

# Serving Uncle Sam

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Aboard the USS Euryale—Lt. Cer. Edward Mitchell of McMinnville, Ore., and S2c Eldon Verne Beckner of route 2 Salem, were among those men serving in the Pacific on this submarine tender, a floating industrial plant, equipped to service and repair submarines.

## Officer Leaves Army

Fort Lewis—Salem, Oregon, officer who February 4, 1946, will revert to inactive status is Lt. Gilbert B. Mather of route 1, who for the past three years has served with the army ground forces. The officer will return to Salem, Oregon, where he will rejoin his family.

Serving aboard the navy cargo ship, USS Blount, recently operating in the Philippine and South China sea waters was Coxswain K. Blaine Smith of Lebanon, Ore.

Sic Thomas W. Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Townsend of Lebanon, served aboard the USS Hart, Seventh fleet destroyer, during her recent assignment in the Yellow sea.



Capt. Wayne Doughton

## Capt. Doughton Home

Back in the States since January 11, when his ship docked at San Pedro, Capt. Wayne Doughton was in Salem during the week-end for a brief visit with his wife, the former Melva Belle Savage. Mrs. Doughton has been making her home at 734 North Cottage street and with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. I. M. Doughton.

The captain, now a patient at Madigan General hospital at Fort Lewis, has been in the army since May, 1942, and on Pacific duty since March, 1944. With the 80th General hospital, he spent a year in New Guinea and then was transferred to the Philippines. In the Philippines this installation was located at Quezon institute. Doughton sailed from Manila, bound for the States, December 26, 1945.

The Salem officer wears the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with two battle stars, the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one battle star, the American theater ribbon and the Victory ribbon.

When he receives his discharge from the armed forces Capt. Doughton will return to Salem and re-enter business with his father. He is a graduate of Willamette university.

## Capt. Secor Returns

Returning to Salem recently to make his home was Capt. Ralph S. Secor of 3325 Center street. The officer, on duty with the armed forces for 18 years and released from the service December 20, 1945, with his family, who accompanied him to Salem, drove here from Maxwell field, Ala.

On the USS L CI (L) 1093—QM 2c R. L. Clark of Salem, Oregon, was aboard this infantry landing craft at Sasebo, Kyushu, recently when it picked up some drowning Japanese passed up by a Jap tug in that area.

Pearl Harbor, T. H.—Serving aboard the USS Devastator, 220-foot mincraft scheduled to go to Japanese coastal waters for sweeping operations soon is Radioman 3c Donald W. Guyton of Lebanon, Oregon.

# Nineteen Sign For Army Duty

Taking advantage of the three-year army enlistment program which enables the recruit to choose his branch of service and overseas theater, 18 men from the Salem area enlisted in the regular army at the Salem recruiting office during the first half of January. One man signed for 18 months of duty with the army.

Eleven men of the group chose Europe as the theater in which they wished to serve; two picked the Caribbean area, and two the Pacific theater. Only three requested duty within the United States, and they were all veterans of two or more years of overseas service.

Men from Salem enlisting in the air corps and asking for duty in the European theater were Lawrence R. Straw of 1270 Hoyt street, Gerald A. Schorn of route 3, and Richard E. Clifford of 888 North Commercial street. Others signing for duty with the air corps were Theodore F. Hillyer of Brooks, Louis R. Jenkins of Rieckreall, Gerald O. Garrison of Independence. Also asking for duty with the army air corps was George C. Smith of Aumsville.

Asking duty in the European theater when they signed for their chosen branches of the army were Lee R. York, route 5, Salem, who enlisted in the transportation corps; and Roland F. Dailey of 1940 South 12th street, enlisting in the quartermaster corps; and Murphy C. Henry of Dallas, who signed for duty with the engineers.

Eugene L. Shanno of Philomath and William J. Schlecht of Salem both enlisted for service with the Caribbean defense command and asking duty in the Pacific theater were Arnold A. Fast of 1479 Elm street, Salem and August Heidt of Woodburn. Gene Vaughn of Aumsville enlisted in the transportation corps, but gave no theater preference.

Asking duty in the United States were First Sgt. Horace H. Jefferson of 355 North 18th street, Salem, veteran of 13 years of service with the army; Pfc. Troy C. Burton, route 7, Salem, who spent 23 months in the European theater and Sgt. George E. Pflug of Gervais, with two years spent in the European theater.

Enlisting in the regular army for 18 months was Robert E. Kennedy of Lebanon.

Dallas—Clinton L. Foster, Jr., recently discharged World War II veteran, has joined the firm of Foster-Stillwell, as a partner with Stillwell, effective February 1. His father, Dr. C. L. Foster, who with Stillwell purchased the store from G. Garrett late last year, will retain a small interest in the business. Foster was overseas three years, serving as a military policeman in the Southwest Pacific war theater. He returned to Dallas December 24.

## Sailor Visits Here

Home from duty in the Pacific and now on 30-day leave, EM 2c Robert Norton of the U. S. navy is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Norton of route 4.

The sailor, a crew member of the Battleship Colorado, one of those ships in Tokyo bay for the signing of the peace treaty, wears five battle stars. Norton, who has not been home for 18 months, narrowly escaped injury several times but received no wounds. He enlisted in the service while a student at Salem high school.

## Cpl. Thompson Visits

Visiting with Salem friends recently was Cpl. Earl (Bud) Thompson, just returned from the European theater where he served for 22 months with the "Hell on Wheels" division, the first American unit to occupy Berlin.

The corporal, who saw duty in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, wears four battle stars on his theater ribbon and the "Fourragere," a Belgian decoration.

Thompson received his discharge at Fort Lewis and has now gone to Hollywood, Calif., to make his home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thompson, former Salem residents.



Capt. William S. Parker, who after two years service in the European theater as a dental surgeon with the 15th cavalry, has returned to the States and is at Newport News, Va. Capt. Parker's home is in Salem and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parker, 505 Rose street.

## Byrd Discharged

Tech. Sgt. Wm. Byrd has arrived in Salem and returned to civilian life after being with Uncle Sam's armed forces since August, 1943, and on overseas duty in the Pacific theater for many months.

The sergeant, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Byrd, received his discharge at the separation center at Fort Lewis Friday and came to Salem that night. He arrived in the States almost two weeks ago, docking at a port in southern California and being sent from there to Riverside, from where he came by train to Fort Lewis.

## Leaves Air Corps

Fort Douglas, Utah—Discharged from the army air corps at the separation center here January 16 was Staff Sgt. George C. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Miller of 1960 Broadway street, Salem, Oregon.

The sergeant, who spent 44 months in the armed forces, was a radio operator and gunner with the 391st bomb group. Prior to entering the service in January 6, 1942, he was a gasoline transport driver at Springfield, Mo.

Central Howell—Arriving in the States recently after two years of duty in Saipan was SK 2c Melvin Way of the U. S. navy, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Way of Yakima drove here to meet him and visited at the Frank Way home.

Another son of the Raymond Ways, Orval Way, is with the coast guard and is now on his way back to the Southwest Pacific for an indefinite period. Way did not receive a leave prior to leaving for the Pacific.

Leonard Roth, who for almost two years has been stationed in Guam, is expected home soon by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Roth.

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# Overseas Veterans Invited to Party

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The speaker of the evening will be Lt. Col. George Sandy of the state selective service headquarters. Major Douglas McKay will be master of ceremonies. Five acts of vaudeville with plenty of eats and refreshments in the basement after the show, are billed.

The big feature of the party will be the chance for all the young veterans to get first hand information on their veterans' rights as provided by the G.I. bill, schooling and loan rights as provided by the state of Oregon and definite information on compensation claims for men who were disabled in the service. To take care of this part of the program there will be representatives from the veterans administration of Portland, officials of the state department of veterans affairs and G. O. Pike, department service officer of the VFW.

Pearl Harbor—One of the 1192 high-point navy veterans returning to the States for discharge aboard the USS Saginaw Bay is Ens. Walter Woop of Salem, Oregon.



GM 3/c Ted Fassett, who recently received his discharge from the U. S. navy after service in that branch of the service since April, 1944.

Home on 30-day leave from the U. S. navy, Lt. (j.g.) Robert Normoyle is visiting with his mother, Mrs. Grace Normoyle of 887 Bellevue street. He reports to Corpus Christi, Texas, for his assignment January 25.

On the USS Vireo—Serving on this ocean-going navy tug during part of her war service in the Pacific was EM2c Willard Olson of 1984 State street, Salem, Oregon.

Sic Ralph E. Rutherford of route 7 has been transferred from the Honolulu detachment of the naval air transport service to San Francisco for leave and reassignment.

# Given Discharges

Fort Lewis—Receiving their discharges from the army at the separation center here the last part of last week were a number of Oregon men and in the group were several from Salem and surrounding towns.

The men were:  
Albany: Pfc. William H. Drazer and Tech. 5 Raymond L. Pierce.  
Dallas: Pfc. John Peiers.  
Lebanon: Pfc. James E. Canavan, Tech. 4 Lloyd A. Dreden and Pfc. Robert F. Winston.  
McMinnville: Tech. 3 Donald E. Calz.  
Salem: Pfc. Carroll L. Fischer, 829 Bellevue; Tech. Sgt. William H. Bradford, 234 N. 14th; Pfc. Henry A. Stevenson, 233 Park Ave.; Tech. 4 Edwin A. Lyle, 1306 Mackay; Pfc. James W. Crothers, 935 N. 18th; Master Sgt. George E. Robinson, 187 W. Winter, and Pfc. Phillip Wagner, 2112 Trade street.  
Shedd: First Sgt. Ralph Danner.  
Silverton: Staff Sgt. Glenn E. Zetterberg.  
Woodburn: Tech. 3 John O. Quessel.

Mill City—Visiting at the Ted Dorothy home the past two weeks has been his brother, Pfc. Gail Dorothy, of the army engineers, who is on a 90-day furlough before returning to Germany where he has been stationed the past 18 months with the occupation forces. Pfc.

Dorothy, who has re-enlisted, has been in the service for three years. His parents live in Iowa.

Pearl Harbor, T. H.—Among the 169 navy veterans returning (Continued on Page 6)

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