

Lecture: Reading E-Meter Reactions

Hubbard talks about getting all "gingered up" in the war, and about his reactivity since being in the South Pacific.

Actually, I knew a naval officer, he has only one creditable action in his whole existence and that was, he actually did identify an American fighter craft that was coming back in over the fleet. And it had been mauled up and it was making it all right. It was trailing smoke. And he did identify it, and he did restrain at the last instant, his people from firing at that aircraft. He did restrain them.

The aircraft was shot down by the next ship in line. But that was a creditable action, and I . . . I wish to assign it to him. It shows you that not all men are all bad.

But this was very unusual for him to do such a thing, which is why it stands out in my mind. It's almost incredible for the man to ever have inspected anything, yet he did in this particular case. But the safe thing, reactively, to do is of course, shoot at an aircraft without inspection.

Well, when fellows get all gingered up by war, they're liable to do things like this. Actually, the only thing wrong with wars is, you put weapons in the hands of men and get them marching around, some of those guns will go off and somebody's liable to get hurt. And that's the only thing wrong with war. Otherwise, they're fine.

So, there was a little Dutch corvette, and it had escaped from Java when it was abandoned by the Associated Allied Admirals Union and . . . they had to work overtime, so they abandoned it. Anyway, this little corvette escaped.

Well, I myself was in a sort of a gingery frame of mind and had very often gone clang when, in approaching American harbors, the local fighter command or torpedo boats would use you for target practice and they all were under orders, that in view of the fact there were no ships around of the enemy, that they should fight ours.

And they would take practice dummy runs on every ship that was coming in and they were under orders to do this. It was almost enough for a ship to be coming down the fairway for the fighter command to leap into their cockpits, tie their girl's stockings . . . or was that another war . . . and go screaming off down the runway and go dummy runs on you, you know?

And you'd have to hold your cap on, on the bridge, you see and the funnel would go eeuengh! and so on. And I used to object to this rather considerably, because I'd been over in . . . in the South Pacific, early in the war and it made me nervous. And I was getting reactive on the subject, you see?

— L. Ron Hubbard

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In another lecture , Hubbard spoke about being the first casualty back from the South Pacific, and waking up in a psych ward.

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