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Many Interesting Letters From Men-Women In Service

July 10, 1952 USS Burdo APD-133 Dear Remem. Committee

Well here is the letter that I said I would write as soon as I have seen enough of Norway and England to let you know my opinion on them. First of all I will give you a little information on Norway.

The Norwegian people are a very friendly people. They do everything in their power to make your stay there, a very happy one. They give you everything that is possible as to their recreational facilities and they are as you may know, is very much for sports. They also held dances every night for the sailors and they all were very successful and most of the teenagers turned up and there were plenty of girls for every sailor.

I did not do too much sight-seeing in Norway and it was due to the fact that Norway is not very big. What I did see was very interesting. One place in particular was a museum which was 600 years old. There are many ruins in the city yet, which was caused by the last war. One ruin which was caused by the Norwegian underground blew most of the city down, along the piers. Where we were anchored, directly across the street, was at one time a house for the King and Queen of England. During the war they fled and went, I believe, to Oslo, which is the capital of Norway. During the war it was occupied by the Nazi as their headquarters. Most of the city is being restored and they are covering up their scars of the last war.

I had the opportunity to talk to a few Norwegian sailors. They have a small navy of about five ships, also a little Army and Air Corp. Their pay a week is exactly 7 kroner and in American money is \$1.00. The average pay a week as a civilian is 12 kroner and equal about \$1.75 a week. When the ship arrived in Norway and the American sailors started flashing around 100 to 500 kroner notes, they sure had a nice time trying to change such big money. I think the people really make a lot of money when we arrived there, because we bought a lot of souvenirs and food.

Also I will include for the people who are crazy for fishing that Norway is the place. Their main item is fish and of what I saw they are very big and plenty of them. You will be sure that you will come back with a real haul.

In England I can not say as much for the people as being friendly. There are a few nice people which I have met who especially like to take American sailors to the pubs or in our country beer gardens. They take you for a few drinks and after you have about 3 or 4 glasses they want to show you how they are at playing darts. This country is very much for darts and are just as much for sports as Norway. It is a very historical country and it is not as foggy as they seem to be always showing you in the movies. It seems to be the foggiest during the supper hour, but it is only due it seems to the tide.

They have a very beautiful beach here at Weymouth which is about 7 miles from Portland. I have had the opportunity to go swimming there and although it is pretty chilly at this time of year, it is well crowded. One of the biggest kicks this country has now is to visit the biggest warship in the world, which is the U. S. S. Missouri. There are many visitors come out in boats and take a look at all of the ships.

Their money is in pence, shillings and pounds. I wish I could explain what it is in our money, but the only thing that I can explain is that 7 shillings is equal to \$1.00 in American dollar and that 1 pound is equal to \$2.80 in American money. Pence, I don't even know. I would like to really see more of these countries but there isn't anything that I can do to hold the ship here. I am also very glad to return to the states because there isn't anything that can beat getting home on a weekend pass.

I would also like to take the privilege on commenting on Mr.

The Dutch Philosopher

(AS OVERHEARD BY JOHN BOYD)

Well, come up and set down here on the porch, Mrs. Espen-shate. There is such a breath of air around now and then. What do you think of my costume still?

Well, it looks cool, although at our aitch it is chust a little on the daring side, as Chorch would say. But then again, on the beach at Atlantic City, a body would say you had a little too much on to go in swimming. Shorts is funny things—some-times. On you now they don't look so bad but on me—well, I am chust too fat around the—

Yes, shorts make a fat old person look funny. But I says, chust too hot to wear regular clothes. Besides nobody notices them much anyway except maybe your husband. Especially when these teen-aitchers and children has been going around town practically nakid this

Baltozer's letter which he sent to the Bulletin on giving a list of addresses of the boys in the Services. I think it would be a wonderful idea. If we would have an idea where some of the men and women are stationed or on what ship some of the men are stationed we could visit them. I know that a lot of the boys who are in the Navy are in Norfolk, but I don't know the ship they are on. If a list could be published in the paper, it would help the service men in seeing some of their friends and also help to build their morale a lot to know where they could be found. I think it would also be a wonderful idea if more of the service men and women would comment on this idea.

Yours truly Clarence E. Wagner Jr.

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that they are in misery for a week afterwards. Yes, well, maybe they enjoy it somehow.

And then he says, think of the drive back in the evening. Well, I says, it would be nice and cool after dark. And he says, cool! Chust thing of driving the last two hours at about two miles an hour in a line of cars bumper to bumper. No, he says, he got into such a cham once after a night baseball game at Philadelphia and never again.

Well, to chainch the subchect, what did you and Chake do? Chust about the same as you and Chorch. I did cook us a good dinner though. On our electric stove a body can do that without getting the whole house hot and Chake can eat no matter how hot it gets. He says it's a mistake to live on fruit chooses and salads and iced tea chust because it's hot weather. He says your body must have lots of enerchy to fight off the heat.

It don't make sense but that's the way he is. So for dinner Sunday we had—

Don't tell me you had fried chicken or you will make me hungry right now as hot as it is. As I said, I and Chorch didn't eat much at home Sunday, but in the evening, he says, what's in the refrigerator and when I says not much of anything, he got dressed and we went out to eat and I am ashamed to say we both ate like it was Thanksgiving or Christmas. Of course, the place was air-conditioned.

And you was both about half starved to death no doubt besides.

Chust about. Well, what does Chake thing about the political sitchation? He hardly says anything at all, except the other day he says he thinks he is still a Republican.

How about yourself? Well, you know how it is. I guess I will vote the same way he does to keep peace in the house. There chust ain't no such thing as a secret ballot as far as I would be concerned. He would worm it out of me somehow.

If you wasn't married, would you be a Democrat then? That I don't know. Maybe I would be what they call one of them independents that both parties worry so much about.

Well, chust so you wouldn't be a communist and vote to overthrow the government altogether. As I understand it the Republicans don't want to overthrow the government. They chust want to be the govern'ment.

Well, don't worry about my little vote one way or the other. In Lancaster County one vote won't mean much either way because there is too many Republicans and not enough Democrats. And Chake says the independents a person could put into his eye.

No doubt. Well, politics or no politics, I got to get over home and get some supper started. One of Chorch's friends went fishing down below Conowing and gave us a big rock-fish that his family couldn't eat and I got to read up in the cookbook how to cook it still. Chorch cleaned it this morning before he left.

Why, you cook it like you do a shad. You mean you chust lay it out flat and broil it? Sure—that's as good a way

Weddings

Miss Dorothy Sheetz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Sheetz, Florin, became the bride of J. Donald Mohler, 216 S. Cedar Street, Litzitz, Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Florin Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The Rev. Kenneth A. Oblinger, Hazelton, officiated at the double ring ceremony. Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Nancy Shreiner, Litzitz, maid of honor, Nancy Hetrich, Manheim, cousin of the bride was bridesmaid, Peggy Hetrich, Elizabeth-town, another cousin, was the flower girl. Robert Brubaker, Litzitz, served as best man and the ushers were Harry Badorf, Jr., Litzitz, and Harry Sheetz, brother of the bride.

After a reception at Hostetter's Banquet Hall, Mt. Joy, the couple left on a wedding trip to the Pocono mountains.

Mrs. Mohler was employed as a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital. Mr. Mohler is a member of the Marine Band in Washington, D. C. The couple will reside in Washington, D. C.

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