



Serving Uncle Sam

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People residing on the Island of Okinawa are indelible and after watching them and their way of life it is easy to see why the Japanese regard human life so cheaply, for they have nothing for which to live—writes Pfc. Corydon Blodgett from that Pacific island, where he saw action with the 96th division. In a letter written his parents Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Blodgett, from a rest area, where the soldier was sent at the end of the Okinawa campaign, he told of natives shrinking from the Americans, when they tried to give them medical aid for fear of being harmed. The Japanese soldiers, he described as barbarians, having been steeped in barbarism since early childhood.



Ph. M 2/c Wesley M. Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Peters of 1180 South Liberty street, who last week arrived in Salem to spend a 30-day leave with his parents. The sailor back from 20 months of duty at a base hospital in New Guinea will on termination of his leave report to Bremerton, Washington.

Lt. Fewlie at Assam

New Delhi—One of the six army nurses from Oregon, now serving with hospital units located in the vast areas comprising the India-Burma theater, is First Lt. Gladys O. Fewlie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Fewlie of 2180 North Liberty street, Salem, Ore. The lieutenant, in the services for almost three years and overseas for two years, is stationed at Assam.

Some of the nurses are stationed at medical installations in such relatively modern cities as Calcutta and New Delhi, but the great majority are on duty at jungle outposts in the tough mountainous areas of Assam and Burma. Despite mud, monsoon rains, intense heat and other difficulties, unknown on most other war fronts, these American women have managed to give modern medical care to American and allied troops in these remote and primitive parts of the world.

After the battle was ended Pfc. Blodgett took a trip across the island and met Lt. Otto Wilson, also stationed on Okinawa and was a classmate of Blodgett at Willamette university. Wilson was the first Salem man that he has seen since arriving at Okinawa. Two other Salemites joined the 96th division at the same time as did Blodgett, but were with different units.

Hartwell Visits

Staff Sgt. Milton Hartwell, overseas for the past 38 months with the Far East air force command, has arrived in Salem to spend a 30-day furlough with his wife, the former Eileen Lester, and their daughter, Judy. The sergeant, who reports to Santa Ana, Calif., for his reassignment, during the time he was overseas participated in the New Guinea, Morotai and Luzon campaigns.

Scio—Vernon Morgan, eldest son of the late Ollie Morgan and Mrs. Morgan, is home on leave from duty in armed service, recently in Illinois.

The Vernon King family is residing here following King's recent discharge on the point system from extended service in the European war zone.

Aumsville—Cecil Hough, radioman 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hough, is home on 30-day leave. A veteran of 23 months in Alaska and the Aleutians, the navy man will report back to Seattle for reassignment at the end of his leave.

Two brothers and a sister of Hough are in the service. They are Cpl. Eugene Hough in Germany, Louis who will graduate from reserve officers' training as an ensign in a few months, and Sue, who is in the Waves.



Pfc. George Byron Rhoades of Woodburn who received the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Germany.

Given Promotions

A Ninth Air Force Fighter Bomber Base, Erlangen, Germany—Two Oregon men, members of the 354th P-51 "Pioneer" Mustang fighter group, one squadron of which trained in Salem, Ore., have recently received promotions at this base.

A South Forest Grove, Ore., man, Varney A. Smith, an engineering chief with a squadron of the group, has been made a master sergeant and Melvin A. Anderson of Portland, Ore., an armament flight chief, was also promoted to master sergeant. Both men have been overseas since October, 1945, when the 354th fighter group arrived in the European theater.

First stationed in England, the unit has for 17 months taken part in tactical operations in this theater and has accounted for a record toll of 701 aerial destructions and 256 on the ground. They have also dive-bombed and strafed German airfields, railroad marshaling yards, tanks, convoys and other vital military equipment, while spearheading Third Army advances, harassing enemy supply and communication lines.

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Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Crenshaw, Lebanon, recently was awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in combat in Italy. He served on the Fifth army front in the 362nd infantry regiment of the 91st "Powder River" division. He is the son of Mrs. Ethel E. Crenshaw.

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Paratrooper of the First Allied Airborne Army in France. Sketched by Harold Von Schmidt.



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91st Sergeant Rallies Platoon

Climaxing a daring one-man raid on a Jap entrenchment with a bayonet charge, Tech Sgt. John C. Rea whose wife lives in Salem at 1491 South Commercial street, did a spectacular job of rallying his infantry platoon as the Doughboys went into combat for the first time on Leyte, in the Philippines.

The story of Sgt. Rea's heroism, just released by the war department, is part of the fighting history of the 96th infantry division, now resting on Okinawa after more than eight months of campaigning in the Philippines and Ryukus.

Rea's company of the 381st infantry regiment was attacking a Jap dug-in position near Killing, Leyte. Thick underbrush, swamps and torrential rain made the going tough. But the sergeant's platoon penetrated the last swamp and came to a 75-yard clearing, halting just long enough to arrange covering fire by automatic riflemen against a banana grove across the clearing.

As the Doughboys resumed their advance, they were met by intense enemy fire for the first time since they entered combat. In spite of this, Rea bolstered his men and led them into the grove from which the fire was coming, cleaned out the Japs

and advanced to the next clearing. Attempting to infiltrate the Doughboys were again pinned down by enemy fire. Next, the Japs opened up with a barrage of hand grenades.

When the third grenade lit in the midst of his platoon, the sergeant got to his feet shouting, "Let's go!" and deliberately started walking toward the Jap entrenchment behind a bamboo clump 30 yards away. One Jap raised up and fired his rifle. He died with a bullet through his forehead as Sgt. Rea fired a snap shot from the hip with his M1 rifle. Another Jap raised up to throw a grenade at the advancing sergeant. Another shot from the hip caught the Jap in the throat—but it was Rea's last bullet. With no time to reload, he charged the nest and bayoneted the two remaining Japs.

The heroic job was accomplished as adjacent enemy positions directed all their fire on Sgt. Rea. And his gallantry so inspired his men that they rushed in to kill 14 more Japs and drive others in the Benahan river.

Now stationed at the motor torpedo boat repair training unit at Melville, R.I., is CMO MM Marvin Earl Darby, son of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Darby of Rt. 3 Silverton. The navy man, who has been overseas for 15 months wears the Asiatic-Pacific theater and American theater ribbons. His wife resides at Ashwood, Ore. A brother, James O., Jr., is also in the navy.

Bob Dean Home

Woodburn—Capt. Robert Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dean of Woodburn, arrived home last Sunday from headquarters air forces weather service in North Carolina on a 12-day leave. He will leave August 8 for Kearns, Utah, for reassignment to the west Pacific. Capt. Dean has been in the service 3½ years. He graduated from Woodburn high school in 1938, from Willamette university in 1942 and from California Institute of Technology in 1943. He has seen service overseas in London and Normandy and was on an inspection tour through Iceland and Greenland.

Pfc. Margaret Hall, who has been stationed at Dodge City, Kans., has been spending a short furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hall, and left Wednesday for Waco, Texas, where she will be a dietitian in the air base hospital.

Staff Sgt. Melvin D. Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin E. Collins of Woodburn, has been assigned to the occupational air force in Europe as a member of the 99th bombardment group, 416th bombardment squadron, a veteran Flying Fortress unit of the 15th air force. He has served seven months overseas as tail gunner and wears the Air Medal and one cluster.

Tech 4 John D. Lienhart, a radio operator with the 13th armored division in France and Austria is spending a 30-day furlough with his wife at Ger-

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vais and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Lienhart, at Monitor, Sgt. Lienhart has been in the service four and a half years, six months of that time being spent overseas and wears the Bronze Star medal, the European campaign ribbon with battle stars for Rhineland and Central European conflicts.

Pfc. Oliver G. Seymour, son of the George Seymours of route 1, has reported to the army ground and service forces redistribution station at Santa Barbara, Calif., for reassignment. He spent 12 months on duty as an infantry rifleman in France.

Tech. Sgt. Norman Zimmer, son of Mrs. Vivian Zimmer of Newberg, visited friends here Monday. On a 30 day furlough after 14 months in Europe with the Ninth army, Zimmer, an illustrator, also served in Canada. He wears the European theater ribbon with three battle stars, the Allied Nations medal for serving under Montgomery, the certificate of merit and Good Conduct ribbons.

Mrs. Loretta Little Cypers has received the Purple Heart posthumously awarded to her husband, George W. Cypers, chief gunner's mate, killed in two Jima in February. She makes her home in Portland with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Little, who formerly lived in Woodburn.

John A. Leech, enlisted in the marine corps reserve July 27,

at the Portland recruiting station. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Leech of Woodburn, route 2, he is awaiting orders to report to San Diego for training.

Hubbard—Cpl. Robert L. Lutz Jr., returned last Sunday from three years of combat duty and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lutz. Cpl. Lutz is an auto mechanic and wears the Philippine Liberation ribbon, the good conduct medal, the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with five Bronze Stars and the Luzon and Bismarck Archipelago ribbon and five hash marks. After a 45-day furlough he will return to his company in the Pacific.

Silverton—SSML 2/c Ernest Lee arrived Friday for a several days stay with Silverton relatives, having arrived in the States July 27 for a 30-day furlough after 23 months in the South Pacific. The sailor who wears the Bronze Star came from his base at Guam. Lee attended the Silverton schools and has made his home in Washington for some time. He is a nephew of Oscar E. Lee of Silverton.

Flight Officer Jim Ekman, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Ekman, has reached his destination in the South Pacific. He left the States 10 days ago on a C-54 transport. Ekman has been flying a P-38 for the past seven months.

"Well done, WAVES!"

Men of the Navy salute the women of the Navy on 3 years of service to their country



"Well done!" says Fleet Admiral King. On the third anniversary hearty congratulations to Captain Mildred McAfee, Director of the Women's Reserve. "The WAVES," he said, "have won the respect and admiration of the entire service for their valuable contribution toward the winning of the war."



"Well done!" says a survivor of a gallant aircraft carrier. Wounded in a Jap bombing attack and rushed by air to a Naval hospital, he has nothing but praise for the treatment he has received from hard-working WAVES of the Hospital Corps. "When you're wounded," he says, "it's wonderful to have a woman's care. You are needed now in this important work."



"Well done!" says a Navy flyer due soon to be shipped out to fly against the Japs. At the air base where he trains, WAVES check flyers in and out of the field. Others route air traffic from the control tower, instruct flyers on the Link Trainer, serve as Aviation Machine Gunners. "And," adds the flyer, "they know their jobs and we depend on them plenty!"

-and there's a big job still to do!

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You're needed in the business end of the Navy. You might have a job like this: You might be checking motion picture film in the Photographic Science Laboratory in Washington, D. C. You might serve as a Link Trainer instructor, control tower operator, photographer, typist, storekeeper—or in one of many other jobs which must be "manned" ashore to keep our Navy fighting at sea. You're needed to help our country administer the knock-out blow in the final stages of our war in the Pacific.



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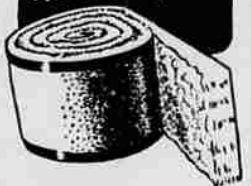
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