialist in civilian life, directed the training of nearly 1200 enlisted technicians during the 23 months of duty at Billings general hospital in Indianapolis before he was assigned to the 179th for overseas service.

"The work of these men requires skill, resourcefulness and great reliability," said Major Loehr. "They have to have more knowledge of superficial bone anatomy than any other medical department soldiers. Right now they are taking care of 100 patients a day, and doing an excellent job."

LIBERTY—Cpl. John D. Storm, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Storm, is with the 41st division taking part in the invasion of the Philippines, his parents have been notified. He recently sent home a hair-kar knife to be added to the curios he has collected while at Hollandia, Biak and other points in the South Pacific. Storm, who graduated from Independence high school, went into the army two years ago and has been 20 months overseas.

ALBANY—Eric Morlin, former owner of the Valley Bottling Works, was a recent visitor in Albany, following graduation exercises last week at the U. S. maritime service officer's school at Alameda, Calif. Morlin was one of 10 Oregon men commissioned as ensign in U. S. M. S. These men successfully completed a four months' course and passed the final examination for licenses. It was necessary for the men to have at least 14 months sea experience in order to qualify for entrance to the school. Ensign Morlin, as well as the others, will ship out as third assistant engineers or third mates on merchant vessels.

IN THE... Nation's Service



AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION, England—At the main gate of the Eighth air force 357th fighter group station in England PFC Gale B. Milligan, Silverton, Ore., has his pass checked by Military Policeman PFC Dominick B. Jaboni, Tuckahoe, N.Y., before returning to his vital jeep driving routine. Groundmen here were commended by Eighth Air Force Chief Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle for teamwork with the 357th P-51 Mustang pilots who smashed fighter records by blasting 56 1/2 Luftwaffe interceptors out of the sky and one on the ground in an afternoon near Berlin. A farmer in civilian life, Private First Class Milligan, who averages more than 3000 miles a week in his jeep, entered service Dec. 4, 1942. Before overseas assignment he served in California, Oklahoma, Illinois, Louisiana, Tennessee and Georgia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Milligan, Silverton.



PFC Don Lang, 1985 Berry st., Salem, Ore., left, inspects the cleaning of a bazooka by Pvt. James A. Ludwig, Alpena, Mich., a newcomer to company D, — parachute regiment, 32nd airborne division, on the front lines.—U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

Valley Men Fire 'First' Across Rhine

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WITH THE THIRD DIVISION OF THE SEVENTH ARMY, France—"A" battery of the Third division's 39th F. A. battalion, doesn't talk much; but when "firsts" are mentioned they speak right up and count theirs in round numbers. The latest, and one that will go down in battalion history, happened a few weeks ago after two years of patient waiting and planning. Sgt. Daniel J. Stewart, chief of section, Lakeland, Fla., vouches for it. "We were the first battery in position," the sergeant says, and fire data was immediately figured by First Lt. Jack D. Griffiths, San Diego, Calif., and First Sgt. Walter P. Aalen, Kirkwood, Mo. With Corporal Englehardt, route 1, Gervais, Ore., leading, we fired the first shell of the battalion across the Rhine in World War II. "It was a long wait," Aalen recalls, "but I believe that every man in the battery firmly believed all the way through Africa and Italy that when the time came we'd be in position to throw the first one over."

"I don't guess it was the first shell," says PFC Raymond H. Diem, route 2, Salem, Ore., "I know, I pulled the lanyard!"

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Corvallis Navy Hospital Doctor Gets Citation

Lt. Arthur N. Russeth (MC) US NR, has recently been awarded a Presidential Unit citation "for outstanding service while serving with the second marine division, reinforced," according to word received from the Thirteenth naval district headquarters.

His service entitles him to wear the ribbon bar with the bronze star. Lieutenant Russeth graduated from the University of Minnesota medical school and practiced in Minneapolis, Minn., before enlisting in the navy in 1942. He is now on duty at the US naval hospital, Corvallis, Ore.

Vencel Hrudka, paratrooper, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hrudka, 652 North Front street, of his arrival in France, February 12. He will be in the army three years in July and was in the tank corps first and stationed at Ft. Lewis.

CARLSBAD ARMY AIR FIELD, Carlsbad, N.M.—Pvt. James N. Botten, son of Mr. John Botten, Silverton, Ore., has been promoted to the rank of private first class at the Carlsbad army air field, Carlsbad, N.M., site of the largest bombardier school in the world.

Four Epping Boys in Navy

Wilfred Epping, youngest of four navy sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Epping, 1925 Maple avenue, is home on a five-day leave after finishing boot training at San Diego. All of the boys attended Mt. Angel prep school and Mt. Angel college.

Lt. (jg) Lawrence Epping is a graduate of Mt. Angel college and is stationed now at Bremerton navy yard after taking part in the second battle of the Philippines, his sixth navy battle.

Francis Epping, aviation machinist mate 1/c, is now at the naval air base, Shawnee, Okla., and he has been three years in the navy. Jerome Epping, specialist 1/c, is at San Diego and has been a year and a half in the navy.

Charles Epping, the oldest son, is in the naval reserve and now employed at Boeing aircraft in Seattle.



Jack Knedler, store keeper 2/c, is somewhere in the south Pacific but his mother, Mrs. Georgia Knedler, 571 South 17th, is not sure where. He was graduated from Salem high school in 1942.

AMITY—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Emerson received a letter recently from their son, Cpl. Alfred Emerson, who is now in the Philippines.

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To Be Reassigned

SILVERTON—Staff Sgt. Edward Erickson left Tuesday for Columbia airbase at Columbia, S.C. He spent a month's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Erickson, who are not well. Sergeant Erickson said he hoped the next time he came home the war would be over. He saw more than two years' service in North Africa, Sicily and Italy before coming home for reassignment.

Alexander on Leave

ALBANY—Larry Alexander, aviation machinist mate 1/c arrived recently for a long leave after almost two years at the Bermuda naval base. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Alexander of route 2, near Millersburg. While at Bermuda he served as flight engineer with the anti-submarine patrol. When his leave is up he will report at Norfolk, Va., for reassignment.

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CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.—Pvt. Jarold W. Biles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson A. Biles, route seven, box 468, Salem, Ore., has completed training and has been graduated from this school of the army air forces training command. While attending school here he received instruction in the electronics course and in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the country's fighting planes.

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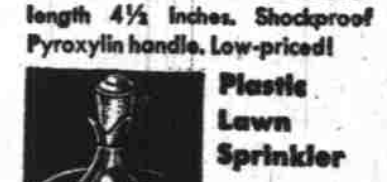
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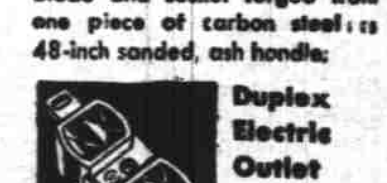
Handy Screw Driver 49c
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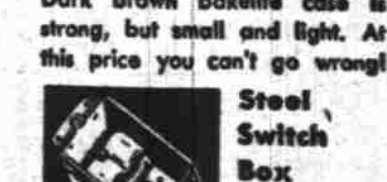
Plastic Lawn Sprinkler 1.29
Won't rust or corrode; no moving parts to wear. Throws a high, wide, misty spray.



Long Handle Shovel 1.98
Blade and socket forged from one piece of carbon steel; 48-inch sanded, ash handle.



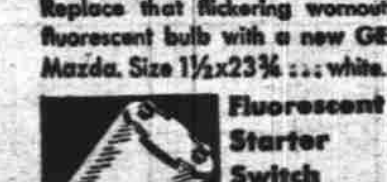
Duplex Electric Outlet 12c
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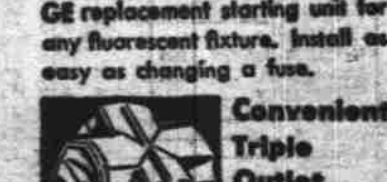
Steel Switch Box 19c
14-gauge steel switch box, with non-metallic cable clamps. Ears adjustable; removable sides.



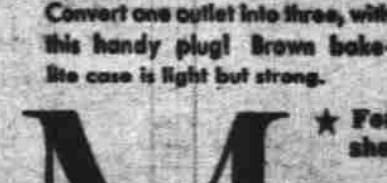
20-Watt Fluorescent Bulbs 70c
Replace that flickering worn-out fluorescent bulb with a new GE Mazda. Size 1 1/2 x 2 3/4; white.



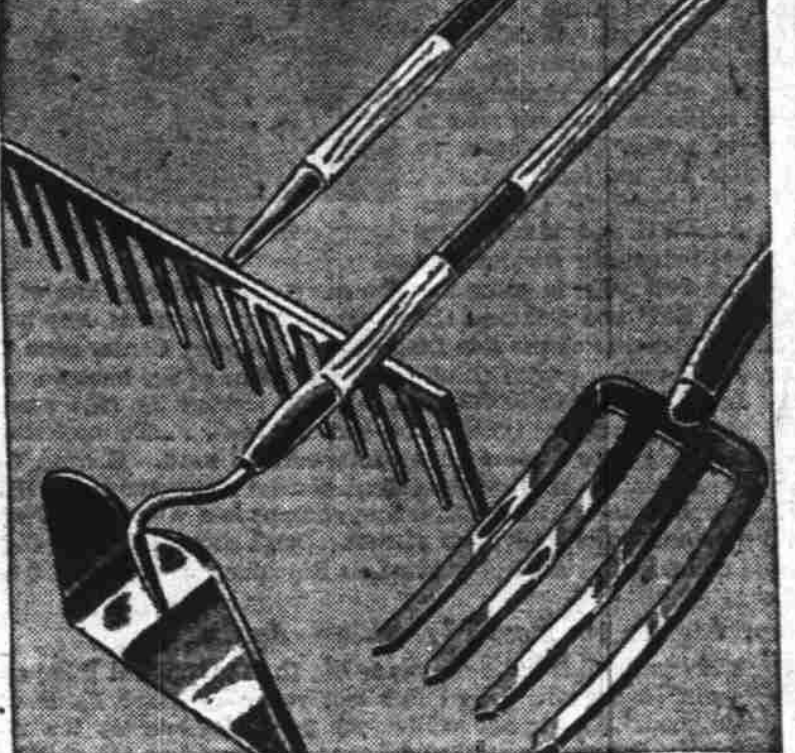
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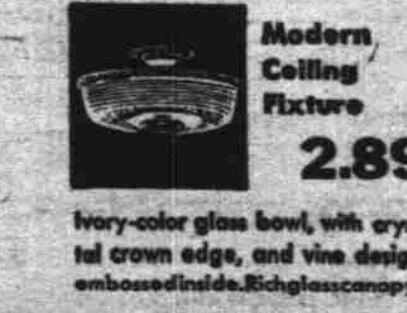
Carriage Bolt Assortment Box 49c
50 carriage bolts in various sizes. Round head; 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 1 inch. Rolled threads. Nuts included.



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