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A LETTER FROM THE PACIFIC FLEET

San Diego, Calif., March 22, 1921 The Editor, Crook County Journal Prineville, Oregon.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find some clippings from the local newspapers describing the recent score of the United States Destroyer Stoddard, held off the southern drill grounds in the Short Range Target Practice. We have the highest score of the destroyers to date, averaging one hundred and thirty-one percent.

My battle station is on the fire control bridge. I have charge of the range keeper. There are five men in all on the fire control, we have the control of the fire of the guns. It is our duty to get the ranges and the deflection of the target and transmit it down to the gun crews. It is sent down by voice tube, and the electrical transmitting system. So you see the guns cannot make a hit unless we get the correct range and deflection of the target. If we make a mistake in the initial range, we have a "spotter" in the crew's nest. He has a powerful pair of binoculars which show the target in minute detail, he spots the shells, and if we make a miss, sends the spot down to me. I apply the spot to the range keeper, and have the correction sent down to the gun crews, all which must be done in the least possible time, as time counts in target practice, as well as in actual hits.

We have just returned from the long cruise in southern waters, visiting the Panama Canal, Panama, and Chili on our cruise. We expect to make the long cruise around the world in August with the fleet, if the present plans go through.

We now have the Navy "E" for gunnery, and expect to make the red Navy "E" for engineering this fiscal year, as we are already ahead of the rest of the destroyers in engineering performances.

I am sending you these clippings to let my home town know that the good ship Stoddard is still on the map, that we have the best "skipper" in the Navy; our commanding officer is Commander J. N. Ferguson, U. S. N., and we are all pulling together to make this ship the best in the U. S. Navy.

Sincerely yours, J. W. Putnam, Ch. Stkr, U. S. N.

The clipping referred to follows: What is said to be an American and probably world record was established by the anti-aircraft gun crew of the destroyer Stoddard on the drill grounds of this port when eight shots fired in less than one minute all scored hits. It was a three-inch gun, solid shells and not shrapnel were used and the destroyer was traveling 15 knots while the target was towed at five knots speed in the opposite direction. The distance was 1100 yards.

The navy "E" for excellence in gunnery was won for the ship and the crew wins \$20 each in gold. The two gunpointers who actually made the record were A. J. Beahm and J. Strong, engineers, first class. Others of the crew are C. H. Bowen, engineer second class; J. E. Newton, water tender; W. Patterson, fireman second class; R. W. McArthur, gunner's mate second class; J. J. Florentino, fireman second class.

This anti-craft gun record of accuracy and speed in firing is regarded in naval circles as having great bearing on the controversy in the navies of this country and others regarding the alleged helplessness of the floating vessels under aerial attack. It would appear the bombing planes would have considerable difficulty on their part with such accuracy by anti-aircraft guns on the ships.

Not only the anti-aircraft gun crew of the Stoddard, but the 4-inch gun crew as well earned an "E" in the target practice, scoring 80 percent, and also winning prize money. Members of the 4-inch gun crew and the fire control party of the Stoddard are: J. W. Putnam, chief storekeeper; C. H. Odgen, chief Quartermaster; J. H. Steger, quartermaster 1st class; L. G. Berg, quartermaster 1st class; A. C. Prout, quartermaster 1st class; F. A. Rosenquist, quartermaster 2nd class; J. M. Ward, engineer 1st class; L. Reiser, engineer 1st class; H. E. Karsten, coxswain; J. McShane, electrician third class; F. P. Kiley, gunner's mate third class, and H. H. Tate, A. W. Mickelson, C. W. Hyten, H. C. Jordan, W. Laddish, A. L. Bigbie, R. Midgette and M. P. Coble, seamen.

Officers of the Stoddard include Commander J. N. Ferguson, commanding; Lieut. F. G. Fahrion, executive officer; Lieut. C. H. Schillbauer, Ensigns R. W. Graham, M. F. Sprout and F. B. Stoddard; Lieut. R. C. Sanders, supply corps, and Gunner S. A. Klish.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

British and Foreign Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.

of Liverpool, in England, on the 31st day of December, 1920, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital	
Amount of capital stock paid up (statutory deposit)	\$ 200,000.00
Income	
Net premiums received during the year	\$1,582,585.54
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	\$1,981.51
Income from other sources received during the year	1,579,638.85
Total income	\$3,244,215.90
Disbursements	
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment exp.	\$1,053,253.74
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	508,539.90
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	81,117.77
Amount of all other expenditures	1,361,344.40
Total expenditures	\$2,998,199.81
Assets	
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	\$1,489,122.86
Cash in banks and on hand	6,039.18
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1920	484,080.12
Due from other companies for reinsurance on losses already paid	326,470.13
Interest and rents due and accrued	21,309.26
Total admitted assets	\$2,394,919.14
Liabilities	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$1,146,679.64
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	278,084.92
All other liabilities	90,288.27
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock of 100,000	\$1,515,752.83
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Net premiums received during the year (marine)	\$ 30,315.50
Losses paid during the year	6,039.18
Losses incurred during the year	4,758.23

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, March 24, 1921. Notice is hereby given that CAREY A. CABE, of Harney, Oregon, who, on Jan. 26, 1920, made Additional Homestead Entry, No. 817924 for SE 1/4 Sec. 21, NW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 28, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 29, Township 18-South, Range 19-East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Lake M. Bechtell, United States Commissioner, at Prineville, Oregon, on the 9th day of May, 1921. Claimant names as witnesses: Joseph Bryson, Floyd Houston, William T. Benson, Edward L. McFarland, all of Roberts, Ore. H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, March 22, 1921. Notice is hereby given that OLVIN THOMPSON, for the heirs of CORNELIA HEWITSON, deceased, of Harney, Oregon, who on August 5, 1916, made Homestead Entry, No. 98816, for SW 1/4 Sec. 6, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 29, Township 21S, Range 21 E, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before E. M. Harmon, U. S. Commissioner, at Harney, Oregon, on the 10th day of May, 1921. Claimant names as witnesses: Dick Rhoda, Kenneth I. Thompson, Emile Van Lake, Carey B. Harman, all of Harney, Oregon. JAS. F. BURGESS, Register.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, For Crook County. Plaintiff, Stuart Stapleton, vs. Defendant, Beverly E. Andrews and Andrews, his wife. To Beverly E. Andrews and Andrews, the above named defendant: You are hereby notified that Stuart Stapleton, plaintiff, is the owner and holder of Certificate of Tax Delinquency numbered 289, issued on the 17th day of January, 1918, by the sheriff and tax collector of Crook County, State of Oregon, for the sum of Thirteen and no one-hundredths Dollars, the same being the amount then due and delinquent for taxes for the year of 1915, together with penalty, interests and costs thereon upon the real property assessed to you, of which you are the

owners as appears of record, situated in said Crook County, State of Oregon, and particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

The northwest quarter of Section thirty, in Township nineteen, south of Range twenty, east of the Willamette Meridian: You are further notified that said Stuart Stapleton, plaintiff, has paid taxes on said premises for subsequent years with the rate of interest on said amounts as follows:

For the year 1916, Nine and 20/100 Dollars, paid January 17th, 1918, tax receipt number 3049, with interest thereon at 12 percent per annum;

For the year 1917, Seven and 21/100 Dollars, paid January 26, 1921, tax receipt number 1228, with interest thereon at 12 percent per annum;

For the year 1918, Eight and 45/100 Dollars, paid April 5th, 1919, tax receipt number 1093, with interest thereon at 12 percent per annum;

For the year 1919, Eleven and 91/100 Dollars, tax receipt number 1021, paid April 6th, 1920, with interest thereon at 12 percent per annum;

For the year 1920, Fourteen and 42/100 Dollars, paid January 26, 1921, tax receipt number 2, with interest thereon at 12 percent per annum;

Said Beverly E. Andrews, defendant, as the owner of the legal title of the above described real property as the same appears of record, and each of the other persons above named are hereby notified that said Stuart Stapleton, plaintiff herein, will apply to the Circuit Court of the County of Crook and State of Oregon, for a decree foreclosing the lien against the property above described and mentioned in said certificate, and you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the first publication of the summons exclusive of the day of said first publication, and defend this action or pay the amount due as above shown together with costs and accrued interest and in case of your failure to do so, a decree will be rendered foreclosing the lien of said taxes and costs against the land and premises above described.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable T. E. J. Duffy, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Crook, and said order was made and filed the 14th day of February, 1921, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 17th day of February, 1921. All process and papers in this proceeding may be served upon the undersigned, the attorney for the plaintiff, residing within the State of Oregon and County of Crook, at Prineville, Oregon.

LAKE M. BECHTELL, Attorney for Plaintiff, Postoffice Address: Prineville, Oregon.

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