

Lieut. Bob Collier Here Saturday

Lieut. Robert Collier, who has been in the Army for the past five years, was a visitor in the old home town last Friday, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. A. B. Collier, who now resides in Roseburg. Bob landed in San Francisco from the South Pacific on June 18 on a 30-day furlough and when he reports for duty it will be at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Since he was here four years ago, Bob has seen considerable action against the Japanese, having been in the New Guinea campaign. He has also been an officer instructor, being stationed for the school in Australia.

Bob Bailey Cited For Heroic Conduct in Germany, Mar. 19

Mrs. Louise Bailey has received word that her husband, Corp. Robert O. Bailey, was awarded the bronze star and received a citation for the heroic conduct in connection with military operation against an armed enemy on March 19, in Rockenhausen, Germany, while serving as a squad leader. Corporal Bailey's platoon came under direct fire while climbing a hill. The first round of enemy fire knocked the occupants of the lead vehicle from their quarter-ton truck. Corporal Bailey dismounted, administered first aid to the occupants and moved them and their truck to safety. He then returned to his platoon and, inspired by his courage, the remainder of the platoon came forward and were put in positions designated by him. His courage and disregard for his own personal safety brought great credit upon him, according to the government message.

Jim Howe Graduated From Army Training School

Cpl. James R. Howe, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Howe, of Coquille, has been graduated from an advanced communications course at Boca Raton Army Air Field, a technical school of the AAF Training Command. Cpl. Howe attended high school and prior to entering the service was employed by E. A. Walker.

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Marlin Brandon Home This Week

Marlin Brandon, who has been with the Seabees for nearly three years and was stationed at a base in England for 22 months, arrived home Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Brandon who joined him at Salt Lake City a couple of weeks ago, and he has been quite busy this week helping the young ladies take care of the celebration rush at Brandon's confectionery.

Marlin says his outfit went over to Cherbourg, France, a couple of times and that they were quite busy at all times prior to Germany's surrender.

He states that he likes the Seabees branch of the service and that when he reports at Camp Parks, near Oakland, Calif., at the end of his 30-day leave, he does not know where his next assignment will be.

Sgt. Donald J. Merchant Commended By Gen. Mueller

Sgt. Donald J. Merchant, of Bullards, has been commended by Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller, commanding general of the 81st Infantry "Wildcat" Division, for "courageous performance of duty" during combat operations against the Japs on Angaur Island.

"As a member of a little squad you went into enemy-held territory to evacuate casualties who were trapped by machine gun and mortar fire. You disregarded your own personal safety to assist in the evacuation of a number of the wounded over rough, rocky terrain.

"It is with pleasure that I commend you for this courageous performance of duty, which was in the best traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on you, your unit and the Wildcat Division," Gen. Mueller's commendation said.

Sergeant Merchant is a medical corpsman with the 81st Infantry Division, which last fall wrested the Palau and other Western Caroline Islands from the Japs.

The medical corpsman's mother, Mrs. Grace E. Merchant, resides in Bullards.

Telling What Sgt. Floyd L. Sexton Did in Austria

Mrs. Lois Sexton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robison of Arago, received the information Monday from the War Department that her husband, Staff Sgt. Floyd L. Sexton, was awarded the silver star. The message read:

Staff Sergeant, Floyd L. Sexton, 20-225-856, Company C, 114th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 May 1945 in the vicinity of Tarrenz, Austria. While clearing the buildings in a town of enemy snipers, the group which Sergeant Sexton led was subjected to intense fire from a house located in an intersection and surrounded by open ground. Running to the house, although the fire continued, he threw a hand grenade through a window, temporarily suspending the fire. Then kicking in the door, he encountered an armed enemy officer and immediately shot him. This caused the remainder of the Germans to surrender. Sergeant Sexton's outstanding heroism is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Long Branch, New Jersey.

In the same day's mail came a letter from Sexton stating that he is on his way home. He has never seen their daughter, Mary Susan, who is eleven months old.

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Arago Man, Kanton Myers, Awarded Bronze Star Medal

The following information is copied from his official citation: "The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man: Private Kanton A. Myers (Army Serial Number 39317143), Field Artillery, Battery B, 386th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 April 1945. When the armor-infantry column in which he was riding was ambushed by the enemy, suffering heavy casualties, Private Myers voluntarily drove his vehicle through the withering artillery and small arms fire to evacuate two seriously wounded men. The singular gallantry, personal courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Private Myers saved the lives of two of his companions and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed forces of the United States. Entered Military service from Coquille, Oregon."

Kanton A. Myers was inducted into the service by Coos County Local Board No. 2, Coquille, on September 11, 1942, according to his sister, Pearl Jackson, who is Chief Clerk for that local board. Private Myers is expected home shortly for a 30-day furlough before being transferred to the Pacific Theater of War.

Corporal Jim Howe Now Stationed in Arizona

Cpl. James Howe has completed his Radar Mechanics course in Florida and is now stationed at the Yuma Army Air Field in Arizona. He expects to be there for some time as he is one of a group of mechanics maintaining radar equipment on B-25s. Jim reports the weather very warm in Yuma.

Old papers on a stand.

O.S.C. Students To Give Dance Here Saturday, July 14

Dance in Coquille Community Building Saturday, July 1, will be sponsored by Coos county students and alumni of Oregon State college. This non-profit dance will be given to promote college spirit in the high school and college-age people of Coos county.

Co-ed singer from Oregon State will be a feature of the dance, Anita Teden, chairman of Myrtle Point district, said yesterday.

Coos county Oregon States, divided into three districts—Myrtle Point, Coos Bay and Coquille—will work together to produce the dance in Coquille Saturday and a picnic in Coos Bay will be announced later, Louise Ferguson, chairman of Coos Bay district, said.

Dance and picnic in Coos county is part of a state-wide program sponsored by Oregon State college students. Ruth Faubion of Portland, state chairman of the program, will attend the dance and picnic in this county.

Since no money from O. S. C. is provided for such a program, admission of 60 cents per person will be charged for the dance. The picnic will be free.

W. L. Parry, Coquille, A Marine Corps Lieutenant

Marine Second Lieutenant Wilfred L. Parry, 23, of 124 South Heath, Coquille, is a member of a Second Marine Air Wing squadron, based on Okinawa. The young pilot was commissioned in October, 1943.

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J. E. Axtell Funeral Saturday Morning

Funeral services for Jos. E. Axtell, who passed away from a heart attack early last Thursday morning, were held at the Schroeder chapel at ten o'clock Saturday morning. Rev. Robt. L. Greene officiating. Interment was in Sunset cemetery at Coos Bay.

He was born in Salina, Ohio, May 4, 1889, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stockton Axtell, and came west in 1912.

On May 31, 1916, he was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Smith, who survives him, at LaGrande, Oregon.

Born to this union were three children, Mrs. Marianne Jamieson, of Condon, Ore.; Miss Jane Axtell, who is now employed in Los Angeles, and Jack, who was recently inducted into the Army. All of them were able to reach Coquille by Saturday morning, although Miss Jane found the stages so crowded that she had to fly to Portland, take the bus to Coos Bay and was met there with an auto.

Jack came from Fort Lewis, Wash., and must report back there by Sunday unless he can get a ten-day extension of his absence from duty.

Mrs. Jamieson plans on staying in Coquille for a time to help her mother with the work in the abstract office.

Mr. and Mrs. Axtell came to Coquille from Enterprise, Ore., in February, 1932, when he purchased the Title Guarantee & Abstract Co. business, which he has since operated. His profession was that of an abstractor, although he owned a drug store in Enterprise, before coming to Coquille.

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Employers who desire to reduce the work week below 5 1/2 or six days during the vacation season, from June 1 to September 15, may do so and, without 12th regional War Labor Board approval, may pay all office workers, white collar workers, or employees in retail establishments, a full salary with no deductions for time not worked, George Bernard Noble, chairman of the Board, announced today, after receiving a resolution to that effect from the National War Labor Board.

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