

Well, since I was worked with my most reliable
 reliable memory I things seem long ago but
 had no authentic bird book you must
 not take my word for the list that follows.

Probably sure - Black-headed Gull - *Larus ridibundus ridibundus*
 Great Black-backed Gull - *Larus marinus*
 Lapwing (positive) *Vanellus vanellus*
 Puffin (doubtful) *Philonachus pugnax*
 Oystercatcher - *Haematopus ostralegus occidentalis*
 Crow (Canyon Crow) *Corvus corone corone*
 Heron (like Great Blue) *Ardea cinerea cinerea*
 Tern - no idea, what kind
 Coot - *Fulica atra atra*
 Woodpecker (likely Spotted W.) *Dryobates major anglicus*
 Raven - *Corvus corax corax*
 Turtle Dove (positive) *Streptopelia turtur turtur*
 Wood Pigeon (positive) *Columba palumbus*

I've taken the names from a book by Edmund Sandars
 first printed in 1927 and made into this edition in 1933 so
 the stuff should be half way accurate.

Since I've been located permanently here I've managed
 to add some smaller birds to my lists but I
 won't bother you with them at all. On eight-day
 slack leave (rest and recuperation, unquote) I was
 lucky enough to pick up the Tuffed Duck and the
 Sparrow Hawk though. Tuffty looks like a seagull and
 the Sparrow Hawk is one *Accipiter* all over again.
 We do have a black Thrush which acts and sounds
 much like our Robin but which they call 'Blackbird'.
 The 'Robin' here is a red-breasted warbler of dainty
 habits and gorgeous song. Things are different here.
 So now I have about 35 new species to my credit (2)

Where we are, here are only rather open oak
 wood lots if any trees at all. In a few
 places they have pines and we also have
 beeches (few), elms, and laurels. Also hazels.
 It's not like your favorite rain forest, Jim.
 It's gonna be good seeing that stuff again.
 I can hardly wait.

Meanwhile, we sweat our missions but
 and I do mean on some of them. We got
 shot up pretty high one time a few weeks
 ago. What a deal. We were able to see the
 Swiss Alps one day from far far away
 and that was a real sight. Looked plenty
 okay after this flat country here. We've
 seen the cathedrals of Belgium and Holland,
 the Zuider Zee, and the Rhine Valley
 which is really beautiful. Honest Jim,
 I think that Rhine Valley is almost in
 a class with our Columbia Gorge. Perhaps
 a little further up it's even as precipitous
 but even where I saw it the other day.