

### Rollin Graber Advanced to Rank of Major

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19—Rollin J. Graber, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Graber, route four, box 77, Salem, Ore., has been promoted to the rank of major in the army air corps, according to an



Maj. Rollin J. Graber

announcement from Fourth air force headquarters in San Francisco. Major Graber is assigned to the Production Control Division of Fourth Air Force.

A graduate of Salem high school and a former member of the Oregon national guard, Major Graber has been in the army since September, 1940, when he was called to active duty as a second lieutenant in the coast artillery. Late in 1940 he was promoted to first lieutenant and in 1943 he was made a captain.

At present, Major and Mrs. Graber and their daughter, Gloria, are residing at 166 Curtis Ave., San Francisco.

### Clyde McMillin Killed in Action

DONALD—PFC Clyde McMillin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey McMillin of Donald, was killed in action April 25 in the Philippines. His parents were notified Saturday. He is survived by his widow, who also makes her home at Donald, and brothers, Everette in Italy and Claude, his twin, in the service in the States.

John Stettler, city fireman, will leave this evening for Oakland, Calif., where he will visit with his two sons, John, jr., a marine, and Thomas G., of the navy. John called his father on the phone and told him he had not seen his brother in the Pacific. Two hours later the other son called. The sons got together for a reunion and will be joined by their father Monday.

John went through the Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Guam and Iwo Jima battles and came off unscathed, his father said. Thomas arrived in this country fresh from the Marianas. John has been promised a leave and will visit Salem. Stettler reported his son, Thomas, said it was problematical whether he could secure a leave.

Pvt. Joe Wolfe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wolfe of Shaw, and husband of the former Hazel Hansen of Salem, is in a hospital at Spokane recovering from serious shrapnel wounds incurred last February 7 on Luzon. Private Wolfe, who has been awarded the Purple Heart, entered the service last year. He is expected home soon on a furlough.

HAYESVILLE—MOMM 3/c George (Monte) Christopherson, was home on a short visit over the weekend and made the acquaintance of his new son.

Pvt. Lloyd Lytle is home on a furlough. He is serving as an MP near Alexandria, Louisiana.

SAN MARCOS ARMY AIR FIELD, Texas—(Special)—S/Sgt. Richard H. Arnold, son of Mrs. Kathleen Arnold, 883 Bellevue st., Salem, has been assigned to this AAF training command navigation school. Sergeant Arnold served in the European theater of operations with the Eighth air force for eight months.

## IN THE... ★ Nation's Service

### Rough Time On Morotai Is Described

WASHINGTON—(Special)—Japs in the jungles of Morotai dropped hand grenades and charges of high explosives from trees on American infantrymen, related Staff Sgt. Kenneth V. Ballweber, and in general put up the most vicious, bitter defense imaginable.

"Things got pretty rough," the 23-year-old infantry division veteran from Oregon commented.

Sergeant Ballweber, leader of a rifle squad for 22 months overseas and who was wounded on Morotai, was interviewed at Leterman General hospital in San Francisco where he awaited transfer to another hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Ballweber, who reside at 535 Madonna ave., in Salem.

"The jungle was heavy," the freckled, red-haired sergeant explained, "and a good deal of the time we couldn't get our machine guns up to the front lines to sweep the treetops for snipers. The Japs not only sniped at us from the trees, but also dropped hand grenades and 'satchel charges' of explosives. It was hot, all right."

Sergeant Ballweber, who earned the combat infantryman badge, received his basic training at Fort Lewis with the 33rd division.

He was struck in the left leg by Jap machine gun fire on Morotai.

"It was seven miles back to the hospital and it took me two days to make the trip. Native litter bearers carried me out about two miles to a small river, then built a raft of bamboo and floated the whole party of us wounded men down to the hospital.

"Those natives were wonderful, believe me."

Sergeant Ballweber received the Purple Heart.

### Alva Andersen Dies of Wounds

STAYTON, May 19—Sgt. Alva Andersen, U.S. marine corps, died on February 28 of wounds received February 19 at Iwo Jima. His wife, Mrs. Donola Swan Andersen, was notified of his death and burial on Saipan this week. Besides the widow survivors are a year-old daughter, Kathleen May; his father, John Andersen of Mill City; two brothers, Darrel of Mill City and Arthur of Lyons; three sisters, Blanche Gibson of Mill City, Peggy Smith of Richmond, Wash., and Roberta Smith of Stayton; and several half brothers and sisters.

### Jack D. Smith's Death Reported

Sgt. Jack D. Smith, son of W. J. Smith, 2605 State st., whose death in action was reported to his father here late last week, is the second son of the family killed in this war. Both were serving in the AAF.

### Child Born Whose Dad Died in Luzon Crash

Mrs. Thomas R. Brantner, of 539 N. 21st st., Friday became the mother of a son at Salem General hospital. The father, a lieutenant in the army, was killed in a plane crash on Luzon February 25, 1945. Mrs. Brantner is the former Helen Young, of Salem, and the child's father's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brantner, live at Chemawa.

### 600,000 Voters' Books Will Go in Mail Soon

Mailing of 600,000 voters' pamphlets for the special statewide election on June 22 will be completed by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., by June 5, he said Saturday.

### Graduating From West Point



Wallace K. Wittwer

William B. Crary

WEST POINT, N.Y.—(Special)—Nine cadets from Oregon will be graduated from the U.S. military academy here on June 5, including Wallace K. Wittwer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman O. Wittwer, of 2145 D st., Salem, Ore., and William B. Crary, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crary of 1689 B st., Salem.

The graduating class has 853 members, New York leading with 92. The class is the largest in the academy's history. All cadets will be commissioned second lieutenants in the various branches of the service.

Of the 14,434 cadets who have been graduated here, some 10,000 still are living and of the latter figure about 85 per cent now are in active service.

Both Wittwer and Crary are appointees of Congressman James W. Mott; both attended Salem high and the West Point prep school at Fort Winfield Scott, Calif.

Wittwer, during his first class year here, attained the high rank of cadet captain, was a member of the Ski club, a Sunday school teacher and chairman of the Hop committee. He will be commissioned in the infantry.

Crary, who previously attended Willamette university, turned out for the boxing team. He will be commissioned in ordnance.



### Sgt. McWain on 30-Day Furlough From War Area

Tech. Sgt. Wes McWain, with the 5th combat camera unit of the 5th air force, is home on a 30-day furlough after spending 25 months in the Pacific theatre of war. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. E. McWain, 90 Fairview, Salem.

Sergeant McWain, a motion picture photographer, has the presidential unit citation with oak leaf cluster, the bronze star, campaign ribbons and five combat stars. He is to report to Hollywood for duty at the expiration of his leave.

The sergeant formerly was with Warner Bros. here. A brother, Edwin S. McWain, recently was promoted to a major in Germany.

Durligh Johnson, city fireman, is planning a reception for his two sons, Cpl. Gerald Johnson, army air corps, and John Johnson, motor machinist's mate. Gerald called his father from Hamilton Field, Calif., where he was returned after seeing 32 months of service in the south Pacific. John called from Shoemaker, Calif., where he has been returned after 24 months service in the south Pacific. A third son, Robert Johnson, radarman second class, is with the navy in the Pacific. He saw action at Iwo Jima, Okinawa and in other campaigns.

MT. ANGEL—From the 15th AAF in Italy comes word that S/Sgt. Arthur A. Michels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Michels of Mt. Angel, completed 35 combat sorties and has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters.

Sergeant Michels is only 19 and serves as ball turret gunner on a flying fortress. He enlisted in the air force January 12, 1944, and flew his first bombing mission November 4. His 35th mission was flown on April 17 in northern Italy.

MT. ANGEL—Capt. Matt Wagner, stationed at Millville, N. J., sent word to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wagner of Mt. Angel, that he is scheduled to attend the general command staff school in Kansas.

### W. K. Horner Dies on Nazi Battlefront

LEBANON—Maj. William Kenneth Horner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Horner of Sweet Home died April 17 near the Elbe river front. A major in the 735 ordnance division attached to the 35th infantry, he was that week, acting as colonel while the regular colonel had a rest.

Born in Portland, March 2, 1919, he was brought to this vicinity when a small child. He was a student at the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth for two years and was mobilized with the national guard at Camp Lewis in September, 1940, one of the original 41st division. He was sent to Camp Lee, Va., for officers' training and had further training at Aberdeen, Md., Los Angeles and Stockton, Calif. The 35th division was shipped to England in May 1944 and was with Patton's army in the spectacular dash across France. He had been with the Third and Seventh, and was in the Ninth army when killed.

He married Eleanor Bechtel of Salem in 1942. She is in California working in a defense plant. His parents live in Sweet Home; one brother, Amos, is in Stockton, Calif. A sister, Mrs. Lucilee Welch is in Boise, Idaho, and another sister, Armina Graves lives in Sweet Home.

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### Federal Roads Engineer Missing Since May 11

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 19 (AP)—Searching parties still hunted today country near Lake Harriet wooded for clues to the disappearance of Harold D. Farmer, federal roads engineer missing since May 11.

Farmer was on a road survey when last seen.

### New Mexico Survivor of Bombing Raid

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19—(AP)—The U.S. battleship New Mexico kept her guns blazing on bombardment schedule for five days after her captain and 27 other officers and men were killed by a Japanese bomb Jan. 6 in Lingayen gulf, Philippines.

This first battle damage to the 26-year-old battleship, which was in the Atlantic when so many of her sisters suffered at Pearl Harbor, was disclosed here today by the 12th naval district.

Capt. Robert W. Fleming, USN, was killed when the bomb struck on the port navigating bridge.

Also killed were William Chickering of Honolulu and Piedmont, Calif. Time magazine war correspondent, and Lt. Gen. Herbert Lumsden, British royal marines observer.

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### Scio Servicemen Spend Furloughs With Relatives

SCIO—Glen Holland, Seabee, expects to be released from the navy within a few months. Mrs. Holland visited him in California recently. Their daughter, Mrs. Patricia Lowers, whose husband has been in the service for some time, accompanied them. Raymond Chromy, who resigned as Scio city councilman two years ago to enlist as a Seabee, also is expected home within a few days.

Arvol "Tucker" Bates has returned to duty in the navy after a leave spent with his parents near Scio, Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bates.

Dorris Copeland, 29 months in the service and recently in the Guam theatre, is spending a 30-day furlough with his sister, Mrs. Carl Cyrus, and with other relatives in Oregon. Both he and Mrs. Cyrus were reared at Pendleton.

### Pratum Holds Commencement

PRATUM—Commencement exercises were held at the local school Wednesday with diplomas presented to Betty Harlar, James Jensen, Lawrence Fischer, and Alveda Rehm. The stage was beautifully decorated with blue streamers and glittering silver stars to represent the class motto "Duty Our Guiding Star."

Carmalita Weddle, rural school supervisor, presented the diplomas to the four graduates. Rev. W. A. Regier gave the invocation and class address. The upper grades presented a play, "Wild-cat Willy"; instrumental numbers were given by Lawrence, Helen and Evelyn Fischer; Elsie deVries and Betty Harlar; vocal numbers by Henry Buetler, Mrs. Rudolph deVries and Mrs. Anderson.

Mrs. Lena Lambert played the professional and recessional marches. The valedictory was given by Lawrence Fischer; salutation by Betty Harlar; class will be by James Jensen; class history by Alveda Rehm.

The community and school picnic was held on the school grounds Friday, the last day of school. The teachers, Mrs. Mary Harrison and Lois Riches have been given contracts to teach the school again next year.

### 65-Year-Old Author Seeks Reno Divorce

RENO, Nev., May 19—(AP)—John Erskine, 65-year-old New York author, joined the divorce colony today, remarking upon arrival "I'll be staying the six weeks."

He said he preferred not to discuss plans to end his 35-year marriage to Pauline Ives Erskine.

### Barley Up 5c; May Rye at 20-Year High

CHICAGO, May 19—(AP)—Barley was up the five-cent limit, May rye sold at \$1.45 1/4, a new 20-year high, and corn traded at the ceiling price today as short covering and commission house demand disclosed a shortage of offerings in grain futures markets.

Shorts were aggressive buyers in all pits, attempting to cover before trading in May contracts ends Tuesday and, except in wheat, profit cashing was limited to the bulges.

Wheat started on the off side, recovered quickly when other markets held firm, then broke over commission house selling and hedging.

At the finish wheat was 1/4 to 1/2 lower than yesterday's close, May \$1.76 1/2. Corn was unchanged to up 1/4, May \$1.18 1/2. Oats were 1/4 to 1 1/2 higher, May 67-66 1/2. Rye was 1/4 to 2 1/2 higher, May \$1.44 1/4-1.45. Barley was up 2 1/2 to 5, May \$1.06 1/2.

### Businessmen Eye Return Of Philippines Trade

PORTLAND, Ore., May 19—(AP)—Businessmen met with delegates of the foreign economics administration today to map ways for northwest industry to resume trade with the Philippines.

Industrial representatives told FEA Agents Ben Reese and Mason Mangum they expect to ship aluminum castings, clothing, mill and factory machinery and packaged foods. Pre-war exports to the island market was confined mostly to lumber and unprocessed foods.

A fourth of the businessmen said they did not trade with the Philippines before the war.

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