

Neal Willis Recalls Day When Torpedo Passed Him

Neal Willis, Beaufort, one of the county's amateur radio operators and former Navy man, reached back to the days of World War II the other day and recalled his personal experience when the destroyer, William D. Porter, fired a torpedo, by mistake, at the battleship Iowa.

Aboard the Iowa was President Franklin D. Roosevelt and other high-ranking officers. "Firing of an armed torpedo at the USS Iowa stands out very vividly in my mind, because I was there, and I'll never forget it," Mr. Willis says. He continues:

I was a Chief Radioman at the time serving aboard the USS Cogswell which, along with the USS

Porter, was escorting the Iowa to its destination, at that time top secret.

It was standard practice aboard destroyers to make simulated torpedo runs on accompanying ships and that is what we were doing on that date.

The Porter trained its torpedo tubes on the Iowa and went through the procedure for launching torpedoes, but something went wrong and armed torpedoes were actually launched and were on their way at sixty miles per hour headed directly at the Iowa.

Of course all heck broke loose and everybody started on the radio at one time, and since my ship was slightly ahead but between the battleship and the de-

stroyer launching the torpedo, the skipper of my ship, Capt. Deuter-mann, immediately changed course to put us into an intercept position so that we would be hit instead of the Iowa.

I was in main radio at the time, this being located just below the navigation bridge. When I heard the alarm on the radio and felt the ship change course and speed, I stepped outside of the radio room and looked in the direction of the Porter, and to my horror watched the white streak of the torpedo's wake come tearing directly at the spot where I was standing.

I was paralyzed and couldn't move, it happened so fast and besides there was no place to hide. I knew that if that fish hit us we would all be blown to kingdom come. I think right then that I said a very quick and brief prayer and watched that torpedo pass under the ship and disappear into the distance. Thank God, the depth control was set too deep to hit us.

I went through six years of war and saw action in the North Atlantic, the South Atlantic, the Caribbean and the Pacific and had many narrow escapes, but I'm telling you that's the most terrifying experience I ever had. It's bad enough when you don't know when or where you're going to get it, but when you stand and watch six hundred pounds of Death coming at you at sixty miles an hour and no place to run, it's really rough.

Porter Survivors Recall Incident at Miami Reunion

Miami, Fla., March 15 (AP)—One of the most embarrassing experiences of World War II was recalled here today at a reunion of survivors of the destroyer William D. Porter.

By accident, they fired a torpedo at the battleship Iowa when it was taking the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the Teheran conference with Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin in 1943.

"At that time, the Navy didn't say anything about it," recalled H. Seward Lewis, 43, of Miami.

Porter Sunk
"I think the first time the story was released was when the Porter was sunk in the Pacific by a Japanese suicide plane. And there was only a bare mention of it then."

"No one was exactly proud of it."

Lewis was a lieutenant aboard the Porter. At the time of the torpedo-firing mistake, which almost made history, he was serving as officer of the deck.
"President Roosevelt, Adm. Ernest King, the chief of naval operations; and I don't know how many other VIPs were on the Iowa going to Teheran," he related. "The Porter was one of the ships in the destroyer screen."

"Just as we were approaching Gibraltar, the Iowa started some training exercises, firing at balloons and staff, and all of the destroyers were taking part."

Iowa Target
"We were using the Iowa as a target for a simulated torpedo attack. The skipper ordered, 'Fire one, fire two, fire three.' When we fired No. 3 a fully-armed torpedo shot right toward the No. 2 magazine of the Iowa."

"Someone had forgotten to disarm No. 3. When the switch was closed on that one, it went."

"I saw it going from the bridge."



March 19—Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Eubanks of Bridgeton visited their mothers, Mrs. Mary Tosto and Mrs. Ruth Eubanks, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose Wallace Jr. and daughter spent the weekend with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blake of Beaufort RFD visited her mother, Mrs. Ruth Eubanks Sunday.

Mr. George W. Wallace was the overnight guest of Edward Cannon Saturday night.

Mrs. C. O. Dawson and boys visited Mrs. Carita Hardy Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Willis and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Guthrie of Morehead City was the afternoon guest of Mrs. Mary Willis Saturday.

Chief Harry Hardy and family of Beaufort visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Hardy, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Edwards Jr. of Merrimon visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edwards Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Taylor of Atlantic visited Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hill Friday afternoon.

Miss Marsha Hill was the dinner guest of Miss Betty Norman Sunday.

Mr. William Cannon and Miss Nancy Pittman visited Mr. and Mrs. Doris Norman Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon and children of Harkers Island spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Dixon.

Mrs. Ernest Courtney and her mother-in-law of Russella Creek visited in the community Monday.

Mrs. Dick Carraway and girls of Merrimon visited Mrs. Gaston Hill Monday.

'Hot Air' Heats State Building in Maryland

Baltimore (AP)—Before a recommendation that Maryland coal be used to heat state offices when economically feasible the Legislative Council's finance committee discussed other fuels.

"What do we use for heating the Statehouse?" asked one committee member.

"Hot air," snapped Chairman Boone (D-Baltimore County).

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