

Lieutenant's Miraculous Escape From Death

Herewith is presented a letter from a Lieutenant in the United States Army in some far-off battle front to his sister in Pennsylvania. The original is in possession of Rev. Ray B. White, of Zarapath, New Jersey.

The Wilds of No Where
The Land of Death and Destruction
Received September 3, 1942

Dear Sis:

In writing this letter to you, I don't know where to start first. So many things have happened since I last wrote. Well, to begin with I have escaped death at the hand of an enemy in a way so amazing I am still in a daze. You remember I told you when I knew I was going over, I was going armed with the Bible? That Bible is the reason I am still here and able to write this letter to all America.

Here is the story. My buddy and I were sent out on duty with our equipment in the work I told you before was our job. We had just received information. The most important for weeks. When we were discovered by the enemy, I gave my buddy the information we had collected, told him to beat it with it, prepared myself to face them. It was the first time I'd been faced with the necessity of pointing my gun at a man and blasting the life from his miserable body. I thought fast: then I said, "Lord it's your responsibility now." My buddy had not obeyed my order. He had no such scruples. As I reached for my carbine, a shot from one of them struck me in the breast and blasted me down. Thinking I was dead my pal jumped for me, grabbed my carbine as well as his own, stood astride my body, blasting away with both guns. He was blasted, too, to his knees with three bullet wounds, but when he finished there was not a one of them left.

He was amazed when I rolled over and tried to get up. The force me. Dazedly, I wondered why. I

PFC. O'TOOLE IN OKLAHOMA

Pfc. Walter H. O'Toole, formerly of Ashland, is now stationed at Tinker Field, Okla. He is attached to a repair squadron at this model establishment of the Air Service Command for the maintenance and repair of aircraft and the training of air depot groups.

Private O'Toole is the son of Mrs. Delia A. O'Toole, 75 Wimer St., Ashland. He attended Ashland high school, and was formerly employed by the Lininger Construction Company.

of that bullet had only stunned pulled that little Book out of my pocket and in utter muteness looked at the ugly hole in the cover. It had ripped through Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, on through the Pentateuch, on through the other books, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, and kept going. Where do you think it stopped? In the middle of Psalm 91, pointing like a finger at this verse: "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked." Sis, when I read that verse it raised me three feet off the ground. I did not know there was such a verse in the Bible. I'd been reading mostly in the New Testament, I read the rest of that chapter—the first part was ripped apart. In utter humility I said, "Thank you, precious God," and felt like a little boy that had escaped the mouth of an enemy of prey.

I could go on, but I am so tired, so weary. But in all so happy to see them coming to God one by one. So tell them to pray, atone for sin, and keep praying. And when you send things to your boys, send Bibles. They want Bibles.

Your loving brother,

LIEUTENANT

(Note - The above was taken from an article in "The Forerunner", May 1943 issue. Reprints of the complete article may be secured from C. H. Fredenburg of Talent, Oregon.)

ISSUE EMERGENCY CERTIFICATES FOR TEACHERS

The number of qualified teachers graduating from the Southern Oregon College of Education this year, is the lowest in the history of the college, according to President Walter Redford, commenting on the nation-wide teacher shortage. Many former teachers, housewives especially, Dr. Redford stated, would do a great service to the Nation by going again into teaching. One who has taught six months on a one-year certificate may renew this certificate by applying within five years of its expiration; or, by completing 15 quarter-hours in a standard teacher-training college.

Because of the already acute shortage of teachers, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is empowered to issue emergency certificates within prescribed regulations, upon request of a school district unable to secure a regularly certificated teacher. Emergency certificates for elementary schools may be granted, President Redford stated, on the following bases:

1.—Training in an Oregon teacher-training institution to within one year of meeting requirements for full certification, or certification in another state whose requirements come within one year of meeting Oregon requirements for full certification - provided the applicant has completed three-quarter-hours of supervised teaching.

2.—A college degree, including nine quarter-hours of Education taken since December 7, 1941, in an Oregon teacher-training institution which trains teachers for elementary grades.

3.—Exemption grades earned by ex-Oregon teachers in state teachers' examinations or certification by the Portland school system—provided applicant has completed nine quarter-hours since the issuance of first emergency certificate, at an Oregon teacher-training institution which trains teachers for elementary grades.

Emergency kindergarten and nursery certificates may be issued,

TALENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bailey of Merrill, Ore. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Skeeters, Sunday.

Mrs. Eva Wedge moved this week into her new home on Fifth St., Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark were transacting business at Grants Pass, Wednesday.

Mrs. Albert Murry spent last week at the Ditzworth strawberry patch near Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown, who have been living in Tionesta, Calif. for two years, have returned to Talent and purchased property of Henry Burnett.

Mrs. Will Hewitt of Phoenix spent last Friday afternoon in Talent visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Purdue, who have been living in the Henry Burnett property, moved to the Green property near Sun Crest orchard.

Mrs. John Hamilton and baby of Medford are making an extended visit with relatives while her husband is away working.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Maxwell and family who have been living on the Corn place north of Phoenix moved back into their own property here.

The Southern Pacific railroad construction crew that has been stationed here for the past two weeks, left last Friday.

Mrs. Andy Carrol of near Trail spent the week end in Talent visiting friends.

Mrs. Lewis Biden, who has been teaching school in Talent the past term moved to her home at Prospect and has been employed to teach there the coming winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cowdery, who spent the past winter at Prospect, moved back to their home one mile west of the Talent School house.

Billy Beeson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Beeson, who has been attending school for the past two years at Corvallis, spent several days last week visiting his parents and friends. Billy is a member of the Army Reserve and expects an assignment soon.

Mrs. Perry Smith and Mrs. Arabella Thoreson left Sunday for Connecticut, where Mr. Thoreson is stationed in the army and is at present in a hospital.

Monty Montgomery and Jerry Stevens left Monday for duty with the Forestry Service. They will be stationed in the northern California coast area.

(continued from last week)

Bernice Anderson is anxiously waiting the arrival of her son, who some time ago received severe injuries while undergoing training in the U. S. Army air corps as a paratrooper. He expects to be home before returning for further treatment.

Contract has been let for the grading and surfacing of Gibson Avenue and a portion of I Street. These streets have been in bad condition for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Childers received word that their son, Lt. John Childers of the U. S. Air Corps had luckily escaped injuries in a Bomber crash. No details of the wreck were given.

Mrs. Ed Davidson attended a golden wedding anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. John Newsted in Detroit, Michigan, where she has been visiting.

Lewis Biden of Prospect spent the week end in Talent with Mrs. Biden. He took a load of their furniture to Prospect where they will make their home at the close of school, May 28th.

Mrs. Ivah Blackwell of Hyatt Mill visited in Talent a short time Monday morning.

Dr. Redford stated, on one or other of the following bases: three years of college in a standard teacher-training institution, or a valid Oregon certificate (elementary or secondary), or a valid certificate from another state based on two years in a standard teacher-training institution—provided the applicant has had fifteen quarter-hours of special kindergarten or nursery school training approved by the Superintendent of Public Education.

**—BUY BONDS—
SPECIAL SERVICE HONORING STUDENTS OF 21 YEARS**

For the sixth consecutive year, Mount Ashland Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, together with the Southern Oregon College of Education, honored those college students who have attained their majority in the past year, with ceremonies held in the college auditorium, Wednesday, May 19 at 11:30 a.m.

Speakers were Dr. Walter Redford, president of the college; Chapter Regent Mrs. J. H. Harker; guest speaker Irving Vining; and Dean Jones, president of the student body, who responded on behalf of the students. Music was supplied by college musicians.

ENJOY WAFFLE SUPPER

Over 60 soldiers and junior hostesses enjoyed waffles and coffee at the Ashland USO Friday evening the 21st. Pvt. Raymond J. O'Quinn and Sgt. Bergamon Williams from Division Headquarters Camp White were KP's for the supper which was furnished by ladies of the Rebekah Lodge. A convoy of the 91st reconnaissance troops was brought from Camp White by Lt. Stanley S. Wejck.

Miss Agnes White, who has been attending Willamette University, is home for the summer to visit her mother, Mrs. Chas. White.

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John Demille has been reported missing in action in North Africa.

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Sept. 29, 1941

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TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY



Other travelers should confine their essential trips to these three days only.

There are only so many buses and bus seats. Practically every seat is working day and night to carry vital war traffic and other passengers whose travel is essential to the nation's welfare.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays are the busiest. On these days there is little room on the buses for people whose travel isn't absolutely necessary.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are the days on which we are better able to serve travelers whose business may not be directly connected with the war.

Even in mid-week, our frank advice is: If you can postpone or eliminate the journey, please do so.

And for those who must travel, we repeat three important suggestions, which, if followed, will aid the war effort by making conditions easier for all travelers.

WARTIME TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS

1. Consult your local Greyhound agent well in advance so he can help you choose the least-crowded schedules.
2. Arrange trips whenever possible to go and return during mid-week rather than on week-ends.
3. Carry only the baggage that is absolutely necessary.

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