

Serving Uncle Sam

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With the Sixth Army on Luzon—Staff Sgt. Robert L. Allan of Mill City, Ore., has just been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the enemy. Allen has since recovered and has returned to duty with the 151 infantry, 38th division. The son of Mrs. W. W. Allen of Mill City, he entered the army in June, 1941, and has been overseas 18 months.

Recently returned from sea duty followed by a leave spent in Salem with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spitzer, Fire Controlman 1/c James W. Spitzer, is now in Washington, D. C. In the nation's capital he is taking a five months course at advanced fire control school.

Capt. William C. Dyer, officer with the 104th (Timberwolf) division, who Wednesday docked in New York and that evening telephoned his wife of his arrival in the States. The captain, overseas since the fall of 1944, expects to arrive on the west coast Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

Star Awarded Posthumously
Woodburn—The Silver Star, awarded posthumously to Staff Sgt. John W. Connell of Woodburn, killed in action in France, February 22, 1945, was presented to his wife, the former Gelta Mae Hunt, at Vancouver, July 3. The presentation was made at a private ceremony in the chapel at Barnes hospital by Col. W. Burley. At the request of Mrs. Connell, the medal was pinned on the 15 months old son of Sgt. and Mrs. Connell, John Winton Connell.

The citation accompanying the medal read: "For gallantry in action on January 16, 1945, near Philippssbourg, France. While making reconnaissance for new gun positions, one member of the three-man patrol struck and became entangled in the trip wire of an enemy booby trap. Quickly analyzing the situation, Staff Sgt. Connell, at great personal risk, unhesitatingly clutched the enemy grenade, secured the pin and disarmed the booby trap. His alertness saved the patrol from serious injury and probable death."

Attending the ceremony were Mrs. John W. Connell and small son, John Winton; her mother, Mrs. John P. Hunt of Woodburn; Sgt. Connell's father, Sheriff John W. Connell of Hillsboro, and Mrs. Connell, and Mrs. Kenneth Patterson of Oswego, a sister of Sgt. Connell.

Member of the 104th (Timberwolf) division, en route home on furlough is Sgt. Don C. Herb, son of John H. Herb of 645 South Summer street. The soldier, who took part in campaigns in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, has received the meritorious service plaque and wears three battle stars.

Casualty List
The navy casualty list Thursday released by the OWI contained the name of one navy man from this area who was wounded in action.

The wounded man was Pfc. Leonard C. Heinz of the U. S. marine corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vinnie R. Heinz of Silvertown.



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Lt. Hardman Killed in Crash

Mrs. Arnold R. Hardman, the former Margaret Siegmund, received word Thursday that her husband, Lt. (j.g.) Arnold Hardman, had been killed in a plane crash in the South Pacific June 27.

Mrs. Hardman had a message July 3 from the navy department, stating that her husband was missing in action. Thursday a letter arrived from one of his squadron mates who had seen Hardman's plane crash, killing the entire crew after it was shot down by ack-ack from a Japanese destroyer escort.

The lieutenant was a first pilot on a Privateer and left overseas the first of April. He entered the service in August, 1942, after his graduation from Willamette university. He received his naval air corps wings the following year at Corpus Christi. At Willamette he was a member of Sigma Tau fraternity.

Lt. Hardman is survived by his wife and six-months-old daughter, Sharyn Lynn and his parents, Mrs. John Wagner of Olympia, Wash., and Dr. H. S. Hardman of Denver. Mrs. Hardman and daughter have been making their home here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Siegmund.

Star to Simon
With the Seventh Armored Division in Europe—Capt. Robert L. Simon, whose wife resides in Salem, Ore., was recently awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service as battalion motor officer of the 17th tank battalion.

According to his citation, Capt. Simon organized and led recovery crews in repair and evacuation of vehicles from the fire-swept battlefield. He saved valuable equipment from complete destruction, and, so well did he supervise the work of his section that, despite hampering field conditions, kept a maximum number of tanks and trucks ready for action.

Sons Will Visit
From the South Pacific and the east coast of the United States are coming the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. McElhinny to spend their leaves and furloughs with their parents.

Lt. Stuart McElhinny today arrives from the South Pacific, where he has been flying a marine C-46 transport plane, based in the Marianas. Gone from the States for two years he has been in the service three years.

Expected the latter part of this month or early next month from Fort Bragg, N.C., where he has been stationed since July, 1944, is Pvt. William McElhinny of the U. S. army, who has been in the service since 1940 and before being returned to the States saw duty in the Alaskan area. His wife, the former Marjorie Hill, who has been in the east with the soldier, has already arrived in Salem for a visit.

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Jack Hall Dies Aboard Jap Ship

Albany—Jack Quentin Hall, native of Albany, died aboard a prison ship en route from the Philippines to Japan on October 24, 1944, according to word received here Thursday from his mother, Mrs. C. C. Hall, Seattle, formerly of Albany.

Mrs. Hall wrote that her son was captured by the Japs when Corregidor fell. He was serving with the U. S. marine corps, into which service he had entered in 1937, two years prior to the death of his father, former supervisor of the Santiam national forest.

Hall was a graduate of Albany high school. He is survived by his mother, two brothers and two sisters. The brothers are Lt. James K. Hall, U. S. navy, formerly a member of the University of Washington faculty, and Major Charles C. Hall, with the 14th U. S. air force in India and China. The sisters are Mrs. Lois DeHaven, Seattle, and Mrs. Otto L. Fox, Auburn, Calif.

Marine Visits
Recently graduated from platoon commanders school at Quantico, Va., Lt. Raymond Page of the U. S. marine corps reserve is spending a 19-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Page, prior to reporting to Camp Pendleton at Oceanside, Calif., where he will be stationed.

The marine, a graduate of Salem high school and a former student at the University of Oregon and the University of Southern California, enlisted in the service November 17, 1942.

Hollywood Lions Hear Olson Speak

Brig. Gen. Raymond Olson, acting adjutant-general for Oregon, spoke to the Hollywood Lions club Wednesday noon about his experience with the 41st division. He told of the activation and training, arming, embarkation and transport to Australia.

One of the transport vessels was the great Cunard liner the "Queen Elizabeth," which at the time was just being armed and converted into a troop carrier.

He gave credit to the navy for planning the route of ships in such a manner that no land was seen and no other ships, except at the French Marquis island group where the convoy was refueled.

His work with the 41st was that of divisional finance officer.

Australia, he said, has a travel problem not easily understood by Americans, for their railroads have five different gauges of tracks, necessitating handling of merchandise many times.

Machine Shop Course Will be Continued

Machinists and machinist trainees of Salem and vicinity have indicated they wish to continue the machine shop training that was carried on by the war production program in the Salem vocational schools. As a result of this interest the class is to re-open the evening of July 16 and continue indefinitely.

All types of training in machine shop practice will be available to enrollees, including milling, lathe practice, drill press operation, etc. This work will be carried on by Forrest D. Smith, who has himself been a machinist for more than 25 years.

Registration for this class will be held at the Salem vocational shops at 14th and D streets at 7 p.m. Monday, July 16. The state department of vocational education is cooperating in this enterprise. Inquiries may be addressed to the supervisor, Vocational Education Dept., 14th and D streets, Salem.

Mt. Angel—Pfc. Wilfred J. Faulhaber, who for the past 43 months was serving in the South Pacific, arrived home Tuesday and is receiving his medical discharge from the army. The soldier is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Faulhaber, and had not been back to the States since leaving for overseas.

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