

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing

Valley Naval Men Now on Midway Isles

MIDWAY ISLANDS — Though only dots on the Pacific map, these strategically located islands have been developed into one of the important island bases being used by the Pacific Fleet in carrying the war to the Japanese homeland.

Two of the men stationed here are Lawrence A. Shelton, S 1/c, of McCoy, Ore., and Lyle E. Waddell, S 2/c, Salem, Ore.

Shelton entered the navy in May, 1944, and has been overseas for 11 months. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester DeLate, make their home at McCoy. Prior to joining the navy, Shelton was employed by Elliot Feed and Seed company, Perrydale.

Waddell, now serving as a storekeeper, joined the navy in April, 1945, and has been overseas for 33 months. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Waddell, make their home at 853 N. 16th street, Salem. Before entering the naval service, Waddell was a machinist at Pearl Harbor navy yard, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.

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For meritorious achievement during the Leyte and Okinawa campaigns, Major Frank C. Mandell of Salem, Ore., is shown receiving the bronze star award from Maj. Gen. J. L. Bradley, commander of the 96th division.

ABOARD THE USS GRAYSON

IN THE PACIFIC—Maurice R. Prater, radar man, third class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jones Porter of 128 West 10th st., McMinnville, Ore., serves aboard this destroyer which has fought the Japs from Guadalcanal to Iwo Jima, downing eight enemy planes, sinking a submarine and blasting two key radar stations and numerous coastal gun emplacements. In her initial action, the Grayson was part of the historic carrier force that accompanied the Doolittle raiders for the first air strike on Tokyo in April, 1942.

While screening two crippled ships off Formosa as part of a task force, the Grayson picked up 200 survivors from the stricken vessels.



Tillman E. Dutton, chief motor machinist's mate, son of Mrs. Maude E. Dutton, 155 Fisher road, Salem, Ore., has been transferred from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to the coast guard base in Astoria, Ore. Doing ship's repair work in San Juan, he has also been stationed aboard an 83-foot coast guard cutter in the Atlantic. Dutton was formerly employed by Caspar & Cutler. His brother, Burl, is with the navy in the south Pacific.

MONMOUTH—Dean Craven, machinist mate, 3/c, is now in Richmond, Va., attending a school of diesel engineering. He was formerly stationed at Pasco, and more recently at Bremerton. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Craven of Independence, and his wife, Dorothy, and son Delbert, live in Monmouth with her father, G. M. Partridge.

AURORA—Lt. Bruce Giesy, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Giesy, who operates a plane from Alaska to Seattle after a few days leave spent at his home has returned to his base.

GEIGER FIELD, Wash.—Lloyd Wesley Sidwell, son of Mrs. Ivy Sidwell, Turner, Oregon, has been training as an aviation engineer of the air forces at Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash.

Willard Claggett Gets Bronze Star

T/S Willard D. Claggett, a member of a headquarters company, armored engineer battalion, has been awarded the bronze star for "heroic achievement in connection with the military operation against the enemy at Ayl, Germany, on February 26."

His citation said that "while subjected to intense fire Claggett, an engineer, voluntarily drove a 2½ ton truck heavily loaded with explosives over a trestleway ferry to deliver vitally needed cargo to forward units."

Claggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Claggett, route 2, Salem, entered the service in June, 1942. He and his brother, Raymond, in the navy, own a farm at Rickreall.

WITH THE 103rd (CACTUS) DIVISION IN AUSTRIA — PFC. Bernard D. Browne, 1710 S. Winter st., Salem, Ore., has been awarded the Combat Infantry badge for outstanding performance of duty with the 103rd infantry division in ground combat against the enemy. He is serving with the 410th regiment of the Cactus division.

S/Sgt. Jean P. Collette whose wife, Mrs. Jean Collette, lives at 462½ State st., Salem, is now home on furlough. While fighting with the Timberwolf Division he participated in the Holland and Germany campaigns, and was awarded the combat infantry badge, bronze star and good conduct medal.



Pvt. Robert Key, who has been home on a 10-day furlough after having finished his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif. He reported to Fort Ord, Calif., July 4th for assignment and additional training. His wife is Leola Key, 180 Fairview ave. Key formerly lived at Mangus, Okla., and came to Oregon in 1933.

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