

GUAM OCCUPATION VIVIDLY TOLD BY SPENCER WEILLS

Marine Fighter Pilot Writes
Kin Here Of Condition
After Fierce Frays

A vivid picture of the condition of Guam after the fierce battles which resulted in its recapture by the American forces, and of living conditions for the troops stationed there, is given in a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. S. Weills of 30 Keene Way, from their son, Lt. Spencer Weills, marine Corsair fighter pilot. The pilot wrote:

"Suddenly we are told that it is all OK to tell our locations and where we have been, so here goes: Quote, 'Honorable Son is now reposing in comparative discomfort on island of Guam,' unquote. We flew in here from a carrier on which we had been for some time. It was like going from a penthouse to a hobo jungle on the outskirts of town. Life aboard a carrier is very comfortable, once one gets the hang of it, and the food is inestimably superior. Here on Guam things are best described as 'rugged.' They are improving every day, and will undoubtedly be pretty good by the time we leave (we expect to be here for some time).

"As a native of a far western state my squadron expected me to show them the ropes and generally lead the way to establishing a camp (or bivouac, as I am trying to learn to say). They have been mightily disappointed for I have been as awkward at 'roughing it' as if I were born on Front street and never got farther out of town than Oakdale. To make matters worse, our gear was delayed somewhere along the line, and those first nights spent without mosquito nets or other stuff was not a situation to be desired, and as a consequence, I look back on the early days and nights of horror with a shudder of great intensity.

"There is a great deal to do, but when we have no official business, we often go on trips of exploration. The places of greatest interest are the caves where the Japs had dug in. There booty is occasionally found (though the foot marines did not leave much) and awesome sights are to be seen. The other day Jack Butler and I went through ten of them; they extend into the cliffs for sometimes a hundred yards, with many niches and cross passage ways. There is no light, of course, so we carried flashlights and wore gas masks, because of the odor. I won't try to describe in detail the gruesome business, but I will say that our marines really made a MESS of those Japs and just didn't bother to clean it up. My admiration for the marines is simply unbounded—they are wonderful fighters. One sergeant that I know went into one cave after five Jap snipers. He only had a .45 Colt, but he got them all, and came out loaded with booty (or swag).

"We have to be pretty careful about lights at night (any time after dark) because snipers are often flushed right out from under one's nose. Getting up at night is worth your life, because the fellow in the next tent may shoot you. A few nights ago one of our pilots told a water pail hanging on a tripod to 'HALT' and then held his posture, breath and 45 for fifteen minutes waiting for the enemy to move. A number of funny incidents like that. This morning I rose HEAVILY at 5:30 a. m. and was on the ALERT until 12:00, although we didn't have to go up. We are just like the marine pilots at Eniwetok (my last island base before going on a carrier), just waiting for the attacks to come.

"Guam reminds me all of Oahu, although it is somewhat more blown up. Still, this place doesn't look half as bad as Eniwetok. Kwajalein or Tarawa; those islands are so small that not an inch seemed to have escaped a bomb or shell.

"Everybody—well, a lot of guys—are getting sick this week; also last week; mostly dysentery and degue fever, but so far I am still in the pink and getting fat on K rations, if such a thing is a possibility. They say

we may get some hot chow pretty soon, but I am inclined to hate my doubts.

"We haven't had any mail for over two weeks. They say there is quite a bit of it on the island, but they can't spare men to sort it. My sack is now water-proof, mud-proof, fly-proof and mosquito-proof, so I am living as if at the Ritz. We bathe out of our helmets (if we have been able to collect enough rain water) at 6:30 p. m., for at that time the flies have hit the pads, and the mosquitoes have not gotten up yet. Right afterwards we get under the netting and smoke and talk for several hours before going to sleep. We have all been dead tired since we arrived.

"Was on Canton Island, and also at the base Espritu Santo, New Hebrides, before moving north again. The old Pacific ocean is getting to be just an alley for me, now.

"I must leave you, now, and do my laundry. Flying here is not exceptionally exciting, often monotonous, but I wouldn't trade with anyone back in the states."

LAST RITES FOR MRS. M'DONOUGH TOMORROW 2 P. M.

May Jordan MacDonald, wife of A. J. MacDonald, passed away at their home, 617 Catherine St., Saturday evening following an illness of more than a year's duration.

She was born at Dubuque, Iowa, where she grew to womanhood and taught vocal music and directed church choirs until coming to Medford nearly thirty years ago and where she continued to teach.

For a number of years, she directed the choir in the Methodist church here and was leader of the music in the Jacksonville grange. Music has been her vocation, and she has written many articles for the music journals and also other publications.

Mrs. MacDonald was a lover of the outdoors, and spent much time in her floral gardens and because of her enthusiastic boosting for southern Oregon, more than a half dozen substantial families have located here permanently.

In her native town in Iowa, she leaves hosts of friends. She was a member of the Methodist church there.

Besides her husband, she leaves two nieces and one nephew, Mrs. Steve Nye of Talent, Virginia Sherwood and Clarence Jordan of Medford, also a sister-in-law, Fannie Jordan, Medford.

Funeral services will be held in the Conger-Morris chapel, 2 p. m. Tuesday with the Rev. D. D. Randall officiating. Pall bearers will be: George W. Howard, F. E. Redden, Ray Lewis, E. J. Neuman, C. A. Meeker, and A. L. Vroman. Two vocal numbers, "Down in the Valley" and "Going Home," will be rendered by Mrs. George Wendt, Mrs. Otto Niedermeyer, Henry Niedermeyer and Chester Wendt.

Friends desiring to pay final respect, may call at the chapel any time until 1 p. m. Tuesday. Final rites will be in the Medford L.O.O.F. cemetery.

Brush Fires Rage Los Angeles Area

Los Angeles, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Feeding on tinder-dry grass and brush and fanned by shifting winds, fire raged over a handful of widely scattered and isolated areas in southern California today while dog-tired forestry crews and servicemen stamped out the last embers of two other foothill blazes.

Additional volunteers were called up to battle the raging flames in San Marcos area in the Santa Ynez valley when changing winds fanned the fire into new intensity last night.

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An Eighth AAF Bomber Station, England—Second Lieutenant Mark K. Miller, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark K. Miller, Sr., of 917 Yakima place, Seattle Wash., has been decorated with the Air Medal. It was recently announced by the commanding general, Ninth Air Force.

The citation which accompanied Lieutenant Miller's decoration read: "For exceptionally meritorious achievement while serving as the bombardier of a B-17 Flying Fortress on a number of sustained bomber combat missions over Germany and enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Miller on these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

He is a veteran of many of the Eighth Air Force's huge daylight bombing assaults against the Nazi war machine.

In 1940, Lieutenant Miller was graduated from the Medford high school, Medford, Oregon, where he played on the football and baseball teams.

Prior to his entry into the army air forces, in 1942, Lieutenant Miller was a student at the Oregon State college.

DRIVERS GET RAISE

Portland, Ore., Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Over-the-road bus drivers for the Oregon Motor Stages will receive \$1.15 an hour pay under the new ruling released by the regional War Labor Board today.

ELMHIRSTS BUY STALLCUP RANCH

A cash transaction, well above six figures, has been closed between Edward Stallcup & Sons, Co., and J. A. and C. G. Elmhirst whereby the Stallcup Co. turned over its entire holdings in Siskiyou county, California, to the Elmhirsts.

The Stallcup ranch, commonly known as Big Spring ranch because of the location of the third largest spring in the United States on its premises, is famous as one of the most picturesque ranches of the west. This is the first time that it has ever changed ownership for it was built up from government land by the Stallcups some 57 years ago.

The Elmhirsts are widely known as the owners and breeders of the American Aristocrats, famous Hereford herd. In 1937 they sold their holdings in California and set out to tour the United States. Now in 1944 they are going back into the cattle business and plan to raise Aberdeen Angus on their Siskiyou county ranch.

SILENT ACE DONATES

Hollywood, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Two-Gun Bill Hart, movie killer of two decades ago, has donated \$50,000 to the city park commission to beautify his former West Hollywood home as a public park.

CANNED CHERRIES UP

Washington, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—Retail prices of canned California sweet cherries will go up about 2 1/2 cents for the popular sized can as a result of pricing adjustments made today by the Office of Price Administration.

BOTH SIDES SAY THEY WILL GAIN HOUSE MAJORITY

Washington, Aug. 28.—(U.P.)—

While both republican and democratic leaders predict a 40-seat gain in their house membership in the coming election, an analysis of past elections indicated today that the party winning the presidential race probably would win house control as well.

Republicans insist they'll win control of the house whoever is elected president; democrats contend they'll re-elect President Roosevelt and a majority of the house members. The division in the house now is very close—216 democrats, 212 republicans, four minor party

members and three vacancies. Records of party composition in the house since the Civil War show that in every presidential year except 1916 the party which elected the president increased its membership in the house.

Rep. Charles A. Halleck of Indiana, chairman of the republican congressional campaign committee, forecast that the republicans will win about 40 additional seats from districts in which they polled 45 per cent or more of the 1942 congressional vote. He said the party would win control of the house by a "comfortable majority" if the trend shown in recent special elections continues.

House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts insisted the trend will not continue. He blamed republican gains in the house to failure of the democratic vote to turn out and said the democrats would benefit from the increased vote in this presidential election year.

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LT. KEMNITZER ON DESERVED LEAVE

An Air Service Command Station "Somewhere in England"—1st Lt. Jack R. Kemnitzer of Medford, Oregon recently passed through this air service command station en route to a well-earned rest after 36 missions as a pilot on a B-17.

Here air service command officers "briefed" him on the necessity of safeguarding certain vital information he gained as a result of his combat experience.

Before his return to the states,

1st Lt. Kemnitzer was awarded the Air Medal and three oak leaf clusters and D.F.C.

He is the son of Mrs. Freda G. Kemnitzer of 1815 Prune St., Medford, Oregon.

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