

Hillsboro Sailor Gives Running Account of Trip Back on Destroyer

The following letter was written to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bickford of Hillsboro by their son, Bud, while he was en route from Japan aboard the destroyer U. S. S. Soley. He was able to come home on leave after arriving in U. S.

Dear Folks—Well here is one letter that I am writing that won't be read for quite a little while yet. As you will find out before you get this letter I am on my way back to the states. This letter is to be written over the time that it is taking us to get back there.

We left Tokyo Bay on the morning of the 23rd Feb. All six of the destroyers are going out together for the first time. Two of them, the Compton and the Gairard are flying homebound pennants, that means that the ships have been out here over a year. But I am just as glad that the Soley doesn't rate one.

They had us all out on deck in our undress blues and when we went by the Iowa we came to attention and saluted the colors and they were singing Aloha. We then proceeded merrily on our way out saying that we hoped that we never saw the place again. After we were

out we set our course for Eniwetok which is in the Northern Marshalls. We have to go that way because this type of destroyer is not capable of traveling from Tokyo to Hawaii without refueling so we have to go way out of our way to get to our destination. We are supposed to reach Eniwetok on the morning of the 28th. We will refuel and then leave immediately.

Our life on here is sort of a routine but it is pretty good routine for me as I don't have to stand any watches when we are at work and then I am doing the 4th of March because we are supposed to reach Pearl on the 6th. Our first day and night out of Tokyo was a trifle rough so it left almost everybody with a headache and some of the new guys that we got on here were a little sick. But since then the weather has been improving constantly. It is so warm now that nobody is wearing any jackets. They are all standing around on the deck in their shirt sleeves trying to pick up the tan that they lost during their stay in Japan.

We are down in tropical waters all right because we see flying fish all of the time again, as a matter of fact the second morning out I mean the second day out we found flying fish that had piled up on the deck of the ship. And it is so warm in the evenings that the Captain is even coming to the movies again. Last night when I came up from chow some of the guys were looking at a light that was bobbing up and down on the horizon. Our course took us right by there and when we approached it the Gairard cut out of formation and went over to it and it was a small Jap fishing boat (Sampan) out here fishing. I think that it is out of rather imagine that they couldn't speak English and none of them on the Gairard could speak any Japanese so they were really at a loss. They probably just motioned them to get the heck back to Japan and stay there.

On the 24th this morning at our general quarters stations practicing I am afraid that we are going to have to fire the guns before we get to Pearl but then I will take it in stride.

We are running in sort of a V formation today and it is really beautiful out. The water just as blue as the sky and the sun is shining great guns. We have been traveling sort of huddled up in two lines of three ships each.

This is a paragraph of explanation for the reason that my letters have been so late lately. All we have been doing is eating, sleeping and working going home. So we have not had much more time to think about anything else. The way we all talk one would think that we are about a day out of Fisco instead of about two days

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Nelson-Sundin Grocery Opens

NORTH PLAINS—The Nelson and Sundin grocery store, located on the corner beside the viaduct at North Plains, opened for business Wednesday. They will sell groceries, meats, vegetables, gas and oil.

The wedding dance of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Fultz was held at the K. P. hall Saturday evening. Mrs. Fultz was formerly Mary Lou Toates.

George Hickman of Tillamook, formerly Irene Gardner, visited friends here Wednesday. The Hickman family is leaving soon for eastern Oregon where they intend to buy a ranch.

out of Japan. And we still have a long ways to go. It is taking us about six days each for all three legs of our journey. That will bring us into the states about the 15th of March. That is providing we don't stop over at Pearl Harbor more than a few days.

From what we can find out even if nobody knows for sure yet we are supposed to pull in at Fisco. But if we don't get there we will be at San Pedro. But then you will know where I am long before this letter ever reaches home because it will not be mailed until we reach the states until that time. I will be kept thinking that I am in Japan. But don't worry if you start to worry too much you will probably express your fears to Claire. And she has orders that she is supposed to tell you the whole story in case of emergency. But she will keep quiet as long as everything is going along all right.

We have known about our supposed return to the states for quite some time. But we have never known exactly when. We are supposed to go back out then we were going back the fifteenth of February and then we were told March 1. But she the day did arrive the 23rd of February 1946. And I will remember that day for a long time.

February 28, 1946—I guess that I will bring you up to date on my travels. We arrived in Eniwetok and I lay over today and refueled. We are going to lay over here today and tomorrow and then proceed on our way to Pearl. We have had rough weather but it hasn't been rough enough to bring any great mention.

As soon as we arrived we tied up to a tanker with the Hyman on the other side of it. There were three tankers and we tied up two to each one. They were hoping to get out of here today but they changed their mind and so we are sort of stuck here. I just got through swimming and boy, is that water nice. And as soon as I bring you folks up to date I am going to go outside on the Torpedo deck and listen to the music and talk and attend the cinema. It is really beautiful out tonight. The sun was just setting in the west and there were still some guys in swimming when I came in here. I figured that the scene was so nice that it deserved mention and that I shouldn't stand out there and hog it all myself when I could be in here telling somebody else about it. I don't think that we will get any mail in here as we had them stop it all at Pearl. So I have no idea what is going on on the home front, but I have the feeling that everything is all right.

The surroundings here look just like Kwajalein. There are a bunch of little atolls around, with a few trees on them and that is just about all there is to it. The activity has sure died down around here since we came through on our way to Japan. This harbor used to be one of the biggest anchorages in the Pacific for fighting ships while the war was going on. You used to see pictures of a large number of ships anchored here. One of those pictures was "Fighting Lady" you remember when it showed it anchored with a bunch of other ships waiting for the next strike. Well from what I can find out it was anchored in this harbor.

Well I guess that I will close for tonight. Love and kisses, goodnight. March 3, 1946. Dear Folks—Well here I am again. I am now in the process of going through the longest Sunday in my life. It started yesterday and last night we crossed the date line which makes this Sunday again. So we are having 48 hours worth of Sunday in a row.

Not much of interest has happened since we left Eniwetok. But right after I finished writing the other night I found out that we came awfully close to having to stay out here for that Atomic bomb test in May, four ships of our squadron are going to be there and we are the next in line. But we feel pretty safe now, but we won't uncross our fingers until we have

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Laurel Flower Sale Success

LAUREL—Laurel Ladies' Social club flower sale last Thursday netted \$44.30. The club wishes to thank the Tualatin Valley Coop and all who donated plants and flowers and gave their time to make the sale a success.

Bert Rowell of Scholls is reported as improving slowly from a severe illness.

Dance Saturday Night—Lee Brown reports there will be a big dance in the Laurel community hall Saturday night. Committees have been appointed.

Club To Meet—Ladies club will meet at the home of Mrs. Edna McNay Wednesday. The luncheon for the tables has been purchased and installed. This is a big improvement to all who helped with this project.

Fred Tesch, who is in charge of a fruit and vegetable freezing plant at Yakima, Wash., spent the Easter week-end at his farm near Laurel. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wall and son occupy one house on the Tesch farm. Mr. Wall is sawyer at the recently established sawmill on the Huntley tract.

Mr. and Mrs. Wall spent Easter at their former home at Salem.

Mothers Prepare Easter Egg Hunt

MCKINLEY-ELMONICA—A birthday and Easter egg hunt was given children at McKinley school Friday. Room mothers, Mrs. Ray Wilhelm for the upper grades and Mrs. Lyle Smith for the primary room, were in charge.

The large barn on the L. Siegenthaler property has been moved to a new location in clearing the Sunset highway right-of-way. The Siegenthaler mill will soon be moved to a new location.

Part of the lumber for the Radford buildings has been delivered. Work on them is delayed because of lack of nails.

Mrs. Nancy Day of Waldport has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Wiseman.

Hammer on Life Magazine Staff

REEDVILLE—L. Donald Hammer returned Friday by plane from New York City, where he spent two weeks on business. He has accepted a position in the advertising department of Life magazine and left Monday for Seattle, where he will be located. Mrs. Hammer will stay at her home here until they can find an apartment in Seattle.

Miss Margaret Inlay, who recently returned after spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. F. M. Vanderlip, in Van Nuys, Cal., has gone to Spokane to stay with friends for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. LaRue were hosts at a large family gathering and dinner at their home Sunday, honoring Mrs. LaRue's mother, Mrs. E. Wemban of Portland, on her birthday.

Have Sunrise Worship—Easter services held here Sunday were well attended. Christian Endeavor young people met at the schoolhouse for a sunrise worship service at 6 a. m., with Glendon Richards presiding. Flora LaRue was vocal soloist and Bob Geiger piano accompanist. An Easter breakfast in the dining room followed.

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Party Slated; Men Organize Ball Team

ROSEDALE—Community club will give a card party next Saturday night. Sewing club girls will serve. Proceeds will go toward financing a 4-H summer school scholarship. They will play bingo and pinochle. Community members are asked to bring prizes for bingo.

Men of Rosedale Community are organizing a soft ball team. They have played the last two Sundays. Games will be played at the school house play-ground.

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