

SURVIVORS TELL HORROR STORY OF JAP PRISON SHIP

500 to 1,000 Left to Drown
When Craft Torpedoed—
Men Machinegunned.

Somewhere in West China, Dec. 21—(Delayed)—(U.P.)—The Japanese let 500 to 1,000 British and Canadian soldiers, weakened by brutality, die aboard a torpedoed and sinking prison ship, survivors who have reached Free China said today.

Those who broke through hatches and jumped into the sea without life jackets were machine-gunned by Japanese sailors, the survivors said.

Ship Torpedoed
The prison ship was torpedoed by a submarine off the China coast after it left Hong Kong September 27 for Shanghai and Japanese ports.

Survivors whose identity cannot be revealed but whose accuracy is unquestioned, related the story of one of the tragedies of war.

Aboard the ship were 1,500 prisoners of war. They were ragged, diseased and starving after nine months of close confinement at Hong Kong, where they said, appalling sanitary, medical, and food conditions prevailed. Many of their comrades had died and hundreds were almost walking skeletons.

All prisoners were placed below decks in cramped quarters with barely room to lie down. "We thought that the future might be brighter because the food served the first day was better than that at the prison," one survivor said.

Nightmare Begun
"Late the second afternoon we heard shouting on decks. Then the ship shuddered under a huge explosion and began to list in a few seconds. We could hear firing above, apparently at the torpedoing submarine. The ship settled but continued to move."

"Then the nightmare began. The Japanese closed all hatch covers with tarpaulins and lumber. There were no air inlets and hour by hour the hold became more unbearable. There were no latrines and the stench was overpowering."

"The worst hour came when several men, weakened by prison diseases, died."

"Next morning the ship seemed to be settling and there was no sound on deck."

"The stronger men decided to escape. They forced through a hatch to the deck, where they saw that the ship was being towed, with no Japanese left aboard."

Ship Goes Down
"We could see the Japanese beginning to cast off the tow. Our ship lurched and began to go down by the stern."

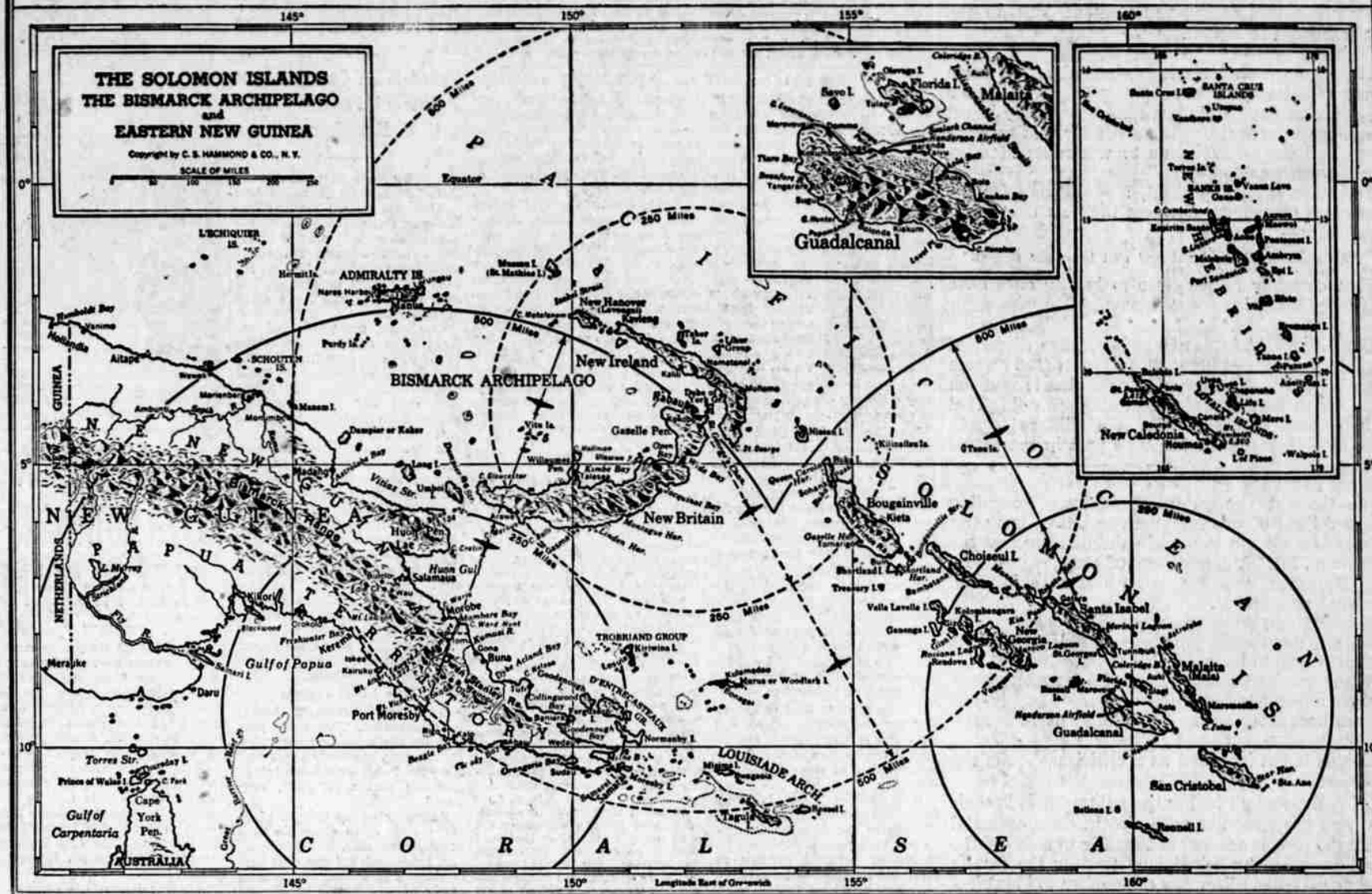
Although they lacked life belts, the survivors said men began jumping overboard amid machine gun fire from several Japanese vessels circling around the ship.

"Some of the ships continued firing at the men in the sea," a survivor said. "We were swimming in groups, but many drowned immediately because of weakness."

"The Japanese then began picking up many groups of men but made no attempt to lower boats to help the majority. Probably not over a few hundred were rescued."

After vainly attempting to at-

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EMILY POST GIVES PROPER ETIQUETTE FOR LADY WORKER

May Hitch Rides From Male
Motorists But Wagging
Thumb Frowned Upon.

New York, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Emily Post gave her approval today to lady defense workers who hitch rides from gentlemen motorists.

Miss Post, who frowns on lifting the little finger when drinking tea, said it was similarly bad form to jerk the thumb when hitch-hiking.

"When signaling for a lift," she advised the Office of War Information, "a young woman, instead of 'thumbing a ride,' should display her defense identification tag much as a police officer displays his badge. This shows why she needs a lift, and also which plant she works in. If the driver is not going in her direction he does not stop."

"B" or "C" Cars Only
The lady should flag only a car with a "B" or "C" ration sticker, Miss Post held, because that means it is the car of another worker, "possibly one who works in the same plant." Hitch-hiking should be undertaken only at regular bus or trolley stops, she added, and on main traffic arteries.

Miss Post had a word of warning about the amenities of hitch-hiking.

"Workers," she cautioned, "should remember that these 'rides' are not social gatherings and conversation is not necessary. If they must talk, they should stick to impersonal subjects. To suggest that it be the weather and the scenery is not meant to be funny. Talking about their personal concerns to or before strangers would be in very bad taste! Talking about their jobs might give dangerous information!"

tract attention, the survivors swam to shore where they found Chinese fishermen who fed and clothed them.

Whispers from Camp White



About Facts and Faces
On the Reservation.

Medford may send an orchid. Exactly one-fifth of their Community Chest quota came from the "boys" in the 91st Division—a special tribute to the efforts of Ernest Kofoed. Congratulations to Major General Charles H. Gerhardt.

An Artillery Battery from IX Corps Special Troops have been

Beanless Banquet Promised On Christmas Day at Camp

Camp White—(Spl.)
"From over the hill and far away
The family gathered for
Christmas day."

And what a sight and what heavenly odors our nostrils did inhale when once the table was spread.

At Camp White's table for Christmas day, your soldier boy will sit down to just such a feast with his buddies.

Consider the food, ye gourmets, who have identified beans with army fare, for nary a bean is to be found in Camp White's Christmas menu.

To sort of whet your appetites, let's start off with Comice pears and follow up with a bowl of cream of tomato soup. Alongside a tomato aspic salad in the offing with pickles, olives, and celery hearts, to lead you on to drumsticks and white meat and all the rest of the best of roast Oregon tom turkey. None finer in all the land. Stuffed with sage dressing, too, as if the soldiers needed any seasoning for their eating.

Giblet gravy will wend its golden trail over mashed potatoes and cranberry and orange sauce will form two of the colors of the stop light, while the green "go" ahead light will be supplied by the boys themselves, when they see the spread, fit indeed for His Majesty, "The American Soldier."

working hard on a choral arrangement—their very own parody—"I'm Dreaming of a Camp White Christmas."

Pfc. Harry Passel, a "heck" of an engineer, is quoted as saying, "Never, never again shall I buy a Brown suit." Catch on!

Corporal Sidney Lowe eagerly exhibiting to a choice few, a wallet snap on the "one and only" back home in Cleveland. In a line description—the girl with the Brown Agate Eyes.

Sgt. Larry Medley, a Floridian, over in the Field Artillery, wishing for the land of languid landscape, as he was doing his furlough in near-by Medford. But he had fun!

Corporal Jay Brice, ex-res-

But don't fill up, at least not all the way, for here comes delicious Virginia baked ham with radish sauce and candied yams, baked Danish squash and fresh frozen peas. Too much, you say. Not for our boys. Nothing too much or too good for them.

We'll top off, if we can still stay up at the table without tipping from being topheavy, with pumpkin pie, ice cream and coffee.

Oh, we nearly forgot—there will be assorted nuts—to the Axis, who thinks it can whip well-fed soldiers.

So enjoy your Christmas meal, people of America, safe in the thought that your boys are eating the best in the west, at good old Camp White.

Comice Pears
Cream of Tomato Soup
Tomato Aspic Salad
Pickles, Olives
Celery Hearts
Roast Tom Turkey
Sage Dressing
Orange and Cranberry Sauce
Giblet Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Virginia Baked Ham
Raisin Sauce
Candied Yams
Baked Danish Squash
Fresh Frozen Peas
Pumpkin Pie
Ice Cream
Parker House Rolls
Coffee
Nuts

Zion Lutheran Plans Candle Light Service For Christmas Eve

A Christmas candlelight service at 11 p. m. Christmas eve will climax the yuletide festivities of Zion English Lutheran church, West Fourth at Oakdale, it was announced by the pastor, the Rev. Karl W. Brockhaus.

Special choir selections have been prepared together with a solo number by Mrs. Edwin Andersen. The pastor will preach the Christmas sermon under the title "God's Christmas Revelation."

The general public is cordially invited to attend this service as well as all service men of Camp White.

Besides the special numbers prepared by the choir, the service will feature the singing of the old familiar Christmas carols and the candlelight ceremony will be used to symbolize the passing on of the Light of the world from mankind unto mankind.

There will be no other worship service at Zion Lutheran church on Christmas day.

Reese Creek

Reese Creek, Dec. 23.—(Spl.)—Joe Payne returned Sunday to Camp Ord, Calif., after a week's furlough at home with Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Meyers, with whom he made his home for a number of years before joining the army.

Mrs. Jack Gillaspay and Wayne were in Medford and Central Point, December 19, shopping and visiting relatives.

Robert and James Smith are new pupils in the upper room at Reese Creek school, having enrolled December 17. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, have bought the Frank Thomas place. They came here from California.

Several residents have installed water and electric lights in their homes this winter, including Truman Collins, Charles Cummons and Mrs. Agnes Moffit.

Residents are urged not to forget the Christmas program and tree at the school house tonight. All are invited and there will be candy treats for the children.

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REESE CREEK CHURCH PLANS YULE PROGRAM

Reese Creek, Dec. 23.—(Spl.)—A Christmas tree and program will be enjoyed at the Reese Creek Gospel Mission church Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. There will be candy and treats for all children and the Rev. Henry Lacy will preach a Christmas sermon. All in the community are invited to attend the services.

Give A Picture For Christmas

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For Goodness Sake! . . . Cakes—Christmas Candy Cakes, Chocolate, White, Angel food, and dozens of others. Pies—Tom & Jerry, Pumpkin and Mince . . . Christmas Pastries and Cookies. Come in and see our large variety of specialties!

Last, but not least—Rolls! . . . We will have a large assortment . . . dinner rolls, Parker-house, Scotch, butters and many other kinds. 12c doz. and up

Fluhrer's entire staff wishes each and every one of our customers—

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