

WAS GRADUATED from St. Mary's high school in 1943, and entered the navy in July.

BARTO, WIFE, GO SOUTH
PFC Merrill G. Barto, who returned recently from maneuvers in eastern Oregon, was at home on 15-day furlough, visiting his wife and relatives. At the end of his furlough period, his wife accompanied him to Yuma, Ariz., where he will be stationed for the present.

TAKES INSTRUCTION
Pvt. Henry L. Everett, 22, son of Mrs. Zoe P. Everett of Eugene, has arrived at the University of Denver, in Colorado, for a course of instruction to last about five months, prior to appointment as an aviation cadet in the army air forces.

In ancient days North Africa was called the granary of Rome.

Capt. Warren Smith Writes of Action

An earthquake, a volcanic eruption, and action with the marine operations at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville island were all practically "simultaneous events" for Capt. Warren E. (Teenie) Smith, U. S. marine corps, who has written his father, Dr. Warren D. Smith at the University of Oregon.

Says the captain, too: "I am quite well instructed now in the fine art of living in the jungles with the minimum amount of equipment. Many times have I taken a complete bath out of my steel helmet, yes, a complete soap and rinse job!"

Parts of his letter follow: "... The censorship regulations were lifted slightly... so here I go with the scoop. I participated in the marine operation at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville island. As before we had air raids and I really heard close ones for a change, quite a thrill. I have also been under Japanese artillery fire, but neither the bombings nor artillery fire bothered me much. I suppose you read all the newspaper accounts on the operation and have a fairly good idea about the kind of terrain that is in the area of combat. The jungles are not only thick as other jungles but they are swampy, and precipitation here is quite regular, more than other islands that I have been on. The marines did a wonderful job."

"There are two active volcanoes on Bougainville, one overlooks the allied beachhead. It is called Mt. Bagania (about 600 feet high). The other volcano is out of our vision and it is about 10,000 feet high. It is to the north. Steam and smoke continually pour out of Mt. Bagania peak; it's a beautiful sight as the mountain is so well shaped."

"We had a couple of good earthquakes which almost threw me out of my bunk one night. The day after the earthquake Bagania started to throw a little stuff out, what I would call a slight eruption. The mountain is so situated that lava would go down the river and it is at such a distance that it could not do any damage. There is no indication in the area that there has ever been a large eruption. Now for a question: Did the earthquake cause the slight eruption, or did the pressure in the mountain cause the earthquake?"

"I'm in the best of health and a lot wiser. ... Don't worry about me at any time because I know how to take care of myself, and I'm too busy to worry about myself. ..."

Copies of Greetings
Copies of the Christmas greetings sent by the commanding general to marines in the field in the south Pacific island regions have been received from Capt. Smith, sent to his father.

The notation follows:
"On this holiest of days, I extend to the officers and men of this division the season's greetings. Although I do not expect your Christmas to be the merry one to which you have been accustomed, I do know that in each of your hearts is burning the spirit for which this day stands. I have seen that spirit demonstrated in your gallant actions, your unselfish devotion to duty, and your untiring efforts in the face of hardship and danger during the past two months. I am most proud of your individual and collective accomplishments and my sincere wish for you and your families is the early peace and happiness for which you are so valiantly fighting. My heartiest congratulations and most sincere good wishes to each and every one of you."

Irish Says He Helped Welles Become 'Genius'

Orson Welles received his first professional job of acting from Pat O'Moore, actor who plays one of the supporting roles in Humphrey Bogart's new Columbia thriller, "Sahara," current Heilig theater film.

It was before Pat came to this country, when he was one of the guiding lights of the Gate theater group in Ireland. Welles was traveling the highways and byways of Ireland in a donkey cart, painting the countryside. He was only sixteen, but told O'Moore he was 21.

"We turned him down at first because of his American accent," says O'Moore, "but then we hired him after he proved that he could talk Irish as naturally as any of us. We paid him eight dollars a week."

ROYAL AROMA

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