

Nyssa Youth Tells Of Korea Fighting

A letter from Corporal Don Share, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Share of Nyssa, who is a medic with the 27th Wolf Hound Infantry Regiment of the 25th Division of the 8th Army in Korea, was received during the past week, telling of the retreat from Seoul.

The letter dated January 4 reads:

Dear Folks, have a few moments so will drop you a short one. "We saw the last of Seoul today. We beat the Chinks in and out by a matter of minutes. At that, they hit us some this morning but didn't do us much damage. I believe I have the distinction of being the last medic out of the place. I was picking up men as the troops moved out and don't think there were any medical men behind me. I watched the bridge blow up about

15 vehicles behind mine, so was damn near the last one out.

"We are still doing fine, still moving rapidly out in good shape yet. The Seoul evacuation went pretty good for us—our battalion had very few casualties for the amount of fighting we did. The goods damn near got there ahead of us, and before we left. Our aid station got fouled up some, but we made it O. K. I burned the highway up getting out. The three-fourth-ton driver behind me said his speedometer was on 50 and 55. We didn't know for sure which road to take to get out over the one bridge across the Han, and had only one hour to find the bridge. I was sure going to try every highway south before I burned the vehicles and swam. Was lucky and hit the bridge with the last tanks to pull out."

(Note to readers—pictures in January 15 copy of Life magazine, page 23, shows the last of these vehicles crossing the bridge on the retreat, before it was blown.)

"January 5—I am now seven miles above Suwan and will move approximately 40 miles today or tonight. We are waiting for two outfits to pull through us and then we cat out."

"We haven't had any packages in lately. They are probably held some place down south till we get there—would save transporting them by truck, and we need trucks to haul troops and supplies."

"The chow has been coming slow, but we are pretty good at butchering pigs, chickens, and cattle. Every section gets its own meat. My drivers have half a beef and half a pig plus some chickens that they got last night; two pigs and two steers were killed yesterday, so the whole outfit is doing fine today. There are 22 men in the aid station and 16 out with the troops. The 22 are all we feed—it's my job to find, steal or haul chow for them—sometimes it's a lot of fun."

"Sgt. Morfitt should be back today from Taejon, sure miss the old geezer. It's still cold here, but not as bad as we expected. I hope it is a mild winter all the way through."

Haven't heard if the U. N. is still trying to mediate this deal or not. Seems like someone is scared and someone else is glad of it—just like two drunks, arguing and afraid to fight; of course, I may be wrong."

"Well, I'll have to sign off for now. Love—Don."

"Much of this weekend's news tells of the fighting in progress below Seoul and Suwon, with the Wolf Hounds in the thick of the fight again."

On Trip—

Mr. and Mrs. Ersel Beus, Wes, Olive, Kent, Bill and Garry Beus, Stanley Bybee, Betty Pife and Gerald Flinders have gone on a trip to Salt Lake City. En route they will stop at Sun Valley to ski.

Former Resident Of Nyssa Writes About 'Old Fogey'

F. J. McHugh, former Nyssa resident who is serving in the merchant marines in Korean waters, has written to "the mayor of Nyssa", George C. Henneman about the enlistment of Judge Don M. Graham in the navy and has sent a clipping about Graham as it appeared in the Korean edition of Stars and Stripes.

"Tell that old fogey (Graham) hello for me. I won't be 58 till the 15th day of January. I saw this clipping and got quite a kick out of it as Don was a good friend of mine and all ex-service men of the first world war. I worked in Nyssa on the Owyhee dam and tunnels, and also at Harper from 1929 to 1933. I was a hard rock miner. When I was sailing in the merchant marines in the last war and this war 3 also have been here in Korea since July 16 on a cargo ship."

Referring to the great hordes of Chinese troops, McHugh said "They have no minds of their own and the only thing that can be done at present is to kill them as fast and often as we can. They do not retreat or give up. We have had to retreat and I guess it looked bad

at home, but we had to retreat in Africa, but we stayed there to victory and we are going to stay here if some of the politicians at home would keep yaps closed and get an army ready that is the only way to get rid of the commies of Moscow and Peiping."

Former Resident Visits—

Mrs. C. A. Abbott of Boise and former Nyssa resident, visited over the week-end at the home of Mrs. Clara Beam and with other Nyssa friends. Dr. Abbott who has been confined to the veterans hospital in Boise is improving.

COLUMBIA AVE.

The pinocle club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Davidson of Parma, Sunday afternoon. Two tables were at play with prizes going to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Groot and George Smit.

Pred Levi called on friends in Arcadia Saturday evening.

Klass Tensen returned recently from a trip to Arizona. Callers at the Gerrit Stam home Thursday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Nu-Ares.

Mrs. Ray Weatherspoon and sons of Nyssa called on Mrs. Florence Larson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tensen were

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John Broad received word Friday

morning of the unexpected death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Nichols of Coquille.



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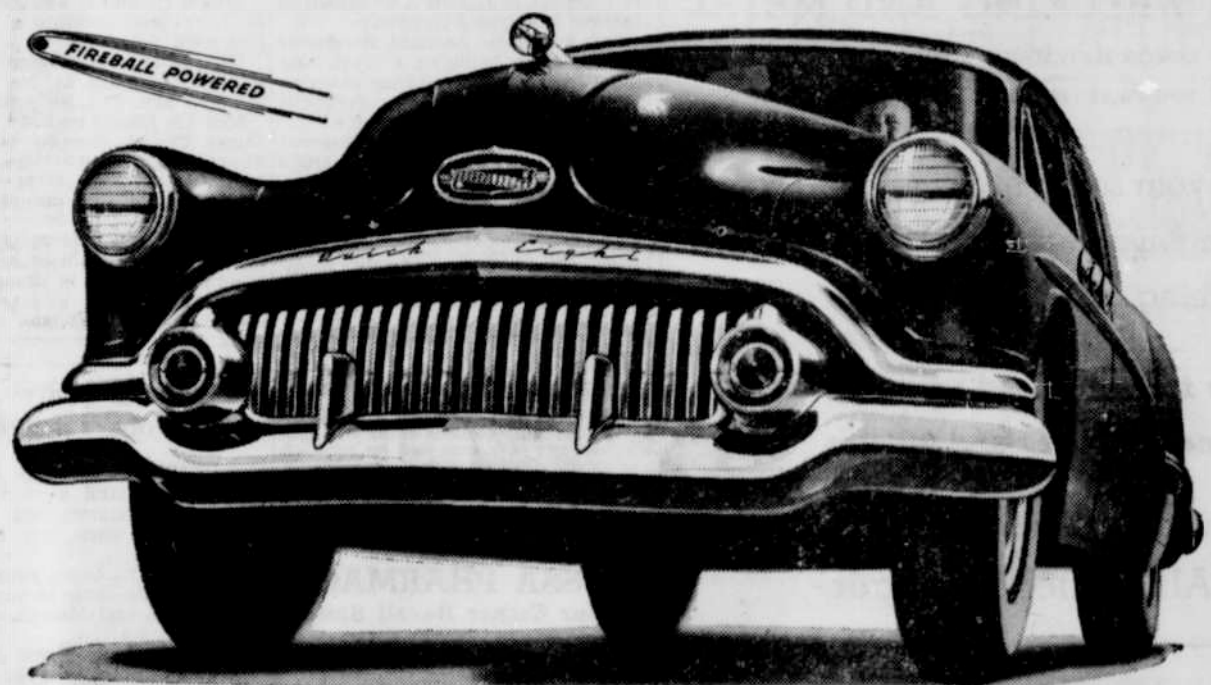
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