

Letter From Bataan Reveals Courage Of American Defenders

To The Editor: You will remember me as pastor of the Christian church in your city from 1937 to 1940. After leaving Medford, I became pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational church in Los Angeles. In February of this year, I entered upon duties as chaplain in the army at Camp Roberts, Calif., and when the 90th Division was activated at Camp Barkeley, Texas, on March 25, I was then transferred here to become chaplain of the division's artillery.

I can truthfully say that I have greatly missed the keen analysis of world events that I used to enjoy by reading your editorials. What prompts me to write to you however, is to send you a copy of a letter released in our chapel last Sunday and to our artillery in general on Monday of this week. Somehow I believe that you will be glad to have a copy of the same. It seems to me that it hits a new high in correspondence from the field of action.

You may be interested to know that this letter was carried out, along with a great many others, by General McArthur himself.

With every good wish for you and your associates, and the citizens of Medford in general, James M. Hamilton, First Lt. Chaplain 90th Div. Artillery, Camp Barkeley, Texas.

The letter follows:
I am happy to present to you a copy of the following letter written by First Lt. Henry G. Lee and made available to Chaplain James M. Hamilton by Lt. Lee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Lee of South Pasadena, Calif.:

Feb. 12, 1942, "In the Field"
Dear Mother, Dad and Frances:
This letter may never be delivered. It will go to Corregidor and there wait for transportation. Perhaps I'll be able to cable before it arrives. "Quien sabe?"

About the war I can say nothing. You back home know more about it than we do. All we see is our own little theater of operation. All I can say is that we are getting enough to eat, and that I am reasonably comfortable, moderately happy and disgustingly healthy.

Also, I am proud to be a part of the fight that is being made here; and would not, even if it were possible, leave here until it is over and we have won, as we inevitably will. By "we" I mean my country in general. Bataan may fall, but the eventual outcome of the war is foreordained.

I have seen some horrible things happen, and have had my share of narrow escapes, but I have also seen some wonderful acts of courage, self-sacrifice and loyalty. At last I have found what I have searched for all my life—a cause and a job in which I can lose myself completely and to which I can give every ounce of my strength and my mind. And I have mentally and spiritually conquered my fear of death. Pure animal terror—a protective emotion can not be entirely subdued by the mentality but it can, and has been controlled.

My prayer each night is that God will send you, who are suffering so much more than I am, His strength and peace. During the first few days of war I also prayed for personal protection from physical harm but now that I may be given the strength to bear what I must bear, and that whatever I must do so that those men under me will have every reasonable chance.

Life and my family have been very good to me—and have given me everything I have ever really wanted, and should anything happen to me here it will not be like closing a book in the middle, as it would have been had I been killed in the first few

days of the war. For in the last two months I have done a lifetime of living, and have been a part of one of the most unselfish, cooperative efforts that has ever been made by any group of individuals.

Mistakes have been made—but that has nothing to do with the manner in which my comrades on Bataan—both Philippine and American—have reacted to their trial by fire. If the same selfless spirit were devoted to world betterment in time of peace, what a good world we would have, (and "How Dull" I can hear the younger generation muttering.)

The purpose of this letter is to send you my love and my thanks for just being my family. It is written with no so-called premonitions. Really, all in all my chances are pretty good. Much better than most of the line officers of my grade and age. For, as I told you many times in my letters before the war, my particular job—and it hasn't been changed—is about as safe as a one as any soldier could have in war time.

So with all my love to all three of you, I'll start this letter on its way.

"Keep 'em flying"—WEST! and as the government has announced "No news is good news."

Your loving son and brother,

Henry

P. S. Dad was right. He always said that actually being in a war is not as bad as reading or thinking about one. "A man can do what he must do" is another apt phrase of his which I've never forgotten.

TEST NEW FERRY
Portland, Ore., July 1.—(AP)—Test run of a 500-man ferry across the Columbia river to the Kaiser-Vancouver shipyard was made today and regular service will be instituted Friday. A 900-passenger double deck barge ferry will be added later.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

"The President says we should take VACATIONS!"



*Excerpt from Statement by President Roosevelt: "It has been proven beyond doubt that human beings cannot sustain continued and prolonged work for very long without obtaining a proper balance between work on the one hand and vacation and recreation on the other."

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AMATEUR NIGHTS WILL BE STAGED FOR USO TALENT

An opportunity for Jackson county talent to participate in weekly amateur nights has been announced by the United Service Organization under the direction of A. O. Bauman. Each Thursday at 7:30 p. m. USO will sponsor Mr. Bauman's Amateur Night. At that time a committee

of soldiers and girls will act as judges for the numbers appearing and those selected will be used as floor shows for USO dances and as material for daily programs on the air.

A pianist will be present each Thursday to provide accompaniment as needed and civilians and soldiers are urged to attend and display their talents.

Junior hostesses and enlisted men are invited to attend the Little Theatre and Radio Drama meetings at 229 North Bartlett street each Friday at 7:30 p. m. under the supervision of Mrs. Ed Kelly. An international evening is being planned for USO, one night each month, at which plays and dances of the allied countries will be presented.

Characters for two Russian comedies will be selected Friday evening and the first international evening, featuring Russia, will be presented in the USO center July 23.

SERVICE STATIONS BRING IN RUBBER

Service station attendants, making neighborhood canvasses or helping on oil company trucks while their businesses were closed between 1 and 6 p. m. yesterday, aided considerably in

bringing Jackson county's scrap rubber stock pile to 531,668 pounds as of last night at the end of the first two weeks of the nationwide drive, it was announced today by Kenneth Parrett, county chairman of the petroleum committee in charge of the collections.

Parrett said that most of the oil companies still had tons of rubber yet to collect in the rural areas before the close of the drive July 10. Jackson county's per capita rubber yield is thus far above that for the state, which ranks as one of the highest in the nation.

Kannapolis, N. C., is the largest unincorporated place in the United States.

PROWLER NABBED CRACKING SAFE

Beall Dempsey Sexton of 217 South Riverside avenue, was being held in custody in the city jail today on a charge of larceny after he was apprehended early this morning by city police in the office of the Cooksey Motor company.

Sexton told city police that he had resided in southern Oregon for the past eight months. Last evening he attended the late show at a local the-

tre and later entered the Cooksey Motor company and was opening the safe when spotted by the city police, the officers said. He was to appear before justice court sometime today.

Colorado is the second oldest oil producing state in the union. Discovery of oil was made in 1862 near Canon City, the second three years after the first well was drilled in Pennsylvania.

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Quart 23c

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Quart 25c

Salad Mustard
Quart 14c

Potato Chips
Blue Bell
25c pkg. 19c

Lipton's Tea
Black for iced tea.
1/4 Lb. 25c

Park Avenue Coffee
Iced coffee is delicious.
Lb. pkg. 25c

Pancake Flour
Aunt Jemima
Lrg. pkg. 23c

Drip Syrup
Tea Garden
24-oz. jug 33c

Coca-Cola
6 bl. cin. 25c
Plus Deposit

Oven Baked Beans
Standby, 20-oz.
2 for 25c

Tillamook Cheese
Slices for Sandwiches
2-lb. loaf 69c

Tomato Juice
Libby's
14-oz., 3 for 25c

Fruit Cocktail
13 1/2-oz. tin 10c

Grape Juice
Tea Garden
Quart bl. 31c

Corned Beef
Libby's
12-oz. tin 27c

SALAD DRESSING
Miracle Whip, qt. 41c

FRENCH DRESSING
Kraft, 16-oz. bottle 25c

AIR MAIL COFFEE
Lb. pkg. 21c

SHEFFORD MACARONI DINNER
3 pkgs. 25c
A delicious meal. No baking required.
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WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S ANKLETS,

CIGARETTES, FISHING TACKLE

Our 4th of July celebrations will be close to home this year so have plenty of FRESH EASTMAN FILM to take those pictures you have been planning.
Verichrome 620 or 120. 32c

BIG "Y" SUPER MARKET

Shredded Wheat
Kellogg's
Pkg. 10c

Oro Shortening
3-lb. pkg. 53c

Shoestring Beets
Fey. No. 2 tin 9c

Catsup
Monte Rio
14-oz. bl. 12c

Cling Peaches
Libby's
2 1/2 size 23c

Swift's Prem
All Pork Lunch Meat
12-oz. tin 35c

Grapefruit Juice
Libby's Texas
47-oz. tin 23c

Deviled Meat
Swift's Premium
1/4 size, 4 for 25c

Jello
Original
6 flavors 4 pkgs. 25c

Fla-Vor-Aid
For a cool soft drink.
1 pkg. makes 2 quarts. 2 pkgs. 5c

Sweet Pickles
Happyvale or Sweet Mixed qt. jar 33c

Marmalade
Trupack.
Orange. qt. jar 33c

Pellaco Shrimp
Large wet pack.
5-oz. tin 25c

Grab Meat
Old Ocean.
1/2 size tin 39c

Sardines
Mustard, Tomato or Natural.
oval tin. 3 for 33c

Dill Pickles
Happyvale.
quart jar 23c

Ripe Olives
Welcome, medium ripe.
No. 1 tin 17c

Apple Butter
Libby
33-oz. jar 23c

Seedless Raisins
4-lb. package 33c

Sliced Pineapple
Libby fancy
No. 2 tin 23c



PAPER NAPKINS
30-count pkg., 2 for 19c

WAX PAPER
100-foot roll 15c

KRAFT CHEESE FOOD and Pimento Spread
5-oz. glass 14c

RITZ CRACKERS
lb. pkg. 21c

THRIFT DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY NEEDS

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CIGARETTES, FISHING TACKLE



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LOIN STEAK Lb. 29c

MILK-FED VEAL Steak lb. 29c

FRESH GROUND BEEF lb. 19c

PURE LARD KETTLE RENDERED 3 lbs. 49c

GENUINE SPRING LAMB Rib Chops, lb. 31c

Legs, lb. 33c

WAFFER SLICED Dried Beef, 1/2 lb. 33c

TENDERIZED SUGAR CURED Smoked Picnics lb. 29c

ASSORTED LUNCH MEATS, Lb. 29c

Ham and Veal Loaf, lb 25c

Beef Cubes Boneless Lb. 27c

Pigs Feet Pickled. Lb. 17 1/2c

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