

Port Edwards Sailor Really Has Been Seeing the World

Home again after over two years of overseas duty, Herbert Zurluh, water tender third class, of Port Edwards, says, "I hope we never have to go back again." By that "Herbie" (as he is better known among his friends) doesn't mean back to navy life—but back to the South Pacific. Navy life is O. K. but combat duty in the South Pacific is not, he tells.



HERBERT ZURLUH

Lieutenant from Antigo Narrowly Escapes Death

"Trade" With Sailors
Natives of the islands "traded" with the American sailors. "They'd bring shells and other souvenirs to us and want our clothing in exchange," Herbie said. "And the apparel had to be whole—no tatters accepted."

One of the first days the destroyer was in the islands a boat of natives rowed out to it and on boarding the ship one native shouted, "Hey! Anybody here from Minnesota?" The surprised Americans eventually discovered that he was a graduate of the University of Minnesota. Incidentally, there were five Minnesotans on the boat!

In his two years overseas Herbie encountered only one fellow whom he knew. That was Victor Baldwin, Wisconsin Rapids youth who was reported killed in action in the South Pacific a short time ago. Zurluh had seen him three weeks before he was killed but knew nothing of his death until he read of it in a newspaper in Pearl Harbor on his return trip.

Twice while the boys were in the South Pacific they were taken to Sidney, Australia, for rest and recreation. "The climate there is like in Frisco," Herbie said, and the people are like Americans. They have a fine American center there—and lots of nice girls who like Americans—especially sailors!

After a leave, the Port Edwards sailor will report back at San Francisco.

Marine Corps Aid Depot, Miramar, Calif. (Delayed)—(Distributed by the Associated Press)—Marine 1st Lt. Clyde L. Stewart Jr., a dive bomber pilot and son of Mrs. Mabel Stewart, 1539 Clermont St., Antigo, Wis., has returned here from the south Pacific, where he participated in 38 raids and experienced three narrow escapes from death.

Once the victim of Jap anti-aircraft fire, he barely escaped from his burning plane after making a forced landing on the water following a raid on Rabaul. The other escapes occurred during a Jap counter-attack at Bougainville last March.

He narrowly escaped injury from shrapnel when an enemy mortar shell burst 10 yards from him. Later he was a Jap sniper's target.

Stewart said he felt he "went one up on the Japs" by scoring a direct hit on a building believed to have been a regimental headquarters, and blowing up a strategic bridge and a pier. He also was credited with destroying a supply barge in Simpson harbor, Rabaul, and damaging hits on gun positions.

Relating how he escaped from the burning bomber, Stewart said: "I lost altitude rapidly and didn't have time to release the 500-lb. bomb I was carrying. I was forced to glide into the water with the bomb. I was a bundle of nerves when the plane touched the water. But I made a safe landing and emerged from the cockpit with only seconds to spare. My rear gunner was trapped momentarily in his cockpit. I helped him clear of the burning plane and we pulled the life raft out and inflated it. We were rescued by a crash boat after a short time on the raft."

The marine aviator said he survived the Jap mortar barrage and artillery shelling on Bougainville with "nothing but a bruise or two and slight deafness for a time."

"The day after the mortar shell nearly got me, I was driving a jeep a short distance from our camp area when a Jap sniper cut loose at me," recounted Stewart. "Three bullets ripped through the top of the jeep, missing my head by inches."

Operating from Bougainville, Green, and Emirau islands and Munda, Lieutenant Stewart logged 300 hours of combat flying.

Congressman Dilweg Is On Mission to Europe

Washington—(P)—Congressman Lavern R. Dilweg of Green Bay, Wis., representing the Eighth congressional district, is on his way to Europe on an "undisclosed mission." He expects to visit England, France and parts of Germany.

The Wisconsin congressman went to Montreal, Canada, yesterday by train and will fly from there to London as soon as possible.

Dilweg said he would return to this country before the end of the month, adding that no other details of the trip could be disclosed at this time.

Three-Thousand Pound Souvenirs Collected

BY MARINE CORPORAL JIM GALLOWAY, OF NEW ALBANY, IND.

Somewhere in the Pacific (Delayed)—First marine division veterans pool-pled any insinuations that they are souvenir collectors.

But they blushed when the order was posted to turn in—along with certain other "souvenirs"—all "40mm anti-aircraft guns" taken from the Japs.

Such a weapon weighs approximately 3,000 pounds.



SEVERAL TITLES—Ration officer, mileage administrator, and passenger and freight officer—these are the titles held by Maj. Tad R. Meyer, former member of the Neokosa Edwards Paper company advertising department, who is now serving at the San Antonio aviation cadet center. He left Wisconsin Rapids in March, 1941 for active duty as a second lieutenant in the quartermaster corps. After coming to the cadet center, he was promoted to first lieutenant May 28, 1942; to captain on March 13, 1943 and to his present rank on August 28, 1944. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Meyer of Appleton. Mrs. Meyer and their two-year-old daughter Barbara are now residing in San Antonio.

Passenger Train Lost in Snowdrifts in West Virginia

Charleston, W. Va.—(P)—A second rescue train was sent from here today in an effort to reach a snow-bound two-coach passenger train, lost since early yesterday in snow banks 45 miles east of here.

A previous train, dispatched when location of the lost Grafton-bound train near Elkhurst was established early today, was also stranded in deep drifts, 10 miles short of the passenger train.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad said information reaching here revealed that the passenger locomotive had "died" for lack of water after being no longer able to push through the drifts.

Earlier, state police had asked Wing Commander Hubert H. Stark of the civil air patrol to fly over the area to locate it, but existing bad weather conditions precluded all flying.

Chief Dispatcher F. P. Fultz expressed belief the passengers are not suffering, because he said there were houses in the little village of Elkhurst where they might find temporary haven.

The jaguar catches fish by perching on the river bank and scooping out its prey as they swim by.

Casualties Lighter Than Expected, Eyewitness Of Ormoc Capture Says

(Editors Note: This delayed dispatch by Associated Press War Correspondent Al Dopking is the first eyewitness account of the capture of Ormoc.)

BY AL DOPKING

Ormoc, Leyte, Dec. 12.—(Delayed)—(P)—Smoldering ruins of Ormoc lie behind the hard-hitting 77th U. S. Infantry division tonight as it fans out northward and eastward of this key port town on Leyte's west coast.

Elements of Texas Corn Maj. Gen. A. D. Bruce's Statue of Liberty division fought throughout yesterday—sometimes hand to hand and from house to house—to take it.

The attack began at 9:30 a. m. with an earth-shaking artillery, mortar and rocket barrage. Two gunboats shuttled back and forth offshore spraying the town with a cascade of hot lead. Two large fires

were burning as infantrymen entered Ormoc's outskirts.

Bruce's veterans of the battle of Guam, mostly men from New York state, already had had a tough fight the day before when they smashed Japanese defenses at Camp Downes, old Filipino army camp just south of Ormoc.

But they pressed their attack on Ormoc so furiously that Capt. Lowell Capoot of Bensenville, Ill., reported he saw one spot which the Nipponese had deserted so hurriedly that the table was set and food still on the stove. In his haste, one enemy had left his rifle.

The Japanese tried to break up the advance with air power before and after the Americans had launched the attack.

Encountering their heaviest fighting on the town's west outskirts where the Japanese had pulled back off the beach, Yanks snuffed the enemy out of coconut tree emplace-

ments with flame throwers and grenades.

Officers said American casualties at Ormoc were lighter than had been expected, but that at Camp Downes they had been somewhat heavier. Medics are working tonight evacuating the wounded.

Large store of ammunition and supplies were left behind by the Japanese at Ormoc.

LABORITES ASK ARMISTICE
London—(P)—The British Labor party today adopted a resolution calling on the government to take steps to bring about an immediate armistice in Greece, but avoided any direct denunciation of Prime Minister Churchill's intervention policy.

WE'RE INVADED!
Kings, dictators and foreign presidents rule extra-territorially in Washington, D. C. since each foreign embassy or legation is official part of the nation it represents.

Road to Berlin
(By the Associated Press)
1—Western front: 301 miles (from near Duren).
2—Russian front: 304 miles (from north of Warsaw).
3—Hungarian front: 400 miles (from north of Szob).
4—Italian front: 551 miles (from north of Ravenna).

Four Central Wisconsin men were named as directors of the Wisconsin Petroleum association at the thirteenth annual convention in Milwaukee yesterday. They are Thomas Trainor, Wausau, Ed Nelson, Eau Claire; Wilson Deibel, Stevens Point; and G. A. Makhon, Rhinelander. Theodore Grasse of Sheboygan was elected president.

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