

Record, Radio Message from Rodman, Broadcast Over Radio Tokyo, 1943



Captured during the fall of the Philippines, John Rodman had little opportunity to notify his family that he was safe. His Japanese captors broadcast personal messages written by Rodman. They were received by short-wave radio operator R. P. Reed in Hopkins, Minnesota, on February 19, 1943. Reed produced vinyl albums of the broadcasts and mailed them to Rodman's family in Owensboro, Kentucky, confirming that he was alive and a prisoner of war. A note mailed with the recordings apologized for the sound quality due to interference from a Moscow radio station.

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