

F. E. Mogan Now Major In 15th Army

WITH THE FIFTEENTH UNITED STATES ARMY IN GERMANY—The promotion of Farley E. Mogan from captain to major was recently announced at this headquarters. Major Mogan's first military assignment was as chief of the investigating section of the CIC for the Oregon and Washington area. He later served with the First Army in France, Belgium and Germany.

His present assignment is chief of the public safety branch of the C-2 section of the Fifteenth army. For fifteen years Major Mogan was with the Oregon state police and at the time he entered the army was serving as supervisory sergeant of the Salem district. His mother resides at 2060 Myrtle st. in Salem.

Tandy Burton Wins Discharge On Point Basis

BRUSH COLLEGE—Sgt. Tandy J. Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burton, route 1, Salem, is home following his discharge at Ft. Lewis on points. He took part in the North African invasion, November, 1942; the Normandy invasion, June, 1944, when he was wounded, and he served in Italy and at other European points with the combat engineers battalion.

Besides the Purple Heart medal, he wears the Bronze Arrowhead, the good conduct medal, the various war theatre ribbons indicating where he has served.

Two other sons of the Burtons have served in the European theatre. Sgt. Edwin Burton is now with the 65th division in Austria. His wife, the former Ruth Whitney, and their son, Jimmie, live in this district.

Sgt. Vivian Burton is with the 76th Engineers and has been stationed in Paris for the last year. His wife, the former Margaret Blood, also lives in this community.

Monmouth WAC Is Promoted

MONMOUTH—Lillian Houk, WAC, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Houk, Monmouth, was promoted recently from private to T/5 grade at Letterman general hospital, San Francisco, where she is assigned as a surgical technician.

T/5 Houk's rating was one of 41 distributed among the 100 WACs who comprise the newly activated 86th WAC hospital company at Letterman. Members of her company include the first medical and surgical technicians and medical clerical workers assigned to the hospital under the recent army hospital medical WACs procurement program.

Miss Houk was graduated from Monmouth high school and attended Oregon College of Education before her enlistment.

Lt. William M. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith of Salem, has written from Reims, France, where he is chief engineer of the 159th general hospital, that each day for more than two months he has visited his friend, Lt. William Mudd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Mudd, who was wounded at St. Lo and again in the Munich battle, and that recently he was able to take Lieutenant Mudd outside in a wheel chair. Lieutenant Smith also said he had been reading Lieutenant Mudd the hometown news from The Oregon Statesman.

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Lt. Cronmiller Returns Home On Month Leave

First Lt. Donald O. Cronmiller, AAF pilot of a medium bomber, has returned to Salem for a 30-day leave after eight months with the 12th air force in the Mediterranean theatre of war. He is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn F. Cronmiller, 1760 S. Winter st. He will report to Fort Lewis for reassignment August 9.

Lieutenant Cronmiller returned to the states by air, piloting a Mitchell bomber from Naples on a six-day flight which took him and his crew overseas by the southern route touching at Tunisia, British Liberia, the Ascension island, Brazil, British Guiana, Puerto Rico and Savannah, Ga.

The young air corps man was first stationed at a Corsican base where his squadron was engaged in strategic bombing on Brenner pass, the Po valley in northern Italy and Yugoslavia. Later his group was transferred to Sano, Italy, and took an active part in the support of the ground forces during the final days of the European war. He has 47 combat missions to his credit, the air medal, five oak leaf-clusters and wears the blue ribbon for the presidential citation.



Capt. Michael J. Balkovic, on leave from his position with the Oregon state board of parole and probation, arrived here last week after service as an intelligence officer at an Eighth air force bomber command station in England. After Germany's capitulation, Balkovic, who speaks Czech, was sent into Czechoslovakia for a brief stay.

Major Miles of 96th Awarded Bronze Star

Maj. Howard K. Miles, commander of the Third battalion, 381st infantry, 96th division, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic service in the relief of Kazu ridge, April 13, on Okinawa.

The citation, which tells how Miles, who made a number of friends in this area while he was stationed at Camp Adair, ran across an exposed area to take his own position and "although working from an exposed position which was under constant enemy observation and fire, Major Miles unhesitatingly remained constant in his position for some three hours until relief had been accomplished. Through the superb leadership and gallantry of Major Miles this hazardous feat was accomplished with an exceptionally light number of casualties."

Mrs. Miles and their child, who made their home here while the major, then a captain, was at Adair, are now residing in Princeton, Ill. Miles has written friends in Salem that he believes the "worst is over" on Okinawa.

JEFFERSON—St. Sgt. Milton Libby of the Eighth Air Force in England is to be discharged from the army on points and will be home soon he has notified his wife here. After coming back from England he came on furlough and then went to Sioux Falls, SD, where he will be discharged.

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Lt. J. H. Lucas To Report Soon At Tampa, Fla.

Lt. James H. Lucas is completing a 30-day leave with his wife and infant daughter, Martha Louise, at their home on route 4, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lucas, 464 S. 23rd st. He leaves Tuesday to report to Tampa, Fla., for assignment.

Lucas, who completed 24 missions over Europe, has been in Italy since going overseas last fall. He has been a navigator on a B24, and with his entire crew flew from Europe to the United States in four days, en route home. He entered the service in February, 1943. He went to Willamette university and was a clerk at the post office when he enlisted.

A brother, Cpl. Herbert C. Lucas, a paratrooper in the army who was in Germany, has been transferred to a division which is expected to be returned to the United States soon. He has been overseas over two years.

Lt. Margaret Grewell, the former Margaret Leavenworth, has been advanced from second to first lieutenant in the Woman's Army corps. The WAC, a former teacher at Salem high school, is now stationed as commanding officer at Ft. Totten, Long Island, New York. She has been in the service for two years.

Jack Quentin Hall Dies Aboard Prison Ship Leaving P. I.

ALBANY, July 14—Friends of Mrs. C. C. Hall, formerly of Albany but now living in Seattle, have learned of the death of her son, Jack Quentin Hall, on board a prison ship en route from the Philippines to Japan on Oct. 23, 1944.

Jack was born in Albany, the son of the late C. C. Hall, former Santiam forest supervisor, and Mrs. Hall. He was a graduate of Albany high school. He was serving at the time of his capture by the Japs with the U.S. marine corps, in which he enlisted in 1937, previous to the death of his father. He was captured at the time of the fall of Corregidor.

Besides his mother, Jack is survived by two brothers, Lt. James K. Hall, U.S. navy, who was formerly a member of the University of Washington faculty, and Maj. Charles C. Hall, with the 14th U. S. air force in India and China; and two sisters, Mrs. Lois De Haven of Seattle; and Mrs. Otto L. Fox of Auburn, Calif.

MONMOUTH—Lt. Roger Beckley who has been stationed with the army in England for more than a year as a plane navigator, home to visit his wife and young daughter here, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Iversen of Carlton.

Capt. O. A. Smith Honored Before Going to Hawaii

Capt. O. A. Smith, U. S. Navy medical corps, who has been executive officer at the naval hospital at Corvallis since its commissioning in February, was honored by fellow staff members at a party Wednesday night at the hospital officers' club.

Captain Smith, who entered the naval service in 1923 after finishing medical school, soon will leave for the naval hospital at Ala Heights, Pearl Harbor, where he also will be executive officer. He will be replaced by Capt. Maurice S. Mathis, who has been in command of the naval medical supply depot at Pearl Harbor.

Captain and Mrs. Smith have a son who is a captain in the coast artillery stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and a daughter who is married to a navy aviator.

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George Schafer In Field With Chinese Army

CHINESE COMBAT COMMAND, U.S. ARMY—PFC. George H. Schafer, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Schafer of route six, box 398, Salem, Ore., is now on duty with the Chinese combat command, the United States army organization working in the field with the Chinese army to increase its effectiveness against the Japanese invaders.

He arrived in China with the American 475th infantry regiment when most of that organization was flown from Burma by the air transport command.

Schafer was a weaver at Thomas Kay Woolen Mills in Salem before entering the army in January, 1944. He went to Burma in October, 1944, to join the Mars task force at a cook in its march and battles against the Japs. He is entitled to wear the Combat Infantryman's badge and two bronze stars on his Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbon.

MT. ANGEL—PFC. Wilfred J. Faulhaber, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Faulhaber, is home from the Pacific, where he had been 43 months. He left December 4, 1941, with the first contingent and had not been home since. He is receiving a medical discharge.

Two brothers, Willard and Walter, are in the navy and a fourth, Wallace, has a medical discharge from the navy.

JEFFERSON—William Knight, seaman 2/c, recently home on leave, is now in the hospital at Shoemaker, Calif., for an operation.

Monmouth Firemen Give Farewell Party For Man Enlisting

MONMOUTH—Oscar Christensen, jr., 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Christensen, has enlisted in the navy, and is at home awaiting his call. The volunteer firemen of Monmouth gave a party for him Tuesday night at the city hall. Those present included: Oscar Christensen, jr., E. J. Reede of McMinnville, a former fire chief here; Raymond Rabe, present fire chief; James Rabe, Gordon Nelson, Arthur Stump, C. L. Tomkins, Harold Comstock, Victor Kem and Bob Baker.

Officers of the fire department are Art Stump, president; Raymond Rabe, fire chief; and Gordon Nelson, secretary-treasurer.

MONMOUTH—Staff Sgt. Wesley Hankins of Bonanza was the guest this week of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nelson. A waist gunner on a Flying Fortress during the Italian campaign, Hankins is now home on a re-conditioning furlough. Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dill of Salem, he was enroute to Eugene to visit other relatives.

JEFFERSON—Sgt. Arthur Lake, radioman with the Eighth air force in England, is home on a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lake. He was flown home to the states and came west by train. He wears four battle stars, the good conduct ribbon and the European theatre of war ribbon and has been in the army three and a half years, 18 months of it overseas. He trained at Ft. Lewis, Sheppard Field, Tex.; Boise, Idaho and Wendover, Utah.

ALBANY—Ensign Lawrence D. Roth, USNR, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan B. Roth of Albany, flew 25 missions as co-pilot of a navy photo reconnaissance plane during his recent tour of the Pacific. Ensign Roth is now on leave in the United States. He was attached to a photo squadron which flew specially equipped four-engined Liberators on long flights over enemy territory.

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