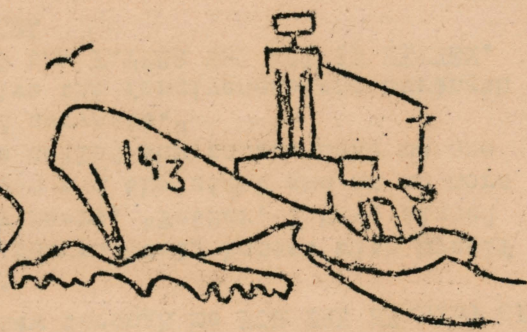


THE LOG

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Sunday, 16, Dec 19

LAND HO!

At dawn this morning we were within sight of Vancouver Island off our port bow. The profile of rugged mountains was a welcome sight and soon after the good old USA was visible to starboard in the form of Cape Flattery and its environs. As we proceed down Juan de Fuca Strait, we are scheduled to pick up a harbor pilot shortly after lunch near Port Angeles. At that time we will probably be notified of the final arrangements which have been made for our place and time of berthing. Then we pass on to Admiralty Inlet and into Pudget Sound.

Although any part of the U.S. looks good to us now, the particular spot we are entering is justly famed for its beauty. The mountains now visible on both sides of the Strait are part of the Coast Range which extends from Lower California to Alaska. Those in the northwestern tip of Washington which we are rounding contain the Olympic National Park.

From Yokohama	To Seattle
4127 miles	113 miles



Be back in days-OR ELSE!

Longitude 125° 20' W.

Latitude 48° 40' N.

Time 0858 Today

NEWS SUMMARY

SAN FRANCISCO: Homeward bound troops are debarking at Pacific Coast ports faster than they can be moved east and by Monday staging areas in the San Francisco region will be filled beyond capacity. So great is the flow that it will be necessary to tie up some troops on ships to the piers and leave the men aboard until the jam eases, a port official said. (Editor's Note; Seattle and Tacoma are not specifically mentioned in this dispatch.)

WASHINGTON: President Truman called urgently Saturday for quick political unification of China beginning with a truce between the Communists and Nationalists. He backed his plan with outright American economic pressure. He justified American intervention in the interests of Chinese unity on the ground that such unity is vital to a United Nations' peace. The Chief Executive thus furnished General George C. Marshall with a specific program for putting an end to factionalism in China. Marshall, Special Presidential Representative with the rank of Ambassador, left for Chungking by plane Saturday carrying a secret letter of instructions from the President on which the White House statement, released Saturday night, was based.

MOSCOW: Foreign Commissar Molotov met individually Saturday with U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and with British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin, and indications Saturday night were that the three foreign ministers would hold the first formal session of the momentous conference Monday. Newspapers gave the Conference an auspicious send-off indicating the importance the Russians attach to the forthcoming talks.

WASHINGTON: Congress put the lid on new labor legislation for this year and key legislators said it will probably be mid-February before major action is taken.

NUERNBERG, GERMANY: U.S. prosecution in fighting to present the Nazi war-crimes case to the international military tribunal entirely in affidavits and documents in order to prevent the trial from bogging down in a long-drawn out legal wrangle that might last into next summer.

WASHINGTON: Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Saturday took over as Chief of Naval Operations and pledged in a 16-word statement to do his utmost.

TOKYO: General MacArthur Saturday ordered state shintoism abolished in Japan to destroy the compulsory religion which led the nation into war and defeat.

INSPECTION SUMMARY

The reports of inspection of the Troop Compartments for the entire trip have been averaged as indicated below:

Rank	Comp.	Points
1st	3D	30.97
2nd	1A	30.94
3rd	7C	30.74
4th	2C	30.24
5th	6B	30.09
6th	4D	29.38
7th	5C	29.37
8th	2D	28.71
9th	3B	28.58
9th		5C
10th	4C	28.06
11th	2B	27.98
12th	5D	26.31

Maximum points obtainable for inspection are 40.00.

SO LONG

I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks and best wishes to all aboard the General Freeman who have so given of their time, energy and talents, as to make our crossing of a stormy sea more pleasant and wholesome.

Thanks to the Coast Guard Crew, the passenger troops, The Chaplains and Major Fraser's Men--and how shall I show my gratitude to the movie operators, Lt. Paige and the boys who labored on our Ship's Newspaper--Well, I'll wish you all Godspeed in getting home, Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and the best of luck all through your life--So long.

Lt. C. E. Frazier

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FOUND: Identification Tags belonging to Robert J. Hinkle.

IN MEMORIAM
 GLENN EDWARD WILLIAMS
 6 December 1945

There were thirty-three hundred aboard the Fre
Until the storm began;
Then a wave broke high, caught a seaman,
And back to the sea it ran.

We turned the ship upon her track,
But couldn't find a trace
Upon the ocean's icy black
Of a sailor's face.

So we lie in bed this night,
And offer up a plea
Of sufferance from Nature's might,
As manifest by the sea.

An earnest prayer for the life that was lost,
In helping to get us home;
A prayer that we not forget the cost,
And be grateful for our own.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Returning Home

IF I WERE RETURNING FOR FURLOUGH OR DISCHARGE,
I WOULD.....

-be glad and thankful for my God, my country, my family, my home, and my friends.
-be especially anxious to be kind and courteous and helpful to my folks, my wife and my children.
-be especially anxious to go to church or for a walk in the woods (or wherever YOU find God) to renew and refresh in myself the blessings of silence and peace.
-take time out to think and evaluate the experiences and contacts I'd had while in the serv.
-take an inventory of my personal habits of thinking, speaking and behaving, see how far they were from what I'd like them to be and take some real steps toward improving them.
-be concerned about my cleanliness of mind and heart and tongue and body.
-constantly try to relate myself and what I have been doing and expect to do, to the larger problems of social good and justice for my fellow-Americans and for all mankind.
-be unable to drink of my cup that runneth over, or to hear Christmas Carols, or the old, old story of the Christ Child without making, AT A REAL PERSONAL SACRIFICE, a gift to the Missionary work of my church--that His Hands might be raised anew through me FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS.
-be, above all, scrupulously honest with myself saying in my heart, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and thy sight and am no more worthy to be called thy son.. make me one of thy hired servants."
-therefore receive the forgiveness and strength and peace of the FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN.
THINK IT OVER!

Chaplain F. W. Hile, USA