

Soldier Writes of GI Life in Jungle

Plenty of Recreation And All Non-Feminine

Part of a letter sent to Mrs. Elaine Howatt from Fred J. Shelton, Jr., formerly of the Quartermaster Section, Director of Supply Office. He left this camp October 1, 1942, to go into the Service.

From

"Somewhere in South America"
April 15, 1943

Dear Mrs. Howatt:

"You ought to see us now, at this garrison in the heart of the jungle. And I mean jungle. If you walk (or rather cut your way) into the thicket here for a quarter of a mile you'd get lost easily. The growth is awfully dense. Twenty of us took a hike last week over some trails, led by one of the old timers here. Took along a couple of loaded Army 45's. It was a thrill tramping back through the cane and down a tropical stream, yellow, dank, and poisonous to drink. All of the thrills of a big game hunter without as much hazard.

"The natives are a small black people who eat principally rice, tropical fruits, and some meat—wild boar or beef which is awfully poor here because of lack of water and continuous hot weather. These people are very primitive compared to people of our living standard in the States.

"There is no city near here. It takes a couple of days to get in and back to the city—which I cannot name because of censorship restrictions. Some time late in the month I hope to visit the town and see what it is like.

Not Like Corvallis

"There are a couple of villages near here but you ought to see them. You wouldn't believe people could exist under such conditions. A filthy shambles, without a trace of order or system. Homes or shelters pieced together out of bamboo, palm leaves, sticks and burlap. No sanitation. It's a marvel how they stay alive. Nearly all go barefooted. The women, whose husbands work at the Army post or manage to earn some 'goop' money, wear bright cotton store dresses.

"I had a long chat with a couple of the native matrons the other day down at the 'Market.' They raddle down the river in punts with fruit to sell. It is spread under a tree, where they sit and wait for customers. I bought some bananas and a coconut which the 'saleslady' fixed for me. I drank the milk and munched the white meat while talking to the lady about the moves and habits of the people. Strange land.

The Saddest Lack

"Have only seen a half dozen white women since leaving the states. A fella will sure appreciate them if he ever gets back to 'em.

"We have a movie every night on the post. Have quite a few books in the library, all kinds of athletics—football, baseball, soccer, basketball, table tennis, etc.

"The canteen sells Army beer and Coco Cola every evening. So we have any kind of non-coed recreation your heart would desire. Any man would enjoy this life for awhile (for awhile, mind you)."

More Music for Glee

Additional music, both song books and part arrangements, have arrived at Club 1, says Miss Caddy, for use of the regular weekly Glee Club get-together directed by Cpl. "Oscar" Hay on Tuesday nights. You don't have to sing like Tibbett or hope to be another Caruso to join in. Come out and sing!

Billfold Girl



... of the Week

Features Miss Lucille Kramer of Portland — "What Do You Think Happened Last Saturday Night? Ah, Ah!

That's right! He bought the diamond.

He is none other than that dashing man about town, and Camp Adair, Pfc. Jimmy Barnes of a QM Depot Co.

Jimmy met her at a dance in Portland on Dec. 1, 1941. Here's the whole story—

Our handsome Portland Romeo was sipping rock and rye when this shapely brunette beauty caught his educated eye. "Aha," he cried enraptured. "That's just about my style. Behold the 'old come hither look' that makes us wild men wild." But the girlie posed a stall and so he asked 100 times or more if he could ever call?

Then — — — After much persuasion, the magnetism of Jimmy's brown eyes finally won her over. And like the couple who were caught in the revolving door, they've been going around ever since.

'Wanna Make Some Kale Write Story, Draw Pix

A short story and cartoon contest with valuable war bonds as prizes, is being offered to American servicemen everywhere.

All entries are to be in the hands of the Armed Forces Service League, 2030 Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Bldg., 123 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa., not later than September 1.

Authors and artists of the winning stories and cartoons will be awarded \$100 war bonds and their work will be published in a volume by J. B. Lippincott Co., to be sold for the benefit of army and navy relief.

Stories are to be from 3,000 to 10,000 words in length, on any subject. They must contain no military information.

The cartoons may be done in pen and ink or just pencil. Each entry must have the home address, serial number and signature of the author.

Sponsored by the Armed Forces League of Philadelphia, the short story phase of the contest will be judged by Clifton Fadiman, book critic of the New Yorker; Major Hartzell Spence, editor of Yank, and Lt. Max Miller, N. S. N. R., author of "I Cover the Waterfront."

Cartoons will be judged by Jerry Doyle of the Philadelphia Record staff and Capt. W. Victor Gunnis, U.S.M.C.

Soldiers' socks are expected to last 50 per cent longer as a result of a new process of treating wool now used by the Indian Army.

Maj. Henry Now Lt. Col.; Others Advance

In Special Troops Officer Promotions

The following promotions have been reported in the Special Troops: To Lt. Col., E. T. Henry, to Major, Hoxsey J. Borden, to Capt. Wm. H. Mason, to 1st Lt., Lawrence Schreyer and Vernon A. Thoreson, and to chief Warrant Officer A. Shafer.

Col. E. T. Henry came into the service from Portland in August, 1940. He has been promoted from Major to Lt. Col.

Col. Henry is married and has two children, Chadwick, a 7 year old boy and Randa, a girl who has just passed her first birthday. The Col. majored in business administration at Washington State college. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

Major Hoxsey Borden is executive officer of the special troops. He entered the service in August, 1940, as a 1st Lt. The Major has a 10 month old baby girl who answers to the name of Delores. His favorite sports are athletics and fishing.

Capt. Wm. Mason was a 2nd Lt. at the time of his induction in January, 1942. He came from Boise, Idaho. The Captain is an outdoor man. When not training troops, he likes to hunt and fish.

Lt. Lawrence Schreyer and Lt. Vernon A. Thoreson both saw the light of day in the Army as buck privates. Both are now 1st Lts. in the special troops.

Chief Warrant Officer A. Shafer enlisted in the Army in June of 1939 as a buck private. He was appointed as junior grade warrant officer in March of 1942.

Mr. Shafer's pride and joy is his

Theodore, The Timber Wolf



five month old boy, Robert. The warrant officer attended the University of Montana for two years. His chief hobby centers around collecting Army insignia. Mr. Shafer is the personnel adjutant of the special troops.

From the Sound, This Theory Sounds Sound

Representative James H. Morrison of Louisiana seems to have a theory that money will do anything—even win wars. So Mr. Morrison this week introduced into the House a bill (H. R. 2521) which would pay a bonus of three years' salary to all members of the armed forces, if they'll just hurry up and beat Germany, Italy and Japan on or before April 16, 1944, one year

from the date on which he introduced the bill.

If it takes another year—until April 16, 1945—Congressman Morrison would pay servicemen only two years' salary.

The gentleman from Louisiana insists that the Axis powers must surrender unconditionally.

Free Films Booked

This Sunday night's free movie show at Club 1 will feature several short subjects including "Ninth Inning," a baseball feature including some action shots of Lou Gehrig; "Argentina," a travelogue on that South American country, and "Carnivale" based on Macy's annual Thanksgiving day parade in New York.

WHERE TO GO -- AT USO

DATE	ALBANY 113-118 East Third St.	CORVALLIS Fifth and Madison Sts.	MONMOUTH Hiway 99W & Main St.	SALEM 693 Chemeketa St.
THURSDAY May 6	Informal Activities	2:00 pm Meeting of Enlisted Wives. 8:00 pm Songfest 8:00 pm Beginners' Ballroom Dancing Class. 9:00 pm Rumba and Conga.	2-5 Army Wives' club. 6:00-10:30 pm Informal activities	7:30-9:00 pm Beginners' Dance Class at YWCA
FRIDAY May 7	Informal Activities	7:30 pm Miniature Sports and Badminton. 8:00 pm Bridge and Small Games. 8:00 pm Classical Recordings.	6:00-10:30 pm Informal activities	7:30 pm Small Games Activities. 8:00 pm Informal Dancing.
SATURDAY May 8	Informal Activities	3:00 pm Cot Registration. 7:30 pm Songfest. 8:00 pm Dance — Army Orchestra.	1:00-11:00 pm Informal Activities. 3:00-5:00 pm Mending Service.	1-11 pm Canteen open 1-5 pm Registration for Home Hospitality 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm—Sewing and Mending for Service Men. 2:30-4:30 pm Singfest. 4 to 6 pm Register for sleeping cots 8-11 p. m. Dance (Ballroom).
SUNDAY May 9	Informal Activities	10:00-12:00 am Coffee and Donuts before and after Church. Mothers with Sons in Service — Hostesses for the Day. 3:00 pm Tennis. 4:45 pm Sunday forum — "Let's Look at Life," Dr. O. R. Chambers of Oregon State College presents As a Psychologist See It. 7:30 pm "Stays of Tomorrow" Revue.	1:00-10:30 pm Informal Activities.	9 am to noon Visit the church of your choice 9 am to 10:30 pm Canteen open 10:00 am to 3:00 pm—Home Hospitality Registration 10:00 am-6:00 pm Sewing and Mending 2:00-4:00 pm Sight Seeing Trip. 3:00-5:00 pm Dance (Ballroom). 3:00-5:00 pm Symphonic Recordings in Music Hall at W. Univ. 3:00-7:00 pm Palm read. 5:00-5:45 pm Musical. 8:30 pm Singfest
MONDAY May 10	Informal Activities	8:00 pm Bridge and Table Games. 8:00 pm Beginners' Ballroom Dancing Class. 9:00 pm Latin-American Dancing.	6:00-10:30 pm Informal Activities.	7:30 pm Small Games Activities. 8:00 pm Informal Dancing.
TUESDAY May 11	Informal Activities	2:00 pm Enlisted Wives' Sewing Group. 8:00 pm Square Dancing. 8:00 pm Classical Recordings.	6:00-10:30 pm Informal Activities	10 am to 2 pm War Mothers meeting 8:00 pm Discussion Group 8:30-10:30 pm Singfest.
WEDNESDAY May 12	Informal Activities	7:15 pm Songfest 7:30 pm Cabaret Dance. Voice Recordings 8:00-10:00 pm daily; 8:00-5:00 pm Saturdays and Sundays.	6-10:30 pm Informal Activities.	7:30 pm Small Games Activities. 8:00 pm Informal Dancing.

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