

Aid Cause for Nations

Scouts of America is rebuilding scouting in all liberated countries. A "Friendship Fund" was announced incidentally in the 10th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. K. A. ... executive, said Monday.

Just A Nice, Safe, Quiet War For Him---To Hear Him Tell It

By ANN CONNELL To hear Lt. Col. George E. Falkner talk about his military career would lead one to believe that life is "just a bowl of cherries" in the troop carrier command; that this is one outfit where danger never strikes, risks are never taken; just about the safest, quietest spot in the whole wide, warring world. (He was talking before his wife, of course.)



LT. COL. FALKNER

Missions are negligible, he would have one think; seemingly no account is kept of their number: "We're not at all like the combat fliers who go out day after day, night after night; our flights are all at one time, maybe months apart, depending upon when an invasion is on."

Apparently, it's just a matter of coincidence that this quiet, smiling young man, whose years number only 26 (probably far fewer than his missions) have come the silver leaves, shoulder insignia of a lieutenant colonel; the air medal with five oakleaf clusters (although he wears but one or two of them); the distinguished flying cross and recently, the bronze star and unit citation.

Colonel Falkner, who with Mrs. Falkner visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert D. Falkner of 297 Park Avenue, recently, is an excessively modest man, for sure. We see another side of the story. How it really is.

He is, as a matter of fact, the operations officer of the very successful 214th troop carrier group, and when paratroopers are sent into enemy territory in an invasion, he attends to a large part of it. On his European theater campaign ribbon are four battle stars, standing for the invasions of Sicily, Italy, Normandy and Holland, and every one of those decorations has been earned by dependable service, be sure--no matter how the young lieutenant colonel may depreciate his own activities!

Colonel Falkner has Irish blue eyes, a determined chin at variance with his retiring manner (a true lieutenant-colonel's chin), and a very charming wife. Landing in New York Jan. 13, he managed to get to Pittsburgh on the same day to meet her--that chin, again!

young officer last fall, government dispatches stated it was for the courage, skill and technical proficiency displayed in his brilliant leadership of a fleet of unarmed, unarmored troop-carrier aircraft to discharge missions of vital importance to the opening phase of military operations on the continent.

Again, with the award of the bronze star, shortly afterward, for his group's operations from June 6, 1944, to Sept. 30, 1944, it was stated: "The eminent success achieved in combat by his unit was in a large measure attributed to the energy, zeal, and devotion to duty displayed by this individual and the high standard of excellence attained by him in the performance of his assigned tasks."

So, that for the colonel's modesty! And Mrs. Falkner wasn't a bit fooled either--SHE knows he is a remarkable man!

41st Division Has Big Part In Pacific

HEADQUARTERS 41ST DIVISION, Far Pacific--Of 18 major assault-invasions launched by the U. S. forces against the Japs in 1944, four, or one-quarter of the total, were sprung by the famed 41st infantry division.

The amphibious attacks and subsequent conquests of Aitape, Hollandia, Wakde and Biak were accomplished by the 41st.

The other 12 Pacific invasions were, chronologically, Saider, the Marshalls, the Admiralties, Saipan, Guam, Noemfof, Sangapora, Morotai, Palau, Leyte, Ormoc and Mindoro. A grand total of 20-odd divisions, including marines, handled those assignments.

The 41st, commanded by Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe, is the most veteran outfit in the southwest Pacific, now serving its 34th month overseas. In addition to the aforementioned actions, the division in 1943 participated in the jungle fighting at Buna, Sanananda and Salamaua. During the latter campaign the Jungleers established a world record for continuous fighting in foxholes by enduring 76 consecutive days and nights without relief or succor.

Three times has President Roosevelt conferred unit citations on the 41st, a record no other army division has attained in the Pacific war.

The original Oregon national guard division, the personnel of the 41st is largely drawn from Oregon.

Robbi Joseph Gitin Lecture Series Speaker

Robbi Joseph Gitin of the University of Southern California, Berkeley, will speak on "Judaism and Democracy" at the University lecture Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p. m. in room 12, Friendly hall.

Robbi Gitin is being sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua society of Cincinnati, Ohio, and has been recommended highly by that organization. His appearance on the campus is as a part of the regular university lecture series sponsored each year by the faculty.

Robbi Gitin is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati. Before taking his present post as Hillel director at the U. of S. C. he served as Rabbi in Buffalo, N.Y. He was a weekly radio speaker over station WGR and a lecturer at Buffalo's Tarbut college. He is a member of the executive board of the Boy Scouts of America.

The "Plight of the Jews in Europe and the Future of Palestine" will be discussed by Robbi Joseph Gitin, University of California Hillel director, Berkeley, Calif., before a University of Oregon student audience Friday, Feb. 16, at 4 p. m. in Alumni hall, Geringer.

The lecture is sponsored by the YWCA, the YMCA and the Wesley and Westminster foundations on the campus. Chairmen for the meeting are the officers of the Student Religious council.

Soldier In Pacific Notes Home Lumber

Whenever a shipment of lumber, or tent poles, boxes or crates bearing west coast stamps comes to a certain outpost in the Philippines it's like a breath of fire-scented Oregon air to Cpl. Robin P. Arkley. In a recent letter to his father, R. P. Arkley, owner of the Arkley Lumber company of Eugene, Corporal Arkley tells of seeing various west coast mills identified on lumber received at their post.

"My tent is held up by a tent pole made by Twin Harbors Lumber company," Corporal Arkley reports, "and I know you cut a lot of rough tent pole stock for Twin H. so it is quite possible this tent pole was made by you."

The building instinct has got the best of Corporal Arkley, for in the same letter he tells of undertaking a project to build a locker for himself with the help of a Filipino carpenter.

"Today I acquired a nice big box--a real west coast box--made by Polson Bros. and a DuBois Lumber company. Do you know them, Pop? I went 10 feet away and knocked at the door of the carpenter--Filipino--and told him to come around about 1 o'clock and I will direct him--doing most of the work myself--how to fix it up. It's 18 inches high, two feet wide and three feet long and I'll have a lid made for it and a shelf

and it will make a swell dressing table for my tent.

"The other day saw some 2x12, par. 215 from another northwest mill." Corporal Arkley told his father, "and it sure seemed good and like a visit from home." Apparently Corporal Arkley keeps his eyes open for any sign of lumber from mills he knows here in the northwest.

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Reason For Wreck Injuring 91 Sought

REDLANDS, Calif., Feb. 13--(P)--Railroad officials sought today the cause of a head-on collision between a Southern Pacific passenger train and an eastbound freight in which 91 persons were injured. Thirty-five were hospitalized.

The Californian, bound for Los Angeles from Chicago with 900 passengers aboard, had just left Redlands when the wreck occurred yesterday morning on a curve near San Timoteo canyon, three miles west.

S. P. Seeks Industries

Southern Pacific company is conducting an intensive campaign to interest eastern industries in locating in the west, and the results are gratifying, said Vice-President W. W. Hale, in charge of system freight traffic for the railroad, in a talk prepared for delivery at the Western States Council's steel committee conference scheduled at Salt Lake City Tuesday.

"We already have assurance of quite a few large nationally known concerns that they intend locating important operations in the west," he said. "This list is being added to almost daily."

Oregon Casualties

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13--(AP)--Oregon soldiers wounded in Europe: Bearse, Ernest L., husband of Mrs. Iris S. Bearse, Portland. Burgess, Cecil F., son of John P. Burgess, Coquille. Cooney, Bertrand J., Cpl., son of Mrs. Margaret R. Cooney, Portland. Colman, Lee J., 2nd Lt., husband of Mrs. Rella M. Colman, Portland. Cooney, Francis J., 1st Lt., husband of Mrs. Marie M. Cooney, Portland. Courtright, Darwin D., Cpl., son of Mrs. Rose I. Courtright, route 1, Springfield. Gray, Robert R., 2nd Lt., son of Mrs. Mabel Gray, Corvallis. Hamilton, Millard F., Sgt., husband of Mrs. Lola R. Hamilton, Portland. Helman, Harold H., Pvt., son of Mrs. Rose Helman, Oregon City. Hodson, John M., Pvt., husband of Mrs. Mildred E. Hodson, Umpqua. Hotchkiss, Alvin J., Cpl., husband of Mrs. Ruth Mae Hotchkiss, Vancouver City. Irvin, Melvin H., Pfc., son of Mrs. Roberta E. Irvin, Portland. Janeway, Claude B., PFC., son of Richard L. Janeway, Salem. McDowell, Estell R., PFC., son of George A. McDowell, Treshler. Niklas, Richard G., PFC., son of Hans W. Niklas, Portland. Rapp, Arthur L., Pvt., son of Mrs. Agnes Rapp Holley. Sundbaum, Carl P., 1st Lt., husband of Mrs. Dagny M. Sundbaum, Marshfield. Willard, Wayne E., Pvt., son of Edgar J. Willard, Salem.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13--(AP)--Oregon naval casualties: Eggen, Wendell Julian, seaman second class, U. S. naval reserve. Missing. Wife, Mrs. Ruth Shearer Eggen, Grants Pass. Fisher, Zane Enos, seaman second class, U. S. N. R. Missing. Mother, Mrs. Johanna Fisher, Summerville. Leabo, Donald Cleo, radio technician, U. S. naval reserve. Missing. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Cleo Leabo, The Dalles. Maxwell, Virgil Lionel, seaman first class, U. S. naval reserve. Dead. Wife, Mrs. Jessie Ellen Maxwell, Albany. Moon, Roland Roy, seaman first class, U. S. naval reserve. Missing. Wife, Mrs. Arlene M. Moon, Eugene. Peerenboom, Donald Gray, soundman third class, U. S. naval reserve. Missing. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander F. Peerenboom, Gaston.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13--(AP)--Two Oregon men were among 65 merchant marine casualties reported to next of kin during January. Both missing in action, they are: Friedrich, John Henry, which driver; wife, Mrs. Ida Friedrich, Portland. Smith, George Washington, officer; mother, Mrs. Jessie Smith, Monument.

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How To Get Housing

What a group of community-minded citizens can do to meet the need of adequate housing in the war-swollen population centers of the Pacific coast, as well as to fill the needs of post-war home planning is brought out in the March issue of the American magazine in an article by Don Eddy titled, "How to Build Your Post-war Home."

It explains in detail the functions of the Home Planners institute which was inaugurated by Ralph Cake, president of the Equitable Savings and Loan association, and ex-president of the U. S. Savings and Loan league and a few other civic-minded citizens of the northwest.

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IS THIS WAR OVER? YES, IT IS - FOR HIM! Image of a soldier in a trench.

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