

MARINES RECITE JAP ATROCITIES AT PRISON CAMP

Liberated Leatherneck Tells Of Burning U. S. Flag To Prevent Its Capture

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With American Forces on Luzon, Feb. 4 (Delayed) — (U.P.) — U. S. Marines made certain that at least one American flag would not be captured by the Japanese when Corregidor fell.

Pfc. Fred S. Vinton of Jackson, Mich., one of 19 Marines liberated at Cabantuan, said the colors were wrapped around the waist of a navy hospital corpsman carried from Corregidor.

At Bilbid prison in Manila the flag was given to a Marine captain who burned it and buried the ashes.

Atrocities Told

The group, all veterans of the famous Fourth Marines, told of Japanese atrocities as they waited today for transportation to the United States.

"Give me two months at home and then I want to get back and settle a few old scores," Vinton said.

Vinton said when the Marines were being transferred from Corregidor to Bilbid May 25, 1942, the Japanese put hundreds of them on a small boat.

"They made no pretense of landing us," he said. "We simply were dumped in neck-deep water in the bay and told to wade ashore. Those too weak were

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Boy! What In-Laws!



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When Chief Machinist's Mate George Huffman returned to San Francisco from 38 months in the Pacific, he found his apartment slightly crowded with in-laws he had never met. Of his wife's six sisters and one brother who were staying there (she has two more brothers and two more sisters) are, left to right: Mrs. Lee Cargiamlo, Miss Helen Rogers, Miss Betty Jo Rogers, Mrs. Jennilee Cinti and Mrs. Huffman. When you get around to it, that's Mr. Huffman in the middle.

helped by buddies, but many of them drowned."

Cpl. Neil Iovino of Chicago, who was wounded at Bataan, said one prisoner escaped to the hills from a bridge building detail.

Courage Proved

"The same afternoon a Jap officer ran a finger down the roster of men and picked five at random," he said. "Then they were lined up in front of a ditch. The Japs figured the Americans couldn't take it without breaking down or showing fear. None of the five asked for a blindfold. Oddly enough the Japs treated us decently for the next two weeks. The idea percolated that we really had guts."

Cpl. Dennis Rainwater of Paris, Ark., said the prison hospital ward was dubbed "St. Peter's ward" because so many died there of dysentery, fever, and the effects of brutality.

Rainwater said the Red Cross sent shoes to the prisoners but the Japanese confiscated them and most of the men had to work barefooted on the roads and the fields.

Pvt. Edward Gordon of Jackson, Miss., weighed only 113 pounds Jan. 7 when the Japan-

ese increased food rations. He now weighs 150 pounds.

"They tried to starve us to death and tried to work us to death," Gordon said. "When that didn't work they tried to beat some of us to death. I'd give something to get off a few more rounds at the Japs."

Packages Looted

Master Sgt. Eugene C. Commander, of San Diego, Calif., said the Japanese looted the Red Cross packages of cigarettes, food, and "anything that shined."

They also took watches, jewelry, and pictures of wives and sweethearts from the prisoners.

Sgt. Harry Pinto of Mountain View, Calif., said once he dropped a picture of his wife and a guard grabbed it.

"I saw red and took the photo from him," he said. "He became enraged and began slapping me. I just had to stand there and take it."

Cpl. Edward Berry of Topanga, Calif., said that after the surrender of Corregidor, 8,000 Americans were jammed into an area of little more than an acre.

Dysentery Strikes

"It was so packed, there hardly was room to lie down. For the first few days we didn't get anything to eat unless we scrounged for it. Sickness broke out. We nicknamed the camp 'Dysentery Flats.'"

The first Marine officers to greet the liberated Marines were Col. Clayton C. Jerome of Burton, Kans., and Col. Lyle H. Meyer of Deer Isle, Me., who gave the men new uniforms and insignia.

Some of the men wept as they received the uniforms.

BRADLEY AGAIN COMMANDS FIRST

Paris, Feb. 6 — (U.P.) — Supreme Headquarters announced tonight that Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley had resumed command of the United States First army, which was under the temporary command of Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery after the Ardennes breakthrough.

FORMER JAYCEE HEAD HELD AS EMBEZZLER

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 6 — (U.P.) — Herbert McCulla, former national president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, was arraigned in Municipal Court today on charges of embezzling \$9,000 from the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra Association, Inc.

Judge Edward C. Fisher fixed McCulla's bond at \$10,000 after a plea of innocent was entered by the court. The defendant stood mute. He was bound over to District Court.

FIRST CONVOY MAKES JOURNEY FROM INDIA

Running, Feb. 6 — (U.P.) — A six mile long Allied convoy rested in Kunming today at the end of an epic 1,044-mile journey from India to China. It was the first over the new Stilwell road.

Thousands of cheering, flag-waving Chinese lined the streets as the convoy arrived Sunday, pouring in the first vehicles to reach this Chinese gateway of the Burma road from the outside world since 1942.

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HEAVY GALE HITS SOUTHERN OREGON COASTAL REGION

Coos Bay, Ore., Feb. 6 — (U.P.) — Maintenance crews of the utility, telephone and highway departments today sought to restore normal communication and transportation after a wind of hurricane velocity lashed the southern Oregon coast last night.

Large areas of Coos and Curry counties were without lights for more than an hour but service was restored to all but the Powers area today.

The storm swept up the coast from Crescent City, Cal., and measured a constant blow of 86 miles per hour in velocity, with short gusts measured as high as 100 miles per hour, according to the coast guard light station at Umpqua.

None Injured

No one was reported injured in the gale, which snapped power poles, felled trees across the highways, broke windows, and ripped off doors.

Rainfall of 1.42 inches fell in Coos Bay yesterday, with heavy intermittent rains today.

Thirty minutes before the gale struck Bandon, topping a pole carrying power wires into the hospital, a daughter was born to Mrs. Blaine Harbough, wife of a coast guardsman at the station there. The hospital was without lights for several hours but Mrs. Harbough and her baby were reported in good condition.

Olive Barber's Observations

Because we, as a family, have had such happy results from a certain project, I'm passing it on to you. Our older son thought of it and we feel he thus made a real contribution to the clan Barber. However, it took cooperation to carry out this plan, as you shall see.

I've written many times of that dearly beloved oldest, my father now in his 86th year. I've written a few times of Scotty, the baby grandson. The son's idea was this—why not have the great grandfather keep a diary for his little grandson. That would be something! And



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Lamour In "Rainbow Island"



Starting tomorrow at the Craterian is the musical comedy hit "Rainbow Island" in Technicolor with Dorothy Lamour, Eddie Bracken, Gil Lamb and Barry Sullivan. The film is showing for four days.

so it has proved. I tell you of this because a lot of you may have some grand old gentleman or lady in your home whose recorded viewpoints and accounts of their daily activities would be a valuable gift not only to the present younger generation, but to generations as yet unborn.

My father's diary for the past year came just the other day. Frank and I spent one evening reading from it and we both voted it as being the most interesting book we'd read this year. In explanation of much that he says, my mother has been in a wheel chair for the past eight years. I quote: "Jan. 3: Mandy had me take out the Christmas tree today and sweep the front porch. As long as she does not make me dust, I do not mind. Whoever invented dusting, I wish he would have had a mill stone hanged about his neck and been cast into the sea. Been reading a Zane Grey book. Too much profanity. I'm trying to read the book Olive gave me for Christmas, The Robe, but I think it ridicules the Bible. If so, I will not like it.

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have stood a poor show with her."

Get the grandfather in your home to keep a diary. You'll enjoy it as much as we are enjoying Dad's.

GREW SAYS JAPS TO FIGHT HARDER

Washington, Feb. 6 — (U.P.) — Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew today hailed the recapture of Manila as the harbinger of speedy liberation of all the Philippine Islands, but warned that it will inspire the Japanese to fight harder than ever.

Grew, who served as U. S. ambassador to Japan for ten years prior to Pearl Harbor, voiced the warning to a press conference amid widespread acclamation for Gen. Douglas MacArthur's triumphant return to the Philippine capital.

HUGE MERCHANT FLEET VISIONED AFTER WAR

Washington, Feb. 6 — (U.P.) — The nation's active post-war Merchant Fleet is expected to aggregate 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 deadweight tons, and Congress should quickly establish a policy on surface and trans-water aerial transportation, Admiral Emory S. Land told a House Appropriations Subcommittee in testimony released today.

Testifying on the Maritime Commission appropriation for fiscal 1946, the commission chairman also told the committee that work should begin, as soon as military demands permit, on new and modern "custom-built" commercial ships, particularly passenger vessels.

SLAVE GIRLS ON SILESIA ESTATE REBEL AND KILL

Moscow, Feb. 6 — (U.P.) — A Pravda correspondent today reported the revolt of 125 Russian "slave girls" on the estate of Col. Richard Richtenau at Sofienburg in upper Silesia on the day before soviet occupation.

Starved and tortured in the course of several years' bondage, the correspondent said, the girls, all under 21 years of age, seized axes, stones and shovels and killed two guards. On Jan. 2 they broke into the quarters of the manor's owner, Erna Richtenau, and tore her to pieces.

The correspondent said when he arrived with the red army he found the girls, tattered and famished, running on the ice-covered road to greet them.

He said they told an incredible story of the woman's sadism which included giving them from 10 to 15 lashes daily.

Many of the girls went mad while others committed suicide, the correspondent said. They were beaten for failure to work, "improper attitude" toward the Germans and stealing cattle fodder to feed themselves.

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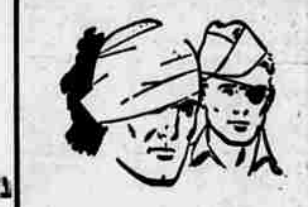
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