

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



GUISINGER BETS MEDAL
TULELAKE—In a letter recently received by Mrs. H. O. Thompson of Tulelake from her brother, S/Sgt. Ora Gulsinger of Klamath Falls, she was informed that he had been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service on April 21 in the vicinity of Wellfingen, Germany.

Ordered on patrol behind enemy lines near Wellfingen, members of this patrol, including Gulsinger and five other men, entered the town on their own initiative despite the fact that they were under observation and ascertained enemy troop disposition and installations. They succeeded in clearing several houses, burning enemy vehicles and equipment, and capturing two enemy officers and one enlisted man. Cut off by enemy forces on their return, the patrol fought through heavy machine-gun fire, and returned to their own lines with two members of the patrol listed as missing in action. These two members have since been returned to military control.

Sgt. Gulsinger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Gulsinger of 2054 Applegate in Klamath Falls.

AWARDED CLUSTER

For heroic achievement in action on April 23, near Ostiglia, Italy, Pvt. Jack D. Tavener has received the Oak Leaf cluster, the Bronze Star and a citation from Maj. Gen. Paul W. Kendall. A combat force of 13 men and three officers—all volunteers—was ordered to cross the Po river and seize the railroad bridge. Pvt. Tavener, a member of this patrol, ran, crawled, and climbed for 600 yards across the bridge, exposed to enemy fire. He reached the far bank of the river and fought for three hours against entrenched German paratroopers. The patrol carried the bridge forward and enabled additional forces to cross the river. Tavener is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Tavener of 703 N. Ninth. He enlisted in February, 1944. This is the second citation he has been awarded.

ROPER LANDS

WITH SIXTH ARMY ON LUZON—When PFC Jack R. Roper, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roper, Klamath Falls, Ore., went ashore at Legaspi with the 1279 combat engineer battalion, it marked his second D-Day landing in less than four months. He was with the initial assault wave at Lingayen gulf and one of the first men to enter Manila. When Manila was secured, the engineers were assigned to the 138th regimental combat team which was moving south in pursuit of remnants of the Japanese army. Their landing at Legaspi on April 1 won one of the best ports in southern Luzon. Roper entered the army shortly after he graduated from KUHS where he was active in journalism and debating societies. He has been in the army three years and overseas 18 months.

CONNER ON MIDWAY

MIDWAY ISLANDS—Since the battle of Midway, these islands in the Pacific have been transformed into one of the most impregnable bastions assisting the fleet in its air and sea war against the Japanese. One of the men stationed here is Harvey G. Conner, MM 3/c, USNR, of Hanford, Calif. Conner entered the navy in March, 1944, and has been overseas for 12 months. His wife, Lucille, resides at 313 Martin here, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey G. Conner, make their home at Paisley. Before entering the naval service, Conner was a machinist employed by the McFar Machine shop, Hanford.

PRITCHARD PROMOTED

FIFTH AIR FORCE, Philippines—Joseph M. Pritchard, A-20 pilot with 312th bombardment group of 5th air force in



the Philippines, has been promoted to First Lieutenant. His wife, Mrs. Frances Pritchard and daughters, Karen and Kay, live in Fresno, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Pritchard, 925 California, Klamath Falls.

Overseas 12 months and credited with 42 combat missions, Lt. Pritchard is a graduate of Klamath Union high school and attended Sacramento junior college before enlisting in the air force in August, 1940. He received his wings and commission in August, 1943.

CASSIDY RETURNS

S/Sgt. Duane Cassidy, who has been a prisoner of war for eight months in Germany, has returned to the States and is now enjoying a 60-day furlough here and in Bly. Sgt. Cassidy has been in the service for three and a half years and was stationed in England for a year before being taken a prisoner of the Germans. He has completed 19 missions with the 8th air force on a B-17. His mother is Mrs. Florence Cassidy of Gooding, Ida. Since his return to the States, he was married to the former Martha Givan of Bly.

SCHARFENSTEIN TRAINS

For the first time in the history of the United States coast guard, regular cadets from the coast guard academy in New London, Conn., will train on the Great Lakes this summer. Among those training will be Cadet Stuart T. Scharfenstein, formerly of Klamath Falls. Two groups of approximately 110 cadets, equally divided between first and third classmen, will make 18-day cruises aboard the new coast guard cutter Mackinaw. Cadet Scharfenstein now is aboard the Mackinaw. He will complete his first cruise July 27, and begin his second, August 21, ending September 8.



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WAVE REPORTS ABOARD

Lt. (jg) Isabel Ferguson, Wave, USNR, reported to naval



air station, Klamath Falls, June 28, for duty in the ground training department as instructor of aerial navigation.

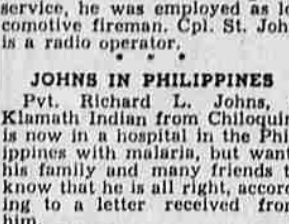
Lt. Ferguson, who entered the waves in December, 1943, as an ensign, was one of the first 80 Waves to receive wings and designated as a naval air observer, (navigation). She was a student at the naval air navigation school, Hollywood, Fla. and at the Link Celestial navigational trainer school, Quonset Point, R. I. She taught aerial navigation to cadets at Cabanis field, Corpus Christi, Tex. and at naval air station, Lakehurst, N. J.

ON SUPER CREW

WALKER AAF, VICTORIA, Kas.—Cpl. William L. St. John, former resident of Klamath Falls, will soon complete training as a crew member of a B-29 Superfortress at this second air force training station, and will then be ready to move with his organization overseas to continue the war against Japan. Cpl. St. John is the son of Mr.

HOME TOGETHER

Together for the first time since December 8, 1941, the



three sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Zupan, 429 Commercial street, were reunited at their home June 11. They are left to right, Sgt. Thomas T. Zupan, army air corps; Y 3/c Peter D. Zupan, U. S. navy; MS 1/c Michael J. Zupan, U. S. navy. All have been overseas. Thomas was in New Guinea and Australia for 2 1/2 years. Michael served on an aircraft carrier in most of the major battles in the South Pacific for 2 1/2 years, while Peter served on a transport at Iwo Jima for eight months.

PATTERSON AT MIDWAY

MIDWAY ISLANDS—Though only dots on the Pacific map, these strategically located islands have been developed into one of the important island bases being used by the Pacific fleet in carrying the war to the Japanese homeland. One of the men stationed here is Harold L. Patterson, F 1/c, of Malin. Patterson entered the navy in February, 1944, and has been overseas for 10 months. His wife, Mrs. Sadie Patterson, resides at RFD 1, Malin. Prior to joining the navy, Patterson was a farmer.

MYERS AT PEARL HARBOR

PEARL HARBOR, T. H.—Assisting in the important work of caring for navy men's teeth is Eugene Alfred Myers, Ph. M. 2/c, USNR, of Klamath Falls, Ore. Myers enlisted in the navy in May, 1942, and has been overseas for three months. His wife, Mildred Myers, resides at Bremerton, Wash. His parents are also residents of Bremerton. Before entering the naval service, he was employed by the Klamath Falls dental clinic.

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altitude was "like a three-dimensional weather map." "We could almost forecast weather by eye up there," he said, telling of watching fog roll in toward land from the Pacific.

GOVERNOR RETURNS

SALEM, July 13 (AP)—Governor and Mrs. Earl Snell returned to Salem today after having attended the National Governors conference at Mackinac Island, Mich.

KEGG ON HANCOCK

Thomas C. Kegg, WT 3/c, USN, of Weed, Calif., shares the Hancock's unequalled one-day record of 71 enemy aircraft shot down, 19 probably downed, eight destroyed and 12 damaged on the ground, during a raid over the Tokyo area on February 15, 1945.

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Crooked River Fall Injures Bend Man

BEND, July 13 (AP)—Injuries suffered when he plummeted into the Crooked river gorge after slipping on scaffolding were fatal yesterday to Harold Meeker, 53.

The mishap took place near Smith Rocks, where the north unit canal crossing is being built.

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