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Two Yank Forces Meet in Jungle and Exchange Greetings as Jap Resistance Is Ended at Guadalcanal After Six Months of Fighting.

(Editor's Note: Robert C. Miller was the only correspondent to cover both the invasion of Guadalcanal by American marines and the conclusive last battle. In the following dispatch, he describes the climactic meeting of the American forces after crushing Japanese resistance on Guadalcanal.)

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WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON GUADALCANAL, S. I., Feb. 9 (Delayed).—Two bearded men, their uniforms caked with mud, advanced cautiously toward each other through an abandoned coconut plantation today, saluted and clasped hands in a reunion that signaled the end of land fighting on Guadalcanal.

It was the union of two American forces which had driven the last vestige of Japanese resistance from the northwestern tip of Guadalcanal in the first all-American victory of the war in the Pacific.

Leading the forces moving from the west, Maj. H. Wirt Butler, 45-year-old Springfield, Ill., national guardman, greeted Lieut. Col. James Dalton, Burlington, Vt., pushing westward with his battle-begrimed troops.

"I'm damn glad to see you, too, colonel," said Maj. Butler, wringing his senior's hand.

"I'm sure glad to see you, too, major," the colonel replied.

A Reunion in the Jungle

Men from both commands rushed forward through the dense underbrush, waving their rifles and hugging each other, every man of them shouted almost as one.

"It's over boys," they cried. "We chased those little yellow (unprintable) back to Japan."

Old friends from the two forces recognized each other despite the dirt and beards on their faces and the camouflage of their uniforms. They greeted each other uproariously.

One said "Jeez, men, I wish we had a bottle to celebrate this. I'll bet my mom will be glad when she reads this back home."

Exhausted, the men flopped on the ground for the first relaxation since the offensive to drive the Japs from the island was renewed Feb. 1 by landing troops at Verahue, 18 miles beyond Cape Esperance behind the Jap lines and tapping the enemy between two columns rushing along the coast.

First Nippon Retreat

The historic battle for Guadalcanal, which began six months and two days ago, 35 miles to the east down the coast near the mouth of the Tenaru river, ended at 4:25 p. m., about 100 yards west of the deserted native village of Tenamaba, near the Tenamaba river.

The simultaneous drives of the two American columns ended completely the Japanese occupation of the island and for the first time in the Pacific war, the Japs were forced to retreat from previous conquered territory.

Except for a few hundred who escaped in small boats from the northern part of the island in the past fortnight, the Japanese army and marine units on Guadalcanal were utterly annihilated or taken prisoner.

Leave Much Booty

In their haste to evacuate the then untenable island, the Japs left great quantities of booty behind them. This included two complete radio stations and scores of sampan and landing boats, about 200 collapsible boats and dozens of outboard motors, field pieces, machine guns, coastal guns, ammunition, food and medical supplies.

Few Japanese officers were captured, but everywhere there was evidence of their excess. Behind them they left their personal gear, including the coveted officer's sword, pistols, daggers, all of which they are forbidden by divine tradition ever to remove except in death.

"It is impossible to comprehend the supplies and equipment the Japs left spread along the beach between Marovoro and here," said Maj. Butler.

Wrecked Zeros Found

The Japs made a frenzied effort to bury some valuables, but other supplies were dumped on the ground and abandoned.

Three bullet-riddled zero fighters, which apparently had been shot down early in the campaign were discovered along the beach, not far from a two-man submarine which had been beached.

Col. Alexander George of Chicago, who led the force down the coast from Verahue, was wounded slightly by Jap machine gun fire and was removed. Lieut. Col. George F. Perry of Chicago, former Carnegie steel manager, replaced him, and Butler was sent to the head of the advancing spearhead from the west.

Dalton's forces meanwhile had driven steadily along the western coast, meeting diminishing resistance as the hours passed.

Japs Land Marines

Perry said that "from the landing we advanced behind a barrage of marine artillery, which did a magnificent job. Our first contact with the Japs came on Feb. 2, when we met a force estimated at 2000 fresh Jap marines, fully equipped and well armed."

"We believe these troops landed recently to protect an attempted evacuation, since they disappeared on Feb. 3 when we outflanked them."

George's troops remained at Marovoro until Feb. 8, when they advanced. Meanwhile Dalton's forces pushed up beyond Tassafaronga, 15 miles below Cape Esperance, behind heavy artillery barrage which blasted open a path for them.

"Apparently the Japs evacuated

GOP FACTIONAL CLIMAX NEARS

Blue's Raids in Suburbs Makes City Hall and Police Fume.

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to determine who's going to run the G. O. P. show around here. The Republican regulars broke off relations with Mayor Tyndall three weeks ago over the latter's sweeping patronage coup and his ultimatum that he would handle city jobs without any help from the ward chairmen.

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Top Lady Marine



Maj. Ruth Cheney Streeter, Morristown, N. J., attorney, in uniform after taking oath as director of the new Women's marine corps reserve.

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HIT-RUN DEATH HEARING IS SET

Police Claim Statement From John Murray, Car Driver.

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Wolf, 2028 Olive st., a brother-in-law of Murray, who yesterday voluntarily informed police of the identity of the driver of the death car.

Evidence and statements were turned over to Prosecutor Sherwood Blue today.

Visited Several Taverns

In his statement, Murray told of visiting several beer taverns yesterday, accompanied by Kossmann.

Describing the accident, he said: "A woman holding the hand of a child ran from the south side of the street in front of the drugstore toward the north. She ran right in front of the car I was driving."

Murray's complete statement, signed at police headquarters, is as follows:

"At about 3:30 p. m. Feb. 11, Bud Kossmann and I got off work at Armour & Co., where we are employed. We went to the timekeeper's office at that company to see about our defense bonds. We then went to Adolph's barber shop at Ray and S. Meridian st., where we both got a haircut."

"After leaving the barber shop we went to a tavern located at Senate ave. and Morris st., which I know as Cooney's, where I drank two bottles of beer. This was about 5:45 p. m. We then went to Jack Turner's filling station, which is located on Shelby st., one square north of Fountain Square. We then went to Virgil's tavern on Virginia ave., north of Fountain Square. At this place I drank a 10-cent glass of beer and ate a sandwich. This was about 7 p. m."

Gets Another Beer

"We then went to the home of Leo Wolf, who is my brother-in-law. This is 2000 south. I do not recall the name of the street. He was not at home so we went to the tavern located on the west side of Shelby st. just south of the drug store south of Raymond st. At this place I drank one 10-cent glass of beer. This was between 8 p. m. and 8:30 p. m."

"I called my brother-in-law, Leo Wolf, from this place. He was at his mother's house. I made arrangements to meet him at the tavern located at Bosart and E. 10th st. I was drinking a 10-cent glass of beer in this tavern when my brother-in-law, Leo Wolf, came in."

"The three of us, Leo Wolf, my brother-in-law, Bud Kossmann and I then each had a 10-cent glass of beer. From there we went to the Tic-Toc club, a tavern located in E. 10th st. Then my companions and I drank two bottles of beer. We then went to the Plaza garage where I purchased four gallons of gas using my ration coupon. This gas was paid for by Bud Kossmann."

Wife Owns Auto

"I then drove the car, a Dodge 1940 model, bearing Indiana license 12282, which is owned by my wife, Eva, east on Vermont st. to Massachusetts ave. and then northeast on Massachusetts ave."

"At the intersection of Noble and Massachusetts ave. I had the go or green signal. I was driving on the right side of the safety zone, located at the southeast corner of this intersection, when a woman holding the hand of a child ran from the south side of the street in front of the drugstore toward the north. She ran right in front of the car I was driving, and the left front side of my car struck them, knocking them toward the left."

"At the time the accident occurred, the car I was driving was traveling between 15 and 20 miles per hour. I slowed down and then turned into St. Clair st. and drove east on St. Clair st. Being worried and excited I did not pay any attention to how fast I was driving."

"After driving about 15 or 20 minutes I stopped the car and we, Leo Wolf, Bud Kossmann and myself, talked about what we should do. I thought that the car I was driving had just brushed the child and did not go back to the scene."

Takes Kin Home

"I then took my brother-in-law, Leo Wolf, home. This is on N. Wallace st. After leaving there I and Bud Kossmann went to my house at 32 W. St. Clair st. where I told my wife I was going to take Bud home and go out and get a couple of beers. This was about 11:45 p. m."

"I then drove to Storey, Ind., where I and Bud Kossmann went to the farm of William Kirk, whom I know through his son-in-law, who was formerly employed at Armour & Co. We arrived at this place between 3 a. m. and 4 a. m. Feb. 12. We left there about 1:30 p. m. the same day."

"We went to Sam Finch's house on Conrad st. and another street which I do not know the name of. He lives on the corner of these streets. This is in the city of Indianapolis. Prior to going to Sam Finch's house, we had the car I was driving washed in a place in the 800 block on N. Meridian st."

"It was about 6 p. m. or a little earlier when we arrived at the home of Sam Finch. At Sam's house we read the newspaper and learned of the results of the accident, and were advised by Mr. Finch to go in and give ourselves up."

Taken Into Custody

"We remained at the home of Sam Finch for about 20 minutes. Bud and I talked over the facts of the accident and decided to go to police headquarters. On the way to police headquarters we stopped at the home of Charles Boyner, which is on Jones st. While we were at this place we were taken into custody by the police."

"I have read this statement and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I sign it of my own free will and accord."

Police said that the "home of Charles Boyner on Jones st." which is mentioned in Murray's statement is the same as the home of Charles Voina at 575 W. Wilkins st., where he was arrested.

Sergt. Frank A. Mueller and Corp. Edward Dugan of the accident prevention bureau took and witnessed the statement.

Murray is an employee of the Armour Packing Co. and is married. With two other sons, Charles, 11 years old, and Thomas, 9 years old, Mrs. Shields lives at 524 E. Ninth st.

Funeral services for William Joseph Shields will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at the J. C. Wilson Chapel of the Chimes. Burial will be in Sutherland Park.

INQUIRY IS PUSHED INTO BLACK MARKET

BOSTON, Feb. 13 (U. P.).—The investigation of a black market in meat and butter in Massachusetts, which already has resulted in 12 indictments, has "just scratched the surface," U. S. Attorney Edmund J. Brandon said today.

He described the inquiry by a federal grand jury as "a decisive move completely to smash the black market" in this state, and said that the indictment of more "profiteers" might be expected.

As an example of the flagrant violations of the price laws, Brandon cited the case of a retailer who was forced to pay a black market price of \$900 for meat which had a ceiling price of \$475.

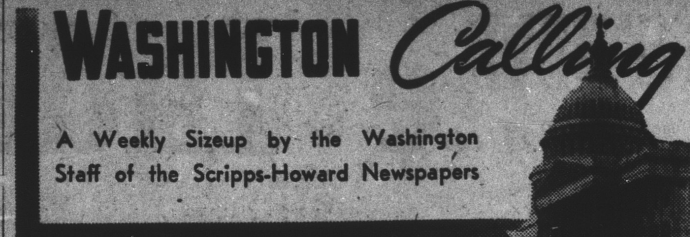
PLANE FOUND IN BAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (U. P.).—An army fighter plane, missing since Thursday afternoon on a flight from Providence, R. I., to Groton, Conn., was found last night in 58 feet of water in the south end of Narragansett bay. The body of the pilot is believed to be still in the plane.

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Mussolini is looking for sanctuary for himself and his family, and possibly for Victor Emmanuel III and the royal family.

Finding a neutral to act as intermediary if and when Mussolini has any genuine peace offer to make would present no great difficulty. Finding a place of refuge when Italy gets too hot for Fascist leaders is not so easy. Vatican City is as completely sovereign as any country on earth—and the religious world considers it sacred soil.

G. O. P. Running the House

REPUBLICANS HAVE started writing your laws in the house of representatives. There's every indication—even leading Democrats admit it—that they'll continue doing so.

Speaker Sam Rayburn has been "leading" from behind. Reporters threaten to ask Republican Leader Joe Martin to hold noon-day conferences, instead of Rayburn, so they'll know what to expect.

Rayburn's friends are ambitious for him in 1944 (presidential year). Some think this affects his leadership. In any event, he's failed to keep Democrats on the floor; hasn't had a full turn-out since the vote that put him in office. Republican Leader Martin keeps his members in their seats every day. That's why he carries roll calls by a few votes.

Hierarchy of old-time G. O. P. congressmen are working with Martin, guiding Republican policy in the house. It includes Taber, New York; Dittler, Pennsylvania; Dirksen, Illinois; Wolcott and Michener, Michigan; Allen, Illinois; Halleck, Indiana.

NOTE: Democratic whip system is being over-hauled. Effort will be made to round up more voting members, but absentees have included some powerful members who won't be "whipped."

Attid unanswered questions about the 48-hour week: What happens to railroad and other transportation workers whose jobs take them from labor-shortage areas to one not so designated every day or so? Management and unions can't find out.

Most railroad employees (who aren't covered by wage-hour act) already are working 48 hours or more. Others are theoretically on 48-hour week but get time off after meeting mileage specifications. They're really piece workers, and what to do about them raises still another problem.

Coming up: A nation-wide drive to reduce the absence-from-work rate. It will start when half a dozen government agencies finish their study into causes of absenteeism.

U. S. Bases Figure in Lend-Lease

BILL EXTENDING lend-lease is expected to get unanimous approval from house foreign affairs committee.

But when it gets to the floor there'll be talk of adding on some lend-lease-in-reverse. It will have to do with clinching our claims to permanent air and sea bases in Pacific and Atlantic, already advocated by Secretary Knox.

Drive for permanent bases has the support of Senator Tom Connally, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, but unlike Knox, others on Capitol Hill, he's not convinced start should be made now.

You can look for Henry Kaiser to beat this time—as usual—on that cargo plane assignment of his. And then for more talk about the whole subject of big air carriers.

Will McNutt follow Henderson into limbo? Test may come when he goes before appropriations committees. If he can't get the money he's been asking for over a year to enlarge employment service, otherwise get war manpower commission in shape to function more efficiently, his tenure may be in danger.

War labor board may be first victim of Smith committee to investigate executive agencies. Smith—who conducted long investigation of NLRB—doesn't like its policies.

Add investigations: OPA's grade labeling and other directives will be scrutinized by house interstate and foreign commerce subcommittee, it seems certain. Halleck resolution ordering it is slated for adoption.

A Warning to the Bureaucrats

SENATE will eliminate the house amendment to postoffice appropriation bill outlawing free mail for government departments and agencies. It only squeezed through the house by three votes. But sponsors hope bureaucrats will take heed, cut down on use of mails for propaganda.

Rep. Edith Rogers, congressional sponsor of the WAACs, plans another women's win-the-war group; will introduce legislation soon creating a similar group for farm work.

Betting's like this on the freight rate increase case: That increases on agricultural products will be dropped; others retained.

And here's the plan to shelve that bill to bar lame-duck congressmen from posts in the executive departments for two years.

Chairman Hutton Summers of the house judiciary committee will decide the bill goes to fundamental questions of what qualifies a man for a job, that qualifications can't be changed without constitutional amendment. That would be the end of that.

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