

COL. BIDDLE WINS GALLANTRY STAR; KNOWN IN VALLEY

The many friends of Colonel William Shepard Biddle will be pleased to learn he has been decorated with the coveted "silver star" for special "gallantry in action" in the battle of France. For his able service training of mechanized troops in England before the invasion, he was awarded the "bronze star."

Colonel Biddle is the nephew of Mrs. Gordon Voorhies of Eden Valley Orchard, and with children were guests at the Voorhies residence a few weeks before he left for Texas for special training before going overseas. Mrs. Wm. Biddle remained here for several months, and has many friends in the valley, who will be delighted to hear of the high honors her husband has received.

Colonel Biddle is the son of Mrs. Margaret Biddle of Portland and Chiloquin, Ore., who is also a frequent visitor to Medford and spent the past winter here at her sister's home. He is a graduate of West Point in the class of '23, and has been in the army ever since graduation, having held important military posts at the Canal Zone and also in England. Col. Biddle is in command of a mechanical cavalry unit, which has played a leading part in the record breaking allied offensive in France.

CITE EARL JONES FOR HEROIC ROLE

Sergeant Earl A. Jones of the U. S. Army infantry has been awarded a Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in action according to word received by his wife who lives at 519 S. Holly St., Medford. Jones enlisted in the paratroopers three years ago, and is at present in England after combat duty on the European continent. At the time Jones received the award, he was serving in Italy with the rank of corporal.

The citation, signed by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the American Fifth army, states that the award is made "for heroic achievement in action on Jan. 30, 1944 near Cisterna di Littoria, Italy. During an approach march, Jones accompanied a detachment of men sent forward of his company across flat and open terrain. The intensity of enemy fire delayed the party's advance, causing them to take cover frequently. Jones, however, continued forward to the assistance of two comrades who were already engaged in close combat with a group of Germans. He shot and killed one German and then assisted in rounding up prisoners and driving the enemy from his positions. Jones' courageous actions reflect credit upon himself and the armed forces."

BRONZE STAR TO SGT. CULBERTSON

News of the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Staff Sgt. Charles K. Culbertson, ordnance department, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy at Alesan Air-drome, Corsica, May 13, 1944, has been received by the sergeant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Culbertson of Talent. Culbertson, serving in a bomber group, was wounded in action at Corsica on May 13 of this year, his parents state, apparently in the same operation for which the award was made, and he received the Purple Heart medal then.

Former residents of Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson now have the Talent Market. The sergeant attended the Klamath Falls union high school before entering the army in July, '42. He left for overseas duty in February of '43.

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W. E. WAKEFIELD IS COMMENDED FOR NAVY MECHANISM

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An account of the commendation, printed in Wakefield's unit paper, stated that in addition, as a token of appreciation, Wakefield was awarded a war bond. In his letter, Commander Arnold expressed his appreciation for Wakefield's loyalty and contribution, as evidenced by the device designed.

Wakefield constructed a pre-roller of original design which is used by the carrier aircraft service unit in pre-oiling airplanes. No effective device for this work had been theretofore perfected, the article states, and description and plans of the pre-roller were forwarded to the Bureau of Aeronautics.

COMEDIAN HOPE HOME
Hollywood, Sept. 2 —(U.P.)—South Pacific island natives have quickly learned the value of a dollar in dealing with American fighting men. Comedian Bob Hope said tonight as he returned from a 35,000 mile tour of Pacific and Australian areas.

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NEW RECRUITERS FOR WACS HERE

New recruiters for the Women's Army Corps in Medford are Lt. Aida Ingraham and Sgt. Henry B. Tarbell. They are here to help increase enlistments in accordance with the army's plan to recruit 48,000 more Wacs by the end of 1944.

Lt. Ingraham has recently been stationed in Portland as public relations officer for the Air War recruiting program. Sgt. Tarbell is a former officer of the Capitol police force of the old house of representatives in Washington, D. C.

The office is located at 2 Post Office building and hours will be from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily. It will also be open until 8 p. m. on Tuesday and Friday evenings. All interested women are urged to contact either Lt. In-

graham or Sgt. Tarbell, who will be glad to tell them of the many new opportunities available to members of the WAC.

SGT. M'GINTY IS WOUNDED AGAIN

First Sgt. Hugh McGinty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McGinty of 524 N. Riverside Ave. has been wounded in action for the second time, according to word received by his parents. A member of a special service force of United States-Canadian Commandos, McGinty was wounded in action in France Aug. 15. He was previously wounded in the Casino mountains of Italy last Dec. 3, and received the Purple Heart medal at that time. The sergeant has five brothers in various branches of the military forces.

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PHOENIX SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPT. 11

Lyle Lindley, superintendent of schools in Phoenix announced today that the Phoenix grade and high schools will open Sept. 11, and students are asked to report at the building at 9 a. m. on that day for registration. High school students planning to work in the fruit harvest an additional week after school takes up should contact Lindley on or before Sept. 11 and register their names.

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This is Lindley's first year in the Phoenix schools. He has served in the Eagle Point schools for the past three years.

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