

Dallas Men Serving on Many Fronts

DALLAS — Cpl. Pat N. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Baker of route 1, Dallas, is now stationed at the Santa Ana army air base, as a medical corpsman. Baker went overseas in January 1942, and was among the first American airmen to be stationed in India where he spent most of the 34 months of his overseas service.

Mrs. Karl N. Retzer received a telephone call from her husband, Maj. Karl N. Retzer, that he was in the states and enroute to Washington, D. C., and that he expects to arrive in Dallas in a few days for a 30-day leave. Retzer has been overseas since January, 1944. He flew bombing missions for a time but was picked for a special air force staff post last June and withdrawn from combat just before D-day.

Ralph Elliott, gunner's mate 3/c, is spending a leave at the home of his mother, Mrs. Fred R. Elliott. Elliott was first assigned to the USS Nevada, participating in the battles of Attu and Kiska. Two years ago he was transferred to an aircraft carrier in the Atlantic theatre. June 23 he will report to Washington, D. C., to attend an electric hydraulic school for gunners, and then be reassigned.

PFC Ervin C. Baker, who has been stationed at Gardner field, at Bakersfield, Calif., has been transferred to McClelland field, Sacramento, Calif. His wife, who has been with him at Bakersfield, will move to Sacramento.

Cpl. Carl William Theiss, son of Mrs. Philip Theiss, has been assigned to the naval air station at Tillamook. Theiss has served 4 1/2 years with the marines, 27 months of that time in the southwest Pacific.

Sgt. George Lindahl has arrived home from Ft. Lewis where he was honorably discharged Friday. He had previously spent a rotation furlough at his home and been reassigned. Serving with the army air force ground crew, he saw service in North Africa, Sicily, Corsica and Italy.

PFC and Mrs. Ray Chitty spent a short furlough with his mother, Mrs. Amy Chitty, while en route from Jackson, Miss., to Ft. Lewis, Wash., where he will be in a service command unit of the ordnance department. Their home is at Hood River.

Mr. and Mrs. Laird V. Woods have received word from their son, First Lt. Robert J. Woods, that he has arrived in San Francisco from overseas and that he hopes to be home in a few days on furlough. Woods went overseas last July and was stationed for several months in the southwest Pacific before being sent to Okinawa with a marine air group which has seen considerable action.

ABOARD THE USS SIGOURNEY IN THE PACIFIC—Ensign H. Atkinson, 31, USNR, whose wife, Mrs. Faye Atkinson, lives on State Route 2, Lebanon, Ore., serves aboard this destroyer which has met the Japs in more than 20 engagements from the Solomons to the Philippines, fighting with a distinction that has won the presidential unit citation for her crew and bronze star medals for two of her commanding officers.

AT A MARIANAS BASE—George C. Pliska, shipfitter, second class, USNR, is stationed as a welder in the repair shop of a Seabee maintenance unit here. His life lives at 535 Belmont st., Salem, Ore., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pliska, on route 1, Philomath, Ore.

Pliska has two brothers in the service, E. R. Pliska, machinist, first class, and R. E. Pliska, in pre-flight school.

WASHINGTON, DC—Aviation Chief Radioman Cyril E. Spencer, USNR, of Turner, Ore., has completed a tour of duty in the Pacific as a crew member of a navy search plane and is now on leave after 40 months overseas.

As senior radioman of a navy Catalina, he flew on many long-range search flights reaching far out over the ocean to rescue downed fliers. The 25-year-old combat aircrewman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spencer of Turner.

IN THE... ★ Nation's Service



WITH THE 340TH B-25 MITCHELL BOMB GROUP IN ITALY—For extraordinary achievement while participating in an attack upon a railroad bridge at Rovereto, Italy, December 31, 1944, 1st Lt. Roger D. Lewis, B-25 Mitchell bomber pilot of Salem, Ore., is awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Brig. Gen. Robert D. Knapp, Mitchell wing commander, makes the presentation. Lieutenant Lewis' wife, Mrs. Ruth M. Lewis, lives at 1695 Berry St., Salem. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jory, live on route three. On more than 70 combat missions he has shown outstanding proficiency and steadfast devotion to duty.

ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER IN THE PACIFIC—Carl F. Newton, MM 2/c, 1042 Third st., and Bruno C. La Rosa, yeoman 3/c, route seven, both of Salem, Ore., are back at the business of fighting Japs after a recent three-hour rest period on one of the Navy's "recreation islands" in this war zone. The "recreation islands" have been set up on tiny atolls to give navy men a few hours to relax between battles, on solid ground, and hunt along the beach for odd-shaped coral and sea shells. Recreation and refreshments included beer and soft drinks, a ball game, horseshoe - pitching, boxing, swimming and sun bathing.

Richard Wayne Baker, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Baker, of route 3, Salem, and 1945 graduate of the Salem high school, has left for the Great Lakes, Ill., naval training school for radar work.

CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.—(Special)—Pvt. Byron F. Mische, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mische of 1805 1/2 Fairgrounds road, Salem, Ore., has completed a course in electronics and been graduated from this school of the army air forces training command.

Deadline July 1

Under postal orders, The Oregon Statesman and all other newspapers after July 1 will be unable to accept new or renewal subscriptions for servicemen with fleet postoffice (FPO) addresses, unless they are accompanied by written requests originating from the person to whom the copies are to be addressed. Until July 1, however, new and renewal subscriptions (for which addresses can be changed at any time) can be accepted without any such showing of specific request. Again please be reminded that July 1 is the deadline.

Capt. Hanson Wins DFC for Work in Italy

Capt. Dwight V. Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hanson of 1912 Hazel ave., Salem, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement on a Flying Fortress in Italy. It was announced Monday from Hendricks field, Fla., where the presentation took place.

"On June 8, 1944, Capt. Hanson led his squadron on a bombing mission against highly strategic enemy installations in Italy. Through superior leadership, coordination and maintenance of strict flight discipline, he brought his entire squadron formation through extremely heavy opposition of heavy anti-aircraft fire.

"Although his plane was severely damaged and three crew members wounded, he continued through to the objective for a highly successful bombing run which caused heavy damage to be inflicted on vitally important enemy installations.

"And although forced to leave the formation after the target, Capt. Hanson made possible the safe return of his damaged aircraft without further injury to the crew, thereby completing a difficult and hazardous assignment with a high degree of success."

MIAMI, Fla.—(Special)—Sgt. Ernest E. Helvie, 27, of Carlton, Ore., has just been returned to the United States after 30 months in the Middle East. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Helvie of Carlton. After visiting his parents, he will return to a station close to his home for reassignment of discharge.

FALLS CITY—Sgt. Walter Bush is visiting his mother while on a 30-day furlough following two years overseas.



Everett C. Smith
Everett C. Smith, CSK, who has recently spent a 21-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith of 112 South 13th st., left for Bremerton to await a new assignment for service.

Chief Smith has seen 32 months of combat service in the southwest Pacific, since enlisting in February, 1942. After two months of training at San Pedro, he volunteered to go with an advanced base unit to supply the offensive for Guadalcanal from supply bases of the New Hebrides. Here he was transferred to aviation supply in a jungle repair and overhaul unit.

After seven months he was picked with a nucleus crew to establish the aviation supply depot of the south Pacific.

Twenty-two months of service in the Hebrides entitled Smith to a leave and a new assignment, which he accepted in May of last year, when he was assigned the task of chief storekeeper on a new transport of the amphibian forces. Again he left for the southwest Pacific in October, last fall, and since then has participated in the New Guinea, Luzon and Okinawa campaigns.

Chief Smith wears the Asiatic Pacific, American Defense, Philippine Liberation and Good Conduct ribbons and four battle stars. His brother, Arthur Smith, TM 3/c, of a submarine, has been reported missing since October of 1943.

Parcels May Be Addressed To Philippines

Effective immediately families and friends in the United States may send liberated persons in the Philippine islands gift and sample parcels weighing up to 11 pounds, according to word received Tuesday by Judge George Duncan, Marion county chapter Red Cross home service chairman.

Not more than one parcel per week may be mailed; total value of the contents cannot exceed \$25; size of the package is restricted to 18 inches in length or 42 inches in length and girth combined. The addressor is required to place the letters "G-POST" on the address side of the parcel wrappers.

Certain limitations on the value of each item which can be sent have been applied by the foreign economic administration, with most acceptable items stated as being food, cotton articles, vitamins, soap, cosmetics, medicines and used shoes and wearing apparel. No wool is allowed.

The Red Cross chairman added these packages must be sent as first class mail. It was suggested individuals wishing to send parcels should secure last-minute regulations from the foreign economic administration and latest information of changes in rates and extension of service from the local postoffice department.

Donald Townsend Wins Promotion

HQS. TENTH AIR FORCE, India Burma—Promotion to first lieutenant for Donald M. Townsend, 25, son of Mr. Ben F. Townsend, Salem, Ore., has been announced by Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, commanding general of the Tenth air force.

A navigator for the Seventh bombardment group that operates against the Japs in the India-Burma theatre, Lieutenant Boley has been in the armed forces 30 months, having served the past four months in this theatre of operations. He has to his credit 203 combat flying hours. He is a graduate of Salem high school. His home address is 2600 SE. 34th ave., Portland, Ore.

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Cpl. Dobrovsky Grows Garden In New Guinea

FORT GEORGE WRIGHT, Wash.—Cpl. Fred Dobrovsky of Salem has reported to the AAF regional and convalescent hospital here after 34 months with the Fifth air force in Australia and New Guinea. As medical first aid man and ambulance driver, he helped give medical care to the 1600 men of his group. He says that tropical fungus diseases were the worst plague his group suffered. Despite the fact that his duties took most of his time, he found time to grow a garden, near Finchaven, New Guinea, producing huge tomatoes and "some of the most beautiful flowers I ever saw." Cpl. Dobrovsky, native of Scio, is the son of Mrs. Mary Dobrovsky of 1170 Smith st., Salem. He lived many years at the William Richardson home in Albany.

Lt. Francis Boley Wins Air Medal

HQS. TENTH AIR FORCE IN INDIA-BURMA — Award of the air medal to 2nd Lt. Francis G. Boley, 23, whose wife resides at Salem, Ore., has been announced by Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, commanding general of the Tenth air force.

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IN THE MARIANAS—Gall A. Keller, motor machinist's mate, 2/c, of Lebanon, Ore., has been placed in charge of a boat salvage and repair crew at this mid-Pacific base. The men have salvaged and repaired for fishing boats, several Japanese fishing sampans sunk in the invasion. Keller, a commercial fisherman for four years, entered the navy, March, 1943. He is a son of Mrs. Mabel Grimes, Lebanon.

Cpl. Glenn O'Dell is in Salem on a 45-day furlough visiting his wife, Darlene O'Dell; his mother, Mrs. Bertha O'Dell; his sisters, several Japanese fishing sampans, Mrs. Patrick Driscoll and Mrs. Donald Seburn, and his brother, Harry. The corporal has been in the Pacific war zone.



On June 22, every voter in Oregon is asked to go to the polls and register a YES which will give clearance to a \$10,000,000 State Building Fund to provide needed education and State building remodeling and expansion of facilities.

This fund is already on hand and does not mean additional taxes but under the law it is necessary that its use for this purpose be approved by the voters. It is the duty of the State of Oregon and its citizens to provide these facilities and it is our individual duty as citizens to provide the funds.

VOTE 300 X YES

Pa'd. adv., United Citizens Committee, Inc., Ralph D. Moore, Manager, 235 S. W. Sixth Avenue, Portland

VOTE FOR STATE BUILDING FUND FRIDAY JUNE 22

Cleverly Worded Vote Getting Salem Electric Franchise Ballot Title

Note These "Niggers in the Wood File"

1. It states - - power to be distributed "ON A NON-PROFIT BASIS"

Salem Electric's own advertisements say "OUR PROFITS" etc. . . .

They admit there are profits

2. It states - - "within an area of 30 city blocks"

Why are the blocks not specified? Why the secrecy?

3. It states - - Salem Electric now has poles in 22 city blocks

We can only find them in 15 blocks

Why does it say 22?

4. It states - - franchise to be "subject to federal, state and city laws and regulations pertaining thereto."

The catch is - - what, if any such laws are there "pertaining thereto"

Certainly not any "pertaining" to the most important matter of rates, under which they can be regulated, by the State or City.

Ask the Public Utility Commissioner of Oregon or any other authority if you doubt the above statement. .

Why that catch phrase in the ballot title? Apparently - - to get votes

Don't be "caught napping"

"P.G.E. Co. Also Distributes Bonneville Power in Salem"

Vote 503 No (X) Against the Proposed Franchise Friday, June 22nd

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Notice to the Public of Salem and Surrounding Communities

Due to OPA rules and restrictions placed upon the slaughtering of meat, we are forced to close the Midget Market as of June 21 for an indefinite period of time.

We wish to make it plain that we are not closing on a direct order from the OPA as we are not accused of violating any of their rules and regulations, such as charging above ceiling prices or buying or selling without a proper transfer of red points.

Under the present OPA regulations, however, we are allowed to slaughter only 75% of beef and 50% of pork that we slaughtered during the corresponding period last year. Some of our local slaughterers have discontinued operations and other slaughterers from over the state who helped supply the Salem retail markets last year with a large portion of their meats have and are stopping deliveries. This situation has created an unprecedented demand on our market which we have attempted to supply with our present limited quota. Under present regulations we are not allowed to exceed that quota and applications for increases have not been acted upon. We have purchased a supply of cattle which are now alive and ready for slaughter, but which we will be forced to feed until we are given permission to slaughter them. We can in addition to our present supply also obtain a reasonable amount of cattle and hogs locally, due to our wide acquaintance and long reputation for fair dealing with the farmers and stock raisers of the surrounding country. We are, however, unable to slaughter any additional cattle, even if purchased, due to the present slaughtering restrictions.

We regret being forced to close the Midget Market after serving you for the past 30 years and wish to assure the public that the market will again be opened as soon as the OPA rules permit.

We also wish to thank our many loyal customers for their fine support and consideration during this trying period. We have felt it our obligation to carry on and sell to any ration book holder as long as we had meat to supply, and are now only taking this step because our quota has been slaughtered.

MIDGET MARKET

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351 State St. Salem, Ore.
Inspected Meats Only

GOOD EYESIGHT IS A PRICELESS POSSESSION

There is no substitute for good eyesight. It is the keystone of your success and your enjoyment of life. Don't "take chances" with anything so precious. At the slightest suspicion of trouble . . .

HAVE YOUR EYES EXAMINED

Dr. Harry A. Brown
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