

Our Men and Women in the Nation's Service

VAKOC'S PARENTS RECEIVE HONORS GIVEN HERO SON

According to the parents no other details have been received though they received a letter last week from a buddy of their son, saying Pvt. Vakoc had "volunteered for a very dangerous assignment, in which he was



PVT. WILFORD VAKOC

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vakoc of 519 South Riverside avenue, have recently received the presidential citation and purple heart awarded their son, Pvt. Wilford J. Vakoc, who died in the service of his country Sept. 2, 1944, in France.

Pvt. Vakoc, serving with company L, 8th infantry unit, was killed in the vicinity of Brest while performing the duties of a rifleman with his platoon, attacking an enemy pillbox.

He entered training June 22, 1943, at Camp Hann, Calif. In May, 1944, he was transferred to the infantry and moved to Camp Carson, Colo., where he received six weeks' training, then being sent overseas and landing in England, Aug. 23. From there he went immediately into battle in France.

The buddy was wounded in the same engagement and sent to England for hospitalization.

Pvt. Vakoc was born Aug. 19, 1924, in Verdigr, Neb., and came to Ashland with his parents in 1937. He attended school and later was employed at the Drive-In Market until his induction.

tion. He was known to his many friends as "Willie."
A brother, George Vakoc of Medford, also survives besides the parents.

PVT. WESLEY E. SURRAN
Allied Force Headquarters, Italy.—Signal property used by allied force headquarters in the Mediterranean theater of operations is procured, stored, issued and repaired by the 3140th signal service platoon. This platoon is a unit of the 3141st signal service group, which is responsible for the complex communication facilities in this theater. Pvt. Wesley E. Surran, son of Mrs. Ellis A. Surran of Applegate, Ore., is a member.

Men of the platoon are highly trained and skilled in processing, testing and repairing complicated and technically intricate radio, teletype and telephone equipment used in the vast signal system of allied forces.

SGT. CARROLL WATSON
A clipping from the Windmill, army newspaper published by men of the Tomahawk special service section, believed to be the first American army newspaper printed on German soil in world war II, has been received by Ralph Watson of Trail, from his son, Carroll D. Watson. Sgt. Watson is attached to the 246th engineer combat battalion, which has set records for engineer support of infantry and armored units during campaigns in Normandy, northern France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Sgt. Watson was wounded in Holland, recently returning to his company from a hospital in the British Isles.

PFC. JOHN BREWER
After ten months overseas, Pfc. John R. Brewer, son of Mrs. C. R. Brewer, 307 Laurel street, Medford, recently arrived at Hammond General hospital, Modesto, Calif., to receive specialized treatment.

He was wounded while with the 1st armored division in Germany for which he was awarded the purple heart. He also has the combat infantryman's badge.

W. L. HOBER
Writing of a trip to New Zealand, W. L. (Red) Hober, now a chief warrant officer in the navy, stated that he enjoyed the visit very much and found the climate and country much like Oregon. Hober made his visit

in January and remarked how odd the difference in the seasons seemed, with Christmas coming during warm weather.

Hober is stationed at a south Pacific island base. A graduate of Medford senior high school, he has been in the navy nine years. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hober, 822 North Central avenue, and a sister, Mrs. Bruce Wilson, lives at 1022 West Ninth street.

CAPT. JAMES ANNING
Strother Field, Kan.—Among the officers recently reporting to this 72d fighter wing base of the second air force after overseas service is Capt. James Andrew Anning of 517 Western avenue, Medford, Ore., who served for 22 months in Puerto Rico, Trinidad, China and India and wears the distinguished flying cross and the air medal.

Capt. Anning was a student at Medford high school before entering service in June of 1938. He was promoted to his present rank on May 1, 1944.

At Strother field he will be assigned to duty as a combat fighter pilot instructor.

RICHARD FREDERICK
Selman Field, Monroe, La.—Richard Frederick, son of Mrs. Marge E. Frederick, 809 S. Peach street, Medford, is among representatives of 45 states and the District of Columbia to receive wings and commissions as aerial navigators here Feb. 23 when the AAF training command graduated class 45-7 in ceremonies at the post theater. Completing an intensive course of all kinds of aerial navigation, the graduates, trained directly under AAF central flying training command direction, will shortly be putting their knowledge to use in every theater of the war.

Sgt. Chester O. Webb
15th AAF in Italy—Chester O. Webb, 223 W. Sixth street, Medford, Ore., engineer-gunner of a B-24 Liberator in the 15th air force in Italy, was recently promoted to the grade of sergeant.

Since arriving overseas last November, he has participated in bombing attacks on aircraft factories and oil refineries in Vienna and German industrial installations at Blechhammer and Munich. Other targets were air fields and railroad yards in

northern Italy and southern Austria.

He is authorized to wear the distinguished unit badge as a member of a heavy bombardment group which has been cited by the war department for "outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

He attended Medford high school and was employed by Webb and Carlton's Paint store, Medford, Ore., prior to entering the service in April, 1943.

Sgt. Webb's wife, Mrs. Mary Ann Webb, lives in Greensburg, Mo. His mother, Mrs. L. E. Webb, lives in Medford, Ore.

SGT. DOLPH GUYER
Sgt. Dolph Guyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Guyer, 319 Portland avenue, recently wrote his parents telling of a wound received in action in the Philippines.

Sgt. Guyer wrote, "I was wounded on Feb. 11, but it is not serious, but I am being evacuated and hope to get a good rest."

"Life in a hospital is O. K. and they have given me very good care. I was wounded in the right arm by a sniper's bullet and it is swollen a little bit, but after an operation I know it will heal fast."

"I received all of your December mail and quite a bit of January mail. The mail has been held off for quite some time."



Olive Barber's Letter

I have two little girl neighbors. We've exchanged scarcely a dozen words yet I'm getting very well acquainted with their small selves. Each day I watch the flurry of their colorful dresses as they dash off to school and have to smile at the maternal pose the elder one has toward the younger. Each morning they have the air of being terribly pressed for

time. I imagine they are and that it's their own fault, the still sleepy girls burrowing their heads deeper into their pillows every time their mother called them. No doubt they can judge to a hair the extent of her patience and don't get up until that hair has been reached.

School mornings I get occasional glimpses through the window of short pajama clad legs in a frantic patter about their bedroom, fairly tumbling over each other in an effort to make up for lost time. Sometimes they are so late that their last minute frenzy gets me excited too and I think I sigh with as much relief when they're finally off for school as their mother.

Not so long ago one of them got a permanent. Thoroughly feminine, she took care to loiter before the window so I might see. I felt my face curling in tender amusement at her small conceit; remembered my own conceit when I had been a little girl and my mother uncurled my hair from the white rags around which it had spent the night. This memory spans our chronological difference and though we have exchanged no words on the matter, yet I know her little girl pride that her hair before so straight should now be so enchantingly curly.

A rich home, theirs; a home where there is the sound of high girlish laughter; where funny little feminine posings must give parents many a chuckle. No doubt there are bits of embroidery lying about with stitches none too even; also dresses which small owners so easily leave for mother to hang up. All these would seem riches to those denied parenthood and such sweet companionship.

Some day I too will get a permanent and then I'll stand in my window and show I also have my share of vanity. Thus a new link will be formed in our silent friendship.

Of 88,173 employed in radio manufacturing in 1940, 36,374, or more than a third, are now with the fighting forces.

VANDENBERG ACCEPTS CONFERENCE INVITATION

Washington, March 6.—(U.P.)—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R. Mich., today accepted President Roosevelt's invitation to serve as a member of the United States delegation to the international security conference at San Francisco.

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