

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



WILSON RECOVERING

Struck by shrapnel from a German artillery shell near Tesy la Vire, France, Sgt. Herbert H. Wilson, 36, 2242 Garden, Klamath Falls, Ore., is convalescing from wounds of the right arm and leg at a U. S. army general hospital in England. He has been awarded the Purple Heart. "His condition is very satisfactory and he will be released soon," said his ward surgeon.

A squad leader in an infantry unit, Sgt. Wilson said he was hit as his outfit started to resume an offensive early one morning. "I had gone to get my instructions from the platoon commander and was returning to my outfit when an '88' shell hit a tree a few yards away," he explained. "Just a couple of minutes after I was hit some medics pulled up in a jeep with a litter rigged up on it. They dressed my wounds and took me to an aid station."

Sgt. Wilson was formerly a sawmill operator. His brother, Otis Wilson, resides at the Garden avenue address.

WALTERS ON LEYTE

Pvt. Ralph L. Walters of Klamath Falls, member of a heavy mortar and machine company of the veteran 24th division, sampled about everything the Japs had to offer in the line of fire power during the invasion of Leyte island.

Coming ashore his landing craft was shelled with artillery. On the beach and inside the beach he encountered machine gun bullets and flying mortar shell fragments. All the way across the island he faced rifle fire from the front and from numerous snipers operating behind the lines.

A few Jap planes bombed and strafed near his company's positions. He saw some of them shot down in flames by anti-aircraft fire and American fighting planes.

Walters was in action for the first five days without letup, and then returned to the fight after a short rest in defensive positions. He took part in the capture of towns, hills, roads and important bridges, in addition to the establishment of the initial beachhead.

His wife, Oleatha, lives at 1850 Manzanita, and his mother, Mrs. Cora Hagen, at 1721 Wall, Klamath Falls.

REAL IN GERMANY

Cpl. LeRoy H. Real, son of Mrs. Vera Real of Sheldon ave., is in Germany with the 104th infantry division, "Timber Wolves," which has now joined the American first.

His commanding officer is "Terrible" Terry Allen, the general who won fame in the Tunisian campaigns.

The 104th was organized and trained at Camp Adair, Ore.

FAY AT HOSPITAL

First Lt. Lester H. Fay, 1841 Esplanade, and husband of Jessica C. Fay of Phoenix, Ariz., has been assigned to the recently activated AAF convalescent hospital at Miami Beach.

There are nine such hospitals in the U. S., and they assume care of the AAF battle casualties who have progressed to the "not seriously ill" stage.

Lt. Fay entered the army on February 1, 1937, was discharged and re-enlisted on December 19, 1941. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on June 24, 1942, and was assigned to Dale Mabry field, Fla.

SUMMERS GETS MEDAL

15TH AAF IN ITALY—2nd Lt. Claude W. Summers, son of Mrs. Eva Hooper of 3535 Alva avenue, Klamath Falls, Oregon, was awarded the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight against the enemy." He is a pilot with a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator bomber group operating from an advanced air base in Italy.

Lt. Summers is a graduate of the Klamath Union high school and prior to his enlistment, in December of 1940, he was employed by the Connor radio service as a service man. He entered as a private and was selected in September of 1941 for instruction in the army air force technical radio school at Scott field, Illinois. In July of 1942 he was selected by the army examining board as a candidate for officer training and sent to Bainbridge, Georgia for flight training. He continued his studies at Turner field, Ga., and was commissioned in February, 1943. Shortly afterward, he was given a crew and sent to a combat theater.

MOCABEE GRADUATED

The army air forces training command has announced that Pvt. Daniel R. Mocabee of Klamath Falls was graduated from the department of armament of Lowry field, Denver, Colo. Pvt. Mocabee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mocabee, 435 High, and attended Klamath Union high school. He entered the service on August 9, 1944, at Monterey, Calif.

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VAN EMON FLIES 50TH

15TH AAF IN ITALY—First Lieutenant Walter Van Emon, 28, formerly of Klamath Falls, has successfully flown his 50th combat mission. Pilot of a 15th air force Flying Fortress, he flew his "golden" mission October 23, when the Forts attacked the S. K. o. d. works at Pilsen, Czechoslovakia.

Lt. Van Emon attended the University of Oregon and the George Washington university, and was formerly employed by the war production board. He enlisted in the army May 19, 1942, and entered aviation cadet training October 21 of the same year. He received his commission at George Field, Illinois, October 1, 1943.

Upon leaving the United States for flying duty overseas, he was assigned to the oldest heavy bombardment group in the Mediterranean theater of operations. This group has flown over 350 combat missions, bombing enemy installations in almost every axis-dominated country in Europe from bases in England, North Africa, Russia and Italy. Lt. Van Emon's first high altitude bombing mission was the June 14 attack on the oil refineries at Budapest, Hungary.

"My closest call," Lt. Van Emon said, "was on the July 28 mission to the Ploesti oil refineries in Romania. Just after bombs away, an 88-millimeter shell exploded above and in front of my ship, so that a large fragment entered the pilot's side of the ship, striking the steel control column, ricocheting off the bottom of the wheel and finally hitting me below the knee.

"I thought my leg had been severed from the force of the blow, but I was relieved to discover that I was only bruised. When we landed we discovered the wings and engine nacelles had a great many 'flak' holes."

Lt. Van Emon has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and wears the European-African-Middle East theater ribbon.

FITZGERALD GRADUATED

Recent graduate of the Kingman army air field flexible gunnery school, near Kingman, Ariz., was 18-year-old PFC. Audine E. Fitzgerald, Jr., son of Mrs. Annis Catherine Fitzgerald of 329 S. Roger street, Klamath Falls, Ore.

PFC. Fitzgerald entered the army at Portland, Oregon on February 22, 1943. He attended Klamath Union high school.

LENAERS IN FRANCE

WITH U. S. ARMY SERVICE FORCES IN FRANCE—Tech. 5th Grade William E. Lenaers of 608 Roseway, Klamath Falls, is a member of a U. S. army engineer general service regiment which despite lack of heavy equipment and time did a record job of clearing roads through a bombed-out port area to beaches and quays now used by landing craft, DUKW's and lighters.

REUNION IN ENGLAND

Another reunion of two Klamath boys was staged recently when Alvin Anderson, son of Mrs. John Bonhorn, 3744 LaVerne, walked into a control tower at an airfield in southern England where Elwood Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lewis,

Ace Is High



(Signal Corps photo) High man of American aces in the Mediterranean theatre is Capt. John J. Voll, Goshen, O., above, who raised score to 21 in recent battle with 12 Nazi fighters. Lured into Luftwaffe territory by a JU-88, he shot down four of the dozen which pounced on him.

S. 6th., is stationed as a radio man.

Both enlisted in the navy in 1942, and this was their first meeting since before going overseas.

Anderson a former Herald and News employe, is an engineer on a PT boat, and saw action in the initial landing on the Cherbourg peninsula on D-Day, and in subsequent engagements with the German fleet in the channel.

DAUGHERTY GRADUATED

KINGMAN, Ariz.—Recent graduate of the Kingman army air field flexible gunnery school, situated a few miles outside of Kingman, was 18-year-old PFC. William D. Daugherty, son of Rufus Franklin Daugherty of Rt. 1, Box 1053, Klamath Falls, Ore.

PFC. Daugherty entered the army at Los Angeles on December 29, 1943.

BREAKS BOTTLENECKS

Pvt. Conwin F. Galbreath, of 1934 Applegate, is a bottleneck-busting driver at an air service command depot in England. Crippled trucks waiting for repairs mean bottlenecks in shipments of vital parts for fighting planes, and it is the job of this group to keep every one of their trucks in top operating order. Galbreath is the son of Frank Galbreath.

YOUTHFUL ROBBER CONFESSES HOLD-UP

TACOMA, Dec. 13 (AP)—A 16-year-old youth was held today by police who said he had made a full written confession to robbing the Puget Sound National bank of \$5,050 yesterday while using a five-year-old child as a shield.

All but \$50 of the lot was recovered, officers said. Chief of Police Tom Ross and Police Capt. Albert Farrar identified the youth as Gerald Wayne Barnes. He was arrested by Officers Stitsworth and Scholtz as he was about to enter his home after dark last night.

The bank was robbed during yesterday afternoon's rush hour by a man who walked up to Shannon Mitchell, bank teller, and handed her a note while he clutched the arm of a child, later identified as "Sonny" Fisher. The note read: "Hand over the money or I'll shoot both you and the kid—he doesn't belong to me."

The boy was left unharmed outside the bank when the robber fled after the holdup.

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