

Two Young Marines Swim Three Miles After Going Overboard From Transport

Honolulu—Two young Marines said Wednesday they swam three miles to shore after one of them fell overboard from a troop transport off Honolulu and the other dived in to save him.

"Yeah, it's kind of unbelievable," said Lance Cpl. John J. Mahan. "It was quite a different experience."

Mahan, 19, Whittier, Calif., said he owed his life to his

friend, Pfc. James M. Cristler, 20, also of Whittier.

Their troop transport, the General Mann, left San Diego Jan. 21, and Mahan became seasick almost from the minute they left port.

No Guard Rail

Last Saturday night, as the ship left Pearl Harbor for Okinawa, Mahan and Cristler were resting on an area of

the deck that had no guard rail, only a steel cable along its edge.

Mahan was sick.

"All of a sudden I felt it necessary to head for the side," he said. "The next thing I knew I was paralyzed with fear at the realization I was in the water and the ship was moving away. I don't recall any sensation of actually falling the 40 feet into the sea."

Cristler immediately went in after him.

"It was just a reflex action, I guess," he said.

Cristler helped Mahan remove most of his clothing, then removed most of his own, and the two started swimming.

"I kept wanting to go the wrong way," Mahan said. "But Jim talked to me and set me right and I took his

judgment. He kept encouraging me and telling me we would make it."

Washed Ashore

Three hours later they were washed over sharp coral into shallow water off a point near Pearl Harbor. Cristler staggered to the home of a Navy commander and got help. Doctors said the youths suffered only minor coral scratches.

Mahan and Cristler were

scheduled to leave by airplane tonight to join their outfit at Okinawa.

"I don't know whether I'll get airsick or not," Mahan said. "I've never flown in an airplane."

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WELCOME FOR ALL—Three lovely contestants for the title of Miss Chinatown USA, picked the first rainy day in over a month to visit the San Francisco airport in their motorized rickshaw to welcome one and all to the Chinese New Year's festival, which runs until Feb. 10. The girls are, from left, Shirley Fong, San Francisco; Dolly Lee, Honolulu; and Cecilia Wu, San Francisco. They are being driven by Tony Kent. (UPI)

Anderson Released From Air Force; Destination Secret

Mountain Home, Idaho—Gerald M. Anderson, 25, was just another civilian today, except that he had \$499.01 in his pocket and a story he'd rather forget.

His discharge from the Air Force, after spending 10 months in a stockade for a double murder another man confessed, was made final Wednesday.

The transition from Air Force prisoner to civilian was swift. It came in less than 24 hours.

Anderson drew \$499.01, his last paycheck from the Air Force, and left.

Officers said Anderson declined to say where he was going, but he was given travel money from the base to his home in San Diego.

Earlier Wednesday, a federal judge stopped the civil rights dispute in the case, but Anderson's civilian attorney indicated he might pursue the matter in libel and personal injury suits.

U.S. District Judge Chase A. Clark said "it is well" the Air Force released the airman from murder charges.

He said the release relieved the court from ruling on charges Anderson's civil rights were violated when the Air Force arrested him after the state of Idaho freed him.

But Attorney Robert McLaughlin said during an interview there was a chance he would sue on behalf of Anderson.

Anderson's honorable discharge came from Washington, signed by Air Force Secretary Eugene Zuckert.

The Air Force action was on the basis of a confession Anderson gave Office of Special Investigation agents that he knifed to death Mrs. Nancy Johnson, 22, and her baby last April 10.

Three hours after the state freed him, the Air Force charged him with the murders.

Anderson and McLaughlin accused the four OSI agents, who took the confession, of using brainwashing methods.

Anderson said, when he was released from the Elmore county jail at Mountain Home, that if the OSI agents had "told me I was Mona

Lisa, I would have believed it."

The state freed Anderson when Theodore Thomas Dickie, 22, confessed that he killed the Johnsons.

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary's School

Sodalists held a general meeting recently. Guest speaker was the Rev. Gilbert Lulay, who spoke on general attitudes and practices for the coming retreat.

St. Mary's students burned the midnight oil preparing for mid-term exams. Winter frivolities were forgotten Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday as brains took precedence over beauty and brawn. Report cards will be given to students today, and Friday an assembly will honor students of outstanding scholastic achievement.

The students' annual retreat was held the week of January 27. During this time students attended conferences given by the Rev. Edward Jenner of Central Catholic High school in Portland. Besides the four conferences each day students were given opportunities to have private conferences with the retreat master. Between sessions the time was spent in silence and quiet reflection of the subject matter previously discussed. Regular academic classes were suspended for the time of the retreat.

Several students will participate in the religious census-taking organized by the Medford Ministerial association Feb. 16 and 17. Annette Burich and Pete Naume, are co-chairmen for the SM students. The volunteers under them are Charlotte Sokolowski, Laura Batzer, Ingrid Bergstrom, Kathy Hout, Mike Stinson, Sandy Cook, Pat Barnum, Dixie Duggan, Kathy Herlein, Mary Kay Hochstatter, Mike Hutchinson, Kristine Laubscher, Millie O'Conner, Jeff Randolph, Mary Walsh, Don Zelenik, Randy Corliss and Jim Carnegie.

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CRITIC WARD MOREHOUSE was reminding a lot of old cronies the other P.M. about New York in 1898. Manhattan big-shots in those good old, peaceful days chewed pepsin gum, drank Baltimore Rye, took night boats to Albany, Troy, New Bedford, Fall River, or Old Point Comfort, and went to the Studebaker shop on Prince Street for their carriage repairs.



It was a time of wasp waists, high button shoes, Gibson girls, Sousa's Band, William Jennings Bryan, and the Klondike gold rush. The best-selling books were "Quo Vadis?" and "When Knighthood Was In Flower." The top play hits were "Secret Service" and "The Heart of Maryland." And at the Casino Theatre the famous Florodora Sextette was singing "Tell Me, Pretty Maiden" on stage and fighting off the town's most eligible bachelors later on at Churchill's and Rector's.

What year do YOU remember best from your youth?

Dick Bobbitt tells about the Texas oil man who dropped his wallet while crossing Times Square. An alert policeman rushed after him and persuaded him to pick it up before it blocked traffic.

Suggests Wanda Cunningham:
"If the mood of your spouse,
Before coffee, is irksome,
The best thing to do
Is get up and perk some!"

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