

# OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



**HARRIS GETS STAR**  
Word was received recently by Mrs. Delores Harris of 345 Lookout in Klamath Falls, that her husband, Sgt. Howard H. Harris of the United States Army, 10th mountain infantry division in Italy, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious service in combat on March 5 near Mount Della Spe in Italy."

Overseas for five months, Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Harris of Ashland, Alabama. The citation reads that during a combat period, when infantry units were attacking a heavily held mountain, Sgt. Harris, in charge of a 37mm gun section, successfully moved his field piece into a position from which he liquidated a machinegun nest, whose devastating fire had been impeding advancing infantry elements. As a result of his effective firing, the momentum of the attack was resumed, and Sgt. Harris, laboring under many difficulties, including mortar fire, kept his men from bogging down with the weight of their loads over rough terrain.

**RADCLIFFE WRITES**  
First Lt. Tom Radcliffe, United States Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Radcliffe of Pacific Terrace, writes that he is in the Austrian Alps, and that on the first Sunday in June, he spent the weekend at the same place where the 1936 Olympics were held. He also wrote that he and several friends had been skiing.

In the letter he mentioned that forest fires were particularly bad there at this time of the year, and he has been detached from his battery and is now teaching other officers fire prevention and control.

Radcliffe reported for overseas duty in the fall of 1944, and since that time has gone through France, Germany and Austria with the 7th Army. During the time that he has been stationed in Austria, he has gone to the Italian and Swiss borders. His wife, Mrs. Bernice Radcliffe, and two-year-old daughter, Diane, reside with Mrs. Radcliffe's parents in Portland.

**SYKES DISCHARGED**  
After participating in battles in France, England, Germany, Belgium and Holland as a tank driver, Sgt. William Sykes, United States Army, has accumulated 91 points, making him eligible to receive a discharge at Fort Lewis, Wash. Sykes is at the northern separation center now, and is expected home this week.

Husband of Mrs. Veralee Sykes of 127 Mortimer, Sykes is the holder of the Purple Heart. He was inducted in February of 1941 and trained at Ft. Knox, Ky., and Camp Cool, Calif., and before reporting for service he was employed by several local lumber companies. He has a two-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, who is living with her mother.

**ELIGIBLE TO FLY**  
Elinor Stevenson, Portland, Ore., is one of 80 Wave officers eligible to join naval air crews in transoceanic flights. Miss Stevenson, a 1935 University of Oregon graduate, qualified as a naval air navigator at the naval school in Hollywood Beach, Calif.

The 80 women who qualified are functioning as navigational instructors, and will be allowed to serve on navy planes flying to such points as Hawaii and the Aleutians. They are the first women in American history eligible to join military flight crews.

Wave Officer Stevenson is the niece of George Stevenson of Olene. She formerly lived in Klamath Falls.

**ON OKINAWA**  
Pvt. Robert J. McGee, son of Frank E. McGee, Rt. 3, Box 1070, is now with the combat engineers conducting mopping-up operations on Okinawa.

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**HALL GRADUATED**  
Pvt. Calvin W. Hall, 22, son of Mrs. Grace Hall of Klamath Falls, has been graduated from the AAF training command's aircraft radio mechanics school at Truax Field, it was announced recently by the post commander.

Trained primarily as a communications technician, according to officials, the soldier also studied aircraft recognition, defense against chemical warfare, and related AAF subjects designed to fit him for combat duty. His post-graduate assignment was not announced.

**OVGARD ASSIGNED**  
M/Sgt. Albert L. Ovgard, 29, son of Mrs. Anne Othella Ovgard Stephens, 1421 Wall, is currently assigned to the AAF redistribution station No. 4 at Santa Ana Army Air Base.

M/Sgt. Ovgard, a boat captain with the 7th Air Force in the Asiatic-Pacific theater, entered the service on April 4, 1942, and went overseas April 20, 1943. He is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon.

**LT. LOWE ASSIGNED**  
Army Nurse 1st Lt. Catherine E. Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Lowe, Klamath Falls, Ore., has been assigned to the AAF Regional and Convalescent hospital, Miami district.

A graduate of the Lewis and Clark high school, and the Sacred Heart school of nursing, Spokane, Wash., Lt. Lowe enlisted in the army nurse corps June 3, 1941. She was promoted to her present rank Sept. 20, 1944.

**PROMOTED**  
Thomas L. Leslie, Camp Roberts, Calif., has been promoted to sergeant. His wife and son reside at 135 Sheldon.

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NEWELL — Preliminary figures showed today that the appointed personnel of the Tulelake WRA center had invested \$77,889.75 in war bonds during the 7th War Loan campaign, 214 per cent of the quota.

Cash invested in bonds was \$41,542.50 more than the quota of \$36,347.25. Of the total, \$31,000 in cash was invested through the western victory bond jubilee, climaxing the staff's efforts in the campaign.

A total of \$5500 was purchased in celebration of V-E Day and the remainder by cash purchases through the regular channels, and by salary deductions.

In the 8th War Loan, the WRA staff invested 176 per cent of its quota.

The bulk of the 7th War Loan purchases will be credited to Siskiyou county, Calif., as most of the purchases have been made at Tulelake.

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