TELFAIR TALES

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

To The Loved Ones At Home

The Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas has indicated his desire that unduly restrictive censorship directives be relaxed where it can be accomplished within the limitations of the current needs for military security.

To that end Commanding Officers have been authorized to inauguarate a plan whereby, within the limits of Censorship Regulations, Naval personnel may, within certain time limitations, tell where they have been.

I am glad to announce to the officers and men of the TELFAIR, and through them to their families, that I accept the responsibility of this program on board this ship and will, from time to time authorize news releases, with the definite stipulation THAT THEY ARE NOT TO BE PUBLISHED IN PRINT IN ANY FORM AT HOME. Read them, compare them with your favorite war correspondent and file them away in your Memory Book.

I told the relatives and loved ones of the officers and men present at the Commissioning Ceremony of this ship that we would do everything humanly possible, consistent with war time operations to get the mail in and out, with a minimum delay in "Sugar Reports".

I also cautioned them not to become impatient at mail delays, nor disappointed at a lack of factual news, pointing out to them that censorship provided safety for men on the fighting fronts because "Careless words in the past have sunk ships" and killed some one's loved ones. In my nearly four years at sea in World War II, the mail service to this ship has been the best I have experienced. That is due to the heroic efforts of our Navy Fleet Post Offices and the direction of our high commands who realize the relationship of "MAIL TO MORALE".

Then too, there has been a minimum of inquiries from families to the Captain regarding men under his command relative to mail. This is a wholesome sign and indicates that the folks at home realize the situation and are not nagging, knowing that their "MEN OF THE SEA" will write when they can.

I believe I can allay the fears of wives and sweethearts over that old chestnut of "A GIRL IN EVERY PORT". There just couldn't be even if the sailormen were so inclined in the ports we have visited, and as a guess into the future - - - those we may later visit.

Now the news you are going to receive, naturally can't be all inclusive. It shouldn't be because that would rob your "MEN OF THE SEA" of the opportunity of putting the rosy embellishment on their tales when told to families and friends about the old family fire places in the years to come.

PASSED BY NAVAL CENSOR
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