

# News of Lane County Men Serving Uncle Sam



**JAMES (LEFT) AND OTIS JAY**, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Jay, Noti, are both serving in the U. S. navy in the Pacific area.

## 'Roo Hunting Sport of Yanks 'Down Under'

Kangaroo hunting is among the sports of American soldiers in Australia, judging from a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rankin, 383 W. Broadway, from their son, Lt. Robert R. Rankin, now on duty "down under."

"I've done some real hunting over here," he wrote. "Some of us went kangaroo and pig hunting today. We got two 'roos, five pigs and one emu (Australian ostrich). It was great sport chasing them down in a jeep. You never saw a funnier sight than the one we made. Four men bouncing around in the jeep trying to hit a 'roo on the jump."

Lt. Rankin was at sea in the Pacific area when Pearl Harbor was bombed. Later he saw action at Java before being transferred to Australia.

He was a student at the University of Oregon before entering the army air corps. At the university he was a member of Phi Kappa Alpha.

## Dave Crittenden at Will Rogers Field

Private David M. Crittenden, formerly of Eugene, is one of the soldiers stationed at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma, army air force bombardment base.

Private Crittenden is assigned to a bombardment squadron as a mechanic. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Crittenden, 2259 Kincaid street, Eugene.

Before entering the army in January of this year, Private Crittenden resided at Eugene and was later employed by the Boeing aircraft company. Before reporting to Will Rogers Field on May 13, 1942, he was on duty at Sheppard Field, Texas.

## Springfield Boy On Duty In Australia

Serving with American forces someplace in the Pacific area is Serg. Robert A. DeHaven, son of Mrs. Robert L. DeHaven, Springfield.

He enlisted in the army in August, 1941, from Eugene and underwent basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Later he served at March Field, California, where he was made a corporal.

He was promoted to a sergeant shortly before leaving for overseas duty on January 12.

## Vernon Sprague Now at Annapolis

Vernon Sprague, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sprague of Eugene, this month received his master of arts degree from University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He entered the service immediately and has left for Annapolis to enter training for the war physical fitness program.

Vernon received his B. S. degree at the University of Oregon in physical education. Last summer he did advanced work at University of Southern California, going to Ann Arbor the past winter. Mrs. Sprague has left Ann Arbor to return to the west coast and will visit here for a time with Mr. Sprague's folks.

## ADAMS GRADUATES

Richard L. Adams, 18, son of Mrs. Hugh Smith of Eugene, will graduate Saturday from the naval training school at the Sand Point naval air station, Seattle, where he has attended a school for aviation machinist's mates during the last four months. Young Adams enlisted in the navy on September 13, 1941.

## PRIVATE PROMOTED

Melvin M. Mason, of Star Route, Marcola, has been promoted from private to private first class, according to word received from the Harlingen army gunnery school at Harlingen, Texas, where he is stationed.

## Cecil Dresser Promoted To Staff Sergeant

Sergeant Cecil H. Dresser of the army air forces, stationed at McChord field, Washington, was recently promoted to the grade of staff sergeant.

Staff Sergeant Dresser enlisted in the army on January 30, 1940 at Vancouver Barracks, Wash. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Dresser, Dexter, Oregon.

## SOLDIER STAR

LONDON, June 19.—(AP)—Gene Raymond, film star and first lieutenant in the United States army air force combat command, arrived in London today.

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**ROBERT (BOB) SAVAGE**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Savage of Marcola, who is a machinist's mate second class, serving with the U. S. navy somewhere in the Pacific.



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Jensen, a graduate of Eugene high school where he played football, attended the University of Oregon for a year before enlisting in the navy air corps.

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Wagar is the son of Mrs. Harriett E. Drew. Wilson is a former student at Eugene high school and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Wilson, route 2.

## Oakridge Sailor Describes Coral Sea, Midway Battles

By MRS. CHARLES CRONER (Register-Guard Correspondent)  
OAKRIDGE—First Class Fireman, Howard Shuey, home on a furlough following participation in the Battle of Coral Sea and later in the Battle at Midway, admits he was "quite scared for about five minutes," then he forgot everything except to kill as many Japs as possible. Howard is the son of Tom Shuey and has lived in this area practically all his life. His mother is dead. He has a brother, Jack Shuey, now with the army in Australia. Howard joined the navy Dec. 7, 1941, and is a 50-calibre machine gunner. He can not tell on which ship he is serving.

The attack at Coral Sea was not a surprise, the youth reports. Scout planes were sent out by the Japs and dropped a great many bombs. Most of the Jap planes were shot down by the Americans. After the battle, Howard said his outfit returned to Pearl Harbor. It was in the Coral Sea battle that the youth said he was scared at first—it was his first battle.

Then came the Midway encounter. Howard's ship was battered but reached its objective. "A great many planes and ships took part in the battle, but the Americans sank all but three Jap battleships and left one of them so badly damaged it probably didn't get to port," Shuey said. He took the first shell out of his machine gun before the battle of Coral Sea and also at Midway and removed the powder and kept them as souvenirs.

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Editor's Note: Below is the second issue of the "Whistle," designed to be clipped and sent to your favorite sailor, or marine. The "Whistle" is intended to present the fellow at sea or in some distant garrison would want to read his home town. To that end, any criticisms, comments, or questions, either from men in service or from other interested are sincerely solicited and will be carefully studied.

## Hometown Whistle

A weekly digest of community news for Lane county men in service.

## Week's Highlights

Lane county is doing itself proud in the current rubber salvage drive... especially are the service station operators who act as middlemen without one cent of personal profit. Different oil companies and service groups are vying to outdo one another in the campaign, says Chairman Ad Zenger, and so far only one case has been found where a mercenary youngster after the cent-a-pound price loaded a tire casing with rocks.

VLT has another play coming up early in July when Archie Holman will take the lead in "Aaron Slick from Fankin Crick." Maybe this is a sign of a dwindled treasury—usually is, says McGurk. Anyway, Glen Hasselrooth will direct, and Marlon Krenk will arrange the score for this newest fairgrounds frolic.

City Recorder John Fields got a couple of comers this week out of his appeal for policemen and firemen, but he wants more. Might be that the salaries, which weren't mentioned, have something to do with the trouble.

The defense tests coming up Monday evening may have some surprises, "Coagulator" Merriam suggests. If they are not on their toes, the air raid wardens and auxiliary police may find themselves bottom-side up in a shell hole.

The combination navy-bond drive was a fine, patriotic affair. Wonder about the recruits who had to walk home!

"Ironpants." General Charles H. Martin, told the lumbermen a lot of things about the war. He objected to reporters' use of the nickname, "Ironpants," but the reporters—off the record (more or less)—had a reply: If all the general's adjectives used to describe the Japs had been included in the story, even "Ironpants" would have been embarrassed.

On the home-county political front, both democrats and republicans began preliminary organization for the November election this week. Both county central committees met and elected officers. C. A. "Shy" Huntington for the third term heads the republican group; and D. W. Crites has been named chairman for the democratic central committee.

MARRIAGE LICENSES—Jensen, Eugene, and Ben Salomon, Marcola; Hamrick and Clewson, both both sides; Beck, Marcola; and Marney Portland; George W. Ross at Oregon, both Caldwell, Seaside and Marlet; Tyne, both Eugene and Gully and Laurel; Florence; Gordon; Wills and Wier, both Eugene; Leonard; Constantine; Stephen, both Orono; Roy H. Johnson, Eugene; Peris; Alvord; Lyle; E. June; Keck, both Eugene; Faldson and Fern; Stenberg; Jodi; Irving G. Jackson at Constant, both Eugene; Glen; E. Esther; Askberg, both Eugene.

HERE ON LEAVE—Private William L. H. the U. S. marine corps the Seattle is home on furlough his family. His wife and children will join him there as living quarters can be. He is stationed at a depot there.

FORESEEN SILVER LINE—BUTTE, Mont. (AP)—Close of the war, the price of silver may be a silver-plated can may be a silver-plated manager of the Sunbeam mine. He declares the sumption of silver has in the past few months and likely being used as a raw tin.

Candidate Davis 21; Gets Commission Soon

Monday will be the twenty-first birthday anniversary of Candidate Earl D. Davis, who on next Thursday will receive his second lieutenant's commission at the engineer's training school at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Earl is the son of Mrs. D. C. Lindgren, 1338 Washington street, Eugene.

Candidate Davis has been in the army for three years. He held a technical sergeant's rating, going to Fort Belvoir from Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, having had charge of map reproduction for the fourth corps, third army, at Beauregard.

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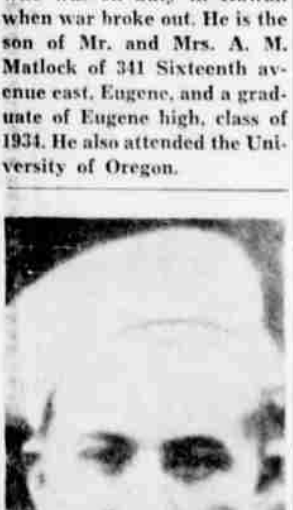
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**THE SWINDALL BROTHERS**, Eldred (left), and Wilfred, are both in the army. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swindall, Eugene. Eldred, a graduate of Eugene high, and a former OSC student, is now stationed at Karachi, India, with the air corps. Wilfred, a private with the 59th infantry, underwent training at Camp Wolters and Camp Benkeley, Texas, before being transferred to Fort Devins, Mass.



**CORPORAL ROBERT (Bob) MATLOCK**, one of Uncle Sam's volunteer soldiers who was on duty in Hawaii when war broke out. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Matlock of 341 Sixteenth avenue east, Eugene, and a graduate of Eugene high, class of 1934. He also attended the University of Oregon.



**Lt. Ray R. Hewitt Gets Marine Commission**  
Home on furlough this week is Lt. Ray R. Hewitt, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Hewitt, 1923 E. 19th, who has just received his wings in the marine air corps at the Corpus Christi naval air station in Texas.



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**LEWIS A. CROW**, 17, son of Mrs. W. A. Dall, Trent, joined the navy in June, 1941. He is an aviation metalsmith, stationed at the San Diego naval air station. He attended Pleasant Hill high.

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