



Serving Uncle Sam

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Headquarters, Army Air Forces, India-Burma, Calcutta—Now en route to his home in Salem, Oregon, is First Lt. Donald B. Wegner, member of the famous "Burma Bridge-Buster" squadron, who himself celebrated his squadron's second anniversary of flying combat missions against the Nips by destroying the Kehsi Mansong road bridge in Burma.

The flier son of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Wegner of 2650 Portland road, Salem, Oregon, in addition to knocking out the Kehsi Mansong bridge destroyed the Loi Leng No. 2 by-pass bridge.

In the air corps since 1942 an overseas since November 27, 1944, the Salem officer joined his outfit, the 490th medium bomb squadron of the Tenth Air Force, which was activated near Karachi, India, in mid-1942, on his arrival overseas.

The squadron smashed many of the key bridges in enemy occupied territory, while based in India and flew missions against supply depots storage dumps fortified strong points, troop convoys and concentrations, freight warehouses, rail yards and rolling stock. After almost three years in Burma and India the outfit in April of this year moved into North China, where they again left their mark on bridges needed by the Japanese for their extended supply lines.

Wegner's squadron received 30 official commendations for outstanding performance in combat, was awarded three battle stars, dropped a total of over 1,000,000 pounds of bombs, chalked up 3,000 sorties, destroyed 133 bridges and damaged 43 more.

The Salem lieutenant, a graduate of Salem high school and a former student at Willamette university, at the time of entering the service was employed by the Shell Oil company.

S 1/c Stettler Here

Returned to the states after five months of sea duty aboard a transport in the Pacific, S 1/c Thomas Stettler is now visiting with his father, John Stettler, of the Salem fire department, while on 23-day leave.

The sailor, a former employee in the Capital Journal composing room, entered the navy 17 months ago. His ship, now in port in Seattle, brought a group of servicemen home from Manila.

Stettler will leave within a few days for Oakland, Calif., where he will visit with his mother, Mrs. Harriett Stettler, and his brother, John Stettler, Jr., recently discharged from the U. S. marines.

Kenney Visits Here

Visiting in Salem now is Cpl. Carlos Kenney, former Salem resident, who, after being in the service for almost six years and seeing overseas duty in the Pacific, this month received his discharge from the army at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo.

Kenney is also visiting in Portland with his mother, Mrs.



First Lt. Donald P. Wegner

Servicemen Home

Woodburn—Sgt. Carl H. Gustafson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gustafson, after serving 25 months in the army air forces, has received his discharge at Randolph Field, Texas. Gustafson has served at Pueblo, Colo., Laredo, Texas, Topeka, Kan., Buckley Field, Colo., and in England. He was armor-gunner on a B-24 and nose gunner with the Eighth air force based in England. He wears the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and ETO ribbon with four bronze stars. Prior to entering the service the sergeant graduated from Woodburn high school where he was outstanding in athletics. He plans to attend Oregon State college.

MM 1/c Hyrlie Fryer has returned home after receiving his discharge from the navy at Bremerton. He served almost four years with the navy in the Caribbean, the Asiatic Pacific and the Philippines. Fryer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Miller Fryer of Woodburn. He plans to continue with diesel engineering.

Lawrence Dubois, recently discharged from the army after 35 months with the signal corps in Africa and Italy with the 12th air force, has been visiting his sister, Miss Maxine Dubois, and other relatives.

Leo Kenney, formerly of Salem, and with his sister, Miss Patricia Kenney, a student at Oregon State college.

Leaving Service

Leaving Fort Stevens last week for the separation center at Fort Lewis, where they were to receive their discharges from the army were two servicemen from Salem, Ore., Tech. 3 Ralph N. Smith and Cpl. William A. Wilson, both of whom have been in the armed forces for five years.

Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Carl F. Smith of 1610 D street, served as a repairman in radar communications.

Flew Hellcat Fighter

When the Nips agreed to our surrender terms seeing action off the coast of Japan with a Hellcat fighting squadron based on the escort carrier, USS Chenango was a naval flier from Salem, Lt. Albert Ray Kemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian C. Kemp of 245 East Washington street.

The officer, who was with a squadron that had been on duty in the Pacific area for more than 10 months, flying first from the escort carrier, USS Sangamon, previously saw action against the Nips at Okinawa and other islands in the Ryuku group, flying night aerial patrols protecting the U. S. forces from attacks by enemy aircraft and making night attacks against enemy airfields. He was credited with the probable destruction of a large enemy freighter.

Kemp, a former student at San Mateo Junior college and Oregon State college, enlisted in the naval reserve in November, 1941, while attending Oregon State, and was called for his training in December of the same year. He received his wings at Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1943, and prior to being assigned to overseas duty served as an instructor at the Pao, Wash., naval base and at a base in Rhode Island.

S 1/c Clarence Joseph Duke, Jr., of Falls City, Ore., was one of the ten men of the escort aircraft carrier USS Kalinin helping to take the vessel through some of the hottest action in the Pacific before she returned to the States to take part in the observance of Navy day.



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Serve With Seabees

Okinawa (Delayed)—Five navy men from Salem, Ore., were among those who served in this area with U. S. naval construction battalions playing an important part in the final drive that helped bring Japan to her knees.

Serving on Okinawa with the 135th naval construction battalion were CCS Arthur G. Mathewly, S 1/c Ralph Arthur Smith and CCM Elmer Lowell Gripenrog.

Members of the 125th naval construction battalion were SF 2/c James Wesley Strong of 117 North Commercial street and BM 1/c Thomas Noble Eaton of 1645 Winona street.

Overseas 16 Months

Fort Sill, Okla.—Army officer seeing 16 months of service overseas and having duty in both the Pacific and European theaters, was First Lt. Ralph M. Black, son of A. Burr Black of route 2, Salem, who recently received his discharge from the armed forces.

The lieutenant, in the Pacific with the 98th FA battalion and in the ETO with the Ninth army, first served as a battery reconnaissance officer and later as an automotive instructor.

Members of the crew of the escort aircraft carrier, USS Kalinin Bay, which, after taking part in some of the hottest action in the Pacific, returned to

the states for Navy day, were WT 3/c James W. Low of Woodburn and S 1/c Clarence Joseph Hoke, Jr., of Falls City.

Given Discharges

Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash.—In the group of Oregon men receiving their discharges from the navy at the separation center here November 8 and 9 were a number from the state's capital city and surrounding towns. They were:

Albany—CSF Wilbur G. Rea and Pfc Reza R. Robinson.
Corvallis—AM2c Earl Valentine Hoerauf.
Dallas—CDM W. Hausauer.
Dayton—CM1c Charles Launer and MM2c William Ball Chapman.
Lebanon—SK2c Harold E. Behle and AM2c Jess L. Brown.
McMinnville—CPM Stanley M. Brooks.
Salem—Sic Joseph L. Perkins, 1001 Jefferson; PM2c Robert Warren Bullis, 940 Monroe; SK1c John Paul Dawson, 167 Gerich; and KM2c Angus A. McRae, 2333 N. Fourth St.

Silverton—Sic LeRoy Pasler.
Woodburn—CM2c William D. Kaptin and PM2c Elva Powers.

Ballston—Wac Cpl. Laverne Lane last week received her discharge from the air force at Camp Beale, Calif., after two and a half years of service with the Wacs and is now at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Bowman.

Ph.M. Melvin Brooks of Tillamook, who recently received his discharge after being in the navy since before Pearl Harbor, with his family is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hattie Brooks of Ballston. Two of Brooks' brothers are still in the navy.

Valley Men Return

Arriving in the States soon aboard ships that are bringing them back from overseas duty are four service men from this section of the state. Three of the men are returning from the European theater and one of the group, Cpl. John C. Kirk of Silverton, is being returned from the Pacific aboard the Montrose due in San Francisco Wednesday.

Slated to arrive in Boston Monday on the Smith Thompson is Tech. Sgt. Frederick G. Lau of Stayton, while returning aboard the Sommeljik, due in Newport News Monday, are First Lt. John F. Ligon, Jr., of Corvallis and Pfc. Jess O. Robnett of Molalla.

Thanksgiving Day Dated November 22

Washington, Nov. 13 (AP)—President Truman has proclaimed November 22, fourth Thursday of the month, as Thanksgiving day.

His proclamation asked that "We give thanks with the humility of free men, each knowing it was the might of no one arm but of all together by which we were saved."

Most birds, constantly active and sleeping little, burn themselves out in a few years.

'Ike' Warns of Job in Europe

Boston, Nov. 13 (AP)—A caution against too rapid return of American soldiers from Europe was left with the nation today by General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The general said that he believed American soldiers "should be returned to their homes," but added "America's obligations to the world and ourselves should be fulfilled."

Speaking at a state dinner, Eisenhower said:

"If disintegration of our forces goes too far, it will provide evidence to the German people that we are not equal to our task, and an enduring peace may disappear and the war may have been fought in vain."

"The day of critical decision is rushing upon us."

The general said the "plain fact" is that "the keeping of the peace requires maintenance of adequate forces in Europe."

"We have responsibility to the displaced persons of Europe," he said.

"We cannot neglect them. The sad fact is our job will be

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a continuous one until they have been given the opportunity to develop themselves a self-respecting standard of living."

He arrived in Washington today where he will testify before several congressional committees.

Gold Circulation Bill Coming Up

Washington, Nov. 13 (AP)—A return to free circulation of gold was proposed today by Senators Murray (D-Mont.) and Taylor (D-Idaho).

The two announced they would present a bill to:

1. Permit coinage of a \$50 gold piece.
2. Provide for free circulation of gold and the convertibility of gold with currency.
3. Authorize the president to increase the price of gold about \$35 an ounce.
4. Permit mints to exchange coined gold or currency for gold bullion.



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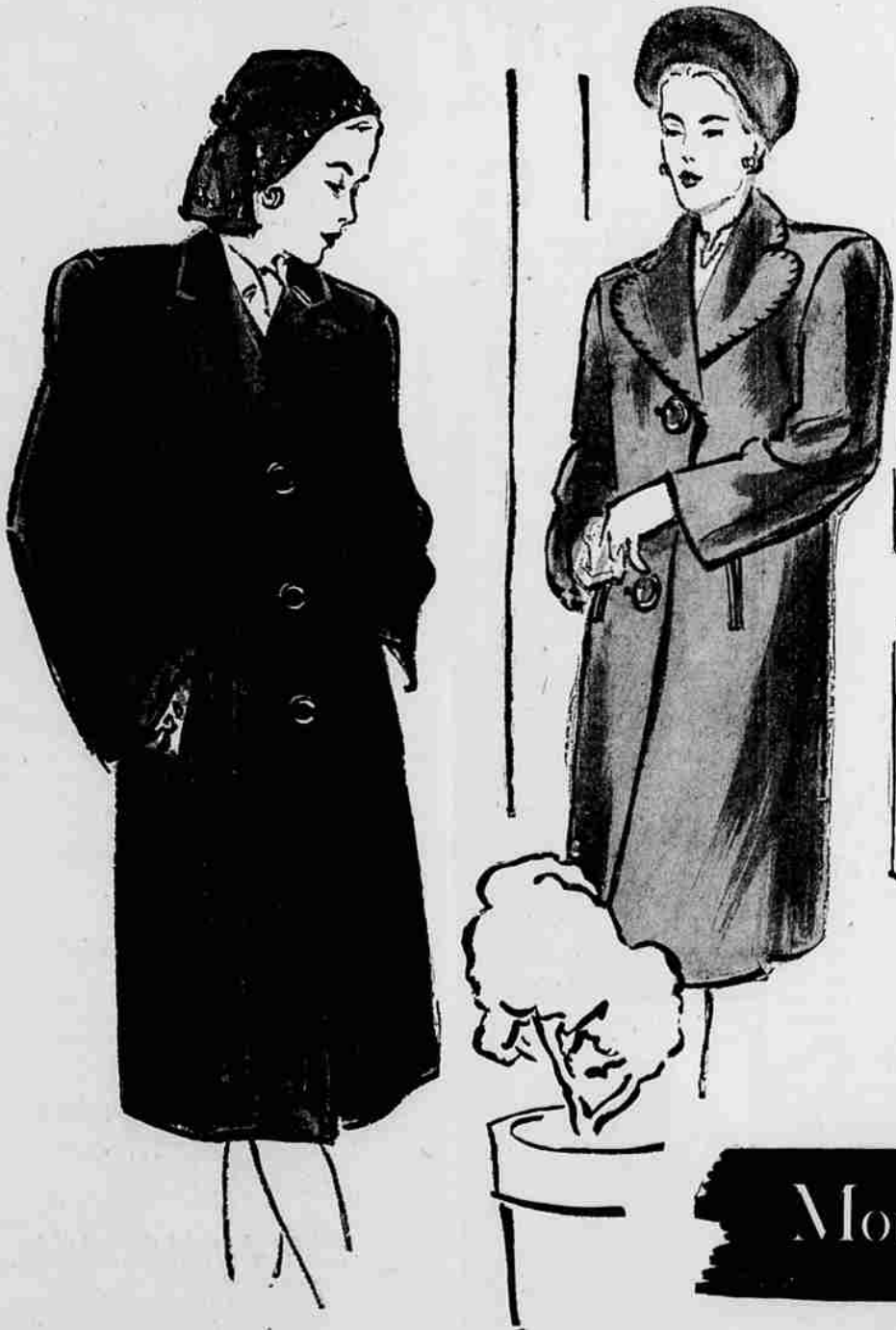
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