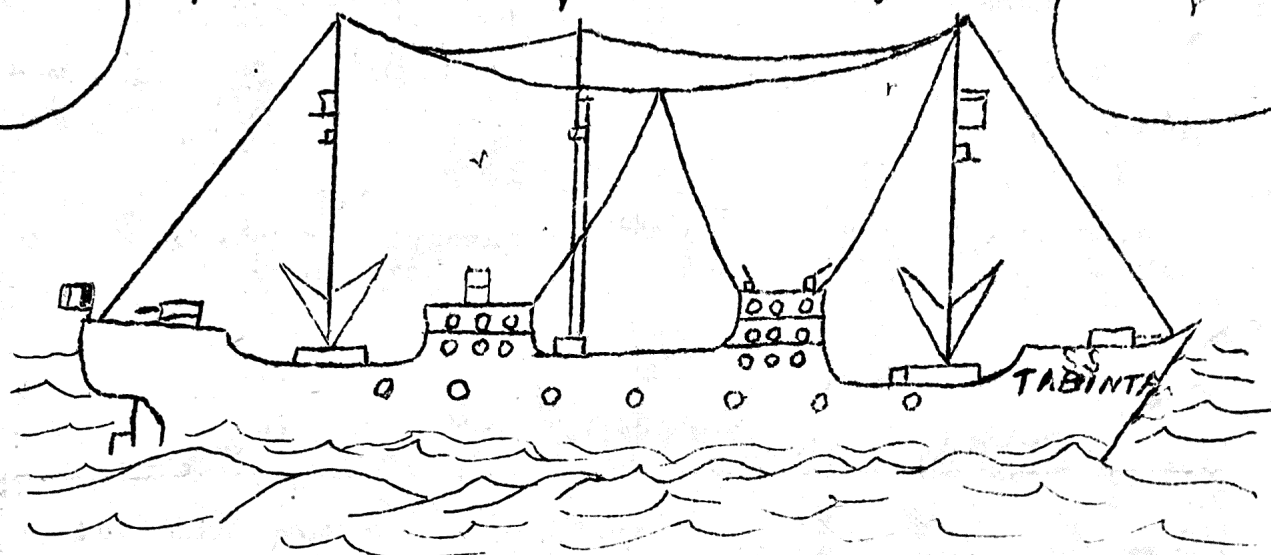


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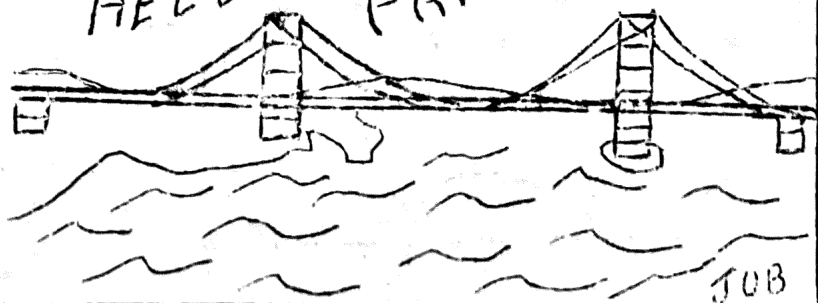
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SO LONG LEYTE!

HELLO

FRISCO!



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JUST A MOMENT

On this trip, THE FLYING DUTCHMAN is transporting from the Philippines to San Francisco, one thousand men of the Armed Forces, who possess an accumulative service record of over three thousand years, plus enough Points to put any Bingo game to shame. Accordingly, it may be definitely assumed that said veterans have had more than enough of World War II.

However, the folks back home, Mother, Dad, the kid brother who will be quite a man when you see him again, and THE GIRL, all are eager to know what it was all about. With thought in mind, THE PUBLISHERS, EM, have prepared this souvenir copy of "THE FLYING DUTCHMAN", which covers the "final phase" of your military career, primarily with the thought of interesting those back home. "It is up to you," as they say in the Philippines, to either pass along this issue to those concerned, or turn it in for salvage.

The best of Civilian life to You and Yours:

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A Bit Of "Log" Rolling

SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 1945

Anchored in San Pedro Bay, four miles off shore from Tacloban, Leyte, P.I. Position 11.14 N/125.3 E. Flips hawking wears from log boats. MPs arrived removed ciggies from them. Dog and monkey "red lined" as not permitted to accompany GI on return to U.S. TS. Anchors aweigh 1500.

SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 1945

Position: 10.20 N/29.41 E. Course 92 T. 301 miles from Leyte. Headed for Ulithi. Chaplain services: Catholic 0900: Protestant 100. Vespers 1930 in ship's galley. Movie: THE HAINY APE. Salt water in showers and basins. Fresh water last three days only. Got salt water soap at ships PX. Cautioned men to place money over \$10.00 in ships safe.

MONDAY 17 Sept 1945

Position: 10.23 N. 135.5. Daily Run 319 miles. 620 miles from Leyte. Course 91 T. 150 miles north of Palau. Life saver drill. Possibility of unaccounted Jap Sub or "wild" mine. Flying fish first sighted. Guard Detail Hatch #2: KP Detail Hatch #3: Deck Detail Hatch #5: Head Detail Hatch #6. Spud-Break-Out Detail Lower #1 Hatch: Garbage-Stewards Detail Hatch Upper #1.

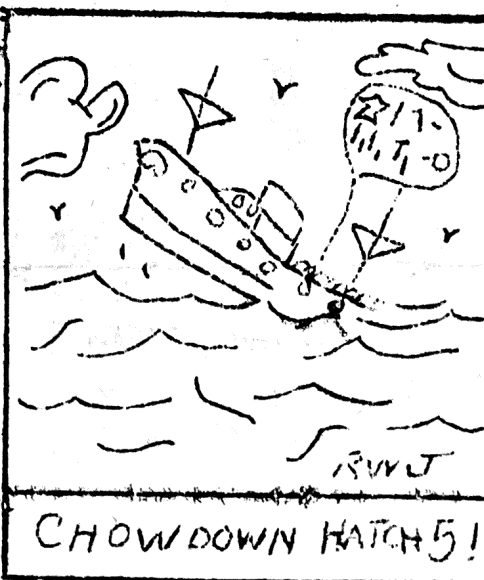
TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 1945

Position: 10.17 N 140.43 E. Daily run 333 miles. 953 miles from Leyte. Passed Ulithi Island STB. Readily seen which is quite a novelty on the vast Pacific. Bunks pulled up for daily inspection. Ship cleaner than proverbial Dutch Kitchen! Raced tanker and passed same. Chaplain Via the

Pa Sustem talks to men daily 0930.

WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 1945

Position: 10.38 N/146. E. Course 87 T. Daily run 312 miles. 1180 miles S. from Guam. Movie: FELT HE IF SAINT LOUIS on midship well deck, Via Radio: Rep. Barden North Carolina, advocates 30 day furloughs for Armed Forces, after which men would be so homesick for service would promptly re-enlist. Men disapproved so vilantly 31 mermaids slipped of the deck and descended to the bottom of the ocean.



THURSDAY 20 Sept 1945

Position: 10.55 N. 151.33 E. Course 87 T. 170 miles north of Truk. Daily run 327 miles. 1592 miles from Leyte. Javanese laundrymen hang clothing without pins. Mcrely twist ropes tightly and insert garment between the twists. Most ingenious.

FRIDAY SEPT 21, 1945

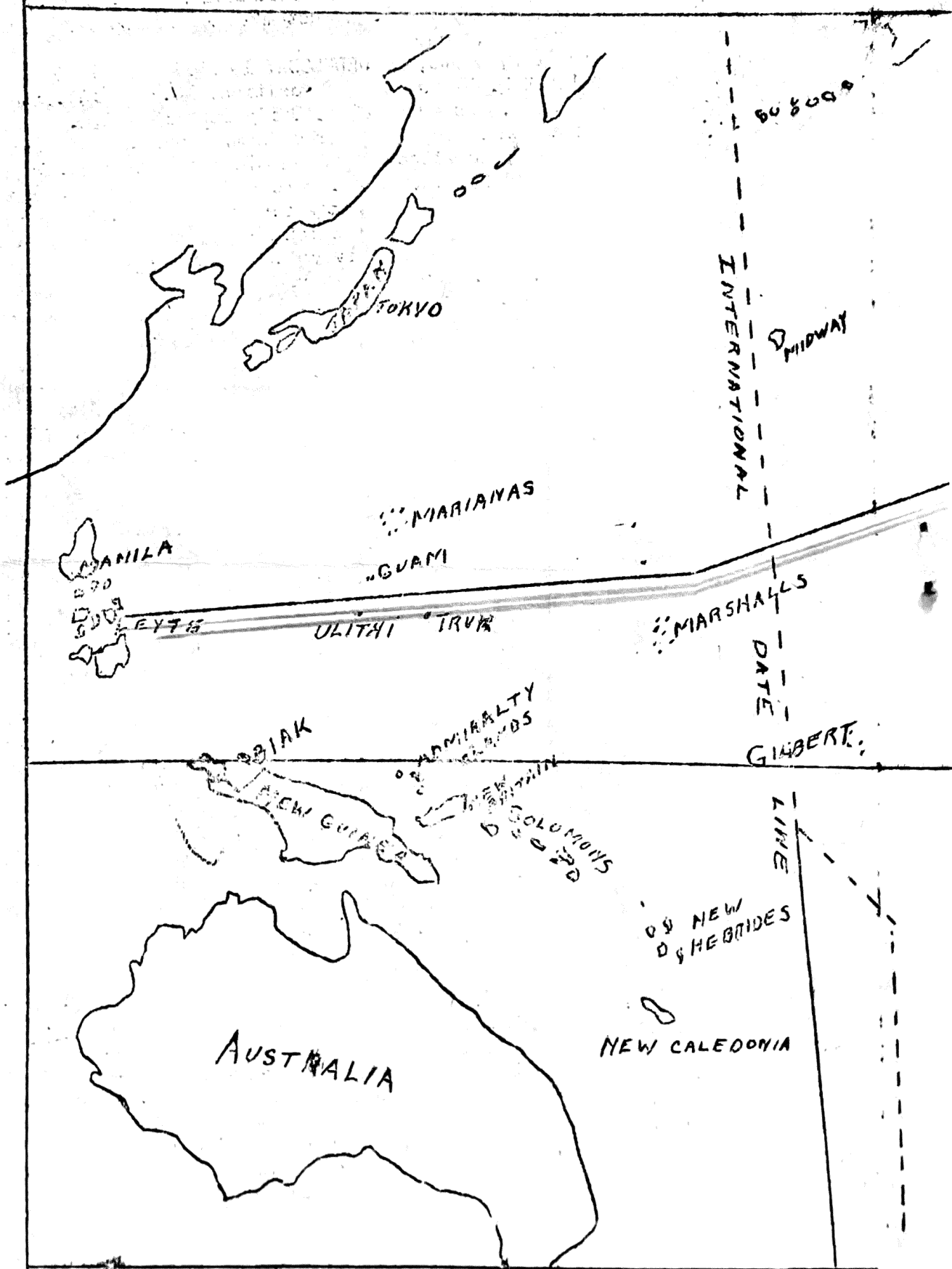
Position: 11.4 N. 156.59 E. Course 901. Daily run 321 miles.

1913 miles from Leyte. 310 miles west of Eniwetok. Via radio: Armed Forces to test atomic bomb on Jap battleship 600 miles off Nippon coast. Draw for cigarette lighters and Fountain pens at PX. Coke issue, one per man.

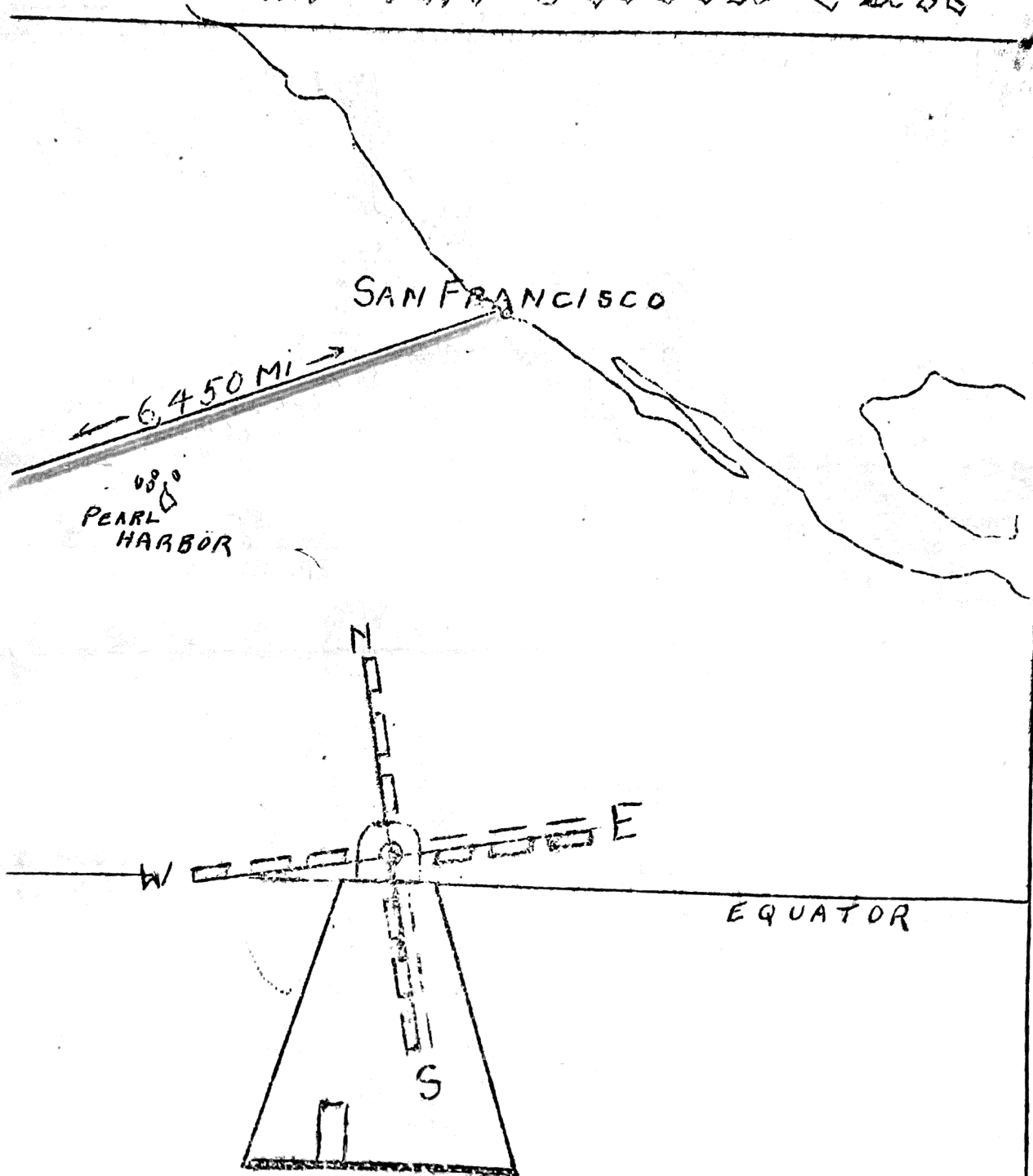
SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 1945

Position: 11.10 N 162.28 E. Daily run 320 miles. 2233 miles from Leyte. Eniwetok off bow, not visable. Changed course at 1300 to 54 T. Headed for Midway Islands. Movie: COOLIDGE and C. C. C. Lousey! Bingo popular. Via Radio: 100,000 pilots applying for civilian airline jobs. Only need 10,000. Navy to discharge men over 30, 3 kids.

An All American Date



With The Golden Gate



We Continue To "Log"



SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1945

Position: 14.31 N/167.5 E. Daily run 336 miles. 2569 miles from Leyte. 290 miles South of Wake Island and 1200 miles SW of Midway. Moslem Crew on board fascinated GIs. One watching them go thru their religious tactics thought they were doing "push-ups" ala boot training. Noted first airplane going west, a B-24. Short Arm. Coke issue one per man. First Roll call. How can one go AWOL at sea?

MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 1945

Position: 17.35 N/171.49 E. Daily run 330 Miles. 2899 miles from Leyte. Course 47T. Put watches ahead 20 minutes. 315 miles E,SE from Wake Island. Popular Song Hit "Run And Coco Cola", with songster Jeri Sullavan. Via Radio: No more WACs overseas, Good!

TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 1945

Position: 20.16 N/176.28 E. Daily run: 314 miles. Course 57. T. 300 miles S,SW of Midway Island. Move watches ahead 20 minutes. Movie: ONE THRILLING NIGHT. Dirty weather, Life preservers are to be worn or handy at all times. Via Radio: War Department advises development of super atomic bombs will make those dropped on Japan mere fiercrackers.

TUESDAY 26 September 1945

Position: 23.34 N/178.52 W. Daily run: 320 miles. 3433 miles from Leyte. 2917 miles from Frisco. Course: 48 T. At 0615 this morning we crossed the INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE. This highly

complicated nautical phenomal explains two Tuesdays, each bearing the date 26 Sept 45. Also we are now going west instead of east and and in the same direction! 1415: Discussion in Galley GI life insurance.

WEDNESDAY 26 September 1945

Position: 26.36 N/174.51 W. Daily Run 170 miles. (bucking heavy headwinds last two days). Course 58T. At sea level the horizon is seen 7 miles away. From Ships bridge 9 miles. Appendectomy operation at sea. Patient's condition excellent. Ciggie issue, one per man. Speed Graphic Camera being raffled off at four Pesos a chance. Via Radio: Washington: sentiment for sharing the atomic bomb secret grew yesterday. Scientists suggested control of weapon by World,-----Authority. Chunking: Too many airmen in China. 8,000 will be sent to USA.

THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 1945

Position: 29.17 N/169.34 W. Daily Run 323 miles. Course 62. T. 4057 miles from Leyte and 2393 miles from GG (GOLDEN GATE) 330 miles E. of Midway and 800 miles NW from Honolulu. Out here on this vast Pacific Honolulu sounds like Main Street, USA. Strictly GI: Tie dirty clothes on rope, toss overboard-retrieve in two hours - cleaned, but not dry cleaned! Field jacket weather. Cold water increases ships speed. Great!

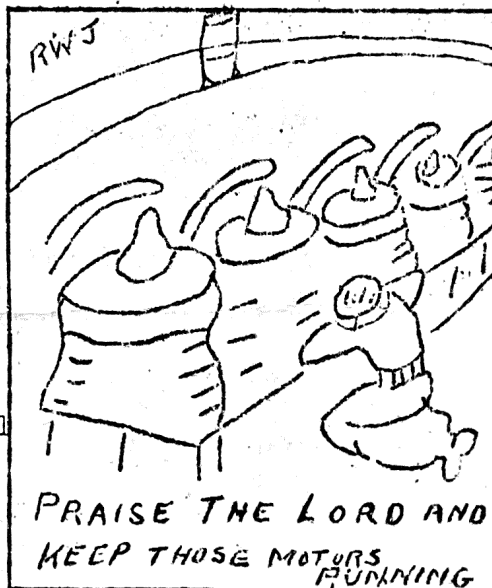
Across The Pacific

FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 1945

Position: 31.32 N 163.38 W. Course: 8 T. Daily run 335 miles. Fastest yet. 2058 wet miles from Frisco. Thru Army supervision, men may wire Western Union message No 16, as follows: ARRIVED SAFELY WILL SEE YOU SOON. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CONTACT OR WRITE ME HERE. LOVE. PRICE 31¢. Excellent and plentiful chow has put five extra pounds on every jungle weary passenger. Via radio: Marine Corps wants postwar force of 100,000 men. Navy wants permanent fleet of 1,089 ships.

ATURDAY 29 SEPT 1945

Position: 33.23 N. 57.19 W. Course: 72. t. Daily run: 335 miles. Lost Found Dept: Watch and 7 bucks! Sick bay 0900. Lecture: GI Bill of Rights Lottery: Pick time pilot Will board ship on west coast. Stateside football Notre Dame 7, Illinois 0; Navy 49, Villanova 0. Via radio: Bing Crosby off air balance of year; in hospital for infection treatment. Today starts third week at sea.



SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1945

Position: 35.04 N/150.46 W. Course: 4 T. Daily run 344 miles. 1379 miles from west coast. Appendectomy No 2. Is there a nurse in the house? NO! Regardless, both patients doing nicely. Last night PX will be open. Movie: WHEN OUR PARTS WERE YOUNG AND GAY (and homesick!). Transport Service Office activities show that of 26 different games distributed to passengers, the following three were in most demand: Chess, Cribbage and Checkers with Jigg Saw puzzles a strength 4th. 516 books offered, FOREVER AMBER came in first, followed closely by two of Ben Ames Williams' efforts: STRANGE WOMAN and LEAVE HER TO HEAVEN. A preponderance of men were looking forward most to enjoying the autumn sports associated

with field and stream. After three years US goes back to Standard Time. Via radio: Reorganization Bill (merging of Army-Navy) comes up this week in Congress. Interest keen. 50% of navy personnel at Manila will be started home by January first.

MONDAY 1 OCTOBER 1945

Position: 35.57 N/144.15 W. Course: 76 T. Daily run: 323 miles. COMPARISONS: coming over-rigid blackout-two weird meals daily-censorship-dangerous waters-rookies. Going home-no blackouts-three grand meals daily plus potent coffee

late at night-no censorship-friendly waters-victorious veterans. Via radio: Tigers and Cubs clinch respective baseball pennants. Detroit definitely "strike" crazy!

FLASH-SNAFU

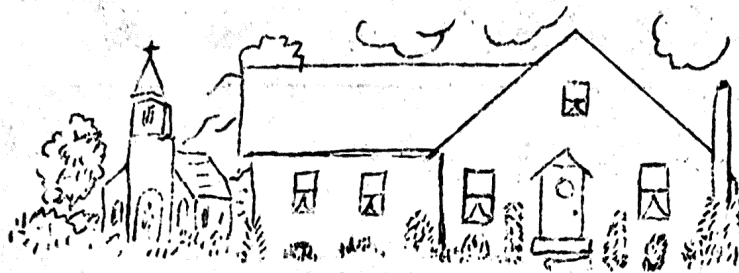
At 1600 today THE FLYING DUTCHMAN was instructed to change her stateside destination from San Francisco to San Pedro on west coast, just below Los Angeles. "Hollywood & Vine", here we come-on the double..

TUESDAY (0800) 2 OCTOBER 1945.

Position: 36.45 N/139.00 W. Course: 80 T. 1090 estimated miles from San Pedro. 5742 miles from far off Leyte in the Philippines. Due to change in ports extra day added to trip. Expect to arrive at San Pedro(?) 5 October 1945.

The ship's Transport Service itinerary calls for distribution of this copy of THE FLYING DUTCHMAN today. For the record, the log position of San Pedro Cal., is 118.25 W/33.45 N. This address is of no value in Hollywood.

GEE MOM, WE'LL BE GLAD TO GET HOME.
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Going Home

So you're going Home! Most of you for good, some for a visit. Congratulations.

All of you, I'm sure, will join me in saying "Thank God, a miserable chapter in the world's history is ended! Thank God...no more of that stinking war, with its loneliness and frustration and fear and uncertainty and monotony and discomfort and cruelty and killing!"

Oh I know you are still tired of the whole mess. But the light in your eyes and the wistfulness of your smiles as you head for home, tells me a lot. And it is good. I'm not worried about you in the least. You are not "problems". You're okay. Given just a little time, you will find your place in a peace-time, civilian world.

All that I ask is that you will never lose sight of things eternal... of courage and Faith and Hope. Continue to hold high the torch of Idealism. Lead on where others have failed.

Good luck... and God be with You:

WALTER O KLEINHANS,
Capt, Ch C,
Transport Chaplain.

TABINTA TALKS

THE SKIPPER:

19 years ago, the Netherlands Merchant Marine College presented the Skipper of the USAT TABINTA with his present commission, and up to this date Captain H E Ruytenschilót has served 35 years at sea. That's a lot of ocean. In fact, the Skipper has cruised over the Seven Seas (can you name them?) and of extreme interest, shipped the last load of ammunition into Singapore, prior to Jap occupation.

A keen aviationist, Captain Ruytenschilót was slated to be the FIRST DUTCH SKIPPER of lighter-than-air craft on a contemplated run between Amsterdam and the Dutch East Indies. But Nazi troubles in '31 grounded the project.

Dutch, English, German, Malay, Spanish and Hindustani, to name six, are at the tip of the fluent tongue of the TABINTA Skipper. Yes, Languages are a lifetime hobby of the Dutch Captain.

Hmm. It so happens, however that the Skipper resides in Glendale, California, and despite a thorough understanding of many languages, it is questioned whether the Captain will be able to understand the Chamber of Commerce of Southern California.

THE SHIP:

the USAT TABINTA was constructed at Amsterdam, and was launched in 1930. It continues as the property of the Nederland Co. In size the TABINTA measures 490 x 62 feet, possessing a gross weightage of 10,000 ton.

When the Nazi lugs occupied the Netherlands, the TABINTA was at sea (actually and literally!). An exiled Dutch Government was set up in England, and the TABINTA was turned over to the Limeys, to be used against the Axis

Butchers. England thru Lend Lease, turned the ship over to the United States, and the War Shipping Board converted the Freighter into a troop transport.

THE CREW:

One doesn't have to go to Switzerland to see a real League of Nations. On the USAT TABINTA, which is fondly known as the FLYING DUTCHMAN, the personnel is made up of Dutch, Scotch, English, Javanese, and Moslems. And prior to the Atomic Bomb repercussions, United States sailors manned the many guns.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1942, the Pacific was strictly war water. July of that year the USAT TABINTA made the following ports (some of the as many as four times): Fiji Islands, New Caledonia, New Zealand and back to Snob Hill. Six months later the TABINTA presented herself at the Australian ports of Townsville, Cairns, and Brisbane.

1943, with Japan aroused to a fanatical fury, the TABINTA called at New Caledonia, Marshalls, New Guinea, admiralty Cp, Philippines, Schoutten, and finally back to Frisco.

January 1945, Hawaii, Marshalls, Carolines. Then none other than OKINAWA, which was the final hot spot of World war II. Next the Marianas and finally back to San Francisco.

Since July 1942, the USAT TABINTA has grossed 170,000 miles over war waters. You can't beat the DUTCH.

Short Short Stories

Now that we are on our way to an ecumenical existence, we can look back at our idyllic degree of life in the 28th Repl Depot, Leyte.

For example, Buck Vallandingham, TC observed a fellow GI painting (without paint!). a coconut tree hard by the PX. "How come?" asked Buck. Said the Painter, "I've been here 21 days and I'm afraid I'm losing my mind, so I paint." "But", exclaimed Buck, "You aren't using any paint!" "I know", said the painter, "but it dries quicker this way!"

There's a Cob from both theaters of war, a & P He's Roger Canfield, CWT, long Beach, Cal. Sur-he's Navy. Serviced on one of those scrappy DES in the Atlantic and on the SARATOGA in all Pacific Action.

Sgt Booker T. Robinson. What a guy! Enlisted, 1923. SWPA June 1942. with Port Bn. He's aboard. Says BTR: "Anybody can learn to play bridge, but it takes a cannibal to throw up a "Hand" Amen!

Among the many Air Corp aboard is W/O Jg Wm G. Blanton from Hopeville, Ga. With the Army Airways Communication System, Mr. Blanton has served five years under that sentence. After Hollandia, Biak, Morati, Leyte and Luzon, Mrs Blanton should have quite a time "house breaking" her husband.

We're plenty lucky having the grand gang working in the galley with messmaster S/Sgt Jack Graham, Trp Carr Gp, and bakerman T/5 Jack Eichman FA. The Services blended their culinary skills and another successful "Army-Navy Joint Operation" is on record.

Howdy Ray! Yes, that's T/4 Ray Thompson, Old Ray was a "cat driver" at home, but the TDs had him pushing one of those Galloping cheese boxes with the oversize pea shooter on the front, blastin' for the 6th and 8th armies. Ray says he wants in-in the Diesel Engineering game back home.

You can't apply the term "fubar" to jigsaw puzzles when S/C Johnny Figueiras is around. Reason: Said Sailor is the crack puzzle maker on the ship.

Playing to a full house "Dutch Treet", studded with a cast of 5 star talent, put the IQ boys in the aisle. Bob Kirm, CEM Navy MC, best known as "The Beard", had the boys thinking the ship's coffee was vodka. Assisting him were the following men: T/5 Clarence Brah, Inf, former member Michigan State Band, Pfc Otto Cooper FA Sic Bob Downing, CG, pianist and organist on Sundays, S/Sgt Jodie Hall AC, Sgt Ed Hall, Inf, Sgt Charley LaFleur, AC, CSK

Bill Metz, Navy, Cory Rorer, Ship's Steward, Pfc Henry Smith, Ord, and Sgt Charlie S orms, AC. At one time the Jive Boys got so hot three mermaids did a striptease-Backwards.

PRESENT & ACCOUNTED FOR

The following units are represented on THE FLYING DUTCHMAN

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Adjutant General Office
Army Air Forces
Anti-Aircraft
Cavalry
Chaplain Corps
Chemical Warfare Supply
Coast Artillery Corps
Coast Guard
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Service Command
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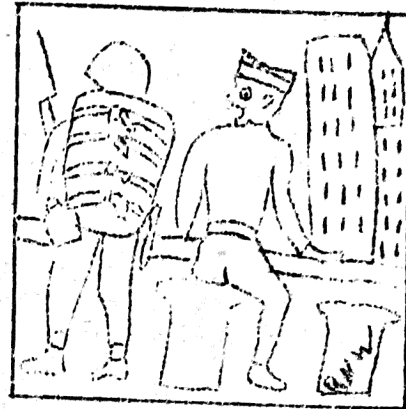
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WE WILL NOT RETURN

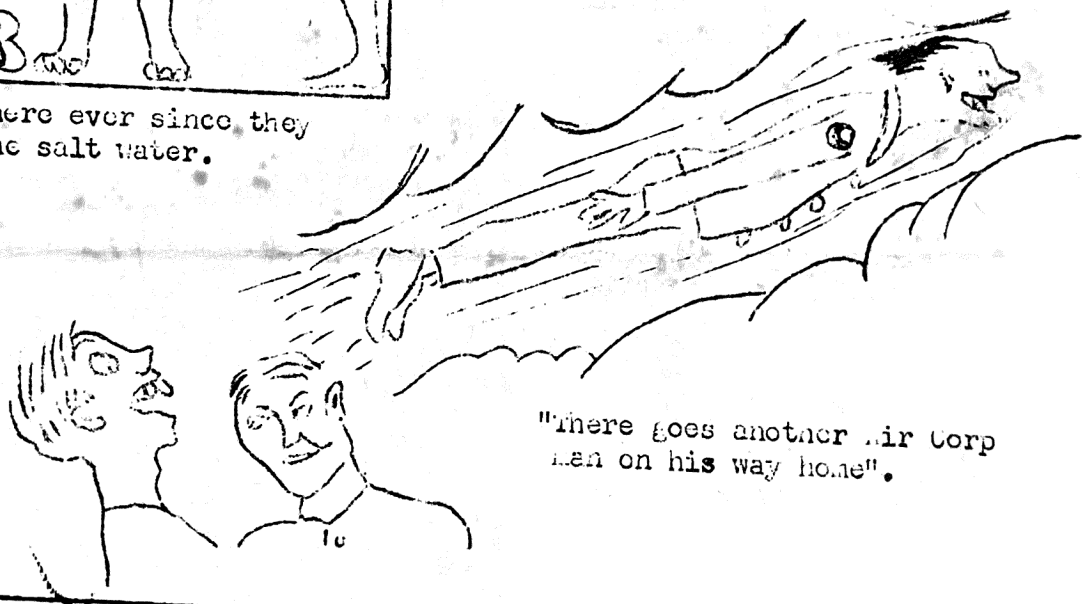
Ten Minute Break



She's been here ever since they turned on the salt water.



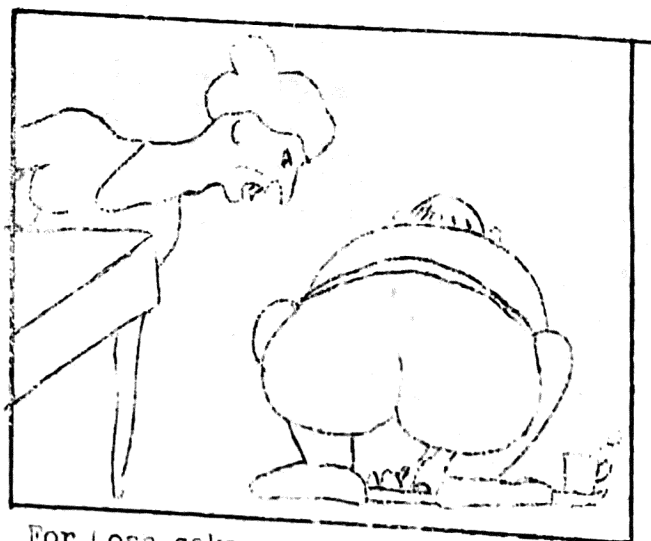
No beachhead HERE Percy the war is over!



"there goes another Air Corp man on his way home".



he's been that way ever since he was told he was going home.



For loss sakes, Irving, can't you forget the army?



The following men volunteered
their services to help make
your trip home more enjoyable,
and we wish to express the
appreciation of the entire ship
and especially of the Transport
Service Office:



Sgt Domenic Pinelli	1/Sgt Walter Furst
Sgt Frank Metela	1/Sgt Harry Kennedy
Sgt Howard Hall	1st Sgt Edgar Coatty
Pfc Robert East	CPL William Grinnell
Plt C. L. Luth	1/Sgt Ler Hawthorne
SOlc Arthur Bunnell	1/Sgt Max Radinski
Cpl Max Schaffner	1st Sgt Carl Leo
Sgt John Johnstone	Sgt George Devernau
1/Sgt Howard Bell	Cpl Ernest Santiago

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(OMIT rank and serial number)