



Serving Uncle Sam

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Lt. Zerzan Home

First Lt. Charles J. Zerzan, Jr., now at home on terminal leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Zerzan, has been notified of his promotion to the rank of captain. He has been in service for five years and three weeks, 28 months of which were spent in the Burma theater.

Champagne Home

With Uncle Sam's armed forces since March, 1942, Cpl. Frederick Champagne, who since March, 1945, has been with the 76th service group of the 315th wing of the 20th air force in Guam, has arrived in the States and will this week receive his discharge from the air corps at the separation center at Fort Lewis.

Stationed at the Salem army air base with the pigeon company in the fall of 1943 and the spring of 1944, Champagne at the time of being ordered to overseas duty was at Great

Bend, Kansas. Before reporting for service with the armed forces he was an insurance salesman in Luling, La.

Mrs. Champagne, the former Melba Hodge, was with the corporal while he was on duty in the States, but returned to Salem when he left for overseas. The couple plans to make their home here following his discharge.

Back from Pacific

With the 20th air force in Guam as a mechanic since January, 1945, Cpl. Stanley C. Schofield, son of Mrs. A. M. Schofield of 1165 Cross street, has arrived in the States and this week will receive his discharge from the armed forces at Fort Lewis.

The corporal, who entered the service September 16, 1942, docked in Los Angeles the last of December and from there was sent north for his discharge. A graduate of Salem high school, he was employed in the Portland shipyards prior to reporting for duty with the air corps.

Returned to States

Pearl Harbor, T.H.—Two Salem, Ore., veterans left Guam December 15 bound for home and discharge aboard the USS Montrose and the USS Lander, which December 31 arrived in a California port with more than 3,100 high-point army veterans.

The Salem men were Staff Sgt. Dean R. Duff, 1535 Trade street and Tech. Sgt. Charlie T. Hardman, son of Mrs. Mary Hardman, 1960 South Commercial street.

Emmons in States

Making a brief visit in Salem Sunday with his family while stopping over here en route to Seattle, Wash., where he will be granted his terminal leave from the navy was Lt. Clarence S. (Pat) Emmons, recently returned from duty in the Pacific aboard an LST.

The naval officer, in the service since December, 1943, and in the Pacific since March of last year, arrived in San Francisco last Thursday aboard the USS New Kent.

First as an executive officer on the LST and since last fall the commanding officer, Emmons on arriving in the Pacific went to Okinawa, then was at New Caledonia, from where

he went to Honshu, Japan, and then on to Tokyo. His last stop before being sent to Guam, from where he returned to the States, was Saipan. Before reporting for duty with the navy, Lt. Emmons was connected with the attorney general's office.

The officer's wife and their four sons, David, Terry, Patrick and Michael, have made their home in Salem while he was in the service. Mrs. Emmons left Sunday with the lieutenant to accompany him to Seattle.

Pearl Harbor, T.H.—Two of the 1200 high point army veterans returning to the States aboard the USS Thurston are men from Salem, Ore. They are Pfc. G. R. Ethell, whose wife makes her home in the Oregon city at 110 Beach avenue and Tech. 3 Archie Powell.

Pearl Harbor, T.H.—Returning to the United States aboard the USS Starlight is Sgt. Lyle F. Dyson, whose wife makes her home at 1503 State street, Salem, Oregon.

Pearl Harbor, T.H.—Navy veteran, who is being returned to the United States as one of the 1200 high point veterans aboard the USS New Kent, is AMM 2c Paul Schlag, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Schlag of Salem, Oregon.

Inactivate Eight Air Corps Groups

Port Lewis, Wash., Jan. 8 (U.P.)—Inactivation of eight army air corps groups, most of which had fought for nearly four years, was announced Monday at the North East Fort Lewis staging area.

The groups inactivated today included headquarters of the 23rd fighter group, former "Flying Tigers," 74th, 75th and 76th fighter squadrons; headquarters and headquarters squadron, 14th air service group; 315th air service group; 1139 quartermaster company, air service group; and 1682 ordnance supply and maintenance aviation company.

Staab Leaves Navy

Arriving in Salem December 31 following receipt of his discharge from the navy at Bremerton, Wash., was Sic Arthur H. Staab, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Staab of 975 Spruce street.

The sailor, in the service since 1942, has over two years of duty in the Pacific and took part in four major battles. Stationed at Korea at the time of being returned to the United States, he arrived in San Francisco December 16, and came

to Bremerton by boat from the California port.

A Salem high school graduate, Staab was an employee of the Oregon Pulp and Paper company before entering the war. A brother of Seaman Staab, James Staab, arrived home with his discharge from the army a short time before the navy man. A sergeant in the armed forces, he served as a cook and had been stationed in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines.

Ends Army Service

Now returned to Salem after 34 months of duty with the armed forces and 28 months spent in the European theater with the army engineers building light pontoon bridges, is Cpl. Wallace L. Monson, son of Mrs. O. Monson of 386 Rural avenue.

The corporal, discharged from the army December 27, docked in New York December 1 aboard the Queen Elizabeth. While in the ETO he saw duty in France, Germany and Austria.

He has four battle stars for the battles of Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe and also wears the American theater ribbon, the European-African-Middle East ribbon, the Good Conduct medal and the Victory ribbon.

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At Sasebo Harbor

Stationed at Sasebo Harbor in Japan, where he is assigned to post office duty, is S 2c Gerald F. Clay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clay of 1150 Nebraska Avenue, who in a letter to his parents told of having sunny weather on Christmas day in the far off land.

Clay, a former Salem high school student, was sworn into the navy June 26, 1945, and reported for duty with that branch of the service August 7 of last year. Following his boot training at San Diego, he was assigned to duty in the Pacific.

Gemmell Discharged

A civilian again after being in the marines since January 17, 1943, Pfc. Wallace (Wally) Gemmell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gemmell, Sunday arrived in Salem after receiving his discharge from the armed forces.

Gemmell, who left Salem high school in his senior year to report for duty with the marines, served with the first engineers battalion of the first marine division in the Pacific and took part in the battles of Peleliu, New Guinea, Cape Gloucester, New Britain and Okinawa. For the past few

months before being returned to the States he was stationed in China.

In addition to his battle stars the marine also wears the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon, the American theater ribbon and the Victory ribbon.

En route to Salem, Gemmell visited in San Francisco with

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