

Long-Delayed Tokyo Raid Story Released After Long Secrecy

Editor's Note—Jack Rice, Associated Press staff photographer, has been in the thick of much of the naval action in the Pacific, recording the events of the war first hand with both camera and typewriter. He left San Francisco for the war zone shortly after the start of hostilities and was the only civilian photographer with the aircraft carrier Hornet when that ship carried Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle's fliers into Japanese waters for their historic raid on Tokyo more than a year ago. His eyewitness account of that mission, written on the day of the attack, is now released with publication of the war department's official account of the Doolittle adventure.

By JACK RICE
WITH THE U. S. FLEET SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC, April 18, 1942 (Delayed) (P)—High explosives and incendiary bombs from U. S. army B-25 (Mitchell) bombers dropped on a surprised Japan shortly after noon today.

These heavily-laden, twin-engined bombers were launched on their mission of terror and destruction from the aircraft carrier Hornet some 800 miles east of Tokyo. The operation proved to everyone who saw it that the army and navy now had got together and were combining talents to carry the war to the enemy in his homeland.

Heavy Sea
There was a heavy sea running and salt spray from the huge waves of the cold North Pacific was shipping with frenzy over the ships of our task force. We were running at high speed to carry to the Japanese a measure of the tragedy they had been inflicting on us and our allies.

About 7:45 a. m. one of our cruisers sighted a small Japanese patrol boat some 25,000 yards to port of our ship. A light cruiser immediately went to intercept and sink the enemy ship. The operation took but a few minutes. The cruiser fired with such rapidity she seemed to be a mass of flames.

"Spitkit" Sunk
The "spitkit," as navy men call Japanese patrol boats, sank before any of the men aboard could be saved. She probably was able to report our position with fair accuracy, however, so Vice-Admiral William F. Halsey, commanding our group, decided that inasmuch as we were within Japan's patrol lanes, it would be a good idea to launch our deadly cargo.

The launching of the unwieldy, big birds from the restricted flight deck of the carrier went off with clock-like regularity, the entire operation taking less than an hour. It required superb seamanship by the officers and crew of the Hornet to get those planes off, with a violent sea and high wind combining to conspire against us.

High Skill
It took flying skill of the highest degree to lift the heavy bombers into the gray overcast and find the targets, but it was accomplished without a hitch. A great deal of the credit must go to Col. James H. Doolittle, who planned this most audacious raid of the war so far, but he, too, depended heavily on the practiced and sure crews of the planes and ships which took part in the attack.

We left port without knowing our destination or mission, as usual. But we knew we were out for something big. Curiosity reached a new high when the senior aviator aboard our ship ran in with the information that the Hornet was loaded with twin-engined bombers. That set up an entirely new train of thought: maybe we were going to deliver planes somewhere. Well, we did, but where we delivered them was a big surprise to the Japanese, as well as to our people at home.

We found out where we were going that same day, when the commanding officer certified all units to proceed to a certain point off Japan and launch the B-25s for the purpose of bombing Tokyo. A couple of nights before we arrived at our destination, I was back in the chiefs' quarters listening to the Tokyo propaganda broadcast. The announcer was holding forth with a long spiel about how the Japanese could feel perfectly safe from the bombings which were ravaging most of Asia because their main enemies, the Americans, had no bases from which to carry out a raid.

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New Air Force Second Lieutenants



Five Klamath men graduated from army air force training schools today as new second lieutenants in the air force. Left to right they are: Lt. D. T. Jobs, Lt. J. W. Nash, Lt. J. F. Parisotto, Lt. R. E. Veatch, and Lt. M. M. Walker.

Sub Wahoo Returns After Record Bag of Eight Ships

By CHARLES McMURTRY
PEARL HARBOR, April 22 (P)—The submarine Wahoo has returned from its second adventure in enemy waters with another eight ships sunk for a total of 13 in two successive patrols. Naval officials said the eight bagged in the second patrol was a record number for a single patrol, but Lieut. Commander Dudley W. (Mush) Morton, skipper of the Wahoo described the exploit as "just cut and dried sinking of ships."
"It was just sight, track, shoot and sink," said the 36-year-old Miami, Fla., officer. Besides the eight ships, totaling 37,000 tons, the Wahoo damaged a ninth and wrecked a twelfth and two sampans. The sinkings all were achieved within one week's time. For the two patrols, the first in January, the total tonnage sunk was 69,000. Morton admitted he got a thrill one night when Japanese tanker's five-inch shell fell close to the Wahoo's bow, forcing the Wahoo to submerge. The submarine surfaced 45 minutes and sank the tanker within 15 minutes. "The same night we sighted and tracked a small freighter," Morton related. "We surfaced and sank him by gunfire shortly before daylight."
"While we were sinking him another small ship showed up. At first we thought it too small to bother with but it turned out to be a small, neat diesel-powered freighter. So we turned to on him. I don't know why he didn't run. We closed fast as we could on the surface and

GERENE TIPTON ON DEFENSE GROUP

Gerene Tipton, whose rank with the Marion county civilian defense council has been that equivalent to colonel in the army, has been requested as a member of a State Citizens Defense Corps committee by Jerrold Owen, state civilian defense council coordinator, it was learned Wednesday. Her presence in Portland, Friday has been asked by Mrs. E. W. St. Pierre, director of citizen service corps and civilian war savings for Oregon. Miss Tipton, as a member of this committee, will submit a brief of her work and will be represented by Col. Delphine Savage of Salem, who became chief of staff upon the enlistment of Miss Tipton in the WAACS in Portland April 13, and by Major Hazel Harper, also of Salem, who is block leader chief of Marion county.

GIBSON NAMED SP TRAVELING AGENT

Cliff Reeves, district freight and passenger agent, Southern Pacific company, has announced the appointment of O. V. Gibson as traveling freight and passenger agent, succeeding George Morgan, transferred to Seattle. Gibson was formerly traveling agent for the Southern Pacific in Montana, with headquarters at Butte. J. O. Ormandy, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, was here on an official visit Thursday from his offices in Portland.

ROMANCE RATIONED

SEYMOUR, Conn. (P)—An 84-year-old farmer admitted to the ration board that he had used the gasoline allowed for his tractor in his car instead. Asked why, he replied: "To go to see my girl friend."
Cautioned by the surprised board, the octogenarian quickly suggested a way to eliminate those pleasure trips. "How about extra gas for a honeymoon?" he asked. Reluctantly, the board said no.

Gen. MacArthur to Continue Services Past Retirement

WASHINGTON, April 22 (P)—General Douglas MacArthur will continue his services in the field after reaching retirement age next January 26. Undersecretary of War Patterson, telling this to a press conference today, said the services of the southwest Pacific commander have been of "the most extraordinary value to the country."
MacArthur will be 64 next January, the age at which retirement from the armed forces ordinarily becomes effective. "We must revive the rights of the individual—the strength, the character that is the essence of America.—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

AIR FORCES STRENGTHENED BY LOCAL MEN

Headquarters Army Air Forces Gulf Coast Training Center, Randolph Field, Tex.—The power and fury of the army air force was strengthened today as hundreds of Uncle Sam's new fighting pilots, ready and eager to hit Hitler and Hirohito where they can feel it, were graduated from the AAF Gulf Coast training center's ten advanced flying schools. Numbered among the new pilots are five from Klamath Falls: Lieut. DeWitte T. Jobe Jr., 408 Main (Eagle Pass). Lieut. John W. Nash, 2550 Reclamation street (Ellington). Lieut. John F. Parisotto, 2033 White avenue (Brooks Field, San Antonio, Tex.). Lieut. Robert E. Veatch, 1956 Earle street (Lubbock). Lieut. Mathew M. Walker, route 1 (Lubbock). Representing every state in the nation, plus France, Canada,

Film Actor's Son To Marry Soon

HOLLYWOOD, April 22 (P)—Andrew Victor McLaglen, 22-year-old son of the film actor, and Maria M. Harrison, 18, have applied for a marriage license, but have not yet announced their wedding date.

Contracts Awarded For New Merchant Ships on Coast

(P)—SAN FRANCISCO, April 22 (P)—Contracts for 357 merchant ships, including 189 Victory ships, a new design, have been awarded Pacific coast shipyards, the maritime commission announced here yesterday. The other ships to be constructed on the coast include 131 high speed tankers and 37 Liberties. Contracts for 112 other ships were awarded to yards in other parts of the country.

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