

WAG WRITES OF EXPERIENCES ON DUTY AT MANILA

Wac 2nd Lt. Frances L. Gallatin, who is now section chief of the A. G. Awards and Decorations Section, Philippine Base Section, headquarters, adjutant general's office, Manila, recently wrote an interesting letter telling of her experiences, to her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gallatin, 148 Central avenue, Ashland.

Excerpts from the letter follow: "At last many of us who called Oro Bay, near Buna in southern New Guinea, home for seven months have gladly left that place behind. The trip up to Manila was made in a troop and cargo ship, in convoy, in 17 days.

Sees Corregidor
"Entering Manila Bay is an experience I will never forget. As we steamed single file past Corregidor, it is impossible to explain the profound effect on all of us as we thought of all that had taken place there. We saw, through powerful field glasses, the gun emplacements and parachutes hanging from trees on the side of the 'Rock.' As we steamed into the harbor, we saw hundreds of ships, parts of innumerable sunken ships protruding out of the water and real buildings along the shore, the first real bit of civilization I had seen since leaving San Francisco.

"Tents in which we live are unmercifully hot during the day despite the afternoon breeze. The latrines are mostly the pit

variety and are burned out now and then. Very few buildings have useable plumbing and the only running water is that which cascades through shell holes and twisted remains of metal roofs not yet repaired.

Filipinos Do Laundry
"Filipino women do the cleaning and laundry. For laundry we pay 25 centavos for each shirt, skirt, wash dress and such articles, 10 centavos for a towel. "Pilfering seems to be a natural characteristic of the Filipinos. Many footlockers and bed rolls have been rifled and a long string of bombed-out street cars in one part of the city is gradually disappearing, parts being carried home by the Filipinos. On the other hand, many Filipinos continually bring gifts of linen, clogs, fruits and flowers to Americans for whom they work.

Transportation Scarce
"Transportation is very limited so one walks when no army transportation is available. The conglomeration of tiny shops, heavy traffic, mostly military vehicles — carretelas (pony drawn buggies) and hand-pushed or bicycle-propelled carts make shopping a trial. Gas stations are either destroyed or empty with all equipment torn out.

"Black market standard prices are sky high with about two teaspoons of sweet paste ice cream or a small piece of watermelon costing one peso (50c), one cup of coffee for 50 centavos (25c), small piece of linen cutwork for 20 to 40 pesos (\$10 to \$20), wooden clogs like women wear for 10 to 20 pesos. A 25 peso permanent wave can be purchased for 11 packages of cigarettes.

City Ruined
"After riding through various parts of the city I find that the part first seen is the seemingly 'untouched' section. Most of the streets are in bad repair and full of holes. Remainder of the city is almost completely destroyed. The President's palace in the city is relatively untouched. It still has much of its original beauty such as gorgeous crystal chandeliers, rugs, pictures and furniture. However, much of the fine silver, china and crystal was removed to Japan.

"Parts of the hospital buildings, not too badly damaged, are still being used as a hospital. Some of our officers have visit-

ed patients here who are in a pathetic condition from injuries received during the Jap bombings."

Lt. Gallatin lived in Ashland until 1932, where she and her sister were prominent in 4-H work. She entered the Wacs in April, 1943, and left San Francisco last August.

School President To be Speaker At C.P. Youth Meeting

Rev. Raymond L. Cramer, president-dean of Simpson Bible Institute, Seattle, will be principle speaker at a valley-wide youth meeting Friday evening, at 8 o'clock in the Brick church in Central Point. A feature of



Rev. Cramer

the program will be several numbers by the S.B.I. Male Quartet—a group of Christian young men with high recommendations.

Rolf H. Hansen, chairman of the meeting, states that the service will be entirely non-denominational in character and he invites young and old regardless of faith or creed.

Foots Creek

Foots Creek, Aug. 2—Milton Biles of Modesto, Calif., was here to attend the funeral July 25 of his brother, Daniel Biles, at Medford. Two nephews, Arthur and Bedford Biles of Stockton, also attended. Mr. Biles had lived here a number of years and will be missed by his many friends and neighbors. A number from here attended the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cook of Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shannon of Springfield spent last week at the Floyd Lance cabin here, and visited relatives and friends.

Al Lunbeck of Grants Pass called on friends here July 22. Mrs. Lunbeck is attending summer school in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ryan of Pasadena, Calif., visited Mr. and Mrs. C. O. McLallen here July 30. The Ryans are locating in Medford.

Mr. Burns of Grants Pass has finished drilling wells for Charles Montag, Frank Daily, and R. E. Stephenson. The Stephensons have started building their house, also C. O. McLallen is building another house on his property.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hartley and son Bert, and daughter Sharon, have returned to their home in Seattle after a week's visit with Mrs. Hartley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wolgamott.

John Evans and C. O. McLallen left July 30 on a business trip to the coast.

Friends have received word from Mr. and Mrs. Emory Wood that they have bought a place at Long Beach, Calif., their former home.

Foots Creek neighbors are asking one another who are the three members of the fair sex wearing sunbonnets, less than a mile up the creek—which goes to show they read "Ye Smudge Pot."

Montreal, Aug. 2—(U.P.)—Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, 82, prominent retired Canadian banker, died today at Montreal general hospital.

SUGAR BEET SPUR OFFERED FOR 1946

Washington, Aug. 2—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson announced today a 1946 support price program on sugar beets and sugar cane which offers higher payments as an incentive for increased production.

"The 1946 program is being announced at this time to enable growers to plan for a maximum crop," Anderson said.

"The program guarantees sugar beet producers a national average return, including sugar act payments, of not less than \$13.50 a ton for beets of average quality. This compares with \$12.50 in 1945.

Central Point

Central Point, Aug. 2—George Hayes is ill with heart trouble. The doctor has ordered him to refrain from work and to rest as much as possible.

Miss Marjory Howsley, who was seriously burned by steam at Camp White, is getting along very well and is expecting to go home this week.

W. H. Hatch sold his house on South Second street last Wednesday at auction. Mr. W. A. Shell purchased the place for \$4,050.

Patsy Sullivan, Neola Culbertson, Marion Pinkham, Ruth Fate, Teddy Windes, Dorothy Harvey, Milton Hare, and John Bigham attended Fir Point Christian Service Camp last week. Elaine Kliever, Billie Sullivan and Marjory Jewett and Mrs. Carl Hover attended the closing services Friday and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. E. Gilbert Cays were members of the teaching staff, and Lillie Hover was camp nurse.

Helen McDowell is convalescing in the Sacred Heart hospital, having undergone a major operation last week.

Millie Pettigrew is feeling much better, but is still confined to the hospital.

Gary Wadell and David Bigham had tonsil operations Mon-

day. Gary returned home Monday afternoon, and David Tuesday morning.

Army of Black Ants Invades Household

Pontiac, Mich., Aug. 2—(U.P.)—An army of black ants, marching in perfect battle formation in columns six inches wide and 30

feet long, had been repulsed with terrific loss today after attempting to invade the home of Gunnard Turnquist in Bloomfield township.

Turnquist said that after standing "frozen in my tracks" for a few seconds when the ant army marched into his kitchen yesterday, he went into action with a blow-torch "flame-thrower" and turned the tide of battle

after a broom and a lead arsenate counterattack had failed.

100 KILLED BY PLANE
London, Aug. 2—(U.P.)—An exchange telegraph dispatch from Allahabad said today that more than 100 persons were killed when an airplane crashed at Madaripur, Bengal, in the middle of a crowded market place.

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