

# Serving Uncle Sam

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Back in the States on terminal leave after 20 months spent overseas caring for wounded GIs is First Lt. Rufina C. Parrish of the army nurses corps, who has, in her work on general duty in surgical wards dealing mostly with orthopedic cases, seen men with an arm or leg missing and sometimes two legs or an arm and a leg. The nurse after serving in three theaters and coming in contact with many of our wounded is high in her praise of the GIs that she had as patients and commended them for their fine morale. In the service for 29 months she spent 15 months in the European theater on the staff of the 185th general hospital, located in England until late in the spring of 1945 when it was transferred to France.

While in the ETO many of Lt. Parrish's patients during the summer months were men brought to the hospital by plane and had been wounded from eight to 24 hours prior to reaching the hospital. In bad weather they came by train and boat and had received previous care.

Leaving France July 28, 1945, the lieutenant was transferred to the 231st general hospital, with which she was sent to the Philippines arriving there September 9, 1945. En route to the Pacific from France she served as a nurse on a ship bringing patients back to the States, thus giving her duty in the American theater.

The ship taking Lt. Parrish to the Philippines crossed the equator on its trip to those islands, going as far south as Hollandia. On arriving at Luzon the 231st general hospital was set up at San Fernando. It was from there that the officer went to Manila to be transported back to the States November 6.

The nurse received her training at St. Joseph's hospital at Vancouver, Wash., and before being called to duty with the army was on the staff of the Salem General hospital for six weeks and on that of the Providence hospital in Portland for six weeks. On the Red Cross student reserve list for a year prior to completion of her nurses' training, Lt. Parrish signed for duty with the nurses' corps just before her graduation and took her oath of office following her graduation.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Parrish of Ebensburg, Pa., the nurse has been making her home in Oregon with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Kirsch of Stayton since 1938. She is a cousin of Miss Agnes Kirsch, on the staff of the Marion county Red Cross office.

Two brothers of Lt. Parrish also saw duty in this war. Walter Parrish, discharged after serving as a private in the army air corps ground forces. The other brother, AMM 2c Paul Parrish, has been in the navy for two and a half years and is now stationed near Santa Barbara, Calif.

Returned home after spending three years in the Southwest Pacific is Sgt. James J. Morey, who is at the home of his mother at 310 Water street.



**WITNESS**—Gen. of Army George C. Marshall, retiring Army chief of staff, testifies before the special congressional committee inquiring into the Pearl Harbor disaster. Other witnesses included Cordell Hull and Joseph C. Grew.

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## Col John Finn Gets Legion of Merit

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 21 (AP)—With top-ranking officers in attendance, Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge yesterday decorated the seventh infantry division's Col. Robert H. Booth, former chief of staff North Arlington, N.J., and Col. John (Mickey) Finn, Salem, Ore., both awarded the Legion of Merit.

They are veterans of combat in Okinawa and the Philippines.

## Lindbeck at Corvallis

Arriving at the Corvallis naval hospital Wednesday night was Lt. Cmdr. John Lindbeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lindbeck, who earlier in the month docked in San Francisco, and has since been hospitalized there.

The naval officer became seriously ill while his ship was in Japanese waters and was taken to a hospital ship. He was returned to the States aboard a hospital ship and came to the Corvallis hospital on a hospital train.

The commander, who plans to spend Christmas in Salem with his parents, has been on sea duty with the navy since January 3, 1942, seeing duty in both the Atlantic and the Pacific. He was graduated from Annapolis in December, 1941.

**Independence**—MM 1c Warren W. Winstead, son of Murray Winstead, was among those returned to the States aboard the USS Cowpens.

Home after two years of duty with the army air corps in India is First Lt. Johnnie Foster, son of Mrs. A. W. Foster of Salem, formerly of Independence.

Expected home this week-end from Miami Beach, Fla., is Lt. (j.g.) Mack Maison, who will spend the holidays with his parents, Col. and Mrs. H. G. Maison.



Like Lawrence A. Webb, who recently received his discharge from the navy at Shoemaker, Calif., after being in the service for over three years. The sailor, son of Mrs. Zula Webb of 1265 North 17th street as a member of the armed guard made two trips around the globe and several trips to South Pacific ports. Prior to enlisting in the navy he was an employe of the Valley Packing company.

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## Wilson in Pacific

Former Salem man now in Tokyo with the military government setup of the army is Capt. Julius R. Wilson, who left for overseas duty about two months ago.

In the service since shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the captain, a graduate of Oregon State college and an auditor with the government engineers in Newfoundland before reporting for duty with the armed forces, prior to being assigned to duty with the military government was a member of the army air force ground forces, and was stationed in the States.

Wilson is the son of Mrs. Ella Schultz Wilson and the nephew of Mrs. Mary Schultz Duncan. His wife makes her home in Portland.

Now stationed in the Philippines on the Bataan peninsula, but expecting to be returned to this country before many months, is a brother of the captain, Capt. Richard H. Wilson, who also has been a member of the U. S. armed forces since shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Richard, a graduate of the University of Oregon and a salesman with a chemical company in Portland prior to entering the service, before going to the Philippines was with a chemical warfare division in Luxembourg, spending over a year in the European theater of operations. When the war with Japan was terminated the officer was in the Caribbean sea en route to the Pacific.

The wife and son of Capt. Richard Wilson make their home in La Grande.

## Lt. Col. Wade Home

In the service for almost four years and stationed at Fort Douglas, Utah, ever since he reported for duty, Lt. Col. Francis T. Wade arrived in Salem Thursday on 90-day terminal leave, at the end of which he will receive his discharge from the army at Fort Lewis.

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## Bacon Is Promoted

From Guam, where he is stationed with Marine Air group 21, has come word of the promotion to technical sergeant of James N. Bacon, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Bacon. The sergeant has been overseas for 10 months.

## Maj. Utter Visits

Visiting briefly in Salem Wednesday was Maj. Robert Utter, who was at the home of his parents and at the Salem Deaconess hospital where his brother, Cpl. Kenneth Utter, is a patient, following an automobile accident in Ashland Sunday night.

The major was en route back to New Orleans, where he is stationed. He had been in command of a troop train that had gone to San Francisco. This was Utter's first visit home in two and a half years. Prior to entering the service he was personnel officer with the unemployment compensation commission.

## Lehman Discharged

In the army for four years, Sgt. H. W. Lehman recently received his discharge from the army at Greensboro, North Carolina, and with his wife has arrived in Salem coming from the East by auto.

The couple, now visiting at the home of the sergeant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lehman of 1099 Mill street, stopped at Compton, Calif., to visit Lehman's brother, Marion, while en route to Oregon and also visited other relatives along their route of travel.

Lehman has been on military leave from the highway department.

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## Buren Leaving Army

On terminal leave until April, 1946, Lt. Col. Wolcott Buren has returned to Salem after four and a half years of service in the army medical corps and 31 months spent overseas.

The officer, stationed in the States on first entering the army, was sent overseas with the 40th division and given duty in the Hawaiian islands with that division. He spent six months with that outfit before being transferred to Tripler General hospital in Hawaii.

On being returned to the United States he was stationed at Fort Lewis, where he has since September of this year, been in charge of the medical department at the separation center.

Prior to entering the service Col. Buren was a physician and surgeon in the Buren, Power, King, Lancefield and Miller clinic. All of the five doctors have been in service in this war, with Power, King and Miller returning to Salem before Buren. Wednesday night the quintet was together for the

first time since the beginning of the war, when Dr. and Mrs. Power invited the group to their home. Lt. Lancefield, still in the navy and stationed at San Diego, was here for the occasion, stopping in Salem en route to Denver, where he will spend the holidays with his wife and two children.

Mrs. Buren and the couple's two children, Nancy and Dick, have made their home in Salem while the colonel was in the armed forces.

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## Ensign Adams Here

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Adams, in the navy since 1943, at the time of entering the service was a junior at Willamette university, where he was a member of Sigma Tau fraternity. As a crew member of an APA he saw action in the battle for Okinawa.

The officer and his wife and mother will this week-end leave for Eureka, where he will spend the holidays, after which he reports to Seattle for reassignment. The navy man's father, formerly superintendent of schools at Silverton, has been superintendent of schools at Eureka for the past three years.

Also in the service is Ensign Adams' brother, Lt. (j.g.) Harold Adams, presently aboard a minesweeper on duty in the waters around the southern part of Japan. The lieutenant, a graduate of Willamette univer-

sity, enlisted in the navy in 1943 and has spent 18 months on duty in the Pacific. He took part in the battle for Guam.

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