

They Were Expencable

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 Admiral Amund at Lieutenant Kelly's Accrual to Navy, getting Little Craft Through Night Mines Detailed Chart, MacArthur Promises Silver Star for Gallantry to Every Officer Having Part in Speeding Him Through Enemy Infested Waters to Safety, Kelly's Boat Goes on Coral Reef.

CHAPTER 16
 "Shortly thereafter we were supposed to make a landfall on an island about half a mile square, at which point we must turn in order to make the final landing which would bring us into port.

"With such a wind and sea, we were probably mistaken, but by how much? I had to guess at it. Also the helmman was having a wrestling match with the wheel—it was all he could do to keep within ten degrees on either side of the compass course, which meant a possible error of twenty degrees. We missed the island entirely in the dark and went on until dawn I changed course as I thought necessary. Dawn came at six and we saw land ahead, a point which I thought was the peninsula west of Cagayan, our destination. I showed it to the Admiral, and he shook his head with satisfaction.

"Good navigation, Kelly," he said. "I would have believed it possible." But it was beginning to calm down now—we could open up to 20 knots, and our passengers began to show a restored interest in life, getting up off the

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OUT OUR WAY



THE NEW SLANT

'EXPENDABLE' HEROINE

Peggy, that "fine new girl" of the best-seller war book, "They Were Expencable," has been identified as Lieut. Brenda Greenwalt (above) of the Army Nurse Corps, who was in the midst of the fighting on Batuan and Corregidor. Identification was made by her sister, Mrs. Jason R. King, of St. Louis. Lieutenant Greenwalt is believed to be a prisoner of the Japanese.

trials were supposed to have met the General. One cracked up on the take-off, two came down in the Australian desert, and the one which finally arrived had super-charger trouble and had to turn around and go back without any passengers, so MacArthur didn't get away until the eighteenth.

By J. R. WILLIAMS

BLONDIE

"Blondie was waiting for me when we arrived," said Kelly. "Bulkeley told us that MacArthur had said about getting us out to be killed. It wasn't true, but we weren't exactly excited. For if the air force couldn't get even one straggler plane up from Australia to take MacArthur out, what chance had we?"

"I told you I knew, would be to fight out the war in the southern islands with torpedoes while the 41 had them, and I had with rifles when they were expended. The boats were to be anchored off the beach, and before I left to check on the anchor—we were close to the beach and there was a lot of surf pounding the coral. Just to make bubbly sure, I went on the forecastle for a last inspection myself. The tide seemed out. I tugged to make sure, and it came loose in my hand.

By CHIC YOUNG

L'L ABNER

"FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS MY FAMILY HAS LIVED IN THIS CASTLE. AND FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS WE HAVE BEEN HAUNTED BY THE LIGHT CURSE OF THE DROOPINGHAMS."

"AND-AS THE LAST OF THE DROOPINGHAMS—WILL BE LOYAL TO ER—I SAY—OLD THING!!"

By AL GAPP

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

"COR! WHAT'S YOUR TARNATION OF THIS MEANING OF AND MY BOOKS! NOW YOUR BOON CRICH AND YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE ALL OVER THE FLOOR"

"OH, NOW—GEE—WHIZZ!"

By MARTIN

WASH TUBS

"I DON'T THINK YOU NEED BE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY, MAJOR. THERE'S A GUARD AT EACH DOOR NIGHT AND DAY, AND SO TROOP'S JUST ACROSS THE STREET, AND ALL IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS ARE LOCKED IN THIS ROOM"

"THAT IS ONLY WHILE I AM HERE. IT'S ALLOWED BUT TIMES IT IS LOCKED AND WE THINK CAREFULLY HIDDEN"

By ROY CRANE

THIMBLE THEATER

"LIMBO HOUSE"

"WELL, WHAT DO YOU WANT?"

STARRING POPEYE

RED RYDER

"HELP! HELP! HELP! US!"

"NO! NO! NO! IT'S SLAM!"

By FRED HARMAN

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

"GREAT CAESAR! NOTHING I CAN DO SEEMS TO INTRIGUE THIS PAPOOSE! KAFF-KAFF-LEO HAS BEEN UTTERING COMANCHE YELLS ALL AFTERNOON!—WELL, CAN YOU ZANIES SUGGEST SOMETHING?"

"TELL HIM THE ONE ABOUT HOW THE WIND BLEW OFF YOUR DERBY IN CHICAGO AND YOU FOUND IT TWO YEARS LATER ON A DEER'S ANTLERS IN ALASKA!"

"WISH I COULD HELP YOU TUNE OUT THE SOLO, MAJOR, BUT I DON'T KNOW ANY MORE ABOUT BABIES THAN A CRICKET DOES ABOUT THE MORSE CODE!"

"SUPPOSE LEO'S GOT THE GREMLING?"

By FRANK KING

Tardy Drivers Forced To Qualify Second Time

OKLAHOMA CITY — (AP)—The deadline for drivers who failed to get their driving licenses on time in Oklahoma City, Walter Johnson, "commissioner" of public safety, says the delinquents will have to take a new driving test and show up in their own automobiles while taking it.

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AIR-SPOTTER ANNE

"A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS. JUST THINKING HOW YOU'VE CHANGED FROM A ZIPLESS, Tired-looking person since YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING VITAMIN & COMPLEX ESSENCE AND DID SOMETHING ABOUT IT."

"YES, THE ANSWER WAS SO SIMPLE TOO. I JUST WAREN'T GETTING ENOUGH OF THOSE AMAZING VITAMINS FOUND SO PLEASANTLY IN YEAST LACK OF VITAMINS & COMPLEX ESSENCE. BUT DRINKING 2 GAMES OF FLEISCHMANN'S YEAST A DAY HAS HELPED ME A LOT."

By BUD HILL

GASOLINE ALLEY

"A SWELL BUNCH OF PALS YOU HAD, HENRIE. THEY NEVER CAME BACK TO PICK YOU UP."

"OH-OH, BULLETS."

"ALL RANDS UP A MACHINE GUN IS TRAINED ON YOU. GET OUT OF THAT CAR."

"AND I MEAN DRINKING IT—in COOL TOMATO JUICE. IT MAKES A REAL VITAMIN KNOWN TO BE NEEDED IN HUMAN NUTRITION. BUT YOU HAVE TO STICK TO IT A WEEK OR MORE TO GET SMART TO TRY FLEISCHMANN'S TOO."

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