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Wednesday  
USS ORISKANY (CVA-34)

32.00 N Latitude  
127.00 E Longitude

AND SO THE ETHER BURNS

The following message was received by the Oriskany yesterday from the distinguished men of the Kearsarge. (Mind you, it was sent without apologies to Joyce Kilmer who wrote the poem, "Trees.")

FROM KEARSARGE TO ORISKANY

I HOPE THAT I SHALL NEVER SEE  
A SHIP LIKE THE ORISKANY  
  
A SHIP THAT STAYS IN PORT A YEAR  
LIKE IT WAS GLUED TO PIEDMONT PIER  
  
THEY EVEN USE OUR HUMBLE SCOW  
TO LAUNCH THEIR PLANES... THEY DON'T KNOW HOW  
  
HAVE YOU SEEN BRIDGES AT TOKO-RI  
THAT'S OSCAR BAIT FOR '53  
  
AN OSCAR MUST HAVE BEEN THEIR GOAL  
BUT WERE THE ONES WHO PLAYED THE ROLE  
  
IS OUR SHIP PERFECT? HEAVENS NO  
BUT HERE'S A THOUGHT BEFORE WE GO  
  
BUILD ANOTHER THIRTY THREE  
AND SCUTTLE THE ORISKANY.

FROM ORISKANY TO KEARSARGE

DISPATCH RECEIVED AND CONTENTS SCANNED  
APPARENTLY WE ARE BEING PANNED  
  
COME NOW, FRIENDS, DON'T LOSE YOUR GRIP  
YOU'RE STAND-IN FOR A FIGHTING SHIP  
  
FAR AWAY FROM HOMES AND MOTHERS  
WE'VE CAST YOU KEARSARGE BOYS AS LOVERS

HERKIMER'S ODE TO THE ORISKANY

We know that there will never be  
A ship as proud as the ORISKANY!  
  
But, a ship that gets so many breaks  
Must be "tops" for Heaven's sakes!  
  
It's true, we like old Piedmont Pier;  
Life can be beautiful - "WISH YOU WERE HERE"  
  
Poems are made by fools like thee,  
But the "Bridges" were bombed by ORISKANY!  
  
We inspired "The Bridges at Toko-ri!  
We also got the Navy "E"!  
And the Navy Oscar for '53!  
  
We'll never scuddle the O-RISKANY!  
But we could do without the '33!  
So, tweedle-dum and tweedle-dee!

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JERUSALEM, JORDAN SECTION: Israeli soldiers crossed Jordan territory and attacked Zawich village in the northern sector late Sunday night. A Jordan military