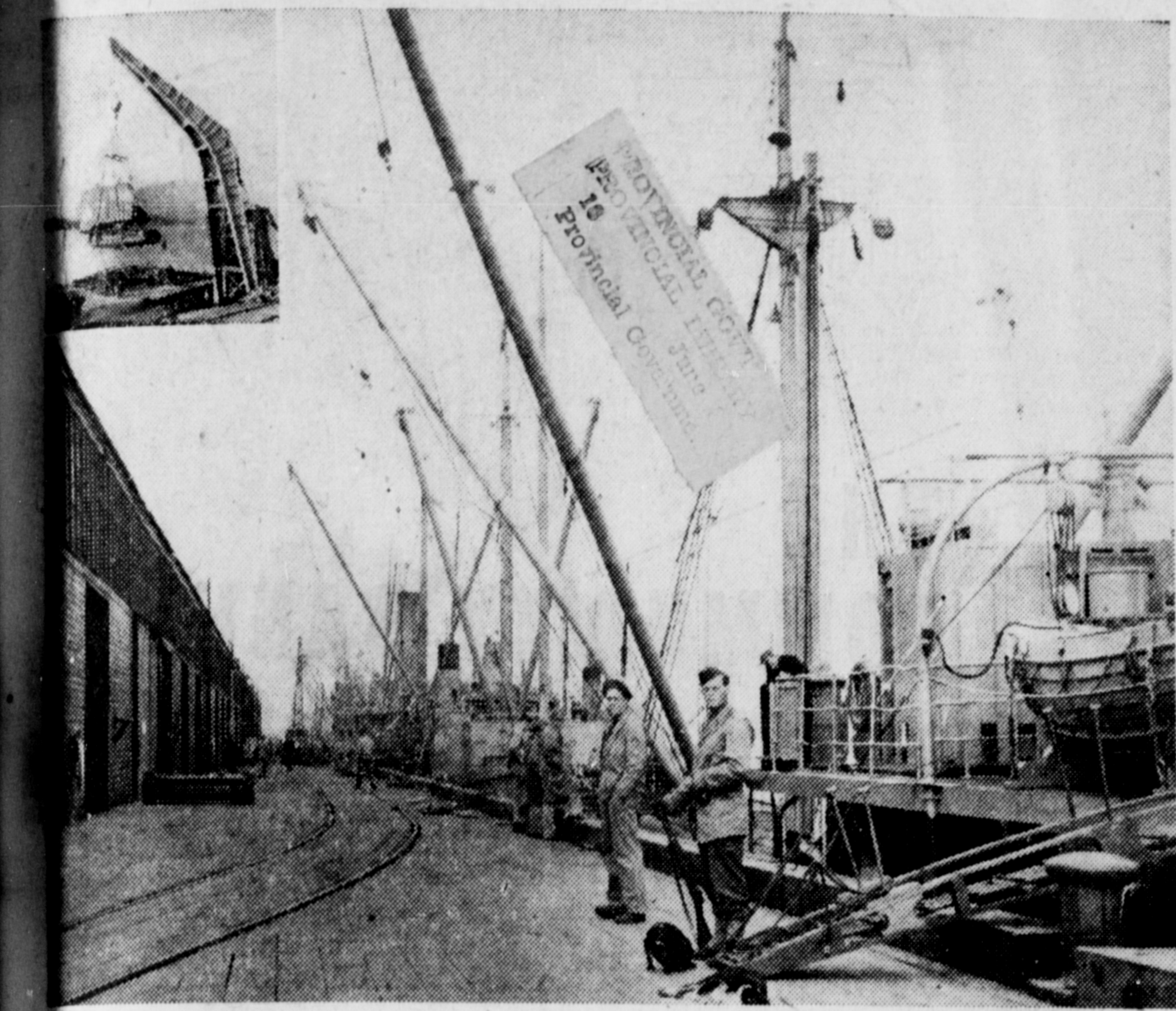


Story of Prince Rupert as U.S. Army Sub-Port of Embarkation



CARRIED WAR TO JAPAN—Docks at Prince Rupert have been busy for the last three years loading materiel for the North Pacific and Alaska. Everything from bulldozers for the Alaska Highway and jeeps for Attu to bombs for the doorstep of Hirohito passed through this jumping-off place. U. S. Army soldiers are shown on the busy Ocean Dock, above. In the upper left corner, a piece of heavy equipment is being loaded by a huge crane on a barge for transport to the North.

Development of Supply Route Which Carried War to Japan Through Prince Rupert Described to World

[From the public relations office of Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation, United States Army Service Forces, comes today for simultaneous release to all newspapers in the United States a very interesting article disclosing the wartime history of Prince Rupert with particular reference to its use by the United States Army. As a result of the article, Prince Rupert will, doubtless, receive widespread and valuable publicity throughout the continent. The article is too lengthy for publication in toto in The Daily News but the wartime part of it, being new, is printed herewith. Credit for the preparation of the article is due to Lieut. Cecil A. Barger, United States Army public relations officer here, and his able assistant, Sergeant Ralph H. Browne.]

Development of a virtually new supply route to Alaska and the North Pacific, cutting squarely across Western Canada, can now be made known. Springing up right after Pearl Harbor, it hinged on a young port of the Canadian Northwest, on the British Columbia coast, 40 miles below the southern tip of Alaska. That port is Prince Rupert.

The Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation, a large U. S. Army installation, was located here, during many sea-miles from the "road to Tokyo" and offering additional facilities by which the Pacific gap to the Orient in general and to Alaska in specific could be breached.

Conceived in the early days of the war immediately following Pearl Harbor, the Prince Rupert port was chosen as an alternative route to the threatened shores of Alaska. It was in March and April, 1942, when the Japanese were overrunning Attu and Kiska, and stabbing at Dutch Harbor, United States shipping facilities of the Pacific had been crippled and were threatened with still greater losses.

To shorten the water routes, the Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation was decided upon. It was about 1500 miles from Seattle, Washington, to Anchorage, Alaska. Five hundred from Seattle to Prince Rupert. A port at Prince Rupert would eliminate about one-third of the distance to Anchorage and thus ships would be able to haul 50 per cent more.

The Canadian National Railway maintains a line into Prince Rupert, the deepest into the Northwest, which a rail line penetrates. At no other point north of Vancouver and vicinity does a continental railroad line reach the Pacific coast.

From Vancouver, the railroad runs northeastward to Jasper, Alberta, and then turns northward to Prince Rupert, making a gigantic triangle pathway through the scenic Canadian Rockies. From Edmonton the transcontinental line runs almost directly to the northwest.

Men and material were brought by rail to Prince Rupert, a stone's throw from Alaska. Then by ship through the Inland Passage to Skagway, Valdez, Seward, Anchorage and the Aleutians. Implements of war for the invasion of Kiska and Attu passed through Prince Rupert, Prince Rupert Port Played Great Part

It can now be revealed, too, that the Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation contributed no small share to the building of the Alaska Highway, Canol Project and Northwestern Airfields. Supplies and materials passing through Prince Rupert went by boat and barge through the Inland Passage to Skagway, thence over the narrow-gauge White Pass and Yukon Railroad to Whitehorse. From there, in trucks operated by the 477th

Quartermaster Regiment, the supplies were hauled both north and south along the highway and north up the Canol Road.

With the development of Prince Rupert as a major Pacific port of the far northwest, the 30-year-old dream of old-time residents of Central and Northern British Columbia has been realized. Sir Charles Melville Hays, general manager and later president of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, pioneered in building a railroad line to Prince Rupert, and he was in the process of instigating development of a major steamship line, it is said, when he was unfortunately drowned when the Titanic was sunk in 1912.

World War I brought cessation of developments and, after the war, the town thrived on a booming fishing industry. It took another war to stimulate development and to bring to view its unusual possibilities as a northwestern port and make it a base for a major transportation route.

While Prince Rupert is in no way a new port, its development as a port of embarkation added tremendously to its importance as a strategic point in the swift advancement of the Northwest. It is another step in the integration of the sea lanes, land routes, air routes and communication lines which are cracking open the wilderness and vast undeveloped expanses of the Northwest, tying them into a whole which will strengthen the defenses and offenses of the North American continent. No longer will North America's westernmost outposts be isolated and left to the mercy of international marauders.

Shipwreck Focused Attention Here

With the finger of international affairs pointing inexorably to war, Royal Canadian Army and U. S. Army Engineers had, as far back as 1937, been considering the utilization of Prince Rupert as a base of supply for operations in Alaska. Most of these surveys recommended use of such a base, but on an "if and when" basis. It was not until a month after the declaration of war with Japan that a shipwreck brought the strategic value of the port into sharp focus.

On January 13, 1942, the U. S. A. T. David W. Branch, enroute through the Inland Passage from Seattle to Westward, Alaska, went aground off Hammer Island, near the mouth of the

POLITICS IN CHINA

Communists Would Have All Parties Meet to Arrange Election

CHUNGKING, Sept. 7.—Mao Tse-Tung, in an interview published in Ta King Pao, reiterated Communist demands for convocation of all political parties in China to arrange general elections for the National Assembly. The paper also quoted Mao, Chinese Communist leader here, for conferences with General Chiang Kai-Shek as saying the Communists would stand by their demands for establishment of a unified high command and "a democratic coalition government."

Kobe Is to Large Extent Destroyed

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 7.—A Swiss legation official estimates that seven-eighths of the Japanese city of Kobe was destroyed in two American fire raids. Kobe was the principal Japanese port before the war.

Skeena River. To float the transport free, troops, as well as cargo, were disembarked and ferried to Prince Rupert, from where an immediate trans-shipment was made.

Success of this venture, coupled with the tremendous pressure being exerted on rail and water facilities in Seattle and San Francisco, prompted a survey of the facilities at Prince Rupert and recommendations for a trial shipment of cargo were proposed. Permission to proceed with the trial shipment was granted by the Canadian government and plans were co-ordinated through the commanding general, Seattle Port of Embarkation.

On February 20, 1942, the U. S. secretary of war, with Canada's consent, ordered that Prince Rupert be activated as a sub-port of the Seattle Port of Embarkation; and on March 16, 1942, the commanding general, Army Service Forces, directed that the necessary construction be carried out to develop Prince Rupert as a sub-port. The Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation was officially opened April 5, 1942.

When Second Lieut. Marion G. Stewart, Jr., now a major and the Transportation officer, was ordered to Prince Rupert from Seattle, along with two civilians to establish an office of the port quartermaster, they arrived in Prince Rupert on March 26 to find the only United States Army office then established was located in a corner of the warehouse of the Ocean Dock. These quarters were used by the Army Transport Service, and a space was set aside for use by the port quartermaster's office.

Huge Shipping Facilities Put In

Immediately buildings were put under construction by the U. S. Engineers, and existing facilities were remodelled and extended to give the port a potential of at least 50,000 cubic tons of freight per month. Dockage along the waterfront was doubled, storage and handling space was increased several times over, and other facilities were increased and improved.

The Sub-Port of Embarkation now includes a warehouse

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Home Loans For Rupert

Insurance Company Says It Is Prepared to Advance Money For Housing Here

"This company is prepared to make loans," said a message received yesterday by Maurice Brydges, secretary of the Prince Rupert Home Building Association, from the Canada Life Assurance Co. The wire from the insurance company came after F. W. Nicholls, director of housing at Ottawa, had communicated to the effect that applications for loans from Prince Rupert would be welcomed. "We appear to be getting definite action now in the matter of home financing under the National Housing Act," commented Mr. Brydges. "It is very encouraging and we are following it up."

RAILWAYMEN GAVE BLOOD

More Than 6,000 Western Region C.N.R. Employees Contributed

WINNIPEG, Sept. 7.—More than 6,000 employees of the western region Canadian National Railways contributed blood to the Red Cross during the war and, up to August 23, when the blood donor depots were closed, it was announced today by Dr. Emmet Dwyer, regional medical officer.

"In many cities from the lakehead to the Pacific coast employees of the C.N.R. contributed more blood to the Red Cross than any other industry, this being particularly true in Winnipeg," said Dr. Dwyer. In Winnipeg blood was given by employees of the railway on 2,862 occasions, 2,412 contributions being made by men and 450 by women, individual donations running as high as 17.

U.S.O. CLUB BIRTHDAY

Three Days of Festivities Are to Be Observed Here

Three days of festivities will mark the first anniversary of the U.S.O. club rooms on Second Avenue, and the third anniversary for many of the U.S.O. employees this week-end.

Tonight the curtain will go up for Bob Herrick's "Show-Case" and it will be open to the public. The show was previewed last night by Royal Canadian Air Force personnel at Seal Cove and was enthusiastically accepted.

A close door-check will be made and the 500th serviceman or woman to enter the club on Saturday will be representative of the half-millionth visitor for the year and will be honored with a "Dream Holiday." Arrangements have been made to give the winner a three-day pass to Ketchikan.

"Open house" will be held at the club for the general public on Sunday afternoon, with tea being served from 4 to 6. Miss Eva LaPierre, assistant director, will receive, and Mrs. H. M. Daggett and Mrs. J. Stewart will pour.

Temperature

High 53
Low 48
Rain 1.69

L. H. Dennison, customs broker and ballroom proprietor, Whitehorse, is a visitor in the city on business. Mrs. Dennison is the former Nellie Gurvich of Prince Rupert.

NOTICE PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS ACT Atlin Electoral Act

Notice is hereby given that the list of voters for the above Electoral District will close on the 17th day of September, 1945, and no applications for registration filed with the undersigned after the said date will be accepted for insertion in the list of voters to be prepared for use at the ensuing election.

John W. Stewart
Registrar of Voters,
Stewart, B. C.

ATLIN ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

Saturday, September 8, 1945		
High	2:10	20.9 feet
	14:31	20.7 feet
Low	8:30	3.3 feet
	20:48	4.7 feet

MORE VETS RETURNING

Eight Thousand Officers and Men Due at Quebec and Halifax This Week-End

MONTREAL, Sept. 7.—To handle 570 officers and 7,416 other ranks due to arrive back in Canada from overseas over the week-end at Halifax and Wolfe's Cove, Quebec, the Canadian National Railways will operate 17 trains from dockside. The specials will operate to all sections of the country.

Troopships Duchess of Bedford and New Amsterdam are due at the Atlantic seaport on Sunday. Seven Canadian National specials will be used to transport troops from the New Amsterdam to their homes while three special trains will take care of returning veterans disembarking from the Duchess of Bedford.

Seven Canadian National Railways special trains will leave Wolfe's Cove, Quebec, over the week-end with troops returning on the Cameronia and the Empress of Scotland. Passengers from the Cameronia will have four of these seven trains at their disposal, which will take them to their homes in Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston and Vancouver. The remaining three will entrain troops returning on the Empress of Scotland whose homes are in Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, London and Regina.

Wounded in Holland, Expected Home Soon

Richard Adkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Adkins of this city, is expected home soon from overseas. He is still only 18 years of age but has seen action in Holland where he was wounded in the right arm.

Weather Forecast

Moderate winds, partly cloudy and cool with light scattered showers. Saturday: Moderate winds, partly cloudy with occasional light rain showers; slightly higher temperature.

Fish Sales

(American)
Liberty, 56,000 lbs., Booth and Royal.
Kodiak, 48,000 lbs., Cold Storage.

(Canadian)
Joan W II, 49,000 lbs., Cold Storage.
Forty-Four, 8,500 lbs., Atlin.

Heavy Rain On Prairies

Some Delay to Harvesting But Not Very Serious—Yield Only Fair

WINNIPEG, Sept. 7.—Local showers or heavy rains have temporarily delayed harvesting in many sections of the western provinces during the past week. Temperatures have remained high and rain has been followed by good drying weather which has enabled farmers to continue harvesting operations with only short delays, according to the weekly crop report of the Department of Agriculture of the Canadian National Railways.

Manitoba is harvesting a good average crop which, prior to the rains, was of high quality. Ten days of good weather would see southern and central Manitoba crops pretty well cleared up while in northern Manitoba weather generally has been favorable for harvesting and cutting is well advanced.

Harvesting is generally good in eastern and northeastern Saskatchewan where fair average crops are being harvested. In southern Saskatchewan harvesting is 35 per cent to 70 per cent completed and, with good weather, should be cleaned up in 10 days. In northern Saskatchewan, harvesting operations have been delayed by recent rains.

Naval Base Is Closing

H.M.C.S. Chatham to Close Down at End of Month—Personnel and Ships Leaving

H.M.C.S. Chatham is "paying off." Prince Rupert is being closed down as a naval base. By the end of this month practically all the personnel, which totalled at the peak of anti-submarine naval patrol activity here as high as 1,250 men but has already been reduced to 500, will have been withdrawn. Left behind for a matter of two or three months will be a few men to clear out such installations as will be removed.

Buildings will be taken over by War Assets Corporation for disposal.

Ships which have been based here will, it is expected, go south.

Announcement of the closing down was made today by Commander M. A. Wood, naval officer in charge.

FIRST SOLDIER IS WELCOMED

Sgt. Frank Comadina was the first Prince Rupert veteran of the war to be welcomed by the Women's Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion at their Welcome Hut on the C.N.R. wharf last night. The incident was given added interest by the fact that Sgt. Comadina, who has been on active service since the start of the war, was a member of the old 102nd Regiment and also one of the first Prince Rupert men to leave the city for military service.

The welcome committee consisted of Mrs. G. V. Hanley, W.A. president; Mrs. W. Rothwell and Mrs. Murdoch. The committee would like the parents and friends of returning veterans to notify its chairman, Mrs. Hanley, of the date of arrival of the servicemen. The committee meets all incoming trains and boats.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Legion W.A. held in the Legion Hall last night, a new entertainment committee was elected, consisting of Mrs. G. E. Morrow, chairman; Mrs. W. Robertson, Mrs. D. Dirk, Mrs. G. A. Hebb, Mrs. W. Guyan, Mrs. Murdoch and Mrs. Dan Parent.

Initial arrangements were begun for Poppy Day.

ALLIES MOVE INTO TOKYO

Three Mile Parade in Sight of Emperor's Palace

TOKYO, Sept. 7.—Allied Headquarters moved into Tokyo today (Saturday) along with a three-mile long procession of Allied troops. 8,000 men took part in the parade which began in sight of the Emperor's palace.

BRUCE BROWN IS RETURNING OFFICER IN P. R.

Bruce Browns of this city has received his commission as returning officer for Prince Rupert in the forthcoming provincial election and expects to get the machinery of voting in motion before long. His duties will include the appointment of election officials, securing of voting premises, taking of the vote and returning the results. Nomination day is October 4 and election day October 25.

Bulletins

OTTAWA CUTS BUDGET
OTTAWA—An appropriation bill for \$1,365,000,000 was presented to Parliament today. This covers the seven months starting September 1 and compares with over two billion dollars for the first five months of the fiscal year.

WAINWRIGHT AT HONOLULU
HONOLULU—General Wainwright arrived at Honolulu today. He declined to discuss treatment he had received in Japanese prison camps.

SETTLING QUISSLING FATE
OSLO—The fate of Vidkun Quisling is before a jury today. The trial is ended and the verdict is not expected before September 12.

21 ARE KILLED
NEW YORK—Twenty-one persons were killed when an Eastern Air Lines airliner crashed while enroute from Miami to New York.

SEATTLE PROTESTS
SEATTLE—The mayor of Seattle has protested to President Truman at the sudden closing down of the Boeing plant, throwing 22,000 persons out of work.

V-J DAY IN BERLIN
BERLIN—Today was celebrated as V-J Day in Berlin. There was a great parade which was reviewed by General Patton and Marshal Zhukov.

LABOR UNIONS REVIVED
YOKOHAMA—Japanese labor unions outlawed 14 years ago have already begun reorganizing. Tokyohiko Kagawa, widely known Christian labor leader and social worker, declared today in an interview. He said that unemployment was Japan's major post-war problem but expressed hope that the long suspended struggle to raise the workers' living conditions could be settled without conflicts.

Provincial Election VOTERS' LISTS

IS YOUR NAME on the Provincial Voters' List? It is your duty to register. Take no chances. Do not depend on anyone else. You cannot vote unless registered on the PROVINCIAL list. Being on the Civic, Municipal or Federal lists positively does not put you on the Provincial list.

THE LIST CLOSES on the 17th day of September, 1945, after which date positively no applications will be received by me.

Qualifications for Registration:

1. British subject by birth or naturalization.
2. Twenty-one years of age.
3. Residence six months in Province of British Columbia; one month in Electoral District.

NORMAN A. WATT,
Registrar of Voters,
Prince Rupert Electoral District.

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