

Wainwright Foresaw Philippine Attack, Note to Kin Shows

'Awful Responsibility' His, Bataan Defender Wrote Son's Wife

By the Associated Press.
NEW YORK, April 10.—Some weeks before the Japanese swept down on the Philippines last December, Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright wrote his daughter-in-law: "I have been shot at a lot before now, but that is simple compared with the awful responsibility of preventing a hostile landing in force, but I will do my best and I hope I will not fail."

"John is in the war zone, too, and I know he will carry on."

John—Jonathan M. Wainwright, 5th, son of the defender of Bataan—sat with his pretty wife last night in their three-room apartment in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn and read the last letter they had received from Gen. Wainwright.

Son Was in Africa.
When the letter arrived November 16, addressed to the daughter-in-law, Jonathan Wainwright, the son, was in Africa on a trip from which he returned in January.

An employe of the American-South-African Lines, young Wainwright said he held a second mate's license and was now taking examinations to become first mate.

Although born on a military reservation at Monterey, Calif., and the son of a famous Army man, he took to the sea 10 years ago as a cadet on the S. S. Manhattan. Since then he has made 25 trips to South America, seven trips to Europe and six to Africa.

Nearly everything in the Wainwright's modest living room is nautical—a three-master sailboat clock, pictures of lighthouses and ships, pilot wheel ash trays and even drapes with sailboat designs.

Both "Seafaring People."
"That's entirely up to her," young Wainwright said of the motif as he turned to his wife, who was born in Norway and whom he married two years ago on Easter Day.

"We are both seafaring people," commented his wife.

In a wedding anniversary message last Sunday, young Wainwright's mother wired them from California: "Father is well and strong. He asks how we are and where and how you two are."

Of the man who led the last-ditch struggle on Bataan at the head of 36,000 American and Filipino troops, his son said:

"I have a great deal of confidence in my father's ability and I trust he will see safely through those men under his command."

Contractor

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my contract?" He replied and stated two days.

I stated to Mr. C. that I would be back in his office with those plans and specifications Monday morning, March 18. I returned home that night, got my engineering department and they worked all day Saturday, Sunday night, all that Sunday and completed these plans about midnight Sunday night, and I left for Washington with 450 blueprint sheets 20 inches by 3 feet long, together with 26 sets of specifications involving 31 sheets in each set, making a total of 806 letter-size pages of specifications.

I left for Washington by plane and on arrival I went to Mr. C. He directed me to Mr. D., who had the engineers and architects conform the plans that I had mentioned and these plans were initiated by Mr. E. stating that they conformed to plans on which the award was made on the base plans submitted. The same thing was true with the specifications. These details required two days, and on Tuesday, March 17, I went to Mr. C.'s office with one set of specifications and plans with the notation written on same that they conformed to the base plans and specifications on which the award was made.

"In a Couple of Days."
Mr. C. then told me that everything was in order and that my contract would be drawn and ready within a couple of days.

I called Mr. C. and he called me Thursday, March 19, and asked him if my contract was ready; that I wanted to leave town and go home. Mr. E. then requested me to go to Room 4334 in the North Interior Building and that Mr. F. was waiting to see me. I expected to find Mr. F. the contract agent to sign my contract. Instead, I found Mr. F. to be an engineer under Mr. G., who comes under the Technical Division setup in this new agency under Mr. H.

Mr. F. made changes of everything that had been approved by the former engineers. I agreed to make these changes.

I was then conducted before a Mr. I. Mr. I. took me to Mr. J. and Mr. J. asked me what was my haste in wanting a contract. I replied, telling him that I had never expected such dealings with the United States Government, and was alarmed and concerned.

He replied and stated to me and gave me his word that the contract would be issued and to please bear with him, and remain in Washington two days until his engineers could make such changes as they desired to make, conforming to their ideas and standards. This I agreed to do on Thursday, March 19, and told Mr. J. I would go to my hotel room and phone my office to have them put our engineer on the plane so he could make these changes that were required, and then I asked him if this was the last and final change. They assured me that it was.

So the Plans Are Changed.
I went to my hotel room and telephoned my office and had them put our engineer on the plane. He

reached Washington the next morning, Friday, March 20.
The plans were changed, and at considerable expense they were blueprinted in Washington, and on Saturday, March 21, we were unable to see Mr. I. and Mr. J. and therefore sat in our hotel room in Washington until Monday morning and took the plans over to Mr. J.'s office, who is in the department of Mr. K. J. glanced at the plans and said: "All right," and then took same into Mr. L. and told him everything was all right about my plans.

Mr. L. then told me that he had taken my plans to the mechanical department which had to do the passing on the heating and plumbing. I remarked that I was not interested in the heating and plumbing; that they were not a part of my contract. Mr. L. stated to me that this routine was necessary. I then again inquired if my plans were complete and if it was necessary for me to make any changes. I was then assured by Mr. J. and Mr. L., in the presence of both, that there would be no further changes required.

Mr. L. told me that they would take my plans and that they would get everything through the department and contract issued.
I checked Mr. L. again on Tuesday, March 24, and he told me the plans were in the mechanical department. I learned where the mechanical department was and went there and inquired about my plans. They informed me that they had gone up to Mr. M.'s office. This was late in the afternoon Tuesday, March 24.

House Member Called On.
On Wednesday, March 25, I went to Mr. M.'s office and they told me to go back to my hotel room and they would call me when to come over and that they thought it would be about noon. I returned to my hotel and twiddled my thumbs until 2 o'clock and then called Mr. M. to determine what time he wanted me to come over to his office; that I was sitting in my room waiting to hear from him. She inquired from Mr. M. and Mr. M. instructed her to tell me to come over at 5 p.m. I went to Mr. M.'s office at this appointment and knew that I could accomplish nothing at 5 p.m. So, in further desperation, I telephoned Hon. Mr. O, Representative from

—, who is much interested in this housing program, and told him of my housing program and my experience, and at my request he called Mr. P., the head of the department that Mr. M. is in, and Mr. P. had his secretary call me and tell me he would see me that afternoon at 5 p.m.

In the meantime, I wrote Mr. J. a special delivery letter and told him that on Thursday, March 19, he had asked me to stay in Washington two days and assured me that my contract would be completed. I asked him in this special delivery letter to call me at my hotel, that I had been there in my room all day. He did not answer this special delivery letter and I then checked on the delivery to him and called his secretary to tell Mr. J. that I did not want to see him, but that I only wanted to tell her that I was still in Washington and that his two days were now going into a week and I had been sitting around there and I wanted him to see that his promise was fulfilled.

This telephone call and my appeal to Representative O, resulted in Mr. P. agreeing to see me at 5 p.m., which was the same date set by his man, Mr. M.

You can see that Representative O, talked to Mr. P. and the 5 o'clock date given by Mr. P. was Mr. M.'s appointment.
Floor Changes This Time.
I went to Mr. P.'s office at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, and a Mr. Q. stopped me in the room and said that he is changing the floor plan, for me to look it over and see what I think about it. I took the floor plan and returned to the hotel and the next day it developed that they again wanted the plans changed to conform to the new plans handed me by Mr. Q.

I phoned my office and had them take the original plans and put them on the plane, addressed to me, at the Willard Hotel. I received them on the morning of March 27 and in my room I made these changes and then took the tracings to Mr. Q.'s office and told Mr. Q. I did not want any more expense to have blueprints made until approved; that I did not know where the end of this change by the new engineers started and stopped. He appointed a draftsman to go over with me the changed tracings.

After this was approved, at great expense in Washington, I had the tracings again blueprinted and was back in Mr. Q.'s office at 10 a.m., March 28, and told him that I wanted my contract; that I had complied with every request and I desired to return to my business and home that night, Saturday, March 28. He said okay and that he would send me over with his representative to the legal department.

I went from the Dupont Circle building to the north Interior Building. I went to the office of Mr. R. He glanced at the contract and made the remark that it was simply a supply contract on Government form 32 and that same was okay. He asked me to execute it, which I did and had it witnessed by two clerks in his office. I then inquired of Mr. R. who signed the contract for the Government. He admitted to me that he did not know. I went out to Mr. P.'s office and told his secretary that I was out there with my blueprints, specifications, contract written and signed and approved by the legal department and that I wanted to get it executed by the Government as I was leaving that night. His secretary came back and stated to me that Mr. S. said Mr. S. handled the contract.

Mr. T. Says Mr. S. Doesn't. I then went to Mr. S.'s office, and was advised by Mr. T. in his office that Mr. S. had gone to lunch. It

was then about 1:30. Mr. T. asked why did I want to see Mr. S. and I told him that I had been sent there with the contract from Mr. P.'s office. Mr. T. stated that Mr. S. had nothing to do with it, that he did not execute it.

The representative from Mr. N.'s office who was with me volunteered to go to Mr. V.'s office and see if he could determine who was to sign this contract. He returned about 1:50 and told me that Mr. V.'s secretary stated that he was out of the office but that he was leaving at 2 p.m. for the day and would not return.

Upon receipt of this information, again in desperation I telephoned Representative O and gave him the facts herein stated. Representative O then phoned Mr. V.'s office and I heard his conversation as Representative O had two telephones in his office and when he was talking with Mr. V. he kept me on the other line. Representative O asked for Mr. V. and the young lady told him he had gone for the day and Representative O told the young lady, her name was Miss W, that he immediately wanted to get in touch with Mr. V. and ask him to come back to the office and sign the contract, and if he was not coming back and sign it and if he had the authorized one to sign it, for him to call Representative O back within one hour and if upon receipt of information that if contract was not signed within one hour that he would get in a taxi and come to the North Interior Building, get the contract and he would take it to Mr. X or Mr. V., as there had been dilly-dallying and procrastinating for three weeks, holding me in Washington and that he was determined that I was going to have this contract signed that day, and if I was going to drop all congressional duties, if necessary in this accomplishment.

After this conversation of Representative O, the contract was signed and delivered to me within 20 minutes.

50 Others in Same Situation.
It is my opinion from the experience I had, I would be in Washington today and possibly another three weeks if Representative O had not taken the steps which he did to demand signing the contract.

I understand that this was the first contract executed and that there are 50 other fabricators in the same condition I was in.

They still have an ace in the hole in not giving the order to proceed and schedule of delivery. This can further delay this program. To enable them to pass the buck and cover up their own tracks they can use the Land Department, who have not obtained title or right of entry. If their men, Mr. Z. and AA, in charge of this department, had not accomplished right of entry or purchase of land in 60 days, if I was in charge of the program then I would have a new land agent.

In conclusion, the enemy could blast Norfolk off the face of the Atlantic Coast and our American youth who are waiting for supplies and ammunition that these boats are to carry would be sacrificed for the personal greed of a certain bunch. I do not believe that the President of the United States will tolerate this, and if necessary I

would put it before the President and take the evidence and facts from each and every fabricator and the tremendous expense and loss these people have put us to.

If they would like for us to go to work and cut out all this foolishness we could build 5,000 houses and have them ready for occupancy by the first of January. If they continue the methods that I have laid before you in this report, the war will be over before a single house is ready for occupancy and the President of the United States' planning will all have gone for naught.

Three Conclusions Possible.
I do not understand it, and it is hard for me to believe that it is sabotage in our Government, but I do know one thing full well, that it is one of the following reasons:
No. 1. Personal and individual dislike to the prefabricated portable demountable house by an individual or individuals in the new setup.
No. 2. Definite determination to sabotage this program so that the new outfit can plan a house to their liking.
No. 3. Incompetent and inefficient management.

I sincerely trust that the reason is No. 3, as it would be the best case saver of the three reasons mentioned. Can't some one be put in charge of this program that wants to win the war and do something?
F. S.—Since writing the above report we have received a telegraphic request from Mr. BB, requesting additional changes and re-amping of what has been approved. We do not know where we are and what it is all about.

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Philippine Unit Hopes To Help MacArthur Return to Philippines
Nucleus of New Infantry Battalion Is Set Up By Army in California

By the Associated Press.
CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif., April 10.—A small band of determined men, who hope to accompany Gen. Douglas MacArthur when he goes back to the Philippines, form the nucleus of a United States Army Filipino infantry battalion.

"Our destination is the Philippines," said one officer.
Only recently activated by the Army and still small in numbers, the battalion is expected to grow. All the enlisted personnel and most of the officers will be Filipinos.

The commanding officer is the son of a former Governor General of one of the Philippine islands. He talked the native Tagalog dialect before he spoke English.

With Bataan's opposition seemingly crushed, Capt. Turso G.

Pajardo, executive officer, said: "The men are anxious to get back to take the Philippines away from the Japanese. Filipino men are transferring rapidly from other Army units to be with us in the Army when we retake the Philippines. They want to be with Gen. MacArthur on his return trip there."

Commanding officer is Lt. Col. Robert H. Offley, son of Col. Robert S. Offley, U. S. A., retired, who served as Governor General of the island of Mindoro. Other officers are Filipinos. They include Lt.

Roberto Lim, son of Gen. Vicente Lim, Filipino commander now fighting on Bataan.
Health of U. S. Sailor Protected at All Times
By the Associated Press.
CHICAGO.—It's safer to be in the Navy than to be a civilian, according to Lucius Johnson, M. D., captain, Marine Corps, United States Navy, writing in Hygiea.

Capt. Johnson says: "Unless engaged in actual combat, the Navy

man is much safer on his ship than he is when ashore on liberty." The Medical Department of the Navy has supervision over the health of the sailor throughout his entire career. Its mission is to keep as many men at his many guns as many days as possible.

On Johnson states: "The death rate in our Navy, despite its accidents, explosions, crowded quarters and the hazards of the sea, is only one-fourth as high as that of the States as a whole."

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