



"ON WISCONSIN!"



SPECIAL DOPE ABOUT, FOR, AND OF INTEREST TO US!

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE U.S.S. WISCONSIN

On my departure from the WISCONSIN, I wish to commend the officers and men on their outstanding performance of duty while this ship has been my flagship.

You have a clean smart efficient fine-shooting ship; this is due in a great measure to the fact that you work together as a team. You have a great leader as a Captain, and a fine administrator in your Executive Officer which together with your attention to duty makes for a happy contented well-run ship.

Our last few months here on the Jap's doorstep must bring home to you that control of the sea and air assures us that our homeland will be free from attack just so long as we keep a powerful Navy and Air Force.

I can only hope that when this war is over that each and everyone of you will always keep in mind this need for a strong Army and Navy and will do your part to see that our country supports one. If this is done we need never fear attack. It is only when we are weak and indecisive that other countries dare attack us.

I want to assure you that the Bureau of Naval Personnel will always have your best interests at heart; will bring you home as soon as it is possible to do so after the war is over and will expedite the disenrollment of Naval Reserve officers and men as much as possible.

Especial consideration will be given to you who are on the fighting front. Don't expect this to happen tomorrow however. There is still plenty of hard work ahead.

Good luck to you all.

/s/ Louis E. Denfeld
CombatDiv9. Pacific Fleet.

---CAYA, R. E.---

All hands regret the fact that CAYA, R. E., MoMM3c, who was wounded on Thursday in the WATTS and brought aboard the WISKY for treatment died early yesterday afternoon. Our medical officers did everything in their power to save his life. Five men of the Second Division gave of their blood for transfusions, but his injuries proved too severe. These men to whom a word of sincere thanks is extended are: SMILEY, L.W., BMlc, DiBIASI, H., Slc, SHELLEY, H.C., Cox, McCULLOGH, J.F., Slc, and NORSWORTHY, L.W., Slc. His mortal remains were committed to the deep last evening in the presence of a large number. Chaplain Emplacher officiated.

SPECIAL OUR SUNDAY R-B-O PROGRAM SPECIAL

TIME	PROGRAM	POSITION	TIME	PROGRAM	POSITION
Sunrise-0800	News and Music	#2	1800	Request Recordings	#4
0645-0700	Martial Music	#4		(Dial 516, Chaplains' Off.)	
0700-0730	Popular Music	#4	1800	News, Program Resume	#2
0730-0800	Daily Press News	#4	1815	Special Event	#2
1145-1300	News and Music	#1	1845	State Dept. Reports	#2
1600-1700	Tokyo News, Music	#3	1900	News and Sports	#2
1700-1715	Organ Recordings	#4	1915	Melody Hour	#2
1715-1800	Popular Music	#4	1915	Hymns from Home	#2



Despite the fact that the news of the Jap offer to call off the war had captured first place in 'most everyone's conversation, yesterday morning turned out to be a right busy occasion.

The day started off with topping off two DD's, the CAPERTON (a newcomer on our list) and the WADLEIGH. Usual items were exchanged, including their sending us a flock of empty ammunition containers and Mail for transfer to the States. Our score has now reached 199!

At 0705 the HANK came along our port quarter to take Admiral Denfeld and Lieut. Courts on the first leg of their journey back to Washington. 11 bags of USMail (4 airmail, 3 first class 1 registered, and 3 parcel post) also accompanied them.

During our period alongside the TALUGA, movies were exchanged, and the empties were unloaded while we received another half million gallons of fuel oil.

In addition, three other destroyers, the NORMAN SCOTT, WATTS, and BENHAM, came along our quarter during the morning for various exchanges which included our sending RAWLINGS, E.E. (a patient from the WATTS) to the USS RESCUE, and Mr. Bob Doyle, War Correspondent to other duties.

As we continue what have become routine exercises, it is very encouraging to receive messages like the one which came from the Commanding Officer of the WADLEIGH, addressed to our Captain: 'As you are in a position to observe which destroyers are best handled alongside, so are the destroyers able to judge the most cooperative heavy ships. It is WADLEIGH's firm conviction that WISCONSIN is exceeded by no ship in the task group and has few equals whose cooperative spirit is so high. The little fellows always look forward to visiting WISCONSIN.'

--TODAY--

"Word has come down that another typhoon, which was 500 miles SSW yesterday afternoon, is headed for the east coast of HONSHU at 18 knots. At the moment, we are standing by, as it were, awaiting word from our air search planes as to the present course of the typhoon, the radius of which is about 100 miles with wind velocity up to 100 miles per hour. We, that is the Third Fleet, are somewhat in the position of the lady in the middle of the road, with an auto coming at her. We have to wait until we see which way the storm center is going before we can move the other way. So, don't think we're just running in circles until the war is officially terminated!

--RUMORS-rumors-RUMORS--

"Rumors are flying thick and fast throughout the entire ship. There are so many contradictory rumors that in order to carry out half of them, the WISKY would have to blow into a thousand pieces to be as many places as rumored, at the time rumored.

In the above paragraph I, Roger Wilco, have tried to explain in terms that even I understand (!) what today's strategy is in avoiding the typhoon which is headed in this general direction.

NOW HEAR THIS: here is the straight dope - as soon as any operation involving the WISKY, and affecting us, the crew, you and me, such as going back to the States or going into TOKYO, or steaming around the Horn, I will put out the straight dope. If it is very good news, I will break a precedent and announce it over the MC systems.

SOOOO - until you hear the straight dope from me you can be sure that Roger Wait (the big Dope) is putting out his usual bum dope, and I'll be expecting you to take that sort of thing like an old salt!

--ROGER-WAIT-

"As usual Roger Wait spent his time yesterday in getting in people's way and in passing out bum dope. 'Yep,' sez he, 'My book of authority for all the stuff that I've been bantering around is the heavy volume you see me holding. Sure, it's the same book I've had for weeks, but that makes no difference to me. Does it bother you or cause you to think less of my dope, Dope?'-----R.

Roger Wait



A fast task force of U.S. Destroyers sailed into Tokyo's big bay on Monday. It knocked off a convoy of four Japanese ships to raise the score of six days of attack to 118 ships and 112 planes reported destroyed. Another light naval force also on Monday sailed over to the Bonin Islands between Iwo and Honshu and sent shells into the town of Omura on the Chichi Island. Main heavy units of the United States and British Fleets were still under the cover of a security blackout. However the Associated Press reports that there was no indications that typhoons which have grounded Okinawa base attack on Japan have in any way affected operations of the fleet. These new bombardments might precede the return to action of the Third Fleet which has highlighted the last fourteen days of air and sea attacks against Japan. Including the Army Airforce strikes this fourteen day period has now accounted for 791 enemy ships and 596 planes destroyed or damaged. Included in this total is the 32,000 ton Battleship Nagato which was caught by carrier planes in the Yokosuka Naval Yards last Wednesday. The Nagato's superstructure was mostly blown away and it was probably put out of action. Other warships accounted for at Yokosuka ranged from the destroyers sunk to seven torpedo boats also sent to the bottom.

Tokyo radio voiced the fear that some sort of Soviet participation in the far eastern war may be imminent. Tokyo publishers are bombarding the government, and particularly the foreign government, with pleas to hurry up and do something that will improve Japan's unfavorable position, something in the nature of a fresh and vigorous foreign policy with Soviet Russia possibly indicating that something may be in the wind. The Tokyo radio has announced that Foreign Minister Togo was summoned to the Imperial Palace by Emperor Hirohito to report on Japan's Foreign Relations, the third time this has happened in ten days.

The second blow building up for the Japanese is a promise by Lieutenant General James Doolittle that within 8 days he is going to take up where he left off that April day in 1943 when he led the first raid on Tokyo. Doolittle announced that by August First American Eighth Air Force fliers who pounded Germany will be taking off from Okinawa in Super-Fortresses against Japan.

The Navy has revealed a potent sidelight to this coming attack from Okinawa. During the 76 days in which Task Force 58 supported the Okinawa campaign, Vice Admiral Mitscher's fliers destroyed or damaged almost 3,300 Japanese planes and sank or damaged more than 1,000 ships.

The expected third blow against Japan is the resumption of the American and British sea and air assault which Tokyo warns may come at any moment.

In Borneo, the Australians gained six miles up Balikpapan Bay to seize another village without opposition. And in Northern Luzon, the American Sixth Division are on the verge of cutting the bedraggled enemy units into three groups.

Former French Premier Paul Reynaud of France has appeared as the first witness in the trial of 89 year old Marshal Petaín. Reynaud declared that Petaín and General Weygand had blocked plans to repel the German invasion of France, and that after the armistice the trend of events indicated a plot against the State.

The Nazi who ordered the destruction of Lidice will go on trial for his life this fall in Czechoslovakia. A spokesman for the Allied War Criminals Commission says that Doctor Herman Frank will be tried in Prague around September 1st. Frank now is a prisoner of the United States Army in Luxemburg.

Six supporters of the Greek Left Wing Elass Party have been sentenced to death for the murder of the two police officers during the uprisings last December. The jury deliberated 10 hours. Four others were sentenced to life imprisonment.

The last American Navy Ships have been withdrawn from waters of the British Isles. According to the Navy, a convoy of landing craft was the last batch of ships to leave. The vessels took with them several days ago the remainder of the Navy men who landed American and British soldiers on the Normandy beaches one year ago. A total of 124,000 American Naval Personnel took part in the Normandy Invasion.

Oregon forest fires still are spreading, despite damp weather and the efforts of thousands of fire fighters. Soaking rains in the Tallamook area failed to check the blaze ravishing timberland there. Nearly one hundred and forty square miles of forest have been burned over.

Units of the famous 13th (Black Cat) Armored Division, which captured Adolf Hitler's home town, Braunau, Austria, and set up a command post in the house where Der Fuehrer was born, came home today. The 2,361 troops were among about 3,000 servicemen docking in seven ships in New York and New Jersey. Elements of the 13th were aboard the Holland-American Motorship Noordam. They went to Camp Kilmer, N.J. for processing and will have furloughs before reassembling at Camp Cook, Calif., bound for the Southwest Pacific.

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE SITE OF DOUBLE SUICIDE

SAN FRANCISCO:

August Charles Demont, 37, and his six year old daughter, Marylin, leaped to their death today from the rail of the Golden Gate Bridge, State Highway Patrolman Dave Zebo reported.

Bridge painters Jack Ricketts and Al Maloux, who were working 100 feet away when Demont parked his car near the South Tower, said that when the father and daughter got out, the little girl, apparently obeying instructions from her father, climbed over the railing and jumped.

As the painters ran toward him, Demont climbed the railing and dived. Demont, an elevator repairman injured recently on the job, left home this morning saying he was going to the doctor.

In the car was a note, written on a cardboard box, saying, "This auto belongs to Mrs. A.C. Demont, 434 16th St. I and my daughter have committed suicide." His widow, Carolyn, and another child, Carol, 8, survive.

BRADLEY IN WASHINGTON TO ASSUME ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION

WASHINGTON:

Lieutenant General Omar N. Bradley arrived in Washington today by plane from Europe to take over his new duties as head of the Veterans Administration.

Bradley, Commander of the United States 12th Army Group in Germany, was appointed to the Veterans Post by President Truman on June 7th. He has been confirmed by the Senate but has not yet taken the oath.

At the Veterans Administration Offices it was reported that Bradley would take a brief leave before actually assuming the duties of his new position.

CONNALLY AND VANDENBURG ALL OUT FOR WORLD CHARTER

WASHINGTON:

Senator Tom Connally of Texas, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has led off the discussion of the United Nations Charter with a plea that the upper chamber approve the document by a vote that would "Be heard around the world."

Connally declared that the League of Nations after the last war was in his words, "Slaughtered", in the very same Senate Chamber when the members failed to make the United States a member. Now, he went on other nations are watching, still uncertain of this country's role in the newly proposed league.

A second member of the Senate who helped draft the United Nations Document at San Francisco, Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, said representatives of fifty nations reached a unanimous agreement on the final charter draft. And he added, "If that could happen at San Francisco, who shall say it cannot happen when we face the problems of tomorrow?"

BALTIMORE:

High ranking Air Corps Officers of both the Army and Navy watched as Mrs. DeWitt Ramsey, wife of Rear Admiral Ramsey, christened the 72½ ton flying boat "Hawaii Mars" before she took off on her first public flight today.

The first of 20 super cargo carriers to be built to aid the fight against Japan, the new ship has a wingspread of 200 ft. and a wing area of 3,683 ft. Her 8,000 horsepower engines can fly her at speeds exceeding 225 miles per hour.

Attending the launching ceremonies were 91 officers and enlisted men, members of the first class to complete instruction in handling the huge plane.

After the "Hawaii Mars" slid into the water, Lieutenant Commander William E. Coney, Skipper of the first Mars, flew the new ship off on her maiden flight.

The original Mars flew overhead during the launching ceremonies of the Hawaii Mars.

NIMITZ' COMMUNIQUE

Admiral Nimitz' Communique listed 63 Japanese vessels sunk or damaged, 110 planes destroyed or crippled on the ground along with devastation inflicted on other targets such as locomotives and hangars - all in strikes against Japan between July 18th and 23rd by U.S. carrier and land based planes and British carrier planes.

He also revealed that the town of Omura was the target for light units of the Third Fleet shelling Chichi in the Bonins early today - the first time Chichi has been reported hit in months.

The communique said that United States and British carrier aircraft ranged from Yokosuka Navy Yard to the northern edge of Honshu's Kanto Plain last Wednesday, encountering no enemy airborne opposition and bombing, strafing and rocketing enemy transportation of all kinds - ship, plane and railway.

The U. S. Third Fleet aircraft sank 12 ships and damaged 9, including the battleship Nagato and in addition destroyed 30 aircraft on the ground, damaged 42 aircraft on the ground, destroyed 6 locomotives, four hangars, one ammunition dump, one oil tank, one power plant transformer and damaged one locomotive, numerous railway cars, twelve hangars, many barracks, industrial buildings and shops in various localities. These figures do not include two ships sunk and two damaged by light units of the Third Fleet early this morning operating off Nojima Cape.

Meanwhile British Airmen destroyed 13 aircraft on the ground, damaged 25 on the ground, damaged 24 junks near Choshi, damaged hangar and other air field installations north of Tokyo and railway facilities and freight cars at Katori.

Although there was no enemy fighter opposition, there was intense anti-aircraft fire at the Yokosuka Navy Yard, which diminished as American Airmen bombed gun positions there.

Additional damage was inflicted on Japanese shipping and ground installations by land based planes.

Search aircraft of Fleet Air Wing Eighteen destroyed one small coastal cargo vessel and six small craft yesterday and also left two coastal cargo vessels burning south of Honshu.

Privateer planes of Fleet Air Wing One sank one coastal cargo vessel on the east coast of Tsushima Island and damaged two cargo vessels near Fusan Korea Saturday. Meanwhile, Corsairs of the Second Marine Aircraft Wing rocketed and strafed on lugger, one barge and one lookout station in the Sakishima Group and Avenger planes of the same Wing destroyed a radar station on Tokuno Island in the Amami Group.

Helldivers and Corsairs of the Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing attacked enemy installations in enemy held portions of the Palaus yesterday and struck enemy positions in the Marshalls the previous day.

"Excellent results" were obtained by B-29's participating in demolition bombing attacks against the Ube Coal Liquification Company at the extreme southwestern end of Honshu returning pilots reported today.

The attack was made almost without opposition and all planes returned safely. The pilots said results ranged from "unobserved to excellent" as the planes struck through clouds. Superforts were unchallenged by any enemy planes and anti-aircraft fire was light.

BURMA JAPS BREAK OUT OF POCKET

CALCUTTA:

Allied infantry has counter-attacked in force Japanese troops which have broken out of a pocket in the Pegu Mountains, 120 miles north of Rangoon.

Admiral Louis Mountbatten's Communique today revealed that the enemy force, after breaking out, opened a powerful drive towards Pyu, vital Rangoon-Mandalay rail town, 10 miles west of the Sittang. Allied infantry in a counter attack is supported by artillery, tanks and armored cars.

DOOLITTLE TO BOMB JAPAN

GUAM:

Lieutenant General Jimmy Doolittle, Commander of the 8th Air Force has just conducted an inspection of air facilities on Okinawa. Doolittle said today that the 8th Air Force will begin hammering Japan within the next 8 days. Doolittle said that most of the targets will be in Japan, but that later targets will be attacked in China, Manchuria and even Mongolia.

ADMIRAL KING INSPECTS GERMAN PORTS

LONDON:

Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King today inspected the German ports of Bremen and Bremerhaven studying Nazi naval installations in the American occupation zone.

Flying from Berlin, King surveyed the bombed out Bremen and German submarine ways. He returned to Berlin later in the day.

NATURALIZATION PERIOD FOR FOREIGN SEAMEN MAY BE SHORTENED

NEW YORK:

In an editorial today the New York Times expressed the hope that Congress would give "favorable consideration" to legislation designed to shorten the 5 year naturalization period for foreign seamen serving under the American flag. Stating that many of these seamen have gone "into the world's dangerous war zones on United States Flagships". The editorial continued in part:

"Under our present naturalization and immigration laws these men who have served faithfully and tirelessly for the last 3½ years or shorter periods are ineligible for U.S. citizenship until they have served 5 full years at sea under the American flag. Time in port when their ship is docked for repairs does not count. After the most arduous voyages they are allowed only 29 days in port before they either must ship out again or face deportation."

The number of these men is not great; there are some 15,000 now sailing under the American flag.

The two bills now before Congress would shorten the time requirement. The bill of Senator Radcliffe of Maryland would make seamen eligible after 3 years.

BERLIN:

American, British and Russian occupation officials agreed today to allow military police of all three armies to circulate freely through all zones of Berlin in a drive to halt black market operations.

The plan was agreed upon at a meeting of the Provost Marshal of the three nations.

They decided that patrols of each Allied Force could enter zones of the other powers in pursuit of soldiers of their own nation engaged in illegal trading with Germans.

Patrols also were authorized to arrest German civilians caught trading with Allied soldiers and powers of arrest of the German city police force were extended to help combat the black market.

Occupation authorities agreed that stern measures were necessary to wipe out illegal sales, especially of Army issues of food, cigarettes and gasoline.

NAZI BIG SHOTS FORCED TO VIEW HORROR MOVIES

LUXEMBOURG:

As guests of the United States Army, Nazi leaders interned here have seen movies of the Buchenwald Horror Camp and other records of their government's brutality. Sgt. Arthur Michaels, Army interpreter, told Sunday how some of the Nazis reacted. Dr. Hans Frank, Nazi Administrator of Poland crammed a handkerchief in his mouth and gagged. Field Marshal Kesselring was white as a sheet when the picture ended. Joachim Von Ribbentrop, former Nazi Foreign Minister, bowed his head and walked straight from the showing to the dining room. The Jew beater, Julius Streicher, sat on the edge of his chair clasping and unclasping his hands. Reichsmarshal Goering appeared not to be noticing the picture, but later commented, "That's the type of film we used to show our Russian prisoners". The Nazi leaders were among the 52 survivors of the late new order who saw the picture at the Palace Hotel where they are interned.

BRITISH MAY BE ASSIGNED LARGE SPHERE OF OPERATIONS IN PACIFIC

WASHINGTON:

An early reshaping of the Pacific war area commands is expected here to give the British a greatly enlarged sphere of operations in the southwest Pacific. Speculation is that it will include all of General MacArthur's original assignment made in 1942 as far east as Guadalcanal and north to, but not including, the Philippines. This is an area of Dutch, British, Australian and Portuguese possessions or mandates still largely enemy held and thus is regarded by the allied authorities here as falling within an enlarged British area politically as well as strategically. Strategic developments have indicated the reassignment ever since the reshuffling of American commands pointed the land, sea and air forces of General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz north toward the hear of the Japanese empire. There is a strong possibility that the shift is a main topic of the Joint Staff Conference.

PETAIN AWAITS TRIAL FOR LIFE IN PALACE OF JUSTICE

PARIS:

Marshal Petain was taken in a bullet proof limousine to the Palace of Justice Sunday and lodged in a special apartment beside the courtroom where he is on trial for his life Monday. The head of the Vichy Government left his wife behind at the grim fortress of Mont Rouge in the Paris outskirts where she has been sharing his prison quarters. She plans, however, to attend the trial sessions. It will be France's first trial of a Head of a Government in 152 years since King Louis XVI was convicted and guillotined in 1793. Louis XVI was charged with treason with the enemy. Petain is accused of having intelligence with the enemy and a conviction would carry the death penalty.

AMERICAN LEAGUE:

In New York, the Chicago White Sox beat the Yankees 1-0 in 11 innings. Bill Zuber, Yankee hurler lost his own game when he walked Johnny Dickshot in the second extra inning and then uncorked two wild pitches, and committed an error, allowing the game's only run. Bill Dietrich used the whitewash brush for the Sox.

Cleveland-Washington and Detroit-Philadelphia were due to play under the lights.

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

The Pittsburgh Pirates beat Boston for the fourth consecutive time, winning 8-5 paced by Jim Russell who collected 2 singles, a double and home run. Elliott and Salkeld also homered for the Buccaners.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

(Including games played Sunday July 22nd)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

DETROIT	47	35	.573	
WASHINGTON	44	37	.543	2½
NEW YORK	42	39	.519	4½
ST. LOUIS	41	39	.513	5
BOSTON	43	41	.512	5
CHICAGO	43	41	.512	5
CLEVELAND	38	43	.469	8½
PHILADELPHIA	29	52	.358	17½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CHICAGO	52	32	.619	
ST. LOUIS	49	38	.563	4½
BROOKLYN	49	38	.563	4½
PITTSBURGH	46	42	.523	8
NEW YORK	46	45	.505	9½
CINCINNATI	40	41	.494	10½
BOSTON	41	45	.477	12
PHILADELPHIA	29	52	.358	17½

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE:

JERSEY CITY 6-5, MONTREAL 4-0
ROCHESTER 2-13, NEWARK 1-2
SYRACUSE 8-4, BUFFALO 7-5

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION:

INDIANAPOLIS 3-5, COLUMBUS 2-4
TOLEDO 12-1, LOUISVILLE 4-2
ST. PAUL 6-7, KANSAS CITY 5-2
MILWAUKEE 7-9, MINNEAPOLIS 0-1

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION:

ATLANTA 3-3, CHATTANOOGA 1-2
NASHVILLE 13-3, BIRMINGHAM 7-12
MEMPHIS 12-7, LITTLE ROCK 6-5
NEW ORLEANS 4-6, MOBILE 3-1

EASTERN LEAGUE:

BINGHAMTON 9-4, WILKES-BARRE 7-3
UTICA 4-5, SCRANTON 0-3
ELMIRA 2-9, ALBANY 0-4
WILLIAMSPORT 6, HARTFORD 0

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE:

SAN DIEGO 10-8, OAKLAND 4-5
LOS ANGELES 10-8, SACRAMENTO 1-7
SEATTLE 5-5, SAN FRANCISCO 0-9
PORTLAND 8-5, HOLLYWOOD 0-3

PHILADELPHIA, PA.:

Saturday's 24 inning game between Detroit and Philadelphia tied the American League record for the longest game and set new marks for the longest tie game, and time of game which was 4 hours and 48 minutes. Bill Summers, umpire, who called the game explained, "I could not see Dizzy Trout's fast ball anymore, and I don't think anybody else could." Bob Swift of the Tigers and Buddy Rosar of the A's caught the entire game while starting hurler Les Mueller of the Tigers was relieved after 19 2/3 innings, and Russ Christopher of the A's after 14 rounds.

MANILA:

20,000 American soldiers and sailors sat through a young typhoon in shell riddled Rizal Stadium Sunday to watch the Manila Bay Packers defeat the scrappy young Green Hornets 26 to 0 in a service football game. The Packers, whose roster twinkled with the former professional and high school stars now in the Air Transport Command and other service groups, dominated the play.



BY GUY FENNELL

