

Epic of the American Revolution

The Sea Eagles

By JOHN JENNINGS
(Author of "The Salem Pirates")

Synopsis: The fortunes of war and the fortunes of love bear heavily upon two young American navy men fighting the British against heavy odds in the American Revolution. Kenny Boyle may be dead or captured for all his friends know since the defeat of the Lexington. Joshua Barney, Kenny's best friend, is in a highly precarious position aboard the grounded Virginia, facing three British war ships. Meanwhile the sweethearts of these two men do what they can to help win the war. Kenny's beloved Barbary, sister of Joshua, is in the hands of the British. She is being held in Philadelphia. She dare not return to that city, held by the British, since slipping through the lines with information for the General Washington. We now flash back to Kenny and the defeat of the Lexington. Now go on with the story—

Chapter 14

As he gathered the tattered flag of the Lexington in his arms, Kenny Boyle tasted the sour bile of defeat. There was a glimmer of hope in the shattered spars and torn rigging. There was bondage before those of them that had survived the engagement with the Alert; a bondage from which they could never buy nor work their freedom.

In despair they watched the cocky young midshipman from the Alert swarm over the side at the head of the prize crew. They gave themselves over to utter gloom, while the cutter, all but prancing with pride at having subdued such a formidable enemy, conveyed them to Plymouth and brought them to anchor under the Hoe.

The reports circulated by the British press, of course, were grossly exaggerated. The Lexington's losses were severe—seven killed and eleven wounded—but they were far from those claimed.

The prisoners from the Lexington underwent a trial, of course, in the mockery of one in Plymouth. They were herded off to the courtroom, where the learned prosecutors hurled legal mumbo-jumbo at them. When the farce was done they were judged guilty of the crime of "High Treason on His Majesty's Seas," and sentenced to confinement, at the "Gracious Pleasure of His Majesty," in grim old Mill Prison. Old Mill consisted of two walls facing each other, with a narrow courtyard partially paved with stone cobbles and divided into two sections, each containing an identical set of dreary gray-stone prison buildings. Guards patrolled the outer walls and occasionally made the rounds of the inner enclosures.

Inside the yard the prisoners were left pretty much to themselves. Twice a day they were fed, and twice a day a lackaday roll was called. If the prisoner proved unduly fractious — and fractiousness was left to the definition of the officer in charge — or escaped and was brought back, or otherwise was caught in a breach of the prison rules, he was confined in the solitary cells — the "Black Hole." It was called — where there was not room to stand erect and where a man was ironed in total blackness on half rations and left to the merciless attentions of vermin. Regular rations consisted of three quarters of a pound of beef, a pound of bread, a quart of small beer, and some slimy cabbage every other day.

The main complaint was that the food allowed was either rotten or insufficient to maintain life, and the firstcomers, such as Kenny, were fortunate to find grass growing in the yard and a few old bones lying about in the dirt, and former they picked and the latter they pounded, and both they boiled together in a stew that afforded a measure of bulk, if nothing else. Later comers had to be content to pick the snails out of their cold heads in the dank walls and make a nauseous broth of them — a trick they learned from their French allies.

The filth and horror and vilest of the physical conditions a man might endure. But there was yet no possibility of exchange for the simple reason that, in European waters, at least, the Crown refused to admit that a state of war existed. The prisoners who might be taken by Americans abroad, as in the case of the Republic's Lexington, were sent into the Irish Sea, must either be sent all the way home for imprisonment, or released. They could not be lodged in French jails, for the French were not yet at war with England, and any prisoner sent to their ports to be held would be released anyway.

On the other hand, Yankees who were captured were regarded as treasonable subjects of the Crown. Their best chance — and the possibility seemed remote, Kenny had to admit, when he considered it in the light of all evidence — was that France would enter the struggle. In that case, French jails would be opened to receive British prisoners, and in order that their jobs — which certainly would be no better than the Americans — might be relieved, the home government would be forced, surely, to take measures for a system of exchange.

In the meantime there was many an up and down, many a rumor as to what was happening, although there was no real news that was of encouragement to them. Their guards made gleefully sure that they were told of the fall of Philadelphia, and the Battle of Monmouth, on their lips became a great British victory. But nothing whatever was said of the defeat of Burgoyne at Saratoga, or of Howe's evacuation of Philadelphia after an occupation of less than a year. Nor were they told anything of the relinquishment of command by the brothers Howe, or of the exploits of the Ranger in the Irish Sea. Only by rumor did they learn anything of those events, and then they feared to trust the reports. Indeed, it was only some months after their own incarceration, when the northeast sector of the double inner enclosure was locked off against them and the first French prisoners of war were marched into it, that they learned of the Franco-American alliance.

As sympathetic as they felt toward their fellow prisoners, nevertheless that was a heartening event for there was no question but that it hastened the day when there

would be some chance of exchange. Of course a whole new crop of rumors began at once to circulate like wildfire; an agreement of exchange had been reached, a cartel was already on its way from France to England, lists had been exchanged and names drawn, this one was on it — that one was not!

But it was a long time before there were any concrete results such as they dared hope for or dreamed about. For a few weeks their morale soared, then dropped again to new lows of despair.

Kenny told himself over and over in the darkness of the dank nights that he would never see Barbary again; she would never know the sweetness of his love for her, or the assurance of his feeling that he could convince her if only he could get to her side once more.

But that feeling eased a little with time. Just when he began to feel it, he could not say, but some time in the spring the conviction began to grow upon him that he would not be much longer there. It was not a morbid thought, but one that was real and alive with hope.

One thing that excited him was the possibility of exchange. Why that should have been in inexplicable. All through the winter and spring the rumors of an agreement between the American commissioners in Paris and the officers of the Crown had flown thick and fast. But none of them had ever proved grounded. Indeed, if anything, the men came to look upon them as a sort of standing joke, and when at last they were turned out, as they were in the prison yard, the cutter, all but prancing with pride at having subdued such a formidable enemy, conveyed them to Plymouth and brought them to anchor under the Hoe.

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RADIO PROGRAMS

(Below Schedules are based on Daylight Saving Time)
TUESDAY—P.M.

KGW	KOIN	KEX	KSLM	KOCO
620 NBC	870 CBS	1190 BC	1290 MBC	1490 Kc
5:00 The 3 of Us	News	Green Hornet	Straight Arrow	Hand of Day
5:15 News	News	Green Hornet	Straight Arrow	Hand of Day
5:30 News	News	Green Hornet	Straight Arrow	Hand of Day
5:45 News	News	Green Hornet	Straight Arrow	Hand of Day
6:00 Bob Hope	Life with Luigi	West Headlines	Gabriel Heister	Candlelight &
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WEDNESDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

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620 NBC	870 CBS	1190 BC	1290 MBC	1490 Kc
6:00 Hodge Podge	News	Farm News	Morn. News	News
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PM Reg.: KOIN 101.1, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., KEX 92.3, 8 to 9 p.m.

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Mrs. Heider to Head County TB Association
Sheridan—Mrs. Otto Heider, Sr., was named president of the Yamhill County Tuberculosis and Health association at the monthly meeting held in the Methodist church. Other officers are: Mrs. Carl Francis, Dayton, vice president; Mrs. Clifford Calkins, Newberg, treasurer; and Mrs. Charles Davenport, secretary. Mrs. part.

Crossword Puzzle
ACROSS
1. Large bundles
4. Pointed hill
5. Mineral spring
12. American author
14. Read covering
15. Make amends
16. Auto speed
18. Commune in
20. Unborn
21. Elevated
23. Design in
24. Sea eagle
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