



ATOM BOMB CREW'S STORY!

60% OF JAP CITY WIPED OUT

'HOSPITAL' SHIP DISGORGES JAP ARMS AND MEN

Guns for Regiment; 1,562 Fighters

BY ARTHUR VEYSEY
(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

AT AN ALLIED PORT, Southwest Pacific, Aug. 8 (Wednesday)—The seized Jap hospital ship Tachibana Maru, the stinking ship of a traitorous nation, today began yielding up her tons of crates, marked with the red cross of mercy, but containing enough guns to arm a regiment.

The 1,562 Jap soldiers, veterans of the New Guinea campaign, who were being transported by the Tachibana as "patients" when she was intercepted in the East Indies Aug. 3, already have been transferred to an army stockade in a jungle clearing seven miles from the port. They rode from the pier to prison in army trucks.

Removing the cargo is the nauseating job for the eight man prize crew which seized her. The ship reeks indescribably from the filth in which the troops, packed in tighter than sheep in railroad cars, lived.

Fit for Combat

The Tachibana, a pre-war Jap liner and a war time troop transport masquerading as a hospital ship, was brought into port here by an American prize crew from two 7th fleet destroyers.

The ship was seized when a boarding party discovered her cargo, marked with red crosses, contained hundreds of rifles, small arms ammunition, artillery shells, mortars, Jap and German grenades and machine guns. Most of the Japanese soldiers packed into her as "patients" are physically fit for immediate combat.

All except one of the 1,562 "patients" walked without difficulty from the ship. They had left New Guinea in small boats for the Kai Islands, a few hundred miles to the west, in the final months of last year. The Tachibana took them aboard in the Kai Islands on Aug. 1 to take them to Soerabaja, Java.

Bed of Guns

The prize crew broke out in a sweat today when they learned that crates piled three feet deep in a saloon and used as a drink, were filled with arms. For three days and nights while being brought to port the big roomful of Japs, equal to half a battalion, lived atop more rifles and guns than they could man.

"We are just now realizing what a powder keg we were sitting on," said Lt. John Hansen, 7235 Merrill av., Chicago, a member of the prize crew.

Ten officers and 70 sailors and marines from the two destroyers had taken turns, four hours on and four off, guarding the Nip "patients" and the Jap crew of 63. The ship's captain, a squat, bald merchant marine, Yasuda Kigiro, and his 13 officers had been transferred to the destroyers immediately after seizure, together with some of the 62 troop officers.

Seizure Packed with Drama
The story of the seizure of the Tachibana Maru is full of drama. On Aug. 1 a royal Australian air

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THEIR SCARS ARE HIDDEN, BUT THEY ARE HEROES, TOO

BY NORMA LEE BROWNING
(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

Danville, Ky., Aug. 7—One of the most important but least understood problems this war has produced is the army casualty with an N. P. tag.

The doctors call him neuropsychiatric, or sometimes psychoneurotic. His buddies call him "jump happy," "jungle happy," or "bomb happy," depending upon how and under what circumstances his trouble began.

Many people refer to him simply as "psycho," then proceed to steer clear.

Twofold Job for Doctors

Here at Darnall General Hospital, an army "specialized treatment center" for N. P. patients, topnotch army doctors have tackled the difficult twofold job of bringing mentally ill vets back to reality and dispelling some of the fears and gross misconceptions the general public has of N. P.'s.

Not long ago a man called at the hospital to see his son, a patient in the "depressed and suicidal" ward. For days on end the boy, a veteran of 23 months' combat in the Pacific, had sat staring into space, taking no food, refusing to talk to any one, and frequently breaking into convulsive sobs.

His father took one look at him and said with disgust, "I'm ashamed of you. I never thought you'd do a thing like this."

"That's the kind of thing," said Col. Theodore C. C. Fong, head of Darnall's neuropsychiatric service, "that can undo months of our work here."

No Purple Heart for This

Medics had found the boy struggling back to the lines carrying a dead buddy in his arms and sobbing violently. The physically unscathed, his memory was gone.

"If he'd lost his leg instead of his mind," said Col. Fong, "he would be a hero. But Purple Hearts are not awarded for wounds of the mind and the soul."

The army does not consider N. P. patients as combat casualties. Yet practically all the patients at Darnall have been in combat, most of them for many months.

There is a general conception among the civilian public that N.P.'s are malingers or goldbrickers.

"In all the time I've been at this hospital," said Capt. Herman M. Serota, one of the hospital psychiatrists, "I have not seen one single patient who was malingering. That is plain outright prejudice on the part of the public. Their ignorance of this problem is appalling."

He Talks of 'Graves, Graves'

Sit in on one of Capt. Serota's interviews with a patient, a handsome, husky man with hollow cheeks and vacant eyes who was with a combat engineer's outfit all

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THE WEATHER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1945

Sunrise, 5:51. Sunset, 8:02. Moonset, 8:47 p. m. Morning stars, Mars, Venus, and Saturn; evening star, Jupiter.
CHICAGO AND VICINITY: Sunny and pleasant today; a little warmer in afternoon; sunny and warmer tomorrow; high today, 76; low tonight, 55; high tomorrow, 82; northerly winds, 10 to 15 miles an hour today.

ILLINOIS: Sunny and pleasant today; a little warmer in north and central in afternoon; fair and warmer tomorrow.

TEMPERATURES IN CHICAGO
For 24 hours ended 2 a. m. Aug. 8:
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10 a. m. ... 66 6 p. m. ... 71 2 a. m. ... 69
6:10 ... 72

*High, low.
For 24 hours ended 7:30 p. m. Aug. 7:
Mean temperature, 71; normal, 73; excess since Jan. 1, 33.4 degrees.
Precipitation, trace; excess since Aug. 1, .17 of an inch; excess since Jan. 1, 2.17 inches.
Highest wind velocity, 17 miles an hour.
Relative humidity, 73.0 a. m., 83 per cent; 1:30 p. m., 83; 7:30 p. m., 62.
Barometer reading, 73.0 a. m., 29.96 inches; 7:30 p. m., 30.08 inches.

POLLEN COUNT: For 24 hours ended at 3 p. m., 10 grains per cubic yard of air.

(Official weather report on page 22)

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THE FELLOW WHO LIGHTED THE FUSE



Seize Sailor, Kidnap of Three in Day

(Picture on back page)

Seaman 2d Class Jack G. Navarre, 23, of Independence, Kas., an escaped prisoner from the naval training center at Great Lakes, was captured last night at Savanna, Carroll county, after kidnapping two girls and a forest preserve policeman.

Navarre and two other prisoners, Tracey W. Wood, 30, of Rose City, Mich., navy seaman 2d class, and Harvey L. Hinderliter, 22, of 4835 Ash av., Hammond, Ind., coast guard seaman 2d class, escaped yesterday by slugging their guard, Marine Corp. Clifton D. Mantey, and seizing his pistol.

Take Clothes from Three

They compelled Mantey and two navy civilian employees to accompany them in a truck to a room near Libertyville where they exchanged clothes with the trio and drove off in the truck.

A short time later, Navarre halted a car containing Dorothy Wagner, 15, and Marie Stoffel, 18, both of Volo. He compelled them to drive him to a spot near Arlington Heights, where they parked.

When Hugh Donnelly, 45, of 820 Bellefonte av., Oak Park, a forest preserve policeman, approached the car and told them to move on, Navarre drew his gun, disarmed Donnelly, and compelled Donnelly to drive him away in the latter's car.

Drops Note on Bar

When they reached Savanna, Donnelly told Navarre he was thirsty and offered to buy him a drink. They entered a tavern. Donnelly excused himself to go to the wash room. There he wrote a note stating the man with him was an escaped prisoner, was armed, and was dangerous.

He dropped the crumpled note on the bar in front of two soldiers, who summoned military police. When military police sought to question Navarre, he walked out of the tavern, and on the sidewalk drew his gun, and jumped between two parked cars. Military police stationed themselves behind another parked car.

Bullet Grazes Nose

A Savanna policeman, George Kalenev, summoned by the owner of a near-by store, fired at Navarre from across the street. The bullet grazed the bridge of his nose. Navarre fell to the sidewalk and was seized by the military police. The two girls kidnaped by Navarre told authorities he had told them of slugging two companions with whom he escaped, and leaving them in a woods. They were being sought.

NAVY TELLS JAPAN FLEET AGAIN IS OFF COAST FOR NEW RAIDS

Washington, D. C., Aug. 7 (AP)—

The navy told the Japanese tonight that Adm. Halsey's 3d fleet is again off their homeland and will soon "let loose more and more destruction on vital coastal installations."

Explaining the silence from Halsey's fleet for a week, a news review read on the navy hour radio program said the 3d had been avoiding a threatening typhoon.

"Adm. Halsey had been caught in one destructive typhoon on June 5," the navy commentator said. "He was going to make sure it didn't happen again. So the 3d fleet moved into safe waters."

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Japan to Quit by Aug. 28

Indian Astrologer Says

BOMBAY, India, Aug. 7 (Reuters)—On the heels of news of the atomic bombing of Japan, Indians today recalled a recent prophecy by Pandit Ram Datta Jaitily, widely known astrologer. He predicted the Japanese would surrender by Aug. 28.

Army's First Passenger

Train Arrives in Berlin

BERLIN, Aug. 7 (AP)—The first United States army passenger train arrived in Berlin today carrying 741 troops of the 82d air borne division.

Tomorrow in Color!

First Color Photo Sent by Radio!

The first news color photograph ever transmitted by radio for publication will be presented in full color in tomorrow's Chicago Tribune. Taken at Potsdam, it will present a page wide group photo of President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Premier Stalin. Be sure to see and save this unique Chicago Tribune "first" in tomorrow's Tribune.

Hold Military Funeral Today for Maj. Bong

Superior, Wis., Aug. 7 [Special]—

Members of the families of Maj. Richard I. Bong and his bride gathered here today and arranged for funeral services in Superior tomorrow in the same church where he was married on Feb. 10 on his last trip home.

Tonight the body of America's ace of aces was being flown here in an army C-47 transport from California where he was killed yesterday in the explosion of a jet plane he was testing. His young widow, the former Marjorie Ann Vatten-dahl of Superior, accompanied the body. She was attended by an army nurse. The plane is scheduled to arrive at 8 a. m.

Services for the flyer, who shot down 40 Jap planes before the army retired him from combat, will be held at 2 p. m. in the Concordia Lutheran church, of which his wife is a member. Officiating will be the Rev. Arvid F. Hoorn, pastor of Bethany Lutheran church of Poplar, which Bong attended as a boy.

Plan Military Services

A telephone call this afternoon from an officer of the 8th army air force command in Washington, D. C., to Norman Le Pole, president of Bong's home town of Poplar, disclosed elaborate military plans in connection with the funeral.

The officer said a 30 piece military band and a military escort of 16 soldiers were being sent here by plane and that numerous war department dignitaries would attend. Interment will be in the Poplar cemetery, at the outskirts of the little village of 400 and only two miles from the farm where Bong was raised and had his first inspiration to learn to fly.

Flags at Half Staff

Flags in Superior and Poplar flew at half staff today and plans were made to close business places in the two towns tomorrow. A mass turnout of residents thruout Douglas county is expected for the last rites of the hero.

Bong's mother, Mrs. Carl T. Bong, came from Poplar, 20 miles east of Superior, to aid in the funeral arrangements, which were planned at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Vattendahl, parents of his bride.

It was disclosed, meantime, that several days before Maj. Bong's death a report reached Superior that he was soon to be given an honorable discharge. He was eligible to discharge because of holding the congressional medal of honor. According to the unconfirmed report, he was slated to take a key position with the Douglas Aircraft corporation in Santa Monica, Cal.

BLAST ROCKS B-29 10 MILES AWAY; 4 SQ. MI. OF HIROSHIMA DESTROYED

Photographs Show Damage Outside Obliterated Zone

GUAM, Aug. 8 (Wednesday) — (AP) — Four and one-tenth square miles "or 60 per cent" of Hiroshima was wiped out by the devastating atomic bomb dropped Monday by a B-29, the United States army strategic air force headquarters reported today.

Five major industrial targets were obliterated in the city of six and nine-tenths square miles with a population of 343,000.

Leaps Seven Streams

Photographs showed clearly that the heart of Hiroshima was wiped out with such awful thoroughness as if some giant bulldozer had swept across the buildings and houses. Several mammoth firebreaks and seven streams failed to stop the fires.

One of the spanned firebreaks was three city blocks wide and a photograph evaluator said it was one of the best seen on Japan.

In the heart of the city only a few concrete structures remain standing. They were believed to be air raid shelters. Even they had been burned inside.

A United States army strategic air forces expert said there was no comparison between the fire caused by an atomic bomb and normal conflagrations.

Port Barely Touched

Altho additional damage was revealed by the camera outside the completely destroyed section, the lower part of Hiroshima with its harbor and dock facilities appeared to be barely touched by the tremendous concussion.

Photographs, taken a few minutes after the atomic bomb blasted Hiroshima, showed a spectacular formation of white smoke rising like a long necked mushroom over the city. Only several dots were perceivable in the target city—the remainder was obscured by clouds of smoke.

So, with a single bomb, a single Super Fort accomplished as great damage as normally is inflicted by a large force of B-29s. Actually, the force of the atomic bomb is reported equivalent to 2,000 B-29s.

British Saved at Dunkerque by Fluke

FRANKFURT, Germany, Aug. 7 (AP)—The accidental discovery of a secret German document enabled the British to evacuate 330,000 men from the trapped beaches of Dunkerque, the United States army disclosed today.

"This was the paper that lost the war for Germany because it opened an escape hatch thru which the core of the British regular army slipped and gave Britain at least the semblance of enough strength to hold on until Russia and the United States were drawn to her aid," an intelligence officer of G-2 said.

General Fired Upon

At an hour when the French were being slaughtered and the British were making a desperate effort to evacuate their helpless divisions, a member of the German general staff on a reconnaissance mission pushed too far ahead of his own lines and

TRUMAN ARRIVES IN CAPITAL AND MEETS CABINET

(Picture on back page)

Washington, D. C., Aug. 7 [Special]—President Truman returned to Washington tonight from the Big Three meeting in Berlin after telling reporters earlier in the day that the successful use of the atomic bomb on Japan raises hope that this country and its allies have "the most powerful weapon for war and peace ever devised."

Members of the cabinet met the President at the White House. He conferred with them until about 11:45 p. m.

Besides foreshadowing early victory over Japan the President told newsmen the bomb "means a wonderful peace time release of energy if its powers can be harnessed for commercial use." Industrial studies, scientists, have told him, indicate it may be the "greatest discovery of any age for the benefit of the people."

Ranks It with Charter

The President listed development of the bomb, which he first announced to the world yesterday, along with the allied nations charter and the Big 3 agreements at Berlin as potent assets by which peaceful nations can keep down future aggressions.

Mr. Truman and his party reached the nation's capital aboard a special train from Newport News, Va.

Plans Broadcast to Nation

It was learned that Mr. Truman plans to delay any news conferences until he has made a radio address to the nation on the agreements reached in Germany with British and Russian leaders.

His speech will be broadcast probably Thursday or Friday night. As tentatively drafted aboard the Augusta, it will take 30 minutes to deliver.

U. S. SCIENTISTS RUSH TO MANILA ON SECRET TRIP

(By Wireless to the New York News and The Chicago Tribune)

MANILA, P. I., Aug. 7—An impressive shipment of Uncle Sam's most eminent scientists arrived here today, rushed by plane from America's east coast in 48 hours. The use to which they are being put and their names is a military secret.

Heading the party rushed half way around the world by the air transport command's speediest planes is a silver haired scholar whose work is a household word back home.

Traveling with the rank of major general, this famous scientist wore a simple GI uniform, without insignia, in which he seemed perfectly at ease. His only slightly less distinguished colleagues bore themselves with the same aplomb.

Foretold Hook Drive

It foretold a hook movement by a German force moving up from Abbeville and striking in the rear of the Dunkerque area. The British commander concentrated every man he had at the point of attack.

The Germans attacked on schedule but their initial thrust was stopped and the British covering force held for three days while British and French troops escaped the Dunkerque beaches.

Chicagoan Tells of Awesome Scene from Plane

(Picture on back page; maps on page 2)

GUAM, Aug. 7 (AP)—Crewmen of the Super Fort from which the first atomic bomb in the history of war was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima Aug. 6 said today the new weapon struck with a flash and concussion that brought an exclamation of "My God" from the battle-hardened airmen 10 miles away.

There are more B-29s ready to carry more of the same awesome bombs from their bases in the Marianas in a follow-up on other enemy targets. This was announced by Gen. Spaatz, commander of the United States army strategic air force. Spaatz said there would be a leaflet campaign to let the Japanese people know they had been atom-bombed and could expect more.

Like Close Explosion

Crewmen who carried the new bomb, which is declared to have an explosive power the equivalent of bombs that 2,000 Super Fortresses would have had to carry previously, altho they were far away, felt the concussion like a close explosion of anti-aircraft fire.

Col. Paul W. Tibbets Jr. of Quincy, Ill., and Miami, Fla., who piloted the Super Fortress, and Chicago born Navy Capt. William S. Parsons, now of Santa Fe, N. M., navy ordnance expert, described the explosions as "tremendous and awe inspiring."

Plane Speeds Away

"It was 0915 (9:15 a. m.) when we dropped our bomb and we turned the plane broadside to get the best view," said Capt. Parsons, who has the title of "Weaponeer." "Then we made as much distance from the ball of fire as we could.

"We were at least 10 miles away and there was a visual impact, even tho every man wore colored glasses for protection. We had braced ourselves when the bomb was gone for the shock and Tibbets said 'close flak' and it was just like that—a close burst of anti-aircraft fire.

"The crew said, 'My God,' and couldn't believe what had happened."

Mountain of Smoke Rises

"A mountain of smoke was going up in a mushroom from the stem coming down. At the top was white smoke but up to 1,000 feet from the ground there was swirling, boiling dust. Soon afterward small fires sprang up on the edge of town but the town was entirely obscured. We stayed around two or three minutes and by that time the smoke had risen to 40,000 feet.

"As we watched the top of the white cloud broke off and another soon formed."

The tall, balding navy officer