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Port, 16		17:00
Camp Duty		10:00
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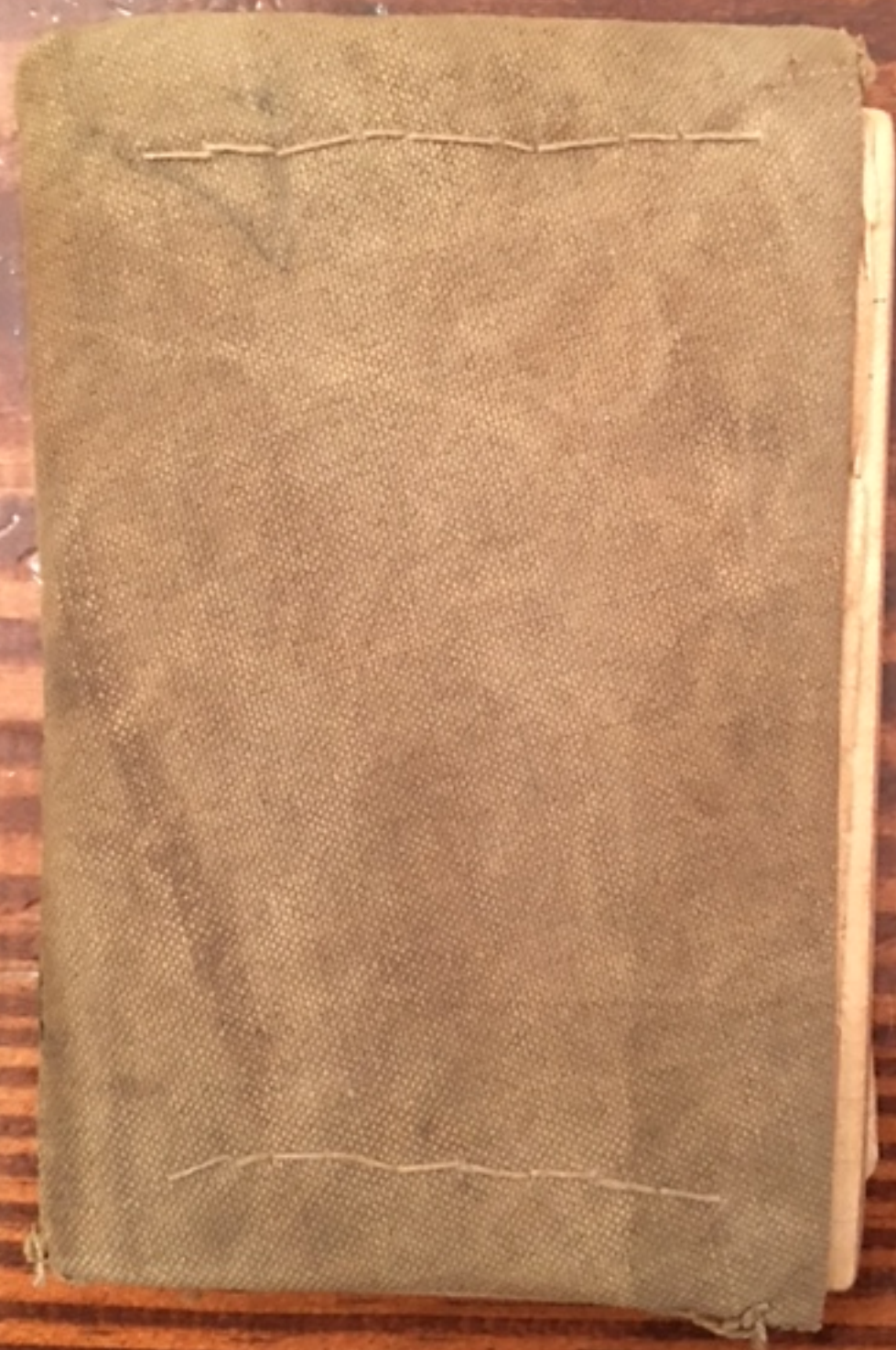
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TAFT, TEXAS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1945.

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Girls' Quartet To Be Here Tuesday, Oct. 2



The Charm Quartet (above) will appear in the Taft School Auditorium on Tuesday, October 2, at 3 and 7 p. m., according to announcement by Principal D. L. Dodson. These four charming young artists have been selected to receive special honors and scholarships in their particular field by the music conservatories and schools of Chicago, which have recognized their unusual talents. They make a specialty of close harmony.

Improved Schedules Announced By Greyhound Lines

Greatly improved running time schedules, plus additional service on most routes will go into effect over the Southwestern Greyhound Lines operations on October 1st, the date when war-time restrictions on intercity bus lines will be lifted, according to a statement made by A. F. Balgley, general traffic manager of the company.

Greyhound schedules will be changed and operating time reduced effecting savings in time on a matter of minutes on many trips to several hours on others. The increased speed of the buses will make many bus seats available in that they will be able to make more in any given period. Balgley said.

Humble Company Again Broadcast Football Games

DESTON, Texas.—Humble Oil Refining Company, announced that it would again broadcast Southwest Conference football games this fall. This will be the eleventh consecutive year these games have been broadcast under Humble's sponsorship.

The program will bring listeners all the excitement and many of the important inter-sectional games in which conference teams are pitted. A full schedule of inter-sectional games has been arranged, with many service men back in uniform for the first time since Pearl Harbor, the 1945 football season being the best all they've enjoyed in years.

Back at the mike will be these favored veterans of many able broadcasters. Kern Tipton, Bob, Charlie Jordan, Bill Smith, Dave Russell and others. Those top Texas sports announcers will give accurate and colorful play-by-play reports of each game, as well as listeners the interesting highlights that add so much to enjoyment of the game.

Following its past custom, the Humble Company is also distributing pocket-sized schedules of all games in which conference teams participate and dates which games will be broadcast.

Other announcements of the company carrying each game, and of broadcasts and announcers will be carried each week in the newspapers as well as in Humble stations.

M. U. Meets At Church Tuesday

The Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church met Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 25, for its monthly mission program business meeting.

W. Willie Hamilton led the devotion program, with Mrs. T. V. Branner, Mrs. Belle McBride, John Olliff and Mrs. J. M. Staman assisting.

J. M. Chestman presided at the business meeting, with members present.

Supplies—Tribune Office.

Cpl. James B. Brock Sails For Home After Rescue From Nippon Prison

Corporal James Byron Brock, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brock of Taft, who has been a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Bataan and Corregidor in March, 1942, is "alive, well and on his way home," he told his parents in a letter written to them on Sept. 17, from the USS Gloucester in Tokyo Bay. This was the first direct message Mr. and Mrs. Brock had received from Byron since the fall of the Philippines. For the benefit of Byron's many friends in Taft, his parents have permitted The Tribune to publish his letter in full, as follows:



CPL. JAMES BYRON BROCK

U. S. S. Cape Gloucester, Sept. 17, 1945.

Dearest Mother and All: Thank God it is over! I am alive and in good health. I have had my hard days and they are all over now. I am now on the ship U. S. S. Gloucester. They are taking good care of me and I can get anything I wish.

It has been three years since I have been able to say what I wish to say, and now I don't know where to begin. I am sure you want to know where I have been and what I have been doing. I will give you a short outline, and then I will tell you about it when I get home, which will be within about three weeks. If it is longer, do not be surprised, for I know very little now.

After the surrender, March 9, 1942, we marched out of Bataan up to O'Donnell, then on May 14, 1942, I was sent to work at Clark Field. Then on June 30, 1942, I was sent to O'Donnell Hospital, then to Camp Cabanatuan Hospital. I went to work again on Feb. 2, 1943. On July 23, 1943, I left for Japan. Here in Japan I worked in a coal mine. On August 15, 1943, we stopped working and on August 15, we took the guns over from the Japs.

Our first American to see was a newspaper reporter, who came about August 30. Then our troops came in about the 10th of September. We were moved out on the 16th from our camp, which was a six-hour ride from this place (Omuto, Japan), where we now have a large number of men.

I have not been sick for about eight months. I feel as well as I did when I left the States. I weigh about 165 pounds, which is about the same as I weighed when I left the States. I have no marks of war on my body. To me, everything is about the same, except just five years behind.

As far as writing me, I don't know how to tell you my address, but by the time you get this letter I expect to know my address.

These are some of the things I would like to know, which will make it easier for you to write your letter:

1. How are you and Dad getting along—your health, etc., and Dad's work, etc.?
2. Where is Preston, Otis and Bobby, and what are they doing? Tell them to write, and send me their addresses.
3. Send a note to Loretta and tell her to "get on the ball" and write to me.
4. Then you add any other things that you think I would like to know.

We could write a book about the things we have seen and done, but we don't have time. It has been hard for me to write, for I don't know what to say. I don't know where to begin. The main thing is that I am free and in good health, and on my way home.

We may fly from Manila to the States. To fly or by boat, it won't be long now till I will be home and with you.

Many of the addresses I have forgotten. So tell EVERYONE I will see them, write when they can and let me know their addresses.

I will have to stop shortly to EAT. The food is GOOD, and I am getting candy, ice cream, gum, etc.

Mother, please don't worry about me. I am O. K. I am not holding a thing back from you—for the first time we can say what we like.

I pray to God that you and Dad and all of you are OK and that He will take care of you and watch over us until we are all together again.

As ever,
BYRON.

P. S.—"As ever" is my way of saying everything is in order. May God bless you all.

MRS. DEWEY WHITE HOSTESS TO H. D. CLUB

Dishes of foreign lands was the subject for discussion by members of Taft Home Demonstration Club Monday afternoon, Sept. 24, when the group convened in the home of Mrs. Dewey White.

Mrs. T. D. Thredgill held the business session and plans were made for "Achievement Day," which is to be held at the home of Mrs. B. H. Cummins October 8 at 2:30 p. m., with Mrs. Frank Foley as leader.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Fred Jones, served a refreshment plate to twelve members.

Back In States



Sgt. Guy W. Marble, husband of the former Miss Betty Palmour of Taft, employed in the Cage office for the past year and a half, has arrived back in the states from foreign service. He called Mrs. Marble upon his recent arrival in Boston, and she went to San Antonio to meet him. Sgt. Marble, in the Army for six years, was overseas for two years.

13 Indictments Returned By San Patricio Grand Jury

The trial of Gonzalo M. Gonzalez, charged with killing Benjie Willard Munn of Denison in a street fight in Mathis last April, will be held in Sinton Oct. 1.

Among other cases set for trial during this term will be a civil suit involving \$100,000 damages, styled R. B. Bailey, Jr. vs. J. F. Houghton et al, which will be heard Oct. 8.

Thirteen true bills were returned by the grand jury including indictment of four men for the rape of an Arkansas Pass woman last July. They are Roberto Garcia, 16; David Alaniz, 26; Juan Flores, 18, and Pedro Esquivel, 17.

S-Sgt. Tunnell Of Gregory Awarded Air Medal, Cluster

GREGORY.—Award of the Air Medal was made by the commanding general of the Seventh Army Air Force to Staff Sergeant William F. Tunnell son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Pape of Gregory, for meritorious achievement in flight from November 1, 1944, to April 1, 1945, his parents have been officially advised.

During the period named, Sgt. Tunnell, as a member of a transport type aircraft, participated in many long over water flights across enemy held territory. These flights carrying vital and essential personnel, mail and freight between friendly advanced bases, were made in aircraft containing no defensive armament, in areas where enemy interception was probable and expected, and despite adversities of weather and operating conditions in an area

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Visits Home Here



Beth Ward Moore, A. M. 2/c, A. S. R., of the U. S. Coast Guard, and Mrs. Moore and little son, Tommy, have returned to Bixby, Miss., after spending several days here with Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Moore. They were honored with a picnic at Weider Park in Sinton, those present being Mr. and Mrs. T. O. McKinney of Bixby, Mrs. Frazier of California, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey White and children, Betty and "Buzzy," Mrs. C. A. Moore, Mrs. A. A. Miras and Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Moore of Taft.

Taft Ensign Member of Prize Crew Capturing Japanese Fake Hospital Ship Full of Arms

Ensign Elton D. Ford Helps Enact Drama of the Sea

The following story of the seizure of the Tachibana Maru was received by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ford of Taft, whose son, Ensign Elton D. Ford, was a member of the prize crew which captured the Jap fake hospital ship full of troops and arms:

AT A SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC PORT, Aug. 5 (Delayed)—The Tachibana Maru, a pre-war Jap liner and a war time troop transport masquerading as a hospital ship, although jammed so full of troops it reeks indescribably, was brought into port here today by an American prize crew from two 7th Fleet destroyers.

The ship was boarded in the East Indies at dawn three days ago for inspection. It was seized when the 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 1,562 soldiers packed into her as "patients" are physically fit for immediate combat.

How completely the ship, painted white and carrying three 15 foot lighted crosses atop her superstructure, was devoted to hauling arms was realized only after she was tied up at the dock here today.

Only One Jap Can't Walk

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 August 1 to take them to Soerabaja, Java.

As the Nips were marched from the ship today, the prize crew began a thorough examination of the cargo. All of the hundreds of crates opened this afternoon yielded arms.

The prize crew broke out in an anxious sweat when they learned that crates piled three feet deep in a saloon and used as beds by 500 of the Japs, 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 Ave., 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 43. 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 82 troop officers, to minimize the danger of plot or an organized attempt to overcome the small-American guard.

Seizure Packed With Drama

The story of the seizure of the Tachibana Maru is full of drama. On August 1, a Royal Australian Air Force Liberator from a base near Darwin, Australia, sighted the ship leaving the Kai Islands and heading southwest. Admiral Kinkaid, Commander of the 7th Fleet, ordered Captain W. H. Watson, Washington, D. C., Commander of the Destroyer Division, to send two destroyers into the Banda Sea to intercept the Tachibana.

Captain Watson picked two destroyers, commanded by Lt. Comdr. Gerald P. Joyce, Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Lt. Comdr. William Sissons, Detroit, Mich.

About 9 o'clock on the next night the destroyers found the ship near the tiny Api Islands, still heading southwest. Her faint red crosses glowed. Deck lights and open port holes twinkled impudently.

The destroyers followed her all night, keeping her on the horizon. Aboard one warship Captain Watson and his officers and men were busy planning.

According to international law a boarding party must go unarmored. The boarding party commander was Lt. Comdr. Ernest R. Peterson, Council Bluffs, Ia., executive officer of one of the destroyers.

Jeb Full of Danger

The job was dangerous. There was every chance that should arms be found the Jap crew and "patients" might try to overpower the searching party and hold them hostages. Should that happen the destroyers were prepared to sink the Tachibana. Many of the boarders wrote letters home to be mailed only if they did not return.



ENSIGN ELTON D. FORD

At 6:45 a. m., a few minutes after the full light of tropical morning, the destroyers pulled alongside the Tachibana. One, on starboard hoisted a signal flag to stop ship. From the other side the other destroyer raised its signal. The Jap ship stopped rolling in the rough sea. The Japs lowered the gangway and the boarders came alongside.

Peterson jumped from the bouncing gir and climbed the gangway. Behind him came Lt. James Baley, Columbus, Ga., the ship's engineer, Lt. Robert Kowitz, Roxbury, Mass., who was to conduct the search, and Lt. Louis Cadwall, Marfa, Texas, the ship's doctor.

Jap Captain Serves Tea

Interpreters told the Jap deck officer standing atop the gangway they wanted to talk to the captain. The officer led them to the bridge. Peterson through interpreters said he came aboard to search for contraband and asked to examine the ship's records.

The Nip captain, dressed in a loose white shirt, white trousers, and wooden clogs, showed all the gold in his teeth, bowed and nodded. He invited Peterson and the officers into a circular lounge under the bridge. They declined. He asked an orderly to bring tea. He told Peterson he didn't stop at the first signal because he misunderstood the flag. In a few minutes the orderly returned with glasses of hot tea spiked with salt (rice wine).

Cartall went into the troop quarters to inspect the patients. Baley hurried to the engine room to cut the electrical system and thus prevent the discharge of any mine. Kowitz, wearing a telephone and strapping a life behind him, began his search. With him were eleven sailors, including Daniel Spurr, 1016 S. Oakley Blvd., Chicago. They carried two crowbars, two hammers, two axes, and two wire cutters, equipment provided by international law for boarding parties. The ship's Nip storekeeper led the way.

The doctor returned soon to the bridge. He said three-fourths of the "patients" most of whom were listed as ill with malaria or beri-beri, were fit for combat. Only one was a litter case. The only injured "patient" was a Nip who had lost a thumb when a crate dropped on it.

Code Signals Arms Discovery

Kowitz and his men checked the forward staterooms quickly. He and Peterson carrying on a running conversation to make sure the telephone line was kept intact.

On the bottom deck a three foot square hatch opened into the hold. "Food and medicine," the storekeeper said.

"Open up," Kowitz said. The crew jerked the hatch up and pulled out a sack nearest the opening. It held rice. The storekeeper grinned. Next came a case of salt. The sailors moved a box and pried it open. It was full of artillery shells. It was the next.

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