

# Ship Survivors Brutally Slain By Nip Captors

Editor's note:—The following dispatch disclosing new Japanese atrocities was written by a United Press correspondent who subsequently lost his life covering a B-29 raid. The dispatch has just been released by censor. It gives the first complete description of an atrocity story that had been known only in bare outline until today.

**By John J. Andrew**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Colombo, Ceylon, July 17 (AP)—Twenty-three survivors of an American liberty ship, their sunburned bodies bearing scars from beatings and bayoneting inflicted by a Japanese submarine crew who murdered about 77 of their shipmates, told a story today of two hours of hell aboard the enemy craft.

One phase of their ordeal ended and another began when the submarine crash-dived while they were sitting on its deck, their hands bound behind their backs. The survivors, finally rescued and brought here, said the first man taken aboard the Japanese vessel from their lifeboats was shot in the back and tossed overboard. The submarine crew then formed a "line of death" and systematically clubbed and bayoneted the liberty ship's survivors.

**36 Hours in Ocean**  
The men brought here spent 36 hours in the Indian ocean before they were rescued.

The survivors included members of the American merchant marine, army and navy personnel and a civilian. Their 10,500-ton liberty ship was bound for India from San Pedro, Calif., with 41 merchant seamen aboard, 28 navy armed guard members, one army medical surgeon and 30 army and civilian passengers. They were 11 days out of Australia, cruising at 11 knots just after sunset on July 2 when two torpedoes crashed into the forward part of the vessel. All hands abandoned ship. Radioman Cullie S. Stone, 20, Tulsa, Okla., sent three SOS signals before he left his post. They were received by stations in India, and were relayed to the Royal

air force patrol plane station. Subsequently the approach of one of RAF patrol planes forced the submarine to crash-dive.

After the torpedoing, the submarine surfaced and ordered survivors aboard.

**Shot In Back**  
The first man to climb on the submarine's decks, a 17-year-old messman, who was making his first voyage, was led to the bow, shot in the back and tossed overboard.

As the others climbed aboard, they were stripped of watches, rings, wallets, identification tags, and shoes. They were bound and taken forward where they were forced to sit facing the bow with heads bowed.

Capt. John J. Gussac, 44, Brooklyn, N. Y., a military police officer who was en route to an assignment in India, was in a life raft alongside the submarine. "When I reached the submarine," he reported "a grinning Jap offered me his hand. I was jerked aboard, and before I knew it, I had been stripped of my watch and ring and had my hands lashed behind me with a rope."

Gussac said the Japanese formed rows of two to six men in a row. Along the deck were submarine crew members armed with bayoneted guns and iron pipes. Among them was a Japanese who spoke English and said he had attended San Francisco Junior college. The man said he was proficient with an iron pipe.

**Asks For Men**  
Among the civilian liberty ships passengers had been a man who had been repatriated on the exchange ship "Gripsholm" after several months in a Japanese prison camp. When the submarine commander learned the name of the torpedeed craft, he asked for this man, presumably having information that he was aboard. He went down into the submarine and was not again seen by the others. At one time more than 90 men were on the submarine. If any man lifted his head, he was beaten.

The submarine commander addressed his captives. "You are now my prisoners of war," he said. "Let this be a lesson to you that Americans are weak. You must realize that Japan will rule the world. You Americans are stupid for letting your leaders take you to war. Do you not know that the entire American fleet is now in the bot-

tom of the Pacific."  
**Officers Disappear**  
The submarine circled the floundering liberty ship and several men were washed overboard, including Carl Rosenbaum, 26, a merchant marine crew member from Crooket, Calif., who survived after swimming until dawn with his hands bound.

The ship's officers were led to the conning tower. They were never seen again. The largest of those left were then led aft and beaten and bayoneted.

## Deschutes Truck Sought by Many

Seventeen sealed bids were received by the Deschutes county court on the 1939, county-owned truck which was put up for sale at a ceiling price of \$530. Sixteen of the bids were for \$530 and one, that of R. A. Ferguson, was for \$320. Cecil Goodfellow, following a drawing, was permitted to buy the truck.

After the bids were opened this morning by Mrs. Dan P. Dacey, county clerk, names of the 16 high bidders were put in capsules which were placed in a box. In the presence of 10 bidders, Judge C. L. Allen, E. E. Varco, county commissioner and George McAllister, county roadmaster, Commissioner A. E. Stevens made the drawing.

Those bidding \$530 for the truck were L. V. White, Allen Grant, H. R. Hungerford, F. W. Paulson, Gale P. Vinton, J. N. McCormick, T. Thornsden, Cecil Goodfellow, Fred C. Miller, Clarence Smith, Ted Sprague, Tim Houk, Bud Johnson, C. A. Johnson, L. N. Ellington and Lee Allen.

## Patrol, Cadets Hold Meeting

Cpl. Donna Dyer was sworn into the Civil Air patrol at last night's joint meeting of the Civil Air patrol and cadets. Members are sworn in only when they qualify to join the senior group. Cpl. Dyer has been on duty with the CAP since the formation of Flight B, now the cadet group, in September 1943.

Identification cards were given out to seven more cadets who have completed their basic training and have their uniforms. The new study manuals were checked out to those cadets who have their identification cards, including those who received them last night.

Last night's first aid class period was spent on the study of various types of bandages and how to use them.

Two training films, "Straight and Level Flight," and "The Theory of Weather Conditions," were shown to complete the schedule of the evening's classes.

## Restaurant Lost In Night Blaze

McMinnville, Ore., Jan. 9 (AP)—The Palm cafe, McMinnville's largest restaurant, was destroyed by a fire which raged out of control for an hour late Monday night and caused damage estimated at \$10,000.

The blaze started in the kitchen, where grease on the stove ignited and spread to the walls. In a few minutes, the fire had gutted the cafe and the second story above it. Prompt action by the fire department prevented spread of the fire to adjoining buildings in McMinnville's downtown business district.

A greater part of the damage to building and equipment was covered by insurance, the owner, Mrs. Earl Wright, of McMinnville, said.

The extinct Aepyornis of Madagascar was 16 feet tall, and probably weighed approximately 1,500 pounds.

## NEW kind of ASPIRIN tablet doesn't upset stomach

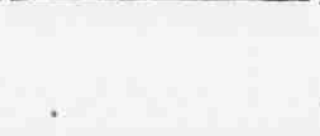


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## Bend, Redmond Kiwanis Clubs Install Officers

Redmond, Jan. 9 — Approximately 90 Kiwanians, their wives and guests attended the annual joint installation and dinner meeting of the Bend and Redmond clubs, held last night in the banquet room of the Redmond hotel. William B. Galligan, president of the Bend club, opened the meeting.

Activities of the Bend Kiwanis club during 1944 were reviewed briefly by Howard W. George, president. The club, he stated, had sponsored a war time citizens committee which held weekly discussion periods at the Camp Abbot post hospital; sponsored organization of the Bend Youth Club; sponsored a Boy Scout troop and entertained its members at a Christmas dinner; and, among other activities, entertained the Bend basketball and football teams at dinner.

Membership of the Bend club grew from 45 to 61 during the year, George said, adding that, in the first six months of the year it ranked first among Oregon Kiwanis clubs in attendance.

**Fines Imposed**  
Following community singing, led by Rev. R. H. Prentice with Wilson George at the piano, fines were imposed for rule infringements. Clyde McKay, who sat close to a wall on which was displayed

the three by five foot calendar advertising his business, paid the first and heaviest fine of the evening. Others fined were Dr. F. A. Liequallen, Rev. R. H. Prentice, Howard George, L. C. Kinsey, Dr. H. C. Staples and Jack Hardison.

Redmond club members fined for neglecting to wear Kiwanis pins, were Ted Wells, Fred Hoedeker, Floyd Barton, Pete Hank, George Miller, Robert Hutchins, Ray Carpenter, Lloyd Baker, W. B. Galligan, Justin King, Jack Hardison, Earl Halleck and Dr. H. W. Rogers.

Following the turkey dinner, which was served by members of the Redmond high school Pep club, Clyde McKay was presented with a 10-year pin for perfect attendance.

**Group Entertains**  
Entertainment was furnished by a trio from the Redmond high school, consisting of Betty Bartel, violin; Carol Bartel, piano, and Shirley Hitchcock, cello.

Phil Hitchcock, Klamath Falls, former governor of the Kiwanis northwest district, which has over 5,000 members, after presenting past president pins to out-going presidents, George and Galligan, inducted Ernest Parker of the Redmond club as lieutenant governor of the district. Parker, he stated, had held nearly every city office in Redmond and had been mayor of that city.

Joe Long, Portland insurance man and one-time vaudeville partner of the late Will Rogers, the principal speaker of the evening, was introduced by Jack Burpee. Long concluded a humorous talk by stating that Kiwanis clubs stand for a spirit of harmony and good will. New officers for both clubs

were installed by Parker. They were Dr. Grant Skimmer, president; Rev. R. H. Prentice, director; both of Bend. Bend electees unable to attend were Ralph Hamilton, first vice-president; H. C. Kerron, second vice-president, and Craig Coyner, secretary.

Redmond officers installed were Lloyd Baker, president; Fred Hoedeker, first vice-president; Floyd Barton, secretary, and directors Robert Hutchins, Earl Halleck, Morgan Sharp, Jack Hardison and Pete Hauke.

A large delegation of Bend Kiwanis club members were present, accounting, with their wives and guests for about half of the attendance.

The dinner and entertainment were under the direction of Jack Hardison, chairman of the annual dinner committee.

## Crop Payments Go to Farmers

For participating in the 1943 conservation and 1942 crop parity payment programs, nearly 1,000 Oregon farmers were paid by the government, according to information from Washington, D. C. Total payments to participating Oregon farmers amounted to \$2,150,700 and were shared by 974 persons and operating farms.

Among the larger payments to farmers of Oregon were: T. H. Banfield, Portland, \$9,415; Lisky Bros., Klamath Falls, \$9,746; H. A. Miller, eBnd, \$8,641; Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, \$6,780; Warner Valley Stock Co., Adell, \$9,586; Mark V. Weatherford, Athena, \$8,103.

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## Hood River Legion Again Under Fire

Hood River, Ore., Jan. 9 (AP)—Even as the first Japanese-American expected to return near Hood River, opposition to the stand of the American Legion post today became more widespread, with the Hood River county ministerial association taking the lead with a resolution disapproving race prejudice.

Incorporated in the resolution was a suggestion that an official county honor roll replace the Legion's honor roll at the county court house. The new one would contain the names of 16 Japanese-American soldiers which were deleted by the legion several weeks ago from its own roll of honor.

"We are agreed that if any serviceman is willing to suffer and die for the principles of the United States, he is worthy of having his name on any service honor roll and to have unhindered freedom to live among us," the ministers' resolution said.

**Called Unjust**  
"We consider it unjust, un-American and un-Christian to deprive them of their privileges and rights. It can only make more difficult the solution of racial problems and bring trouble and shame upon Hood River valley," it continued.

Ray Sato, the first Nisei who proclaimed his intention to return to Hood River valley, will arrive soon, it was declared. His baggage and other belongings

have already arrived. He will operate his orchard near Parkdale, in Hood River valley, which had been leased to John P. Cooper.

## Thompson Holds Office 28 Years

Deschutes county's record office holder, J. Alton Thompson, county superintendent of schools, started his 28th year on the same job on Dec. 13, he said.

Thompson, who came to Deschutes county from Michigan in 1907, taught school from that date until the county was created on December 13, 1916.

Thompson, appointed by the county court, took office on the day the county was created. He served for two years and then was duly elected. To get in step with other counties, it was necessary for him to run again in 1920. Since then he has been re-elected every four years. Thompson, who has never campaigned, faced opposition in several elections.

Charles P. Niswonger, incumbent, was Deschutes county's first coroner, but was out of office for part of a term.

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He knows the war isn't over yet—not by a long shot. But do the folks back home know that, he wonders? Are they still working hard for victory—still buying bonds, and hanging onto the bonds they buy? Hanging on for dear life, as he is now?

Ask yourself these questions before you tell him not to worry—that of course America won't let him down. Ask them again when you start to cash in a War Bond you don't absolutely need to redeem—when more and more equipment is needed to finish the fight. Ships, tanks, planes—lots of planes. Like B-29's, costing \$600,000 in War Bonds each. Or like rescue planes.

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