

Serving Uncle Sam

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Recruiting Officer Leaves for School

Leaving today for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where he will take a two-week course in military personnel procurement work is Maj. Sherman Stanfield, in charge of the Salem army recruiting office since September 25 of this year. Stanfield, slated to report to the Georgia fort November 27, will return to Salem late in December or in early January.

Accompanying the major east will be his wife, who will visit in Sturgis, Mich., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLain. The couple plan to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Stanfield's parents.

On USS Goodhue

Aboard the USS Goodhue in the Pacific—Naval officer from Salem, Ore., who assumed the duties of an officer of the navigation and communication division on this attack transport is Ensign Douglas B. Spencer, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Carlton E. Spencer of 1100 Chemeketa street, Salem.

A student at Harvard university prior to entering the navy, Spencer has been aboard this ship since November, 1944, and in addition to his primary duties as a small boat officer, served as coding officer in the communications department. As a small boat officer he was in charge of a group of landing craft used in putting men and supplies on enemy beaches at Leyte, Kerame Retto, Ie Shima and Okinawa.

Leaves Service

McCaw General Hospital, Walla Walla, Wash.—Receiving his discharge from the army on Armistice day was a soldier from Salem, Ore., Pfc. Bernard P. Wilkinson, whose wife has made her home in Salem while he was in the service.

In the army since August 13, 1943, Wilkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Wilkinson of Gervais,

Ore., served in the European theater for six months with the infantry. He wears the ETO ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, the Victory Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart. A shipfitter at the time of being called for duty with the army, he plans to enter civil service work on his return to civilian life.

Grabenhorst Here

On terminal leave prior to reverting to inactive status in the army air force is First Lt. Richard Grabenhorst, who has returned from the Pacific and is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Grabenhorst, at 1655 Fir street. The officer, an ordnance man with the 13th air force in the Pacific, has been in the service since January, 1942, and spent 32 months overseas. The wearer of nine battle stars, Grabenhorst was stationed in Guadalcanal, New Guinea and the Philippines. He arrived in the States November 3, docking at Tacoma. Prior to entering the army air force, the lieutenant was associated with his father in the real estate business.

Given Discharge

Seymour Johnson Field, N. C. Sgt. Loren L. Swenwold of Salem, Ore., in the service since December 16, 1941, has recently been transferred from this First air force base to a separation center, where he will receive his discharge from the army air forces. The sergeant was a machinist in civilian life.

The wife of the air force man makes her home at route 1, Salem, and his mother, Mrs. Mrs. Mary Swenwold, resides in Salem at 1740 Trade street.

Lincoln Army Air Field, Nebraska—Receiving his discharge from the army air force here recently was Second Lt. Donovan F. Morisky, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Morisky of Brooks, Ore. The lieutenant, a bombardier with the air corps, has been in the service since February 6, 1943.



Wae Sgt. Helen B. Ng Mun Tayne, daughter of Mrs. Dora L. Sing, who after duty in the Pacific theater is now returning to the United States from Manila to receive her discharge under the point system.

Kay McGuire Here

Spending a 30-day leave with his parents is SSM 1/c Kay J. McGuire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay J. McGuire of 1195 North 15th street. The navy man, recently returned from Japan, where he helped land occupational forces, has spent 48 months in the Pacific. On termination of his leave, he will report to San Pedro, where he is scheduled to receive an advancement in rating and will be given an assignment for shore duty.

MP Who Guarded Tojo Returning

With the First Cavalry Division in Tokyo—Among the first group of men selected from the First cavalry division for return to the United States from Tokyo was Pfc. Eldon W. McCulley of Salem, Ore., who was one of the military police removing Premier Tojo from his home following the Nip premier's attempted suicide.

Overseas for 15 months, McCulley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. McCulley of 155 Nebraska street, Salem, has participated in four campaigns. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with campaign stars for New Guinea, the Admiralty islands, Leyte and Luzon, the Philippine Liberation ribbon with two bronze stars and the Combat Infantryman's badge.

Prior to entering the service the cavalryman was an employee of the Oregon Pulp and Paper company.

Gates—Just returned from Okinawa, where he was with the military government, and now on terminal leave, Lt. Comdr. Virgil Heath, accompanied by his wife and young son, Richard, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Heath. Following the navy man's release from the service he and his family will return to Alaska, where he formerly was with the government forest service.



First Lt. Ronald Dale Birch of the army air corps, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Birch of 1085 Highland avenue, have been informed by the war department that he has been officially declared killed in action over the North sea March 24, 1945. The officer, pilot of a B-17 bomber with the Eighth air force, had previously been listed as missing in action.

Rickey—Arriving in San Francisco from the Pacific over the week-end was F1c William H. Bales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bales. The sailor is stationed on the cruiser, St. Louis, which after 48 hours in the States left for Guadalcanal.

Back from Manila after serving three years in the South Pacific, is Lt. J. W. Flester of Tacoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.

A. Flester. The officer recently visited here with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bales, and with his parents.

U.S. Naval Personnel Separation Center, Shoemaker, Calif.—Among those navy men receiving their discharges from the service here November 17 was CM1c William J. Hart of Albany, Oregon.

Returning to his studies at Willamette university after being away since the spring of 1941, when he left during his

junior year to enlist in the army is Wayne Sturdivant, who has spent three years overseas with the 760th field artillery. Sturdivant saw service in New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan.

Lambert on Carrier

Aboard the carrier, USS Lake Champlain, which is being used as a troop ship to return servicemen to the United States and November 8 left New York for Italy is a marine private from Salem, Benny Lambert, son of

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Lambert. Lambert, who enlisted in the marines this year, was called to duty in July of this year, following the completion of his junior year at Salem high school. He took his boot training at San Diego and on termination of his training was cited as the most outstanding man in his platoon.

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