

Our Men and Women in the Nation's Service

TRAIL NAVY MAN IS HONORED FOR FIRST-AID WORK

Fort Pierce, Fla.—An Oregon coxswain in the navy, Wendell Marvin Vaughn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy K. Vaughn of Trail, has been awarded the coveted navy and marine corps medal by Adm. Harold R. Stark, commander of U. S. naval forces in Europe. The presentation was made at the U. S. naval amphibious training base here, where Vaughn is now stationed in the naval combat demolition unit.

Young Vaughn was cited "for distinguishing himself by heroism as a member of a naval combat demolition unit which landed on the beach on D-day during the assault on France, June 6, 1944."

The citation stated that Vaughn took a kit from a deceased first-aid man and remained on the beach tending casualties until low tide and the resumption of demolition of enemy

obstacles on the beach by his unit. His first-aid assistants was of utmost value because of the number of wounded during the initial hours of D-day.

Admiral Stark's award concluded by stating, "The courage and decisive action displayed by Vaughn on this occasion were in keeping with the best traditions of the United States naval service."

A brother, Donald R. Vaughn, is serving in the army.

Laurence C. Willis

An 8th Air Force Bomber Station, England—The promotion of Laurence C. Willis, 21, of Rogue River, Ore., from sergeant to staff sergeant has been announced at this 8th air force B-17 Flying Fortress base. A member of the 95th bombardment group, the sergeant is the ball turret gunner on a Flying Fortress.

Sgt. Willis is a member of the Fortress group which led the first American bombing attack on targets in Berlin and which was cited by the president for its outstanding bombing assault on railroad marshalling yards at Munster, Germany, in October, 1943.

The AAF gunner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Willis of Rogue River, Ore.

Lt. Russell L. Werner

Fort Benning, Ga.—Russell Lee Werner of 307 Haven street, Medford, Ore., was commissioned a second lieutenant in the army of the United States upon successful completion of the officer candidate course at the infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga. Lt. Werner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Werner.

The new lieutenant was inducted into the army on April 9, 1943, and served with the 89th infantry division, Camp Butler, N. C., before going to officer candidate school four months ago.

The new officer is a graduate of Medford high school and Southern Oregon college at Ashland, Ore., where he was prominent as a basketball and track member.

Sgt. Robert Blehn

An 8th Air Force Service Command Station, England—First Sgt. Robert E. Blehn whose wife, Mrs. Ruth Blehn, is now living at 911 South Central avenue, Medford, Ore., is stationed here where B-17 Flying Fortresses of the 8th air force are maintained and repaired. He is

the first sergeant of a headquarters and headquarters squadron of an air depot group. First Sgt. Blehn is the son of Charles Blehn, 2708 Kane street, Klamath Falls, Ore.

He attended Klamath union high school and prior to his entry into the army Aug. 26, 1942, he was a motion picture operator for Hunts Theaters, Inc., in Medford. First Sgt. Blehn has been stationed in the European theater of operations since May, 1943. He has three brothers serving in the armed forces: Martin, Harold and Howard.

Robert G. Parker

Headquarters 10th Air Force in Burma—The promotion to private first class of Robert G. Parker, 21, of Yreka, Calif., was announced by Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, commanding general, 10th air force.

Pfc. Parker, whose wife, Mrs. R. G. Parker, resides in Medford, Ore., has been in the service two years, spending the past seven months in the India Burma theater as a clerk in 10th air force headquarters. He graduated from Yreka high school to the Yuba Junior college and was later employed by the Parker Dry Cleaning company.

James Morrow

Flight Officer James A. Morrow, son of Mr. H. W. Morrow, 531 N. Bartlett street, Medford, Ore., is now stationed in combat crew training school at the Sioux City, Ia., army air base where he will take operational training with his crew before going overseas.

Flight Officer Morrow, a navigator on a heavy bomber, was a student before entering the service Sept. 19, 1943.

Cpl. Ira Brooks

With the 9th Armored Division on the Western Front—Cpl. Ira S. Brooks of the B battery 73d armored field artillery battalion, has been promoted from the grade of private first class.

Cpl. Brooks participated in the valiant stand made by the 9th armored division on the western front in Belgium and Luxembourg.

He is the husband of Mrs. Marjorie Jane Brooks of Medford, Ore.

Pfc. Ernest J. Parker

An 8th Air Force Bomber Station, England—Pvt. 1/c Ernest J. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Parker, Central Point, Ore., has been awarded one of the first of the coveted certificates of merit to be bestowed by this group to outstanding men for "exceptionally meritorious conduct." He was one of four men who aided in excavating unexploded bombs and fuzing fragmentation when a

bomb dump exploded at a British base.

Pfc. Parker is a graduate of Central Point high school and was employed by the Southern Oregon Sales Co. before entering the army in December, 1942. He has been serving overseas for more than a year.

Pvt. Raymond Stinson

Pvt. Raymond C. Stinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Stinson of 1219 West 10th street, Medford, Ore., has been assigned to the AAF training command radio school at the Sioux Falls army air field, Sioux Falls, S. D., for training as a radio operator-mechanic. He is a graduate of Medford high school and entered the service Aug. 23, 1944.

Dell J. Clarke

Dell J. Clarke, Prospect, a member of the women's army corps, recently left the 1st Wac training center at Fort Des Moines, Ia., for duty with the army at Orlando, Fla.

Pfc. Joe Gage

Pfc. Joe Gage, 831 West 12th street, Medford, is serving at an engineer supply depot in Belgium. Piping stored at the depot is destined to carry gasoline from tankers to tanks via strategic lines from European ports to the front.

Cpl. Robert Meals

Cpl. Robert M. Meals, armorer gunner of Jacksonville, will soon complete an intensive training course in combat flying and in the near future will go overseas for combat duty.

Cpl. Meals graduated from Medford Senior high school in June of 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Meals of route 1, box 22, Jacksonville.

KIN OF MEDFORDITES KILLED ON IWO JIMA

Pfc. Milton M. Rhoads, 24, of Klamath Falls, was killed in action on Iwo Jima March 2, according to word received here by Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Coffeen, route one, box 570, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruch, 809 Newtown, relatives of the soldier.

Pfc. Rhoads, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rhoads of Klamath Falls, was born in Medford but moved to Klamath when a young child. He had been overseas 26 months and participated in several major engagements in the Pacific theater of war.

SHE REALLY MEANS IT
Malden, Mass. (U.P.)—A new fad going the rounds is illustrated by Bunny Fleming of Malden, who wears a red school cap with a cigarette affixed to the visor, which bears the message, "Hard to Get."

RELATIVE OF LOCAL PEOPLE WOUNDED

Mr. and Mrs. John Maass, 1013 West 10th street, recently received a letter from their cousin, T/Sgt. Francis J. Beaton of Fargo, N. D., who received a great part of his infantry training at Camp White.

In the letter Sgt. Beaton told of having been wounded by German machine gun fire on January 15 while acting as a platoon leader. He wrote that he will be sent back to the United States to complete recovery. His letter also told of his brother, Don, being wounded November 20. It was necessary to amputate his left leg, the letter said. "I don't want these incidents to alarm any of you," Sgt. Beaton wrote, "as it happens every day to boys just like ourselves. I was given the purple heart and the combat infantryman's badge. These are nice to have but are hell to earn."

Sgt. Beaton is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. James Beaton and a cousin of Mr. and Mrs. Beaton of this city.

WILLIAM SMITH KILLED ON IWO

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith, Old Stage road, route one, Central Point, received word from the war department that their son, Pfc. William E. Smith, was killed in performance of his duty on Iwo Jima March 7. Pfc. Smith was serving with the fifth Marines at the time of his death.

He is survived by two brothers, Jim and Robert, at home and a sister, Mary Ann, at San Diego.

12 OF BOMBER CREW KILLED IN SMASHUP

Alamogordo, N. M., April 3—(U.P.)—Twelve men of the crew of a four-engine bomber were killed when the plane crashed eight miles northeast of Alamogordo, Colonel John W. Warren, commanding officer of the army air field here, announced today.

Two crewmembers parachuted to safety without injury. The bomber crashed at 8:30 p. m., Sunday night while on a combat training flight, the colonel said.

All next of kin have been notified.

TOWNSENDITES ENJOY PRE-EASTER PROGRAM

Townsend clubs 1 and 4 of Medford sponsored a pre-Easter program Friday night in K. P. hall. Pot luck supper was served at 6 p. m. followed by an Easter service.

About 200 Townsend members and friends attended.

Tuesday, April 3, 1945

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

BLACK RATS APPEAR AGAIN

Nottingham, England, (U.P.)—Black rats, now comparatively rare in the British Isles, were among 35,779 rats destroyed in Nottingham during past year, according to a report to the Nottingham Health Committee.

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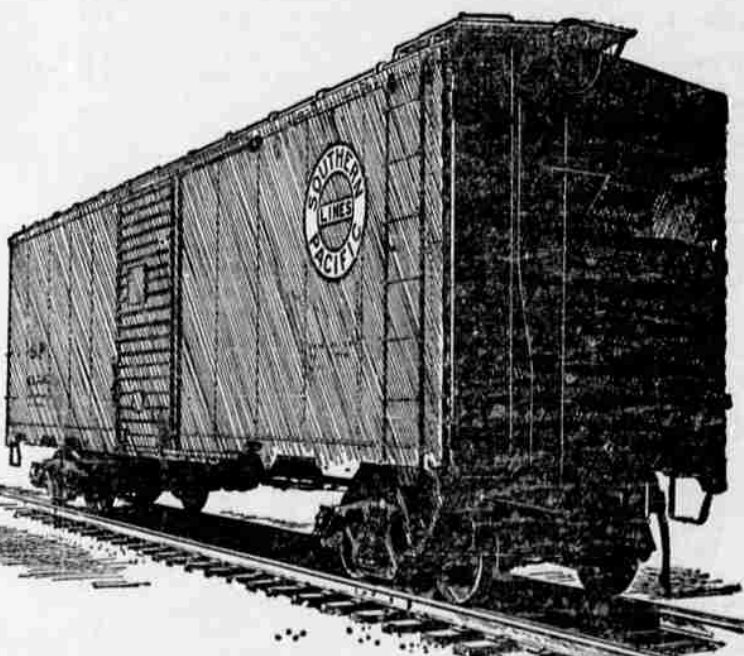
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