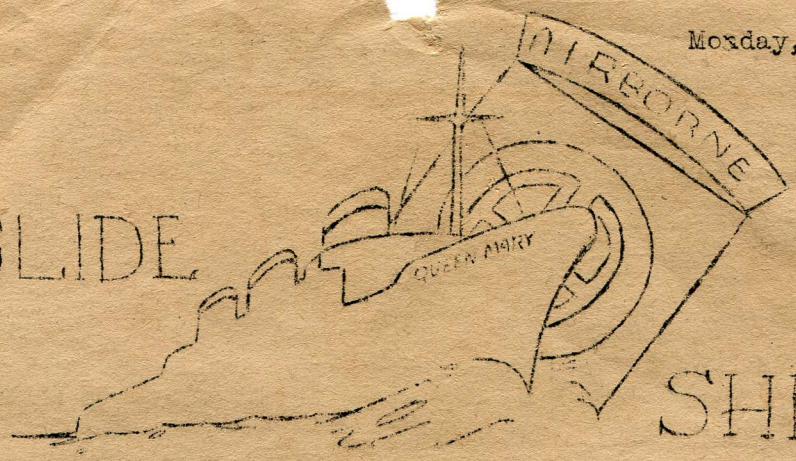
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PARAGLIDE SHIP NEWS



CASUALTY FIGURES MOUNT AS HOLIDAYS APPROACH

New York, Dec. 31.---(Radio News)---While cafe owners over the country prepared for a boisterous peace-time New Year's Eve, 86 persons lost their lives in pre-holiday week-end accidents. Traffic mishaps caused 51 of the deaths, the rest resulting from miscellaneous accidents. The death toll covered the period from 6 p.m. Friday through late Saturday. Illinois led with 16 deaths. The National Safety Council predicted traffic accidents alone would kill between 375 and 400 persons between Saturday and New Year's Day.

Ayr, Scotland, Dec. 31.---(Radio News)---Ayr police said Saturday night two United States soldiers were killed and a third escaped injury when their jeep skidded on the Ayr-Kilmarnock road and struck a truck. Names of the victims and details of the accident were not available Sunday.

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WLB GIVES TELEGRAPHERS 12 CENTS AN HOUR INCREASE

Washington, Dec. 31.---(Radio News)---The War Labor Board has decided to recommend a wage increase averaging 12 cents an hour for 50,000 Western Union employees who had set Jan. 7 as a strike date. W. L. Allen, president of the Commercial Telegraphers Union, representing approximately 40,000 of the workers, said his group wanted to read the board's decision before commenting.

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SUGAR STILL RATIONED BUT TURKEYS NOT

[illegible]ington, Dec. 31.---(Radio News)--- A [illegible]e sheet sugar ration book will be is[illegible] Jan. 1, but limits on purchases of [illegible]ys will end Jan. 3, OPA announced.

GI'S AND RUSSIANS MURDERED IN BERLIN

Berlin, Dec. 31.---(Radio News)---Bodies of four murder victims were found in Berlin Sunday and United States and Russian MP's scoured the United States sector of the city for gunmen who may have been responsible for these deaths and also the slaying last week of two GI's. Latest victims included a Russian in the uniform of a Red Army captain and another Russian whose nude body was found with the face almost blown off.

Frankfurt, Dec. 31.---(Radio News)---An official report said Sunday a large percentage of [illegible] displaced persons enjoying United Nations refuge in at least two camps for displaced persons had been found to be Nazi sympathizers. The report added that a former Polish SS man, wanted for atrocities, had been found at the head of another group of displaced persons. The investigation also revealed there were Nazi elements who enjoyed an Allied haven by day and engaged in depredations at night.

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MacARTHUR NOT CONSULTED IN NEW JAPAN CONTROL PLAN

Tokyo, Dec. 31.---(Radio News)---General MacArthur said Sunday he objected two months in advance to proposed arrangements for control of the Japanese Empire, announced recently after a meeting in Moscow between James Byrnes, Secretary of State, and the Foreign Ministers of Russia and Great Britain.

General MacArthur said he had not been consulted during the conference, denying the assertion of Thomas Blake, press officer of the Far Eastern Commission, he had been "kept fully informed. The new program call for a 4-power council (United States, Gr. Britain, Russia, and China) to advise MacArthur and review his action. MacArthur was made chairman of the 4-power council.

MILLER ARRAIGNED IN TRIANGLE SHOOTING AFFRAY

York, Dec. 31---(Radio News)--
. Archie Miller, 25, of Bellevue ex., unshaven and wearing a badly rumpled civilian suit, stood silently in Felony Court Sunday and heard himself arraigned on a charge of homicide in the fatal shooting of Capt. Eugene Dale, of Enid, Okla. Capt. Miller's wife had told him she intended to divorce him and marry Capt Dale. Both men were overseas veterans. Mrs. Fay Hancock Miller, former model, is from Jonesboro, N.C.

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HANG HOFFMAN, THE CREMATOR

Majdanek, Dec. 31---(Radio News)--
A crowd of 20,000 people watched the hanging Dec. 23 of Paul Hoffman, German officer convicted of directing operations of the crematorium in the Nazi concentration camp here, it was revealed today. Many thousands of people were killed and reduced to ashes in Hoffman's crematorium.

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NAZIS TOOK EFFICIENT CENSUS

Budapest, Dec. 31.---(Radio News)--
Expulsion of 430,000 Swabians who had declared themselves German nationals during the last census (taken during the German occupation) was decreed by the government here.

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BRANN DIES IN CLIFF FALL HUNTING IN TYROL

Vienna, Dec. 31.---(Radio News)---
Major General Donald W. Brann, Deputy Commander of United States Forces in Austria, was killed in the Tyrol mountains when he fell over a cliff while hunting. The announcement was made by General Mark Clark. General Brann was from San Antonio,

LEE SUCCEEDS RIDGWAY AS MEDITERRANEAN COMMANDER

Frankfurt, Dec. 31---(Radio News)
Lieut. Gen. John C. Lee has been appointed to succeed Lieut. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, former Commanding General of the 82d Airborne Division, as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander in the Mediterranean Theatre. General Ridgway was named as representative of the United Nations General Staff on the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations Organization.

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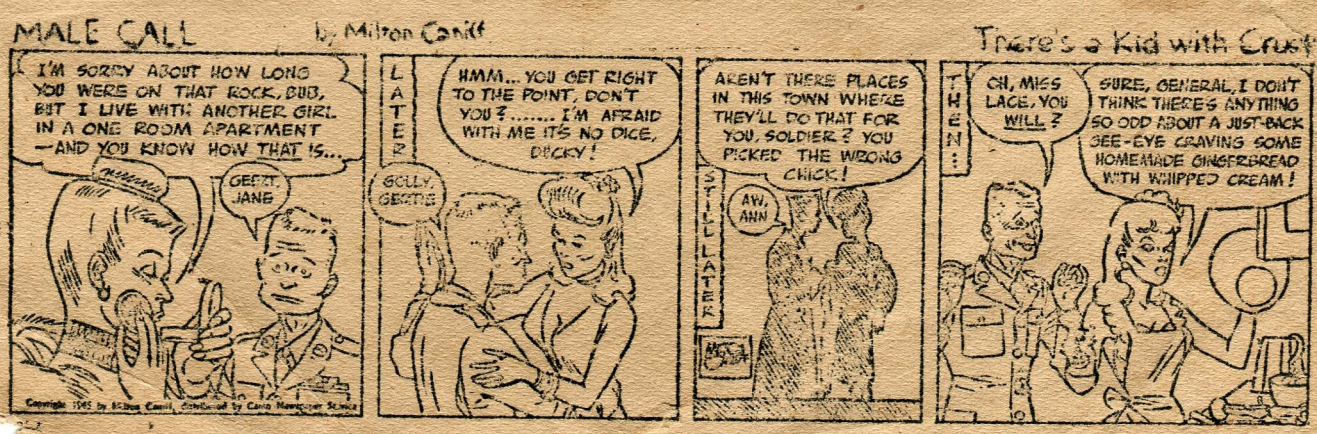
CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNISTS STILL AT ODDS

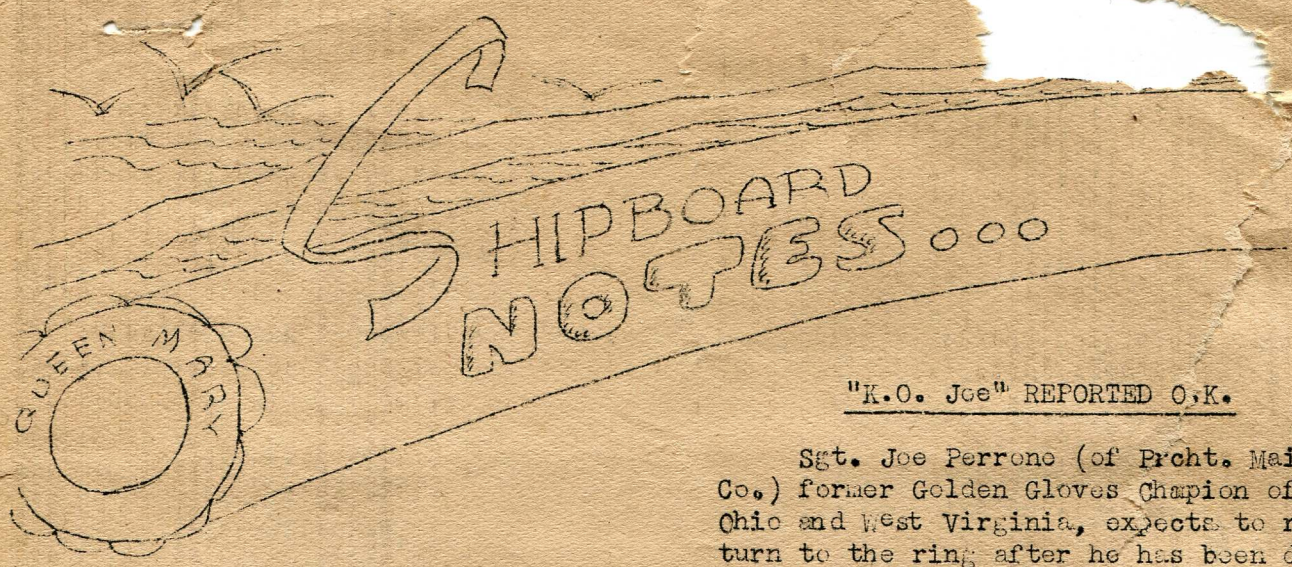
Chungking, Dec. 31.---(Radio News
---Chinese communist quarters and the Chinese government each charge the other with fostering military offensives. Meanwhile, the government continued to look for what it might consider disadvantages in the communist proposal both sides stop where they are in unconditional truce. Government sources already have made it clear they could accept [illegible] those which would impede in any way restoration of railroad communications or disarmament of Japanese troops and have said those would be the results if the government accepted the communist proposals without qualifications.

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MORE U.S. TROOPS MAY GO TO CHINA

Shanghai, Dec. 29---(Radio News)-
The United States will help pour Chinese National troops into Manchuria and will increase American forces in China by possibly 4,000 men, according to an announcement by Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, Commander of the United States forces in China.





ALL AMERICANS TO BROADCAST TONIGHT

Tonight at 2100 hours the 82nd "All American" Airborne Division will have its first shot at the United States via the magic medium of radio.

The Mutual broadcasting Network has requested a 15 minute broadcast from the Queen Mary on her last trip as a troop transport with a preview on the 82nd, the first regular army division to be returned from Europe.

This will be an unprecedented occasion in that it is the first time that the public will hear voices of the returning GI's while still many miles from shore.

An audience of 900 enlisted men divided equally between the red, white and blue areas will be invited to see as well as hear the broadcast in the officers' lounge at 2100. Approximately 100 officers will also be guests.

The program will include the 504th Jumpmasters and the 505th Glee Club. Featured will be Sgt. George J. Poole of the 325th. Poole is the 100,000th soldier to return from Europe on the Queen Mary.

Narrating the show will be Lt. J.V. Joyce, Division broadcasting officer, and a former network announcer.

The Division was first notified of the pending broadcast yesterday morning when a radiogram was received from Grover Whalen through the Cunard White Star Line.

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One of the nurses on board was asked how to get to Piccadilly Circus. She replied, "You just stay on the ship when she goes back to England."

"K.O. Joe" REPORTED O.K.

Sgt. Joe Perrone (of Prcht. Maint. Co.) former Golden Gloves Chapion of Ohio and West Virginia, expects to return to the ring after he has been discharged from the service. Joe made the old tradition "Big things come in small pckages", a reallity, when he walked away with the 17th Airborne Division light-weight championship at Camp Mackall, North Carolina, Jan. 27, 1944. Good Luck to a coming champ!

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Sgt. Vincent Lee, Prcht. Maint. Co., has a lot on his mind these days. Prior to his induction he had had six years of experience on the radio, stage, and screen. He's wondering if he can get back in the business. He started singing on a local radio station at the age of twelve and later arranged for an audition for his sister Loretta. It was a success, and from then on they worked as a team, winning a trip to Hollywood and a role in a movie. Sgt. Lee is probably the only paratrooper on board representing Hollywood.

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The B Company sergeant who held on to the seasickness pills ever since he made the trip over, is walking about whistling. He doesn't want his name mentioned since he hasn't many of them left.

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Officers of the ship state that the Queen Mary will sight Ambrose Point Lightship about 7:30 Thursday morning and will be docked before noon. This ship and the Queen Elizabeth and the Normandie are the only three ships that have to wait for high tide to clear the Holland Tunnel in the Hudson River.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Moderate winds, freshening later Wednesday. Sky mainly overcast with varying visibility.



THE BATTERED BELLES OF BERLIN
(Being a short history of the 82nd Red Cross Girls)

By this time you will have seen them tramping stoutly around the deck in AA patches and paratroop boots--all except the one in the cast. You could scarcely have missed them because like the unit to which they are attached they suffer none of the false modesty of the light under the proverbial bushel.

Three of the girls, Louise Shepherd of St. Paul, Minnesota, Dorothy Davis of Dillon Montana, and Glennyth Woods, Denver, Colorado, have been with the Division at least a year and a half. The baby of the group, Violet O'Nett, Indianapolis, Indiana, has ten Airborne months to her credit. Louise and Glennyth made short sorties into the 101st but wherever they go, you will note it's always Airborne.

While most of the time the girls had to be content with 4-F rear echelon status, at least a couple of times they managed to accompany their men into combat, following along in the forward rear during the Battle of the Bulge. Dottie and Louise took turns in battered dairies and barns turning out donuts in Stavelot Belgium and Rott, Germany. Glennyth drifted up and back and in general kept the home fires burning.

Home and fireside pall, however, when the majority of the men are up fighting, so after the preliminary Rhine skirmishes, when the 82nd was quartered in and around Cologne, Glennyth once again hit the road, objective Cologne, to be joined shortly after by Dottie. The latter, after the unit had finally quartered in Ludwigslust, opened a soup kitchen for the just liberated occupants of the notorious concentration and slave labor camps there, as well as for miserable underfed DP's.

When the other girls finally arrived and the 82nd Red Cross family was complete once more, the donut business flourished mightily as the girls made daily donut runs to the widely scattered units. The Ludwigslust stay proved to be a short one --in fact, six days after the entire group was reunited, they were all on their way back to the Sissone staging area where they reopened clubs for about a week, after which they are off to Epinal, France, and again opened clubs which operated amazingly enough for all of two months when they at last achieved the final goal--BERLIN!

B E R L I N ! !
Ya---hoooooo!

'Nuff said. Remember? ? ? ? ? ?

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There is an M.P. on board who probably regrets having to turn back a GI from one of the "verboten" stairs. The GI who had come running up with that pale green complexion, only to be turned back, merely shrugged his shoulders, splashed his last meal over the stairs, and went back with a wan smile on his face.

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WANTED

Tales of war heroism suitable for recasting to impress near relatives. Box 29, Ship's Orderly Room, Pvt. Q.M.



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