

RICKENBACKER IS FOUND ON RAFT

World War I Ace Reported in Good Condition; Companion Died and Was Buried at Sea; Others Accounted For.

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the Eastern Air Lines, of which Rickenbacker was president, crashed near Atlanta, Ga.

Rickenbacker was aboard. He was critically hurt. For hours he lay pinned in the wreckage. But he fought off unconsciousness, warned rescuers and others not to light matches, which might have made a funeral pyre out of the gasoline-soaked wreck. He even gave directions for getting the others out.

Eight persons died in that crash but Rickenbacker, after weeks in a hospital, recovered.

When the second world war broke out, Rickenbacker at once offered his services. Shortly before starting the Pacific flight, he had returned from Great Britain where he made a special study for Secretary Stimson of army air forces personnel and equipment in the European theater.

He was on a similar inspection mission last October when the cryptic message reached Honolulu that his plane was running out of fuel.

Stimson Was Right

Rickenbacker was too valuable a man to lose. On Oct. 29, Stimson said he could not "help clinging to the hope that he will still turn up."

"You and I know," he told reporters, "that Capt. Rickenbacker is an exception to all the cut and dried rules."

So it turned out.

TOBRINGTON, Conn., Nov. 14 (U. P.).—Mrs. A. P. Kaczmarek burst into tears today when she was informed that her son, Sgt. Alex Kaczmarek, member of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's flight, had died while awaiting rescue in the Pacific and had been buried at sea.

"He was the only one," she wept, as she hung up the telephone receiver, too grief-stricken to continue.

Joint Search Made

The search for Rickenbacker was a joint search by the army and navy. Long-range army bombers and navy PBV flying boats crisscrossed the Pacific wastes where it was believed the crew members might be floating in their little yellow life rafts.

The search was rewarded by the finding of Capt. Cherry, pilot of the missing plane, this week. He was in good condition and is expected to recover from his ordeal.

Capt. Cherry's rescue gave focus to the search. Army and navy fliers and surface vessels covered the area day and night.

Until Capt. Cherry was found, even the approximate location of the scene of the plane's forced landing had been unknown.

How the three men located on the island are faring was not immediately determined. A U. S. navy officer has been flown to the island, however, and they will be returned to a naval base in the Pacific.

Found by Long Range Craft

The Catalina flying boat, as the Consolidated PBV which found Rickenbacker is known, is a long-range patrol craft on which the navy has relied heavily in scouting the ocean lanes.

It was a Catalina, in British service, which found the German battleship Bismarck in the North Atlantic before the naval battle in which the huge craft was sunk.

The Catalina carries a crew of five to nine men, has a maximum speed of about 200 miles an hour and can cruise about 4000 miles without refueling. It even has been employed as a dive-bomber on occasion against Japanese warships.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14 (U. P.).—Mrs. Eddie Rickenbacker expressed her thanks today for "the wonderful co-operation of the army and navy" in rescuing her husband from the Pacific.

"I have just been advised by Gen. H. H. Arnold (chief of the army air corps) of my husband's rescue," Mrs. Rickenbacker said. "Of course, the tension we have all been under

began to be a little relieved yesterday by the discovery of Capt. William T. Cherry Jr., the pilot of the ship."

"The war department's thorough and efficient search brought about their ultimate rescue. I cannot speak too highly of the wonderful co-operation of the army and navy and I wish I could thank everyone who participated personally."

"I have not a doubt in my mind about the wonderful reception given them by the men on that rubber raft when they were found."

"As stated before, my belief in the resourcefulness of this wonderful group of men, to say nothing of the constant prayers of Eddie's thousands of admirers and friends, would make it possible for them to withstand the strain until rescued."

INITIATIVE NOW WITH ALLIES, STALIN SAYS

LONDON, Nov. 14 (U. P.).—Premier Joseph Stalin believes that the allied campaign in North Africa "changes radically" the political and military situation in Europe in favor of the united nations and that it soon will relieve pressure on the Russian front, Radio Moscow said today.

Stalin said the campaign means, first of all that the initiative has passed into the hands of the allies. He said it again refutes those skeptics who said Anglo-American leaders were not capable of organizing a serious campaign.

"There can be no doubt that no one but first rate organizers could carry out such serious war operations as the successful landings in North Africa across the ocean, as the quick occupation of harbors and wide territories from Casablanca to Bougie, and the smashing of Italo-German armies in the western desert being effected with such mastery."

Further, he said, it creates conditions for putting Italy out of commission and isolating Germany, and finally, it creates the prerequisite for establishment of a second front in Europe.

Stalin set forth his views in a letter to Henry Cassidy, chief of the Moscow bureau of the Associated Press, in reply to a letter Cassidy had written him asking a series of questions.

Text of Communiques

Navy Communique No. 192

South Pacific: (All dates east longitude.)

1. A series of naval engagements which commenced on the night of Nov. 12-13 in the Solomon Islands is in progress. Both sides have suffered losses.

2. No details will be reported while the battle continues. To announce details of these actions while the battle is in progress would furnish the enemy with information of definite value to him.

Navy Communique No. 191

South Pacific: (All dates east longitude.)

(A) At about dawn U. S. naval forces commenced bombardment of enemy positions to the westward of our positions on Guadalcanal island. Shore batteries were silenced and large fires were started. Seventy-five Japanese landing boats, some of which had been previously damaged, were found at Tassafaronga. Thirty large landing boats were destroyed by ship's gunfire and several others were damaged.

(B) At 3:15 p. m. the bombardment was interrupted by an enemy air attack. Twenty-three Japanese torpedo bombers, escorted by eight fighters, attacked our surface ships in the vicinity of Guadalcanal. Twenty-eight Grumman Wildcats intercepted and shot down 18 enemy bombers and five Zeroes. Nine enemy planes were shot down by ship's anti-aircraft fire.

(C) During the above attack a Japanese plane, disabled and burning, crashed into

"Indestructible Man"



Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker . . . found after greatest sea-air hunt in modern history.

Men in the Service

Edward J. Gill, brother of William D. Gill, and Miss Mary Jane Gill, 5230 E. Washington st., has been promoted to corporal, technician, in the army's 38th division. Corp. Gill is a member of regimental headquarters company, 152d (Indiana) infantry.

Donald T. Griffin of Indianapolis has been promoted to corporal at the Ft. Bragg, N. C., field artillery replacement center.

Lieut. Joseph Krebsbach was graduated from officers training school Thursday and will arrive in Indianapolis Saturday on a short leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Krebsbach, 1914 Hoyt ave. Lieut. Krebsbach was a city fireman before entering the service. He is a graduate of Shortridge high school.

Enlist in Army

The following men enlisted recently in the army at recruiting headquarters here:

Ralph D. DeMoss, 41 S. LaSalle st.; Jack D. Rex, 4917 W. 11th; Speedway City; Edward A. Doney, 2018 W. Michigan st.; James Spratt, 1521 Saulcy st.; Clarence P. Lester, 901 E. Minnesota st.; Lloyd P. Davis, 744 Sparrow st.; James B. Griffin, 3614 N. Illinois st.; James L. Watson, 40 Jackson pl.; Donald E. Bollinger, 405 E. Trowbridge st.; James E. Ryan, 211 N. Forrest st.; Robert W. Pasick, 1017 N. Illinois st.; Donald E. Tudor, 5336 Guilford ave.; Herman E. Noble, 2410 N. Sherman st.; Franklin R. Stafford, 4408 E. New York st.; Robert W. Bare, 322 N. Noble st.; Irvin E. McCray, 1806 Broadway; Stanton M. Moffatt, 3024 N. Kenwood ave.; Carl

R. Gardner, 2314 Guilford ave.; Russell E. Cutrell, 3310 Kenwood ave.; Hilary L. Austin, 346 S. Rowena st.; Roger L. Ferguson, 3046 Kenwood ave.; Gerald R. Watterson, 928 Leut ave.; and Daniel R. Roth, 1137 Belle View pl.

Board 12 Draftees

The following registrants of local board 12 were inducted recently:

Fred F. Brown, Albany, Ind.; John Homer McManis, 1089 Oliver; Sol Battenger, 622 S. Meridian; Hugh Leon Arthur, 215 S. Illinois; Nick Oltan, 1001 W. Morris; Charles Franklin Rice, 1505 W. Morris; Roy Layman Holman, 1203 S. Meridian; Roin Eugene Ball, Maywood, Ind.; Forest Earl Sarver, 516 Birch; Frederick Leon Gray, 412 E. Market; John Thomas Garland, 650 S. Illinois; Ernest Curtis Smith, 224 Arbor; William O. Hodson, 1841 Kentucky; Leroy Nelson Harris, R. 20, Box 451; Mark E. Stone, 715 S. Illinois; Henry Frank Simon, 600 E. 15th; Claude Earl Paul, 817 Coffey; Fred Clarence Williams, 1015 Edwards; Charles Henry Parry, 133 W. Market; Cecelia Dewey Phillips, 901 N. New Jersey; Robert Wayne Denn, 511 1/2 W. Washington; Hyman Mandell, 213 S. Kenwood; Jack Loren Gibson, 1220 Park; Fletcher Rogers, 250 N. Richmond; Donald McKenzie Underwood, 142 S. Noble; Eugene Russell Ballbridge, 322 Fletcher; Robert Edward King, 328 W. South; Paul Robert Lewis, 1706 Blaine; and Harold Smith Armstrong, 708 E. Morris.

FINDS NO WAR HARDSHIPS HERE

London Correspondent Says U. S. Post-War Policy Has England Worried.

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really needs to come home to Americans as it never has before. Unless it does, we won't be able to do anything about preventing another one."

She declared that a lot of people in Britain weren't any too happy about the Republican sweep in the election. They fear that next time, this country may put the Republicans in the majority with a strong isolationist wing as well, she pointed out.

And what about our war hardships?

"I haven't seen any hardships here," she responded bluntly.

Food Supply Surprising

"I was appalled," she said, "when I landed in New York to see everything very much the same. What they called a dimout looked mighty bright to me. To see so much food was staggering."

She's been living under clothes rationing for a long time. She hadn't seen a piece of Kleenex or bobby pins in two years.

"But I had no desire to go on a shopping spree," she admitted. "One finds substitutes."

As for the work of our volunteer groups, she hasn't had a real opportunity to see them at work. She does have a feeling, however, that they are going through a phase here which the English lived through just before Dunkirk.

"People are bored waiting to put into action all their training," she pointed out. "Americans will get down to business when the time comes."

Worked With Volunteers

She speaks with some authority on the reaction of volunteer air raid wardens, etc., for she's worked right alongside them through the "blitz" on England.

She's spent nights inspecting shelters, riding with ambulance drivers and on top of London fire engines. And she was on the spot during that fearful bombing and shelling of Dover.

She will be returning to London in just a few weeks. In addition to her work for The Chicago Daily News foreign service, she publishes the Whitehall News Letter, a digest patterned after the Washington Kiplinger Letter. And with all this, she has found time to write two books, "This Terrible Peace" and "Under the British Umbrella."

LA GUARDIA SLAYS "DRAGON"

NEW YORK, Nov. 14 (U. P.).—Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia today slew a 65-foot dragon on the steps of city hall. It was a rubber dragon that a department store has been using in Thanksgiving day parades. La Guardia plunged a knife into the dragon's neck, the air hissed out, and the deflated carcass was turned in to the rubber salvage campaign.

Allied Air Armada Hammers at Tunisia; Genoa Raided; Chutists on Way to Africa

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"numerous formations" of planes in the Genoa raid. It was the second raid within a week on Genoa, where the big British planes were concentrating their attack in hope of paralyzing waterborne shipments of men and supplies to the flagging axis armies in Libya and Tunisia.

Report Naval Battle

Radio Vichy said today that advances from Tangier reported a terrific naval battle appeared to be in progress in the waters off Gibraltar.

As the British 8th army, still in untiring pursuit of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's beaten Afrika Korps, reached Gazala, in Libya, only 700 miles east of Tunisia, there was a chance that American and British parachute troops had been dropped from planes ranging ahead of the allied army closing in from the west. Rommel was believed to have reached Derna, 200 miles inside Libya.

As the axis position in both Libya and Tunisia grew increasingly more desperate, there was a new suggestion in an official communique that Adolf Hitler was evacuating his men by air rather than submit them to a final debacle.

Today's communique of the British Middle Eastern command and royal air force in Cairo said long range fighters attacked 60 axis planes "flying northward toward Sicily," destroyed seven large ones, badly damaged six.

The word "large" suggested that they were troop-carrying planes like the six loaded with troops which were reported shot down yesterday while flying "northward"—away from Africa.

Nazis Hold Air Field

The communique also reported a further blasting of the air field at Tunis which German parachutists had captured Thursday night. Gasoline dumps, workshops and airplanes were destroyed.

The success of all air operations was indicated in the surprisingly small allied losses. The planes operating under the R.A.F.'s Middle Eastern command lost only three of their number in all operations. The giant bombers which flew over the Alps last night to blast Genoa returned to Britain without loss.

The confidence of allied leaders that the decisive battle for Africa would end quickly in complete victory was reflected in an order of the day of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, whose British 8th army, chasing Rommel, was fast closing the eastern arm of the allied netcracker on what remains of the axis army in Africa.

Task Not Finished

"Our task is not finished yet," he told his victorious troops. "There is some good hunting to be had farther west in Libya." He reiterated that the united nations would knock the axis "right out of North Africa."

Dispatches from allied North African headquarters said French troops and civilians were battling German invasion troops at Tunis and in other sections of the French protectorate.

The Germans were known to have

landed paratroops, who control the big airfield outside Tunis, and were bringing in small 12 and 15-ton tanks by air. There were reports that an axis surface fleet was bringing additional reinforcements for a stand in Tunisia. African headquarters reports said there were at least 150 German dive bombers based in Tunisia at the present time.

The French resistance at Tunis definitely was not under allied direction, nor was it an indication that the allied entrance into the protectorate necessarily would be opposed by the French colonials. The French garrison was battling its ancient German and Italian enemy, as it was pledged to fight invasion, regardless of the source.

Darlan Status in Doubt

Admiral Jean Francois Darlan, former vice premier of the Vichy government and repudiated commander of its armed forces, was said to have broadcast over radio Algiers that he had assumed responsibility for French interests in North Africa and would guarantee its defense to the American forces there.

Fighting French disapproved the indication that Darlan had set up a civil government with allied assent and dispatches from North African headquarters appeared to cast doubt that Darlan had been accepted wholeheartedly as a United-American ally.

British Press Staff Correspondent C. R. Cunningham wrote from Africa: "As far as Darlan is concerned, the allies are not pinning hopes on him. In the allies' book, Darlan is an opportunist seeking the best possible spot for himself and as long as he makes any offers, the allies quickly will accept them."

Darlan's broadcast announcement, reported by Havas news agency, followed quickly his appeal to the African ports. There still was no

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