

Our Men and Women in the Nation's Service

MEDFORD FLYER HAS CLOSE CALL ON PACIFIC HOP

Hqs., Tenth Air Force in Burma — An unarmed C-47 transport of a Tenth Air Force Combat Cargo group was recently jumped by four Jap Zeros over north Burma during a supply dropping mission over the forward areas in the north Burma campaign. None of the crew of the plane was aware of the Japs' presence until the rattle of machine gun fire tore through the loaded C-47. The scream of a wounded food kicker gave grim testimony of the Nips' attack. Following up their initial attack, which resulted in the killing of one food kicker, the wounding of Cpl. James F. Fry, 20 Chestnut street, Medford, Ore., and S/Sgt. James Troglia, Globe, Ariz., made a second run on the tail of the defenseless plane.

The Zero's guns were finally exhausted and he was forced to flee from the threat of intercepting Tenth Air Force P-47's which, incidentally, did intercept and shoot down, four of the attackers.

With five of the crew wounded and a sixth killed, the combat cargo plane, through the skillful piloting of Lt. Robert Severson, landed safely at an advanced Tenth Air Force strip although riddled with countless bullet holes.

A pleasant note to the story is that all men wounded have recovered.

Cpl. Fry was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in December and received two oak leaf clusters to his air medal the same month. His wife makes her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gammill, 118 Willamette avenue.

SGT. HOWARD L. DAVIS
With the 96th Division in the Philippines—Staff Sgt. Howard L. Davis of Chestnut, La., a member of Major General J. L. Bradley's 96th "Deadeye" Division, has been awarded a

bronze star medal for heroic service during the Leyte campaign.

S/Sgt. Davis, an infantry platoon sergeant, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Davis of Route 1, Chestnut. His wife, Mrs. Howard Davis is a member of the WAC detachment in the Service Command Unit, Camp White, Ore.

S/Sgt. Davis also has been awarded the combat Infantryman's badge.

PFC. LOUIS STRAUS
With the 96th Division in the Philippines — Pfc. Louis J. Straus of Medford, Ore., a member of Major General J. L. Bradley's 96th "Deadeye" division, has been awarded a bronze star medal for heroic service during the Leyte campaign.

Pfc. Straus, a surgical technician, is the husband of Mrs. Louis Straus of 843 Main, Medford. His citation reads as follows:

"When his platoon came under heavy machine gun and rifle fire which wounded several men, Pfc. Straus, without thought for his own safety, went to their aid. Moving from man to man, he administered aid to all while under constant fire. Pfc. Straus' quick and courageous action was instrumental in saving the lives of several comrades."

Pvt. Edwin White
Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss.—Pvt. Edwin Lyle White, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. White, 20 Ross court, Medford, Ore., has reported to Keesler Field to take the army air forces training command examinations to determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet.

As an applicant for training that will make him a flying officer, he will be given a series of medical and psychological tests at Keesler Field which will indicate the type of air crew training for which he is best suited by aptitude and personal characteristics.

Burdette Dodge
Fort Benning, Ga.—Burdette Lynde Dodge, III, of Medford, Ore., has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the army upon successful completion of the officer candidate course at the infantry school here. Lt. Dodge is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Dodge of Rt. 4, box 178, Medford, Ore.

The new lieutenant enlisted into the army August 17, 1942, and served with the air corps before going to officer candidate school four months ago. He is a graduate of Medford high school and Oregon State college.

Wilda Beddingfield
Fort Des Moines, Ia.—Wilda Marion Beddingfield, route 1, box 232, Medford, Oregon, a member of the women's army corps, recently left First WAC training center here, for duty with the army at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas.

S/Sgt. Douglas North
Bamnan, Luzon, P. I.—Artillerymen of the 143rd (California) artillery battalion have received a commendation from their commander, Lt. Col. Wallace H. Nickell, Berkeley, Calif., for efficiency as a fighting team.

Referring to the support the 143rd (Red Devil) gave to doughboys of the 40th infantry division during its first month of fighting on Luzon, P. I., which ended February 9, Colonel Nickell's commendation said:

"The performance of this battalion during the past 30 days has been very gratifying. It has been clearly demonstrated that you are a part of a well trained, efficient fighting team."

S/Sgt. Douglas E. North, 724 Victory street, Medford, is a member of the 143rd field artillery battalion.

Lindsay Estate Division Decreed

In the suit of Robert T. Lindsay, administrator of the estate of the late Jefferson B. Lindsay, against Mary L. Lindsay, the widow, a stipulation has been filed, granting the widow approximately half of the \$30,000 estate, the balance going to the other heirs. A decree to this settlement has been filed. The administrator was represented by Attorney George M. Roberts, and the heirs by Attorney Allison Moulton. Testimony in the action was heard last week by Circuit Judge Crawford of Portland.

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