

'WANT TO FORGET SIGHTS I'VE SEEN'

But a Correspondent Wants to Remember the Heroism Of Bomber Pilots in Their Caribbean Search For Preying German U-Boats.

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ORANJESTAD, Aruba, N. W. I., March 3.—For eight days and nights I have been living and flying with the younger Americans manning the United States army bombers against the German U-boats nipping at the tankers in this vast oil-producing and refining area.

From the glass nose of heavy bombers I have seen yellow-jacketed demolition bombs drop down into a target that may have been one of the harrying pack. Sick at heart, I have looked down at what happens to men when a sub torpedo turns their tanker into a cauldron of boiling oil. I have talked with survivors who groped about with scared eyes, or stared blankly at me without comprehension.

I Want to Remember!

After more than 8000 miles of flying with army bombing planes, after dozens of breathless races out to waiting planes for takeoffs against reported targets, I have seen many sights that I want to forget . . . death and misery and destruction.

And I have seen things that I want to remember . . . the tireless energy and splendid fortitude of the bomber pilots and their crews . . . the interchange of friendliness and good will between the Dutch officials and the residents here and their invited military allies from the United States.

I want to remember the readiness with which soldiers from Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois are adapting themselves to this windswept little island—and liking it more every day.

Hit-and-Run U-Boats

Lounging with the bomber crews at a flying field here, I have heard that the Berlin radio announce that "Aruba is now in flames." If Aruba had any flames the fire department had not heard about it.

In summary the following points may be made as a result of my observations here:

1. German U-boat strategy at present is based on hit-and-run tactics, picking off tankers at sea or at dock.

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With THE BRITISH ON THE SITTANG FRONT, Burma, March 3.—The fighting here, north of Pegu, is curiously like that in Finland two years ago.

The patrols went snowshoeing, here they slodge across heavy crusted rice paddies. There the enemy crept at night through frozen forests. Here instead of through primeval spruce trees, he slithers through bamboo thickets and primitive jungles.

But here along the Sittang as one in the white wilderness of Kalarin and Lake Ladoga, the battle is one of stealth, surprise and boldness, as well as strength.

Prince Dies



The first war correspondent to fly in actual combat with U. S. army bombers, Nat A. Barrows today begins a series of articles telling of the hunt by air for the German U-boat wolfpack in the Caribbean.

2. Tankers sunk or damaged in this area since the attack on Aruba on Feb. 16 are believed to number 10, with a loss of more than 100 lives.

At Least Two Subs Sunk

3. Two and possibly more U-boats may have been sunk by United States army air corps bombers attached to Aruba and commanded by Lieut. T. R. Ford of Shelby, Mich.

4. Tracer bullets from the deck of a German submarine were fired Feb. 16 at the Lago refinery at San Nicholas. But otherwise, no attempt has been made to shell tank farm or the refinery.

5. One hundred and eighteen women and children in the Lago Oil Co. colony asked to be sent back to the United States and have departed by special planes.

Weak Spots Revealed

6. The young American pilots, crew members and enlisted men picked for this submarine-hunting assignment are a credit to themselves and their country.

7. German submarine penetrations has shown the United Nations certain weak spots in the defense of the Caribbean area.

It is possible that the U-boats operating against the tankers feeding oil to North America and Great Britain have a source of supply somewhere among the thousands of isolated coves and inlets of the islands of the Caribbean or on the coast of South America.

Dutch Officials Pleased

The U-boats certainly are packed with enough canned food to last many weeks and have an evaporator for making drinking water from the engines when the vessel comes to the surface.

Dutch officials here tell me that they are extremely pleased with the co-operation being given them by the American forces both here and at Curacao.

Ever since Master Sergt. Roland O. Peone of Spokane, Wash., landed on Jan. 12 as the first American soldier to set foot on Aruba, the presence of United States troops has been enthusiastically hailed by officials and residents of this 14-mile long island of coral and volcanic lava.

CULVER HONORS LOCAL BOY CULVER, Ind., March 3.—Ralph E. Morrow Jr., of 5730 Carrollton Ave., Indianapolis, has been given a provisional promotion to the rank of corporal at Culver Military Academy.

Fight Like Red Indians

In daylight the jungle is formidable enough but when it conceals 1000 enemy troops in the long, dark hours, and these men move as silent as American redskins and strike as ruthlessly and have secret local allies who frequently show them trails through the jungle's labyrinth—well, it is pretty much like the Lapland front one January night in that dreamlike arctic war.

Only it was 35 below zero that night and here it is 90 or something above at midday.

Anyway, despite tropical contrasts, it is still Red Indian war-

ARMY COMMAND UNITY IS LAUDED

AIR POWER GIVEN COMPLETE EQUALITY WITH GROUND AND SUPPLY FORCES.

WASHINGTON, March 3 (U. P.)—Air power was lifted to complete equality with the combined ground forces of the U. S. army today in the war department's most drastic reorganization of overlapping activities in more than 20 years.

The reorganization was approved yesterday by President Roosevelt.

Briefly it establishes—all on a par—three basic military commands. These are for air, ground and supply.

NOTES IMPROVEMENT

The growing recognition of air power's part in the war still fell short of demands in some congressional circles for complete independence of this phase. The U. S. army air forces command which has had a semi-autonomous status for some time, will continue in this capacity under the new program, but it will have at least one-half of the new general staff members in formulating policies.

The move to consolidate overlapping activities and reduce slow and cumbersome machinery in the general staff brought praise from congressional advocates of a war effort speed-up. Chairman Andrew J. May (D. K.) of the house military affairs committee, termed the plan "excellent," adding that "what we need in the military forces is a unified command in the different branches of the service and this set-up looks like it meant that."

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