



Serving Uncle Sam

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Ready for trade with their conquered nations, be they English speaking or Spanish speaking, are the Japanese, with their paper currency bearing both the English and Spanish translations as well as their Japanese value.

Three pieces of this currency, one for five dollars, one for one dollar and the other 50 cents in value, have been received from Cpl. Stanley Kouzins by his wife. Sent from the Philippines where the corporal is in the thick of the fighting with the 96th division, the currency was taken from a Japanese killed on the island.

The American translation has the most prominent place on the piece of paper, which in the case of the one and five dollar bill is about the size of an American bill. In slightly small lettering is the Spanish while the Japanese value is inscribed in the border of the currency. The fifty cent bill is approximately two by four inches in size.

Kouzins, who has been in the south Pacific since July, tells of fighting on Ormoc Hill and stated that his battery, the 363rd, had shot down six enemy planes in 50 minutes. He mentioned seeing lots of good Japs, adding that they were all dead Japs.

Silverton—Mrs. Robert Mathieson returned to Silverton Saturday evening from Virginia where she was with her navy husband for the past four and one half months.

Mrs. Mathieson is the former Cleo Canoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Canoy. She is now at the home of her parents.

An Eighth Air Force Liberator Station, England—Commanding officer of an eighth air force command sub-depot is Major John J. Elliott of Salem, who recently took over his new duties, which demand that he supervise the activities of the unit, an operational heavy bomber group.

As commander of the sub-depot Major Elliott is responsible for the soldier-mechanics, who repair and maintain the battle-damaged Liberator bombers, so that the craft can be immediately returned to their squadrons.

A pilot in France in World war I, the major, a Salem high school and University of Oregon graduate, has been overseas in this war since October, 1943. Before being called to active duty he was director of



Pfc. Patricia Riches of the marine corps women's reserve, who weeks ago took over the position of recreational director at Turner field at Quantico, Va. In this capacity the Salem woman will have charge of all sports for the women stationed at the field. In the service since February of the year, Pfc. Riches, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Riches, was previously assigned to the blue print room at Quantico. (Jesten-Miller).

personnel for the Oregon liquor control commission.

Mrs. Elliott and the Elliotts' children are making their home in Salem, while the air corps man is overseas.

East Salem—Mark Renne, who at Fort Lewis has returned to camp after a 30-day furlough spent with his wife and family at their home on Sunnyside avenue, is being trained as a machinist.

Lincoln—George Walling, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Walling, left for Portland Wednesday to ship out on a merchant marine ship. On his last trip Walling was away for four months. His wife and daughter are remaining with his parents.

Dallas—Theodore Coon, AM 1/c, who has been stationed at Astoria in the naval air forces for the past year has been assigned to duty overseas. Mrs. Coon and small son, Michael, have returned to Dallas to reside for the duration.

S/Sgt. Cecil Scott, 21, turret gunner on a B-24 bomber, was reported as seriously wounded in a hospital in the European theater, according to a message received by his mother, Mrs.

Charles Brechtel of Falls City this week. Previous word indicated he was missing in air action over Germany. Sgt. Scott attended Falls City high school two years before his enlistment in the air corps in February, 1943. He went overseas last June.

Fifteenth Air Force in Italy—Decorated with the air medal and three oak leaf cluster for meritorious achievement, Staff Sgt. Byron H. Mathany, son of Mrs. Blanche Mathany of 990 Garnet street, Salem, has rounded out 50 missions in aerial combat as a nose gunner on a B-24.

Flying with a veteran group of the 15th AAF, the sergeant from Salem has actively engaged in the smashing of nazi industrial and communication targets. His group was among those assisting with the elimination of the luftwaffe as a potent force by dealing severe blows at key aircraft production centers in Austria, Hungary and the reich. It also helped knock-out the vital oilfields and refineries at Ploesti and Roumania in Germany as well as participating in pre invasion hammering of the coastal defenses in southern France, and carrying out innumerable assaults on the nazis' communication and supply lines in northern Italy.

Mathany has taken part in many of these strategically important operations, having been on missions against Ploesti, Munich, Wiener Neustadt, Vienna, Toulon and other high priority military targets.

A graduate of Stevenson, Wash., schools, the sergeant prior to entering the armed forces, in December, 1942, was employed by the Oregon Ship-building company. He received his gunnery training at Laredo, Texas, winning his wings in December, 1943.

Unionvale—Eighteen-year-old from this community volunteering for naval service was David Launer, member of the senior class at Dayton Union high school, who while observing his 18th birthday anniversary at his home Saturday announced his enlistment in that branch of the service. Young Launer expects to be called in December.

Two Valley Men Killed in Action

Two Willamette valley men are among those soldiers from Oregon listed by the war department as killed in action.

Tech. 4 Vyrle C. Owens, son of William A. Owens, of Dayton, met death in the European area and Pfc. Glenn Ainsworth, brother of Mrs. Roy M. Kauffman of Hubbard, was killed in the southwest Pacific.

Service Men Courses Shaped

Pacific University, Forest Grove, Nov. 14—College credit for educational experiences undergone by men and women who have served with the armed forces will be allowed by Pacific university, according to a plan released today by Dr. M. C. Skarsten, director of admissions.

Providing for the granting of college credit for demonstrated educational competence, the plan states that the kind and amount of credit will be determined by recommendations of accrediting bodies, by tests given the applicant, and by requirements set up by the university.

Educational experiences for which Pacific university may allow credit are: army or navy service courses, university extension correspondence courses, courses sponsored by the United States armed forces institute, courses pursued in the army specialized training, V-12, and other programs for which the army or navy made arrangements with colleges and universities, courses in the navy general education program and basic military training.

Knowledge resulting from travel and from combat and service duty may also be considered as part of an applicant's educational experience, Dr. Skarsten said. Until the student has demonstrated that he can do the work for which he is enrolled in the university, credit will be provisional.

The director of admissions emphasized that the plan would not grant credit merely in terms of length of service or as a reward for service. Credit will be allowed in terms of what a student has demonstrated that he has learned and can do.

With U.S. Forces in France—Gallantry in action during the Sicilian and Italian campaigns have earned for Cpl. Raymond G. White of Sweet Home, Ore., veteran of four invasions, both the Silver Star and Oak Leaf cluster. The decorations, presented him by his battalion commander before a unit formation here recently, joined a Purple Heart, received for combat wounds, a Good Conduct medal, in recognition of good behavior, fidelity and efficiency, and four bronze campaign stars for participation in the D-Day assault landings.

When U.S. forces swarmed across the Mediterranean to invade Sicily, Cpl. White helped rescue some of the men whose landing craft had received a direct

hit from enemy shore batteries. For this he was awarded the Silver Star. The Oak Leaf cluster was presented for the corporal's one-man sniper hunting expedition during the days when his unit was clawing its way on to the European mainland in Italy.

Member of the first amphibian engineer unit formed in the U.S. army, the Oregon soldier has seen duty in eight countries during his 26 months overseas. Before entering the service he was employed by a road construction contractor in Albany. His mother, Mrs. Ruth Franciszn, resides at Sweet Home.

For his leadership in taking a military objective under German machine gun fire Tech. Sgt. Howard R. West of Minneapolis, Minn., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert West of 715 South 12th street, has been awarded the Silver Star. The feat for which the sergeant, who has been in the service 29 months and over-season for 10 months, was cited took place May 11, 1944. The citation reads:

"When the withering fire of an enemy machine gun made the further advance of his squad extremely hazardous, Tech. Sgt. West, a rifle platoon sergeant, boldly led three of his men in creeping forward under heavy observed enemy fire to a position from which they could engage the enemy, and by accurate rifle fire killed several of the enemy crew, enabling his platoon to advance and take the objective without loss of life. Sgt. West, then, at the risk of his life, moved across 300 yards of exposed terrain to establish contact with an adjoining company which had become separated from his own company during the course of the attack."

Sgt. West's wife is making her home in Los Angeles while her husband is overseas.

Silverton—Major Lee Alfred phoned his family from San Francisco Saturday night that he had arrived in the states and would soon be in Washington, coming from there to Silverton on a 30-day furlough. A cablegram received a day previous had announced the anticipated furlough of Major Alfred deferred.

Silverton—Kenneth Rankin, private in the U.S. army, who lost his right leg from wounds received in combat in Italy, July 12, with amputation necessary six inches below the hip, failed to keep his desired date with

his family last Saturday, his 20th birthday anniversary. He is being detained in Bushnell hospital, Utah, for special treatment but has called his mother, Mrs. J. P. Rankin, a number of times

and is hopeful of making the visit home before Christmas. The birthday dinner was ready for him when word came that he could not be there. His gifts were mailed to him.

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