News of Lane County Men Now Serving Uncle Sam

Air War Over Africa Desert Described by Creswell Flier

Lt. John J. Weber, formerly of Creswell and a graduate of the University of Oregon, has been flying with the AAF in North Africa since September.

"We bombed the panzers and enemy airdromes for 10 days and then the army broke through and now we've pushed to Tobruk and haven't done anything for more than a week.'

This excerpt from a letter written by John J. Weber of Creswell seems to be typical of the impatience felt by the American impatience eWof etao etaoin nn soldier at inactivity.

He continues, "We were taking off for the last raid of the day and at 2000 feet the dust made visibility poor. Two bombers tangled up and Tommys tail got chewed off. He did a half loop and hit the deck in about six seconds. I saw it all. We flew the mission and lost two more ships over the target from ack-ack. All of us got from 100 to 300 holes. I got hit on one raid and lost an engine but managed to get back."

The list of places where Lt. Weber has been since the start of the war includes Porto Rico, Trinidad, Brazil, Ascension Islands, Gold Coast, Nigeria, French Equatorial Africa, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Egypt, Libya, Palestine, Syria, and Transjordan. "And I've flown over a lot of other places," he ends.

"One thing I'll say for the Sahara. The nights are the clearest and the most beautiful in the world. The sky has twice as many stars. I flew over El Daba today and took a look at a bunch of wrecked Messerschmidts, gliders, tanks and saw a mess of graveyards. The Huns took a beating but the war isnt over yet."

Sixteen Lane Women Members of WAAC

An announcement by Colonel J. J. Fuller from WAAC recruiting headquarters in Portland places the number of Lane county women now serving in the Auxiliary corps at 16. Nine of these are from Eugene.

Although appreciative of the interest Lane county has thus far shown in the WAACs, Colonel Fulmer emphasized the fact that hundreds more must be enlisted if the district is to provide its share of the army of 150,000 recently authorized by congress.

The Lane county representation in the women's army now includes, from Eugene: Mary M. Beltz, Hildred Bradley, Lee E. Hammock, Cordelia E. Carpenter, Claire L. Getty, Stella E. Golden, Helen M. Lewis, Madia G. Moorhead, Thelma J. Swennes, Gladis E. Harper, Mary C. Kabler, and Barbara F. Yates. From other Lane communities are: Lottie E. Groff, route 1, Creswell, Edith I. Honnold, route 1, Junction City, Eunice E. Knauber, route 1, Creswell, Beryl A. Smith, Cottage Grove, and Jessie H. Keeney, Springfield.

Lota Carroll Wins WAAC Commission

Lota I. Carroll of 1128 Washington, Eugene, has been commissioned a third officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, according to word from Des Moines, Iowa. Third officer is the WAAC equivalent of second lieutenant.

Cassie Armenda Evans of Swisshome also has begun training at Fort Des Moines. For the first four weeks she will be assigned to a basic company for more detailed training.

Lt. Robertson Is Home on Leave

Lieutenant Howard L. Robertson, now stationed at Boise, Idaho, is home on a few days leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Robertson and other relatives and friends. Lieutenant Robertson received his "wings" recently at the army air base at La Junta, Colo. He is a graduate of Eugene high school and attended the University of Oregon for a time.

THEODORE GRANIK, founder, director, moderator of the 15-year-old "American Forum of the Air," heard over Mutual, Sundays, 5:00 to 5:45 p. m. PWT, will receive an honorary degree from his Alma Mater, St. John's University, which considers him its "outstanding alumnus."

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KORE Eugene, Ore

Frank P Wadnizak, son of Mrs Victoria Wadnizak of Eugene, enlisted in the navy in May, 1942, and went overseas in August. He is a machinist mate 1-c now on duty in the South Pacific.

Aviation cadet Philip Smith, 23, son of Mrs. Gertrude F. Smith of Eugene, is stationed at Corpus Christi, Tex., for advanced flight training with the naval air force. Cadet Smith, who has three brothers in the armed forces, attended UCLA for three years.

Eugene Officer Has Colorful Career

William Milnor Sanford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sanford of Portland, was promoted early this month to the rank of first lieutenant. He lived in Eugene from 1930 to 1935 and was graduated from University high school and the University of Oregon, where he received his bachelor of science degree in journalism and advertising.

Lt. Sanford, who is now stationed at Maxwell Field, Ala., is one of the few army pilots who wears two sets of wings, for he is a pilot in the Royal Canadian air force before he transferred into the U.S. army air forces in May, 1942. He wears the RCAF wings on his right breast and the American wings on his left.

He joined the RCAF in May, 1941, and had just completed his flying training there and was awaiting his appointment either as a sergeant pilot or officer when he made the transfer. He was sent to Ellington Field, Tex., where he took a conversion course and was commissioned a second lieutenant. From Ellington Field he was ordered to Colorado Springs, Colo., for photographic operational training.

His next assignment took him to Alaska and the Yukon territory for three months. He is now assigned to the base photo section here as photo pilot and assistant photo officer.

Jessie Ruhndorf Officer in WAVES

Jessie May Ruhndorf, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Ruhndorf of 1348 Oak street, Eugene, was assigned to active duty last month after being commissioned an ensign in the U.S.N.R.

After being graduated from Willamette University with a BA degree, Miss Ruhndorf worked as secretary of the Springfield Plywood corp., and then taught at Jacksonville high school, Jacksonville, Ore. She also holds a private pilot's license, having completed a course under the Civilian Aeronautics administration.

Lt. Fergus J. Wood, son of Professor and Mrs. Louis A. Wood of Eugene, is now at San Marcos, Tex., base weather officer at the army air force's navigation school. A former student of the University of Oregon, Lt. Wood pursued his studies at the Universities of California, Chicago and Michigan.

Herman Earl Raymond, seaman 2-c, stationed at San Diego naval training base, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Raymond, formerly of McKenzie bridge but now of Glendale. He was graduated from Drain high school and then attended business college in Portland.

Donald Coulter Wins Lieutenant's Bars

Donald H. Coulter of Eugene was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. army Feb. 5, upon successful completion of the officer candidate course at the infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga. Lt. Coulter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Coulter of 1470 Nineteenth avenue east, Eugene.

The new lieutenant was inducted into the army on July 23, 1942, and served with the 89th infantry training battalion, Camp Roberts, Calif., before going to officer candidate school three months ago. He held the rank of corporal before being commissioned. He is a graduate of Eugene high school.

Commission Won By Lloyd A. Cummins

Lloyd A. Cummins recently was commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry of the U.S. army at Fort Benning, Ga., and is now stationed at Camp Walters, Tex., where he has been assigned to the training Cadre.

Mrs. Cummins and their young son, Richard, are now residing at the Hotel Baker, Mineral Wells, Tex., near Camp Walters.

Lt. Cummins, formerly of McKenzie Bridge, attended Oregon State college and the University of Oregon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cummins of McKenzie Bridge and has been in the army since June 7, 1942.

Lt. Burkholder Visits

Lt. Kenneth Burkholder visited Eugene last week on his furlough following his graduation from officers training school located at Belvoir, Va. He was head of the O. and C. Land administration office located in the Federal building here for several years before enlisting in the army March, 1943.

Lt. Burkholder received his commission on Feb. 3, in the third army engineers, and immediately after his visit to Eugene, reported back for duty in Missouri. His mother is Mrs. Jeanette Smith of Depoe Bay. Lt. Burkholder has a home in Eugene located on Full View Drive addition.

City Hoop Play Back to Normal

CITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Standings	W.	L.	Pct.
Man's Shop Guards	12	2	.857
Springfield C.I.O.	11	3	.786
Richfield Oil	10	4	.714
Northwest C. C.	10	4	.714
Baptist Church	10	4	.714
Electric Steel	7	7	.500
Peterson's Grocery	4	10	.286
Medo-Land Creamery	4	10	.286
Danebo	2	12	.143
N.Y.A. Camp	0	14	.000

Following a two-week period of torrid play, City league basketball reverts to form during the coming week when only three of eight scheduled games show possibilities of involving changes among the five leading quintets.

The Man's Shop Guards, victors in 12 consecutive games after two early-season defeats, are favored to retain their top ranking during the week—making time until meeting the Baptists and Northwest Christian College next week in the closing series of the season.

The Christians are the only leaders who face a formidable foe in the four games Monday at the Men's gym—against Electric Steel Foundry. In the regularly scheduled Wednesday and Thursday games—moved from the junior high courts for a complete four-game series Wednesday—the Baptists and the N.C.C. aggregations vie in the top game, and Richfield Oil will risk its ranking in a tilt against Electric Steel. A special informal scrimmage has been arranged between the league-leading Guards and the Sigma Chi fraternity at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Men's gym.

The schedule for the week, all games at the Men's gym, follows:

Monday: East gym—8 p. m., Danebo vs. Baptists; 9 p. m., Man's Shop Guards vs. Medo-Land. West gym—8 p. m., Electric Steel vs. N.C.C.; 9 p. m. C.I.O. vs. Peterson's.

Wednesday: East gym—7 p. m., N.C.C. vs. Baptists; 8 p m., Danebo vs. Peterson's; 9 p. m., Electric Steel vs. Richfield. West gym—7:30 p. m., Guards vs. Sigma Chi; 8:30 p. m., CIO vs. Medo-Land.

$200 Purse On Line In Challenge Bowling

Two hundretd dollars will ride on the revolutions of four ebony bowling balls at the U-Bowl alleys Sunday afternoon when two local keglers take on a pair of ace Portland bowlers in a 10-game challenge match. The four pinbusters will vie in a return match in Portland later in the winter.

At 1:30 p. m. Virgil Jones and Roy Northam of Eugene will toe the starting line against Clarence Nordstrom and Walt Woods of Portland. The high aggregate scores of the two doubles teams will be matched one against the other.

Axemen, Millers in Vital District Game

DISTRICT 6

Standings	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
Eugene	7	1	.887	299	231
Springfield	5	2	.714	229	190
Junction City	4	4	.500	269	269
St. Mary's	3	4	.429	211	250
University high	3	4	.429	212	211
Cottage Grove	0	7	.000	209	278

District 6 basketball play enters its final big week with all eyes focused on the game at Springfield next Friday night between the Millers and Ford Mullen's league-leading Eugene Axemen. The game will virtually decide the district championship, providing no upsets are posted in Tuesday's games.

The Axemen, who have not yet fully recovered from their embarrassing defeat last Tuesday night to the University high Tiders, can finish no worse than a tie even though they lose to Springfield—necessitating a playoff. The Millers, on the other hand, must defeat Frank Thomas' dangerous crew of Junction City Tigers, with Don Davenport back in his old form again, next Tuesday night, and a defeat by either the Tigers or the Axemen will give Eugene the title.

However, the Millers are riding at the crest of the wave, and most experts figure that the Eugene-Springfield game will be the best of the year, and decide the title winners.

There was little important action on the district front during the week, excelpt for Hank Kuchera's first basketball victory over a Eugene high team. The 'B' league tournament forced postponement of the St. Mary's-Springfield contest, which would have no bearing on the final standings, and in the only other games, Junction City defeated Cottage Grove twice leaving the hapless Lions to still seek their first triumph.

Tuesday night, Eugene faces the strong St. Mary's quintet, runner-up in the county 'B' tournament. The game at the EHS floor will find the Gaels out to revenge a nine point defeat in their first meeting. In other Tuesday games, Cottage Grove plays University high at the Igloo, and Springfield travels to Junction City.

Aside from the Springfield contest on Friday, Cottage Grove meets St. Mary's on the Gael's floor, and Junction City will play University high, probably on Thursday night.

The above contests will complete the district play, except for postponed games between St. Mary's and Springfield and University high and Cottage Grove.

Don Davenport, Junction City's clever shooting guard, scored 18 points against Cottage Grove Friday night to replace Ernie Danner, Eugene, as scoring leader. Davenport now has 90 compared with 88 for Danner who could score only four points against his former teammates, UHS.

A recheck in the scoring finds that Jerry Switzer, rugged Tide center, had 67 points last week instead of 77, and the nine against Eugene gives him 76 and fourth place, one point behind Springfield's Wade Cowan. Cowan and Switzer have appeared in only seven games, however, while Danner and Davenport have participated in eight contests.

The leading scorers:

NAME SCHOOL	G	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Davenport, Junction	8	42	6	12	90
Danner, Eugene	8	38	12	9	88
Mortenson, Junction	8	33	19	15	85
Cowan, Springfield	7	31	15	9	77
Switzer, Uni. high	7	28	20	13	76
Wolf, Eugene	8	24	13	19	61
Heitzman, St. Mary's	7	23	8	5	54
Cain, Eugene	7	24	2	13	50
Dowell, Springfield	7	20	10	17	50
Patton, Junction City	8	19	9	14	47
Wicks, Cottage Grove	5	22	2	8	46
Luckey, Springfield	7	14	13	12	41
DeWitt, Cottage Grove	7	14	11	11	39
Baldinger, Uni. high	6	16	6	19	38
Stratton, Springfield	7	15	7	18	37
Harpole, Cottage Grove	7	14	8	14	36
Marshik, St. Mary's	6	13	7	17	33
Lednickey, Junction City	8	12	8	3	32

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Cougar Contests Last For Ducks

A two-game basketball series between Washington State college and the University of Oregon will feature the local sports program during the coming week for Webfoot athletes. The games to be played at McArthur court Friday and Saturday will conclude Oregon's regular northern division, Pacific coast conference basketball season.

Coach Mike Hoyman's swimming team, defending division champions, will vie in Pullman Saturday in an effort to retain the championship in a meet against Washington's favored Huskies, Washington State, Oregon State, Idaho and possibly Montana.

The Oregon freshman basketball team will close its season at Corvallis Monday when the Ducklings will make an effort to even the score with the Oregon State Rooks. Coach Earl Sandness' yearlings have lost two of three meetings with Luke Gill's Baby Beavers. The game is expected to be the 1943 finale for both aggregations.

Coach Jack Friel's Washington State Cougars come here after a two game series against Oregon State in Corvallis Tuesday and Wednesday. The Pullman hoopmen, handicapped by the loss of Captain Owen Hunt, still have a good chance to lift the northern division crown, but face formidable foes in the Beavers and the Webfoots.

Washington State won both games from Oregon State in Pullman, but split with Oregon earlier in the season when high-scoring Gail Bishop was absent from the lineup.

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Week's Highlights

By MARK HOWARD

Spring may not be here officially yet, but all its blessings in the weather line have arrived. Last week saw coats laid aside and white shoes again become the conventional footwear. The sky overhead was (prohibited by the censor) and Eugeneans took full advantage of it, the majority walking to and from work and once again hauling forth dust-laden golf clubs and tennis rackets.

Those who in times past have enjoyed evening strolls with their dogs were forced to take precautionary measures during the week, with a dog poisoner already having claimed the lives of several pets. A letter, presumably from the poisoner, which was received at the Guard offices Feb. 18, "declared war" on dogs in order to "protect" shrubs, flowers and gardens. . . Sounds something like Adolf's protection measures, doesn't it?

Southern Pacific's new main line along the river bank went into operation Feb. 18—making University classrooms again quiet. . . . W. B. Farier, Fall Creek, displayed a three-and-half foot bobcat here recently. He trapped the animal in the hills above Fall Creek. . . . Funds from the sale of war bonds for the Lane county "Firebird" bomber reached $88,225 this week.

Sheriff O. E. Crowe announced that 17 pairs of boots have been loaned to farmers from the stack collected from local sportsmen. The boots were donated for farmers who have to harvest crops on wet ground . . . another week of this weather and they'll be picking their daisy-chains in their bare feet.

Dr. Dallas Dedrick of the University has been appointed head of the gas protection division of the Lane county defense council. . . . Stanley R. Stevenson was named chairman of the Red Cross war fund drive for the county, said drive scheduled to begin March 2.

Sterling Boehnke, former manager of the Gilbert shoe store, is now an army ski instructor at Camp Douglas, Wis. . . . The University of Oregon was included in the WMC's list of 51 additional colleges and universities approved for use by the army and navy for specialized training programs.

Dr. Norman K. Tully became an adopted father Feb. 11, when a two-weeks-old baby boy was left on his doorstep—the note from the baby's mother said that she was "alone and stranded." . . . William Tugman and Karl W. Onthank of Eugene were elected vice-president and executive secretary, respectively, of the Oregon Dad's association at the annual meeting here recently.

Strite Says

Biggest upset of the week in local sports was University high's first victory over Eugene in years, 18 to 15. . . It was the District 6 loss of the season for Axemen, and against a team was without two regulars. the state prep picture, Astoria remains undefeated and North Bend continues to give promise of an outstanding contender for the 1943 state title. . . .

Oregon retained a slim chance for the northern division, Pacific coast conference crown by downing Oregon State 50-35 last Saturday after dropping a decision at Corvallis the previous night. The same two teams meet again in two games this coming week-end. . . The Washington Huskies hold a slight lead, Washington State can go over the week-end with a victory over Idaho. . . Billy has overtaken Fred Quinn of Idaho as the northern division scoring leader, 146 to 136 points; both are within reach of the individual scoring record, set by Ray Turner of Idaho with points in 16 games.

Southern California has won straight games and needs a victory over Stanford's 1942 NCAA champions this week-end to be assured of at least a tie for the southern division title. . . Professional wrestling went on a "two-a-month" schedule here this year.

Fritz Kramer is coaching the Eugene Hatchetmen who have suffered a loss this season. . . Gordon's Man's Shop Guards are leading the City basketball league after scoring their 12th straight league victory and hold a game margin over Springfield in the 10-team circuit. . .

BIRTHS—Sons to Mr. and Mrs. Wilford, Capt. and Mrs. Ray Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Larsen, and Mrs. Robert D. Miller, all of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Alden Slocum, and Mr. and Mrs. Vogt, both of Junction City; Mrs. Earl Drury, Fall Creek; and Mrs. L. W. Burge, Wendling.

Daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Mieuwboer, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. and Mr. and Mrs. Homer of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. John Walton; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mr. and Mrs. Harland E. of Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Winther, Portland; and Mr. and Clifford Morningstar, Wendling.

MARRIAGE LICENSES—Thomas Terry and Rosylnn Yner Merrill, Eugene; Raymond Arthur and Anita Elizabeth Pugh, Springfield; Wendell Codding, Eugene, and Florence Marie Marshfield; William David tle, and Dorothy Finora St. gene; Roy Alford Strandberg, and Lillian Irene Dahl, Dean Lee Curtis, Harrisburg, and Nell Berryhill, Junction City.

DEATHS—Mrs. Katie B. son of Mr. and Mrs. John kel, Walter O. Swan, Edward Barnett, Jr., Mary Jane Crum, Krikava, George S. Knight, and Willoughby, all of Eugene; Ella Elliott and Mrs. Sallie Shahan, all of Springfield; Mrs. Brock, Harrisburg; Charlotte Lynch, Marcola; Martin Lee Perry, Noti; and John Alfred Cottage Grove.

Sgt. Harbert Visits

Sergeant Wayne Harbert of Eugene, stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, is home on a few days leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Harbert at Vaughn, and with friends in Eugene. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon and is a former news staff member at the Register-Guard.

OAKLEY WINS CITATION

Included among the 19 enlisted men who recently received ratings for meritorious service aboard the aircraft carrier town in various Pacific engagements, is Bandmaster Edgar Oakley, 150 Blair Blvd., Eugene.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
All landowners affected by flood waters from Fern Ridge Dam are urged to attend the meeting to be held at Franklin Grange hall Thursday, Feb. 25, at 8 p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and determine extent of damages caused and ways and means to obtain relief. If you are interested do not fail to attend this meeting.
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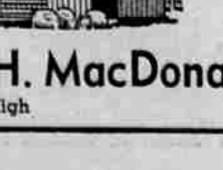

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