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7/4 R. Laurent
7/5 J. Van
7/5 E. K. Schlotter

A MESSAGE FROM THE SKIPPER

As each passing day brings us closer toward home, we realize that soon we will once again be civilians and glad to be called "civilian" instead of "soldier." Each of us naturally is happy over going home, but each of us also feels a sense of pride in the uniform he is shedding. Some will go on wearing the uniform with the same pride and esprit de corps that makes for a great army. So whatever your future holds—the Mr. or the uniform—I want to take this opportunity to thank you personally for your cooperation in the "rough" times you've had in preparing for this homeward voyage, and to send you on into the future with a hearty "Bon Voyage" and any God be with you.

John O. Mohney,
Capt Infantry
Troop Commander.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SKIPPER

The crew of the SS La Cross Victory joins me in wishing you all a speedy return to civilian life. Best of luck.

Capt R. E. Lindquist
Skipper

THE TRANSPORT COMMANDER SAYS

To all Army personnel I want to say—that it has been a pleasure to have had you aboard and here's wishing you smooth sailing and good luck.

Capt J. H. Fendrick
Transport Commander

ORDER for DEBARcation

By Motor to Camp Kilmer
Casuals
Headquarters Company
By Ferry Train to Camp Kilmer
Dog Company
Easy Company
Fox Company
George Company

George Company will take over the police of the ship.

Your newspaper predicts our arrival between noon and five P.M. Thursday, March 28, 1943.
LOG OF THE S.S. L. CROSS

17th March - 5:12 P.M. - Left Bremerhaven, Germany.
18th March - noon - Traveled 293 miles - sea moderate
19th March - noon - Traveled 335 miles - sea moderate
25th March - noon - Traveled 364 miles - sea moderate
21st March - noon - Traveled 376 miles - sea rough
22nd March - noon - Traveled 409 miles - sea moderate
23rd March - noon - Traveled 350 miles - sea moderate
24th March - noon - Traveled 360 miles - sea moderate to rough
25th March - noon - Traveled 330 miles - sea rough
26th March - noon - Traveled 353 miles - sea rough

Remaining estimated distance to New York is 705 miles. Expected arrival on Thursday, 28th March, between noon and five P.M.

RADIO NEWS

Now, March 26 - Premier Joseph Stalin today that the Russian Army is being withdrawn from Iran under terms of a positive agreement between Iran and Russia.

In reply to a demand by Winston Churchill that the Iranian question be brought before the Security Council without delay, to stem the spread of unauthorized Jews, Stalin replied, "I cannot regard Churchill's arguments as convincing, since a positive agreement has been reached."

London, March 26 - Two members of the British Parliament are on their way to Palestine, March 26 - There were outbreaks of machine-gun fire here when a ship attempted to land in unauthorized Jews.
Stage and Screen

Johnny Weissmuller, who wore clothes in his latest film, advances to a uniform in his next. He plays the part in "Men in Grey," to be released in "Seven Years of Peace." Russel Hayden, a former Navy man, is in it too.

Vernon Ball has a weekly radio program, "Irreconcilable Differences," a dramatization of "My Sister Eileen." John Payne will play O'Brien's husband in "The Hood's Saga." And Myrna Loy's new picture is "The Strange Honor of Louis Hayward" and the principal role is played by a veteran of the Navy. Louis Hayward, now in England, will return to New York soon. His picture "The Strange Honor of Louis Hayward" is being made in Hollywood.

Ballplayers with aging limbs and weary backs, tolerated as one of the necessities of wartime baseball, will have no place in the 1946 baseball season. The New York Yankees, with Williams, Di Maggio, and Joe Gordon, are already a flock of other big-name ballplayers back from military service.

Expectations are that the battle for the batting championship and slugging honors will settle down to a three-man affair, with Williams, Di Maggio, and Joe Gordon. The race is interesting for the return of the veterans.

Nearly every club in the junior circuit has at least one rookie who is being heralded as a comer. Included in the crop of rookies expected to make the grade in the spring training tests are: Joe Di Maggio, Boston Red Sox; Lou Gehrig, New York Yankees; and Johnny Caufield, Philadelphia Athletics' shortstop.

In view of the fact that he has a headache trying to separate the gold from the dross as he fumbles a pack of big-name stars back from military service, manager Joe McCarthy of the New York Yankees probably fails to appreciate Bixby's favorite story. But here it is: According to the American League president, Mariano Rivera dreamed he had gone to heaven. There he found himself surrounded with the greatest ball players of all times, each miraculously still at the peak of his career. The old managerial
dream rose in McCarthy's mind as he played a laborious game of golf with the men he had hoped to be in his team in 1946. The voice of the late Babe Ruth rose in McCarthy's mind as he played a laborious game of golf with the men he had hoped to be in his team in 1946. The voice of the late Babe Ruth rose in McCarthy's mind as he played a laborious game of golf with the men he had hoped to be in his team in 1946. The voice of the late Babe Ruth rose in McCarthy's mind as he played a laborious game of golf with the men he had hoped to be in his team in 1946.
Wandering the deck for news the other day, your roving reporter found slim pickings in the way of interviews as the decks were washed clear of G.I.’s. However, rounding a thing-a-ma-jig (the nautical term escapes him at the moment) he found one lone G.I. standing there locking out to sea with a far away expression in his eyes. He was a kind of oldish guy, one of those people you meet and wonder about - how did he get in the Army?

Getting into conversation with him, he seemed willing to talk so we asked him what was on his mind when we came up. He said he was reminiscing. Now reminiscing is something for the rocking chair days and can be a boring thing to you guys but we are passing this story on to you for what it is worth.

"Y ou know," he said, "A guy who has been in the ETO for a year or two and sampled the war in his off moments has really ‘had it’. There has been a hell of a lot of experiences crammed into a few months, more and varied than he would ever have in a lifetime at home. I have been camping Europe to the States and all the way, I am beginning to realize why my folks and millions of others came to Americo. True, I have seen the Continent at its worst but traveling around I have a pretty good cross-section of its people, its customs, its culture, its social views, and all the complex things that go to make up a country. I have about decided that Europe is - they say it is - a hot-box of intrigue, petty jealousy, racial hatreds, distrusts, and as for culture, they are all banking in the glory of a few great men who did standing things centuries ago. In other words, they are in a rut."

"I can say that, in spite of the fact that I have been deprived of the home life and its comforts for a while, I wouldn’t have missed it for anything. I have learned a lot, broadened my views on life, and the most important thing is that I have come to really appreciate my home. It is no longer just a place to hang my hat. In other words, I’ve taken off the blinders."

With that, he lit up a cigarette and resumed that far away look, with a faint trace of a smile on his face.

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**Stamford Parade**

An American negro soldier and a German corporal met face to face. It was one or the other. The negro reverted to his trusty razor, and made a mighty swipe at the German’s throat.

"Halt!" glared the German, "You missed me!"

"Missed you, MUH!" echoed the negro, "Bruder, just you wait 'til you try to turn yo' head!"

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Adolph Hitler was preparing his wardrobe for a second dismal winter on the Russian front.

"Mein Führer," suggested one of his intimates, "remember what Napoleon did when he went into Russia. He wore a bright red uniform so that in case he was wounded his men would not notice that he was bleeding."

"Excellent idea! Excellent idea!" ruminated Adolph, "just throw me my brown pants."

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Lieutenant (in a rage): "He told you to put flowers on the Colonel’s desk" Orders: "The Colonel, sir."

Lieutenant: "Pretty, ain’t they?"

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Who Says The Navy Has As All the Sailors

No need to wonder why the nine lads from Lins, Austria never got seasick.

No braggin’ tho’ they are old salts from way back. Two years overseas in a H-\*\#-\* craft target ship tugs of the Bristol Channel, then to Dunkirk, Antwerp and finally Lins. Fellas, when the ship’s crew falls just give a call to George Company, and sound the alarm for the following:

1/Sgt Porter - marine engineer
1/Sgt Peterson - ship’s mate
1/Sgt Woodrow - ship’s master
1/Sgt Mose - Martime mate
1/Sgt Kezicki - ship’s master
3/Sgt Mann - engineer
3/Sgt Walker - Bartain
3/Sgt Larkin - engineer
3/Sgt Steadman - seaman A.B.

The Captain says it’s "moderate" -
The Goo Goo men say it is "rough" -
But then what’s one man’s opinion against 998.

(Mr. Pete’s Office"

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Well, well! if it isn’t my old first sergeant!
POPE DECK POETRY

PENTTRY DUTY

73 F. Brookstone

The world was dark, and all around,
The rain fell down on sodden ground.
The night was cold, unfit for men;
And yet a man was cut in it then.

A sentry walked his lonely post,
Freezing, drenched, yet duty bound,
Listening closely for any rare sound.
Was this French? Was it German? Was the
enemy soon?

It’s New Jersey; he’s guarding the brass
hats latrine.

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HER TWO

Those two she had
really caught my eye,
They seemed to stand out
though the usual size.

Brother, I tell you,
They really looked nice.
I couldn’t help
from looking twice.
I gazed on them
with great desire.

In my hungry eyes,
There burned a fire—
She was a--
I’ll be a private, you see,
And her corporal stripes
Looked good to me.

AMERICAN

Paul C. Howe, editor of the Barming
ton Evening Banner (Vt.) ran this an-
ouncement across the front page recent-
ly: “The Banner hereby announces that
it plans to return to the current news-
paper custom in Vermont of accepting pay-
ment of subscriptions in butter, eggs,
etc., if shortage continues.”...... Its
Veterans’ Administration has announced
that Mrs. Esther Hill Morgan, 88, is re-
ceiving a monthly $300 pension—she is
the daughter of John Hill, a private in
the War of 1812...... The National Dis-
tributing agency for ring stones reports
that girls are buying engagement rings
for their boy friends at an increasing
rate. Last year the girls bought 312,
000 engagement rings, compared with 725,
000 bought by the men...... Miss Margaret
Wilson of Adams, Mass., died recently just
two months after her 109th birthday.

Then she was 108 she vowed that if she
lived long enough to see the Allies win
the war at no care of “Hitler”, she
would publicly thank God. SHE DID.
Life aboard the SS Lacrosse Victory

Latrines gained new popularity the first rough day.

Up for a breath of fresh air.

Only moderate seas were encountered.

Here it is! Here it is!

Blob-Company Cheedaw.

K.P. was full of surprises.

Table delicacies were constantly passing by.

Shaving was a gymnastic feat.

-J. Wilson
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