

Life in New Caledonia Is Described By Soldier in Letter to Relatives

Life in New Caledonia, that island not far from Australia, is described in a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Bird, 316 Oakland avenue, from their nephew. It follows:

Dear Aunt and Uncle: I have received your letter dated April 6 and will write again this fine Sunday morning. Most days are usually the same here as one has his duties to perform, but today I have time off so I will go to the near town or village and see some of the French people that I have become acquainted with.

In Australia first I had to begin with the beginning, in case you had not received any previous letters, we landed in a large Australian city after many days of weary travel by sea. There we had an opportunity to get our feet and hands used to the people and the town for a few grand and glorious days. We were received and taken care of by the Australian people as though we were kings. In all of my life, I have never received so much grand treatment. They have done everything in their power to make things pleasant for us such as bringing us into their homes for meals and giving us the run of their homes, having parties for us and introducing to us all the beautiful and charming Australian girls. No need to tell you how much we enjoyed all the things that we saw and how much we appreciated it. I particularly enjoyed the company of one man who was an agent of a large insurance company. When he found out that that was my line of work he gave two big parties for us in his home. Words cannot describe the wonderful time we had and I truly hope to go back there when it is all over.

The Americans are looked upon as a superior race by so many of these people. We have many things in common. We go to the same movies, drive many of the same cars, dress much alike and have the same ideas about many things. Oh, how they drink tea and eat muffins! Of course they talk different than we do in lots of respects and their slang expressions mean quite the opposite of ours and at times it was very embarrassing. No doubt they get just as many laughs out of our conversation as we did.

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All good things had to come to an end. We sailed from that fine city and arrived here at New Caledonia which is several hundred miles from the Australian coast and this is our present home. Here we have different money again. At present I have American, Australian and French money, but I have cash as you will note.

On this island the weather is quite hot warmer than Australia but as this is the winter season, it is not too hot. Wonder what it will be when summer comes! It gets good and warm during mid-

day but the nights are nice and cool and one can sleep. I am picking up some French enough to be understood. Wish you could see some of the natives; they are really odd looking with their bushy black hair, or some have red hair, and their colorful dresses. Most of the black women wear a long black skirt; while the men many times wear much less. The more important French wear clothes similar to ours, rather the ones we wore 10 or 20 years ago.

Well, things are going all right now and we are confident that we will win. To date the Japs have not dared enter this well-defended little island.

Real Chicken I had to stop and an finishing this day later. Yesterday my buddy and I went down the road to some French people's house and had some real food to goodness chicken. As there are no cafes in which to buy a meal, one must get things extra by becoming acquainted with the people on the island. For a few francs one can buy a fine good meal. We are having plenty of venison here and the French eat it with a bottle of wine besides that, in fact they wash most of their food down with wine.

The food in camp is fairly good considering everything. Money doesn't mean much to us here as we are furnished with a ration of cigarettes a day and every so often are issued soap and the like. One day a week we can buy various things from the canteen such as candy, peanuts, coco cola, gum, etc. That day is usually looked forward to by all of us as those little things do mean so much when they are hard to get.

Three Letters To date I have received three letters from home and I have hopes that the mail will catch up with me sooner or later. I know every one has written and I have written many letters. Just hope you will have received them.

Are you a better American? It is eight o'clock, our bed time so I will close. Don't worry about me or here is one little boy who will be seeing you when the Japs are in their proper place. WRITE, WRITE, WRITE.

Another Auto Stolen in City Donald Ray, of 269 Woodland avenue, is reported to have been victim of the theft of his 1942 Cadillac car, taken from 859 Lakeside street, on Monday evening. The car was being driven by two young men driving an old Packard were responsible.

A 5.50-mile, 24-inch pipeline will be built from Longview, Texas, to Salem, Ill., to help relieve the Eastern oil shortage.

War Commentators On Town Hall

Up-to-the-minute news of the world at war will be covered by the famous foreign correspondents included in the all-star program for the 1942-1943 season of the Theatre Guild at the Fisher Theater which opens Wednesday morning, Oct. 14.

The premiere performance will feature Carmen Amaya, sensational Flamenco dancer and her troupe of dancers. Hal in the Fisher Theater which opens Wednesday morning, Oct. 14. The program for the 1942-1943 season of the Theatre Guild at the Fisher Theater which opens Wednesday morning, Oct. 14. The program for the 1942-1943 season of the Theatre Guild at the Fisher Theater which opens Wednesday morning, Oct. 14.

In the lighter entertainment field will appear Franklin P. Jenkins, critic at large of "Information, Phase." Larry Alder, classic harmonist in a joint recital with Paul Draper, international dancer; the Ballard Singers, telling the American story in song; and Henry Scott, pianist.

Jan Struther, author of the film hit of the year, "Mrs. Miniver," Kathryn Turner Garton, well known book critic, and Margaret Kuhn Banning, author, speaking of "Women for Defense" will represent the theater.

Military Schools Popular This Year No group seems to be more military-minded at this point than do the younger ones amongst us, and from the number of boys electing to go to military schools this year, we say they were pretty serious about the whole thing.

Now this year of 1942 will be Watts Wacker, Jack Eckenrode, and Dick Kent. They left on Tuesday, while the "old boys" will not return until next week. Among them will be Dick Weibel, Don J. King, Kingsley Brown, Bill Manning and Bob Preece.

Fred Hendricks is going up to St. John's Military Academy in Wisconsin, as is Bob Loeffler, Jack Hamel will be new at Valley Forge, and Bill Kent is transferring this year from Andover to Shattuck School, in Minnesota.

John Byrum, former Baldwin High School Junior, is holding up the military tradition in his family, and plans to soon enter the first class (senior year) at Sewanee Military Academy, Sewanee, Tenn. Dick has spent the summer with his parents, Major and Mrs. Hartwell T. Byrum, at Fort Benning, Ga., where his father is stationed.

Bill Curley, of Bedford road, Beverly Hills, has already returned to Castle Heights, where he is a cadet at the Academy, Tenn., for his second year there.

Obituary RALPH SIMPSON ALLEN Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Bell Funeral Home for Ralph Simpson Allen, 370 Townsend, who died at Ford Hospital, Detroit, on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Mrs. SOPHIA OLES JOHNSON Funeral services were held at the Shrine of the Little Flower on Tuesday for Mrs. Sophia Oles Johnson, 46, of 1891 Humphrey street. The Rev. Fr. Lewis Roho officiated at the services and burial was at Holy Sepulchre.

Mrs. Johnson died at her residence on Friday, following an illness of 13 months. She married Alton M. Johnson, in Detroit in 1921, and shortly after their marriage the Johnsons moved to Birmingham, having lived here for the past 20 years. Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Shrine of the Little Flower Church.

Surviving are her husband, Alton M. Johnson, three sons, Richard, Norman, and Eugene, all at home, and a brother, George Oles, of Detroit.

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