



Serving Uncle Sam

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A Seventh AAF Base in the Marianas (Delayed)—Second Lt. James W. Cooper, 25, of Salem, Oregon, helped deliver mail and vital supplies to marines fighting on two Jima shortly after the American invasion of the Jap-held base. As pilot of a C-47 cargo plane of a Seventh AAF troop carrier squadron, he flew within easy range of Japanese mortar and artillery fire as the mail and supplies were dropped by parachute from the plane at altitudes of 100 feet and less.



Lt. Benjamin A. Taylor, son of James J. Taylor and Helen B. Taylor, for whom memorial services will be held at St. Vincent's de Paul church Thursday morning at 8:15 o'clock with recitation of the rosary at the church Wednesday night.

At Hawaiian Base

U. S. Naval Air Station, Kaneohe, T. H.—Now serving at this station in the assembly and repair department, is John Woodrow Heneghan, aviation machinist's mate, second class, of Salem, Oregon. The navy man, whose wife makes her home at 2040 North Capitol street, in Salem, prior to entering the service, was an employee of the Vultee Aircraft at Downey, Calif. Before his transfer to the islands, Heneghan was stationed at the U. S. naval air station at Astoria, Oregon.

Nurse Is Promoted

Word has been received in Salem of the promotion to lieutenant in the U. S. navy nurses corps March 1, of Bernice M. Lee, first nurse from the Salem General hospital to enlist for duty with the navy in this war and one of the first nurses from this area.

Lt. Lee, who while at the Salem General hospital was assistant to Miss Lillian McDonald, superintendent of the hospital, and supervisor of obstetrics, is now stationed at the navy hospital at Portsmouth, Va.

Clarence Wilson, SOM3C, who recently had a 30-day leave following over two years of active service in the Pacific, is now stationed at Dearborn, Mich., where he is taking radio repair at the naval training school. He is a son of A. Wilson of Jefferson.

Staff Sgt. Joe Boyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boyer of Jefferson, is now with an infantry division in France, going overseas the first part of February. In the service for three and a half years, serving as cook and instructor, he was stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., for 15 months and was instructor at Camp Campbell, Ky., for two years. Boyer's mess hall at one time was given a merit citation for its efficiency and cleanliness. His wife is with her parents at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Marines attacking pillboxes near the front lines were readily visible from the C-47s and the big twin-engine transports were frequently bounced around by the shock of shells exploding below them. The first air deliveries were made nine days after D-day for two Jima.

The lieutenant, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Cooper of 1020 Cross street, Salem, was graduated from Salem high school in 1937 and prior to entering the army in January, 1943, was a construction engineer for I. F. DuPont Incorporated. His wife resides in Brody, Texas.

Receives Gold Bars

Now wearing the gold bars of a second lieutenant is William M. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brown, whose parents recently received word of his promotion to that rank from master sergeant.

The lieutenant, on duty in the vicinity of Belfort Gap, France, enlisted in the service March 14, 1942, as a private with the 46th General Hospital and within eight months had been promoted to master sergeant. From the induction center at Fort Lewis he was sent to Ft. Riley, Kansas, where his unit was stationed for about a year and in the fall of 1943 the outfit left for overseas duty, first seeing action in the vicinity of Oran, Algeria.

After being in Algiers for a few days over a year Brown's unit followed the invasion of lower France to a beachhead on the gulf of San Rafael and from there went to their present station.

Prior to entering the service, Lt. Brown was connected with the Portland branch of the Federal Reserve bank.

Officer on Leave

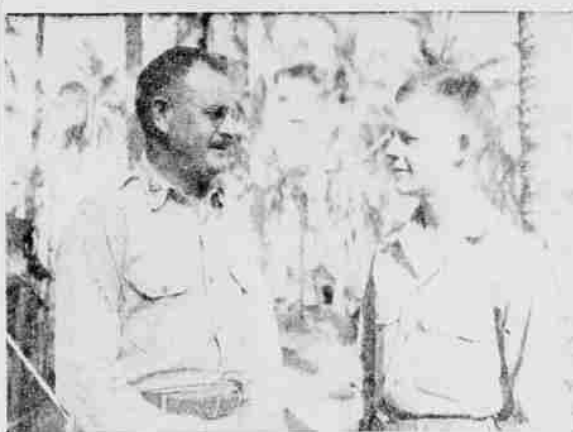
Lt. and Mrs. Sheldon Berry are visiting at the home of the officer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Berry, while Lt. Berry is on leave from his marine duties prior to reporting to Miramar, Calif., Friday for assignment to overseas duty. For the past year the lieutenant has been stationed at the marine air station at Cherry Point, N. C., as group quartermaster of a marine air group.

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Col. Cecil W. Nist, of San Antonio, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Nist of Salem, Oregon, greets his son, Pvt. Cecil W. Nist, Jr., as the two have a surprise reunion in the Philippines, where the colonel is a member of Maj. Gen. John R. Hodges' XXIV corps and the son is serving with the army. (Army photo.)

Casualty List

The army-navy casualty list released by the office of war information today contained the names of nine men from the Willamette valley wounded in action, five in the European area and four in the Pacific.

Men from the European area were: Pte. Herbert E. Hunter, son of Mrs. Helen B. Hunter of Jefferson, Tech 4 Art T. O'Brien, husband of Mrs. Merle L. O'Brien of McMinnville, Tech. Sgt. James R. Bevel, brother of Mrs. Martin Bevel of 441 South street, Salem, Staff Sgt. David S. Smith, son of Mrs. Mary S. Smith of 323 South Church street, Salem, and Pte. Mary E. Baker, son of Mrs. Nellie A. Baker of Lebanon.

Those from the Pacific area were: Pte. Leo W. Bell, son of Harace C. Bell of 10 Carlton, West Salem, Pte. Edward V. Dunson, son of Mrs. Mary A. Dunson of 8010 Tenth, A. Harris D. Manning, son of Mrs. Katherine E. Manning of Lebanon, and Capt. Robert E. Phillips, husband of Mrs. Judith Phillips of Corvallis.

Capt. Robert W. Norris, Jr., whose wife and two children reside at 265 North 23rd street, Salem, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations, according to word received by Mrs. Norris this week. Capt. Norris is stationed with the army ordnance department somewhere in France.

Spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hendrickson, is Pte. Rod Hendrickson, who Sunday arrived from Camp Roberts, Calif., where he has completed his training in communications. On termination of his furlough on April 1, Hendrickson reports to Fort Ord, Calif. A brother of the soldier, Pte. Emory Hendrickson is with an anti-aircraft unit in Germany.

Turner—Eleanor Alice Titus, hospital apprentice 1-c, who recently spent a 10-day emergency leave from Treasure Island, San Francisco, with her father, who has been ill for several weeks, has returned to her base.

17-Year-Olds Still Accepted

To clear up any confusion caused by the recent army-navy announcement that men between the ages of 18 and 20, inclusive, would be earmarked for infantry replacements by their selective service boards for the next three months, Lt. Cmdr. John F. Biehler, navy recruiting officer in Oregon, states that the navy still is accepting 17-year-old volunteers.

The statement is in response to numerous telephone calls received at the main recruiting station in Portland and at all the substations from 17-year-olds and their parents who misunderstood the announcement and were of the opinion that all navy enlistments had been discontinued. The joint service order, however, affects only those in the 18, 19 and 20-year groups, and therefore does not change the navy's policy of accepting 17-year-olds and men over 37 for voluntary enlistment.

It also was noted that men of draft age qualifying for the navy's technician (radar) training program will continue to be given directed letters of assignment to the joint induction board in Fort Lewis and will automatically be inducted into the navy. The same process applies to those of draft age who qualify for the air combat crewman and Seabee programs of the navy.

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Muller Hits Japs

Army Air Forces, Pacific Headquarters—Hitting Japanese shipping in the harbor at Chichi Jima is one of the things that Tech. Sgt. Chris S. Muller, Dallas, Ore., engineer and top turret gunner of the 7th AAF Liberator bomber "Chute the Works," likes best to remember of the 19 combat missions he has flown against the enemy.

On their eighth mission while helping neutralize Jap positions before the two Jima invasion going in through the overcast, his plane spotted six Jap cargo ships in the harbor and dropped the bombs and aerial pictures revealed that two direct hits were registered.

Sgt. Muller now is resting at a real base camp in Hawaii before returning to action. He arrived in the Central Pacific last July and has helped hit enemy strongholds at two Jima, Chichi Jima, Haha Jima, Truk and Wake. On their 13th mission Sgt. Muller's crew teamed with a group of P-38 fighter planes

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