STORY OF MEN AND MATERIAL, INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

Canada and United States Demonstrated at Prince Rupert in Epic Way What Can Be Accomplished

By MAJOR-GENERAL C. P. GROSS Chief of Transportation, Army Service Forces

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 15-The story of the Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation is the story of men and material and international co-operation, for it was from this Canadian port operated by the Transport Corps of the United States Army that hundreds of thousand of tons of supplies and thousands

lation in Canada which served

supply route to the Northwest

-cutting the water voyage to Al-

of Alaska and the Aleutians.

And it was in Prince Rupert,

strated to the world the mean-

ing of real co-operation. The

Canadian people, and especially

Corps' Sub-Port of Embarka-

tion the credit for this instal-

lation's role in winning the

Battle of Supply.

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aska by one third.

of United States soldiers were displatched forward to bolster the defences of North America in the dark days when the Jap-At This Port anese were threatening the American mainland. It was this American instal-

Built Docks, Roads and as the hub of the new military **Enormous Structures** At Prince Rupert

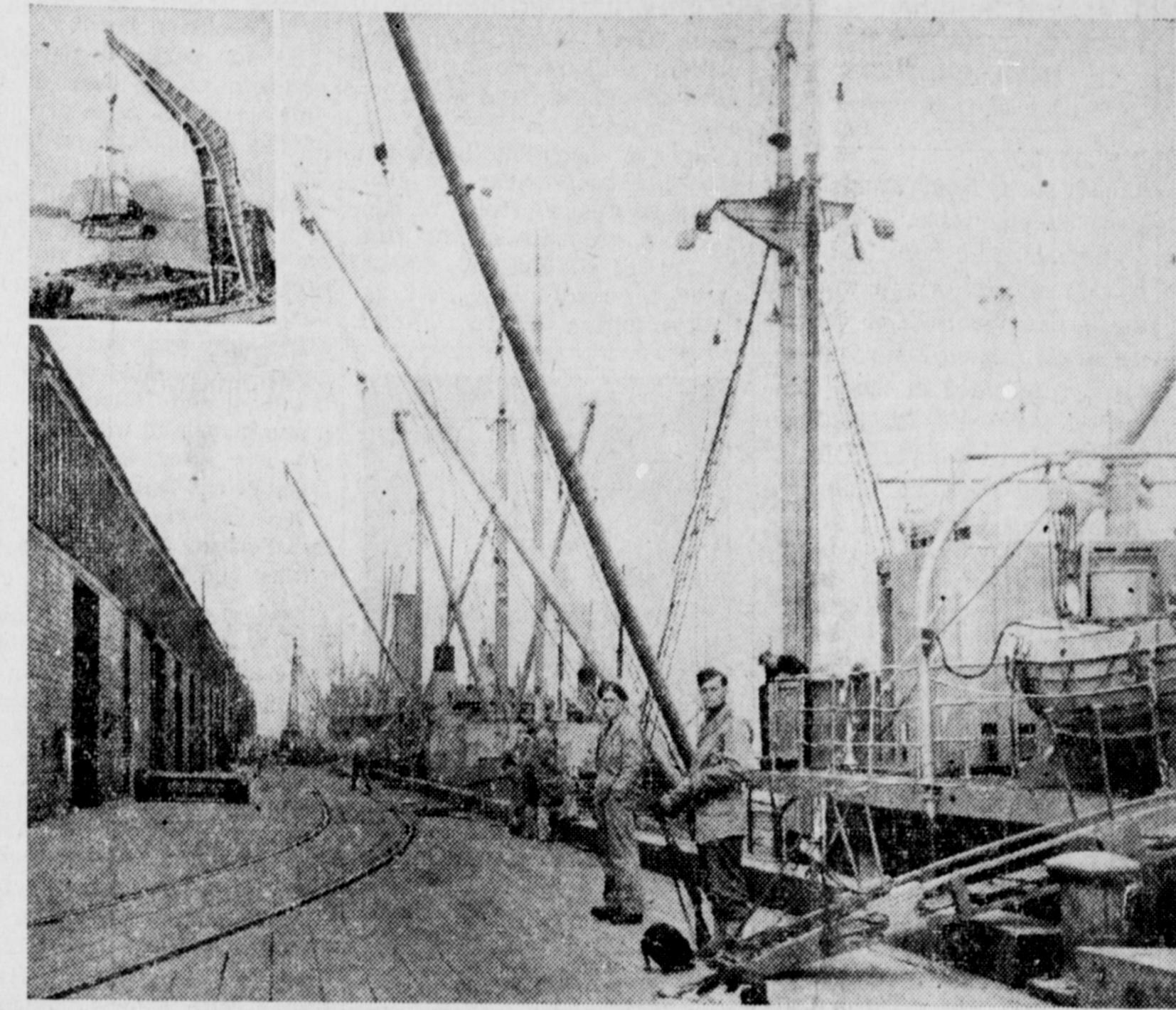
Construction of the that passed much of the per-Prince Rupert Sub-Port sonnel and equipment for the of Embarkation, includ- Alaska Highway and air strips ing the Prince Rupert Yes, it was through Prince RRu-Staging Area, Watson pert that passed many of the Island ammunition pier bombs and bullets which were to find their mark on enemy and back-up storage dump, just soil. three months after Pearl Harbor when the Chief of Engineers too, n Washington ordered Charles United States again demon-E. Nash, resident engineer, to Prince Rupert.

The first headquarters were lo- the people of Prince Rupert, are cated in the Stork Building and, entitled to share with the persince office furniture was not sonnel of the Transportation available, the port was largely designed and planned by the en-

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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1945





DESTINATION JAPAN-A dock scene at Prince Rupert during the height of the movement of war goods which were used for the defeat of Japan and the winning of the war in the Pacific. The huge crane (inset) is one of the fixed installations which the United States Army put in at Prince Rupert.

A Home Front Accomplishment-

AMERICANS WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AT PRINCE RUPERT

Col. J. H. Mellom, Commander of Sub-Port of Prince Rupert, Gives Farewell Message

By COL. J. H. MELLOM Commanding, Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation

bloody, phase of World War II, it is only fitting that we should pause for a moment and reflect on the accomplishments of the home front, during these past many months, in keeping the various theatres of war

operating under the Chief of Transportation, Army Service Forces, have served as a veritable lifeline of supply, through which all U.S. troops and munitions of war have flowed to the combat theatres the world over. Theirs has been the tremendous task of furfishing "enough and on time." And now that victory has been won, these ports may well be proud of the

The Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation has taken a very active part in shipping troops, munitions and supplies to the Alaskan theatre, as well as certain munitions to the Southwest Pacific. The task of organizing installing facilities at this necessary to carry out its assigned mission, could nnly have been accomplished by the co- COLONEL JOHN H. MELLOM operative efforts of many people

fort. We have met with the Rupert. most whole-hearted co-operation of the Canadian Armed forces, generous support in creating long be remembered.

preciated by the American and we have been made very was handled in July, 1943.

With the close of the final, yet perhaps most supplied. The United States Ports of Embarkation,

job they have done.

victorious ending of the war for Our Port operation will be our combined forces in the field drawing to a close within a short Since the inception of the ing up and returning to our led with our Canadian friends is one thing that will keep us here in bringing about the ac- inseparable for a long time to complishments necessary to do come—the memory of our very them shoulder to shoulder in the our part in this great war ef- fine associations here at Prince same cause.

civil officials and Prince Rupert Subsidiary Facilities

providing for its operation will facilities, the Prince Rupert thing. Sub-Port of Embarkation built "I know of no better medium many civilian employees—both Circulation It is my sincere desire to make a seaplane float and gangway of fostering goodwill and better American and Canadian. in this our Canadian friends for airplane connections be- relationship than the co-minvicinity that their tween Prince Rupert and An- gling of people. We feel indeed has been deeply ap- nette Island last May.

one with them in every respect nage handled in one month by welcome as we ourselves feel proud of period by port company personby welcoming us into their clubs, the U.S. Army port installation their church to liberate the world and ammunition back-up stortheir churches and their homes was 95,277 measured tons. This the forces of evil" age dump.

Canada's Prime Minister Extends Warm Thanks To American Fighting Men

The following letter has been received at The Daily News office from the Prime Minister of Can-

G. A. Hunter, Esq., Managing Editor, The Daily News,

Will you please convey my warm thanks to the fighting men of the United States, who have been stationed at Prince Rupert during the war with Japan and who are now about to be withdrawn.

Canada will always remember, with the warmest and most brotherly of feelings, the admirable manner in which the armed services of the United States co-oper-. ated with the armed services of Canada in defence of the Pacific coast.

Canada is confident that the comradeship between our two nations, which has proved so vital in



war, will help likewise to maintain an enduring peace.

Yours sincerely, W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

Premier Hart's Message-

GREAT UNDERSTANDING HAS GROWN which has brought about the pert. "at home" in Prince RuTHROUGH CONTACT WITH AMERICANS

"It is with profound regret that we of British time and we will soon be pack- Columbia say farewell to the United States forces Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Em- ing up and returning to our barkation in the Em- homes and stations in the United Discourse of the barkation in the early days of States. But as we go back and Pacific Coast," says a message from Premier John 1942, the American troops and once again become widely sep- Hart of British Columbia in connection with the civilians of our army save ming- arated from each other, there withdrawal of the United States Army from Prince Rupert. "Ours has been the pleasure to work with

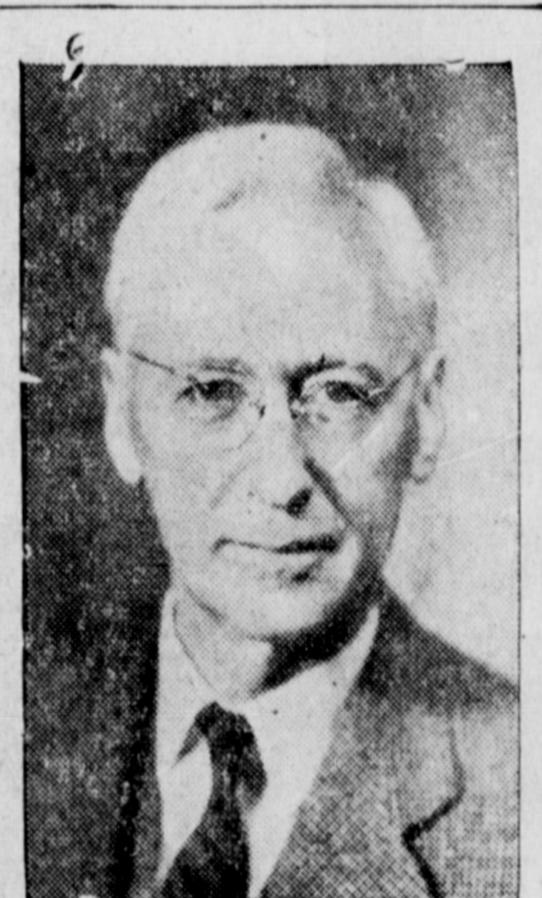
> we faced a common danger, U. S. Soldiers Here there has grown up a greater The United States Army perunderstanding of each other sonnel at the Sub-Port of Prince

grateful for the part our com- As many as 178 cars of high newspaper circulation in Long-famed as the centre of bonanzas. rades-in-arms in the United explosive ammunition have been forces. They have made us all The largest volume of ton- States forces have played just handled within a two week of the forces of evil."

"During the period in which As Many as 3,200

townspeople in general. Their of Embarkation Port to bind our two great nations some at the sub-Port of Prince Rupert at the sub-Por this splendid installation and In addition to rail and water together than any other single strength was 3,200 men. In addition to the Army, there were dition to the Army, there were High Mark for

age dump.



JOHN HART

Today's issue of The Daily News marks a high point for A flat 4,000 papers have been

EDITORIAL

FAREWELL REFLECTIONS

In dedicating this special section of The Daily News as a "Farewell to Yanks," we express the hope that the pleasant friendships and associations which were formed at this Canadian port of Prince Rupert during these last three years or more in the emergent and sometimes trying conditions of war may be projected into the forthcoming days of peace as lasting remembrances which will be refreshed by continuation of our contacts from time to time.

The thousands of copies of The Daily News which go forward with the departing officers and men of the United States Army we know will be treasured souvenirs of the days they spent there. But, more important, we hope they will be regarded as a token of the esteem and well-wishing which not only this newspaper but the whole community feels for those very good people from across the line who have been

They accomplished their mission of mutual defence and support truly and well. Now, while we regret their leaving, we realize that their first thought at this happy time is "home." We are sure, however, that for many of them there will be happy things in ample number to remember about Prince Rupert and that, as the years pass and memories mellow, they will be back here to revisit us. Possibly, indeed, some may come back to live with us.

As for ourselves, we know that their three years of residence here will have had a lasting and good influence upon us—and the best thing of all has been the exemplification of international goodwill by which great things were accomplished. Possibly, it may be Prince Rupert's privilege to co-operate with our American friends under readjusted conditions in the pursuit of the things of peace as we did in the things of war.

May not these accomplishments of war be potentially suggestive of the possibilities of peace in not only a sentimental but a utilitarian sense?

Prince Rupert people are confident that, after the readjustment to the times of peace, the strategic position of their port will lead to its extensive use in the friendly travel and trade and commerce of the Pacific theatre.

Prince Rupert Is Centre of Great Wealth

By JACK McLEOD

Prince Rupert, which has achieved perhaps the greatest prominence in its 35-year history as a base of operations for Canadian and American military and naval forces during the war, now anticipates an expanding future based on its strategic global position and the magnificent industrial resources which surround it.

northern British Columbia and pounds of halibut landed here the Peace River block of Al- already this year and an almost berta, the city has a virtually unprecedented salmon catch, untapped hinterland of mineral this source of wealth stacks up forest and agricultural wealth higher than ever. to sustain its inevitable future Hub of Great growth.

In addition, it has a practically unlimited potential of hydroelectric power-lifeblood of industry. With some 7,000 horsepower already developed by hydro plants at Falls River and Woodworth Lake, the city is hub of an area which has a potential development of 100,000 horsepower within 100 miles of the city.

"The world needs what we've ture of expansion.

Prince Rupert. The total press the north Pacific halibut and run for the day totals 8,500. salmon fishing industry, Prince Rupert was the clearing house of more than \$7,000,000 worth of ordered for delivery to all fish sent to America, Canadian parts of the United States. | and overseas markets last year.

Natural seaport of central and With more than 11,000,000

Mining District

During the last 25 years the city has been the hub of a coastal mining industry ranging south from the Portland Canal district but, during the war years, mineral interest has expanded to the mountain ranges of the interior where prospectors have uncovered promising deposits of composite ores which are close to the transcontinental railway

got. Let's assist it to come Up in the Stewart district at and develop our wealth," is the head of the Portland Canal the alert attitude of its Cham- mining companies and prospecber of Commerce and citizens' tors have been sinking exploracommittees who have the tory shafts into the bosoms of realism to see Prince Rupert | mountains while war conditions as one of the few cities on paralyzed more ambitious gold the continent with a real fu- mining activities, and now they claim to be in line to ring the

Incindentally, eastern Canadian capital has substantial interests in the Portland Canal area, which is the site of the

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