

## Major Clayton Jr. Will Take Charge Of US Army Recruiting Station Here

Major John M. Clayton Jr. has come from Portland to take charge of the US Army recruiting station here. He succeeds Capt. Neil S. Holbrook who has been commanding officer for the past few weeks, and has been transferred to Portland.

The new CO was previously stationed at Lowry field, Colo., as director of flying training in the B-29 school before being assigned to duty with the 9th service command. He has been in the service five years and rose from rank of captain to major in 12 months.

Men on the recruiting staff under Major Clayton have all seen several years' service in the armed forces. They are 1st Sgt. Elmer L. Thurling of Jeanette, Pennsylvania, Sgt. Ronald J. Harlin of Ogden, Utah and Cpl. Arlet L. Bragg, a Klamath Falls man, and graduate of KUHS. S/Sgt. Stanley Younger, another member of the staff is in Portland receiving his release from service. He plans to re-enlist and request re-assignment to the Klamath Falls recruiting station.

**Assigned To Duty**  
Sgt. Thurling entered the army in 1940, and worked in the drafting room of coast artillery school until he was assigned to duty with the anti-aircraft artillery. In 1944 he was transferred to infantry and in 1945 to recruiting service.

Sgt. Harlin served in Pacific war zones with the 7th division for two years. His outfit was featured in a recent number of the Saturday Evening Post. He has been awarded a variety of medals including the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with three battle stars, Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, American theater ribbon, pre-Pearl Harbor, combat infantryman's badge.

Sgt. Younger, who served 32 months overseas, lost his father and his sister in the service. His mother died before he returned to the States. Younger has been awarded the Soldier's medal, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Asiatic Pacific ribbon with five major campaigns, Philippine Liberation ribbon, two battle stars and Combat Infantryman's badge.

Cpl. Bragg has been in the service three years and served as a mechanic in the air force until he was recently assigned to recruiting service.

### Battlewagon Struck By Aerial Torpedo

BREMERTON, Oct. 27 (AP)—Just 59 hours before the official end of the Pacific war, the USS Pennsylvania, 31-year-old veteran battlewagon was hit by an aerial torpedo.

The ship is now being repaired at the Puget Sound navy yard here. She took the hit August 12 at Buckner bay, Okinawa.

Crewmen said her nickname, "Old Falling Apart" carried no suggestion of lack of seaworthiness, but was given to the ship because her terrific fire power made her shake and shudder. They said she poured out at the enemy in 280 days of combat, 10,889,662 pounds of ammunition.

### Roads To Adventure Via Army Life



Army life offers new experiences, travel and adventure, says Major John M. Clayton Jr., in charge of the local army recruiting office, shown here with his staff: 1st Sgt. Elmer L. Thurling, Sgt. Ronald J. Harlin and Cpl. Arlet L. Bragg.

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From California — Mr. and Mrs. George Sarver of South Gate, Calif., are visiting in Klamath Falls with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sarver.

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