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At a press conference, they gave their lives in the service of their country. Their service could have been greater had this was occurred on a baseline or a basis of the war.

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Bryan named for noted Washington educator

Dr. Dean A. Bryan returned to Port Chicago for another long winter on Thursday, July 29, after being on vacation in the Saint Louis area for the past ten days. Bryan is president of Washington State University.

Town of Port Chicago, U.S. Naval Magazine suffer heavy damage

The town of Port Chicago (above left), site of two Axis bombs which caused extensive damage to several structures (above right). Below are examples of damage on the Naval Magazine.

Only 10 days old Quinault victory's career ended before it started

Quinault Lake shoreline in line with the Port of Seattle. Some Quinault_Alfred_Quinault, a live with salmon andやくに_Quinault, was born.

Two ships lost...

Continued from insert page 2 The island of Port Chicago is the location of the Port of Chicago Adventure and the site of the U.S. Navy's Naval Magazine. Two ships were lost during World War II in this area, and the town of Port Chicago was destroyed.

Dr. Bryan's daughter christens the ship at Kaiser's Richmond yard.

We've come a long way since 1944 Explosive handling "techniques" 45 years ago

Armed Guard veterans...

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