



TELFAIR TALES

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD

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TO THE FOLKS AT HOME

School should be out at home now and all the report cards from the 248 children of the TELFAIR families, I am sure were good ones.

It may surprise you to learn that the men of the TELFAIR got report cards this spring too and they were "EXCELLENT". So while the Mammams are writing the Daddies about how Johnnie and Mary got all "A's" and passed, let me tell you about the Daddies report cards. We have a little different system of marking than the schools at home and the grades are for slightly different subjects. As a matter of fact our better marks go for "Bulls-Eyes".

You may have guessed it, the sons, husbands and fathers of the TELFAIR families are now "BATTLE-TRIED". They have experienced what it means to fight a ship and meet the best the enemy has to offer and save their ship. They point with pride to the "rising sun" flags painted on the bridge of their ship, silent reminders of their courage and devotion to duty under fire.

And the report cards I mentioned are messages which came from the higher echelons of command at the conclusion of our part of an important mission. I give you the substance of the messages, omitting only those parts which deal with names and places. Here they are:

1. ".....UPON COMPLETION OF YOUR DUTY UNDER MY COMMAND I WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE LOYAL AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE YOU HAVE GIVEN ME IN THEOPERATION. YOU MAY JUSTLY FEEL THAT YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED IMMEASURABLY TO THE SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OUR MISSION. I WISH ALSO TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE EFFICIENCY OF YOUR SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS WHO HAVE SO SKILLFULLY CARRIED OUT THEIR DUTIES UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP. TO YOU AND ALL HANDS "WELL DONE"."
2. ".....WISHES TO PASS THIS ON TO ALL HANDS UNDER HIS COMMAND AND IN TURN EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE SPLENDID ASSISTANCE GIVEN HIM. WITHOUT YOUR FORESIGHT, INITIATIVE, HARD WORK AND LOYALTY SUCH MESSAGES COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MERITED. YOU PERFORMED WITH AN EFFICIENCY BORDERING ON PERFECTION."
3. ".....TO THIS I MUST ADD THAT IN MY TIME WITH YOU I HAVE SEEN THAT YOU WELL MERIT SUCH PRAISE."

I was glad to publish the above to "ALL HANDS" and add that I had only the highest praise for the performance of the officers and men of the TELFAIR.

I know you, their loved ones, will take justifiable pride in their achievements.

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COMMANDING OFFICER.



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