

## Vicious Okinawa Air-Sea Battle Which George Gates Helped Film Will Be Shown At Craterian Soon

George E. Gates, Jr., chief photographer's mate, USNR, 1307 Queen Anne, Medford, Ore., served with the navy combat photographic mission which filmed the vicious air-sea battle for Okinawa on which the new official motion picture, "The Fleet that Came to Stay," is based.

Produced by Navy Photographic Services, headed by Capt. Gene Markey, USNR, the picture will be presented this coming Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Craterian theatre.

**First Official Showing**  
"The Fleet that Came to Stay" is based on 200,000 feet of film taken under fire by 103 navy combat photographers for tactical study and training purposes. Released less than a month after Okinawa was secured, it is the first official two-reel picture showing the public the bitter fight against Jap suicide planes. One photographer lost his life in the operation, performed under the most hazardous conditions. Most of the scenes were shot under direct fire of the Kamikazes, providing valuable footage for the study of the habits, tactics and technique of the enemy suicide pilots.

"The navy's combat photographers will forever have the

gratitude of the American people for their contribution in saving lives of our fighting men," according to Lt. Collier Young, USNR, of Navy Photographic Services. He is a former scenario editor for Sam Goldwyn, and directed and edited the film.

### Devised by Markey

Methods used in filming the action were devised last August by Capt. Markey, in cooperation with Rear Admiral H. B. Miller, USN, director of Public Information, who at that time was on the staff of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz.

Under this plan, a story-board was prepared and each photographer was briefed on his individual mission—where his battle station would be and how and what to shoot.

As the air-sea battle for Okinawa progressed, with thousands of Jap suicide planes attacking the fleet in an all-out effort to smash our sea-power, the combat photographers were spotted and respotted among fleet units so that every phase would be covered.

"The Combat Photographers were not also rans in the Okinawa operation," Lt. Young said. "We were there—and we got footage of Kamikazes from

## Here Was Hiroshima



(Army Radio-Telephone)

Reconnaissance planes of Army Air Force photographed this giant column of smoke over Hiroshima at altitude of 20,000 feet above Hiroshima a few minutes after first atomic bomb was dropped on the city as smoke spread over 10,000 feet on target at base of rising column. AAF photo.

every conceivable vantage, including shots from the beaches as the suicide planes attacked the fleet off-shore."

### Jap Units Photographed

Jap carriers and battle units also were photographed by gun-camera on planes flying at mast levels.

Film was rushed to the Photographic Science laboratory, where it was processed and made available for tactical study. Within a week after D-Day, the first footage was made available for news reels, flown in from the Okinawa beaches by Lt. John Munroe, USNR, photographic officer.

"The Fleet that Came to Stay" went into production immediately, and the form was kept open until Okinawa was secured, so that the latest footage could be included.

Lt. Julius Epstein, USNR, former Warner Brothers screen writer, was assistant editor, while narration is by Lt. Fort Pearson, USNR, formerly with

the National Broadcasting Co. Lt. Lehman Engle, USNR, noted composer, wrote the film's musical score.

## EASING OF TAXES SEEN EARLY STEP

Washington, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—Cancellation of the three per cent normal tax was viewed today as a likely first postwar step to reduce the individual income tax burden.

This could be done easily and could be in effect by Jan. 1 while congress considered more thoroughgoing tax revisions.

Repeal of the normal tax would eliminate income tax obligations of persons now paying up to \$39 annually under the present structure. It would mean a reduction for all the remainder of some 50,000,000 taxpayers.

Still standing would be the heavy surtax which starts at 20 per cent and graduates to 91 per cent, according to income.

If the normal tax is repealed, a family consisting of man, wife, two children with a gross income of \$2,000 and a present tax bill of \$39 would no longer pay any tax.

Likewise a married couple with one child and a gross income of \$1,500 would no longer pay the tax. The same goes for a married couple with \$1,000 of income. In all these cases, none is subject to surtax.

A man with a \$5,500 income, a wife and one child would find his tax bill lessened by \$135 per year.

### West Pine Lumber Auction Postponed

Portland, Ore., Aug. 14—(U.P.)—A large western pine lumber auction scheduled to be held in Spokane tomorrow has been postponed indefinitely, Lt. Comm. J. M. Hogg, western pine procurement officer for the central army-navy procurement agency, said today.

Turn of events in the war was given as the reason for the postponement, Lt. Comm. Hogg said.

### FULL RELIEF FOR BOTH ITALY, AUSTRIA ASKED

London, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—The United States today asked the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to put both Italy and Austria on "full relief."

The American memorandum was submitted to a plenary meeting of the UNRRA Council by William Clayton, assistant Secretary of State in charge of economic affairs.

### BAR MASS PICKETING

Hollywood, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—Mass picketing of Samuel Goldwyn studios by film strikers was banned today by Superior Judge Emmet H. Wilson, who said he would issue a similar order affecting Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. "Congregation of a large number of pickets is not calculated to appeal to the reasoning powers of persons who come into contact with the picket line, but is an exhibition of force," Wilson declared.

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## LUMBER INDUSTRY CONVERSION HELP URGED BY SOLON

Washington, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—Sen. Hugh B. Mitchell, D., Wash., today urged immediate resumption of peacetime lumber production.

At the same time he asked that the Office of Price Administration permit higher consumer goods prices in western areas during reconversion.

In a letter to Director of War Mobilization John W. Snyder, Mitchell proposed the following four-point program to help the lumber industry:

1. Immediate release by the army of all heavy-duty tractors and cranes earmarked for its use, to be diverted to the lumber industry by WPB as soon as possible.

2. Immediate relaxation of restrictions on the lumber industry.

3. Immediate reappraisal of the army's lumber needs, so that all extra lumber can go to civilian building.

4. Revision of War Manpower commission hiring rules for the lumber industry.

Mitchell said that northwest lumber mills must be put back into peacetime production at the earliest possible moment to afford employment for veterans and discharged war workers.

### ICE CONTROL OFF

Washington, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—Because of an ice shortage on the west coast due to heavy movement of military material and season crops, price control

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 1945

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

has been suspended on open market purchases of ice by railroads, express companies and other carrying users, the Office of Price Administration said today. Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

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