

Our Men and Women in the Nation's Service

CLUSTER AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY TO H. A. SANTO

With the 25th Infantry Division on Luzon—An oak leaf cluster to the silver star medal has been awarded posthumously to Technical Sergeant Hubert A. Santo, son of Mrs. Ida Santo, 620 Ivy street, Medford, Oregon, platoon sergeant of a combat unit of the 25th infantry (tropic lightning) division, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on January 24, 1945.

T/Sgt. Santo was placing the members of his platoon in position under fire. When a squad leader and automatic rifle team were caught in a pocket bracketed by mortar fire he calmly, and without regard for his own personal safety, exposed himself to draw the enemy fire and permit the withdrawal of his men to a more tenable position. In so doing, T/Sgt. Santo was seriously wounded by enemy mortar fragments.

While the enemy was engaged in firing at T/Sgt. Santo, the automatic rifle team withdrew without casualty to themselves and were then able to take up more favorable emplacements to secure the platoon's position. The citation accompanying the award states: "Technical Sergeant Santo's voluntary exposure to enemy fire for the sake of his comrades was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service."



They're the Country's Doctors

Take "Dr. A" of Okanogan. Last year he had a heart attack—a mean one. For anybody else his orders would be "Take it easy!" So he is working a 24-hour day and a 365-day year—and supervising a hospital bedside.

Take "Dr. X" of Winthrop and "Dr. Y" of Brewster. They're pressing 80. Yet any "3 a.m." may find them wrestling pneumonia, racing the stork or watching at a child's bedside—as they did in the horse-and-buggy days.

Thus, in wartime, the medical men of the West's smaller communities carry on as did the doctors of pioneer days—doing a marvelous best-they-can with what they've got.

We call them country doctors—as the most honorable of terms in the language. For—even though they practice with modern methods in modern towns—goodness gracious what a lot of country they cover!

Okanogan County is 5295 square miles of Washington. Of the doctors left, just four have the football physique needed to absorb the punishment they're taking. And—oh, yes!—adjacent Ferry County no longer has a doctor. These four—and their selfless associates like Drs. "A," "X" and "Y"—must keep an eye on Ferry County, too.

We take Okanogan County because our branch manager, who seems to know everybody, suggested it. Any other non-urban county in a dozen western states can duplicate its heart-warming story.

Doctors have traditionally been known as hard workers. They've always taken care of everybody but themselves. So what we say won't change anything. But it's a satisfaction to recall, of every country doctor, something said by another. "Well done," it runs, "thou good and faithful servant."



STANDARD OF CALIFORNIA

there are plenty of Jap planes in the air, but added they don't stay there long.

DEAN SHOWERS
Dean Showers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Wiley, 712 West Second street, graduated from the naval air technical training school at Norman, Okla., April 7, according to a dispatch from the school. He completed the course of aviation ordnance and received rate of seaman first class upon graduation. He will now be transferred to a naval unit afloat or to another shore station for further instruction and work.

CAPT. ROSS F. SWALL
PFC. EARL HUGHES
Capt. Ross F. Swall, staff officer, whose wife resides at 19 South Barneburg Road, and Pfc. Earl Hughes, ambulance driver whose wife lives at 445 South Front street, are members of the 316th medical battalion, which has been faced with intermittent German artillery fire and strafing from enemy planes for more than three months as it operates close to the Po valley along the 5th army front in Italy. The medics' main job is to evacuate wounded doughboys of the 91st "Powder River" division from the field of battle, but is also responsible for hospitalization in cases which are not serious.

SGT. GENE BLACKFORD
An Eighth Air Force Bomber Base, England—Technical Sergeant Gene R. Blackford, 25, of Medford, Ore., nose gunner and bomb toggler on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to his air medal, previously won, and equivalent to another award of the medal.

The award was for "meritorious achievement" during bombing attacks against Nazi war industries and military targets in cooperation with allied ground forces.

SGT. THEODORE DRIVER
SGT. PAUL TRAHAN
PVT. HENRY STUART
With the Fifth Army, Italy—Sgt. Theodore E. Driver, Central Point, Oregon, Pvt. Henry C. Stuart, and S/Sgt. Paul Trahan, both of Medford, Ore., are members of the 91st Cavalry reconnaissance troop, now probing the entrance to the Po Valley in Italy near Bologna.

S/Sgt. Driver, husband of Mrs. Wilma Driver, Central Point, is a supply sergeant with the troop. Pvt. Stuart, whose wife resides at 24 Washington street, Medford, is now serving as a jeep driver. S/Sgt. Trahan is a platoon leader. His wife resides at 504 South Holly street, in Medford.

The men sailed for North Africa in April, 1944, and entered combat near Rosignano, Italy. They have been on the line, or more often beyond it, more than 160 days.

SHELDON C. MUIR
Sheldon C. Muir, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Muir, Rt. 1, Box 194, graduated from the naval air technical training center, Norman, Okla., March 31 as an aviation machinist mate with a rating of seaman first class, according to a news release from the school.

The release stated that Muir will now be transferred to a naval unit afloat or to another shore station for further instruction and work. He was employed by Boeing aircraft company before entering the navy.

SGT. GORDON WARNER
8th Army Group, Germany—In the capable and experienced hands of men of the 57th signal battalion, of which Sgt. Gordon C. Warner, 319 South Oakdale avenue, Medford, Ore., is a member, rests a large share of responsibility for maintenance of communications for the U. S. 7th army.

Sgt. Warner's battalion began overseas service in February, 1943, at Oran, N. Africa, and was awarded the 5th army plaque and clasp in the Italian campaign.

SGT. LOUIS A. ROSE
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Rose, 429 South Front street, recently received a letter from their son, S/Sgt. Lewis A. Rose, who is stationed on Okinawa Island. He writes that the island is a nice place so far as climate is concerned with "lots of green trees and birds." Sgt. Rose wrote

DISCHARGED VETS TO BE INDICATED BY STAR, BUTTON

Portland, Oregon—Provisions for recognition of the honorably discharged veteran on the service flag displayed by his immediate family and affiliated organization is announced by the war department. The design of the lapel button for honorable service worn by the discharged soldier will be used as the symbol. For each individual who has been honorably discharged from the armed forces, the design will be placed on the flag in lieu of the blue star. When two or more individuals are represented, the design of the discharged veteran will replace the stars nearest to the fly end of the flag. Organizations may use one symbol and the number of members below it in Arabic numerals, as with the blue or gold stars.

Design To Be Gold
The design will be gold in color, like its counterpart, the lapel button, for honorable service, and will consist of a dexter eagle displayed perched within a ring, the dexter wing of the eagle behind the ring, the sinister wing in front of the ring. To make the symbol stand out from the white background of the flag the design will be edged in blue.

The new provision is made by the secretary of war, who is authorized by Public Law 750, 77th Congress, to approve the design of the service flag and

lapel button for honorable service and to issue regulations concerning their use and display.

Former Resident Given Award For Idea For Victory

San Francisco—Cordy E. Sunderman, in control branch of the San Francisco district, U. S. Army Engineers has been awarded a \$30 prize for an "idea for victory" submitted in connection with the program now in use throughout all government agencies and among many commercial concerns by which employees are encouraged to offer their ideas for improvements which will "speed up" the war effort.

Mr. Sunderman is a former resident of Medford, where he was employed with the forest service prior to the war. Colonel Kenneth M. Moore, C. E. district engineer, in adopting the plan for simplifying certain office procedures, expressed keen satisfaction in the saving resulting from Mr. Sunderman's suggestion.

Boy Scout News

By David Johnson
Troop 8 met Tuesday night and enjoyed a talk by Gene Higgins about a bicycle trip he and a few other boys took. We planned a few refreshments and a movie for next meeting. The movie will show Camp Filmora, the big scout camp in Montana.

CLAIRE SEES HORROR
Buchenwald, Germany, April 23 — (U.P.) — Congresswoman Claire Booth Luce, daintily and trim in khaki tunic and slacks, looked aghast at the gaunt bodies stacked high in the Buchenwald concentration camp today.

Mrs. Nell S. Goss Latest Enlistee In Ranks of WAC

Mrs. Nell S. Goss, Evelyn Apts., has enlisted as a WAC. It was announced Saturday by Lt. Aida Ingraham, recruiting officer. Mrs. Goss has been employed in the quartermaster department as a clerk at Camp White for over two years and will enter the service on a military leave of absence from her position.

Pvt. Goss was born in Illinois, attended high school in Valley City, N. D., later receiving her degree from Black Hills State Teachers' college in South Dakota. She was employed as a teacher for ten years in both North and South Dakota, teaching children of the Sioux and Chippewa Indian tribes.

Pvt. Goss has elected to serve with the medical department and intends to go into occupa-

tional therapy after completing her basic training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa.

Women may make application for enlistment before April 25 which is the tentative date set for closing of the army recruiting office in the Post Office bldg.

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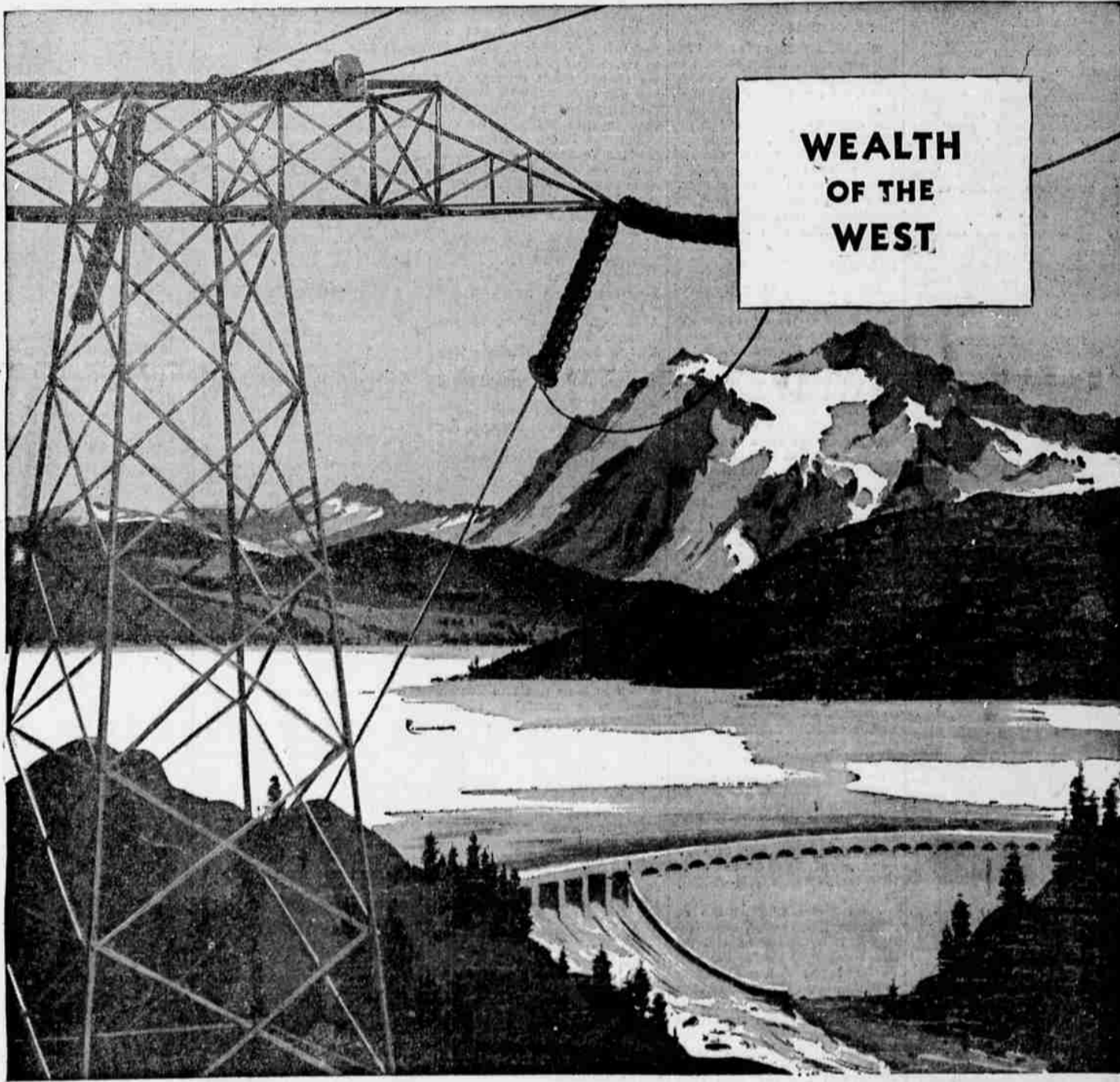
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