



## Serving Uncle Sam

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**Captain Robert M. Brownell**, who, Wednesday, arrived in San Francisco from the South Pacific, where he last saw action on Okinawa, landing on that island in April and being ordered home May 21. A veteran of the battle of Attu and of the conquest of Kwajalein atoll in the Marshall Islands, he received his ROTC commission in 1940 and was called to active duty August, 1942. Overseas for 26 months he has received three awards, including the Bronze Star and the Silver Star. The captain will report to Fort Lewis, then will come to Salem this week-end to spend a 45-day leave with his wife and the couple's son, Robert Michael, who make their home at 625 Cascade drive. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Phil Brownell. (Jesten-Miller.)

### Four at Baxter

Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, Wash.—Four Salem, Ore., men have recently arrived at this hospital, transferred here from other army hospitals in the States.

Two of the men, Pfc. James R. Hills of route 3, and Maj. Roy C. Edgerton of 945 North Summer street, have seen action in the European theater of operation and the other two, Staff Sgt. James D. Towne of 545 South 15th street and Pvt. Arthur A. Arnold of route 5, were in the Asiatic-Pacific theater.

Hills was in the hospital at Camp Myles Standish, Mass.; Edgerton was hospitalized at Halloran General hospital, Staten Island, N. Y.; Towne at Letterman General hospital in San Francisco and Arnold at Camp Haan, Calif.

### Hospitalized

Member of the 96th division wounded in action in the battle for Okinawa was Pfc. Charlie McCraven, with the combat engineers of the division, whose wife makes her home at route 6, Salem.

The soldier hospitalized in Guam when last heard from, entered the service in the fall of 1943, and in April, 1944, left for overseas duty after training with them at Camp Roberts, Calif. He joined the 96th division in the Philippines, where he landed with the invasion forces on Leyte, for which action his company was given a citation. From Leyte he was sent to Okinawa. Prior to entering the service McCraven was an employee of the Kay Woolen mill in Salem.

Ens. Bill Shinn, USNR, recently stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, is spending a few days in Salem with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Shinn, before leaving for permanent assignment.

Lt. Gordon Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Reeves, has been transferred to the army air field at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Elizabeth Frances Johnson, Salem nurse, who recently received her commission as a second lieutenant in the army nurses corps, has received her orders to report for active duty at Madigan general hospital, Fort Lewis, where she will receive her basic training. On completion of her training she will be assigned to duty at Madigan General hospital.

### Bronze Star to Malo

Albany — For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Bougainville, Pfc. Stanley R. Malo, son of Mrs. A. B. Malo of Albany has been awarded the Bronze Star medal.

The citation signed by Brig. Gen. W. H. Arnold and accompanying the medal reads in part:

"For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on October 2, 1944. During an attack against enemy positions in the vicinity of the Laruma river road block area, Pvt. Malo was attached to a rifle platoon as a wireman. When the platoon attacked the enemy pillboxes, Pvt. Malo continued to expose himself and lay wire while subject to heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. During the severest fire fight, Pvt. Malo carrying the phone and wire in one hand crawled up to within three yards of an enemy pillbox and threw fragmentation and phosphorus grenades in the pillbox, killing two enemy soldiers."

A soldier in the service for two years and overseas for about a year has only recently been released from the hospital, where he was placed following his receipt of wounds in battle about six months ago.

An aunt of Pfc. Malo, Mrs. G.



**Col. Charles M. Young**, commanding officer of the Portland army air base, presents Mrs. Alice H. Kellogg of 787 North Capitol street, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, awarded posthumously to her son, Lt. Roger W. Kellogg, killed in action in the European theater last year. (Air corps photo.)



**Staff Sgt. Norman E. Vaughan** of Willamina, Oregon, looks on as Lt. Col. Carl E. Fritts, acting commander of the Tenth Port of Embarkation cuts the 300 pound cake baked in celebration of the two years of overseas service of the port. (Army photo.)

W. Moore, makes her home in Salem, Oregon, at 555 North Cottage street.

Pvt. Raymond D. Morrison, Perrydale, is home for a 45-day furlough after spending 40 months in the South Pacific with the 41st division. He was in the campaigns on New Guinea and in the Philippine Islands. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Faye Morrison of Perrydale.



**Battle-Weary Yanks Sleep on Okinawa** (AP)—Sprawled in a precious moment of sleep near the front lines are the weary Yanks of Company L, 383rd Infantry regiment, 96th division, of the victorious U. S. Tenth army. (AP wirephoto from U. S. army.)

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## Captured Flier Visiting Here

Held prisoner by the Germans for five and a half months, First Lt. Lewis Brown, nephew of Mrs. James L. Moorman, arrived in the United States June 12, and in Salem recently to spend part of his 60-day leave with his aunt. The flier, whose England based Eighth air force P-47 fighter plane was shot down over Coblenz December 23, 1944, during the time that he was imprisoned was at the camps at Nuremberg and Moosburg.

A Salem high school graduate, Brown enlisted in the air corps September 19, 1942, and February 11, 1943, was called for his air corps training. He received his wings at Williams Field, Ariz., February 8, 1944, after training at Santa Ana, Kings City and Chico, Calif., and at Williams Field. He also trained at Dover, Del.

In England for about seven months prior to being shot down and reported as missing, the air corps man flew with the 56th fighter group (the Zemke Wolf Pack, called the Zemke Murderers by the Germans.) He wears the Distinguished Unit Citation, the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, awarded him for burns received when he was shot down and taken prisoner, and five battle stars on his ETO ribbon.

On termination of his leave Lt. Brown will report to Santa Monica for his assignment.

### Star to Roemhilt

A IX Engineer Command Battalion, Germany—For meritorious conduct in the performance of services from April 1, 1945, to April 25, 1945, Tech. Sgt. Merton H. Roemhilt, of Salem, Oregon, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

The sergeant was serving as a surveyor with headquarters and service company of 818th engineer aviation battalion at the time of the service for which the award was made.

The citation reads: "Sergeant Roemhilt displayed outstanding ability in the performance of his duties as surveyor during a time of great need. Through his ingenuity, skill and persistent efforts, he was able to complete the full layout and survey of air strips R-31 and R-32, which enabled them to be repaired and put to use in a matter of hours."

Sgt. Roemhilt's sister, Miss Irene Roemhilt, resides in Salem at the Fisher apartments.

### Casualty List

The names of three men from this section of Oregon appeared on the army-navy war casualty list released by the OWI Thursday night and one man was listed as a liberated German prisoner of war.

Navy dead: Lt. (jg.) Gilbert Eugene Roberts, USNR, husband of Mrs. Patricia



**Pfc. John McCracken**, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McCracken of 2580 North River road, who is spending a 60-day furlough with his parents following his return to the States from the European theater where, for 10 months, he was held prisoner by the Germans. (Jesten-Miller.)

Pratum — Overseas since March, 1944, as an engineer and a top turret gunner on an Eighth air force bomber, Tech. Sgt. Richard Barriekan has arrived in the States and is now spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Barriekan. In the service since March, 1943, he participated in the D-day activities in France and now wears the Air Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart and two presidential unit citations. On his ETO ribbon he wears four battle stars.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kleen have received a cablegram from their son, Earl Kleen of the merchant marines.



**GI Romance in Paris** (AP)—Pfc. Herbert J. Kriens of Dell Rapids, S. D., enjoys Paris cafe life with his fiancée, Irene Legot. Champagne at \$8.00 a bottle, plus dancing and entertainment, lend the romantic touch. (Photo by Associated Press photographer Byron Rollins.)

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## Pfc. Cloyd Wigle At Fort Lewis

Fort Lewis, June 29 (AP)—Pfc. Cloyd Wigle, son of Mrs. Oscar Wigle of Salem, Ore., one of the first men to hit the soil of France on D day, is a patient here. A paratrooper, Wigle jumped in invasions in Africa, Normandy and Holland. He wears the Purple Heart with cluster, Presidential Unit Citation with cluster and the European Theater ribbon with six battle stars.

Lebanon — EM 3/c Lyle Downing, member of a crew of coast guardsmen who helped transport wounded fighters out of the Guam and Tarawa battle areas, will be sent to school in Philadelphia for six months' training in electrical refrigeration. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Downing, he was formerly based in Hilo, Hawaii. He wears two campaign stars on his Pacific theater ribbon.

Sgt. Louis Fenner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fenner, is with the air corps based in England and according to word received by relatives recently underwent a major operation.

Vinton H. Snyder, Mus. 2/c, of the U. S. navy band, visited his home near Lebanon while en route to San Francisco where he will embark for duty in the Pacific. He has been stationed in Washington, D.C.

Capt. Frederick G. Moody, formerly of Lebanon, recently was transferred from Greenwood, Miss., to Great Falls, Mont., where he will attend engineering school.

Elmer H. Gentry has been promoted to ship's serviceman 3/c at the advance base com-



**Cpl. Delbert Berry**, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Berry of Lyons, who, after 112 days of continuous combat duty with the First Infantry of the Sixth division, is now at a rest camp.

struction depot in Oahu, Hawaii. His wife resides here. F 1/c Gene O'Hearn has returned to his ship at Seattle after spending a nine-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Hearn.

Ensign and Mrs. Wallis Atkinson of Portland are visiting relatives and friends here while he is on leave in the South Pacific.

Staff Sgt. Lester Pickens, recently promoted from the rank of sergeant, is reported in Le Havre, France, awaiting transportation to the United States. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pickens.

Mrs. W. W. Ashlock Sunday received a long distance telephone call from her son, GM 3/c Richard Sylvester, now in San Diego.

## Extension Brings Promise of Quota

Albany—Hope that Linn county may fulfill its "E" bond quota of the seventh war loan was revived Thursday by receipt of word from state headquarters by Harold Farris, county war finance chairman, that the time limit has been extended to July 9.

While the county is probably over the top on its total quota, said Farris, it still is half a million dollars short of its "E" bond obligation, which is being stressed in this campaign.

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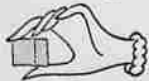
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