

IN THE... ★ Nation's Service

Two Mid-Valley Men Train In Central Europe

REIMS, France—Two Oregon men, PFC Beogmina Spenser of Stayton, and Cpl. Max P. Osborne of Salem, have been selected for MP duty in the European theater and are attending the U.S. Military Police Training school at Romilly, 65 miles south of here.

After an eight-day course in English, first aid, criminal investigation, traffic control, arrest technique and allied subjects, they will be assigned to posts left vacant by men sent home to be discharged.

A former combat veteran, Spenser won battle stars for the Rhine-land and central Europe campaigns, serving with the 9th armored engineering battalion. He is today assigned to the 432nd military police escort guard company at Suippes, France.

Corporal Osborne also won the Rhine-land and central Europe battle stars—as a member of the 7th infantry division and is currently serving with the 118th military police company at Metz, France.

Salem Man In Command of New U. S. Navy Repair Vessel

Carl L. Birdwell, machinist, USNR, son of Mrs. W. A. Gritton of Salem and the late W. S. Birdwell, is in command of the U. S. naval repair ship, YR79.

The vessel is equipped with machine shop, sheet metal shop, electrical repair shop and carpenter shop, has three diesel engines and a water distilling plant together with complete living and cooking facilities, dispensary and laundry. Its normal complement is 45 men and one officer. Thirty-eight of these men are specialists in various crafts.

Guests of Commanding Officer Birdwell at the ceremonies and luncheon when the ship was formally accepted from the contractor Nov. 30, 1945, were his wife and daughter, Mildred; parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gritton of Salem; sister, Mrs. Henry Walker of Portland; and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reece, also of Portland. Some 100 visitors were aboard for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Birdwell and daughter are now making their home in Seattle, Wash. Prior to Birdwell's call to active duty in the navy April 7, 1941, they made their home in Salem, where he was employed at the postoffice.



CARL L. BIRDWELL

Births

Johnson—To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin V. Johnson, route 2, a son, Neil Gregory, born December 17, Salem General hospital.

Haskell—To Mr. and Mrs. James V. Haskell, 66 Park street, a son, Jay Dee, born December 5, Salem General hospital.

Leighton—To Mr. and Mrs. Leighton, 364 Mill st., a daughter, Leanne Lavonne, born December 14, Salem Deaconess hospital.

Wedel—To Mr. and Mrs. Irwin F. Wedel, 136 Duncan ave., a daughter, Jeannette Marie, born December 16, Salem Deaconess hospital.

Nobles—To Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Nobles, 715 North Commercial st., a daughter, Jacklyn Elaine, born December 24, Salem General hospital.

Lord—To Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lord, 3350 Garden rd., a son, Larry Dale, born December 24, Salem General hospital.

Howland—To Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Howland, Detroit, a daughter, Marie Lynne, born December 13, Salem Deaconess hospital.

Nallinger—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Nallinger, 814 E. 1st, a son, Richard William, born December 12, Salem Deaconess hospital.

Abbott—To Mr. and Mrs. George B. Abbott, 1640 South High st., a son, George Burton, Jr., born December 17, Salem General hospital.

Adams—To Mr. and Mrs. Arlo N. Adams, 824 North Front st., a son, Arlo Arlo, born December 17, Salem General hospital.

Rutschman—To Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Rutschman, Dayton, a son, Frank Eugene, born December 22, Salem General hospital.

Watkins—To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Watkins, 1025 Highland ave., a daughter, Linda Ann, born December 9, Bungalow Maternity home.

Lyons—To Mr. and Mrs. Cyril P. Lyons, Mill City, a daughter, Laura Ann, born December 19, Salem General hospital.

Reed—To Mr. and Mrs. Harrison E. Reed, Seio, a son, Thomas Calvin, born December 18, Bungalow Maternity home.

Burris—To Mr. and Mrs. Sherman W. Burris, route 6, a daughter, Linda Genevieve, born December 12, Salem Deaconess hospital.

Wilson—To Mr. and Mrs. Marion E. Wilson, Independence, a daughter, Judith Anne, born December 12, Bungalow Maternity home.

Veneman—To Mr. and Mrs. Orville D. Veneman, 2645 Portland rd., a daughter, Linda Mae, born December 14, Salem General hospital.

Rousett—To Mr. and Mrs. John Rousett, 1082 Electric st., a son, Karl Sherwood, born December 13, Salem Deaconess hospital.

Holender—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Holender, route 3, a son, Robert Lee, born December 14, Salem General hospital.

Kephardt—To Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Kephardt, 145 Salem Heights, a daughter, Erin Geor, born December 13, Salem Deaconess hospital.

Meyer—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Meyer, 835 Shipping, a daughter, Carol Ann, born November 23, Salem General hospital.

Jaskowski—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Jaskowski, 420 South 14th st., a son, Timothy Craig, born December 21, Salem General hospital.

Wells—To Mr. and Mrs. Willard F. Wells, 256 Gerth st., a daughter, Sandra Iva, born November 7, Salem Deaconess hospital.

Ziginski—To Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ziginski, Seio, a son, Stephen John, born December 18, Salem Deaconess hospital.

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Observer in Balkans Opines On Soviet Aims

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 1 (AP)—Neither Rumania nor Bulgaria has a broadly representative government "in the Yalta sense," Mark Ethridge, Louisville publisher, said today in his first public utterance on his fact-finding trip to the Balkans as an emissary of President Truman.

As to his reactions on Russia's attitude toward the Balkans and world affairs generally, Ethridge said, "in spite of the fact that Russia has sometimes acted like an imperial power since the end of the war, I believe she does earnestly want an organization for international security."

Also with regard to Russia, Ethridge said, "in spite of the fact that the Russian government disagreed with my conclusions, I must say in all fairness that it made great concessions to the American viewpoint at Moscow."

Doctors Delay Italian Boy's Eye Operation

BALTIMORE, Jan. 1 (AP)—An eye operation on eight-year-old Gianfranco Cabbia, blind Italian ward of American GIs, has been postponed until early next week, Dr. Alan C. Woods, ophthalmologist in chief of the Johns Hopkins hospital, said today.

The operation to explore the possibility of restoring sight to the boy, who came to America on a GI-sponsored trip in the care of PFC. Howard W. Gorgas, of Montpelier, Ohio, originally was scheduled for Thursday. It was postponed to allow the boy "to calm down," Dr. Woods explained.

"He's had a lot of excitement lately," the eye surgeon said, "and we want to wait until he gets over it."

The physician earlier declared the chances of restoring Gianfranco's sight were "very slim" — the right eye has been badly damaged, the left destroyed, by the kick of a German cavalry man's horse.

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There isn't a pint bottle to be bought in the city — not even from junk dealers," declared S. J. Kremers, Portland unit president of the Oregon Milk Distributors' association, "and the supply of spare quart bottles is so small it is hardly worth counting."

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EMERGENCY 'QUONSET' HOUSING—These Quonset huts, converted for civilian use during the housing shortage, were set up at Fort Huachuca, Calif. They are insulated, have living room, two bedrooms, bath and kitchenette.

Industries Plan No-Profit Hospital

ST. HELENS, Jan. 1 (AP)—Five industries here have filed articles of incorporation for a non-profit Columbia memorial hospital, but no definite building plans have been announced.

R. W. Simeral, one of the incorporators, said filing the articles would permit work on the project. Columbia county has had only a maternity hospital for the past several months. The nearest general hospital is in Longview, 25 miles away and across the Columbia.

BRINGS STALIN MESSAGE

MOSCOW, Jan. 1 (AP)—Chiang Ching-Kuo, elder son and personal representative of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, brought Generalissimo Stalin a personal message and greetings from the Chinese leader, it was reported in Chinese circles here yesterday.

U. S. Officers Watched Nips Kill, Mutilate American POW

By Duane Hennessy

YOKOHAMA, Wednesday, Jan. 2 (AP)—Two American officers described today secretly watching Japanese guards bayonet an American soldier to death in a Kyushu prisoner of war camp. Their radioed depositions were read to a U.S. military commission at the war crimes trial of Lt. Kel Yori.

Both statements from army Lt. Owen W. Romaine of Fort Thomas, Ky., and John H. Allen of St. Paul, Minn., said Yori, commandant of Omura prison camp, ordered the execution of Pvt. Noah C. Heard of Salinas, Calif.

Allen, Romaine and other officers were summoned before Yori at 11 p.m. on May 31, 1944. "Yori stood in front of Heard drawing his thumb along the blade of his sword," Allen said.

"Then he put the sword in its scabbard but pushed Heard's head back with the scabbard."

Allen said Heard staggered as he was taken behind the building. Allen and the others slipped into an empty building. This is what Allen saw:

"At the command of Lieutenant Yori, a Jap guard bayoneted Heard in the middle of his back. Heard grunted and, as he rolled over, he screamed. A second Jap bayoneted Heard in the abdomen. Yori, the interpreter and others examined the body. It still was twitching so another guard slashed him vertically across the throat. Other guards came out and slashed his abdomen to ribbons."

The American officers returned undetected to their quarters. The Japanese had accused Heard of taking Red Cross supplies.

Silverton Man Dies in Portland

SILVERTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Satchwell, 61, died Tuesday night at a Portland hospital after a short illness.

Satchwell, an employee of the Southern Pacific railroad for the past 40 years, had been the Silverton agent for 28 years. Survivors include his wife and one son, Wayne, in the United States navy stationed at Seattle.

Funeral services will be announced later by the Ekman Funeral home.

1000 VETS UNLOAD

PORTLAND, Jan. 1 (AP)—Nearly 1000 troops from Leyte docked here today aboard the S. S. Falton, which had released 1500 northwest men Dec. 23 at Seattle. Lack of staging area facilities in Seattle resulted in the berthing here.

Valley Men Due Home Shortly From Pacific

PEARL HARBOR, T. H. Kenneth J. Frad, SC 2 c, husband of Helen G. Frad of Salem, Ore.; Richard R. Phipps, EM 3 c, of Salem, and T. 5th Gr. William A. Black, husband of Elsie M. Black of Aurora, are on their way home, the public information office of the commander of the service force indicated here this week.

Frad, with 259 other high-point navy veterans went back to the states aboard the USS Gunford. With 1500 high point navy men, Phipps traveled on the USS Ferguson. Black was one of 1231 high-point veterans on the USS Rutland. All were due in San Pedro Christmas week.

Vernita Batson Here For 15-day Holidays

Vernita Veva Batson, S. I. c, is completing a 15-day holiday leave here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Batson. Now stationed at Midway field, Calif., she is in charge of the education department offices there. She was secretary at Leslie Junior high school before enlisting in the WAVES.

Lt. Sizemore Reverts To Inactive Status

ET. LEWIS, Wash., Jan. 1. William F. Sizemore of 345 Sunnyside ave., Salem, Ore., who for the past year has served in the AAF, will revert to inactive status January 29. Lt. Col. Harvey D. Taylor, commanding the separation center here, announced today.

Lieutenant Sizemore will return to Seio to visit his family.

Johnson In Marseille

MARSEILLE, France, Nov. 1. (AP)—John H. Johnson, Jr., 28, of Stayton, Ore., drives a trailer truck at the U.S. staging area near here, getting high-point men to the docks for their voyage to the United States.

Entering the army August 11, 1943, Johnson arrived overseas at Swains, England, in September, 1944, as a scout rifleman with the 1st infantry division. He wears the Purple Heart medal, two battle participation stars, the combat infantry badge and the 100 good conduct medal.

Cpl. F. Johnson, his father, lives at 123 West Lincoln st.

Brennan Is Discharged

SWITZER, Jan. 1. (Special)—John Brennan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brennan, has received his discharge from the navy. He and Mrs. Brennan are planning on making their home in Oregon.

3000 Watch Polar Bear Club Members Swim

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 1 (AP)—Forty-two members of Vancouver's Polar Bear club turned out today for the 25th annual plunge at the city's seashore and enjoyed a swim in water of 40 to 45 degrees.

The record turned included men and women ranging in age from six to 60 years. Three thousand people watched the swimmers.

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



STEVE: "How was the hospital dinner, Judge? Sorry I couldn't get there."

OLD JUDGE: "Very interesting, Steve. One of the doctors on the staff read a paper on the research work that is going on at one of the big universities where they are studying chronic alcoholism."

STEVE: "I'd like to have heard that, Judge."

OLD JUDGE: "He pointed out that approximately 95% of the people who drink do so sensibly. Only 5% abuse the privilege oc-

asionally and included in that 5% is the very small number known as alcoholics. Then he quoted a doctor from a famous university who said 'Alcoholics are sick persons and, if treated as such, may be cured.' Alcoholism, he said, is not caused by alcohol but by deep-rooted emotional derailments which can be prevented by education and often cured through modern psychology!"

STEVE: "That's the most sensible approach to the problem I've heard."

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