

THE FIGHTIN' FRANKIE FLASH

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DAIREN, MANCHURIA: In dramatic high speed - Yellow Sea - U. S. Navy destroyers HUBBARD and EVANS entered Port Dairen, evacuate reported hundred twenty Navy prisoners of war including high rankers from Guam, Wake and Corregidor. Task force commanded by Capt. Chester C. Wood ordered on rescue mission this morning by Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid, 7th Fleet Commander, now preparing first landing Manchurian coast by U. S. personnel. Wood directed locate POW's believed enroute Dairen from Mukden. Small landing party prepared to go ashore Russian held Dairen established contact Swiss Swedish consuls and take POW's aboard for needed care and transport them to fleet base.

Yellow Sea - beset by mines freed by recent typhoons. HUBBARD forced slow pace destroy floater two hundred yards off the port bow, which exploded - prodigious roar gigantic cascade when hit by 40MM fire.

Dairen through glasses appears virtually untouched by war. Important Manchurian port was once secondary target for China based twentieth bomber command, B-29s.

Mission required haste as POW's reportedly endangered by civil disturbances Mukden vicinity. Understood mobs looting country side and speediest evacuation POW's expected.