

# OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

**IN TRAINING**—Cadet William M. Tavenner is home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Tavenner, 703 North Ninth street. Tavenner volunteered for flight training last August and trained here for six weeks. He was then transferred to Santa Ana Army air base. Upon completion of his course there he was transferred to Mesa, Ariz., where he is now stationed in training with the British Air school. He has completed his first course in ground school and will receive the rank of second lieutenant and his RAF wings when he completes the entire flight program. Tavenner is a graduate of Klamath Union high school.

**PROMOTED**—Harold M. Hutchison of this city was promoted to the rating of Ships Cook 2/c on March 1, according to word brought back by his wife, Mrs. Mary Hutchison of La Pointe's, who has just returned from a visit to her husband. "Hutch" is head of the meat department in the galley of his outfit at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia. He was with Klamath Falls creamery and The Klamath Packing company before his enlistment in the navy.

**ARRIVES**—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Young of 2215 Wantland avenue, have just received word from their son, Corp. Leonard Young, advising them that he has arrived "sway" down under. Young crossed the equator and was in the middle of the big pond on his birthday, January 28. He told his parents he was "in a swell camp" but having a little trouble getting accustomed to the money.

**CHICO FIELD, Calif.**—Wayne K. Galloway, 27, 715 South Francis street, Klamath Falls, has completed basic pilot training in the army air forces at Chico army flying school, and now has begun advanced training. The son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Galloway, he is a graduate of Grant County high school and attended Colorado university. At both institutions he was an all-around athlete. Before receiving primary flight training at Sequoia Field, Visalia, Calif., he had logged 40 hours of CPT flying.

**NAVY MAN**—First word since last July was received by the Rev. and Mrs. George W. Wheatley of North Second street, from their son, George W. Wheatley Jr., who serves as aviation ordnance man in Young Wheatley holds the rank of petty officer, third class. He has seen considerable duty in the Atlantic but was unable to tell his parents much concerning his work except that he was well and happy.

**SONS IN SERVICE**—Mrs. Sophia Spencer, 4328 Bisbee street, has two sons in the service, PFC Valdemar Brahe, 28, now stationed at the US navy boat basin, Oceanside, Calif., United States marine corps, and Sgt. Paul Brahe, 23, US army air corps. Valdemar, (left), is a former Southern Pacific employe and enlisted August, 1942. Paul, (right), is a mechanic stationed at the Jackson air base, Jackson, Miss. He enlisted December 21, 1941, two weeks after Pearl Harbor, and received his basic training at Sheppard Field, Tex. He was also employed by the SP before enlisting. Both boys attended school in Montana and their three sisters live here, Elsie Brahe, 4328 Bisbee street, Mrs. S. H. Kirkpatrick, 2223 Patterson street and Mrs. Gene Hall, Copic Bay ranch.

**PETTY OFFICER**—Erwin Dale Baker is a petty officer now. He enlisted in the navy in the spring of 1942. Erwin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Baker of 327 Grant street. He attended Riverside grade school, and the Sacred Heart academy here, and graduated in engineering from Gonzaga university in Washington. Petty Officer Baker also delivered papers for The Herald-News when he was in grade school.

**AIR SERVICE**—PFC Harry F. Galarneau, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Galarneau of the Merrill route, is now stationed in Tonapah, Nev., famous old gold mining town of early days. Galarneau serves with the U. S. army air corps as airplane mechanic. He was graduated from Merrill high school in 1939, enlisted in the air corps and has received training at Santa Monica, Texas, and McClellan field, Calif.

**IN AUSTRALIA**—PFC Roy A. Hodges, the son of W. O. Hodges of Merrill, has been stationed where in northern Australia from word received from his sister Mrs. Irene Welch, 516 Pine street. Hodges has been in the army for over one year. In the letter received by his sister he stated that he would like to be home for Christmas but he wants to do this job up right.

**GRADUATES**—PFC Fred H. Beymer Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beymer of route 1, box 880, Klamath Falls, was graduated recently from the parachute training corps, U. S. marines, at Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif. Fred, Jr. enlisted in the marine corps, November 1, 1942. He was graduated from Henley high school that spring. He was sent overseas three weeks ago to an unknown destination.

**OVERSEAS**—Word has been received by parents of Corporal Alfred W. Craig that he is now serving in the medical corps of the United States army in an overseas station hospital. Young Craig is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Craig of 1305 California avenue.

**CONSTRUCTION MAN**—Harry Isensee, ship fitter 3/c, signed up with the Seabees, navy construction unit, on October 8, and is now stationed at Camp Peary, Va. He's expecting his second rating any day now. Isensee, long-time Klamath resident, was employed in the Men's Hand laundry here, prior to his enlistment. Mrs. Isensee is remaining in Klamath Falls at their home, 1919 Erie street.

**RUMORS ARE GOOD**—That's what 2nd Lt. Charles Bickner Jr., nephew of Mrs. Lloyd Harbin of Beatty, Weyerhaeuser Timber company, Camp 6 writes home from North Africa. Bickner was born and reared at Oswego, near Portland, and was graduated from Willamette university, Salem. He entered the army over one

year ago. He serves as a bombardier with the American forces. Following is the letter to Mrs. Harbin:  
"Happy Valentine day. I am in North Africa sitting in the shade of my plane trying to shoo away the flies and write at the same time. We have been here long enough to see different types of towns and peoples. Everything you may have heard about North Africa is true. At home we pay money to see this stuff in the movies.  
"We have not arrived at our destination as yet. We are living in a hotel but we do not have all the accommodations American hotels have. We have a lot of language difficulties naturally. Chewing gum and cigarettes will buy more than money here. I have picked up a few souvenirs and have taken several rolls of film. We brought everything we needed with us.  
"We have named our plane 'Wonder Bird' cause we are always wondering what it is going to do next. It is a very good plane however and our crew has kept it in fine shape. Our crossing of the ocean was quite uneventful. Civilization

hasn't changed some things here.  
"I don't know much about the future but the rumors are good."  
**IN LOUISIANA**—This is Private Michael J. Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Murphy of Kiliarney County, Kerry, Ireland. Private Murphy, who owned a farm near Merrill for several years and is well known here, has just been transferred to Louisiana. He enlisted May 10, 1942, in the army and was placed in the signal corps. After 12 weeks of preliminary training at Camp Crowder, Miss., he was transferred to Camp Barkley, Texas, where he spent five months. He is now in Louisiana.

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