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NEWS OF THE DAY VIA A DABBLER COMMUNIQUE.

UNDATED PACIFIC WAR.

AMERICAN TROOPS INVADED THE ADMIRALTY ISLANDS TODAY OUTFLANKING THE CRUMBLING JAPANESE FORTRESS OF RABAU. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED THAT THE BIG MOMOTE AIRDROME ON LOS NEGROS ISLAND WAS QUICKLY SEIZED FROM THE SURPRISED JAPANESE WHO PUT UP ONLY WEAK RESISTANCE AND WERE QUICKLY OVERPOWERED. THE FIELD HEAVILY RAIDED BY AMERICAN BOMBERS A MONTH AGO HAD BEEN WELL REPAIRED AND WAS IN SUCH GOOD CONDITION THAT IT CAN BE SOON TURNED TO USE AGAINST REMAINING ENEMY BASES AROUND THE BISMARCK SEA. THE AIR FIELD WAS SEIZED BY THE DISMOUNTED FIRST CAVALRY. THE SURPRISE STRIKE WAS MADE UNDER THE PERSONAL DIRECTION OF GENERAL MACARTHUR WHO RODE A WARSHIP WITH THE INVASION FORCES. IT WAS ONE OF MACARTHUR'S FAVORED ENCIRCLING MOVES WITH A DOUBLE EDGE. IT PUT AMERICAN FORCES ON EITHER FLANK OF RABAU 380 MILES TO THE SOUTHWEST AND SEVERED JAPANESE SUPPLY LINES FROM TRUK TO NORTHEAST NEW GUINEA. IT ALSO PUT AMERICAN FRONT LINES WITHIN 1300 MILES OF THE PHILIPPINES. MADANG AND WEWAK THE TWO MAJOR BASES STILL HELD BY THE ENEMY ON THE NORTHEAST SHORE OF NEW GUINEA ARE 225 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST. AUSTRALIANS ARE PRESSING TOWARD MADANG FROM THE SOUTH AND AMERICANS FROM THE EAST. DEFENDING GROUND FORCES ON THE ADMIRALTY ISLANDS WERE LEFT TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES. THEY RECEIVED NO AID FROM BOMB BATTERED AIRDRONES WHICH HAVE SELDOM EVEN DEFENDED THEMSELVES RECENTLY NOR FROM JAPANESE NAVAL UNITS WHICH AMERICAN FORCES HAVE BEEN HUNTING FOR MONTHS. THE PRESENCE OF MACARTHUR HIMSELF WITH A BATTERY OF OTHER HIGH RANKING OFFICERS INDICATED THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHED TO THE ACTION. TRUK VAUNTED VENTRAL PACIFIC ENEMY BASE NOW LIES MIDWAY BETWEEN AMERICAN HELD BOMBER FIELDS ON LOS NEGROS AND ON ENIWETOK IN THE WESTERN MARSHALLS BOTH WITHIN RANGE OF ALLIED FOUR ENGINED PLANES. ADMIRAL NIMITZ TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT AMERICAN PLANES DROPPED 30 TONS OF BOMBS SUNDAY ON PONAPE IN THE CAROLINES AND NEARLY 50 TONS ON SEVEN UNIDENTIFIED MARSHALL ISLAND ATOLLS IN CENTRAL PACIFIC NEUTRALIZING RAIDS. NAVY SEARCH PLANES STRAFED DOCK AREAS AND A SMALL SHIP AT KUSAIE IN THE EASTERN CAROLINES FEBRUARY 26. ARMY LIBERATORS CARRIED OUT THE PONAPE RAID WHICH CAUSED FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS. ARMY LIBERATORS MITCHELLS WARHAWK FIGHTERS DAUNTLESS DIVEBOMBERS AND NAVY SEARCH VENTURAS DELIVERED THE BLOWS AGAINST THE MARSHALLS. THE RESULTS OF THOSE ATTACKS WERE NOT REPORTED. THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID SEVERAL OF THE RAIDING PLANES WERE DAMAGED BY ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE BUT ALL RETURNED. FOURTEEN MORE SHIPS HAVE BEEN CUT FROM JAPAN'S DWINDLING FLEET OF MERCHANT SHIPS THE NAVY ANNOUNCED TODAY. IN ANNOUNCING THE NEW VICTORIES BY THE GROWING AND INCREASING SKILLFUL UNITED STATES UNDERSEA FLEET SECRETARY OF THE NAVY KNOX SAID THAT WELL OVER THREE MILLION TONS OF JAPANESE MERCHANT SHIPPING HAS BEEN DESTROYED SINCE PEARL HARBOR WHEN TOKYO HAD 7500000 TONS AVAILABLE. THE LATEST ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ENEMY SHIPS INCLUDED ONE LARGE TANKER A MEDIUMSIZED CARGO TRANSPORT A SMALL CARGO VESSEL AND ELEVEN MEDIUM CARGO SHIPS THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION REPORTED THAT THE VICHY RADIO BROADCASTING A TOKYO REPORT SAID TONIGHT THAT ALEUTIAN BASED UNITED STATES RECONNAISSANCE PLANES HAD BEEN OVER JAPAN PROPER IN PREPARATION FOR AN INVASION FROM THE NORTH. IN SOUTHWEST BURMA WHERE A BROKEN JAPANESE ARMY THAT THREE WEEKS AGO, NUMBERED 80000 WAS STRAGGLING BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL LINES. ADMIRAL LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN SALUTED HIS TROOPS WITH QUOTE YOU HAVE GIVEN THE JAPS A CRACK THEY WILL REMEMBER. THEY ARE LEARNING THAT JUST AS THE WAR CANNOT BE WON BY SUDDEN AND TREACHEROUS ASSAULTS SO TOO BIG BATTLES ARE NOT DECIDED BY SURPRISE ATTACK UNQUOTE.

NEW YORK.

ALFRED LILLEY WHO WALKED INTO A POLICE STATION LAST NIGHT AND SAID HE WAS A SUBMARINE LANDED NAZI SABOTEUR WHO HAS COMPLETED HIS MISSION IN AMERICA CONFESSED TO THE FBI TUESDAY THAT HIS MOVIE PLOT STORY WAS A HOAX SPECIAL AGENT EE CONROY SAID. ACTUALLY CONROY SAID LILLEY WAS A 23 YEAR OLD ENGLISH SAILOR WHO HAD BEEN IN NEW YORK FROM FEBRUARY TO DECEMBER 1943 AWAITING ASSIGNMENT TO A BRITISH SHIP. CONROY SAID THAT ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF U S ATTORNEY MCNALLY LILLEY HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE BRITISH CONSULATE IN NEW YORK FOR RETURN TO ENGLAND.

LONDON .

THE SOVIET COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED TUESDAY NIGHT THE CAPTURE OF THE TOWN OF POGORELKA SIX MILES NORTH OF PSKOV AND SAID THAT MORE THAN 250 POPULATED PLACES WERE CAPTURED IN THIS BALTIC FRONT OFFENSIVE. THE RUSSIANS ALSO CAPTURED NOVORZHEV A BASTION GUARDING THE APPROACH TO THE BALTIC NORTHWEST OF NOVOSOKOLNIKI AND ABOUT SEVENTY MILES SOUTHEAST OF PSKOV SAID THE COMMUNIQUE BROADCAST FROM MOSCOW.

WASHINGTON.

A COMPROMISE SERVICE VOTE BILL PROVIDING LIMITED USE OF THE ADMINISTRATION BACKED FEDERAL BALLOT WAS APPROVED TUESDAY BY SENATE AND HOUSE CONFEREES. THE COMPROMISE APPROVED WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE RANKIN LEADER OF THE SOUTHERN STATES RIGHTS DEMOCRAT AUTHORIZES USE OF A UNIFORM FEDERAL ABSENTEE BALLOT ONLY IF GOVERNORS CERTIFY THAT IT IS ACCEPTABLE UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATES.

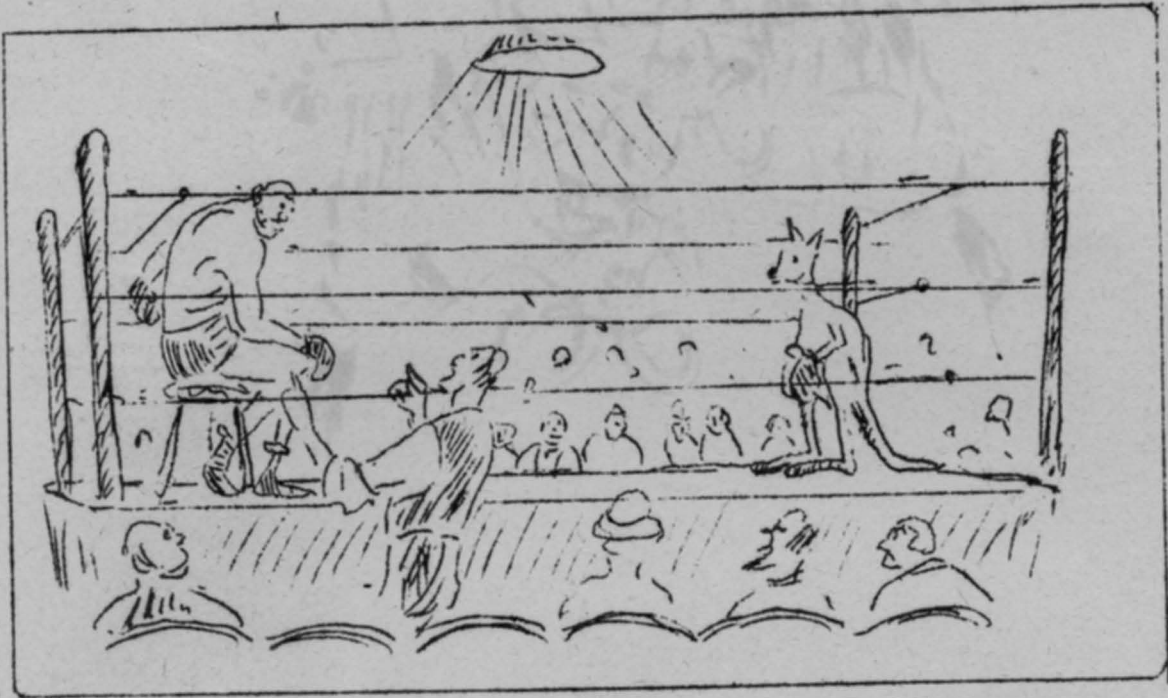
WASHINGTON .

ESTABLISHMENT OF A WASHINGTON CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS FOR GOVERNOR--JOHN W. BRICKER OF OHIO WAS PROPOSED MONDAY NIGHT BY MEMBERS OF THE STATES REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION SUPPORTING HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE PARTYS PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION



"THE BEST PROPAGANDA I EVER TASTED."

DABBLERINES.



"REMEMBER NOW, YOU'VE GOT THE BRAINS." (THANKS TO MR PRICE)



"MEET MY BOY FRIEND OFF THE
" ABBOT"



"WHAT JUST FOR A PIECE OF
BEEF! YOU SHOULD HAVE
HELD OUT AT LEAST FOR
A HAM.

NEW DELHI.

STRAGGLING JAPANESE THE REMNANTS OF A FORCE OF EIGHT THOUSAND WERE CARRYING THEIR WOUNDED ALONG THE BURMA JUNGLE TRAILS IN A WIDESPREAD SOUTHWARD RETREAT ON BOTH SIDES OF THE MAYU RANGE TUESDAY TRYING DESPERATELY TO REGAIN THEIR MAIN LINES BEFORE AKYAB IN A SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY ADMIRAL MOUNTBATTEN OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND TOLD HIS 14TH ARMY EASTERN AIR COMMAND AND ARAKAN NAVAL FORCES THAT THEY HAD GAINED A COMPLETE VICTORY AND THAT THE JAPANESE ATTACKS HAD BEEN SMASHED. THE MESSAGE DISCLOSED THAT THE FORMER COMMANDO CHIEFTAIN HIMSELF HAD RECENTLY VISITED THE JUNGLE FRONT. THE REGULAR COMMUNIQUE SAID THE ABORTIVE JAPANESE OFFENSIVE AIMED AT WIPING OUT THE FIFTH AND SEVENTH INDIAN DIVISIONS IN ARAKAN AND SWEEPING ON INTO INDIA HAD COST THE ENEMY 1500 DEAD.

BUENOS AIRES.

FEDERAL POLICE ANNOUNCED TUESDAY THEY HAD ARRESTED A NUMBER OF AXIS SPIES INCLUDING CREW MEN OF SPANISH VESSELS WHO AIDED THE ESCAPE OF SAILORS OF THE SCUTTLED GERMAN POCKET BATTLE SHIP GRAF SPEE. THE POLICE COMMUNIQUE SAID THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS GROUP OF SPANIARDS ALSO INCLUDED THE ESTABLISHING OF A CLANDESTINE RADIO STATION.

NEW YORK.

THEODOR WOLFF 75 FORMER EDITOR OF THE BERLINER TAGEBLATT AN INFLUENTIAL NEWSPAPER IN PRE HITLER GERMANY DIED LAST NOVEMBER IN A BERLIN HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS TAKEN AFTER HIS HEALTH HAD BEEN BROKEN BY IMPRISONMENT AUFBAU GERMAN ENGLISH ANTI NAZI WEEKLY SAID IT HAD LEARNED TUESDAY.

CHICAGO.

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THAT A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONS BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING PEACE BY LEGAL SANCTIONS AND THE SUPPRESSION OF AGGRESSIVE WAR WAS RECOMMENDED TUESDAY TO THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

WASHINGTON.

SENATOR WAGNER DEMOCRAT NEW YORK SAID TUESDAY THE STATE CONVENTIONS OF THE DEMOCRATIC AND AMERICAN LABOR PARTIES IN NEW YORK WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER HE WILL SEEK REELECTION FOR A FOURTH SENATE TERM. COMMENTING ON A NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE STORY WHICH SAID WAGNER HAD INDICATED HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO RUN AGAIN ON ACCOUNT OF HIS HEALTH THE SENATOR TOLD REPORTERS HIS HEALTH IS ALL RIGHT.

LOSANGELES.

ATTORNEYS FOR CHARLES CHAPLIN AND SIX OTHER PERSONS TUESDAY ATTACKED GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS CHARGING THEM WITH CONSPIRACY TO DEPRIVE THE ACTORS FORMER PROTEGE TWENTY FOUR YEAR OLD JOAN BERRY OF HER CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. THEY FILED MOTIONS TO QUASH THE INDICTMENTS ON THE GROUND THAT THE GRAND JURY WHICH RETURNED THEM INCLUDED NO WOMEN.

WASHINGTON.

IN ONE OF THE MOST OPTIMISTIC STATEMENTS TO COME FROM A UNITED NATIONS LEADER IN RECENT WEEKS MARSHAL STALIN TOLD PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TUESDAY THAT THE FINAL DEFEAT OF HITLER IS NEAR. HIS LANGUAGE CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT HE CONSIDERS THE TIME FOR ALLIED INVASION OF WESTERN EUROPE NEAR. IN A MESSAGE RELEASED BY THE WHITE HOUSE STALIN SAID QUOTE I AM STRONGLY CONVINCED THAT THE TIME IS NEAR WHEN THE SUCCESSFUL STRUGGLE OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE SOVIET UNION TOGETHER WITH THE ARMIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN WILL LEAD TO THE FINAL DEFEAT OF OUR COMMON ENEMY HITLERITE GERMANY UNQUOTE. STALIN'S MESSAGE WAS IN REPLY TO CONGRATULATIONS FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT FEB. 22 ND ON THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RED ARMY.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS NAPLES.

GERMAN ARTILLERY ON HEIGHTS OVERLOOKING THE ANZIO BEACHHEAD BELOW ROME ROARED INTO FULL THROATED ACTION TUESDAY SPRAYING ALLIED TROOPS AND INSTALLATIONS THROUGHOUT THE 100 SQUARE MILE AREA WITH ONE OF THE HEAVIEST SHELLINGS SINCE THE LANDING THERE OVER FIVE WEEKS AGO. IN A DISPATCH FROM THAT CONSTRICTED ALLIED HOLDING EDWARD KENNEDY OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SAID THAT THE NAZIS WERE NOT CONCENTRATING ON ANY PARTICULAR TARGET OF THE MANY WITHIN THEIR OBSERVATION BUT WERE BLAZING AWAY AT THE BEACHHEAD IN GENERAL. THEREFORE HE SAID THE FIRE WAS NOT INTENSIVE AT ANY GIVEN POINT. THERE ALSO WERE AIR ALERTS KENNEDY RADIOE INDICATING THAT THE GERMAN AIR FORCE WAS OUT IN SOME STRENGTH AGAIN AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF ALMOST COMPLETE INACTIVITY. TUESDAYS GERMAN HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT ACTION BY CRACK NAZI TROOPS LED TO LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS OF GERMAN POSITIONS IN THE BEACHHEAD BUT THERE WAS NO INDICATION FROM EITHER SIDE THAT THE TEN GERMAN DIVISIONS OPPOSING THE BEACHHEAD HAD OPENED ANOTHER GENERAL ASSAULT ON ALLIED POSITIONS.

LONDON.

THE RUSSIANS BROKE INTO THE IMMEDIATE DEFENSE BELT AROUND PSKOV AND ROLLED SIEGE GUNS WITHIN EASY SHELLING RANGE OF THE BALTIC GATEWAY CITY TUESDAY NIGHT MOSCOW DISPATCHES SAID. THE GERMANS SHOWED SIGNS OF MAKING A STRONG EFFORT TO HOLD THE CITY OF SIXTY THOUSAND NEAR THE BORDERS OF SOUTHERN ESTONIA AND LATVIA. THE BRITISH RADIO QUOTED THE RUSSIAN ARMY NEWSPAPER RED STAR AS SAYING SOVIET TROOPS WERE WITHIN SIGHT OF PSKOV WHERE THE GERMANS ARE RESISTING FIERCELY. AFTER MORE THAN TWO WEEKS OF RELENTLESS PROGRESS OVER THE CRUEL BOGLAND THE RUSSIANS CLOSED IN FOR A PITCHED BATTLE AT THE GATES OF THE STRONGLY FORTIFIED BASE. THE FAR FLUNG CAMPAIGN IN NORTHWEST RUSSIA HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY MOVEMENTS OF SMALL GROUPS INFILTRATIONS AND QUICK SKIRMISHES.

WASHINGTON .

ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE EDWARD R. STETTINIUS HAD ADVISED THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR DR ADRIAN C. ESCOBAR THAT THE UNITED STATES VIEWS ITS RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA WITH GREAT SERIOUSNESS AS A RESULT OF CHANGES IN THE GOVERNMENT AT BUENOS AIRES ESCOBAR CALLED ON STETTINIUS AT HIS HOME SUNDAY AND IT WAS LEARNED STETTINIUS TOOK OCCASION TO IMPRESS UPON HIM THE SERIOUS EFFECT OF THE NEW ARGENTINA REGIME UPON THE RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES

LONDON .

TRAVELING ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS FLY ROUTES IN EUROPE THE U S EIGHTH AIR FORCE HURLED ITS FLYING FORTRESSES AGAINST THE DYING AIRCRAFT CENTER OF BRUNSWICK GERMANY TUESDAY FOR THE FOURTH TIME THIS MONTH AND THEN FOLLOWED WITH ANOTHER SHARP STAB BY LIBERATORS ON THE PAS DE CALAIS COAST OF NORTHERN FRANCE. THE 450 MILE THRUST AT BRUNSWICK TOOK THE FORTRESSES AND A GREAT ESCORT OF FIGHTERS OVER TERRITORY WHICH IN THE PAST HAS BEEN FIERCELY DEFENDED BY THE GERMANS LYING AS IT DOES ON THE DIRECT ROUTE TO BERLIN. IT WAS ON THIS COURSE THAT THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE SUFFERED ITS RECORD LOSS OF HEAVY BOMBERS 60 DURING A RAID ON BRUNSWICK JANUARY 11 WHEN 152 NAZI AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED.

AP (DELAYED) An untold story of individual heroism was brought to light today by the Marine Corps in the story of Pvt. John T. Yakisch of Detroit. This story was made in those days when our hold on Guadalcanal was not too tenacious. Pvt. Yakisch tells; "We were advancing along a knoll when we ran into five or six machine guns. It was late, so we dug for the night. The Japs were in a wooded spot where their guns commanded a clearing through which we must pass. Somebody had to get 'em out of there. Seven men volunteered but were disappointed when permission was refused.

"I had an idea I could do some good, so just before the sun came up I went out alone. I wasn't trying to pull a fast one but I knew if I asked to go they wouldn't let me. I told my buddy to give the word I was out there but not until I was too far to be called back.

"Creeping and crawling with rifle, fixed bayonet, and two grenades I moved out. A couple of our mortar shells struck close by me. I hit the deck fast. You can imagine how funny I felt a few minutes later when I raised up and looked around into the face of a Jap about 10 ft. from me. He was sitting in a dugout off to one side of a machine gun, hidden behind a log emplacement. I fired, and he went down, shot through the head. Then the racket started. The gun opened up

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EDITORIAL

"THE DESTROYER NAVY"

By Commander M.E. DORNIN.

"One reads very little in the magazines and newspapers concerning the deeds of the "Destroyer Navy", as a consequence to the average civilian it must seem as if submarines and carrier based aircraft are the only ones doing the fighting for the Navy in this war.

To quote from a recent article in the Naval Institute Proceedings"---someday the story of the 'silent service' will be told. 'Never have so few had so much to do' to twist one of Churchill's quotations. As yet no destroyer has been called upon to take off or submerge, but no destroyer man would be at all surprised to be ordered to do either.. Still, no matter how difficult or colorful a feat the destroyer may perform, no one ever considers it out of the ordinary or writes an article about it.

As you all have learned by this time, the destroyer is a mechanical miracle, but no mechanism is better than the man operates it. Much of the success of the United States destroyer is due to you men who make up the crew. You have the highest morale in the Navy, despite the hardships you have to accept every day. The ship is crowded, poorly ventilated, and uncomfortable. Even in a calm sea it has a motion which is a cross between a hula and a rhumba.

The main point of contention, however, is the fact that submarines, and aviation have added compensation for the risks they take, and with their time off during liberty and overhaul periods

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TWENTY-TWO ABBOTEERS PROMOTED!

(DP) Twenty-two ABBOT men were promoted effective today. The men promoted to the next higher rating were: DRESSEL, D.B., BRADY, W.C., PAREDES, C.C., FLAUGHER, G.R., NACLERIO, R.A., BEARD, J.F., BRODE, B.B., HILLMAN, J.H., PONTICELLI, R., POTURICA, J.G., RICHARD, J.F., RICHARDSON, J.E., ROPOSH, G.L., RUPERT, M.J., and SCHREIBERSDORF, S. VIEIRA, M., KRACHEY, J.E., SICKELS, W.B., were promoted from S2c to Flc. SMITH, T.W., was made junior partner in the Torpedo ratings while PARKER, J.R., (junior) was advanced to junior assistant to the junior officer of the deck. REARDON, J.A., is now searching the horizon with his radar eyes as third class Radarman. BRIGANTE shocked himself into the electrical position.

It is deeply regretted by the Executive Officer and the Commanding Officer, that because some ratings are "closed" right now, some men who passed good examinations and have done excellent work were not able to be advanced. However, these men are not to be forgotten and when the ratings do open, their examinations will stand in good stead.

Those men advanced are reminded that they have their feet well on the Navy's ladder of success and are cautioned in the same breath, not to loose their footing. The best wishes of us all to youse mugs.

CURRAN: Hey I went visiting HUTCHINSON today.

CURRANTS: Yeah? Where did you find him?

CURRAN: Oh, I just pushed aside his hair and there he was!

GUADACANAL: (Cont'd) on me. It must have fired 3/4 of a clip. I was flat on my face. It was lucky for me that I was off to one side of the gun or I would have been hit. "I crept closer, shoved my rifle into the dugout and pumped five shots in. The machine gun never fired again. I had armor-piercing shells and a couple shots hit the bolt of the gun. The rifle was empty so I reached for my grenades. I had only one. I guess I lost the other on the way. I tossed the grenade and then charged in on 'em.

The grenade hadn't knocked 'em out. There was a wounded Jap on the ground and three others were around the gun. I got the first one with the bayonet. They were scared, yelling and screaming. I bayoneted the second one and he held on to the rifle. I couldn't pull it out. Then the third one grasped the rifle. We struggled and I spit in his face. I was so mad I didn't know what I was doing. Twice I hit him in the face with my fist. He fell down, got up again and went to the corner of the dugout, maybe to get a weapon. I wanted to get out of there before more Japs came. I grabbed the machine gun and tried to drag it but it was too heavy, and I was in a hurry. I stood up and ran for our lines. A couple of snipers took pot shots at me but I made it. The boys were glad to see me. I told the Lieut. what happened and asked permission to go and get the gun. He let 3 men go with me. We blasted the hole with the tommy gon I had and threw a grenade. The Japs were dead when we got there. Dowden shot and killed a sniper who was aiming at Young from behind. Then Van and Young grabbed the gun and started back. Dowden and I remained behind awhile to cover them. When we got back I was worried about getting read off because I had gone out without asking permission. The Lieutenant told us it was good work.

We have to cut this short as there is a shortage of paper. You haven't turned in many suggestions. How about it? Next week we hope to have Lieutenant-Commander Gabbert, Guest Editor. "DO's and DON'ts in case of capture.

THE DESTROYER NAVY (Cont'd)

(while the destroyers patrol off the harbors) they get the wine and women too.

Of course none of us are too "silent" when we think of those things, but no one gripes for too long and after all there is something wrong with a man that never has a gripe. Besides, the other branches of the Navy are doing their part too.

Furthermore, I can honestly say, that in my eighteen years of naval service, and three cruises in destroyers, I have never served with a finer bunch of officers and men than are on the ABBOT, and that I, for one, love the "Destroyer Navy", as much as you all do, and know that the MIGHTY "A" is the best damn ship in the fleet!

In spite of the lack of extra pay, etc., who could ask for more?

MARSHALL E. DORNIN.

WANNA HAVE SOME FUN? WANNA MAKE SOME DO?

It has been suggested to have a "Quiz Program". To have a fast moving, wise cracking program thought out and then have contestants, for good solid cash. Put on a better program than "A box of Ferever Yers" has.

The following divisions would be pooled and out of each pool six men could be drawn to represent the divisions:

Team No 1 - 1ST & 2ND Divisions.

Team No 2 - "E" Division.

Team No.3 - "C" & "D" Divisions.

Team No 4 - "O" & "S" Divisions.

We could have a lot of fun out of it and maybe settle the argument which is Brawn with a right arm rate - Brains with a left arm rate. Give your comments to Ensign Richard C. Nehring (of the 2nd Division Nehrings) or Chief HYLER of the Evaporator Hylers.

SQUEEZE WKEED KURRAN SAYS:

The first winner is JOE HERSEY, S2c. batting a hundred. The answers to last week are: (1) Casey STRUCK OUT; (2) ARGENZIO, by merit of formal education and the ORANGUTAN next; (3) BOSTON is BEANTOWN; (4) The big 3 - YALE HARVARD and PRINCETON; (5) BASEBALL is also RROUNDERS (shame on you Hyler).

NEW QUEEZERLERS

- (1) A trudgen stroke is a racing stroke used in swimming (T or F)?
- (2) In what sport is the term "Squeeze play" CORRECTLY used?
- (3) Name in order the 3 heavyweight champs previous to Joe Louis.
- (4) What was another name for Wm F. Coody?
- (5) The Erie Canal connects what two bodies of water?

THIS CONTEST CLOSSES AT 1200 SATURDAY - TURN IN YOUR ANSWERS TO CURRAN, Y2c.

RECKONING DAY!

I met him the first day he came to camp. He'd enlisted from some little place over in Arizona. His real name is Leroy. Only it don't fit him. It's like calling Hercules Percy. I guess when his folks named him, they had no idea he'd grow to be six foot two and wigh a hundred and ninety pounds.

Right away we started calling him Arizona. Maybe it was on account he kept talking about his home state. Maybe it was on account of the sunshine in his hair and his blue eyes and swell grin. Or maybe it was because he was tough and strong - rugged like the desert.

We're buddies from the start. Every Saturday when we'd have leave we'd go out on the highway and hitch a ride to San Diego. That is, we did until one Saturday. I'm waiting down at the La Jolla intersection when he comes running up all out of breath.

"I can't go," he puffs excitedly.

"What do you mean, you can't go?"

"I got a letter," he says. There's a funny look on his face. Knowing the symptoms, I figure it's a girl. Only I'm surprised. I never been able to get Arizona near a girl.

"So you got a letter," I grunt. "So what?"

"I got to answer it," says Arizona. "It's terribly important."

"O.K., O.K.," I say disgustedly. Just then a car pulls up, and I hop in and go on by myself. Only I don't have much fun all by myself. When I get back to camp - about eight o'clock - I find Arizona in the recreation hall. He's sitting there, staring at a blank sheet of paper. The wastebasket is full of crumpled sheets. I saunter over to him.

"Need a little help?" I say.

"Hello, Pete;" he says, and his face lights up like a July sun over Tuscon. "Gosh, would you help?"

"Sure. What's it all about?" Arizona fumbles through his pocket. He pulls out a frayed newspaper clipping. It says: "Tuscon, Arizona: Belinda Honeybuss, 21, of Chuck Wagon was today crowned queen of the Rodeo. She cinched the title this morning by bulldogging a steer in 29 seconds"

"The minute I saw that," broke in Arizona, "I knew she was the one. Just my age. An out-of-doors girl. A champion."

"So you wrote her a letter?" I scoffed.

"Yeah," says Arizona dreamily. "A week ago. Right after Mom sent me the Tuscon paper. Her answer came this noon. Here."

"H'mmm," I say, reading it. "Not bad. 'And the sunsets - the smell of rain on the desert - the Joshua trees silhouetted against a full moon. Yes, I love all these things, too.'"

"Isn't she wonderful?" sighs Arizona.

"I don't know," I say sarcastically. "Especially on account of the post-script. 'I'm sorry I do not have a picture to send. It's been quite a while since I had one taken.' How do you know but she's seven feet tall and weighs three hundred pounds on the hoof?"

"Ever see anybody bulldog a steer?" snaps Arizona.

I grin. "O.K., O.K. You win. She's the athletic type. Let's get busy." And so we do. I do most of the writing, and brother, do I lay it on! How homesick I am for Arizona. Also, how I'm practically the best rifle shot in Camp Callan. After quite an argument I get Arizona to sign it, "Always yours, Leroy."

Brother, did Arizona get it bad! Two or three letters every week. He got so he hardly ate, waiting for the mail. He let me read his letters, but he didn't need any more help answering them himself. I never would of thought he had it in him. Belinda's letters were nice, too, but kind of reserved.

"I don't care," beamed Arizona happily, "just so long as she keeps on writing. I like her that way. Just wait until my ten-day furlough comes."

That was on Sunday afternoon Arizona told me that. We were alone in the recreation hall. He'd no more than said it when Lieutenant Hanks came over to us.

"Mrs. Dover of La Jolla is giving a party," he says. "Two men couldn't go. I want you two to substitute for them."

"Yes, SIR," I said.

"Fine. There's a car out front. Be back by midnight."

"Boy!" I whistled. There's only one car outside - a red convertible.

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And the girls. Really something. We introduced ourselves. When Betty got out the front seat, I quick piled in. I prefer blondes, and what a blonde was Mildred! We hit it off right from the start. I keep worrying about Arizona. Betty is trying to make conversation, but not doing so good. Finally, when we're about through the canyon, I hear her mention Phoenix.

"Are you from Arizona?" shouts Arizona.

"I sure am," says Betty proudly. From then on I relax and devote my attention to duty - per Lieutenant Hanks. Some party. Fried-chicken dinner. Dancing in the patio. Everbody having a swell time. Even Arizona sitting in a corner with Betty and both talking like they'd known each other all their lives.

When we got back to camp, Arizona was pretty quiet. I said nothing - just hoped. I guess we did all right with Mildred and Betty. They came out and picked us up the next two Sundays in a row. Swimming, tennis, eating. By the second Sunday I knew. Both Betty and Arizona had it bad.

"Gosh," groaned Arizona that night. "I don't know what I'm going to do. I sure like Betty. Of course I like Belinda too. I wonder, if we met, if I'd really like her. Her letters are kind of lukewarm. Gosh I wish she'd send me her picture. Oh gosh!"

It was the next week - after Arizona had written a letter that took five hours to compose - that he got his telegram. His face was deathly white when he handed it to me. "ARRIVING THREE P.M. SUNDAY NEXT LOVE BELINDA."

"Whew!" I whistled.

"Look how she signed it 'Love'. She never did that before."

All week long Leroy nearly was crazy. He kept wondering if he should tell Betty. We both had to make excuses for Sunday. They were swell about it.

At three o'clock Sunday afternoon we're sitting in the recreation hall waiting. I don't know who's more nervous, Arizona or me. He keeps going to the window and peering out. About three ten an orderly comes in. Sergeant Winfield (Leroy) is informed that the Colonel wants to see him. Leroy's got that last-mile look on his face. I smoke half a pack of cigarettes in the next thirty minutes. Which didn't help much. The orderly comes in again. He tells me to report at the colonel's cottage. Gosh, I'm scared! When I walk up the drive I can hardly believe my eyes. Arizona is all smiles. He gets up and says, "Pete, I want you to meet Belinda" I stare at her.

"It's all right!" she chuckles and holds out her hand.

"How do you do?" I stammer.

"You didn't expect to meet an old gray-haired grandmother like me, did you Pete?" - "No, ma'am," I gulp.

Belinda laughed softly. "It's all very simple. When I got Leroy's letter, I realized how lonesome he was. I thought I might help by writing to him. I didn't actually tell him anything to mislead him. Of course I left out a few things too. Come on, boys, have some tea. And there's lots of cake."

"Isn't she wonderful?" beams Arizona between bites. "Yeah," I said, still confused. Something keeps bothering me. I can't figure it out. Finally it hits me. "Hey. That article. That bulldogging stuff that started it all!" Belinda picks up a newspaper from the coffee table. "Here it is," she says.

"Yeah, that's the one." At the top of the column if had 'continued from page one, section one.' I folded back the paper. The column was headed - 'THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY'. Belinda glanced at her watch.

"I don't want to rush you," she said, looking at Leroy, "But you'd better not keep your young ladies waiting."

"It's Belinda's idea, Pete," says Arizona. "She's going to dinner with the colonel. He's a friend of her husband who's a colonel in North Africa. I phoned the girls."

"Good-by, boys. Good luck," says Belinda. "And Leroy, don't forget your promise to write soon."

"I'll sure remember!" shouts Arizona, and, boy, did we run for it! We see a red convertible coming in the gate.

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