

ONLY 300 OF 1919 YANK PRISONERS OF BATAAN ALIVE

Received Good Treatment At Inchon After Ordeal On Ships All Say

Inchon, Korea, Sept. 8—(U.P.)—Only about 300 of the 1,919 American prisoners of war who sailed from Manila last Dec. 13 for prison camps in Japan survived the ordeals to which they were subjected, liberated men of the Inchon camp said today.

Frankly admitting that Inchon was one of the few Japanese camps where U. S. personnel received decent treatment, the group of 138 Americans were unable to do anything but speak bitterly of the haunting voyage from Manila which cost the lives of most of the prisoners.

All the men at Inchon were captured on Bataan or Corregidor.

They said 273 of their comrades were lost when their ship, the Oriska Maru, was bombed and sunk in Subic bay. The others swam ashore after the Japanese abandoned them to their fate. But once ashore they were prisoners again—unfed for four and one-half days. Finally they were each given two tablespoons of dry rice, a former officer of the Philippines quartermaster office said.

"Then we were loaded onto a big unnamed freighter from which the Japs had just finished unloading horses and artillery. Manure was knee deep. Flies swarmed all over the ship. We sailed to Tata, on Formosa—and lost about 30 men a day through starvation or dysentery.

"The Japs never came below decks and we carried our own dead topside."

Then the prisoners were transferred to a camp on Kyushu, southernmost of the home islands. "We passed through several blizzards and with hatches open it was freezing. Many of us had no clothing except undershirts. We huddled together to keep warm—but on that ship you had to huddle anyway—there wasn't room for anything else."

When they arrived in Korea last April, the small group of survivors, found themselves in a camp where they could marvel at surprisingly good treatment.

"We've no complaints against the Japanese here," one prisoner said as he showed me the carefully-tended flower and vegetable gardens maintained by the Americans.

"We got one Red Cross parcel for each man every two weeks," he said, pointing out that when the same group was in Japan—held on Kyushu island—"we got one for every three men every six months."

The American prisoners unanimously declared that they had received excellent treatment from their Japanese captors in Korea.

Malta Commandry To Seat Officers In Ashland Rites

Ashland, Sept. 8—Public installation of officers of Malta Commandry No. 4 will be held Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Masonic Temple. Right Eminent Grand Commander Ralph E. Sweeney will act as installing officer following a 6:45 p. m. banquet.

The following officers were elected to fill the stations for the ensuing year: Elmer C. Biegel, eminent commander; M. Patrick Dunn, generalissimo; George W. Nielson, captain general; John P. Daugherty, senior warden; Vern A. Turpin, junior warden; George W. Dunn, treasurer; Rufus E. Detrick, recorder. Eminent Commander-Elect Biegel will name appointive officers later.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon. Please remember.

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Court House News

Justice Court
 Roger D. Clement, combined overload, \$14.25 and costs; combined overload, \$10.50 and costs.
 Woodrow W. Atwood, trailer unit overload, \$11.50 and costs.
 Harold A. Davis, no muffler on motor vehicle, \$1 and costs.
 Roy V. Deutschman, no lights, \$1 and costs.
 Doyle A. Johnson, overweight load, \$1 and costs.
 George W. Large, overweight load, \$2.50 and costs; overweight load, \$2.50 and costs.
 Harold Johnson, driver axle overload, \$8.50 and costs.
 Vern W. York, combined overload, \$15.75 and costs.
 Melvin J. Pagona, trailer unit overload, \$17.50 and costs; driver axle overload, \$12.25 and costs.
 Earl L. Stephenson, combination overload, \$10.75 and costs.
 John A. Cummings, combination overload, \$14 and costs.
 Edward L. Jonais, intoxicated on public highway, \$25.50 and costs.
 David E. Jackson, no muffler, \$1 and costs.
 Weldon F. Biddle, Jr., and Henry E. Slover, combination overload, cited.
 Ray Neil Murphy, driving while intoxicated, \$100 and costs.
 Andrew Brown and Victor E. Taylor, overload, cited.

Police Court
 Leona Shepherd, parked in alley, \$5 fine.
 Allen Perry, and Daniel-Robinson company, overparking, \$1 bail each.
 Lila Silva, parked in alley, \$5 fine suspended.
 Knawitton Currans, drunk, \$10 fine and 5 days jail suspended.
 George E. Elrod, truck speeding, cited.
 Robert A. Smoot, overweight load, no registration card, cited.

Divorce Decrees
 Phyllis Lucille Moffat vs. William H. Moffat, Jr., decree of annulment.
 Lucille Leslie Hamman vs. Ira Lee Hamman.
 Veva Haas vs. George Haas.
 Ruth Wood vs. Willis F. Wood.

RECOMMEND HESS AS U. S. ATTORNEY

Portland, Ore., Sept. 8—(U.P.)—Henry Hess, La Grande, has been recommended to President Truman for nomination as U. S. district attorney for Oregon by Attorney General Tom C. Clark, it was revealed today.

The recommendation was announced to Lew Wallace, Oregon national Democratic committee man, by Dick Macy, executive vice-chairman.

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