

Many Units Worked To Carry War Westward



MARCHING TOGETHER—Canadians and Americans who have worked together for more than three years marched together for the last time along Third Avenue in Prince Rupert in the V-J Day parade.

PORT EDWARD STAGING AREA IS ADJUNCT OF THIS PORT

Housed, Fed and Supplied 35,000 Troops and Shipped Thousands of Tons of High Explosive Ammunition

Included as part of the vast installation that is the Prince Rupert Sub-port of Embarkation is the Prince Rupert Staging Area located at Port Edward. The mission of the staging area has been a big one for during its two odd years of operation it has housed, fed, and supplied arctic clothing and equipment to

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more than 35,000 troops and civilian workers moving to and from the Alaskan and North Pacific theatres. Since its inception, the staging area has been under the command of Colonel Floyd W. Stewart. A graduate of the University of California, Colonel Stewart served in the field artillery during World War I.

gineer staff from around one large circular table. Contracts had been let out to several companies and work on the various projects of the installation started almost immediately. Included in these companies were: the E. J. Ryan Construction Company, B. C. Bridge and Dredging Company, Sound Construction and Engineering Company and Peter Klewit and Sons.

The first buildings to go up were barracks, mess halls and other facilities on Acropolis Hill. This was followed by the rehabilitation of the Salmon and Oriental Wharf and shed, the driving of pilings for the cargo wharf and transit shed, construction of the Administration Building, the large warehouse, Prince Rupert staging area and Watson Island.

From the Prince Rupert highway to Port Edward, the Galloway Rapids road, was the most difficult piece of construction. It required a complete rock-fill to bed-rock just above the highwater mark along the shores of the Galloway Rapids and Wainwright Basin. Later construction included the post gym atop Acropolis Hill, the erection of the 75-ton crane on the docks, the army power system, the various other facilities. All were completed in record time.

District and Post Engineers of the port included Lt.-Colonel Gerald R. Tyler, Lt.-Colonel Edward D. Lowmes, and Captain Raymond J. Fry. Captain Fry has the duties of supervising all maintenance and repairs to port facilities.

publishers of widely circulated farm journals.

Browne is actually a Canadian. His home is in Port Arthur but he went from Calgary, where he was with the C.P.R. publicity department, to enlist at Spokane in the United States Army.



PORT EDWARD COMMANDER—Colonel Floyd W. Stewart, commanding officer of Port Edward, has been located at the staging area since March 1943. A graduate of the University of California, Colonel Stewart was awarded the Silver Star during the last war.

Since that time he has also seen service in the Infantry, Quartermaster Corps, Finance Department, and Transport Corps. During the last war numerous citations, including the Silver Star, were awarded him.

Starting with a bare site, the camp was developed sufficiently to care for several thousand troops every month. It has all the facilities of a U.S. Army camp, including barracks, mess halls, theatre, chapel, office buildings, warehouses, laundry, storage facilities, and recreation halls. These were built by U.S. E.D. engineers of the Northwest Division.

On March 15, 1943, nine officers, 244 troops, and 387 civilian employees were brought to Port Edward from the shipwrecked army transport "Otsego." The necessity for housing, feeding, and reclothing these men brought about the premature opening of the post. Four officers, some cooks and bakers were assigned to the staging area from Prince Rupert and companies were formed of the enlisted men.

From Watson Island, ammunition back-up storage dump, thousands of tons of high explosive ammunition have been sent into the Pacific, many of the bombs falling directly on the Japanese Empire within a matter of days after their departure from Prince Rupert.

Port Edward was closed as a staging area during the latter part of 1944 and re-opened in May 1945. After six months of operation and the capitulation of Japan, the staging area is prepared to close for the final time. During these past months several thousand troops were processed and transported north.

Prince Rupert Delivered Bombs Which Fell on The Japanese

How United States Army Transportation Corps Carried Out Mission

Almost a dozen different companies and units have worked together during the past three years and five months toward the completion of the mission of the Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation. It would be hard to compile an honor roll, for it was the combined effort of all units which made the completion of this mission possible.

As stevedores, dock workers, and others, the men of these units loaded a large percentage of the equipment and supplies used in the construction of the Alaska Highway, Canal Project, and other defence installations scattered throughout the north. In addition, they have had the hazardous task of loading ship after ship with high explosive cargo—thousands of tons of bombs which fell on the Japanese homeland within a matter of days after their departure from Prince Rupert.

Now answering roll at the Sub-Port are the following companies and units:

652ND PORT CO.—Originally part of the 377th Port Battalion, arrived in Prince Rupert in September, 1942. Commanded by Captain Joseph S. Tallant, with LeRoy J. Zimmerman as First Sergeant.

655TH PORT TCO.—Activated from part of the 377th Port Battalion arrived in June 1943. The company has gained an outstanding record in athletics. Commanded by Captain Hyman Poster, with Henry Scheumann as First Sergeant.

419TH PORT CO.—Newest arrival to the Sub-Port, as part of the 260th Port Battalion the unit served more than two years at Anchorage and Whittier, Alaska. The company arrived here from Seattle in May of this year.

PRINCE RUPERT IS CENTRE OF GREAT WEALTH (Continued from Page One)

preennial Silback-Premier gold mine.

In the Coast and Babine mountain ranges promising strikes have been made which will be developed when the manpower and equipment situation permits.

Lumber Means Millions of Dollars

Lumber in finished and unfinished forms brings millions of dollars annually into the interior towns for which Prince Rupert serves as a distributing centre. Last year the total sawlog cut in the Prince Rupert forestry district was 264,000,000 board feet and operations so far this year indicate that the present year's cut will be of equal size. In addition there were millions of lineal feet of pole timber and railroad ties.

Although only sparsely populated, the rich farming districts of the interior tributary to Prince Rupert produces rich harvests of hay, fruit and cereal crops as well as dairy products to feed the city.

As a haven for tourists and vacationists the city and surrounding district is a paradise as hundreds of Allied servicemen can testify. Its mountainous areas and streams unspoiled by over-fishing and hunting, they abound with fish and game, making it one of the best vacation lands on the continent.

Prince Rupert and the central interior, ripe with opportunities is on the verge of a great future.

Commanded by Captain Guy T. McHenry, with Rex E. Hensel as First Sergeant.

356TH QM SERVICE CO.—Activated in June 1942, the company arrived at the Sub-Port

in September of that year. Commanded by Capt. Joseph C. Cloutier, with Fred T. Lukowitz as First Sergeant.

9207TH TECHNICAL SERVICE UNIT—The largest single unit of the Sub-Port, having a strength of more than 700 enlisted men. The unit is composed of men representing nearly a dozen branches of service, including complete Service Company Unit, 3960th. Commanded by Major Louis W. Beck.

262ND M. P. CO.—Arrived April 1943. Commanded by Captain John F. Jubeck, with Donald C. Zander as First Sergeant. Absent from roll, and now the Seattle area are the 653rd and 654th Port Companies. The 238th M. P. Company is now located in the Hawaiian Islands.

The Commercial Hotel

joins with the rest of Prince Rupert in saying "Goodbye" to the American forces which have been a part of this community during the last three years.

The friendships which have been formed will be strong links between Canada and the United States.

When you visit us again as civilians you can be sure of a warm welcome at the

COMMERCIAL HOTEL

Harry E. Blackburn, Mgr.

Second Avenue — Prince Rupert

"Goodbye"

IN SAYING GOODBYE to our American friends we are very conscious of the attachments formed between Prince Rupert citizens and the U.S. armed forces during the war. We know that these friendships will be strengthening bonds between our two nations in the years ahead.

AS A PROGRESSIVE CITY and the "Gateway to Alaska", Prince Rupert looks forward to continuing friendly visits from those Americans who served here and from others whose homes are "below the border."

IDEAL CLEANERS

McBride Street — Prince Rupert

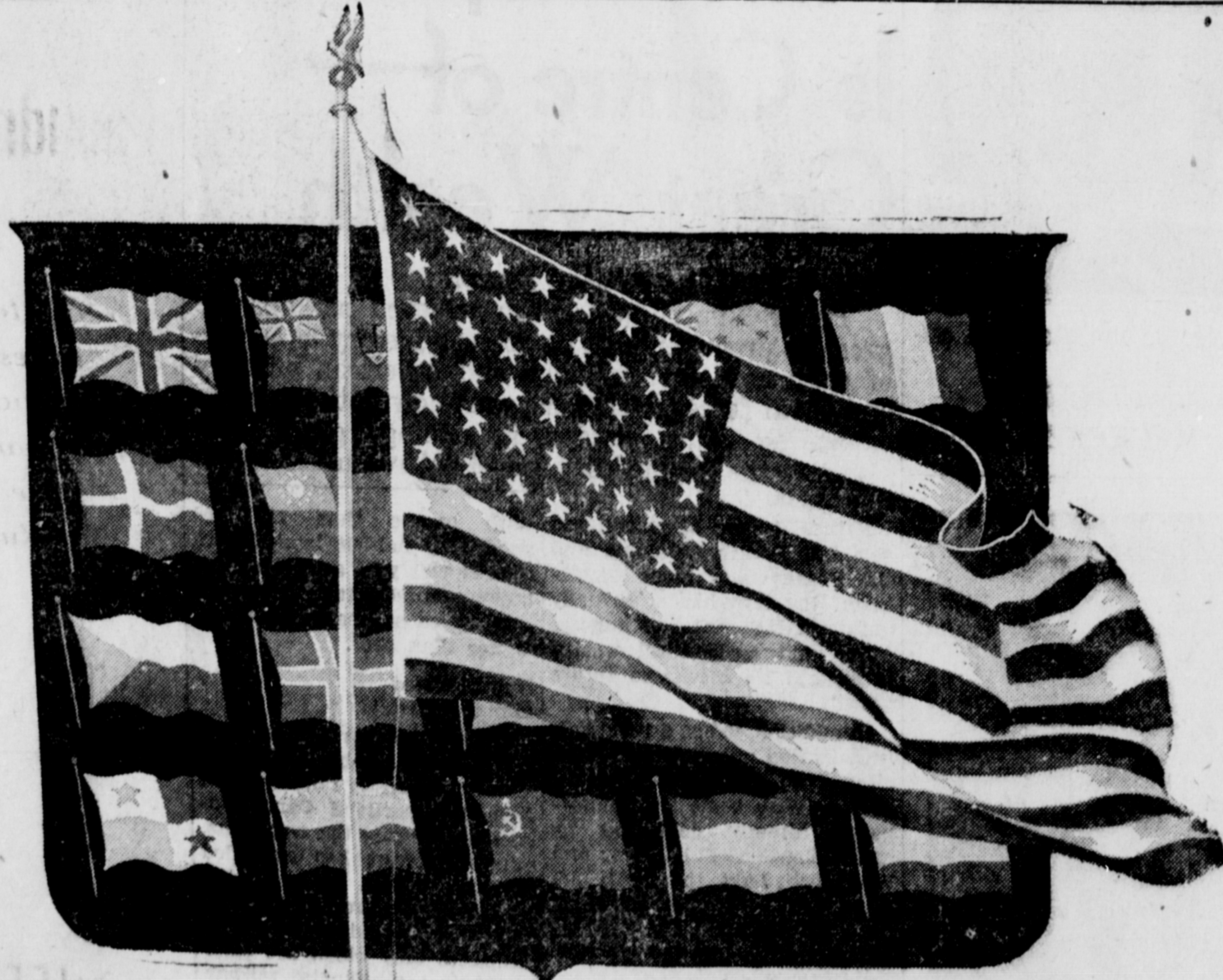
SCRIBES OF U.S. ARMY

Lieut. Barger and Sergeant Browne Did Good Job On Public Relations

The Daily News was greatly assisted in the preparation of this special edition in connection with the departure of the American forces from Prince Rupert by Lieut. Cecil A. Barger, United States Army public relations officer here, and Sergeant Ralph H. Browne, his assistant. Not only did they actually write several of the articles but many others were organized by them.

Throughout the stay of the Americans here, the public relations office proved of great co-operation and assistance to the newspapers. They were also instrumental in disseminating a large amount of favorable publicity for Prince Rupert by their writings which were distributed to all parts of the United States. More than 1,000 hometown stories, under a Prince Rupert dateline, on U.S. Army port personnel were sent out by the Public Relations office at Prince Rupert during the past six months.

Barger and Browne will be lifelong boosters for Prince Rupert. Barger hails from Malta Bend, near Kansas City, and in civilian life is with the editorial department of Capper Publications,



... The mighty American contribution to Victory has embraced many lands and continents. Nowhere has their presence been more appreciated than in Prince Rupert. For a job well done we say "Thanks, Yanks."

TOM LEE AND SON
 House of Fine Foods

PRINCE RUPERT ROOFING AND SHEET METAL WORKS

Northern Distributors for Canadian Johns-Manville Products

Washing for Army Huge Undertaking

The laundry and dry-cleaning plant of the sub-port, located at Port Edward, operated on a huge scale. Servicing the entire sub-port as well as transient personnel, more than 225,000 pieces of laundry and 10,000 pieces of dry-cleaning were handled each month.



Our Compliments . . .



to America and her servicemen who have been with us in Prince Rupert during the war. We unite with the other citizens in saying . . .

"Good-bye, Americans"

B. C. UNDERTAKERS

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