

American Fliers Make Landing on Primitive Island

Headhunters Present,
But War Aviators Are
Not Bothered in Least

(The experience of an American naval pilot and his radioman among primitive natives and former headhunters on a little South Sea island where they were forced down is described in the following dispatch.)

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With the U. S. Pacific Fleet at Sea (Delayed) (AP)—Every time Lieut. William McGowan, 25-year-old navy pilot from Alexandria, Va., looked at those savages with their tattooed bodies and bone-pierced noses he couldn't help thinking of what happened to the shipwrecked Chinese.

The grandfathers — perhaps the fathers — of those same natives are said in South Sea legends to have seized a group of shipwrecked Chinese sailors back about 1850, put them in a stockade and eaten them one by one after fattening them on boiled sago with coconut oil dressing. "I kept telling myself that it was a lot of baloney — those stories — but I couldn't help shuddering just the same as those bushy-haired savages gathered and looked us over," said McGowan after his rescue.

Natives Frightened
But the natives of little Rossel island, off the southeastern tip of New Guinea were more frightened than angered by the appearance of McGowan and his radioman, W. A. Miller, 23, of Phoenix, Ariz.

Not once in their days among the natives of Rossel did McGowan and Miller see a woman.

"We learned that all the women had been hustled off into the rugged hills — into the bushes — when we were first sighted; apparently men had stopped off there before," said the pilot.

When their mother ship abandoned them as dead, McGowan and Miller were wading through alligator-infested swamps, fighting fever and bartering trinkets to the natives for aid in escaping from the island where their scouting seaplane had been forced down by lack of fuel.

"After several days the terribly hot, sticky climate began to tell on us," McGowan related. "We started to take a swim in the lagoon but were warned that 'big fish make ki-ki.'"

Native Guides Help
"We finally arranged with a native more intelligent than the others, Mava, to take us in a dingy to Misima island to the north to a white trader named Cooper who was said to have a radio set."

"Arriving at Yongga bay near the corner of Rossel island we heard from a native that four mystery planes had landed — not very far from our own seaplane. I drew our American insignia on a piece of paper and the frowsy head of our informant bobbed up and down excitedly."

Four more lost American navy planes on our little island — it seemed fantastic."

A runner was sent with a message to the four other planes, and two days later a message came back, signed by four navy pilots.

United with the other pilots, the occasion was celebrated with a feast of roast calf which Mc-Gowan tasted. "I have ever eaten."

Plane Spotted
Then, one morning a native boy named Tepl, who had clambered up a tree to "catchum cocoanut" shouted that an airplane was approaching.

"We began firing our Very star pistols so frantically that it



looked like the Fourth of July," said McGowan. "Then we signaled with our blinker lights and the allied plane landed in a lagoon. It was one of our squadron leaders."

McGowan and five others flew to a nearby base and a repair crew was sent from Port Moresby.

Terrebonne

Terrebonne, Aug. 21—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Duffy Knorr have moved to their new home, which they recently purchased in West Redmond. Mrs. Lester Knorr has taken over the Terrebonne news for The Bulletin. This was formerly written by Mrs. Duffy Knorr.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Meyers and daughter, Marjorie, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meyers, all of Portland, visited last week at the J. O. Hansen home.

A group of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hansen Saturday evening for a dinner in honor of Lyle McFadden, who is leaving for the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Appling and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leighton and family and Mrs. Pearl Weigand called at the A. Bodker home Friday.

Mrs. Ruby Parkey and Francis spent a few days with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Bobbie Knorr spent the week-end with her husband, who is employed in Klamath Falls. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey.

Dinner guests at the J. W. Eaton home Thursday were Rev. Harold Scott of Eugene, Miss Eunice McGordon of Seattle and Miss Irene Rhon of Salem.

Mrs. Jack Weigand and Anna Dean drove to Eugene Thursday to bring her daughter, Mrs. Bruce Bates home with them. Bates was called to Texas to enter the air corps there.

Mrs. Ed Mallmon entertained the bridge club Wednesday at her home. Mrs. Charles Sawyer and Mrs. Harry Windom won the favors.

Others present were Mrs. Roy Brown, Mrs. Bud Adams, Mrs. Merle King and Mrs. John Berning and the hostess.

Mrs. Ed Allen and daughters, Mildred and Sara, of Prineville and Mrs. Marie Stout of Oakland, Calif., spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. W. Eaton. Mrs. Allen is Mrs. Eaton's sister.

Mrs. A. L. Houmard returned from Portland Wednesday where she and her nephew, Lieut. Harold Shook, have been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Weaver and children of Prineville are visiting friends and relatives here for a few days.

Mr. Anderson of Prineville spent Tuesday with his children, Mae and Clifford Anderson, who for the past year have been staying with Mrs. Esther Inks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Doty and son, Harold, Jr., of Redmond, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Knorr.

Mrs. Duffy Knorr was surprised by her Terrebonne friends at a party given at the Pioneer club

hall. She was presented with a nice bedspread and curtains to match. Refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams and children spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Askew.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lewis and children of Bend were here on business Saturday.

Ray Knorr spent a few days with Illegan Edgerton of Pleasant Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hickok were dinner guests of Mrs. Hickok's sister, Mrs. Mary Vauter, of Culver.

Wayne Jacobs and Harold Newhouse left for Portland to pick hops.

Ralph Miller returned home from Paulina where he has been employed.

Little Agnes Mae Thornburg is staying with her grandmother, Mrs. Agnes Smith, of Forest Grove, until school starts.

Genevieve Hull is visiting relatives in Portland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kingsbury spent Monday evening at Three Creeks lake. Their son, Larry, accompanied them.

Mrs. C. R. Harris of Seattle, Wash., is visiting here. Mrs. Harris is a sister of Mrs. R. Kingsbury, Mrs. B. Hall and Mrs. R. Davidson.

Rev. Stuart Bain of California, who is visiting in Redmond, came to Terrebonne Sunday school to conduct services.

Ned Bottomberg and Clarence Cox took a load of cattle to Portland.

Vern Owens of Terrebonne, who has been at Fort Riley, Kan., has been promoted to sergeant and is going to officers training school.

Rev. Harold Scott of Lewiston, Ida., who has been staying at the J. W. Eaton home, left for Idaho Monday morning. He has been holding meetings at the Church of Christ in Redmond.

Mavis Knorr spent the week-end with the Misses Fay and Dorothy Eby of Prineville Junction.

Mrs. Herbert Inks spent Tuesday in Bend.

Mrs. John Berning and daughter and Mrs. C. S. Edwards called on friends here Wednesday evening.

Lieut. Harold Shook, stationed at Mitchell Field, N. Y., is on a 10-day furlough and is visiting at the Houmard home. Mrs. A. L. Houmard is Shook's aunt. Both Mrs. Houmard and Shook are visiting in Portland a few days.

Dean Weaver, Harold Leighton and Morgan Elliott drove to Sisters Thursday evening.

Miss Barbara Booth of Post spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McGregor.

Frank O. Minor
Visitor in Bend

Frank O. Minor, postmaster in Bend about 20 years ago and the first master of the Bend Masonic lodge in 1909, arrived here yesterday to spend several weeks visiting friends.

The old time local resident came here especially to attend the Masonic homecoming which will be an event of August 29. He now lives in the Masonic home in Forest Grove.

Draft Status Data Available

Selective service registrants who are confused on their draft status in regard to matters of dependency or essential occupations should ask for information from either the draft office staff or from selective service board members themselves, according to a statement issued by the county draft office today.

The large number of newspaper and radio stories concerning selective service, many of them not emanating from headquarters, add to this confusion, it was said. Official directives and orders from both state and national selective service headquarters are received and filed by the local office, and this information may be obtained from the office or from board members.

Regarding essential industries, it was stated that lumbering, agriculture and food processing were definitely in this class. It is the selective service board's job not only to draft men for the armed forces, but also to see that men are left to fill these essential occupations.

The Bend millworker or logger, who is a key man, is considered as much an essential worker as the shipworker or man in an aircraft plant, according to the local board, and the same applies to farmers producing food for market.

Affidavits to support claims for occupational deferment should be filed by employers before a registrant is classified, if possible, according to word from national headquarters. Form 42A is used for this purpose and a registrant's classification is based on information in this form and from the registrant's file. Filing of the form entitles an employer to receive notice of the class into which an employee has been placed.

A list of essential occupations, provided to the director of selective service by the war manpower commission in July, is on file at the local selective service office.

Talented Seals Give Extra Show

The talented Winston seals, whose act proved to be a hit at the Russell brothers circus yesterday afternoon and evening, staged an unscheduled performance this forenoon across from the Bend Bulletin office in downtown Bend.

Crowds gathered around the cage and the seals barked lustily. Their trainer, Capt. J. King Ross, states that his charges "talk" rather than bark and that "Daisy May," the smallest of his collection, being very feminine, talks the most. The crowds which gathered at the impromptu show were especially interested in the largest of the seals, "Slicker," who was master of ceremonies of the seal act at the circus performance yesterday.

The seal truck was detained here because of motor trouble.

John Paul Jones Signs With Navy

Los Angeles, Aug. 21 (AP)—John Paul Jones, all dressed up in an Indian feather headdress, joined the navy here today as an apprentice seaman.

The wiry, tanned 21-year-old Jones, who was born on the Sioux Indian reservation at Bonesteel, S. D., appeared at naval recruiting headquarters here and informed officers he wanted to live up to his name.

"My father, a full-blooded Sioux Indian, named me after the great naval hero because he wanted me to follow his footsteps," Jones said. "So now I'd like to trade this feather headdress in for one of those little white caps, please."

Dependent Pay To Start Soon

Washington, Aug. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt today signed legislation permitting the army and navy to begin immediate payments of allowances to dependents of men in the armed forces. The original law prohibited the payments until Nov. 1.

The new bill does not require that payments start immediately. The war department has indicated that it may be unable to make payments before Nov. 1, but the navy probably will begin payments soon.

Negro Fighters Receive Medals

Melbourne, Aug. 21 (AP)—(Australian Broadcast Recorded by UP in San Francisco)—General Douglas MacArthur has awarded soldiers' medals to three American negroes, first to be decorated for bravery in the southwest Pacific, it was announced today.

The men, attached to an engineer combat unit in New Guinea, were Private First Class Henry F. Franklin, 31 American St., Charleston, S. C.; Private First Class Harvey M. Scandell, route 5, Greenville, N. C., and Private James Cox, Montgomery, Ala.

BOLT STARTS FIRE
A small lightning-caused fire east of Spring butte in the Fort Rock district of the Deschutes national forest was located and controlled shortly after it started last night, the forest office reported today.

Pine Forest

Pine Forest, Aug. 21—(Special)—Pine Forest grange met Tuesday night at the hall. Mrs. Wainah Francis and Mrs. Roy Walters were obligated in the third and fourth degrees. L. H. Gless was elected to membership. The grange will have a booth at the Deschutes county fair and Roy Van Vleet is chairman of the committee. A prize will be given for a design for the background to be submitted at the next meeting.

Roy Van Vleet was elected to the executive committee and George Murphy as steward. The program included "Keep Oregon Green," with the juveniles singing the Oregon State song; readings, "The Common Enemy, Fire," by George Murphy, Jr.; "Fire Prevention as Part of the War Effort," by Mazie Smead; "The History of Forest Production in the United States," by Alice Klassen; "Fire in the Forest," by Betty Heuttl, and a poem, "Trees," by John G. Jones. "God Bless America," sung by the juveniles closed the program.

The Y. G. A. met Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Jones. Eleven members and one visitor, M. M. Watson, were

present. Leland Jones entertained with readings and games were played. Letters from boys in the service were read. The meeting in September will be at the Stanley Bowden home.

Miss Mazie Smead went to Portland Thursday for medical attention.

Mrs. Clarence Ives went to Portland Saturday where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. George Klassen.

Pine Forest juveniles will meet Saturday at 1:30 o'clock at the hall.

The Y. G. A. is sponsoring a picnic to be held in Shevlin park lower meadows Sunday. Grangers and juveniles are invited.

Word has been received that Private Oscar Ketcham, stationed at San Luis Obispo, has been promoted to corporal.

Hartwell Gillespie of San Francisco, Cal., was a week-end guest at the John Klassen home.

The Thursday Book club will meet next week at the home of Mrs. Eveline Wood for a 1 o'clock lunch.

Word has been received of the death of Bert Harrington on July 28 in Arizona. He formerly lived in this community.

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