

SUSAN OF THE WAVES

by ALLEN EPPES

Just before Susan Esterbrook, New York glamour girl, joins the Waves and goes to a New England training center, she becomes informally engaged to Harvey Rogers, Army flyer. Another of her suitors is Pierre Dupre, a Fighting Frenchman. He has been threatened by a group of Nazi agents—Carl Cooper, his friend Hermann, and a woman known as Madame Lecouvreur—who have told him that, unless he gets Susan to show him through a Long Island war plane, owned by her father, harm will come to his relatives in France. Unknown to Pierre, the agents plan to have him wreck the factory with explosives inserted in fountain pens. The explosives are hidden in Madame Lecouvreur's New York apartment, where Carl, a chemist, has set up a workshop. Pierre has agreed to ask Susan to take him to the factory when she comes home, but he is secretly devising a scheme whereby he hopes to trap the Nazis. Up at the Waves' training center, Susan has made friends with Louise Larsen, a girl who's engaged to a Coast Guardsman named Pete.

CHAPTER XXVII

ALTHOUGH the last weeks of training were hard ones, and although Susan and Louise had expected them to seem endless, they passed with astonishing rapidity.

Almost before Susan realized it, she was about to face the impressive ceremony that would make her Ensign Esterbrook! She felt a keen sense of excitement mingled with a keener sense of satisfaction.

"It won't be long now!" she said to Louise.

"No," said Louise. "And I'm going to have me one grand week of fun in New York with Pete before I step into active duty."

"Lucky you," said Susan.

"How about you?" said Louise.

"You get a week's leave also, you know."

"Yes, I know. But I'm not so sure of seeing Harvey as you are of seeing Pete."

"Isn't he going to be in New York?"

"I hope so, but I'm not sure."

"You have written him the date, haven't you?"

"Of course I have. I sent it to the last address Harvey gave me—one down in Texas. But I'm never certain when my letters reach him."

"What's he doing down in Texas?" Louise asked. "I thought he was ferrying bombers across the ocean."

"He wrote me that he'd been called down to a Texas airfield to do some instructing," said Susan.

"Wouldn't it be simply marvelous if you were sent down that way?"

"That," said Susan, "would be too good to be true."

"Nothing's too good to be true," said Louise. "Remember what the chaplain told us—that only the good is true."

"I wish I could believe that," Susan said.

"He also said that good never dies, because it's all that really is."

"That," remarked Susan, "is getting a little too metaphysical for my poor little brain."

"What do you mean—your poor little brain?"

little brain? You've got the highest marks in our class. Not flinching, are you?"

"No," laughed Susan. "It's a little too early for flinching, even though spring is here."

"Spring," sighed Louise. "The time for love and romance, with June, the month of weddings, just around the corner."

"And," sighed Susan, "no wedding for us—for the duration."

MADAME LECOUVREUR had at last seen an item in a newspaper which rewarded her for all the newspaper reading she had had done. Susan Esterbrook was coming home! She would probably be in the city for several days. The plans Carl and Hermann had been making so carefully could now be carried out.

"But I'm still nervous about those explosives," said Madame, as she and the two men sat in her living room. "I've gotten so I shudder when I see a fountain pen."

Carl chuckled. "Don't go fomenting on us, Marie," he said. "Save that until—afterwards."

"But it's the 'afterwards' that worries me," the woman said. "Sometimes I wake up in the middle of the night and wonder if there is going to be any afterwards."

"Of course there is," said Hermann. "Stop being jittery. Carl knows what he's doing, and he naturally isn't going to be careless and blow you up."

"Certainly not until you finish the work you've been ordered to do," said Carl, with a laugh.

Madame eyed him through half-closed lids. "I don't like the sound of that remark. It sounds like a sort of—of—veiled threat. As though I might be eliminated after my usefulness ends."

"Don't be silly," said Carl. "You know I was only joking."

There was a brief silence.

Then, Hermann asked, "Have you noticed that our friend Pierre Dupre has changed?"

"How do you mean?" said Madame.

"He is not so belligerent any more," Hermann said. "You sound soft. What could one small Frenchman do?"

"I have noticed," said Carl. "And it worries me."

"I sometimes have the feeling that he has a plan."

"Now you're talking like Marie," Hermann said. "You sound soft. What could one small Frenchman do?"

"Plenty," said Carl. "Be more specific."

"He could work in a quiet way, to act when the right time comes."

"There will be no right time—for him," said Hermann. "Let us stop this old-womanish discussion, and get our plans once more outlined so that each of us will know his duty."

"Yes," said Carl.

Madame shivered, and got up. "Let us not talk in here," she said. "Let us go into the small room."

"You prefer the company of the explosives?" inquired Carl.

"It is not that," Madame said. "It is that walls have ears."

"Does that not apply to the small room also?" Hermann wanted to know.

"Perhaps," Madame said. "But I feel safer there."

(To be continued)

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9:30 p. m.—Dorothy Thompson, KGO, KJR, KEX; Stop or Go, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Point Sublime, KXN, KOIN, KSL; Eye Witness News, KOA.

10:00 p. m.—Reporter News, KPO, KOMO, KGW; University Explorer, KGO, KEX; News, KOA, KOIN, KXN; National Vespers, KJR; Sunday Evening on Tempe Square, KSL.

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Monday

8:00 p. m.—Vox Pop, KSL; Terry and the Pipers, KGO, KJR, KEX; H. V. Kaltenborn, KOA; News, KPO,

MEN FRIENDS OF WIFE DROVE R.A.F. FLYER TO MURDER

New York, Oct. 30. —(U.P.)—Jealousy and hate were part of the motive which drove Wayne Lonergan to murder his estranged wife, friends disclosed today while divers searched the murky East river for the uniform the confessed slayer wore when he beat Patricia Lonergan with candlesticks and choked her with his bare hands.

Lonergan said he cut the blue RCAF uniform to shreds, stuffed it in a duffel bag and threw it in the river after he left his murdered wife.

Lonergan, meantime, was reported to be acting "just like any other prisoner" at the cell where he has been since he was charged with the first degree murder of the pretty brewery heiress.

Mario Gabelline, an interior decorator known among his friends for his skill at salad-making, who escorted Mrs. Lonergan on a round of night spots on the eve of her murder, continued to deny that he was anything but "a good friend" of Mrs. Lonergan. Gabelline is free on bail as a material witness.

Friends of the couple, however, including Dick Jorio, restaurant proprietor who arranged Gabelline's \$5,000 bail, said the couple were "deeply in love."

They gave what amounted to an "engagement" party, he said, and told friends they planned to be married.

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DEWEY'S PRESTIGE NEW DEAL POWER LISTED TUESDAY

New York, Oct. 30. —(U.P.)—New deal-Democratic strength will be tested significantly Tuesday in a scattering of elections, notably in such key areas as New York, New Jersey, Michigan and Kentucky.

These off-year pre-presidential polls will be the last real test of voting sentiment before 1944 when the presidential blue chips are down. Politicians will observe results closely for a hint of the destinies of men and parties.

The prestige of Republican Gov. Thomas E. Dewey is riding on New York's special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Republican Lieut. Gov. Thomas W. Wallace. State Senator Joe R. Hanley is the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, backed equally by Dewey and Wendell Willkie.

Dewey is tops in national public opinion polls on the matter of next year's G. O. P. nominee and a whopping victory for Hanley would boost his prestige more than a little. Some of those who want him to run believe they will have an opportunity to start a draft-Dewey convention in next year's Republican national convention if the delegates fail after four or five ballots to nominate a leader.

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