

Gentry and Haydahl Honored in Retreat Review

JERUSALEM TRIP GREAT SUCCESS

On Tuesday the 12th of April a group of twenty eight persons from Kagnew Station left Asmara on board a chartered Ethiopian Airlines' C-47.

Their destination: the many more famous and choice antique archaeological discoveries known today.

The group sped on to Port Sudan enroute to Luxor. Arriving there, the first pleasure enjoyed was a genuine bottled «Coca Cola» the first enjoyed since arriving on this continent.

After a short rest at their hotel they quickly departed for perhaps some of the most fabulous sights to be seen on this whole entourage.

They visited the Tomb of Tut Ankh Amun, which is the smallest of the more famous tombs of the area. Originally found intact in 1922, many of the treasures have been transferred to the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

Several of the men expressed special interest about the building of Karnak, named by the French «Savants» of Napoleon Bonaparte's Army in the eighth year of the French Republic.

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Let's not forget the Royal Sphinx, called by the Arabs Abou El Hol (Father of Terror). Its head resembles a human, an the body a lion.

On Friday the 15th our friends landed in Jerusalem, making their headquarters the Claridge Hotel. Everyone expected a very warm climate but found the weather pleasantly cool.

They inspected closely here the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is one of the larger attractions of The Holy Land. The Church is jointly occupied by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Syrian, Armenian and Coptic Churches, each with their own chapels, and places of worship.

The next day the touring continued its rapid pace as the Garden Tomb of Jerusalem was visited. Most expressed the idea that this was the finest sight of the trip.

Enroute they saw and some swam in the Dead Sea. It is the lowest spot on earth, being 1300 feet below sea level.

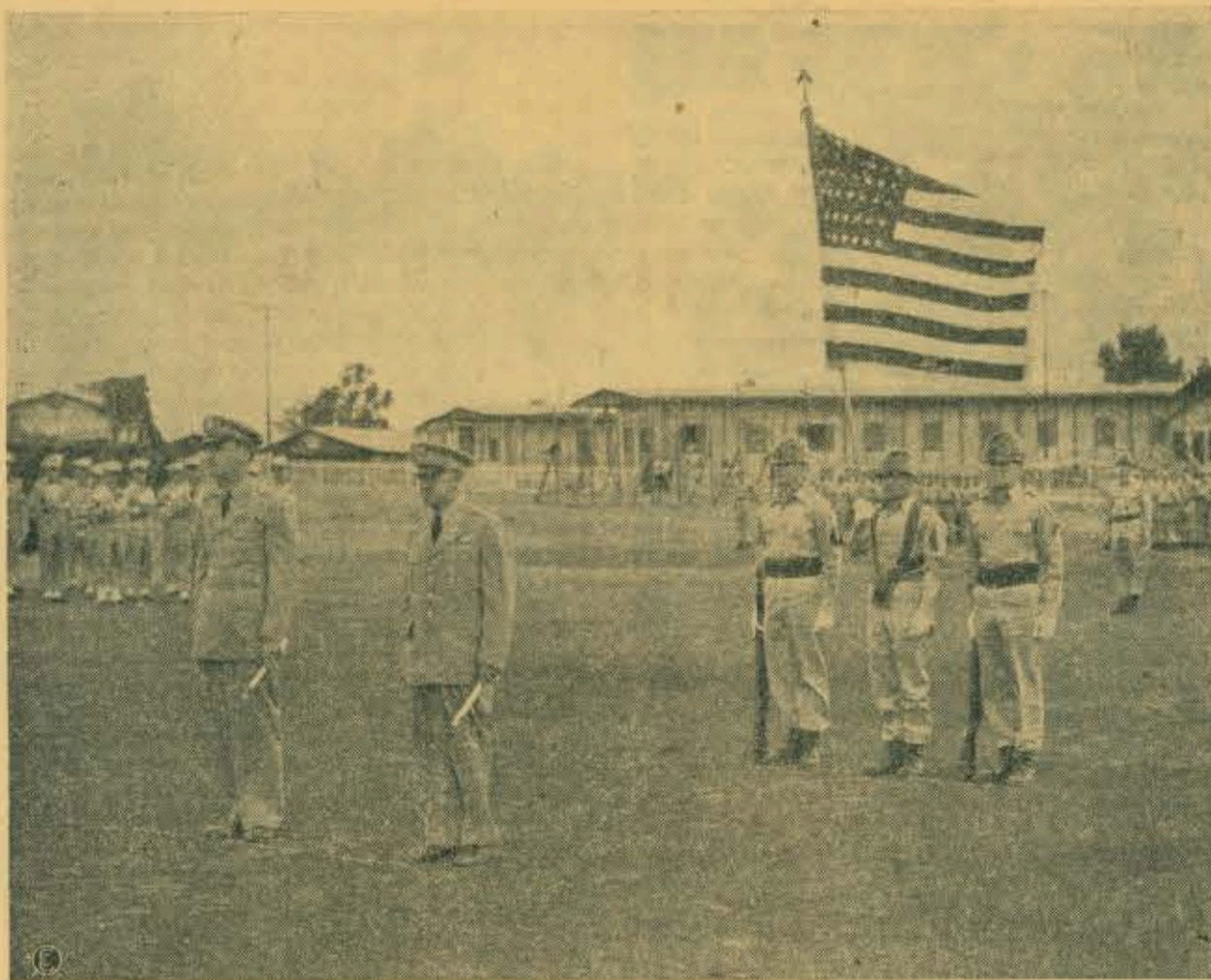
On the «Street of the Straight» a tapestry making factory was visited. In the show rooms, intricately inlaid ivory furniture and fine linens were gazed upon with amazement.

The next stop was Beirut, Lebanon. Beirut has a population of 600,000, is reportedly quite modern and is one of the principle commercial points in the Middle East.

Here was seen the American University of Beirut—a large, modern and complete campus, housing 10,000 students. Most of the students are Arabic.

On Wednesday the 20th, the tour was drawing to a close as the travelers departed for Cairo and the next day returned to Asmara.

A very cordial group, complemented by the superb service of EAL, made the trip very successful.



Lt. Col. Orville Gentry and CWO John T. Haydahl, receiving Certificates of Merit from Col. Orman G. Charles, Kagnew Station Commanding Officer.

New Kagnew Station Band Highlights Review; Twelve Men Perform

The Kagnew Station Marching Band, performing for the first time in its present organization, added color to the Retreat Review, held Wednesday, 20 April, in highlighting the entire ceremony.

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Twelve Kagnew Station bandmen await the command to play as the companies pass in review. From left to right are: PFC Ray, Bandmaster, Lt. Rockstrom, PFC Gordon, Pvt. Barnes, 2nd row: Pvt. Goodrich, Cpl. Duling, PFC Perkins, 3rd row: PFC Henry, PFC Gray, PFC Forrester, 4th row: Cpl. Schottenbauer, 5th row: Cpl. Guffey, Lt. Walton, Pvt. Thelen.

The twelve-man group worked diligently for the two weeks preceding the Retreat Review to present a showing commensurate with the inspiring military ceremony, for which it was designed to play.

Commencing the Review, which honored two Kagnew Station retiring officers, Pvt. James W. Goodrich, Hq. Co., sounded the «Adjutant's Call» on Major Jay W. Worrall's (Commander of Troops) command.

SHOW BUSINESS

The bright lights of Broadway are proudly displaying the titles of several new stage and screen hits. Tennessee Williams' Cat on a Hot Tin Roof is being praised by most critics as the finest serious play of the season.

Although Hollywood is producing bigger and more colorful movies, the best of the crop still seem to be the old-fashioned, black and white films. This is evidenced by the fact that On the Waterfront not only won the Academy Award for the best picture of the year, but also set a record for winning more awards than any other picture in history.

Native Guards Complement M.P.'s

One might be tempted to call them the quiet ones. In fact, so quiet are they that very little is really known about them by the majority of the personnel and dependents here at Kagnew Station.

Contrary to popular belief, the selection of guard candidates is the responsibility of the Investigations Office. Upon applying for a job, the applicant may just as easily, depending upon the opening available, find himself working in the P.X. or Mess Hall as in the Guard Detachment.

Although the number of men entering this organization is small, it is quite unusual to hear of a man leaving of his own choice. Unlike the U. S. Army, if a Guard, for reasons of his own, decides he can fare better elsewhere it is his privilege to do so.

The usual benefits which we are so accustomed to are not available to this group. Such items as free hospitalization, extra allowances for wife and children, retirement benefits and leave with pay are not available at present.

Undoubtedly many of you have noticed a fairly large group of new men going through «basic training» on the parade grounds as of late. Due to the size of the new post, there will be a need for a larger detachment.

We would like to leave you with this thought in mind: a cheerful greeting and a pleasant word will go a long way towards promoting even better relations than those which already exist, between the Americans and the Native Guards.

Lt. Col. Orville L. Gentry, Kagnew Station Executive Officer and Deputy Commander for Operations, and CWO John T. Haydahl, 8604 D.U. Radio Maintenance and Signal Supply Officer, stepped to the fore Wednesday, 20 April, in all the pomp and circumstance of a military ceremony, to receive meritorious awards for their honorable and dutiful service while assigned to this command.

9434 Host to I.G. Team

The personnel of 9434 TU have been host to Lt. Col. Albert R. Bech and Major Robert W. McConville the past week. The purpose of the visit for these two officers were the Command and Technical Inspection, and the Inspector General's Annual Inspection respectively.

Lt. Col. Bech is executive Officer of ACACA, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D.C. In addition to covering the Command and Technical Inspection, the Colonel made a survey of 9434 TU man power. Before assignment to ACACA, Lt. Col. Bech was the Deputy Commander of the Alaska, Communication's System, an organization covering the entire communication system in Alaska.

Major McConville is from the Chief Signal Office, Washington, D.C., branch of the Inspector General. Prior to serving under the Inspector General's office, the Major was stationed with the 7th Army in Germany for three years, two years of which he was Radio Officer, and then eighteen months with the S.3 Army Signal Battalion.

Major McConville celebrated his 16th anniversary in the Army while conducting his inspection at Kagnew Station.

No Man Contributed So Much

by PFC BOB WEISENSTEIN

The legislative branch of our government was fashioned with a system of checks and balances in order to insure proper government. By the same token, the hand of God has in some indefinable way, established the same thing with men of science.

Without a doubt he was most noted for his Theory of Relativity. Through it the door to the first nuclear chain reaction was opened. Despite his accomplishments Dr. Einstein chose to ignore fame and lived a quiet life in the intellectually rich community of Princeton.

The residents of Princeton were visibly stunned when they learned of the frail grey-headed scholar's death. Many remember him as the old man shuffling from store to store making small purchases. Always he had a cheerful greeting for those who spoke to him.

Words of praise read, «As a man whose warmth continued to flow throughout his life, he never sent away empty handed anyone who came to him for comfort and advice».

But the hand of God has taken him and he is our loss. However, the world will long remember Dr. Albert Einstein.

Col. Gentry, whose decorations include the coveted Bronze Star and Order of the British Empire, left Kagnew Station after nearly a year of devoted service, for which he received the respect and admiration of superiors and subordinates alike.

Fortunately for us this tour, although short, has proven to be the highlight of our service. Individually and collectively you richly deserve and shall have, our very best wishes always, all ways.

The Gentrys left Asmara via EAL Friday, 22 April, for Athens, Greece. From there they will proceed to the United States by ship. The Colonel and his family plan to reside in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Before coming to Kagnew Station last July and since World War II, Col. Gentry served two years on General McArthur's staff in Tokyo and two tours of duty as a staff officer in Washington, D.C. During WW II, the retiring Colonel served in Europe between January 1942 and May 1945.

Colonel Gentry enlisted in the Army at Fort Benning, Georgia, 31 August 1933. He received a direct commission in Military Intelligence in Northern Ireland in September 1942. The Colonel was graduated from the Strategic Intelligence School in 1945, and the Command and General Staff College in 1954.

CWO Haydahl, after nearly thirty months at Kagnew Station, left Asmara with Col. Gentry aboard an EAL airliner for Athens, Greece, and a sea voyage to the ZI. Mr. Haydahl, a pioneer in developing radio communications in the Army, will be retired from active duty 30 June, after twenty-eight years of honorable service to his country.

Since being appointed Warrant Officer in 1942, Mr. Haydahl's service has included a tour at the Presidio of San Francisco, and tours in Japan, Korea, Okinawa and the Philippines. He arrived here in December 1952.

The retiring Warrant Officer enlisted in the Army at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, in 1925. His succeeding seventeen service years were spent in the Philippines and the States. Mr. Haydahl was graduated from the Fort Monmouth Signal School in 1937.

Vice-Consul Departs

Mr. David T. Schneider was relieved of his duties as American Vice-Consul in Asmara on Thursday, 21 April.

Mr. Schneider has returned to the U. S. to be assigned to the University of Pennsylvania for study of Hindustani with other area courses regarding India and Pakistan.

The Schneiders departed from Asmara via ALITALIA to Rome. At Naples they will board the U.S.S. Independence for passage to New York.

Among other governmental positions, David Schneider has served with the Federal Security Agency and the Department of the Air Force.

He was assigned to The Department of State on 21 November 1949, and was subsequently appointed Vice-Consul in Karachi, Pakistan. He had been with the American Consulate in Asmara since 25 September 1953.