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GERMANY COLLAPSES

NEWS BREAKS ON SHANGRI-LA

May 5, 1945--All hands were alert and listening. "This is the Captain speaking. I have a message which just came in that is of interest to everyone. Beaten Germany surrendered Denmark, Holland and all that remained of the Reich in the north, Friday, silencing the guns of Europe's northern battlefields for the first time since that fateful day of September 1st, 1939. All the Reich that Hitler ruled when he came to power has vanished save for a tiny dot surrounding his own Berchtesgaden in southern Bavaria and it was reported that the U.S. 7th Army captured and cleared it today. All the soldiers who on the September day struck at Poland to erect a Reich for one thousand years were dead, captured or were backed into isolated Norway. The southern pocket has already been cut in two around Dresden and is surrounded French posts. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who brought American armies across an ocean, rallied British, French, Poles, Dutch and Belgians in Britain and invaded Fortress Europe, today announced the surrender order. It becomes effective at 8 A.M. British double summer time Saturday (0600 GMT). Said General Eisenhower's announcement: 'Field Marshal Montgomery has reported to the Supreme Allied Commander that all forces in Holland, northwest Germany and Denmark have surrendered to the 21st Army Group.' If any additional news comes in I will give it to you."

That was our first word, but the word we

had waited long to hear. As we listened we thought: "Truth crushed to earth shall rise again. The eternal years of God are hers; but error, wounded, writhes in pain, and dies among her worshippers."

PARIS:--It was reported today that more than 1,000,000 German troops in northwestern Europe, Holland and the Frisian Islands have surrendered to the 21st Army Group.

PARIS:--Allied Headquarters at Rome announced that over 1,000 German naval personnel have surrendered, including the German senior officer of Adriatic E-Boats.

PARIS:--On the other end of the western front, the American 7th Army has broken through the Brenner Pass area to link up with the American 6th Army at Vipiteno. On the Eastern front, the Russians in the north cooperated with the British in clearing local groups of resistance and generally restoring order.

MOSCOW:--Adolf Hitler's blazing Chancellery in Berlin failed to yield up the body of the German Fuehrer whom the Nazis said had died there, May 1st dispatches from the German capital said. Meanwhile, German prisoners went to work clearing up their ruined city as thousands of civilians wandered through the rubble streets facing starvation.

NEW YORK:--Two transports, bringing home 1,886 American soldiers who were prisoners of war in Germany, arrived Saturday at the New York port of embarkation. The men boarded trains for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Furloughs will follow.



(The Ship's Paper of the U. S. S. SHANGRI-LA)

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STAR SHELLS

By Cpl. R. C. Erler

To Paul Gene Koehl, GM1c, CO Division and Harry Tomlinson, BM1c, G5 Division--a broadside of Star Shells to correspond with the Presidential Unit and Bronze Star Citations awarded them. We are proud to serve with Petty Officers of distinction. We should do well, with them showing us how.

Turret 7 wishes the honor of firing a personal Star Shell to light the way to a quick recovery for Powderman Horace Richcreek, S2c, G3 Division.

When Star Shells grow dim, something else will become the light to lead. It looks like Post-War Plans will be a greater beacon than the North Star. When the gong rings to finish the big fight, you will see men rushing towards their desires. "Pappy" Lane will be heading for a Maryland creek to fish--so he says. Charles Caleca said, "I want to be a Proof Reader for Mystic Comic" and F.H. Pempsell, Coxswain, will be satisfied to go home and enjoy married life. (A lot of fellows enjoy it away from home better.) Remember, Pempsell, the General Organization Book still prohibits a mother-in-law from coming aboard.

We have to send a junior size Star Shell tied with a blue ribbon to the proud "Pop" in G2 Division--Mark A. Scott, lucky boy.

You have to admit the Marine Division of the SHANGRI-LA Gunners are on the ball---with the basketball, too. Look how they are running away from the rest of the league.

Barber: "Was your tie red when you came in?"

Guy: "Certainly not."

Barber: "Gosh."

DIVINE WORSHIP

Two chaplains are aboard to aid officers and men in their worship life. Chaplains P. L. Mitchell and P. Martineau may be consulted at any time in the Crews Library Office.

Divine Worship will be held on the Hangar Deck. Give God a chance. Attend church this week. Catholic Mass at 0900 - Chaplain Martineau. Protestant Service at 1000 - Chaplain Mitchell. Jewish services in the Library, Friday at 1830.

The Padre Says

When a battleship goes into action, the order sounds, "Strip Ship." Overboard goes all the accumulation of private, comforting things, all the loose non-essentials that could splinter, block gangways or burn.

This ship does not sound "Strip Ship" but the First Lieutenant is constantly warning us to keep the decks and passage ways clear of all loose gear in order to save life. We recognize the value of this.

Have you ever stopped to think that God may call this ship to General Quarters and every man might hear God's First Lieutenant, the Holy Spirit, sound "Strip Ship." It's a wise man who is on the alert and chucks overboard every thing that may clutter his religious thought or endanger his spiritual life.

Today men often ignore the urge of the Holy Spirit to "strip ship" and put out of life all loose non-essentials; those things which may cause a life to go down. Why not begin to "strip ship" today and then later on there won't be the urgent need for "Fire and Damage Control."

INSURANCE RATE-99.6

The Government Insurance Report for the month of March shows another unofficial record for the USS SHANGRI-LA. Lieut. B. Friedman, our Insurance Officer, has done an excellent job. He states that the insurance coverage for this ship is 99.6%. This means that practically every man on board is carrying Government Insurance.

It is interesting to compare our record with other high-percentage ships of our class. Ship A-96%, ship B-90%, ship C-95%, ship D-97.3%, SHANGRI-LA 99.6%. The two high ships of the CVLs--ship F-98.9%, ship G-95%.

It is a matter of wisdom for every man to carry the full amount of \$10,000 because one never knows the future. Carriers seem to have priority rating with the Jap bombers. See Lieut. Friedman in the Supply Office and sign up for the maximum at once.

DO YOU KNOW

That if there were no bulkheads within our hull the average size torpedo would let in enough water to sink our ship in one and a half minute? Watch all doors and hatches.



AVIATION REPAIR SHOP CREW. Standing Top Row: Left to Right, H.N. Spieler, AM1c, P.J. Smith, AM3c, E. S. Rectoris, AM2c, W.F. Akseneau, AM1c, J.W. Browning, AM1c, J. Pazzaglia, AM3c, F.D. Colletti, AM3c. Kneeling Left to Right, T.J. Callahan, AM2c, H.C. Jahr, AM2c, F. Chimeri, AM3c, R.E. Haney, AM3c, E.W. Eaton, AM2c, E.A. Kosinski, AM3c, J. Drzich, AM3c. Sitting: Left to Right, R. Gastow, AM1c, F.J. Kealin, ACM, G.W. Barnier, AM2c, E.E. Marquart, AM3c, G. Bergin, ACM, J.A. Tutorow, AM2c.

AVIATION REPAIR SHOP CREW

The Aviation Repair Shop is one of the eight technical repair and overhaul shops in the V2M Division. They are charged with the maintenance and repair of all metal structures on all planes of the Air Group.

The "Airedale Shipfitters" do everything from aircraft repair to building tow bars and doing any of the many repair and maintenance jobs on the ship that are required by and for the Air Department.

The main purpose of these busy shops is to keep the Air Group ready for flight at all times. If you hear and see activity in the shop on the hangar deck, port side aft, in the wee small hours, you can bet that by early morning the Aviation Repair Shop will have almost all our planes ready to fly, so far as metal structure is concerned.

This crew is composed of seventeen men under the supervision of Carp. R. Castel, V2M Division Officer and ACMS Bergin and Kealin.

Fun is like insurance--the older you get the more it costs.

THE DIT-DA TRIO

By E.F. Abood, RM3c

Say, Mates, what say you meet an unusual trio! I call them the "Siamese Trio."

It all started twenty-eight months ago, when these lads braved boot camp together. There they became so attached to each other and so mutually inclined that they responded to the same call, infiltrating from a Naval Radio School in Idaho. Graduating in one piece from this school of dits and das, they decided to see the Pacific together. August 2, 1943, they ventured forth to a tiny obtrusion in the Pacific Ocean known as the "Ellice Islands." The island of Samoa was another stepping stone to Tokyo these "Musketees" inhabited. In early May 1944, they found themselves on a transport headed for the States, still together. After a madcap thirty days leave, the Norfolk Navy Yard welcomed this vigorous trio into its realm, where the USS SHANGRI-LA was awaiting its commissioning. Together, they were assigned to this ship, into the CR Division, where they are still serving. They are Paul Manley, Robert Hayes and Roger Ackerman. Yep, you guessed it right, they even have the same rate--RM2c.

FLIGHT QUARTERS

by Cassone and Cowdery



MAIL CALL. Boy, Oh Boy! Look at the mail. Over 3000 bags of it. As to how many "Ahs" and "Ohs" it calls forth, is your guess as well as ours. Only, according to Lt. T. F. Clark, Postal Officer, it's all for the other fellows. "But" he added, "Ours is on the way."

THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT. Yes Sir! The V5F Division challenges any other division to produce something better in the way of contrasts. As evidence, they offer the above picture of Vincent A. Kirsch, AMM3C, standing at a mere six feet, five inches and Lawrence J. (Pee-Wee) Antenucci, S2c, topping the mark at four feet eleven inches.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Briefs for Observation Mission

