

Salem Sailors Saw Action on Escort Carrier

ABOARD THE USS RUDYERD BAY—Two Salem, Ore., navy men, Verne Frank Blackman, seaman, 1/c, 535 Madrona ave., and Perry Ray Shelton, aviation machinist's mate, 2/c, 459 S. Winter st., served aboard this escort carrier as she topped off three major Pacific operations with her campaign at Okinawa.

The "Rugged Rudy," as she is called by her crew, helped smash Jap shore installations at Okinawa and her squadron pilots shot down six enemy planes.

Her first mission was to ferry planes to Espiritu Santo and the Majuro islands in the Marshalls. Then she returned to the states, picked up her first air squadron and headed for the war in the Pacific.

At Iwo Jima she sent her planes in support of our landing forces for the first time.

During the invasion of the Philippines the RUDYERD BAY protected fleet oil tankers from enemy air and submarine attacks and rode out the roaring typhoon that sunk three U. S. destroyers.

Last January the Rugged Rudy cruised into the China seas to protect tankers which were carrying oil for Admiral Halsey's Third fleet, then striking against French Indo-China and Jap-held Chinese ports.

The RUDYERD BAY, named for a small bay in Alaska, is commanded by Capt. Curtis S. Smiley, USN.

RESTAURANT RATION EASED
PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(AP)—OPA today relaxed restrictions to allow more food to restaurants showing a 10 per cent increase in persons served and dollar revenue in the present allotment period.

IN THE... ★ Nation's Service

Silverton Man On Salt Lake

ABOARD THE USS SALT LAKE CITY IN THE EAST CHINA SEA—Clyde R. Staiger, gunner's mate third class, USN, son of Mrs. Millie Staiger, route one, Silverton, Ore., was aboard this heavy cruiser when she hurled more than 150,000 tons of projectiles at enemy planes, ships and land emplacements off Okinawa.

Veteran of major invasions from Guadalcanal to Okinawa, the Salt Lake City's 5 and 8-inch guns pounded the island by day and remained on the alert to repel Jap suicide attacks by night.

Shipboard routine on the Salt Lake City was restricted entirely to battle throughout the campaign. No movies were shown. Recreation consisted of sleeping, eating and some letter writing. Blackout was in effect every night.

In the long weeks of the campaign Kamikaze attacks increased. Besides suicide planes, the Japs sent high speed boats loaded with explosives. To meet these attacks, gun crews were sometimes called out several times a night.

The pre-invasion bombardment was halted early on L-day—Easter Sunday—for the troops to make their landings. Church services on the cruiser were broadcast over the ship's loudspeakers to the men at their battle stations. Soon after the services, "commence firing" was passed to all guns.

Carl Amack On Way Home; Was With 35th Division

WITH THE FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION, ASSEMBLY AREA COMMAND, France—T. 4 Carl V. Amack is en route home from Europe with the 5-star "Santa Fe" Division, which in ten months battled across the Elbe river to within 42 miles from Berlin.

The 35th ended its occupational duties in Germany during the second week of July and moved to Camp Norfolk, one of the Assembly Area Command's 17 redeployment camps near Reims. Elements of the division served as honor guard for President Truman when he arrived at Antwerp.

Hitting Omaha beach, July 7, 1944, the 35th fought the Germans from St. Lo, broke the counter-offensive at Mortain, swept across France, cracked into Germany's Saar valley on December 12, and then whipped into Belgium and Luxembourg to wither Von Rundstedt's Ardennes bulge.

Following a shift to the Vosges mountains, the division dashed 300 miles north through Holland to jump the Roer and Rhine rivers, crush the Siegfried line defenses, and scoop up more than 30,000 PWs by V-E day, to mark the end of more than 1600 combat miles in the ETO.

Amack is the son of Mrs. D. A. Amack of 1591 Broadway st., Salem, Ore.

He holds the following decorations: five battle stars, the purple heart and the certificate of merit.

Wilson Waring's Unit Commended

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy The historical section of Fourth Army headquarters, in which S. Sgt. Wilson Waring of Salem, Ore., serves as a typist, recently was commanded by General Joseph T. McNarney, deputy supreme allied commander Mediterranean theatre of operations.

The section, since its organization in November, 1943, soon after the invasion of Italy, has performed excellent service in carrying out the historical program of the war department and of this theatre, the commendation pointed out.

Sound histories of the Fifth Army's operations have been produced by the unit and the section "is particularly to be commended for the Fifth Army history, three volumes of which have been published, and for its production of pamphlet studies of operations for the war department in the 'American Forces in Action' series," the commendation read.

Waring, who has been overseas 27 months, was a warehouse foreman for the forest service and bureau of reclamation before entering the service December 9, 1942. He wears the European theatre ribbon with four battle stars. His wife lives at 180 North 21st st., Salem.

Crawford Given His Honorable Discharge

T/Sgt. Robert B. Crawford owner and formerly manager of the Crawford Sign company, 440 Ferry st., Salem, Ore., has received an honorable discharge from the army at the AAF regional and convalescent hospital, Fort George Wright, Wash., after 34 months in the service, including 19 months overseas duty in the European theatre, as aircraft mechanic with the air service command. He wears the ETO ribbon, and the Good Conduct ribbon.

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Cpl. Thomas D. Fitzjohn, Salem, Ore., recently was awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in combat in Italy.

He served on the Fifth Army front in the 363rd infantry regiment of the 91st "Powder River" division.

His wife, Ernestine W. Fitzjohn lives at 241 South 16th st., Salem.

An orphan asylum founded by George Whitefield in 1740 still stands ten miles south of Savannah, Ga.

Robert Vining Visits Silverton Relatives

SILVERTON — Lt. Robert E. Vining is spending a 30-day leave with his wife, the former Ruth Geren. They are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Geren here.

Lieutenant Vining has been in the army five years and was two years in the Aleutians. He has just returned from six months in Europe and will report to Ft. Bragg.

Gets Purple Heart

WITH SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION ON LUZON—PFC. Darrell G. Sexton, son of Guy W. Sexton, route four, Salem, Ore., has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action at San Mateo, Luzon, P.I., on February 27.

Sexton has fully recovered and returned to duty with the First Infantry Regiment of the Red Star, Sixth Infantry Division which is now engaged in mopping up remnants of Jap resistance in the Cordillera mountains of northern Luzon.

Massey Arrives in U. S.; Hospitalized

PFC William Massey called his mother, Mrs. E. J. Purcell, 240 S. 16th st., this week to report his landing in New York where he was brought from a hospital in France. He was wounded May 4, fighting on the Elbe river in Germany. He is now hospitalized at Palo Alto, Calif.

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES T. Sgt. Arthur C. Cline, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cline, 1660 S. Church st., Salem, is assigned as an airplane engine mechanic at the 1562nd AAF base unit, a

Netherlands East Indies station of the air transport command's southwest Pacific wing. He works in the engineering department. Sergeant Cline's wife, Mrs. A. C. Cline, lives at 2616 S. E. 21st st., Portland.

Entering the army in July, 1940, Sgt. Cline received his mechanic's training at Moffett Field, Calif. As a technical sergeant he holds the second highest rank the army gives an enlisted man. Sergeant Cline has been overseas since September, 1944.

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Looking to the Future—by Ralph Lee



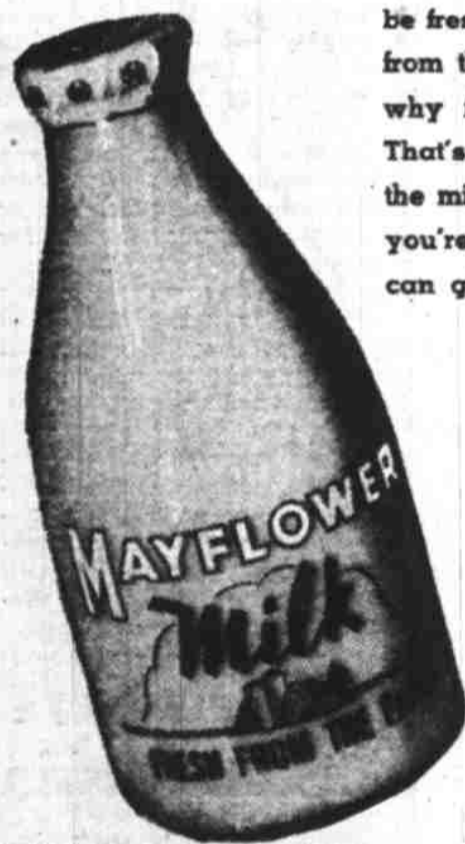
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