

# Yank Sub Invades Jap Harbor, Riddles Ships, Escapes Unharméd

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WASHINGTON, June 4.—The navy revealed today the daring exploit of a U. S. submarine that sneaked at night into a harbor jammed with Japanese ships.

It surfaced under the muzzles of enemy guns and torpedoes vessels all about it.

Then it got away in a miraculous exhibition of broken-field running.

IT IS the sort of thriller with which boys' books about war are

filled but which sound too incredible really to have happened. This episode was real enough, however, and earned Cmdr. Eugene B. Fluckey of the submarine Barb the medal of honor and his entire crew the presidential unit citation.

The medal of honor award was previously announced but the citation was granted today.

The mission the heroic sub skipper selected and which won him the nation's highest award was "virtually a suicide mission—a naval epic."

HERE is the story: Fluckey had long suspected the existence of a geographical concealed haven, otherwise unidentified by the navy. It hid a large number of Japanese fighters, tankers and munitions ships.

It was on a dark night, with poor visibility, that Fluckey found his target.

A LARGE number of auxiliary Japanese ships were in an anchorage behind a protecting

screen of escort vessels which were concentrated on every logical approach.

The water was so shallow that an attacking submarine would have to remain surfaced during its approach and for at least an hour afterwards.

Still, anchored there in the harbor was one of the best targets ever presented by the enemy. Fluckey decided to attack despite the heavy odds.

HIS danger-laden escape after

the attack was a part of his carefully-laid plans. He was certain there would be enemy search lights, gunfire and a hot pursuit concentrated against his ship.

Against these, he would have the advantages of surprise and his well conceived plan.

This involved flight through uncharted waters filled with mines and rocks and a route packed with fishing junks.

He figured the Japanese escorts would hesitate to make a run through the rocks and would find the fishing junks a handicap.

PRESENTLY, the Barb moved inside the screen of Japanese escorts.

She let go with all the torpedoes she could in the time available, gave full right rudder and moved toward the rocks at flank speed.

From the bridge of the surfaced ship, Fluckey could see Japanese ships erupting in the night like a nest of volcanoes.

Columns of fire leaped from several vessels. The first target settled in the water. Some of

the vessels hit were obscured by others burning in the line of vision.

PILLARS of smoke poured skyward. The side of one vessel blew out like the fired magazine of a warship. Two ships exploded and sent a shower of tracers in all directions.

Only the Japanese now know how many ships went down that night. Fluckey had no time to stop and count.

Japanese escorts came in hot pursuit, toasting a hail of shells in

the direction of the fleeing Barb. Many hit close by but all missed.

The junks confused the enemy and several of them were taken as targets instead of the Barb.

THE escaping submarine executed a perfect maneuver of "broken-field running" and reached open water at dawn.

A Japanese plane spotted her and she submerged for the first time since sighting the target the night before.

And the entire crew lived to tell the tale.

## PACIFIC VETS GET DISCHARGES

27,000 Will Be On Way Home This Month.

Times Foreign Service  
MANILA, June 4.—By the end of June 27,000 veterans of the Pacific fighting will be on their way home, or awaiting transportation to the States for discharge from the army. Headquarters of the United States armed forces in the Far East made the announcement here today.

By the end of this week about 8,000 men from the southwest Pacific area will be in disposition camps or en route home.

An additional 12,000 from the same area will have left their units in three weeks. The other 7,000 to be sent to the States during the month will come from the Pacific ocean area.

Some By Plane  
Quotas will be filled by nonessential men with the highest number of points, under the system announced recently in Washington. About 18,666 enlisted men and 13,344 officers will make up the southwest Pacific area's June quota, which includes tactical and service troops and members of the air corps.

Air transportation will be furnished for 1200 combat troops, including 1121 enlisted men. The others will return by ship.

The majority of those leaving the theater will have at least 165 points.

Refuse Discharges  
In the 1st cavalry division, which has a quota of 500, top man is T-Sgt. Russell L. Thornton, Rio Grande City, Tex., with 149 points. He has been in the army 56 months, overseas 22 months, has four campaign stars, the bronze star and the purple heart with cluster. His three children account for his remaining 36 points.

Not all of those offered discharge have accepted. A bandsman with the 1st cavalry, who has 128 points, refused to go home. He has but two years to serve before becoming eligible for retirement as a 30-year man.

With the inauguration of the point system, the old method of rotation, has come to a formal end. Henceforth, temporary duty in the states will be limited to key personnel badly in need of rest.

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## CRISPUS ATTACKS TO GRADUATE 275

Approximately 275 seniors will be graduated at Crispus Attucks high school commencement exercises at 8 p. m. Friday in Cadle tabernacle.

Addresses will be given by Betty Jean Davis and Lauranne Brown, and Mrs. Eldo I. Wagner, board of school commissioners member, will present the diplomas. Dr. Russell A. Lane, principal, will present the scholarship awards.

A precommencement concert will be played from 7:40 to 7:55 p. m. by the school band under the direction of Russell Brown. The procession, "Land of Hope and Glory" from Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" will be played by the school orchestra directed by James Compton.

Other music will include a trumpet solo by Noble Nolcox and selections by the girls' concert club and the school chorus under the direction of Mrs. Marion Burch.

A "class night" program was held in the school auditorium Friday night. The Rev. R. H. Peoples, pastor of the Second Christian church, delivered the sermon at senior vespers yesterday afternoon in the school auditorium.

## W. B. A. MEETING SET

Fidelity Review 140, Woman's Benefit association has moved to the Holliday building and will hold a regular business meeting at 2 p. m. Thursday. The following Thursday will be social day, according to Mrs. May Smith, president.

## PICNIC FOR HUSBANDS

Members of the WAVES Mothers club will entertain their husbands at a picnic at the home of Mrs. Clarence A. Ripley, 62d st. and road 32.

## Mrs. Truman Tidies Summer White House in Missouri

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., June 4 (U. P.)—Mrs. Harry S. Truman, who "always loved keeping house," was tidying up the nation's summer White House today.

Back in her home town for the first time since her husband became President of the United States, Bess Wallace Truman went busily to work getting things in shape—even if the painters weren't through.

Rain has held up the painting project, which is expected to take two more weeks.

Mrs. Truman, daughter Mary Margaret and the first lady's mother, Mrs. D. W. Wallace, returned aboard a special railroad car from Washington last night for a vacation.

"It feels great to be home," Mrs. Truman said. "We were so eager

## Lodge Officers



INSTALLATION services for new officers of the ladies' auxiliary 211 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles will be conducted at 8 p. m. tomorrow at the hall.

Officers to be installed are Mrs. H. T. Bramblett, president; Mrs. E. Stowers, vice president; Mrs. Ruth Currins, secretary; Mrs. Ethel Steele, treasurer; Mrs. Frieda Phillips, chaplain; Mrs. Christian Fullerton, inside guard; Mrs. Marie Biggs, outside guard; Mrs. Mayme Mahoney and Mrs. Helen Simpson, trustees, and Mrs. Cloe Honeycutt, past president.

## 42 GET DIPLOMAS AT SACRED HEART

Forty-two pupils of Sacred Heart high school received diplomas from the Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, archbishop of Indianapolis, last night in commencement exercises at Sacred Heart church.

A Marian college scholarship was awarded Helena A. Holzer. Samuel D. Toner held the highest scholastic average for the entire four years and the highest average in religion. The girl making the highest average during the senior year was Margaret A. Ruhlman. Miss Ruhlman and Martha Seyfried had perfect attendance records.

Other members of the graduating class were: Joan Bauer, Anna C. Baumann, Alice T. Boren, Mary Ann Daeger, Jo Ann Dehner, Mary Catherine Dwenger, Bernard M. Faust, Dan Feldlake, Mary L. Francis, Lavon Kasper, June R. Kassenbrook, Beatrice Kidwell, Mary Kirch, Florence C. Kocher, Harry Kotzendorf, Raymond C. Kriech, Mary Ann Lucid and DeLores Mappes.

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## YODER IS PRESIDENT OF ELKS' STATE BODY

Leroy E. Yoder of Goshen, chairman of the Indiana Public Service Commission, today headed the Indiana State Elks association, succeeding William McAvoy of Tip-ton. Mr. Yoder was elected president at the organization's 45th annual meeting, here yesterday.

Other officers elected were Paul G. Gasper, Ft. Wayne, first vice president; A. A. Pilemeier, Vincennes, second vice president; Stimpson Stoner, Greencastle, third vice president; Robert Dehority, Elwood, fourth vice president, and Walter Easley, trustee for five years.

Re-elected were Edward Adair of Crawfordsville, treasurer, and C. L. Shideler, Terre Haute, secretary. The Rev. John Dillon, Lafayette, was appointed chaplain by the new officers and P. W. Loveland, Jeffersonville, and A. Schlorch, South Bend, were appointed titler and sergeant-at-arms, respectively.

## ELECTED HEAD OF BORDER VETERANS

Benjamin H. Ketter, Indianapolis, was elected yesterday to the post of national commander, in chief of Mexican Border Veterans at the organization's convention in Hartford, Conn.

Two other Indianapolis men also received high offices. Col. A. L. Moudy was named quartermaster and Tilford W. Gully was elected national adjutant general.

The organization consists of men who served on the Mexican border in 1915, 1916 and 1917.

## FLEET SUPERVISORS TO GRADUATE HERE

Purdue university fleet supervisors night school will present certificates to 44 graduates at exercises following a dinner Wednesday at 6:30 p. m. in the Columbia club.

Addresses will be given by Edward J. Emond, automotive safety director for Armour & Co. and John T. Hume Jr., Central Adjusting Co. manager.

## Rescued After 5 Days at Sea

RYE BEACH, N. H., June 4 (U. P.)—Adrift for five days without food, Matthew T. Betton, 28, of Portsmouth, was rescued yesterday by fishermen whom he attracted by waving flaming deck boards he had fired with dollar bills.

Betton's 30-foot power boat developed engine trouble Wednesday shortly after he set out to

## REMOVAL OF HINES ASKED BY AMVETS

DALLAS, Tex., June 4 (U. P.)—The Texas Amvets (American Veterans of World War II) have demanded the removal of Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines as head of the veterans administration.

A resolution, adopted at closing sessions of the state conference last night, charged Hines with "inefficiency" in his handling of national veterans affairs.

## Bullet Kills Jap, But Wounds GI

KITH U. S. FORCES ON OKINAWA, June 4 (U. P.)—A private of the 7th infantry division looked out of his foxhole into the half-light of dawn and there saw a Japanese soldier about 10 feet away.

The American fired one shot. The Jap yelled and fell. The American also yelled and fell.

Pfc. Chester Condero, Sacramento, Cal., said that examina-

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tion of the Japanese soldier's body disclosed that the American's bullet hit the enemy in the forehead, was deflected back through his helmet and hit the American in the stomach, wounding him slightly.

LUNCHEON ARRANGED.  
Pride of 447, Lodge 393 will have a covered dish luncheon Thursday at the hall.

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