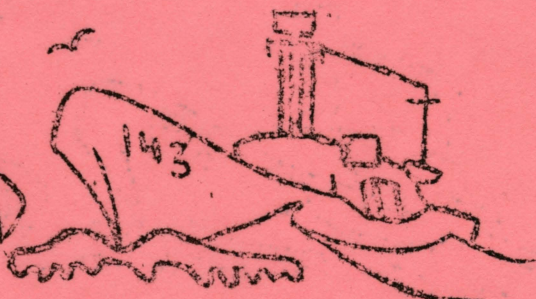


# THE LOG

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## OFFICIAL NOTICES

All enlisted men and officers who have valuables and money in the Transportation Office Safe, should pick them up tomorrow morning between 0800 and 1200.

**LOST:** Personal copy of "Look Homeward Angel" by T. Wolfe. Please return to H. Price, USSBS, Troop Officers' Mess.

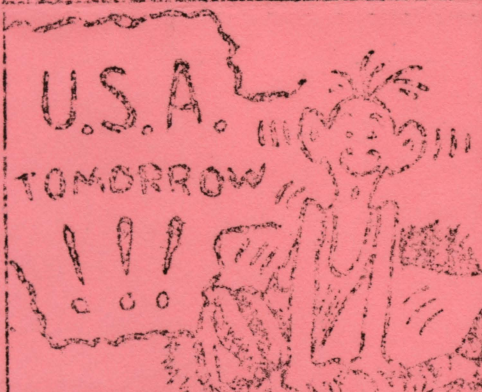
**FOR SALE:** Two wrist watches. Can be seen in the Troop Services Office opposite the Ship's Library.

**FOUND:** Identification bracelet belonging to A. Leroy Talley. Identification Tags belonging to John S. Davis. Joe S. Reyes, Walter R. Barrett and Andrew Willenborg.

**FOUND:** Wallets belonging to Billy L. Hopkins and Gavin H. Hill.

**MOVIES FOR TONIGHT**  
Library, 1800 and 2000:  
RCSE MARIE  
Troop Officers' Mess, 2000:  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
Mess Deck, 2000:  
LOVE CRAZY

From Yokohama	To Seattle
3699 miles	541 miles



Longitude	154° 52' W.
Latitude	47° 52' N.
Time	0200 Today

## NEWS SUMMARY

**WASHINGTON:** Impatience within the Pearl Harbor committee over the time being consumed in its investigation flared up Friday in a threat by Chairman Barkley (D., Ky.) to resign and a request by the committee's legal staff of four to be released. Barkley said it is evident the inquiry is going to run on for months and that he will have to weigh the question whether his duty to the Senate as Majority Leader or his duty to the Committee is the greater. William D. Mitchell, Chief Counsel and former Attorney General, had a similar complaint. He said he had accepted the position with the understanding that his services would not be needed longer than early January. The resolution creating the Inquiry Committee directed that it report by January 3, 1946.

**WASHINGTON:** The War Department, in a reply to the Navy's new national security plan, challenged it as a diversionary effort to beat armed services unification and asked who paid for it. Secretary of War Patterson told a news conference that the Navy's plan introduced questions unrelated to the issue before Congress—unification of the armed forces.

**MOSCOW:** Unable to locate the Soviet Capital for more than an hour because of a howling blizzard, the plane carrying U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes to the Three Power Foreign Ministers' meeting landed at the Central Airdrome Friday just before dark. Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of Great Britain had not yet arrived for the discussions on atomic energy and other prime subjects which have been scheduled to begin Saturday.

**CHENSUKING, CHINA:** China must have a strong modern army patterned after that of the United States plus some adaptation of Japanese methods, General Pai Chung Hsi reported to the National Military Council Friday. Pai, Deputy Chief of Staff, urged one year of compulsory military training for all secondary school graduates, establishment of retraining schools for the professional army, and creation of a non-professional reserve along American lines.

**DAMASCUS, SYRIA:** The Syrians accepted the news of the signing of the British-French accord on the Levant with reservations Friday. Although the pact agreeing to the withdrawal of all British and French troops from Syria and Lebanon was hailed as a victory for Syrians in their fight for complete independence, it was reported that the treaty also provided for special accords to be reached between the French and Syrians on cultural and other interests.

## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## The Greater Task

When Alexander the Great was about to undertake his campaign in the East, Aristotle said to him; "You are about to start an enterprise which will bring you into many lands and amongst many nations. But this last counsel I give to you: whithersoever your victories lead you, never forget that you are a Greek, and everywhere draw hard and fast the line that separates the Greek from the Barbarian." The young soldier, showing keenness which was to make him one of the greatest general of all time, replied; "No; I will pursue another policy. The aim of my victories shall be to give all men a Greek mind."

Alexander had such pride in his nation that he wanted to share its advantages with others, rather than use them to make others his slaves. Perhaps that is a lesson we need to learn. If we had learned it sooner, it might even be that we would not have had this war -- who can tell? Certainly it wouldn't have gotten us into any worse mess.

Among the last words Jesus uttered on earth are these: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel (Good News) to every creature." So we find this policy recommended by a military man and by the Prince of Peace. Let us try it in our relationship with others -- it works. And then let us see to it that we try it as a nation.

Chaplain Garrett H. Evans

## NOTICE

All broken games, kits and reading matter that are not usable on succeeding voyages should be thrown over the fantail. All foot lockers and usable equipment in the compartments should be brought to the Troop Services Office before noon Sunday.

LOST: One pair para troop boots and black shaving kit. Return to T/5 Noll Brewer, Comp. 5-6.

## FURLOUGH REMINDERS

To Members of the 2d Engineer Special Brigade:

1. Your furlough starts when you leave the Reception Center nearest your home. That is the station to which you must return upon expiration of your furlough.

2. We still do not know for certain our new station, but hope to inform you when we arrive at the Port of Debarkation.

3. The government property which you are taking home with you is all listed on your Form 32. You are responsible for it. When you return from furlough a check will be made and you will have to pay for any missing articles.

4. DO NOT bring back to your new station any Japanese souvenir rifles, pistols, or saws. Leave them at home.

5. Extensions to furlough can be granted only in extreme emergencies, and will have to be supported by Red Cross investigation and by doctors affidavits. If necessary, send application to your Reception Center.

6. Recently there has been much complaint on rowdy and drunken behavior of returning troops on trains. MPs have been increased and instructed to arrest offenders. Behave yourself as a soldier of the Regular Army. Don't be a disgrace to yourself or your unit. Don't spend your furlough in some guard house.

7. Last of all, remember you are a member of the Regular Army and that desertion and AWOL are serious offenses. SO BE ON TIME reporting in from your furlough.

8. Uniform for debarkation: Wool shirt and pants, Combat Boots, Overseas Cap (Wool), and Field Jacket. Wear your best uniform the day we reach port and be clean shaven. Caps will be worn straight on head and not way back or on the side. We have radioed ahead for overcoats for you.

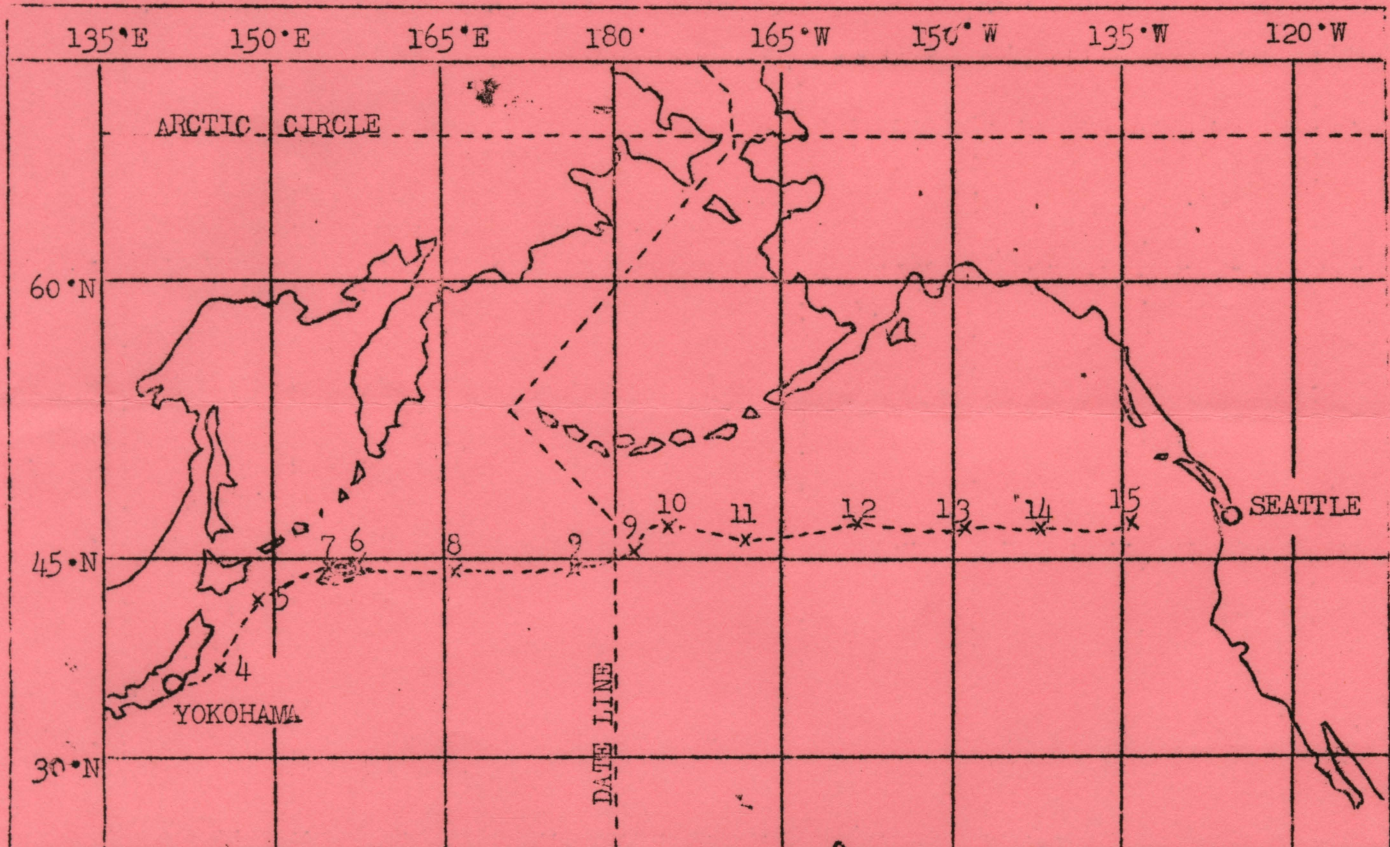
9. Have a Fine Furlough, a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year and be back at our new station ON TIME.

W. F. HEAVEY  
Brig General  
2d ESB

LOST: Brown leather wallet containing government check, identification papers, pictures, etc., belonging to Pfc. Walter Mason, Comp. 3B.  
LOST: Brown leather wallet containing government check, \$11 in currency, identification papers, etc., belonging to Pfc. Claudie Womack of Compartment 6-C.  
LOST: One fountain pen, "Parker 51" in or near Comp. 2-B. If found, please return to T/5 Bradley in Cmpnt. 3-B.

## DAILY INSPECTION REPORT

Rank	Comp.	Points
1st	2B	36.5
2nd	1A	34.0
3rd	3C	34.0
4th	3D	33.0
5th	4D	33.5
6th	6B	33.0
7th	2D	32.5
8th	6C	31.0
9th	2B	30.0
10th	3B	30.0
11th	5D	29.9
12th	5C	29.8
13th	4C	27.0



## THE LONG VOYAGE HOME

DATE	LONGITUDE*	LATITUDE*	DISTANCE* TO SEATTLE	24 HOUR DISTANCE	LOG COMMENT
3 Dec	139-40	35-40	4240**	---	Yokohama Harbor. Lift anchor 150
4 Dec	143-01	36-48	4090**	150	---
5 Dec	149-42	41-26	3673**	417	---
6 Dec	158-00	43-43	3266**	407	Man overboard. Reversed at noon.
7 Dec	166-51	43-42	3272**	Negative	Headed west all day. Heavy seas.
8 Dec	166-02	43-24	2915**	356	Swung south of great circle.
9 Dec	175-05	43-54	2729	Indeterminate	No longer on great circle.
9 Dec	177-14	45-35	2324	405	Date line crossed.
10 Dec	174-05	47-05	2122	202	Whole gale. Blown off course.
11 Dec	168-47	47-05	1924	198	Turned on course at sunset.
12 Dec	158-46	47-11	1515	409	---
13 Dec	149-48	47-11	1148	367	Slowed down to let storm pass.
14 Dec	144-13	47-19	921	227	Half speed until 0300.
15 Dec	134-52	47-52	541	380	---
16 Dec	122-22	47-36	0	541	Due Seattle Harbor 1500. 14th da.

\* At 0800 each day except 3 December and 16 December which are at 1500.

\*\* Miles to Seattle based on great circle (Rhum line) navigation.

The sun hasn't been out for three days. Consequently our exact location is an estimation and the navigator can't tell us at what instant we shall sight land. We were given an estimate of arrival time for Tacoma of 1630 Sunday and for Seattle of 1500. It was not known Saturday morning whether we shall dock at Tacoma or Seattle and the decision will be based on accommodations available for troops. We should have a radar sighting on land by 0800 tomorrow and visual sighting shortly afterward.

When we pass through Juan de Fuca Strait, Cape Flattery will be on the starboard. It is highly improbable that the overcast will lift, but if it should cooperate, the 14,408' thrust of Mt. Rainier will be visible to the southeast. We started and finished at the apron of high peaks. The beginning was spectacular with the sunset panorama of isolated, symmetrical, conical, Fujiyama back of Yokohama Harbor. The profile of Rainier is not symmetrical. She has none of the glamor of mystic symbolism. Her only counter-claim is advantage in height (2020'). However, the fact that she has emerged from the soil of the western hemisphere is enough to satisfy us for the present.