

Marc Shelley Letter To George Burr

Marc Shelley recently wrote from somewhere in the Pacific where he is in the Navy, a ship's carpenter, to Geo. F. Burr as follows:

Enclosed is another "Name Plate" off of a Jap Zero this time—taken at Iwo Jima. It is what I would say, "One of the pickets off Japan's front gate."

As you probably have heard I went ashore there to see Marcus and which gave me another star. I have also been in Guam and Elnwetok since I last saw you. I was at the Elnwetok invasion of the Marshalls just a year ago.

I could have gathered and sent many souvenirs but as I told the boys, "having them alive was enough, but next time I would like a Name Plate to send to friends." So I got one. As you see, George, the Zero was blown very much to hell. There is truly a heroic story to tell of the Battle of Iwo Jima, to my mind the hardest battle in history.

As you probably have heard I brought Lynn Perrotti back to rest camp and thank God, alive. I hope George, your son doesn't have any of this island-hopping to do, God knows it is bad enough in Europe.

I was in hopes I could spend a peaceful liberty with Marcus at my last port, but to my surprise, instead of seeing him, I was told he had been sent to Okinawa. Two of them in a row is almost too much for any human being. But this is war and I am often reminded of a conversation I had with Mrs. Burr who said, "It was hard to bear but he was no different from any other son."

That was truly a brave and unselfish statement for a mother to make.

We have heard the news that Germany is officially through and here is hoping we can say the same of Japan soon.

I wouldn't be surprised if the Navy sees best to send us sailors who are over 42 home. That wouldn't hurt me. I honestly think I have done my share, but in my heart I would continually be thinking of the boys out here, until it is over. They tell me, though, that there won't be room, so somebody has to go. Here is hoping we can all make it home real soon. Good luck to you and the family, George.

Sincerely, Marc S.

Chester Price Of The Marines Injured On Okinawa May 7

Marine Pfc. Chester Price has written to his wife informing her of his transfer to a hospital ship following his injury on Okinawa, May 7th. The letter which he wrote on the eleventh describes the fight put up by the First Marine Division on Okinawa at the time he was wounded. Three grenades were thrown on him and two comrades and the mortar fire blew them out of their fox hole. The other two were killed and he was badly wounded by shrapnel.

Pfc. Price was with the first wave of Marines to land on Easter Sunday and he has been there since, until the time of his injury. He recently sent a box to his wife which contained a roll of Jap silk, vases, sandals, a book of pictures of geisha girls and some parachute flares made of beautiful, sheer, white nylon.

Pfc. Gordon Neil On Duty At San Francisco Conference

Gordon W. Neil, private first class, son of Guy H. Neil of Coquille, is serving at the United Nations Conference on International Organization now in progress in San Francisco. He was chosen for this work because of past good conduct in the Army and for his background and talent.

Pfc. Gordon Neil is a graduate of Coquille High School. He has been overseas for four years and nine months, in the South Pacific, and served in the following engagements against the enemy: Papua, Salamaua, Dutch New Guinea, New Britain. He wears the following decorations and service ribbons: Asiatic Pacific, Pearl Harbor and Good Conduct.

Jack Stevens Enlisted in Marine Corps This Month

Seventeen-year-old Jack W. Stevens of Coquille enlisted in the marine corps May 31, through the Portland recruiting station. He is now awaiting orders to report to San Diego for "boot" training.

Private Stevens is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Stevens, of Coquille. He was graduated from Coquille high school last Thursday. He was a football letterman and business manager of the student council. His brother, Sergeant Louis D. Stevens, is serving with the army air force in England.

Delbert E. Starr Now Lieutenant in Air Force

Delbert E. Starr, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Starr of Coquille, received his silver wings at Marfa, Texas, on Wednesday May 23, when he graduated as a second lieutenant from Marfa Army Air Field, an advanced two-engine pilot school of the AAF Training Command, it was announced by Col. Henry R. Baxter, Commanding Officer.

The new pilot, a former resident of Coquille, completed a course in training in twin-engine aircraft. He was assigned to Marfa from Minter Field, Bakerfield, Calif. He formerly attended Coquille High school.

Stanley Tucker Of Bandon Liberated From Prison Camp

Mrs. Stanley Tucker, of Bandon, was overjoyed to receive word Tuesday morning from her husband, T/Sgt Stanley Tucker, who has been held in a German prison camp at Krams, Germany, since April of 1943. The message said, "Well and safe and

liberated." He was a turret gunner on a flying fortress before his plane crashed in enemy territory. The Tuckers have many friends and relatives in Coquille Valley. Mrs. Tucker is employed by Central Transfer in Bandon.

Grant Hartwell's Ship Home Again

C. Grant Hartwell, S 1/2 c U.S.N.R., of the crew of the U.S.S. Rockbridge, A.P.A. 228, returned with his ship to San Francisco on Wednesday of last week from Iwo Jima and other points in the Pacific. They remained in port there until Saturday, at which time they set sail again for Seattle. Grant called his mother at Riverport by long distance telephone from San Francisco. He expects to be in Seattle during most of this week. Should he have liberty while there, he plans to meet his mother in Portland for a short visit, if transportation facilities are available for them both.

Following are some extracts from letters written by Grant to his mother as they approached San Francisco: "I am now in San Francisco harbor. We came under the Golden Gate bridge yesterday morning. Boy, was it a beautiful sight! This is the third time I have been under the bridge. I imagine when you receive this, you will be as happy and excited as I am right now. It certainly seems good to be on our way back home again. Don't let anyone try to convince you, Mother, that that awful slaughter of Marines on Iwo Jima could have been avoided. No one knew how well entrenched those Japs were till after our boys hit the beach. The awful horrors our surviving boys went through will ever remain in their minds. Those Japs don't give

up. They have to be killed. The Japs on Iwo were almost better riflemen than our boys, believe it or not. If a marine stood up straight a Jap mortar shell would land in his shirt pocket. Those devils were good in every way. They weren't sneak attacks of all kinds, or anything right out in the open. When we left the island on March 23rd, only eighteen prisoners had been taken and one of those was a Geisha girl.

"The fight on Okinawa now is far

from being easy. The Army there is finding out what the Marines learned on Iwo. Marcus (Shelley) did not come back with us. They sent him to Okinawa. Marc (Sr.) hasn't heard from him yet.

"I feel swell, Mother. Hope I can

see you before I have to go out again."

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Mrs. Wright's Bread, Morning Glory Oats, Harvest Blossom Flour, and a list of other grocery items with prices.

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