



Serving Uncle Sam

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Sublimity Man Gets Bronze Star Medal

For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Philippine Islands from January 9, 1945, until June 15, 1945, the Bronze Star medal has been awarded to Walter J. Breitenstein of Sublimity, Ore., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Breitenstein, also of Sublimity.

The citation accompanying the medal stated the soldier executed his duties with exceptional promptness and efficiency and in spite of many difficulties which confronted him as a member of the 108th infantry regiment S-3 section. He willingly assumed responsibilities and cheerfully executed assignment at all hours and his conduct and leadership materially raised the standard of achievement in his unit.

Breitenstein, who entered the service December 2, 1941, left for overseas duty March 2, 1942, and was with the 40th division in the Pacific. During the period for which he was awarded the medal he was a technician fourth grade, but at the time of receiving his discharge from the army in October, 1945, he was a staff sergeant.

The former soldier was stationed in Hawaii, the Philippines and the Bismarck archipelago. He has the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with three battle stars and an arrowhead, the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one battle star, the Victory Medal, the Combat Infantry badge, the Good Conduct medal, the American defense ribbon, the American theater ribbon and seven overseas stripes.

Back from Overseas

His military career ended after duty in the China-Burma-India theater and the Philippines Pfc. Sidney P. Wells, son of F. P. Wells, 296 Gerth street, West Salem, has arrived in Salem.

Leaving Salem high school in May, 1943, to report for duty with the armed forces Wells spent six months in the CBI theater with the Fourth combat cargo squadron, serving in China most of the time.

He landed in India on going overseas and from Calcutta was flown over the hump to China. Sent to the Philippines from China the Salemite spent three months there with the headquarters of the Far East air force before being returned to the States. He docked in San Francisco March 5.

A mechanic and an aerial engineer with the air corps, Pfc. Wells has the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with one battle star, the American theater ribbon, the Chinese Liberation ribbon, the Victory medal and the Good Conduct medal.

A brother, Leroy Wells, also saw duty in this war. As a sergeant he served in the Pacific theater with the Seventh air force.

Larson Leaves Navy

Navy man recently discharged from the armed forces after being in the service since January, 1944, is MoMM2e Harvey A. Larson.

The sailor, a master mechanic for the Snow Peak Logging company before enlisting in the navy, while he was in the Pacific theater was based on Okinawa. He went through the typhoon on that island and though his outfit was in a secluded spot, only nine of the 500 tents housing the men were left standing. Larson's tent was one of the nine.

Mrs. Larson and their two daughters, Karen and Barbara, have been living in Lebanon while he was in the service. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Larson, make their home in Salem.

Pfc. Catalino G. Lozano of Salem was among the soldiers listed by the Associated Press as arriving in San Francisco Monday aboard the Admiral Hughes.

En Route to States

Homeward bound after a year and a half spent in the Pacific with the Seabees is PTR 3/c Ted C. Stanton, son of Mrs. Dora M. Stanton, 1764 Market street, who left Okinawa for the States March 3.

In the service for about two and a half years, Stanton since last summer has been on Okinawa with the 14th Seabee unit. Prior to that he was stationed at Honolulu, Saipan and Tinian. A former student at Salem high school, the navy man at the time of entering the armed forces was employed at the Reid Monarch cannery and the Salem YMCA.

Howard Is Home

Returned to civilian life after being with the army since March 27, 1943, Staff Sgt. George E. Howard has arrived in Salem to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Howard, 1520 Jefferson street.

The sergeant, who entered the army at Fort Leavenworth while a student at the University of Nebraska, spent six months in the European theater with the 20th armored division, being stationed in France and Germany. He was returned to the States in August, 1945, and had since been stationed at Camp Cooke, Calif.

Ends Navy Career

U. S. Naval Officers' Separation Center, Los Angeles, Calif.—Discharged from the navy recently was Lt. (j.g.) John Ransler Wood, navy dentist, who has been the dental officer at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

The naval officer, a graduate of the North Pacific Dental college in Portland, Oregon, entered the service in September, 1945. He will now join his wife and children and plans to soon open his dental office in Salem, Oregon.

Servicemen Visit

Gates—Sgt. Harold Heath arrived in San Francisco February 24 from Yokohama, where he had been stationed with the army of occupation. After a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Heath, the soldier and his wife left for San Francisco where he will receive his discharge from the army.

Lt. James Overlook arrived her Friday from Seattle for a visit with his wife, a teacher in the local high school. Following his release from the service he and Mrs. Overlook will make their home in Mill City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Richards have received word that their grandson, Etlon Brown of the marines has arrived in San Diego from Japan and will be at home following his discharge.

Sgt. Bennie L. Cinnard, who spent part of his 60-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. W. L. Wight, has reported to Fort Lewis.

Rickreall—Melvin Holt, recently discharged after four years' service, has returned this week to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Holt, in Rickreall. He has been stationed near Washington, D. C., for the last 2 1/2 years. Holt expects to leave soon for work near Los Angeles.



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Capt. William Dyer

Capt. Dyer Aide To Gen. Merrill

Member of the 104th infantry division until it was deactivated last fall at San Luis Obispo, Capt. William Dyer, now stationed at the Presidio at San Francisco, has recently been appointed the aide to Gen. Frank Merrill, who became famous as the leader of Merrill's Marauders in the CBI theater.

The Salem captain, presently attached to the Sixth army, on leaving San Luis Obispo was sent to Ford Ord, where he was with the Seventh Army corps headquarters. In his new position the officer will make a number of trips with Gen. Merrill.

They will leave soon to fly to New York for a visit at West Point, where Merrill is scheduled to deliver two addresses. While there the Salemite will visit with a former Salem man, Lt. Col. Milton Taylor, an instructor at West Point.

On leaving West Point the two will fly to Washington, D. C., at which place a meeting has been scheduled with General Eisenhower. The plane returning Merrill and Dyer to the west coast will stop in Texas and Dyer, who served under Gen. Terry Allen, now retired, will visit with his former commanding officer.

Mrs. Dyer and their young son, Connell, recently returned to Salem to make their home here with the captain's mother, Mrs. W. C. Dyer, until he receives his discharge from the army in the summer of 1946.

Unionvale—Tech. Sgt. Verl A. Terry arrived home last week after receiving his discharge from the army at Fort Lewis March 3. As an engineer on a B-17 bomber, the sergeant spent more than a year in the ETO, seeing service in England, France and Germany. He wears three battle stars. A student at

Legion Locates Jobs For Disabled Vets

Project being undertaken by the American Legion Post No. 136 recently organized, is that of locating positions for disabled veterans of World War II, with special attention given to those with a 40 to 60 percent disability.

The committee in charge has already located six positions for veterans within the past 10 days and for this undertaking has received the endorsement of William Baillie of the United States employment service here.

An arrangement has been made for disabled veterans interested in securing positions, to contact the commander of the Legion post, Don Goode, who is with the state veterans department, which has its offices in the State library building, Keith Holcomb of Kelly Farquhar and company, chairman of the committee, and H. C. Saalfeld, Marion county service officer, whose office is in the state library building.

White Brothers Home

Detroit—Tech. 5 Keith White, son of Lester White, has received his discharge from the army and is at home with his father. White went overseas in 1943 and was with the late General Patton's Third army in the battle of the bulge. After 13 months' service in that theater of war he was transferred to the Pacific. He was on Okinawa at the time of the big typhoon. Later White was sent to Korea. He reached the States January 17 and was discharged January 22.

A brother, Tech. Sgt. Floyd E. White, who has been in the regular army for 17 years, was on furlough recently. Following a visit at home he reported for duty at Clatskanie, where he is stationed. Sgt. White spent four years in the Pacific theater and was wounded in action on New Guinea.

Valley Men Home

Fort Lewis, Wash.—Among the Oregon soldiers receiving their discharges March 10 at the separation center here were men from a number of mid-Willamette valley towns. In the group were:

Albany: Master Sgt. Lester O. Sparks and Tech. David H. Tackard.
Canby: Pfc. Vernon J. Gahler.
Corvallis: Tech. Sgt. Wilbur W. Kennell, Tech. 4 Glen M. Webster, Jr., Pfc. Ellis H. Sprick, Tech. 4 Stanley A. Thomas and Col. David F. Hart.
Dallas: Tech. 3 Emil Yaroma and Pfc. William H. Schwartz.
Independence: Capt. Earl C. Riha.
Lebanon: Tech. 4 Roy R. Winstead, Jr., Mt. Angel: Pfc. James L. Donley.
Salem: Pfc. Frank B. Lee, 1926 North Fourth; Tech. Sgt. Richard E. Satter, 324 Center; and Pfc. Laude J. VanLoder, 612 North Liberty.
Silverton: Pfc. Orrin R. Conshenower, Sweet Home: Col. Amos A. Brubaker, Woodburn: Tech. 4 Donald P. Powers.

Oregon State college at the time of reporting for duty with the army, Terry will return to that college next fall.

Navy Discharges

Personnel Separation Center, Bremerton, Wn.—Men from nine mid-Willamette valley towns were among those receiving discharges from the navy separation center here March 9 and 10. In the group were:

Albany: Sic Robert G. Coaler and Pfc. John J. Myers.
Corvallis: SSK2c Richard L. Pratt, Sic Clair Whitman, PHM2c B. L. Willey and QM3c Robert W. Geyer.
Independence: MM2c Wallace F. Belding.
Lebanon: MM2c Douglas W. Acker, Pfc. John T. Reeve, PHM2c Donald L. Schieler and GM2c George E. Anderlik.
McMinnville: WT2c Isaac Pritchett, Molalla: SM2c James W. Adams.
Mt. Angel: Sic Arthur A. Haasler.
Salem: Sic Darcy E. Brennan, 1118 Oak St., Sic Wilbert P. Clasen, 471 Rosemont, EM2c Charles R. Novak, GM2c Glen E. Blanton, 120 Carleton Way, and RM3c Samuel L. Tripp, 1347 Market St.
Sweet Home: Sic Carl O. Lovely.

Enloe is Home

Silverton—First Lt. Steven Enloe arrived home Sunday after more than three years in the service and two years in the South Pacific area. He was on duty with the air corps and was last located in Manila.

Mrs. Enloe, the former Donna June Fish, has been at the home of her parents since her husband left for overseas duties. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Steven Enloe, Sr.

Nine are Discharged

Lebanon—More local men were reported discharged by the Linn county board for the week of March 4 than from any other section of the county. Lebanon discharges were Harold E. Jolley, Charles Q. Pace, Tom A. Smith, Shelby E. Walsworth, Robert W. Chastain, Hyman G. Smith, Emery E. Townsend, Ralph D. Wilkinson and Delbert F. Fennell.

Lyons—Coxswain Leland Leroy Manning of the U.S. navy returned home Thursday following his discharge at Shoemaker, Calif. He had spent 32 months in the service with 27 months aboard the carrier U.S.S. Intrepid in the Pacific. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with eight battle stars, American theater ribbon, Philippine Liberation ribbon with two battle stars, a commendation ribbon and Victory medal.

Jefferson—SK 1c Leslie Klampe of the navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Klampe, received his discharge at Shoemaker, Calif., last Tuesday, and with his wife and son, arrived at their parents' home Wednesday evening. They will remain there until they find a house. Klampe will enter Willamette university in the fall.

Unionvale—Recently returned from duty with the U. S. army with which he has served since March 17, 1943, was Pfc. Richard Jones, who following his discharge at Fort Lewis last week arrived at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Launer, for a visit. The soldier spent

Mrs. LaFontaine Dies in Portland

Mrs. Marguerite LaFontaine, the oldest surviving person to be baptized in the Catholic church at St. Paul, died in Portland Tuesday. She would have been 95 years old on May 18.

Mrs. LaFontaine was born on a farm on French Prairie May 18, 1851, near St. Paul. Just before her 88th birthday in 1939 she recalled that her first ride was taken when she was only a few days old to be christened in the St. Paul Catholic church. Her first communion was there and she was also confirmed in the church. Later she was married there.

Funeral services will be held at the St. Paul church Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock with burial in the St. Paul cemetery. Recitation of the rosary will be at the Hennessey, Goetsch and McGee chapel, NW 17th avenue and Davis street, Portland, at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

She is survived by two daughters, Helen LaFontaine and Mrs. Henrietta Templeton, both of Portland; also three sons, Joseph, Mack and George LaFontaine, all of Orchard, Wash.

Woodburn Approves New Swimming Pool

Woodburn, March 13—Woodburn voters approved the swimming pool project nearly two to one as a special election Tuesday. The vote was 318 for and 119 against. Vote on the east side was 139 to 55 and on the west side, 179 to 64.

Selection of the site of the 40x105 foot pool will be determined at the primary election May 17. Several sites have been proposed.

18 months on overseas duty with the medical corps, seeing duty aboard a hospital ship and serving as an aide to a doctor in the European theater. He wears one battle star, Mrs. Jones met her husband in Portland after his discharge. The couple and their daughter will reside on a farm in the Amity area.

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Present contracts with employers expire April 1. Employers' demands will also be taken up at a series of meetings, extending through most of the week.

Geological Society To Hear Dr. Staples

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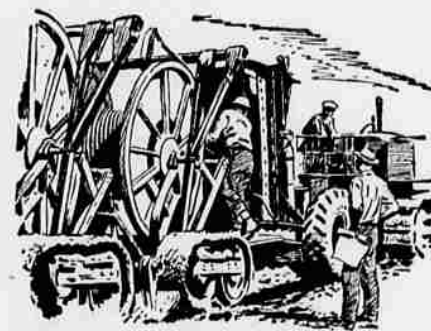
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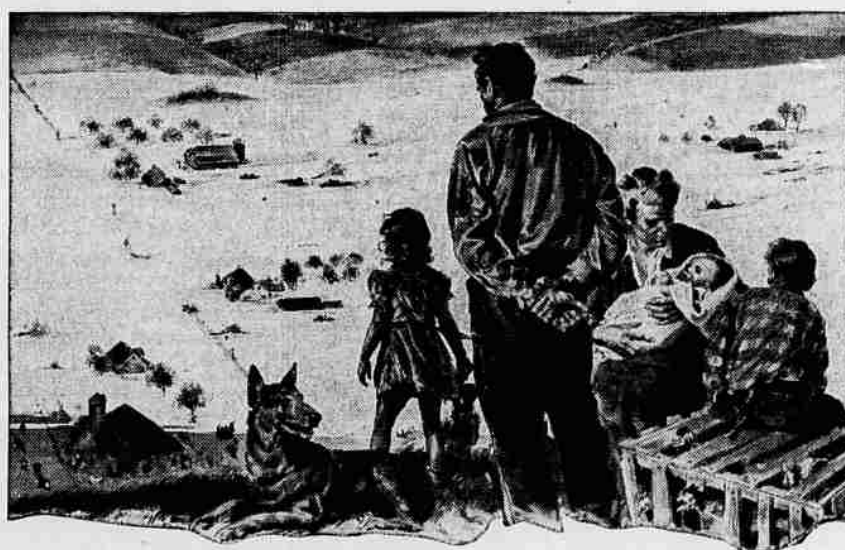
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