

NAVY PHYSICIAN EXTOLLS MEN OF SUNKEN CARRIER

Crew Never Lost Hope—No
Panic in Action—Gun
Crews Stuck Until Last.

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Somewhere in the South Pacific—(Delayed)—(U.P.)—Stories of dauntless courage and personal sacrifice on the part of survivors of an American aircraft carrier sunk in the battle of the Santa Cruz islands on Oct. 26 were told today by a navy doctor who was aboard her. Navy regulations do not permit use of his name, but here is the story he told me:

"I have seen some remarkable examples of courage and personal sacrifice during my years of practicing medicine as a civilian. But none of these could match what I witnessed the afternoon of Oct. 26 during those hours before our airplane carrier went to the bottom.

"I heard one sailor with a broken back tell me to see that his pal had medical attention before I cared for him.

"I'm okay, doc," he told me. "But I think Mac is hurt pretty bad. Better see about him first."

"I saw another enlisted man make an effort to climb off a stretcher although one of his legs was shattered and the other broken. He wanted to 'get another shot at those Japs.'"

Rush to Seize Bomb
"When an incendiary bomb dropped on our flight deck, I watched four sailors voluntarily rush out, seize the bomb and throw it overboard into the water.

"These men never lost hope or courage, even after that last enemy aerial attack forced us to abandon ship. Enemy planes

were overhead and we were swimming away from our ship when I heard the men shout to one another.

"They didn't shout for help. They shouted about the money they owed one another and about those pictures of 'Betsy' and 'Ruth' they had to leave behind. They weren't really jesting—neither were they folding under pressure.

"I saw one sailor swimming along beside me pushing a small case of canned tomato juice ahead of him. This was his explanation:

"I figure maybe some of these rescue ships may be short on provisions."

"During all the attacks and thereafter I did not see one moment of panic. Not one man asked that he be treated first."

"In the emergency dressing station where we administered first aid, there was not a single groan, not a whimper from the victims. It was so silent it was almost reverent.

Stick to Guns to Last
"I did not see one man leave his station until he was told to leave. The officers had to order the men on the guns to abandon ship. They insisted on firing as long as enemy planes were in the air.

"I am proud to be in the United States navy with men like these. To me, the American sailor represents our finest type of American manhood.

"I played only a minor role in the battle that proved fatal to the carrier. But it is a battle I never shall forget.

"I had reported for duty aboard the ship only 48 hours before we plunged into the battle of the Santa Cruz islands. I knew we were in the vicinity of enemy naval units, so I was not surprised when the first wave of Japanese dive-bombers appeared over the carrier during mid-morning.

"First we suffered a direct bomb hit on our flight deck. This bomb and the subsequent crash of an enemy plane on deck knocked out most of our power supply. That was our big difficulty.

"I was at my battle station in the sick bay when the first bomb exploded just two compartments

forward from me. The second hit just two compartments aft. One Japanese plane which crashed on our deck went right through my stateroom. The engine in this plane was found later in the junior officers' bunkroom.

Got Control of Fires
"The first two attacks lasted about 20 minutes. Then came nearly a six-hour lull during which the crew was able to bring the fires under control. We had given all the wounded men first aid and transferred them to other ships. We began to bury our dead.

"There was some hope of getting up enough power to steam out of the battle area when the enemy appeared again—this time with torpedo planes and horizontal bombers. At least two of the torpedoes struck home. Soon after, I heard the order to abandon ship.

"Not a single doctor left the carrier until every wounded man had been administered first aid. We abandoned ship orderly and without unnecessary haste, considering the nearness of enemy planes.

"It was 4:45 p. m. when I hit the water. That's when my wrist watch stopped. Soon we were nearly blown out of the water when Japanese horizontal bombers scored several near misses.

"By this time it was apparent that the ship would sink. Her condition by now was critical.

"I was in the water two hours before a destroyer came alongside and picked me up. From the destroyer's deck we watched our ship roll over and sink."

TRAILER CAMP URGED
Oakland, Cal., Dec. 22—(U.P.)—City Manager John F. Hassler today proposed establishment of a camp of 10,000 trailers at the Albany race track to relieve what he termed the "desperate" housing shortage in the East Bay area.

BLOW TO SPORTS
Ottawa, Dec. 22—(U.P.)—Munitions Minister C. D. Howe announced today that sports events requiring railway travel by fans must be eliminated for the duration of the war.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Whispers from Camp White



About Facts and Fables
On the Reservation.

Lt. Donald Matheson of the Engineers was that startled when he came upon a letter from a recruit's parents addressed to Commanding General Company "D".

Pvt. Harry Rubin's fast "nifty". "I don't care what you call me as long as you don't call me late for pay day."

Captain Sidney Snyder rushing around in a sort of dilemma about a late arrival of USO-Camp Shows theatrical troupe.

Mary Wall—around behind the Christmas tree at Thursday

night dance really whippin' and jinglin' while the band played on.

Get this! Sgt. John Rudy taking lessons on a driving range! Says he—"Mighty fine to improve the old game." Could he be trying to lure the boys to his Tacoma Range after the duration. Could be!

Sgt. Warren Walle, during act of "The First Year" whispering the DEML Social Club meets as usual, usual place, usual thing, Sattadee-eve.

Corporal Harry Sager, Pine-tree from Kansas City growing mellow over K. C.'s big sport—basketball—really mellow on the golden days of the K.C.A.C. during the reign of All Time All-American—Red De Bernard.

Pvt. Ben Harmon, MP working the Medford bus depot, hoping for home in Hope, Arkansas.

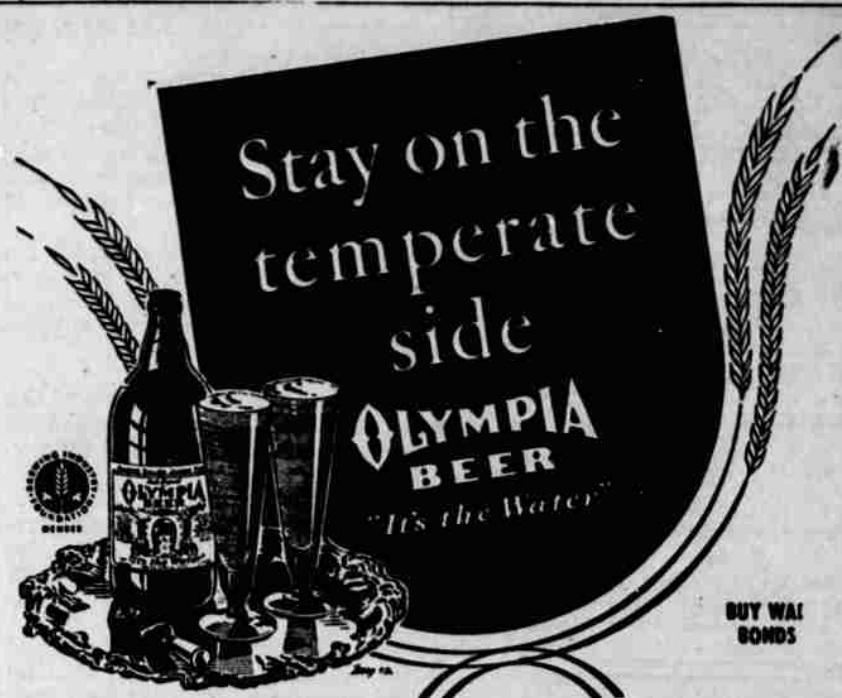
Sams Valley

Sams Valley, Dec. 22—(Spl.)—Christmas meeting of the Sams Valley Ladies Club was held at the home of Gula Strauss with 15 members present. There were two visitors, Nora Seegmiller and Barbara Gosnell. It was voted to meet once a month for the duration, the third Thursday in each month. Agnes Sanderson was appointed secretary and treas-

urer in place of Beulah Dusenberry who resigned on account of illness. Ruth Schulz and Rose Elian Dugan distributed the

gifts which were piled under a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses Gula

Strauss and Beulah Peffley. Next meeting will be at the home of Rose Elian Dugan January 21.



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Nob Hill Coffee	lb. bag	25c
Edwards Coffee	lb. bag	26c
Hills, Maxwell House	lb. size	33c
M-J-B, Golden West	lb. size	33c
Dependable Filter Papers, 100's	2 for	15c
Dependable Filter Cloths, 4's	2 for	15c
Lipton's Y. L. Tea	20-bag pkg.	23c
Canada Dry Sparkling Water	qt. btl.	15c
	Plus bottle deposit	
Pepsi-Cola, pint bottles	6 for	25c
	Plus bottle deposit	
Royal Crown Cola, pint bottles	6 for	25c
	Plus bottle deposit	
Molasses, Green Brer Rabbit	12-oz. glass	17c
Corn Starch, Argo, 1-lb. pkgs.	2 for	15c
Peanut Butter, Beverly	2-lb. jar	33c
Catsup, C. H. B.	14-oz. bottle	15c
Catsup, Red Hill	14-oz. bottle	12c
Salad Dressing, Duchess	pint	24c
Salad Dressing, Duchess	quart	38c
Miracle Whip Dressing	pint jar	27c
Miracle Whip Dressing	quart	41c
Nu Made Mayonnaise	pint jar	27c
Nu Made Mayonnaise	quart	48c

Holiday NUTS

Pecans, Filberts, Mixed Nuts, Almonds
New Shipment Just Arrived

Fancy Chocolates	Dorothy Duncan	2 lb. box	1.05
Holiday Chocolates, 2-lb. box			68c
Peanut Clusters		1-lb. pkg.	27c
Tomatoes, No. 2 1/2 can		2 for	27c
	Gardenside Std.		
Tomato Soup, 10-oz. can		2 for	19c
	Campbell's New Formula		
Kraft Cheese, pim., pineapple, etc., 5 jars			19c
Lindsay Ripe Olives		giant No. 1 can	23c
French's Mustard		6-oz. jar	9c
Maraschino Cherries, Marasca, 5-oz. bot.			13c
May Day Salad Oil		pint 23c quart	45c
Planter's Peanut Oil		pint can	35c

Morton's Salt, plain or iodized	pkg.	8c
Baking Powder, Calumet	25-oz.	25c
Flour, Kitchen Craft	49-lb.	\$1.79
Flour, Drifted Snow	49-lb.	\$1.95
Flour, Harvest Blossom	49-lb. sack	\$1.57
Cake Flour, Cold Medal	1-lb. pkg.	25c
Bisquick Flour	40-oz. pkg.	35c
Ginger Bread Mix, Dromedary	pkg.	19c
Westag Vanilla	8-oz. bottl.	10c
H-O Oats, reg. or quick	1-lb.	25c
Wheat Hearts, Sperry	28-oz. pkg.	24c
Shredded Wheat, Nabisco	2 for	23c
Asst. Cereals, Kellogg's, 10's	pkg.	24c
Popcorn, Jolly Time, 10-oz.	2 cans	25c
Popcorn, ready to eat	12-oz. bag	35c
Potato Chips, Blue Bell	10c 15c	25c
Honey Maid Grahams	2-lb. ctn.	34c
Gerber Strained Foods		7c
Gerber Junior Foods		7c

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