



Serving Uncle Sam

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Sections of France through which the men in Uncle Sam's army have passed would remind the parents of those men of their younger days according to Pfc. Delbert G. Thomas, with a field artillery battalion of the 95th division with General Patton's 3rd army. Thomas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, of 670 South 18th street and a Capital Journal carrier boy for four years, says that the small towns, the approximate size of Albany, Oregon, present many quaint and unusual pictures, while Paris is a more modern city.

In his word picture of France the army man states that one of the first sights greeting the men are horse and oxen drawn wagons and carts, with the oxen bearing wooden yokes. As one walks on the cobble stone street a blacksmith shop, where a horse is being shod, is seen and farther on are many hand push carts, water being drawn by all types and sizes of hand pumps. Many odors float through the air with that of various foods mingling with barnyard smells.

Some of the country people still carry their pails of milk and water by means of shoulder yokes and quite frequently a boy or girl can be found walking along the country road wearing these yokes with buckets suspended from either end. Often they, also are wearing Dutch style wooden house shoes, which seem to be a common foot wear for the inhabitants of the countryside and the small towns. In describing the countryside Thomas comments that as one looks about him tall church spires can be seen in all directions.

The soldier, who is a former Salem high school student, is now in Germany. He entered the service in July, 1943, and in the summer of 1944 left for overseas duty.

Two brothers of Thomas are also in the service. Cpl. Allen Zirkle, stationed with the army at Camp Fannin, Texas, and Machinist Mate Orville Thomas in Hawaii with the navy.

After spending a week in Salem visiting relatives Lt. and Mrs. George H. Williams left for Seattle where the lieutenant who has been in the service for two years and in the South Pacific area for 14 months, will report for reassignment. Mrs. Williamson, the former Larrena Crawley, met her husband in San Francisco, where she has been making her home, and came north with him. While here they visited her father, E. L. Crawley, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Crawley.

The war department today announced the temporary promotion of Norman Graton Reynolds of Corvallis to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Independence—Joe Flaherty, on 21-day furlough after 32 months in the South Pacific, is visiting friends here this week. On termination of his furlough he will report to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for reassignment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Drazdoff have received word from the war department that their son, Johnnie, is convalescing at an army hospital from wounds received early in December.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Haener had a long distance telephone call from their son, Cpl. Alfred Haener, in New York City Tuesday evening.

Hopewell—Stanley Fuqua graduate of Amity union high school with the class which has been in army training on a scholarship, has completed the required course and is home on a furlough until reassigned.



Pfc. Delbert G. Thomas

Overseas Duty Ended

Returned from the Dutch East Indies, where he has been stationed for several months, is Pfc. Dale E. Martin, visiting in Salem with his wife, who resides at 682 North Liberty street, and in Seattle with his mother, Mrs. Nena Martin, while on furlough. Martin entered the service about a year and a half ago and has been instructing in radio and radar. He reports to Georgia January 18 for reassignment.

Tech. Cpl. Hiram Amick, stationed at San Pedro with the army, arrived in Salem Thursday to spend a 15-day furlough with his wife, who is making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hymes at 651 North 20th street. Amick entered the service, when the Oregon national guard was activated in the fall of 1940. He is a former employee of the Capital Journal.

Two youths from the Salem area, Thomas Grimm of Salem and Carl Richmond Fitts of route 2, Brooks, have been inducted into the navy as seamen, first class, in the radar training program and have been sent to the Great Lakes training station for their indoctrination training. Both were of draft age but by passing the Eddy test were able to earn a direct letter of assignment into the navy. Following their training at Great Lakes the two will be sent to one of the nation's leading universities for primary radar training.

Dallas—Capt. Paul Kliever, officer in the 41st division, has arrived in Dallas to spend a 21-day furlough. Capt. Kliever left with the Dallas company when it was federalized in September, 1940, but served with another company in the 41st division overseas. While participating in New Guinea campaigns, Capt. Kliever was mentioned in dispatches for his resourcefulness and courage in extricating his unit and other troops which had been trapped by the Japanese on Biak island. He is the son of E. F. Kliever of Dallas.

Hopewell—Derrill L. Fox, son of Rev. and Mrs. Merrill H. Fox of the Hopewell United Brethren church, with marines stationed on Guam, has been advanced from private to corporal, according to an air mail letter received by his parents Tuesday.

Pvt. Robert Dodge Reported Missing

Mr. and Mrs. Seth B. Dodge of route 1, Salem, Thursday received telegraphic word from the war department that their son, Pvt. Robert Dodge had been missing in action in Germany since December 21. The soldier was with the 106th infantry division that figured prominently in the German offensive which began early in December.

A letter from the private, which was written December 14, the date of his 20th birthday anniversary, also was received Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. Dodge.

Another son of the couple, Seth, Jr., is with Gen. Patton's army on the south side of the fighting in Belgium.

Lee Ross in States

Returned to the states after 26 months in England is Pfc. Lee S. Ross, who Friday morning telephoned his sister, Mrs. George Rhoten from Washington, D. C., informing her of his arrival from overseas. The soldier, who expects to be permanently assigned to duty in the United States, hopes for a furlough home soon, flew from England to this country.

An accountant in Salem and Lakeview prior to entering the service, Ross trained at Camp Roberts and has been in the American school center in England since going overseas. His wife, the former Edna Foust, is making her home in Mill City and his mother, Mrs. G. E. Ross, resides at 234 East Miller street.

Silverton—Mrs. Margaret Wittrein had word this week that her son, Pvt. Robert Wittrein, was wounded in action November 8 while with the fighting forces in France. No other word has been received. Mrs. Wittrein has another son in the service, Cpl. Max Wittrein, stationed at a Pacific coast base.

Word has been received by the A. G. Sather family that their son-in-law, Dr. H. E.



Arriving at Fort Lewis, at the war department personnel center, after almost three years in the South Pacific with the 41st division, the first girl that Staff Sgt. Ralph H. Kletzing spoke to in this country happened to be Miss Vera Case from Salem, who drives a truck at that army base. (Signal corps photo.)



Pfc. Howard Keeling, whose wife, the former Pauline Johnson, this week received word that he had been killed December 15, in the fighting on Leyte, where he was stationed with the 305th regiment of the 77th infantry division.

Johnson, a dentist, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Mrs. Johnson is the former Marguerite Sather.



About to Be Off on a Tour of the City of Cairo, Egypt, the pyramids and the Sphinx, that has been arranged for them by the Red Cross club in Cairo, are these sailors, one of them hailing from Aumsville, Oregon, pictured here with the club's director, Gordon Reynolds, of Waban, Miss. The men in blue are from left to right, Seaman First Class Frank Van Meeteren, of Ogden, Utah; Seaman First Class Robert L. Wallace, of Aumsville, Oregon; Seaman First Class Stanley T. Sell, of Duvant, Oklahoma; Seaman First Class Earl W. Velsey, of Pontiac, Michigan, and Gunner's Mate Charles D. Walker, of Rockport, Missouri. (American Red Cross photo.)

Woodburn—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evenden have received word from their son Sgt. Fred Evenden, Jr., that he has arrived safely in India. He is with a weather unit of the army air corps.

Raymond Kreiger, Jr., is home on a 30-day survivors leave and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kreiger, his ship, the "North Wind" struck a pinnacle of rock off a small island in the Aleutians after being swept off its course in a terrific storm late one night in December. All but two of the ship's lifeboats and rafts were carried away and the captain ordered 15 men in one lifeboat and 20 in the other, the remainder of the crew remaining on the distressed vessel. The life boats were rescued about 15 miles from the scene of the disaster after nearly 12 hours in below freezing winds. Kreiger was slightly injured while boarding one of the life boats. The entire crew of 55 men was brought to Seattle early in January.

Francis X. Ryan, flight officer has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in accomplishing with distinction several aerial operational missions over enemy occupied continental Europe." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ryan of Aurora and a navigator on a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber and has been in the European theater of operations since August, 1944.

Pfc. Lee R. Rider has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy in France on August 3. When his unit was pinned down by heavy machine gunfire, Rider, a messenger, volunteered to go to the rear and secure support. He received a leg

Bodle Is Wounded

Mill City—Mrs. Edna Bodle has received word that her son, Pfc. Naysmith Bodle of the infantry, was wounded in action in France, December 21, 1944. The soldier, who has been awarded the Purple Heart for his wounds, entered the service January 4, 1944, and left for overseas in July of the same year. Another son of Mrs. Bodle, Cpl. Jay Bodle, is in France with an engineering regiment.

Silverton Rotarians Hear About Scouting

Silverton—Lyle Leighton, Cascade area scout executive, and Harry Mikkelsen, assistant scout executive, will be special program guests at the Monday noon Rotary club luncheon at Toney's. Mikkelsen will give the address and will be introduced by Leighton.

Recent club visitors have been Fred Hecker, president of the Woodburn Rotary, and Howard Betterfield, also from Woodburn. Boys home from the foreign fighting lines who were honored guests last week were Kenneth Berg, Vance Lee and Donald Anderson, a staff sergeant home from 34 months in the south Pacific, who told of some of his experiences.

The regular director's meeting will be held at the telephone office rooms, Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Keizer Grade Pupils Arrange Program

Keizer—Seventh grade class presented a program of interesting facts about the orient and China. The students displayed articles made in China. Among the display was a Japanese officer's sword taken from him by one of Salem's boys when our American army invaded the Jap-held islands of the Pacific. Plans are being made to drain and level the west side play ground to provide an adequate play space during wet weather for the children.

A visitor to the Keizer school Thursday was Nels Anderson, former principal.

Keizer grange will play host to all of the young folks of the community January 20 for an evening of games and dancing at the Keizer grange hall.

Spaniards Entertain Friends with Legion

Silverton—Gladwyn Hamre, commander of Delbert Reeves post No. 9, American Legion, Mrs. Hamre, Frank M. Powell, past district 2 commander, and Mrs. Powell, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spaniol at their Stayton home, Friday evening, preceding the meeting of the Marion county council and assembly, which the group later attended.

Mrs. Spaniol is president of the Stayton unit and served as official hostess for the assembly members. She is a niece of Powell.

Circle Entertained

Grand Island—Members of the Grand Island Mothers' circle were guests at the Adelbert Smith home Wednesday. Mrs. Henry Taylor and Mrs. Giles Rockhill were co-hostesses.

Mrs. Morton Tompkins, who accompanied her husband, state grange master, to the national grange meeting at Winston-Salem, N.C., in November, gave a travelogue. The next meeting will be held at the Tompkins home.

Keizer—Now trailing at the coast guard training base at Alameda, Calif., is Edward McCall, who recently enlisted in that branch of the service. This is the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. McCall to serve Uncle Sam.

New Chamber Bulletin Out

In two colors, an attractive new style of Chamber of Commerce Bulletin, edited by Assistant Manager Paul E. Cline, makes its appearance this week for the first time, with a picture in color of the state capital at the masthead. The Bulletin has a newsy flavor in addition to announcement of the Monday luncheon program, the news paragraphs pertaining to chamber and industrial activities, and there is a picture of one of the large dinner groups meeting in the chamber dining room.

Next Monday's speaker is Frank E. McCaslin, president of Portland Chamber of Commerce and president of the Oregon Portland Cement company. He has been a director of the Portland chamber for nine years. In 1933 he was president of the Portland Junior chamber and in 1939 president of the Portland Rose Festival association.

Accompanying him to Salem will be Carter Brandon, manager of the Portland chamber's maritime department, and Chester K. Starrett of its postwar industries staff.

New members to be introduced will be Will's Music store, Saul J. Janz, proprietor, 432 State; Dr. M. E. Gadwa, osteopathic physician, Oregon building; Clancy's Food Market, R. J. Clancy, proprietor, 1073 South Commercial; Edward Majek, Equitable Life Assurance society, 129 North Commercial; and Serve-Rite grocery, D. F. Davis, owner, 697 South 12th.

W. L. Phillips, first vice president of the chamber, will preside Monday.

Needlecraft Group Guest for Luncheon

Falls City—The Tuesday Needlecraft club held a 1 o'clock luncheon with Mrs. D. J. Grant January 9. After lunch the time was spent in needlework.

Members present were Mesdames E. G. White, J. R. Strauss, I. C. Mehrling, F. E. Briggs, Laura Horn, Maude Brown, Margaret Thompson and D. J. Grant. Mrs. Fred Hughes was an invited guest.

Japanese-American Joins Legion (P)—Harley M. Oka (left), 28, a Japanese-American who received a medical discharge from the army, is congratulated by Comdr. William F. Schneider after joining Hollywood, Calif., post No. 591 of the American Legion, composed entirely of world war II veterans. Kingsley Morgan (center), second vice commander, said the post was the first in the nation to admit a Japanese-American member.

Missionary Society Selects Committees

Jefferson—The Evangelical Missionary society met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lee Grenz. The vice president, Mrs. George Kihs, presided in the absence of Mrs. Don Davis who is ill.

Mrs. Kihs led the devotions using as her topic, "Stewardship and Self Denial." Betty Hague read an article on "Self Denial." Mrs. A. W. Oliver reviewed two chapters of the study book "West of the Date Line."

The following committees were named: Spiritual life, Mrs. A. W. Oliver chairman, Mrs. A. Wilson and Mrs. Lee Grenz; social relations, Mrs. John Kihs, chairman, Mrs. William Lake and Mrs. Al Meyers; missionary education, Mrs. George Kihs, chairman, and Anna Klampe. Self denial week will be observed from January 29 to February 4, when the denominational day of prayer will be held. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her daughter Nyla Grenz.

Wards Sell Home

Scio—Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ward have sold their home on Main street here to Mrs. Ollie MacDonald, and plan to move to Corvallis where they have purchased a home.

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Yanks Widen Luzon Beachhead (P)—Black area is beachhead held by American forces invading Luzon island. Yanks have widened their original Lingayen-San Fabian beachhead to the westward, reaching points within two miles of Port Sual. Average general advance inland is about four miles although patrols have gone farther.

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