

Items About Local Boys In Service

Robert McLarrin Now An Army Publicity Writer In Europe

Pfc. Robert B. McLarrin has written from the European war theatre that he now has a new job in "Public Relations" and is, in effect, a foreign correspondent. His job is to write newspaper articles of the many accomplishments of the men and these are sent to home town newspapers. He now has his own desk and typewriter. Bob is still a paratrooper and has fought in Italy, France, Belgium, and Germany. He writes not to worry about him now.

Bob graduated from Coquille HI in 1941 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McLarrin, owners of Coquille Valley Country Club. He went overseas June 1, 1944.

Jack McCracken A Cadet At San Antonio Aviation Center

John C. McCracken, of Coquille, is now at the San Antonio, Texas, Aviation Cadet Center, where potential pilots, bombardiers and navigators are receiving pre-flight training to prepare them for aerial instruction and duties as air crew members in the Army Air Forces.

The future fliers are subjected to a rigorous ten-week program of instruction covering physical academic and military training. At the Cadet Center, a unit of the AAF Training Command, they study maps and charts, aircraft identification, small arms and other subjects while being conditioned physically for the long training period ahead. Bombardiers, navigators and pilots receive the first five weeks of preflight instruction as a group, then are separated for specialized training.

Parents Receive Theo. J. Owen's Purple Heart Medal

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Owen of 470 West Sixth street have received the Purple Heart Medal sent to them by their son, Thomas J. Owen, S1/c, who was given the award in September for wounds received in the Philippines. Owen has been wounded a second time since receiving the medal.

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Don Chase Now Reported A German Prisoner of War

According to daily press reports last week-end, Sgt. Donald Chase, whom the Sentinel mentioned on March 23 as being in a plane over Austria in the war zone which was in trouble, and who had been reported as missing in action since February, is now a prisoner of war in some German concentration camp. His plane was damaged by anti-aircraft fire, but was under control as he headed east and it had been hoped that he could land back of the Russian lines.

Stanley Graham's Outfit Has Done Great Work In Italy

Sgt. Stanley W. Graham, of Coquille, son of Mrs. Daisy Graham, is a member of the 752nd Tank Battalion, which is credited with killing 1600 Germans, capturing 484 others, knocking out 11 tanks and disabling three others and destroying 21 pillboxes, 41 vehicles and 64 guns.

The outfit, now in the Apennine Mountains before the Po Valley, has been in the line with the Fifth Army about 300 days since it was indoctrinated in battle near Fondi, Italy, last spring. It has expended 55,000 rounds of ammunition in combat, including 105-millimeter, 76-millimeter and 75-millimeter shells.

In one of its first actions, the 752nd helped seal off a German pocket in which 600 Germans were taken prisoners. Soon afterward, the tankers entered Rome with some of the first Allied troops to reach the capital.

John Leatherwood A Technical Sergeant In Aerial Bomb Group

John E. Leatherwood, of Myrtle Point, has been promoted to technical sergeant as an aerial combat gunner in the 12th Air Force B-25 Mitchell bomb group with which he has been assigned since arriving overseas in September, 1943.

The B-25 Mitchell bomb group has been serving recently rounded out a year of intensive blasting of Italian road and rail communications by helping seal off the Brenner pass railway line throughout the entire month of February. This rail link between northern Italy and the Reich is a Nazi lifeline, but successful attacks by the Myrtle Point gunner's group and other 12th Air Force units have all but strangled it.

Awarded two War Department Distinguished Unit citations for outstanding bombing achievements in Tunisia, Sicily and Italy, combat crews of this veteran group have helped build the accuracy reputation for Mediterranean-based Mitchell bombers to impressive heights in the past year.

Elmer Goodpaster Now At An Air Force Station In England

Pfc. Elmer Goodpaster, whose wife, Rosie Goodpaster, still resides here, recently arrived at an air force station in England and received a brief orientation course designed to help him adjust himself to life in a combat zone. Pfc. Goodpaster will soon transfer to his permanent station from which America's fighting planes cover our advance into Germany. Prior to entering the Army Air Force, he was employed by Smith Wood-Products here.

It was Elmer Goodpaster's wife, not his mother, who gave the Sentinel the item last week that Elmer had landed in England. The above item comes from Army headquarters.

New A Pilot In A Fighter Bomber Group In Europe

Second Lieut. Robert E. Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Morrison of Coquille, and who has been with an Army Air Force in Italy, has been assigned as a pilot to a fighter bomber group of the 22nd Tactical Air Command in the 12th Air Force.

Enlisted April 1, 1943, Lieutenant Morrison received his commission June 27, 1944, at Eagle Pass, Tex. He left the United States in February, 1945. He is now a member of P-47 Thunderbolt fighter group which first adopted the P-47 for low level bombing and strafing.

His fighter group has participated in the Egyptian-Libyan, Tunisian, Sicilian, Italian and French campaigns and holds three distinguished Unit Citations for its outstanding work.

Before entering the service Lieutenant Morrison was a freshman at Oregon State Agricultural College in Corvallis.

"Bud" Newton Is Now Stationed In South Pacific

Jackson J. Newton, H.A.1/c, has written to his parents, stating that he is now stationed in the South Pacific area with a hospital unit. His plans at present are to work in the surgery. Newton left Shoemaker March 5 for Seattle, to be assigned to over seas duty. He is quite anxious to hear from his friends. They may address his mail to:

Jackson J. Newton, H.A.1/c 733-59-20 Military Government Hospital Facilities G-6 Component 61 (4) Navy 32 56 1/2 Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

Taking Four Months' N. T. Course In Beloit, Wisconsin

Wayland L. Buoy, Mo.M.M.1/c U.S.N., was sent from Bremerton, Wash., last Monday to Beloit, Wisconsin, to the Naval Training School there, where he will take up advanced training in Diesel Motors and a Fairbanks-Morse course. Mr. Buoy returned to the Pacific coast about March after having spent over three years aboard the U.S.S. Dixie in Pacific water. He was given a thirty-day leave, before he was sent east to school. During that period he was united in marriage to his sweetheart of many years' standing, Miss Cherie Mae Hartwell, of Coos Bay. Mr. Buoy will remain in school at Beloit until Aug. 15, at which time he will be returned to Seattle for further assignment. His bride will join him in Beloit as soon as her school closes in Coos Bay.

Virgil Arrell Awarded Air Medal At His Italian Base

F/O Arrell, of this city, has been awarded the Air Medal at his 15th Air Force bomber base in Italy. The announcement was made by his group commander.

Co-pilot on a B-24 Liberator, Flight Officer Arrell has flown six combat missions against strategic and tactical targets in southern Europe since his arrival in the Mediterranean theatre last January.

He was awarded the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy."

Flight Officer Arrell graduated from Coquille high school in May, 1940, and entered the Air Corps on Jan. 18, 1943, receiving his wings and rating at Ellington, Texas, on Feb. 8, 1944.

His wife, Mrs. Nadine Arrell, resides here.

Was Here While His Vessel Was Undergoing Repairs

O. E. Molthu, seaman first class in the Navy, who with his wife had been visiting his brother, A. L. Molthu, across the river from River-ton, while his vessel was undergoing repairs, has reported back for duty at Bremerton, Wash. Mrs. Molthu, who is living with her mother at Riffe, Wash., has also returned north. His vessel, an U. S. destroyer, was badly damaged in the Pacific war theatre.

SEES SOCIALISM IN "PLANNED ECONOMY"

The so-called "full employment" bill now before Congress would substitute "a planned economy for our free way of life," according to Lieut.-Gov. John C. Bell, Jr., of Pennsylvania.

"Planned economy," he said, is just a euphonic name for state socialism. The legislation designed to provide jobs for 60,000,000 after the war would require a master plan to which all businesses, unions, farmers and state and local governments would need to conform, he added.

Hose are being rationed! Get your order in now at Amy's. Amy also is taking orders now for the Hoover white uniforms, priced from \$2.98 to \$5.98, and has the lovely white, sheer rayon hose to be worn with them. 1313s

Coquille Unit Red Cross Notes

Coquille Red Cross will meet Friday, April 13, from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. in Guild Hall to sew, knit, crochet, etc.

Cut-out pajamas, bedside bags and regulation kit bags will be ready for distribution. Also three sewing machines are available at the work room for those wishing to sew there.

Mrs. Wm. Candlin reports yarn on hand for both sleeveless and sleeved sweaters; also white yarn for regular socks, and yarn for a new type of sweater that should knit beautifully.

The pot-luck luncheon held last week was well attended and a social get together was enjoyed before work began.

Mrs. L. N. Williams was a visitor during the afternoon. Many responded for work to take home.

The lovely all-wool Red Cross afghan, made by Mrs. Earl Nosler, was displayed and admired. Already more than \$20.00 worth of tickets have been sold.

Both Mrs. A. M. McIntee and Mrs. O. Klingbeil are enjoying visits from their sons in the service. Mrs. F. L. Fugelson was welcomed back after a six weeks trip to Wisconsin.

Those contributing to the blood center in Eugene on Monday were Mesdames L. N. Williams, John Martin, Carmichael, F. DeNoma and son, Floyd DeNoma. All report a most satisfactory trip and Mrs. Williams added further "such a wonderful thing to see so many giving so generously." Mrs. Williams' son was wounded on Iwo Jima, and is just about ready to go back into the fighting again.

The Unit is grateful to Mrs. J. S. Barton for another generous contribution. Mrs. John Martin is also thanked for her donation of pearl buttons and cotton scraps.

Those having clothing to give to the Allied Clothing Drive during April are asked to take their offerings either to the Community Building or to the Red Cross work room.

Townsend Club No. 1

Club met with the president in the chair and with 35 in the hall. Nine from this club attended the "Wilcox" meeting in North Bend last Sunday. The Bulletin and Flash was read by Mrs. Collier, and six new members were represented.

The door prize was won by Mrs. Collier and a short program of singing, music and readings was given. In the dining hall a party was held in honor of President McCue and Mrs. Roth, it being the birthday of the president and very near to that of Mrs. Roth. Ice cream and a large

decorated cake, in addition to the sandwiches, were enjoyed by all. Assorted puddings will be served next meeting.

Exra Smith, a soldier, was a visitor. Press. Cor.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Lud Denny Solves the Locust Problem

Lud Denny may not be much of a farmer, but most folks allow he's pretty smart at solving other people's problems. Like Alvin Blake's locusts.

For years Alvin has been trying to get rid of a grove of locusts. They aren't using up any good land, but they annoy Alvin. Every time he cuts them down, up they shoot again.

"What'll I do about them locusts?" Alvin asks Lud. "Well, if you can't get rid of 'em," says Lud, "I'd say you better get to like 'em."

From where I sit, that's sound philosophy—applied to people just as much as locust trees. You can't always change folks to your way of thinking—some may prefer beer to buttermilk, or a double harness to a single one—but you can get to like them (if you take the trouble).

And first thing you know, the little differences don't matter.

Joe Marsh

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If you're wise—and anxious to help your country finish this war—your best bet is saving now for the first of 1945's two big War Loans.

This way you can set aside enough to fill your quota for the 7th War Loan—which starts next month—almost before it gets under way.

It means sacrifice.

But it also means you're supporting to the best of your ability the men who are sacrificing things like arms and legs and lives.

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