

Interesting Experiences Of Naval Officer

Ensign Robert L. Farber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farber, is officer of Communications and Staff in a sub-chaser in the Mediterranean, and is reporting to his father on his experiences, as follows:

"Here I am in Africa, awaiting another ship, after leaving the States with a convoy of 74 ships. Looks like a year away from the States. I had dinner aboard a French ship yesterday. Everything was served on a clean plate—no course at a time. We had black bread without butter, sardines cooked whole and not cleaned, some rolled meat in skins made of pig blood and bacon fat, cauliflower, wine and some American jam. Needless to say, I ate black bread and wine. I saw the Sultan's palace the other day. It was very beautiful and richly furnished. He has one in each city plus one hundred wives in each city to go with the palace. It's getting close to Christmas and will I miss it. The snow, lighted trees and wonderful turkey dinner. The base where I am located is perhaps the best equipped in Africa and life in general is quite pleasant.

"I have been doing lots of traveling but I am stopped for a while. The Mediterranean is very blue and beautiful at first glance. North Africa is quite old-looking and entirely different from anything in the U. S. The coast is quite rocky

and on the topmost hills along the coast are sentry towers of stone masonry. The northern portion is fertile but the northern section of North Africa is desert right up to the sea. One day we made a beachhead on a torpedoed ship and beached a combination cargo and passenger luxury liner. It is now used for transient officers' quarters, dining saloon operations. I had one stateroom with rugs on the floor, indirect lighting, air conditioning and beautiful chrome fixtures. The ward room mess was just as nice with murals of New York and the South Seas on the walls. It was certainly an Oasis. I have flown over 1500 miles around Africa and it is quite an interesting experience—still for some reason or other it hasn't the same topography as the U. S. There are hundreds of square miles of farm land with one villa stuck in the center of every several hundred acres. Health conditions are terrible and beggars and blind people line the streets.

December 24th he wrote, "I am sitting here anchored to a completely demolished town with a dollar and forty-five cents in my pocket and get to hear my first Christmas carol. Another year will soon arrive—probably one of the most interesting and terrible. In Africa today—where will I be next year? I have been in Casablanca, Oran, Algiers, Bizerte, Tunis, Palermo and Naples at one time or another during the last few weeks.

Casablanca is beautiful from a distance but inside it is sticky and cheaply modern. Everything is white—bright white stucco over rocks and cement. The Arabs are picturesque and filthy. In Casablanca I met Pete Harris of Weiser. We were mutually pleased to see each other and had a long visit at the officer's club. Pete has been thru the entire African campaign and is still doing a grand job. Italy is a little better and her people are much different. The Italians are not a warring race and delight in singing, dancing and following trades, such as barbering, hair dressing and other service lines. We have many prisoners and they are very congenial and willing to please. All waiters in ward mess rooms, barbers, bartenders and other working details are Italians. All of them that I have seen are happier than they

have been in years. I am including a little native money from French Morocco, Algeria and Italy. It is all printed in the U. S. and, since nothing could be obtained here, it is the time of our occupation. Also, a few pound American eagle put in the Binette and caused considerable damage to the Binette, an upstairs apartment and Stone Beauty Park before it could be suppressed.—Observer.

News Of Nearby Communities

WEISER

A ten-pound American eagle put in the Binette and caused considerable damage to the Binette, an upstairs apartment and Stone Beauty Park before it could be suppressed.—Observer.

The southwest end of the Weiser Hotel building, looked like it had been hit by a bomb after a Union Pacific steel gondola car jumped the track and sheared through the brick wall.—American.

ONTARIO

Fire broke out Sunday morning

in the Binette and caused considerable damage to the Binette, an upstairs apartment and Stone Beauty Park before it could be suppressed.—Observer.

EMMETT

Gen. county will supply 35 men for the pre-induction exams to be held in Boise February 25th.—Enterprise.

100 Dialects in India

India has about 100 languages, though only 16 are spoken extensively.—Enterprise.



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FROM THE FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Independent dated Feb. 12, 1904:

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brainard gave a "housewarming" in their handsome new residence Wednesday evening.

Wm. Neot, Payette's well known civil engineer, has shown the Independent some handsome plans for a big irrigation project in Owyhee county, which he recently completed.

Last year Payette was the destination of 59 carloads of movables belonging to immigrants who arrived to make their homes in Payette. This is 11 cars more than arrived in Boise and that city is many times the size of Payette.

Clyde Thurston and O. P. Rorden visited in Boise the first of the week on business before the United States land office, having made desert filings on some desirable tracts of land on Big Willow creek.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Enterprise dated Feb. 12, 1914:

One of the biggest days Payette ever had from the business standpoint, was last Saturday. At one time a count of all the teams at the hitch racks in town and the two livery stables showed that there were exactly two hundred and fifty teams in the city.

Brakeman Gallagher fell under a freight car Monday morning while attempting to make a drop switch and seriously crushed his left arm. He was rushed to a Salt Lake hospital for amputation.

In accordance with Gov. Haines' proclamation, Feb. 5th was observed and will go down in history as Apple Day.

Saturday night in Payette there was one hold-up and one near hold-up. The attempt was made near the barn on the C. E. Pratt residence but the men were frightened away by Mr. Gregg who held an empty twenty-two. C. W. Thurston was relieved of his cash but kept his watch when two men held him up by the hedge of the A. Jacobsen residence.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Independent dated Feb. 7, 1924:

Woodrow Wilson, a former president, died Sunday, February 3, at 11:15 o'clock a. m.

Herbert J. Davis was the principal speaker at the Kiwanis meeting on Tuesday noon. He spoke on his work as supervisor at the reform school in Oregon.

On Sunday, George Volmer, our tireless milkman, was unfortunate enough to break one of the wheels of his delivery wagon. He is now driving an appropriate vehicle which might be designated as a mud-scow.

C. A. Smith, E. W. Equalls, Rev. Thomas Ashworth, E. G. Dunn, Will Walls and Col. L. V. Patch went to Twin Falls on Sunday and returned on Tuesday.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Enterprise dated Feb. 14, 1924:

William Steeman was found dead on the Steffen ranch, one mile southwest of Payette, last Monday morning. Steeman was a resident of Payette.

The corn cutting machinery will not be moved from Payette. Caldwell as was previously announced, Saginaw acreage of corn has been promised and this machinery will be kept in Payette.

Mrs. E. Zimmerman and Mrs. Anna Stecker celebrated their seventieth birthdays last Tuesday.

Mrs. Jack Whalen and son visited at the Claude Poley home in Emmet Thursday. Desk Poley is first assistant conductor on the TPD.

At the annual meeting of the Farmers' Co-operative Creamery company held at the high school

building Saturday, Feb. 9, it was reported that the amount of business handled during the year aggregated \$562,207.53.

TEN YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Independent dated Feb. 8, 1934:

It is doubtful if many apple pickers realized last fall when they were busy picking fruit that the apples they were so casually handling would soon be eaten by Adolph Hitler, but such could easily be the case. Last season fifty ears of Payette valley apples were shipped into Germany.

Robert Thurston spent the week end at home between semesters at the University at Moscow, where he is taking a course in journalism.

Ten or twelve farmers of District Six are busy working on a drainage ditch which when completed, will drain several hundred acres of land.

Facts released from the office of Lillian Wilson, county clerk, show that real estate foreclosures have been on the decline in Payette county the past four years.

TEN YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the Payette Enterprise dated Feb. 8, 1934:

The Hanigan Chevrolet company has been like a bee hive the past few days with people coming in to see the new 1934 Chevies.

J. C. Palumbo, president of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of Southwestern Idaho and Eastern Oregon, L. V. Patch, local president, Earl Dean, Kiwanis president and Leo Ballenger, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, attended the annual meeting and banquet of the Baker County Chamber in Baker last Tuesday evening.

Lloyd Brunlage, a former Payette boy, now living near Portland, arrived in Payette Tuesday to visit old friends and with the possible view of re-locating in this section.

L. W. Robinson has opened a repair shop and will handle some jewelry, in the Chase building next to Peterson's cafe.



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