



Serving Uncle Sam

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Accompanied by his family, First Lt. Ellis Mason arrived in Salem the first of this week to spend a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mason and Mrs. Mason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Day Kay Miller. The lieutenant, who prior to coming west was stationed at Peaks Island, Maine, will report to a California post at the termination of his leave.

With the 28th Infantry Division in Assembly Area Command—En route home from the European theater of operation, where he served with the veteran "Bloody Bucket" division is Pvt. Raymond E. Ruscher whose wife resides at Gervais, Oregon. The soldier wears the ETO ribbon with four battle stars and the Good Conduct medal.

Voigt Decorated

With the 96th Division on Okinawa—First Lt. Robert W. Voigt, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Voigt of Route 3, Salem, Ore., has been awarded a Bronze Oak Leaf cluster to the Bronze Star medal for heroic service on Okinawa.

In making the award, Major Gen. J. L. Bradley, commanding the 96th division, cited Lt. Voigt for his heroism May 12, 1945. At that time, the battalion with which Lt. Voigt served as assistant battalion surgeon was engaged in an intense attack on the Naha-Shuri line. When Lt. Voigt saw that an aid station closer to the front would save the lives of many of the casualties, he disregarded heavy fire in the area to personally reconnoiter and plan movement forward. He then took full responsibility in conducting the move. The new location, the citation concluded, proved to be an invaluable aid to the problems of evacuation and undoubtedly saved the lives of many men.

Lt. Voigt, who serves with the 382d infantry, is a graduate of Willamette university. He wears the Medical badge, awarded for combat service in addition to the Bronze Star with Cluster.

Paris, Aug. 1 (UPI)—Today's redeployment schedule: 9th army headquarters: on the high seas; expected to start reaching the U. S. next week.

20th armored: on the high seas with first elements scheduled to reach the U. S. next week.

28th (Keystone) division: advance party now home; main body expected to reach port about Aug. 6.

30th (Old Hickory) division: begins shuttling today from Le Havre to Southampton where troops will board the Queen Mary, except the 119th regiment which will clear from Le Havre directly for the U. S. simultaneously with the Queen's sailing.

35th (Santa Fe) division: now processing at Camp Norfolk in the Rheims assembly area and expected to reach Le Havre late this week.

45th (Thunderbird) division: now processing at Camp St. Louis in the Rheims area and scheduled to leave for Le Havre about Aug. 10.

13th airborne division: advance unit clears Le Havre for the U. S. tomorrow; the main body processing at Camp Pittsburg in the Rheims area for August shipment.

Advance units of all except the 28th and 13th airborne divisions are on the high seas.

Sergeant's Rating

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Willard R. Rathbun of Salem, Ore., now with the Fifth army in Italy, recently was promoted from corporal to sergeant. He is a construction foreman in the 91st "Powder River" division's 316th Engineer battalion. His wife lives on route 4, Salem.

With Service Unit

AMM 1/c LeRoy Ernest Barker of Salem, Ore., has reported for duty with a navy carrier aircraft service unit attached to the Pacific fleet, following a 21 months tour of duty with a similar unit.

Barker, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest S. Barker, live at route 7, Salem, Ore., has been in the navy 37 months. Before entering the service he was a truck driver employer by the State Street Grocery and Market.

Monmouth—Staff Sgt. Lester Coff has returned to Monmouth following his discharge from the army. The sergeant, who served overseas for 35 months, has been stationed in Texas for the past five months.

Casualty List

Appearing on the army war casualty list today released by the war department was the name of one man from this area.

Killed in action with the army in the Pacific regions was Pfc. Perry E. Shank, husband of Mrs. Frances E. Shank of Sweet Home.

Silverton—Capt. and Mrs. William Woodworth arrived from Newport News, Va., Thursday, at the Silverton home of Mrs. Woodworth's parents, the George Bowmans, and left Friday for Oregon City where they will occupy an apartment, near the Willamette home of Capt. Woodworth's parents, until further assignment.

Woodworth, hospitalized in Virginia for the past months, was overseas with the combat engineers. Their small daughter, Barbara Jean, was with the Bowmans during her stay in the east.

Mrs. Woodworth's twin sister, the former June Bowman, and her husband, Lt. (j.g.) A. W. Loft, left a week ago for Oakland where Lt. Loft is awaiting further assignment. They were also guests at the Bowman home.

Receives Promotion

With the 38th (Cyclone) Division on Luzon—Recently promoted to the rank of captain was Roy W. Keller, Silverton, Oregon, who is commanding officer of company A, 132nd infantry, 38th division.

The captain, overseas for 19 months, previously served in Hawaii, New Guinea, Samar and Leyte. He saw action with the 38th division in the 16-day battle for strategic Zig Zag pass, east of Olongana and later against the Japanese Shimbu line, east of Manila.

Capt. Keller's wife makes her home at route 1, Silverton.



Maj. Robert E. Barnett, whose wife and young son make their home in Salem at 361 Leslie street, receives the congratulations of Col. Harold G. Holt, commandant of the Sissonne sub-area of the assembly area command, France, following the award to the major of the Bronze Star for meritorious service. Barnett is assigned to the surgeon's office of the Sissonne sub-area. (Army photo.)

Busick in Illinois

Scott Field, Ill.—Recently enrolled in the army air forces training command radio school at this field was an air corpsman from Salem, Oregon, Pvt. Robert G. Busick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude D. Busick, of route 4, Salem.

The private, a student at Willamette university prior to entering the service, will, on completion of his training here, qualify for further duty as a radio technician and may become a member of a bomber crew at AAF ground station or at one of the battlefronts of the Army Airways Communications System.

Busick, who entered the service January 2, 1945, before being sent to Scott field, was at Keeler field, Miss., to which his base he was sent from Fort Lewis, where he reported upon his induction into the army.

Flies Gen. Nugent

When the war was at its height in Europe, Capt. Andy Humphrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Humphrey of 2425 Cherry street, transported GIs; now as personal pilot for Brig. Gen. Richard E. Nugent, he is flying high ranking army men, government officials and celebrities.

The Salem flier, recently promoted to the rank of captain, took over his new job as personal pilot for the commanding officer of the 29th Tactical Air command, on detached service with the 84th fighter wing of the Ninth air force, after V-E day. Overseas for 21 months, he previously flew with the troop transport command, taking part in five invasions in which the troop carriers participated.

With his headquarters now in Munich, the Salem flier has had as some of his passengers, Jascha Hefetz, violinist; Ancha Hefetz, violinist; the Belgian minister of war, a Belgian baroness, the American ambassador to Belgium, Alexander P. Seversky, designer of the P-47 and author of "Victory Through Air Power." In a recent letter to his parents he enclosed a place-card from a dinner that he and Seversky had given the P-47 had made an autographed sketch of that plane.

Humphreys, a student at Wil-

lamette university at the time of his enlistment in the air corps in March, 1942, left for the service in June, 1942. He now wears the Presidential unit citation, the European theater ribbon with five battle stars and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters.

Aboard Queen Mary

According to an Associated Press dispatch eight men from this section of Oregon will be among the service people Thursday arriving in New York aboard the Queen Mary.

In the group will be First Lt. Charles F. Gieswein of Aurora; Cpl. Dean W. Forbes of Monmouth, Tech. 4 Ernest E. Glade of Molalla, Pfc. Herman F. Mack of Salem, Pfc. Edsel M. Bakke of Dallas, Tech. 3 John R. Gray of Sheeld, Pfc. Vivian G. All of Monmouth, and Sgt. Robert J. Rasmussen of Lebanon.

Silverton—MM 1/c Robert Webb, grandson of Mrs. Lucy Wray, is temporarily located at San Francisco where his wife has been with him for several days. Two other grandsons of Mrs. Wray who recently visited her, were Rdr. 1/c Ralph Webb and Ph M 2/c Melvin Webb, both serving in the South Pacific.

Cpl. Loyal Beals, on a furlough from service in Pacific Islands with the transportation corps, is visiting here with his wife. He is the son-in-law of the Scott McPikes.

The Nels Langsevs have had recent word from their son, Sgt. Floyd Langsev, that he is "well and safe." Sgt. Langsev is serving with the U. S. marines somewhere in the South Pacific.

Word recently received from Pvt. Sheldon Johnson, army construction battalion engineer, by his parents, the Conrad Johnsons, is that he is now in Manila driving a truck at night. Another son of the Conrad Johnsons, Earl, who was confined to a Blak hospital for some time is now able to be back with his company. Pvt. Sheldon Johnson told of having seen R. Huddleston, Alan Wiesner and Trygve Hanson in the islands recently.

Ralph Baller of U.S. navy, son of Sal Ballers, last week landed in San Francisco with a shipload of marines, who had been in service for 32 months in the South Pacific area.

Medal to Finseth

With the 96th Infantry Division on Okinawa—To a veteran of the Leyte campaign, Sgt. Arnold F. Finseth, whose wife makes her home in Salem, Ore., at 1140 E street, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in action against the enemy on Okinawa.

In making the award, Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley, commanding the 96th division, cited the radio repairman for a Cavalry reconnaissance troop, as follows:

"Sgt. Finseth was entirely responsible for the maintenance of 42 radios, both amplitude modulated and frequency modulated, in his unit. Without direction from an officer he kept the radios which were subjected to rain, submersion in salt water, dust and extensive usage, in excellent condition."

"On April 1, during the initial landing on Okinawa when many radios were subjected to salt water, Sgt. Finseth immediately performed third echelon maintenance on the sets with inadequate tools and under the most unfavorable conditions. Due to his technical skill, all of the radios were put back into excellent condition."

Lebanon—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general of the Tenth army, recently personally presented the Silver Star for gallantry in action to Pfc. John H. Elliot, formerly of Lebanon. The ceremony took place on a battlefield in Okinawa. Elliot is a veteran of the 96th division.

At Rest Center

With the XXIII Corps in Germany—Making the most of their free time under the army's post-war recreational program in Europe, men of the XXIII corps, now on occupational duty with the Fifteenth army, each week draw lots to determine the winners of passes to the corps' rest center in Esch, Luxembourg.

One of the men recently visiting the center was Pfc. James F. Whelen of 1480 Broadway street, Salem, Ore. While at the center the Salemite was free from army rules and regulations and the routine of army life. He stood no formation, ate his meals at any time during a two-hour mealtime span and was able to take part in a variety of recreational activities.

Woodburn—Cpl. Eva Koessler who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Rose Koessler, and other relatives since July 22, is leaving Wednesday night to return to duty at Smyrna, Tenn. The Wac is court reporter and legal stenographer at Smyrna and has been in the service 28 months. She was formerly employed in Salem.

Mill City—Pfc. A. L. Olmslead, overseas for 17 months, has written his mother, Mrs. Glenn Ettinger, that he has been transferred from Belgium to Cherbourg, France.

Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Flook and son, George Patton, are with the sergeant's parents, the George Flooks, spending his 19-day furlough from the Merced army air field in California. Sgt. Flook is editor of the base newspaper.

EM3/c Frank Jackson, from the naval air station in Pensacola, Fla., is spending several days leave with his parents.

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