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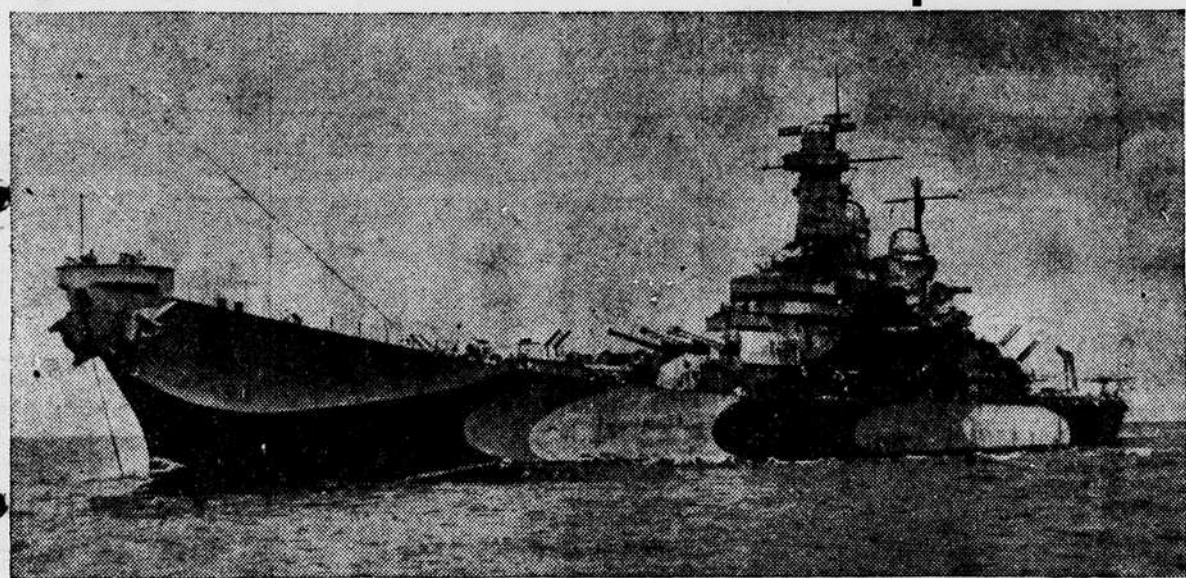


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USS Missouri To Be Scene Of Historic Jap Surrender



The United States Navy's mighty 45,000-ton battleship, the USS MISSOURI, will end her World War II career in a blaze of glory, next Sunday, in Tokyo Bay, when she serves as the scene of the historic unconditional surrender of Japan to the United Nations. Proudly bearing the name of the home state of President Harry S. Truman, the fighting USS MISSOURI has been named by General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander, as the locale of the formal ending of the war in the Pacific. Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Command-in-Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas, will sign for the United States, General of the Army, MacArthur, for the Allied forces which fought in the Pacific. The USS MISSOURI was launched January 20, 1944. Construction was ordered June 12, 1940. Her keel was laid on January 6, 1941, at the New York Navy Yard.

WAR MEMORIAL BEING PLANNED

Among The First Was Sergt. Hux

Sergt. Willie E. Hux, Jr., was among the first to land in Japan this week, according to a message received today by his wife, Mrs. Elaine Greene Keeter Hux. Sgt. Hux, a member of the 11th Airborne group, entered the service November, 1941. He went overseas in May, of this year. He became a paratrooper soon after the organization of that branch of the fighting forces. He has seen much action around Luzon in the Philippines.

Am. Legion Post And VFW Join In Plan For Building

Plans for a War Memorial in Roanoke Rapids to the veterans of all wars from this city are now in process of being perfected by the two local veterans' organizations—the Robert E. May Post of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A meeting held by building committees appointed from each of the organizations was held on Wednesday, August 16, at which time the project was discussed from every angle and plans made for the building. Attending this meeting were: A. N. Martin, E. P. Hyman, F. S. Kemp, D. L. Mahaffey, C. C. Churchill and George N. Taylor, representing the VFW, and J. R. Allsbrook, W. V. White, M. C. Newsome, Kelly Jenkins, J. E. Forest and I. F. Rochelle, representing the American Legion.

After the project had been discussed and plans made, the committees reported back to their respective organizations at a meeting held separately last Sunday by the Legion and VFW the action taken by the joint committee was adopted in toto by the membership of both.

The site of the proposed war memorial building will be at the intersection of Seventh and Hamilton streets where two lots have already been purchased from W. S. Bullock.

Construction work on the building will begin as soon as it is possible to complete plans and get materials. Financing of the building will come from money raised by the American Legion Post and Veterans of Foreign Wars activities.

Robbins Safe Says Message

John Robbins, 49 Madison Street, Roanoke Rapids, received the following message from the War Department Tuesday morning concerning his son, Sgt. Dorothy L. Robbins, who has been a prisoner of war since May, 1942, when Corregidor fell. The telegram read as follows: "The Secretary of War desires me to inform you that your son's name, First Sergeant Dorothy L. Robbins appears on a list of personnel at Camp Hoten Mukden, Manchuria, dated August 26 received from the American Camp Commander."

Robbins entered the army in 1935, the last of August. He was reported missing in action after Corregidor fell on May 6, 1942, and was missing a year before his family received any message from him. It was learned later that he was a prisoner of war. Since that time they have received one card a year from their son. Last January they received a radiogram.

He attended the local schools and was employed by the Roanoke Mills before entering service.

Lt. Benton In 'Hot Spots' In Cen. Pacific

Lieut. Scott Benton, USNR, who entered the service in September, 1942, has perhaps seen as much action as any naval man from Roanoke Rapids during the war with Japan.

Lt. Benton, member of the law firm of Allsbrook & Benton, served aboard the Liberty ship Estes. During his length of service he saw action around Malaya, Ulithi, Tinian, the Gilberts and Marshalls, Iwo Jima and Okinawa and other places.

It was at Okinawa, said Lt. Benton, where the going was toughest. There, for 20 days, "it was a living hell so far as the navy was concerned. It was just one air raid after another."

Asked how the boys on the ships reacted, he said that he could speak for his men. At Iwo Jima there was some signs of "jitters," but at Okinawa it appeared as if the men on Uncle Sam's fighting ships had made up their minds there was a job to do and went about the business of doing it. "I guess they had just lost all reactionary feeling, because of the continuous air raids of the Japs."

It was by far the "hottest spot" in that area, said Lt. Benton.

Lt. Benton is the son of Mrs. H. C. Benton. His wife is the former Miss Catherine Hall.

Do you expect to get out soon? he was asked. Replying to this query, Lt. Benton said: "That is entirely problematical. However, you never can tell, but I hope to get out sometime this fall."

Lt. Benton will leave Sunday for Cherry Point from where he will take a plane to San Diego, Cal.

With Rochelle Realty Company

E. W. Whittington, a discharged United States Marine, is now connected with Rochelle Realty Company, according to an announcement made today. Mr. Whittington, prior to entering the armed forces was with the Imperial Life Insurance Co.

Champagne Gets Warrant For Woman But Runs Into Trouble Himself; Jailed

Walter Champagne, white man, about 26 years old, whose home is said to be in Jesup, Md., ran into considerable trouble with the law late last Thursday afternoon.

Champagne, who it will be remembered was arrested in connection with the counterfeiting gasoline racket in Halifax County near Aurelian Springs last year, and for which he served a term in the federal penitentiary, came to the city clerk's office in the Municipal building last Thursday afternoon and asked for a warrant for Louise Liles, daughter of Will Liles, of near "the Springs." The accusation, he said, was that the woman stole \$170 and two "bad checks" given by her brother from him.

At the Liles woman's trial before Magistrate Thompson last Friday night evidence tended to show that Champagne had been violating the law rather promiscuously. So Judge Thompson (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

Hux Returning For Another Load Of Vets

A. L. Hux, Clerk of Halifax Superior Court on leave, left last night for his eighth trip overseas with the Merchant Marine, after a short visit home. On his last trip his ship brought back European veterans from Antwerp, Belgium.

While visiting his family in Halifax, Mr. Hux was notified by the War Shipping Administration that, because of his age, he could be released at once. However the WSA said they were gravely in need of experienced seamen to bring the troops back home. Hux, who has been in the Merchant Marine since October, 1943, decided to remain in the service until this situation was relieved.

Champagne Is Served In Jail

Chief of Police Dobbins served "Champagne" in the city jail several days last week end. That's the story going the rounds at the Municipal Building.

But don't get the wrong impression about the Chief. He really didn't serve Champagne in the liquid form, but on the other hand, a white man, named Champagne, was being held in jail on several charges, and the man had to eat, didn't he. So the Chief had Champagne served.

Registration For Pupils Is Announced

I. E. Ready, superintendent of Roanoke Rapids Schools today released the following registration schedule for pupils for the coming school term which opens Monday, September 10:

All first grade children are asked to report to their respective schools on Friday, September 7 at nine o'clock.

Children who did not attend any of the elementary schools in Roanoke Rapids last year and who will be in the second through the sixth grades are asked to report to the Sixth Grade Building Friday, September 7 at ten o'clock.

Students in grades 7-12 who did not attend any Roanoke Rapids school last year will report to the high school auditorium Friday, September 7 at ten o'clock for registration.

Piano students will register in the high school auditorium Friday, September 7 at 9:30 o'clock.

On September 10: All elementary children will report to their respective schools at 8:20. Sixth grade students will report to the high school auditorium at 8:20.

High school students will report to the high school auditorium at nine o'clock.

Jarman Aids In Rescue Of Famed Fliers

Lieut. Fontaine G. Jarman, son of Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Jarman, 402 Hamilton street, Roanoke Rapids, with five other Americans parachuted on a Japanese prison camp August 17 to rescue four of the famed Doolittle fliers who carried out the first air raid on Tokyo, Maj.-Gen. William J. Donovan, director of the Office of Strategic Services, has disclosed.

Lt. Jarman was a member of the six-man team which performed the spectacular release of the Doolittle airmen, Donovan said. Headed by Major Ray Nichols, of Milwaukee, Wis., the team, whose code name was "Magvie," parachuted into Peking to rescue the surviving four captives who had participated in the Doolittle raid. Eight members of the Doolittle party were taken captive three years ago, but several of them were executed by the Japs.

Lieutenant Jarman was a doctor in civilian life. Before joining the OSS, he was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

He joined the super-secret OSS in 1944, and went overseas with the service in May, 1945.

Legion Meeting Day Is Changed

The Robert E. May American Legion Post meeting date has been postponed, according to an official announcement made this week. Instead of meeting on Sunday afternoon as has been done in the past, the Legion will meet the first and third Thursday nights in each month at 8 o'clock. The place of the meeting will continue to be in the Armory.