

Sidewalk Sale

Hong Kong Visit Proves Enjoyable For Larry Muessig

A visit to Hong Kong for rest and recreation proved to be an interesting and enjoyable experience for Sgt. Larry Muessig who went there during a rest and recreation leave recently from the fighting in Vietnam. Larry is a graduate of Heppner High school and attended Treasure Valley Community College. He told of the trip in a letter to the editor of The Gazette-Times.

"It has been three weeks since I returned from Hong Kong," he wrote. "We have been hard hit and much on the move. The temperature has been in the 120's for weeks and working higher.

"My R & R was wonderful while it lasted. Five days in the world's largest city. It is made up of three main areas, Hong Kong Island, Kowloon (across the river, where I stayed), and the New Territories.

"There are close to four million mixed people in the cities alone. Quite close to the Red China border. I stayed at the President Hotel, which has 27 floors. Tours of both Hong Kong and Kowloon sides leave from your hotel. I took the Harbour Cruise, which was a very delightful experience as the harbour is the most beautiful and busiest in the world. About 150,000 people live their entire lives on board junks and sampans in the harbour. I went to the 'Real World of Susie Wong.' Although she was only fiction, I believe it could have been taken from a real live girl's life.

"I went to Aberdeen, which is an ancient fishing village with a wonderful floating restaurant. Also my last tour was the outer-island tour which took me to the under-developed part of the new territories, which was like

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walking into China's historic past.

"By this time my five days had ended. I said my goodbyes to Hong Kong, taking with me many memories which even here now brings me a little happiness. I write all this to you because I wanted to share the experience. I'm not a very good writer and I left out so much.

"I was much impressed with the people of China. In the short visit I learned that you really don't have to prove anything to these people. They don't care how great you are in the States or Vietnam. They accept you for yourself. No matter your skin color, religion, or belief. Myself,

I think they have the right idea.

"If man could band together for the general and basic good they can do for each other, and not for themselves, well, I wouldn't be where I am. There would be no race riots, in all a happy world. Maybe in some distant time man will learn these things. We can only hope that time comes very soon.

"I have 108 days left. Thank the Dear Lord I have survived this long.

"Your paper is still a great sense of pleasure to me. May God bless you, Wes, your fine family, and all my friends in Heppner. As always, Larry."

Major Bauguess Commands Flight

U. S. Air Force Major Kenneth D. Bauguess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean R. Bauguess of North Bonneville, Wash., recently assumed command of A flight, 9th Air Commando Squadron at Da Nang AB, Vietnam.

Major Bauguess' unit filed 0-2 Super Sky Master and C-47 Skytrain aircraft in the performance of leaflet drops and aerial broadcasts to persuade North Vietnamese and Viet Cong soldiers to surrender to allied forces.

The major was stationed at Plattsburgh AFB, N. Y., before going to Vietnam.

Major Bauguess, a graduate of Stevenson (Wash.) High

school, received a B. A. degree in 1954 from Washington State University, where he was commissioned upon completion of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program. He is a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

His wife, Virginia, is the daughter of Mrs. Harold Cohn, Heppner.

Mrs. Mary Carter, Portland, mother of Mrs. E. K. Schaffitz, arrived last Wednesday to spend several days visiting this week at the Schaffitz home.

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