

Serving Uncle Sam

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Lt. William Voss

Working as late as 3 o'clock in the morning, sleeping until 9 or 10 a.m., and sleeping with nothing but a fellow serviceman's overcoat for a covering is no novelty to First Lt. William Baker Voss, son of Mrs. E. G. Voss of 925 North 16th street, with the U.S. army in France for his overseas job often calls for such a routine.

Lt. Voss, who was graduated from Willamette university in 1935 and prior to his enlistment shortly after Pearl Harbor was a research engineer with the Lockheed Aircraft Manufacturing plant, describes France as pretty, at least in places. He tells of passing a town that looked almost like a fairy book town from the distance. Located on top of a rolling hill the houses, which were very close together, surrounded a large church with a tall steeple and all of the buildings were old and picturesque. The countryside was gently rolling and very green. Poplars sprinkled here and there completed the picture.

The highways in that part of France are in good condition and are often bordered by lanes of trees—poplars, silver poplars, apple trees and a variety of different species. In that far off country, too, are to be found many apple orchards.

Mentioned as much appreciated by himself and other servicemen, as well, was a joke book sent the lieutenant and a copy of Coronet magazine. Dried fruits, he says, are foodstuffs that ordinarily come through the mails in good condition and are always welcomed by the men.

Seeing a bit of the conflict in the south Pacific have been a rather and son combination, Lt. Col. H. G. "Fod" Maison, with the army, and Lt. (j. g.) Mack Maison, with the navy. Col. Maison, who first left for the south Pacific with the Oregon national guard in February, 1942, seeing action with the 41st division, has recently been transferred to the 8th division where he is in command of the 63rd Infantry. He was one of the first Oregon officers to return to the States early last spring on a 30-day leave. The son, who is a graduate of Annapolis, stopped in Salem recently this month enroute from the south Pacific to naval flying school in Iowa after his required year at sea with the fleet, a prerequisite for naval flight training for regular navy men.

With marine invaders of Guam was Pfc. David Berger, son of Major and Mrs. Armin Berger. The marine, whose father is also in the Pacific area, has been overseas since January of this year and in the service since January 28, 1942.

Woodburn—Leaving Thursday morning from the local draft board headquarters for induction into the armed forces at Portland were Clifton F. Pokrony of Woodburn, Rober J. Griesenauer of Brooks, Veri E. Hershberger and Kenneth A. Hovenden of Hubbard, Sheldon A. Johnson of Silverton and Tommy J. Taylor of Scotts Mills. A transfer from Pasadena, Cal. Pokrony was placed in charge of the men on the bus trip to Portland.

A letter received here from Pvt. George Ishida, Japanese-American in the armed forces, advises that he is in a hospital at Spokane suffering with a wound in the leg which was shattered with shrapnel in an engagement in Italy and the surgeon has not as yet determined whether an amputation will be necessary. Ishida is a native American, born in Colorado, but for a number of years was a celery raiser in the Lahish section. He says he is the only one who survived out of a five-man squad in the encounter which may cost him a leg.

A U. S. Troop Carrier Base, European Theater of Operations—Staff Sgt. Galen B. Bolljes of Salem, Oregon, crew chief of a C-47 aircraft in the U. S. troop carrier forces, recently participated in the daylight operation when paratroopers were dropped over the Rhine delta in Holland near the German border. The first combined operation of the newly created 1st Allied Airborne army, thousands of paratroopers and glider borne infantry were employed in an effort to outflank the Siegfried line from the north.

Flying for miles over enemy held territory in a path previously blasted by allied fighters and bombers, the large unarmed and unarmored C-47 aircraft met little German opposition. Back at his base after the mission Sgt. Bolljes said, "It was a terrific mission! Everything seemed to work like clockwork, and those troops came out of the planes like letters out of a mail chute."

Carrying paratroops is an old success story for the outfit to which Sgt. Bolljes belongs; they participated in the invasions of Sicily, Italy, and Normandy and have also piled up an enviable record carrying supplies and evacuating wounded troops from combat areas.

The army man is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bolljes, of 1498 Ferry street. A graduate of the Davenport high school in Davenport, Nebraska, he was employed in the post office in Salem before entering the service in January, 1943. His outfit has been awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation. He wears the Distinguished Unit badge and Air Medal for meritorious service, while participating in the invasion of Normandy, and with the North African Middle Eastern European campaign ribbon.

Mill City—Cpl. Milan Weston of the artillery coast guard, who has been stationed near Seward, Alaska, and recently spent his 28-day furlough with his grandmother, Mrs. Addie Hayes of Mill City, with whom he resided when a child, and with his mother, Mrs. J. E. Clark, and family. The coast guardman attended Mill City schools and for the past six years has been with the U. S. coast guard. Since entering the service he has been stationed at Fort Stevens, Fort Lewis, Fort Canby and Seward, Alaska, making his longest stay in Alaska. He now reports for duty at Bowerly Field, Texas.

Silverton—Tech. Sgt. Dean Stamey with the armed forces in the European area has informed his parents the Carl Stameys of Salem and his brother Maurice, Silverton, that geographically, the countries in which he is located extend over a lesser section than the Pacific northwest. The first of three letters written on three consecutive days, was from France, the second from Belgium and the third from Holland. Sgt. Stamey has been in the service more than two years.



Cpl. Harvey Young

recently returned from 31 months of service in the South Pacific, where he has served with the 41st division, who has been visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Parker of 706 North Commercial street, and his uncle, Clarence Parker. Born in Salem, the army corporal was graduated from high school at Kelso, Wash. After visiting in Longview, Wash., with his mother, Mrs. C. D. McLean, he left to report to California, for re-assignment.



Staff Sgt. Gordon Trick

Prisoner of war since May 26, when his plane went down over territory occupied by the Germans, Staff Sgt. Gordon L. Trick, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Trick of Salem has been awarded the air medal with one oak leaf cluster, with the presentation made to his mother by Lt. Col. B. H. Jones of the Portland army air base October 14.

In the army for two years, Sgt. Trick had been overseas since April, 1943, and during that short space of time had completed almost three-fourths of his missions. A Salem high school graduate before entering the service he had been with the Pan-American Airlines in Africa for almost a year.

The parents of the prisoner have received a letter from him having a September dateline from Trick in which he mentioned a sore arm that was practically healed, indicating that he was wounded, when captured by the Germans. Baseball was apparently the chief diversion of the prisoners as Trick stated that there were some good ball teams at the camp and that his team had lost but one game, adding that he was the pitcher for his team. Balls and bats used in the game are made by the prisoners, whom he said were getting along alright with the German rations and Red Cross parcels.

Clifton Cass, signalman 1/c of the U. S. navy, who has been on duty for the past two years, is visiting his wife and baby daughter at their home at 2215 State street. Cass was on one of the torpedero ships in the African expedition.

Word of the wounding of Sgt. Dean Stamey was received in Silverton Friday evening. Sgt. Stamey was serving with the armed forces in Germany and was wounded in action October

3. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stamey, longtime residents of Silverton who are now in charge of the laundry at the Fairview home here. Sgt. Stamey and his brother, Maurice Stamey, carried the Capital Journal in Silverton for eight years.

Stayton—Called to Portland from local board No. 3 for pre-induction physicals October 19 were:

Albert F. Schneider, Portland; Clarence F. Simmons, Jr., William O. Morrow, Richard W. Johnson, Melvin F. Wilkinson, Henry O. Pfennig, Wilbur A. Shattuck, Ralph L. Nafziger, Maurice L. Sutton, Dale W. Rice, Jack L. Tull and Roderick H. Hendricks, all of Salem; Merwin S. Muckenham, Turner; David C. Sheldin, Jefferson, Charles M. Stewart, Mill City; Edward A. Minten, Astoria; Laddy J. Franz, West Salem; Ivan W. Chase, Jefferson; Robert M. Martin, Astoria; Anthony F. DeSantis, Silverton; Robert L. Smith, Stayton; and Lyle B. Nash, of Merrill; Harold H. Kisel, Sublimity; William L. Wiederknecht and Frank W. Gilmore of Jefferson; Jack R. Haseman, Idanha; William A. Vice, Alfred J. Renne, Vernon F. Rock, William H. Burright and Richard H. Chandler, all of Salem; Transfers: Rex A. Tanager to Salem; Herbert E. Patterson to Hugo, Calif.; Francis E. Doolin to San Francisco; Roy L. Walker to Seia from Montesano, Wash.

Sgt. Glen Williams, instructor in the air radio school at Sioux Falls, S. D., is home on furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Williams. He expects to leave for Sioux Falls on October 27. He has been connected with the air radio school there for 27 months.

Oregon soldiers announced today by the war department as killed in action in the Mediterranean area are Pvt. Harold E. Robbins whose mother, Mrs. Doris S. Robbins, resides on R. 1, box 33, Turner, and Pvt. Eldon A. Olsen of Molalla, whose wife makes her home in that town.

In the service of the federal government for the past 12 years Miss Ila Scott, supervisor of home economics at the Chemawa Indian school, has enlisted in the Wacs and will take special training as a dietitian or laboratory technician in the army medical department. The enlistee, who is a graduate of Purdue university, took post graduate work at Cornell university. She at one time served as president of the federal employees local union at Chillico, Okla.

Mt. Angel—Chief Petty Officer Travis, U. S. navy, and Mrs. H. L. Travis (Anne Bigler) are guests at the home of her sister, Mrs. Al Saalfeld, for a week. They are enroute to Bunker Hill, Ind., where Travis has been assigned following 21 months of service in the South Pacific. The couple are also visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. A. Bigler, and his father, N. B. Travis, and were feted by their numerous relatives.

Pfc. John Fennimore recently of Fort Benning, Ga., is home on leave at the home of his parents, the S. A. Fennimores.

Silverton—Mr. and Mrs. Milton Thosthude have recent word that their son, Kenneth, aerographer's mate 2/c, is now stationed at Seattle after having served for more than 2 years in the South Pacific. Another son of the Thosthudes, Milton Alan is an army sergeant in France.

Pfc. Arthur H. Dahl of the 71st division at Ft. Benning, Ga., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dahl on furlough, arrived home Thursday and remained until November 5. He has been in the service one and one-half years. Another son of the Dahls, Lt. Raymond Dahl of George field, Ill., had planned a furlough at this time, but was unable to arrive home to be with his brother.

The John L. Merrymans of Cherry street had word from their son, W. W. Merryman, that he graduated with honors Friday, October 13, from the merchant marine officer's school, receiving the rating of assistant engineer. He has been ordered to report to Houston, Texas, by October 28 for location.



What the Well Dressed German Soldier Wears in combat is on display in a show window of the Acklin Bootery on north High street. The display was made possible by Mrs. Katherine Fox of 550 North Summer street who has three boys in the service. One of them sent the various articles to her. The display includes a pair of felt boots with wooden soles, which weigh 10 pounds.

Recently awarded the soldier's medal for heroism was Staff Sgt. Benjamin Blake, crew chief in the engineering section of a tactical reconnaissance group with the Ninth Air Force, whose home address is 2086 Mission street, Salem.

Blake, who joined his present organization at Santa Rosa, Calif., in September, 1943, was cited when after discovering a fire in a hose compartment of a gasoline truck parked adjacent to an operational aircraft he at the risk of his life closed the compartment doors and drove the truck away from the vicinity of the aircraft and extinguished the fire. By his action Sgt. Blake prevented the possible destruction of an operational aircraft and a vehicle as well as the possible injury to those persons in that vicinity.

A graduate of Salem high school, the army sergeant was employed as a sheet metal worker with the Boeing Aircraft company in Seattle prior to entering the service in September, 1942. He completed an airplane mechanic course at Dallas, Texas, and the Allison engine school at Indianapolis, Ind., and has been "crewing" an airplane since his outfit began operations in February, 1944.

Sgt. Blake's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake and his wife and small son, Bennie Earl, make their home in Salem.

Wacanda—Tech. 5 Duane I. Felton, with engineers light pontoon company somewhere in France, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Felton of Mission Bottom, that when his outfit got low on meat he and a group of the Oregonian buddies went elk hunting. He killed a 6-point elk that weighed 320 pounds dressed and one of his buddies killed an elk cow. He added that elk steaks cooked over an open fire were the best ever.

Mrs. Eugene Fields has received word that her husband is now in Holland after spending some time in Belgium with the armed forces. His brother, Harold Fields, is somewhere in France.

Roy Meletta, who is in radio work on a submarine, has recently telegraphed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Meletta, that he had arrived safely at an American port.

Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Nusom report their son, Donald Nusom, U. S. navy, writes he is stationed on an airplane carrier somewhere in the South Pacific.

Brentford J. J. Miller, Jr., of the U. S. navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brentford J. J. Mil-

ler, arrived in port at San Francisco recently after completing a cruise somewhere in the South Pacific.

Lebanon—Lester Parton, former Lebanon city mail carrier who has been with the marines stationed on Indian island near Hadlock, Wash., has received a discharge from the service. He visited in Lebanon Wednesday and said he may return here. During the latter part of Parton's 27 months service he was a mail clerk at the marine base on the island.

Pvt. Paul Williams, former state game enforcement officer for this vicinity was in Lebanon this week on a brief furlough from his army camp in Arkansas. Williams has been in the service since February. When he left the state force two and a half years ago, he was employed at the local paper mill and then in Washington before entering the service.

Scio—Reid Meritt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Meritt of the Providence vicinity, is at naval officers' training school at Butte, Mont., and expects to take further training at an eastern university, according to word received here. He is a graduate of Lebanon high school, and has been in naval training for the past year.

Roy Lambert, truck driver for the Roaring River Logging company, has received notice to report for induction into the navy October 28.

Dolly Martinak, seaman second class of the Waves, stationed at San Diego, is home on 11-day leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dobrovsky, on the farm six miles southeast of Scio. Seaman Martinak's husband, Cpl. Amos Martinak, formerly of Albany and Sweet Home, is with the army in Iceland.

Pfc. Theodore Burmester is spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burmester, east of Scio. He has been stationed for the past 25 months with a medical detachment at Fort Ord, Calif. His younger brother, S/Sgt. Clenton Burmester, has also visited the parental home recently, after seeing service in the Pacific theater. He is currently stationed at Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

In answer to the call from the surgeon general's department for more assistance in the army medical department, Mrs. Valderia Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fowler of route 1, Silverton, enlisted in the Wacs today for assignment to one of the many army hospitals in this country where medical technicians are urgently needed.

ENDS TODAY!
BOB BURNS
"OUR LEADING CITIZEN"
—
Jim Newell
"OUTLAW ROUNDUP"

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ELLEN DREW ANDY DEVINE
PHIL HARRIS - VIRGINIA DALE
LILLIAN CORNELL - DENNIS DAY
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plays trombone...
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pin up girl with
a classy chassis
and gams what ams!

WHO IS IT?
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heaven on ice!
A swell skate!

It's amazing!... It's
astounding!... how many
swell stars, tunes and laughs
have been crammed into
one wonderful show!

PHIL BAKER
AND THE GREATEST ARRAY OF STARS

TAKE IT OR
LEAVE IT

with
EDWARD RYAN
MARJORIE MASSOW
STANLEY PRAGER
Directed by BENJAMIN STOLOFF
Produced by BRYAN FOY

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SURPRISE, FOLKS!...
LET YOUR FRIENDS
HAVE FUN, TOO!

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OLIVIA DEHAVILLAND
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ROBERT PRESTON
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AKIM TAMIRROF

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adventure almost
costs him his life!

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THE TIGER
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Dramatic trials of Fascists
in Italy! G. I. heaven on
the Mediterranean!
Fishing, boating...! Ro-
deo thrills! Late football
flashes!