

THE DAWN ALERT

U.S.S. RANDOLPH (CV-15)

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TUESDAY

14 AUGUST 1945.

WAR CONTINUES AS HOURS PASS WITHOUT ANY WORD FROM JAPAN

BOMBS RAINING ON THE TOKYO AREA YESTERDAY EMPHASIZED THAT "THE WAR IS STILL IN PROGRESS" SO LONG AS THE JAPANESE WAR LORDS CONTINUE TO DEBATE ON THE ALLIED SURRENDER DEMANDS.

NEARLY 48 HOURS AFTER THE ALLIED RESPONSE TO THE JAPANESE CONDITIONAL SURRENDER OFFER, THERE WAS STILL NOT A SINGLE OFFICIAL WORD FROM TOKYO.

IN WASHINGTON, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY CHARLES ROSS AT 6 P.M. SUNDAY (YESTERDAY MORNING, RANDOLPH TIME) MADE THIS STATEMENT: "THE WAR IS STILL IN PROGRESS."

ROSS MADE IT CLEAR THAT WASHINGTON HAD NOT ABANDONED HOPE THAT THE JAPS MIGHT GIVE IN. HE SAID THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD BE OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT SUNDAY (WASHINGTON TIME), WHICH WAS WELL INTO MONDAY IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. MIDNIGHT CAME AND WENT IN WASHINGTON AND ROSS RETIRED FOR THE NIGHT.

AS IF TO UNDERSCORE ROSS' STATEMENT THAT THE WAR CONTINUES, PACIFIC WAR FRONT BULLETINS TOLD OF THE RENEWAL OF ATTACKS ON THE TOKYO AREA BY AMERICAN AND BRITISH CARRIER PLANES YESTERDAY. THE FAR EASTERN ARMY AIR FORCE ALSO CONTINUED ATTACKS, WHILE FIGHTING WENT ON ON THE ASIATIC MAINLAND, IN CHINA PROPER, MANCHURIA, AND KOREA.

THE JAPANESE SILENCE BUILT UP SUSPENSE IN A PEACE-HOPEFUL WORLD THAT HAD BROUGHT ITSELF TO BELIEVE THE WAR WAS ALMOST ENDED.

IT ALSO ENGENDERED RENEWED HATRED OF A TREACHEROUS ENEMY. THERE WAS A FEELING THAT PERHAPS THE JAPS WERE UP TO SOME NEW TRICKERY, UNDERSTANDABLE ONLY TO THEIR OWN PECULIAR MINDS. THE QUESTION AROSE, IF THE JAPS DID NOT MAKE THEIR PEACE BID SERIOUSLY, WHY DID THEY MAKE IT AT ALL? WHAT DID THEY HOPE TO GAIN?

THE JAPANESE OFFERED TO ACCEPT THE UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER TERMS OF THE POTSDAM ULTIMATUM WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SOVEREIGN PERROGATIVES OF EMPEROR HIROHITO WOULD BE MAINTAINED. THE ALLIED REPLY STATED THAT THE EMPEROR COULD REMAIN FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT HE MUST TAKE HIS ORDERS FROM THE ALLIED SUPREMACY COMMANDER.

EVENTUALLY THE JAPANESE PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WANT TO KEEP THE EMPEROR.

THE JAPANESE PROPOSITION AND THE ALLIED REPLY WERE ROUT-

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ED THROUGH SWITZERLAND. THE INTERMEDIATE SWISS GOVERNMENT KNEW AS LITTLE AS THE AMERICANS ABOUT ANY PROSPECTIVE JAPANESE REPLY. THE SWISS STATE DEPARTMENT CLOSED FOR THE NIGHT WITHOUT WORD FROM JAPAN.

WHILE THE WORLD WAITED, THE JAP RADIO DWELT ON THE THEME THAT WHATEVER DECISION COMES, THE EMPEROR'S ORDERS MUST BE FOLLOWED STRICTLY AND IMPLICITLY. THE JAPANESE PEOPLE APPARENTLY STILL ARE NOT OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF THE SURRENDER OFFER OR OF THE ALLIED REPLY.

THIRD FLEET RENEWS ATTACK

GUAM:-

ADMIRAL NIMITZ ANNOUNCED THAT AMERICAN AND BRITISH CARRIER PLANES STRUCK AT TARGETS IN THE TOKYO AREA EARLY YESTERDAY AND SAID THE ATTACKS ARE CONTINUING.

THE THIRD FLEET WAS IDLE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, BUT NIMITZ SAID THIS WAS DUE TO PRE-ARRANGED PLANS AND NOT BECAUSE OF THE JAPANESE PEACE OFFER. NIMITZ ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A MAJOR U.S. WARSHIP WAS DAMAGED BY A JAPANESE AERIAL TORPEDO SUNDAY EVENING. THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE IS NOT YET DETERMINED.

GENERAL MACARTHUR ANNOUNCED MORE THAN 400 PLANES SET HUGE FIRES AT KURUME, ON KYUSHU, AND AT KURE NAVAL BASE, ON HONSHU, IN SATURDAY ATTACKS. GENERAL GEORGE KENNEY SAID THAT THE FAR EASTERN AIR FORCE PLANES CONTINUED ATTACKS ON SUNDAY BUT GAVE NO DETAILS.

WRITER SAYS WE'RE MADDER THAN EVER

GUAM:-

JOHN R. HENRY, INTERNATIONAL NEWS CORRESPONDENT, YESTERDAY WROTE THAT THE AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN IN THE PACIFIC ARE GRIMLY PREPARED TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE NIPS - "IF ANYTHING, MADDER THAN EVER AT THE JAPANESE."

HENRY WROTE:

"IF THE JAPANESE DECLINE THE LAST TERMS SENT THEM, THEN THEY HAVE ASKED FOR WHATEVER KIND OF HELL WE CAN GIVE THEM -- THAT IS OPINION OF THE MEN THIS CORRESPONDENT TALKED TO AT GUAM IN THE LAST FEW HOURS.

"FLEET ADMIRAL CHESTER W. NIMITZ'S DISCLOSURE THIS MONDAY MORNING THAT THE JAPANESE TORPEDOED A MAJOR UNITED STATES WARSHIP IN BUCKNER BAY ANCHORAGE ON THE WEST COAST OF OKINAWA ADDED FUEL TO THE FIRE OF THE YANKEE TEMPERS.

"THE SNEAK ATTACK BY A SINGLE TORPEDO PLANE, COMING AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE JAPANESE TREACHERY WHICH NIMITZ WARNED AGAINST

PRESIDENT TRUMAN CONFIRMS END OF WAR;
GENERAL MAC ARTHUR IS OCCUPATION HEAD

THE WORLD RETURNED TO THE WAYS OF PEACE AT 0800 (RANDOLPH TIME) TODAY WHEN PRESIDENT TRUMAN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED ACCEPTANCE OF JAPAN'S SURRENDER UNDER TERMS OF THE POTSDAM ULTIMATUM.

AT THAT HOUR, RANDOLPH PLANES WERE LANDING AFTER BEING RECALLED FROM A PROJECTED STRIKE AGAINST TOKYO. WHEN THE LAST PLANE WAS ABOARD, CAPTAIN J. R. TATE DRAMATICALLY PASSED THE WORD TO ALL HANDS OVER THE SHIP'S RBO SYSTEM.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT GENERAL DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR, HERO OF THE PHILIPPINES, WOULD BE THE ALLIED SUPREME COMMANDER IN THE OCCUPATION OF JAPAN.

EMPEROR HIROHITO WAS SCHEDULED TO GO ON THE AIR LATER TODAY AND TELL HIS PEOPLE THAT NIPPON HAD QUIT.

THUS ENDED JAPAN'S DREAM OF EMPIRE, A DREAM THAT STARTED WELL-- FOR THE NIPS-- BUT TURNED TO NIGHTMARE AS THE STOLEN LANDS FELL ONE BY ONE TO THE NAVIES AND ARMIES OF THE BIG FOUR ALLIES-- THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN, CHINA AND RUSSIA.

THE LITTLE MEN WHO PROVED SUCH STUBBORN ENEMIES ON MANY A BLOODY BATTLEFIELD, GAVE UP WITHOUT A SINGLE SOLDIER LANDING ON THE JAP HOMELAND. THE U.S. AND BRITISH NAVIES, AMERICA'S DEVASTATING ATOMIC BOMB, AND RUSSIA'S DRAMATIC LAST-MINUTE ENTRY INTO THE WAR TOOK CARE OF ALL THAT.

THE END TO JAPAN'S AGGRESSION CAME THREE YEARS, EIGHT MONTHS AND NINE DAYS AFTER THE TREACHEROUS ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR. THE DATE, 7 DECEMBER 1941, WILL, AS THE LATE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAID, "LIVE IN INFAMY." IT LAUNCHED THE UNITED STATES INTO THE BLOODIEST WAR IN ALL ITS HISTORY, A WAR THAT TOOK OUR MEN AND SHIPS AND PLANES TO EVERY CONTINENT ON EARTH FOR A LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE WITH JAPAN AND HER AXIS PARTNERS, FASCIST ITALY AND NAZI GERMANY.

ITALY TOSSED IN THE SPONGE COMPARATIVELY EARLY, BUT GERMANY HELD OUT UNTIL LAST MAY. THEN THE UNITED STATES GIRDED ITSELF FOR WHAT MOST MEN BELIEVED WOULD BE A LONG AND BITTER CONFLICT WITH JAPAN. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT NOTHING SHORT OF A GREAT INVASION, WITH THOUSANDS OF CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES, WOULD END THE FIGHTING.

LAST WEEK, HOWEVER, THE PICTURE CHANGED WITH STUNNING SUDDENNESS.

ON MONDAY, 6 AUGUST, WHILE THE RANDOLPH AND HER SISTER SHIPS STEAMED OFF THE COAST OF JAPAN, A LONE ARMY B-29 DROPPED

PRESIDENT CONFIRMS PEACE (CONT'D.)

THE WORLD'S FIRST ATOMIC BOMB ON THE CITY OF HIROSHIMA. THE NEXT DAY, IN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT TRUMAN WARNED THE JAPS THAT AMERICA HAD MORE ATOMIC BOMBS, THAT WE FULLY INTENDED USING THEM AND THAT UNLESS JAPAN SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY THE COUNTRY WOULD BE UTTERLY ANIHILATED BY THE TERRIBLE ATOMIC WEAPON.

THREE DAYS LATER, THE ARMY PROVED THE PRESIDENT WAS NOT BLUFFING. A SECOND ATOMIC BOMB WAS DROPPED, THIS TIME ON NAGASAKI. AND ON THE SAME DAY, MIGHTY RUSSIA ENTERED THE WAR AGAINST NIPPON. SOVIET TROOPS QUICKLY BEGAN TO OVER-RUN MANCHURIA, KOREA AND LOWER SAKHALIN.

THE VERY NEXT DAY, LAST SATURDAY, JAPAN SUED FOR PEACE. SHE SAID SHE WOULD ACCEPT THE POTSDAM TERMS PROVIDED HIROHITO COULD KEEP HIS PREROGATIVES AS EMPEROR.

THE ALLIES REPLIED THAT HIROHITO COULD REMAIN ON HIS THRONE, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, BUT THAT THE GOD-EMPEROR WOULD BE A TERRESTRIAL PUPPET UNDER THE ALLIED SUPREME COMMANDER. FURTHERMORE, THE JAPANESE WARLORDS WERE TOLD, THE JAP PEOPLE THEMSELVES EVENTUALLY WILL VOTE TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WANT TO KEEP AN EMPEROR-WORSHIP FORM OF GOVERNMENT OR TRY SOME OTHER.

FROM SUNDAY UNTIL YESTERDAY, THE JAPS PONDERED THEIR FINAL DECISION. ANXIOUS HOURS DRAGGED BY. LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, RADIO TOKYO BEGAN BROADCASTING A DOMEI NEWS AGENCY DISPATCH SAYING THAT NIPPON HAD DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE SURRENDER TERMS.

BUT SUCH IS THE JAP REPUTATION FOR INTEGRITY THAT NO ONE WOULD REALLY BELIEVE THE END HAD COME UNTIL PRESIDENT TRUMAN MADE IT OFFICIAL AT THE WHITE HOUSE, THE SAME WHITE HOUSE WHERE A NOW DEAD JAP ADMIRAL SAID HE WOULD DICTATE THE TERMS OF SURRENDER TO AMERICA. IT DIDN'T TURN OUT QUITE THAT WAY.

REPORTS FROM HOME SAID THAT TRUMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT WAS GREETED BY WILD DEMONSTRATIONS EVERYWHERE. CHURCHES, TOO, WERE CROWDED. THERE WAS A TREMENDOUS FEELING OF RELIEF, FOR THIS AFTERNOON, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS, THERE WAS PEACE ON EARTH.

ADMIRAL HALSEY COMPLIMENTS THIRD FLEET

BROADCASTING FROM HIS FLAGSHIP OFF THE JAPANESE COAST, ADMIRAL HALSEY THIS AFTERNOON PAID A GLOWING TRIBUTE TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE THIRD FLEET. WHEN THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH BECOMES AVAILABLE, IT WILL BE PUBLISHED BY THE DAWN ALERT.

HERE'S THE PROUD STORY
OF RANDOLPH'S ROLE
IN WAR'S HISTORY

THE WHOLE STORY OF THE U.S.S. RANDOLPH'S GALLANT ROLE IN HELPING TO WIN THE PACIFIC WAR AT LAST CAN BE TOLD. THE RECORD SHOWS THAT SHE IS A FIGHTING SHIP, A GREAT WAR MACHINE THAT WILL GO DOWN IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY WITH GLORY AND HONOR TO HER OFFICERS AND CREW.

DURING HER COMPARATIVELY BRIEF BUT BRILLIANT CAREER, PLANES OF THE RANDOLPH'S AIR GROUPS BLASTED ENEMY TARGETS FROM OKINAWA TO HOKKAIDO, FROM TOKYO TO IWO JIMA. TOKYO, HEART OF THE ENEMY HOMELAND, WAS OUR FAVORITE TARGET. OUR FIRST AND OUR LAST MISSIONS WERE AGAINST THE TOKYO AREA.

FROM THE TIME OF HER COMMISSIONING TO THE DAY OF PEACE, THE RANDOLPH AND HER PLANES SHOT DOWN A TOTAL OF 147 ENEMY AIRCRAFT. AIR GROUP 12, IN EARLIER TIMES, SPLASHED 124 JAP PLANES. AIR GROUP 16 BROUGHT DOWN 19 MORE IN THE LAST, LEAN DAYS WHEN ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE HARDER AND HARDER TO FIND. THE SHIP'S GUNS ACCOUNTED FOR FOUR MORE.

SINCE THE DAY OF HER COMMISSIONING, THE RANDOLPH TRAVELLED MORE THAN 72,800 MILES, OR VERY NEARLY THREE TIMES THE DISTANCE AROUND THE EARTH AT THE EQUATOR. SHE HAD 11,864 LAUNCHES AND 12,047 LANDINGS. A TOTAL OF 7,047 PLANES WERE DECK-LAUNCHED, 4,817 CATAPULTED.

BUT BARE FIGURES DO NOT TELL THE STORY BY ANY MEANS. AS LIEUT. C. M. NEWMAN, JR., AND R. B. ATCHISON, QM3C, WROTE IN THEIR SOON TO BE PUBLISHED OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE RANDOLPH, OUR SHIP "SYMBOLIZES THE GOOD OLD AMERICAN CUSTOM OF 'GETTING THINGS DONE' IN RECORD TIME."

THE RANDOLPH WAS THE FIRST BIG CARRIER TO GO INTO COMBAT WITHOUT RETURNING TO THE BUILDER FOR ADJUSTMENT AFTER THE SHAKEDOWN CRUISE. THE RANDOLPH ACTUALLY LAUNCHED PLANES AGAINST THE ENEMY ONLY FOUR MONTHS AND SEVEN DAYS AFTER SHE WAS COMMISSIONED, A FEAT BELIEVED TO BE WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN BIG CARRIER HISTORY.

IN SIX MONTHS ON THE PACIFIC FIRING LINE, THE RANDOLPH PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST AND SECOND CARRIER RAIDS ON TOKYO, GAVE AIR SUPPORT TO THE LANDINGS ON BLOODY IWO JIMA, TOOK PART IN THE OKINAWA SUPPORT AND ASSOCIATED OPERATIONS IN THE NANSEI SHOTO, KYUSHU AND MINAMI DAITO SHIMA, AND RAIDS ALONG THE JAPANESE MAINLAND IN JULY AND AUGUST UP TO THE VERY END OF THE WAR.

THE U.S.S. RANDOLPH (CV-15) WAS COMMISSIONED AT NORFOLK NAVY YARD, PORTSMOUTH, VA., 9 OCTOBER 1944. CAPTAIN FELIX BAKER, USN, TOOK COMMAND AFTER THE SHIP FORMALLY WAS TURNED OVER TO THE NAVY BY ITS BUILDERS, THE NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING CO.

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THE SHIP WAS NAMED AFTER A FRIGATE OF THE CONTINENTAL NAVY WHICH ACQUITTED HERSELF WELL IN THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE. THE FIRST RANDOLPH WAS NAMED IN HONOR OF PEYTON RANDOLPH, VIRGINIA SOLDIER AND STATESMAN AND FRIEND OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

THE PRESENT RANDOLPH BEGAN SHOWING THE KIND OF SHIP SHE IS THE VERY DAY AFTER COMMISSIONING, WHEN SHE BEGAN TAKING ON FUEL OIL, STORES AND AMMUNITION. IN TWO DAYS, THE ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT LOADED THE MAGAZINES WITH BOMBS AND SHELLS, WHICH WAS SEVERAL DAYS LESS THAN THE TIME USUALLY REQUIRED FOR THE JOB.

LESS THAN A MONTH AFTER COMMISSIONING, ON 6 NOVEMBER, "ANCHORS AWEIGH" WAS PIPED FOR THE FIRST TIME AND THE RANDOLPH WAS OFF ON A CHESAPEAKE BAY CRUISE TO CONDUCT TESTS AND DRILLS. THE FIRST PLANE, PILOTED BY COMMANDER L. C. SIMPLER, THEN THE AIR OFFICER AND NOW THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WAS LANDED ABOARD ON 12 NOVEMBER. IT HAS BEEN A BUSY FLIGHT DECK EVER SINCE.

ON 22 NOVEMBER, WITH AIR GROUP 87 ABOARD, THE RANDOLPH SAILED ON HER SHAKEDOWN, ANCHORING FIVE DAYS LATER IN THE GULF OF PARIA, TRINIDAD. HER TRAINING AND TESTS COMPLETED, SHE SHOVED OFF FOR THE PANAMA CANAL ON 16 DECEMBER. SHE TRANSITED THE CANAL 21 DECEMBER, THEN STEAMED UP THE WEST COAST OF CENTRAL AND NORTH AMERICA BOUND FOR FRISCO, WHERE SHE DROPPED THE HOOK ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

WHILE ON THE WEST COAST, AIR GROUP 87 WAS DETACHED AND AIR GROUP 12 CAME ABOARD. "CROMMELIN'S THUNDERBIRDS," LED BY COMMANDER CHARLES CROMMELIN, USN, UNTIL HIS DEATH OVER OKINAWA IN LATE MARCH, WERE THE RANDY'S BIG PUNCH IN HER EARLY DAYS.

THE RANDOLPH LEFT THE WEST COAST 20 JANUARY AND, AFTER A THREE-DAY STOP AT PEARL HARBOR TO TAKE ABOARD ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES, ANCHORED AT ULITHI ISLAND 17 DAYS LATER. THERE SHE JOINED THE FIFTH FLEET -- SCOURGE OF THE PACIFIC.

IN COMPANY WITH OTHER SHIPS OF TASK FORCE 58, THE RANDOLPH LEFT ULITHI 10 FEBRUARY FOR HER FIRST COMBAT OPERATION. ON 16 AND 17 FEBRUARY SHE LAUNCHED HER FIRST STRIKES IN THE HISTORY MAKING FIRST CARRIER RAID AGAINST TOKYO. IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS SHE HIT IWO JIMA, CHICHI JIMA AND HAHAI JIMA.

RANDOLPH GUN CREWS HAD THEIR FIRST TASTE OF FIRING IN EARNEST ON THE NIGHT OF 21 FEBRUARY, WHEN ENEMY PLANES TWICE TRIED TO CLOSE IN ON THE FORMATION BUT WERE DRIVEN OFF BY A HEAVY BARRAGE OF AA. ON 25 FEBRUARY, WE STRUCK AGAIN AT THE TOKYO AREA AND ALSO TOOK A PASS AT HACHIJO JIMA.

THE SHIP WAS BACK IN ULITHI ON 1 MARCH, BATTLE TESTED BUT WITHOUT A SCRATCH FROM THE ENEMY. SHE WAS NOT TO REMAIN UNSCATHED FOR LONG, HOWEVER. AT SEVEN MINUTES PAST EIGHT ON THE EVENING OF 11 MARCH, AS THE CARRIER LAY AT ANCHOR, A TWIN-ENGINEED

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ENEMY SUICIDE BOMBER CRASHED ON THE FLIGHT DECK AFT, CAUSING EXPLOSIONS AND STARTING FIRES. THE CREW RESPONDED LIKE VETERANS. CASUALTIES WERE 26 KILLED, THREE MISSING AND 105 WOUNDED.

THE RANDOLPH'S SECOND WAR CRUISE BEGAN 5 APRIL WHEN THE SHIP STEAMED OUT OF ULITHI TO SORTIE WITH TASK FORCE 58 OFF OKINAWA.

A SAMPLE OF ONE OF THE BUSY DAYS TO COME WAS 17 APRIL. JUST BEFORE DAWN A LOW-FLYING ENEMY PLANE ATTACKED THE SHIP AND WAS SHOT DOWN IN FLAMES CLOSE ABOARD. FOUR MORE ATTACKS WERE MADE DURING THE DAY. ONE PLANE, DIVING DIRECTLY ON THE RANDOLPH, EXPLODED IN MID-AIR AFTER BEING HIT BY OUR GUNFIRE.

IN MID-MAY, THE SHIP SAILLED NORTH TO KYUSHU, WHICH QUICKLY GOT THE NICKNAME "KAMIKAZE JUNCTION" BECAUSE OF FREQUENT SUICIDE ATTACKS.

THE RANDOLPH BECAME THE FLAGSHIP OF TASK FORCE 58 WHEN VICE ADMIRAL MARC A. MITSCHER TRANSFERRED ABOARD 15 MAY AFTER BEING VIRTUALLY BLASTED OFF TWO OTHER FLAT-TOPS. THE OKINAWA CAMPAIGN ENDED -- SO FAR AS THE CARRIERS WERE CONCERNED -- THE RANDOLPH SET HER COURSE FOR GUAM ON 29 MAY. THERE ADMIRAL MITSCHER LEFT THE RANDOLPH AND GAVE HER A "WELL DONE."

FROM GUAM, THE RANDOLPH SAILED TO LEYTE GULF, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ARRIVING 4 JUNE. THREE DAYS LATER, AT ANCHOR, SHE AGAIN WAS HIT BY AN AIRPLANE. THIS TIME, HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT THE ENEMY. AN ARMY P-38, STUNTING NEAR THE SHIP, FAILED TO PULL OUT OF A DIVE AND CRASHED ON THE FLIGHT DECK NEAR THE BOW. FOURTEEN MEN WERE KILLED AND 11 INJURED.

AFTER REPAIRING THE DECK, THE SHIP REMAINED NEARLY A MONTH IN LEYTE, SAILING ON HER THIRD -- AND LAST -- WAR CRUISE, THIS TIME AS PART OF ADMIRAL HALSEY'S FAMED THIRD FLEET, AND WITH AIR GROUP 16 ABOARD IN RELIEF FOR AIR GROUP 12.

THE RANDOLPH WAS BACK IN HER OLD HUNTING GROUNDS AROUND TOKYO ON 10 JULY, WHEN SHE LAUNCHED EIGHT STRIKES AGAINST AIRFIELDS NEAR THE ENEMY CAPITAL. THE DAY WAS THE BIGGEST, SO FAR AS AIR OPERATIONS WERE CONCERNED, IN THE SHIP'S HISTORY. A TOTAL OF 213 FLIGHTS WERE LAUNCHED. ON THE SAME DAY, SHE MADE HER 10,000TH LANDING AND HER 1,000 CATAPULT SHOT.

DURING THE LATTER PART OF JULY, BAD WEATHER HANDICAPED OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, IN COMPANY WITH OTHER SHIPS OF TASK FORCE 38, THE RANDOLPH REMAINED IN ENEMY WATERS THROUGH JULY AND EARLY AUGUST, MAKING STRIKES WHENEVER CONDITIONS PERMITTED. DURING THAT PERIOD, ON 24 JULY, PLANES FROM AIR GROUP 16 HEAVILY DAMAGED THE CARRIER-BATTLESHIP HYUGA. THE AIR GROUP PLAYED HAVOC WITH ENEMY SHIPPING OF ALL KINDS.

ON 26 JULY, CAPTAIN BAKER WAS RELIEVED BY CAPTAIN J. R. TATE AS COMMANDING OFFICER. CAPTAIN TATE ABLY CARRIED ON HER FIGHT-

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ING TRADITION. AS LATE AS 13 AUG., SHE WAS IN ACTION OFF THE JAP COAST AND ON THAT DAY HER PLANES SHOT DOWN THE LAST TWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT THEY WERE TO DESTROY IN THIS WAR.

AGAIN QUOTING LIEUT. NEWMAN AND ATCHISON FROM WHOM MOST OF THE MATERIAL FOR THIS ARTICLE WAS OBTAINED:

"IN A WAR WHERE SPEED COUNTS, THE RANDOLPH HAD NOT WASTED ANY TIME."

"MADE IN JAPAN"

PAUL M. DISINGER, RDM30, OF SYRACUSE, N.Y., WHO MADE THE ART LAYOUT FOR TODAY'S SPECIAL V-J EDITION, SCRATCHED THROUGH HIS BOX OF PAINT BRUSHES FOR ONE SUITABLE FOR THE WORK AT HAND. HE PICKED UP A BRUSH, EXAMINED IT AND FOUND THE LEG-
END, "MADE IN JAPAN", ON THE HANDLE. HE USED IT TO LETTER-IN TODAY'S PAGE 1 HEADLINE.

RANDOLPH FEELS "PEACE JITTERS"

LIKE THE REST OF THE UNITED STATES -- AND, AFTER ALL, WE'RE REALLY A DETACHED, FLOATING SECTION OF GOOD OLD UNCLE SUGAR -- THE RANDOLPH'S "PEACE JITTERS" FINALLY ENDED THIS MORNING.

THE TENSION BEGAN SATURDAY NIGHT AT 2130, WHEN THE JAP RADIO SUDDENLY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE POTSDAM SURRENDER ULTIMATUM PROVIDED HIROHITO COULD REMAIN AS EMPEROR.

MANY OF US ON THE RANDOLPH, AND AT HOME, THOUGHT THE WAR WAS OVER THEN AND THERE. BUT THERE FOLLOWED THREE AND ONE-HALF DAYS OF HEARTBREAKING UNCERTAINTY, UPS AND DOWNS IN THE FERVENT HOPES OF ALL THAT PEACE WAS "OFFICIAL."

IT TOOK TIME FOR THE ALLIES TO FRAME IT'S CONDITIONAL REPLY; TIME FOR JAPAN TO RECEIVE IT; MORE TIME FOR THE NIPS TO DRAW UP AND TRANSMIT THEIR SURRENDER. ALL THE TIME, ANXIETY BUILT UP.

TENSION REACHED IT'S PEAK ABOARD THE RANDOLPH YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHEN RADIO TOKYO FLASHED "SURRENDER." PREMATURE CELEBRATIONS AGAIN WENT OFF. THEN HOPE SAGGED ONCE MORE WHEN OUR FIRST STRIKE WENT OFF AS SCHEDULED AT DAWN TODAY.

BUT AT 0642 THE STRIKE WAS RECALLED, AND EXPECTATIONS SOARED AGAIN. AFTER THE LAST PLANE LANDED, CAPTAIN J. R. TATE ENDED THE SUSPENSE OF "PEACE JITTERS" WITH HIS VERY FIRST ADDRESS TO THE CREW AT 0852 TODAY. IF HE MAKES A MILLION MORE, NONE WILL BE MORE POPULAR.

WHAT THE CAPTAIN SAID

OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE RANDOLPH RECEIVED THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF PEACE FROM CAPTAIN TATE IN THE FOLLOWING WORDS BROADCAST OVER THE SHIP'S RBO SYSTEM:

"THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE SPOKEN TO ALL THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE RANDOLPH. I HAVE SOME GREAT NEWS FOR YOU.

"PRESIDENT TRUMAN HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT JAPAN HAS ACCEPTED THE TERMS OF THE POSTDAM ULTIMATUM. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT GENERAL MAC ARTHUR WILL BE THE ALLIED SUPREME COMMANDER IN THE OCCUPATION OF JAPAN.

"IT HAS BEEN FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT EMPEROR HIROHITO WILL MAKE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO HIS PEOPLE AT NOON TODAY."

TEXT OF FORRESTAL'S CONGRATULATIONS TO FLEET

BELOW IS THE TEXT OF SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FORRESTAL'S CONGRATULATIONS TO "ALL HANDS" AS RECEIVED THIS MORNING ABOARD THE RANDOLPH:

"ALL HANDS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, MARINE CORPS AND COAST GUARD MAY TAKE SATISFACTION IN THE CONCLUSION OF THE WAR AGAINST JAPAN AND PRIDE IN THE PART PLAYED BY THEM IN ACCOMPLISHING THAT RESULT.

"THE DEMOBILIZATION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE RETURN TO CONDITIONS OF THE PEACE WILL CREATE PROBLEMS TAXING PATIENCE AND CONTROL ALMOST AS GREAT AS THE TENSIONS OF WAR. I ASK THAT THE DISCIPLINE WHICH HAS SERVED SO WELL TO BRING THIS DEMOCRACY THROUGH HOURS OF GREAT CRISIS BE MAINTAINED TO THE END THAT NOTHING SHALL MAR THE RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND GLORY THAT BELONGS TO THE NAVY, MARINE CORPS AND COAST GUARD.

"JAMES FORRESTAL, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY."

GEOGRAPHIC NOTE

AT 0800 TODAY, THE U.S.S. RANDOLPH (CV-15) WAS EXACTLY 4,384 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE GOLDEN GATE.

KEEP ALERT!

ABOUT THREE HOURS AFTER THE RANDOLPH RECEIVED OFFICIAL NEWS OF THE WAR'S END, A NEARBY TASK GROUP SPLASHED A JUDY DIVING ON THE FORMATION. MAYBE THE JAP PILOT DIDN'T GET THE WORD. IN ANY CASE, REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR!

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HIROHITO SAYS ATOMIC BOMB DEFEATED JAPS

EMPEROR HIROHITO SAID TODAY THAT AMERICA'S ATOMIC BOMB SEALED THE DOOM OF JAPAN.

QUOTING FROM AN IMPERIAL RESCRIPT WHICH THE EMPEROR PERSONALLY READ TO HIS SUBJECTS EARLIER IN THE DAY, RADIO TOKYO DECLARED THAT HIROHITO HAD "GRACIOUSLY DECIDED" TO DISCONTINUE THE WAR IN THE FACE OF "INCALCULABLE" ATOMIC BOMB DAMAGE. HE ALSO BLAMED RUSSIA'S DECLARATION OF WAR.

ATOMIC BOMBS, HIROHITO SAID, WOULD LEAD TO THE "OBLITERATION OF THE JAPANESE NATION AND EXTINCTION OF THE HUMAN RACE."

THE TOKYO RADIO DESCRIBED HIROHITO AS A GREAT LOVER OF PEACE, WHO NEVER WANTED ANY TERRITORIAL AGGREGATION, BUT WHO WENT TO WAR ONLY TO "PROTECT THE JAPANESE NATION."

THE EMPEROR WAS QUOTED AS ASKING ALL FACTIONS IN JAPAN TO REMAIN CALM AND TO PROVOKE NO DISORDERS IN THE "DIFFICULT" DAYS TO COME.

THE TOKYO NEWS BROADCAST ALSO SAID THAT WAR MINISTER KORECHIKA ANAMI HAD COMMITTED HARA-KIRI AT HIS OFFICIAL RESIDENCE TO "REDEEM FOR HIS FAILURE IN ACCOMPLISHING HIS DUTIES AS HIS MAJESTY'S MINISTER."

4TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHARTER

PEACE CAME ON THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATLANTIC CHARTER, THE DOCUMENT IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND OTHER PEACE LOVING NATIONS FIRST SET FORTH THEIR OBJECTIVES. THE CHARTER WAS DRAWN IN THE LEND-LEASE DAYS BEFORE THE U.S. WAS FORCED INTO WORLD WAR II.

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