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CPL. MARILYN POSTON WRITES FROM INDIA...

Wac Tells About Visit To Famed Taj Mahal; Stationed At Calcutta

By Jane Haas

Now that the fighting is done, Cpl. Marilyn L. Poston, granddaughter of Mrs. H. F. Poston of 405 Broadway, stationed near Calcutta, has had the opportunity to visit some of the scenic wonders of India.

In a letter home dated September 16, the Wac corporal told of her trip to Agra to see the Taj Mahal, the marble mausoleum built by the Mogul emperor, Shah Jahan in memory of his favorite wife.

"We had a grand trip up and a very nice time, even if it did rain every day," Marilyn wrote. "They took us to Agra in a C-47, and, incidentally, that made my second airplane ride. It took us just four hours to arrive, and of course we were no sooner landed than it began to pour. We arrived there about noon and after eating and getting settled in our barracks, a GI truck took us to see the Burning Ghat and the Old Fort. From one side of the latter one could look across the river and see the Taj Mahal."

The Old Fort was the building in which the emperor who built the Taj Mahal was held prisoner by his son because he was spending money for his own use. According to the history books, the ruler's 400 wives were also held prisoner with him.

"The next morning, in the pouring rain, we went out to see the Taj," Cpl. Poston continued. "It was very beautiful despite the fact that the jewels and gold have been removed from the walls. The marble carvings are exquisite, made both by the Indians and the Italians. When you think of it all being built by hand, you really have to marvel at the work, but it seems so useless when you see how much more the people over here could use the money to better their conditions.

"In the afternoon," Marilyn said, "we went to see the Yogi temple, which has been in the process of being built for the past 30 years.

"Three times during that time they have torn it down, and now they have just a portion of the first floor built, and that not quite completed. A Hindu temple, all of the work is being done by hand by those of the Hindu faith. It, too, is being financed by the people. When completed, it will be five stories high if they follow the plans they now have. Believed to be more beautiful than the Taj Mahal, it could easily qualify for the Eighth Wonder of the World, according to the consensus of opinion."

Cpl. Poston said that two Indian boys acted as their guides and that both of them are planning to attend school in the United States in a short time. One is obtaining his master's degree in physics and the other in aero engineering. Both were intelligent and attractive, she said.

The group had planned to see Delhi, too, but the weather was such that the plane was unable to land and they were forced to turn back. As it was, she added, they were weathered in at Agra and had to stay an extra day and a half.

The Red Cross gave a dance Sunday evening while they were there, the corporal told her grandmother, and invited all 19 of the Wacs. They had a wonderful time, she reported, and the dance consisted of the only entertainment they had while in Agra as everything in the line of food was off limits.

"We still don't know how long it will take before we will all be on the way home," Marilyn writes, but I can't see where it will be too much longer. They sent seven more girls out on age yesterday and are now trying to get the girls with 35 points and two years of service out. They really should have been gone a week ago, but for some silly reason they have held up their orders. As yet they haven't hit anything to let me out, but as it goes now, there will only be a small group left and I think they will take us out to the States too."

Marilyn Poston attended junior high and high school in Santa Cruz and then went on to the Smith school of business for about six months. She was then employed in the office at the Santa Cruz cannery, where she remained for more than a year and a half, or until she entered the service on March 29, 1944.

She received six weeks WAC basic training at Booneville, Iowa, then transferred to McClellan field at Sacramento in May, where she spent four months.

When the army asked for two Wacs with finance training, Marilyn was one of those who volunteered for the job. Following a 10-day furlough she was sent to Georgia for advance training and two weeks later, October 1, 1944, was sent overseas.

She landed at an Indian port aboard a large passenger ship and was then flown to Calcutta by plane. At the present time she is stationed at an air base 18 miles from Calcutta.

In spite of the difficulty encountered in transportation by the WAC in India, Cpl. Poston said in a postscript to her letter that she expected to be home by Christmas or shortly thereafter, at any rate.

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Hugh M. Hayford, torpedoman, 2c, one of the five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hayford of Capitola, who are serving, is home on a 30-day leave before reporting to Camp Shoemaker where he will probably receive his discharge.

A student of Soquel grammar school and Santa Cruz high school, Hayford enlisted in the navy in 1942. He received his boot training at San Diego where he remained for 15 months before being sent out on the "Sullivans" on her maiden trip, which lasted six months. Advance training school in Rhode Island was next, before Hugh was shipped out on the destroyer USS Dale to the South Pacific.

Three typhoons were experienced by the young sailor while a member of Halsey's Third fleet, before he was recently returned to the States. The USS Dale is now being decommissioned in New York.

Hugh wears five battle stars for action in the Marshalls, New Guinea, Truk, the Philippines, Okinawa and Iwo Jima.

Malcolm Hayford, fire controlman, 1c, had the unexpected pleasure of seeing his mother in the crowd as he paraded down San Francisco streets with Admiral Halsey's returning heroes recently.

A graduate of Santa Cruz high school in 1940, Malcolm entered the service at the same time that Hugh did. He received his training at Bremerton, Wash., and was then assigned to the USS Prometheus where he spent 14 months in the South Pacific. Upon returning to the states he was sent to advanced fire school in Washington, D. C., for eight weeks and then sent out aboard the USS Blue.

T/Sgt. Ernest Miller Gets His Discharge

Santa Ana, Calif.—Tech. Sgt. Ernest C. Miller, husband of Mrs. Teddie Adel Martin Miller, 16 Pine street, Santa Cruz, was honorably discharged from the separation base maintained here by the army air forces.

Sgt. Miller is a veteran of 35 months of service in the army air forces. He served in India, Burma and China as a gunner in a B-24 with the 14th air force.

The AAF has awarded him the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, 1 oak leaf cluster to the Air Medal and seven battle stars.

Before entering the service Miller was a meat cutter.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENDED SALE AND TRANSFER
(The Civil Code, §3440; Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, §7.2)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Marion P. Cardoza, whose address is 100 High Street, Santa Cruz, California, intends selling and transferring to James Dal Porto, whose address is 40 Riverside Avenue, Santa Cruz, California, an undivided one-half interest in that certain business, restaurant, and retail alcoholic beverage dispensary conducted by said vendor at 420 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, California, under the name of "The Anchor," including all of the right, title, claim, and interest of the vendor in and to the furniture, fixtures, equipment, stock in trade, good will of said business, the following alcoholic beverage licenses issued by the State Board of Equalization of the State of California: On Sale Beer and Wine, No. A-12359-H, On Sale Distilled Spirits, No. P-8748-H, and all other licenses in connection with said business that are assignable or transferable.

The sale, transfer, and assignment is to be consummated at the office of Donald Younger, Room 7, Santa Cruz Theatre Building, 150 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, California, at 9:00 A. M. on October 26, 1945, effective as of October 16, 1945.

The amount of the consideration for the transfer of the undivided one-half interest in said alcoholic beverage licenses is $2,500.00.

Dated: Santa Cruz, California, October 18, 1945.

JAMES DAL PORTO,
Vendee.

DONALD YOUNGER,
Attorney at Law.
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