

Colonel H. R. Turkel Writes From France

Margaret Turkel, who is living here for an indefinite time with her two small children while her husband, a young attorney of Washington, D. C., is in the war, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stauff. Mrs. Turkel just received word that her husband, Harry R. Turkel, has been promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel, with a most interesting letter of conditions in France where he has been since D plus 12 (twelve days since D-day). His squadron has been having phenomenal successes. Col. Turkel speaks both German and French and thus has been able to converse freely with the French people. Mrs. Turkel kindly permitted the printing of the following excerpts from two of her husband's recent letters:

The other day when I had an hour, I went into the department store where, in 1939, I bought the white lamp made out of an old pharmacist's jar which we have in the living room. I wanted to buy a few gifts but found that the prices were atrocious. A shopkeeper had accompanied us to the place to show us the ribbon counter. I asked her to get four yards of narrow black velvet ribbon, the sort of thing you can use to lace the front of a blouse, etc., two yards of wider black velvet for hairbows, and a few yards of red, white and blue ribbon, which you could use for decorations, etc. I was staggered when the accompanying shopkeeper insisted on paying for it, and finally when she insisted that it was "a token of her gratitude for the liberation of France," I accepted. It cost her about \$2.50 and for a little shopgirl it must have been a lot, but it would have hurt her deeply not to accept, so I did. The French really are grateful!

I can tell you a little story of French morale, which encouraged me tremendously when I first heard it. I had taken over a large Chateau and grounds for my troops, and was standing at the front entrance when some local women came by, and greeted us in their usual cordial fashion. I told them how sorry I was that we had had to destroy so many French homes along the roads, because Germans were firing from them, but they overwhelmed me with their protestations that they knew it was unavoidable and necessary. One of them said to me pointing at another, "Look at her, a mother of eight. When your bombers passed overhead she used to beat her breast and say, 'Que les bombes viennent ici' (Let the bombs come here.)" That was because there were so very many Germans massed there, and she wanted them wiped out even if it meant wiping out her family! That is real spirit, and I believed the story.

It is amusing to see the notices the Germans put up when they leave a building, quite apart from the ubiquitous "Achtung Minen." Most often you will see "Wir kommen wieder" (We'll come back). But I found one which said in German, "In this house there are bedbugs and fleas. There is gasoline and lysol in the cupboard to put in the corners when the house is heated." At the bottom it added, "Kameradschaftlich—Nicht Wahr" meaning, Comradely, isn't it?

So far as souvenirs go all I have is the personal flag of the Luftwaffe General of a very big city; but that is quite a trophy as trophies go.

Maury P. Williams, after a nearly two weeks visit at home with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Williams, and his many other friends in and around Coquille, left this morning for Portland. He must be back at the air base transportation school at San Rafael next Monday. According to his present instructions he will be sent to an Atlantic coast state some time in October.

Vernon T. Brockmann, who is quartermaster in the Coast Guard, stationed at Port Townsend, Wash., arrived in Coquille Tuesday for a few days leave. He was accompanied by his wife and mother, Mrs. John Brockmann, of Portland.

John Leatherwood Left Tuesday To Rejoin His Bombing Outfit

Mrs. Parker Leatherwood, who was here from Myrtle Point on Monday, said that her son, John, who had had a 35-day furlough, was leaving the next morning to join his old outfit. He is a gunner on a B-25 bomber and all of the outfit he belonged to had been given furloughs at the same time, coming over from Corsica, and they were going back as a group, destination undisclosed. They had been on more than 50 missions when they were granted their furloughs.

Graydon Crews Now A Navy Lieut.-Commander

Lieutenant Commander Graydon Crews just advanced to that position after seeing service on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, left Monday after visiting Mrs. Crews here on his 21 day leave. He went from here to Medford to see his mother and was to report Thursday at Seattle for reassignment.

Graydon Crews was formerly Junior High principal at the Lincoln school and has been in the Navy for three years, 14 months of it on duty in the Pacific. His last visit home was eight months ago.

Lieut. Bill Pook To Undergo Operation For "Jeepitis"

Lieut. and Mrs. Wm. R. Pook left last Saturday for Corvallis, where Mrs. Pook on Monday this week resumed her position as teacher in the schools there.

After a week there Bill is to report at Camp Lewis where he is to undergo an operation for a trouble which afflicts so many of the service men who ride in jeeps.

Following recovery from that he is to rejoin his outfit, a Signal Corps company which will again operate in the South Pacific. This time, however, it will be attached to a combat division, instead of installing communications at bases.

Corporal Thomas Newton Home On His Way To Florida

Cpl. Thomas Newton, who has recently completed the aerial gunnery course of the A.A.F. at Las Vegas, Nevada, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Newton of this city, while enroute to Tampa, Florida, for further training as a turret gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

Tommy graduated from Coquille high school in 1943 before leaving for the A.A.F. He left Saturday for Portland and took an airliner Sunday for Salt Lake, Utah, where he will visit and join a friend, Cpl.

Ricky Nielson, who will also be stationed at Tampa for replacement.

Harold Dey, Curt Wornstaff Came In Last Friday

Two Coquille boys, home on furlough and leave since they arrived last Friday, are Harold Dey who came from Camp Roberts, and Curt Wornstaff, who left his vessel at San Francisco. Curt, who is in the Merchant Marine, has been on a tanker in the South Pacific and is expecting his discharge from the service. He has been in for about a year.

Harold has been in the Army for less than a year and expects to leave next Monday to return to his camp.

Bill Walker Now An Electrician's Mate Third Class

Wm. G. Walker, whose wife Lucille S. Walker resides here, and who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Walker, was graduated recently from the Naval Training School (Electric) at the St. Louis, Missouri, Naval Armory and promoted to the petty officer rate of electrician's mate third class. Selection to attend the school was made on the basis of his recruit training aptitude test scores.

The new petty officer is now awaiting further duty orders to sea or to some shore station.

Judge Sends Two To Pen, Defers Sentencing Three

Four criminal cases were brought before Judge Dal M. King on motion day in Circuit Court here Tuesday, and all five of the defendants pleaded guilty.

Annabelle Helen Weber, brought over from Marshfield Aug. 31, charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses, was sentenced to a year in the pen.

Fred Richard Schlegel pleaded guilty to taking and using an automobile here in Coquille, without

permission, and was also sentenced to one year in the pen.

Sheriff Howell left Tuesday morning with the two for Salem.

Cecil W. Smith, who pleaded guilty to forgery by endorsement, and Donald M. Aldridge and John Routh, who pleaded guilty to larceny of an automobile, are to be sentenced next motion day.

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