

Wormy Rice, Rats, Disease Weaken Flyers; Religion, Food Chief Topics in Filthy Cells; One Doolittle Raider Finally 'Disappears'

Editor's Note: The 76-day nightmare endured by the captured Doolittle flyers at infamous bridge house, Shanghai, is described by Capt. C. Jay Nielsen of Hyrum, Utah. The following is the sixth chapter of the aviators' story of their 40-month imprisonment. The experiences of the other two recently liberated Doolittle flyers, including Sgt. Jacob Deshazer of Salem, will be told beginning tomorrow.

By Capt. C. Jay Nielsen
Chapter Six

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When I was led from my filthy cell in the Tokyo prison that morning of June 16, 1941 I stood blinking in the sun for a minute or two. For once I was blindfolded.

Then I saw seven of my buddies who were with me on the Doolittle flight and a surge of joy went through me.

You haven't any idea how good it felt to see those fellows, and I know they felt the same way. We couldn't talk, of course, but we grinned at each other and gave the thumbs-up sign.

We were trussed up securely—our arms handcuffed and tied behind our backs and a long rope tied around our waists—and we were loaded into automobiles and taken to a railroad station.

It was a fast ride. I got to see a little of Tokyo, however. I had hoped to see the area we'd bombed, but we missed that. There didn't seem to be much activity in Tokyo and there were relatively few people on the streets, most of them women and old men. They paid no attention to us.

At the station we were loaded on a train and there for the first time, we could talk.

The other seven—Capt. Nielsen, Lt. Dean Hallmark, Dallas, Tex.; Lt. Robert J. Meder, Lakewood, O.; Capt. Robert Hite, Earth, Tex.; Lt. William G. Farrow, Darlington, S. C.; Lt. George Barr, Springfield Gardens, Long Island, N. Y.; Sgt. Harold Spatz, Leboe, Kans., and Sgt. Jacob Deshazer, Salem, Ore.

We had a chance to do a lot of talking on the train, for we were on it until the next day, June 17. We talked about our treatment and how we probably were being sent to an internment camp.

Most of the fellows had received the same kind of torture I'd taken, but Lieut. Hallmark got a variation. He said they had put straps on his legs and arms and pulled them until he thought his joints were coming apart.

Unprotected on Ship
When the train reached the coast we were transferred to a boat and we landed in Shanghai on June 19. It was a rough trip. There was a storm and everyone else on the boat was provided with life preservers except us. We were handcuffed.

At Shanghai, we were blindfolded and taken to the "bridge house" which was also known as the "butcher shop." It was well named. We were put in a cell about 10 feet deep and 15 feet wide, along with 18 other men and women prisoners of every conceivable nationality.

A Jap and a Chinese were on the floor, nearly dead from dysentery. It was impossible to sleep. We simply leaned against each other and tried to rest. Sanitation facilities were non-existent.

Prisoners Scream
When the Chinese prisoners got a beating they'd drop to their knees and start screaming. It wasn't a pretty sound.

We talked plenty. We used to talk about football and baseball and things we'd done in our lives, and we talked about food. Brother, how we talked about food. We'd plan meals we'd order if we ever got out—thick, juicy steaks and plenty of pie and ice cream.

And we talked a lot, too, about God and religion. We never tried to hold any religious services, but we talked a lot about religion. A fellow thinks a lot about God at a time like that.

When you are living a normal life you sometimes are too busy for religion, but we had plenty of time. And we developed the feel-

ing that God was awfully important.

Those 70 days in that cell were just one long nightmare. I remember the rats particularly. We maintained a guard at night to keep them from biting us. They'd crawl into our cell, big fellows and awfully bold.

Afraid to Kill Them

We didn't try to kill them because we were afraid they'd crawl away and die, and that would make the stench worse.

One big female rat had a lot of little ones and we used to watch them crawling around.

On Aug. 28, 1942 we were transferred from bridge house to the civic center in Shanghai. We had our court martials there and we remained at the civic center until April 17, 1943.

Our first court martial was a farce. We didn't know what was going on and the Japs refused to interpret for us. It occurred August 28, the day we were moved from bridge house. It was a sunny, pleasant day.

We were handcuffed and moved by truck. Lieut. Hallmark was on a stretcher because he was so weak from dysentery.

Hallmark was a big fellow, 6 feet, one inch tall and normally he weighed 200 pounds, but he didn't weigh more than 150 that day.

We were taken into a large court room. The chief military judge was a man about 50 years old. He was baldheaded and wore glasses down at the end of his nose.

Twelve other officers made up the court. Four of them wore black wigs.

Hallmark on Floor
They laid Lieut. Hallmark on the floor on his stretcher. The flies buzzed around and covered his face. He was too weak to brush them away. We wanted to help him, but we couldn't.

Lieut. Barr got so weak he keeled over and the Japs brought a chair for him. The rest of us managed to stand, but the room was swimming in front of me and I had a hard time keeping my balance.

The trial lasted an hour. An interpreter told us to give a brief history of our lives from the time we were in high school. Each one of us mumbled our stories, but we were so weak that we had to repeat many times. The chief judge kept staring at us, but the others seemed bored.

After that the judge read a long statement which the interpreter said was our sentence.

"What is it?" I asked him. He smirked.

"The judge has ordered that you

not be told of your sentence," he said.

Hallmark Disappears
Then we were taken back to individual cells.

I saw them carry Dean Hallmark out on his stretcher and that is the last we ever saw of him. An interpreter told us later that he was taken back to bridge house instead of a cell in the civic center. God knows what became of him.

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(Tomorrow — Capt. Hite and M. Sgt. Jacob Deshazer, who were on another of the Doolittle planes, take up the story of the Doolittle flyers' saga of living death at this point and describe the subsequent experiences of the trio that was eventually liberated. This trio included Hite, Deshazer, and Capt. Nielsen, the latter of whom joined the former two at Shanghai.)

Patient Sees Visitors From Home Community
PIONEER — Archie Brown, who suffered a paralytic stroke, is reported getting along as well as can be expected. Calling on him Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Blodgett of Cutler City, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heibenthal, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brown and children of Wren, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kreger and children of Jefferson. Others calling during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Charley Farrer and Vesper of Rose Lodge, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schroeder, Mrs. Eva Haines of Salem, Mrs. John Keller, Jr., Mrs. Roy Woodman, Mrs. Sidney Hanson, Mrs. Frank Dornhecker, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Farrer, Rev. Backer, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Toews and Abe Janson.

PFC Elmo Black is home on a thirty day furlough. Black has been overseas and came to the States on the Queen Mary and then on to Fort Lewis. He accompanied his parents to Eugene Sunday where he visited his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Black, and also many friends.

Ruth Dornhecker is having a two weeks vacation from her work as office girl in Dr. Bossatti's office in Dallas. She plans to spend most of her vacation at her home in Pioneer.

Bob Kent, now substitute mail carrier on route 2 of Dallas, has been sub-mail carrier in Dallas. He will finish his high school education in Dallas after the first of the year. Bob Dornhecker, formerly sub carrier on route 2, is now working in Salem at the California Packing plant.

Mr. John Keller and daughters Shirley and Phyllis called at the Andrew Theiss, William Kinion, Tom Keller and Johnson homes Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wells and sons Carl and Jackie were dinner guests at the Harry Wells home Sunday. The two Wells men are brothers. The Marion Wells family have recently moved here from Delta, Colo., and have rented the Alfred Henrickson home.

Flax Meeting Set Friday At Jefferson

Speakers to Talk Fiber, Tow Market Outlooks For Year at Meeting

JEFFERSON — A special business meeting of the Willamette Valley Flax Growers association will be held Friday, September 21, at 10 o'clock at the plant of the Santiam Flax Growers, Jefferson.

The morning meeting will be strictly a business session for members of the association to discuss the outlook of the fiber and tow market, acreage for 1945 and plans for the future. Luncheon will be served at noon by the Santiam Flax Growers.

The afternoon meeting will start promptly at 1 o'clock, non-members and the general public are invited to attend this meeting, and everyone will have an opportunity to meet Jess E. Hammond, mechanical engineer who is taking the place of W. W. Hurst, senior agricultural engineer, Oregon State college, Corvallis, and discuss with him the things in which the association is most interested for his experimental work.

Clarence F. Hyde, secretary-treasurer, of the association has

been on a trip through the east and south where he visited the flax mills in Canada, spinning mills and brokers in the east, experimental stations in the south, and a linen mill in Mexico city. He will give a report on his trip, showing samples of materials produced at these plants.

Everyone will have an opportunity to see the Forano tow machine, which was manufactured in Canada and was the first machine of its kind in operation in the United States at the plant of the Santiam Flax Growers.

Following flax plants are members of the association: Benton County Flax Growers Co-op, at Monroe; Dayton Flax Growers Co-op, Dayton; Harrisburg Flax Growers association, Harrisburg; Molalla Flax Growers, Inc., Molalla; Northwest Flax Products Company, Eugene; St. Paul Flax Growers Co-op, St. Paul; Santiam Flax Growers, Jefferson; Silverton Flax Co., Silverton; Washington County Flax Growers, Cornelius.

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Guests Listed by Buena Vista Folk Over Past Weekend

BUENA VISTA — Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cole of Albany and their daughter, Dr. Mary Cole of Bowling Green, Ky., were dinner guests at the N. C. Anderson home recently. Dr. Cole is an instructor at the Bowling Green university.

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cousin, Gordon Wells. Lois left Monday for Portland to enter nurse's training.

Farrell Rust nearly severed his thumb while cutting wood Thursday morning. It required 25 stitches to put in place.

P. A. Wells and son Gordon were in Dallas on business Saturday.

Miss Alice Prather and Farrell Rust went to Eugene the first of the week to resume their work at U. of O. as sophomores. Miss Modena Banks returned to OSC as a sophomore and Miss DeLores Hultman as a freshman.

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