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Experiences of Hoosier in
Army to Live
Forever.

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hineen Jap bombers diving on some object—we couldn't make it out. They started for us but as the squadron leader got above us he wagged his wings, gunned his engine, and they started off at full speed. Our planes were probably after them.

The first Zero we examined was certainly battered. After making several sketches, the photographers took pictures of our group with the native boys. The rest of the Zeros were offshore so the officers decided to have a look.

Sharks in Water

"One of the officers was sitting up in front with his feet over the sides when we met a school of sharks. We got down in the boat and fired on them and did a pretty good job but the officer didn't dangle his feet in the water after dangled them, however.

"As we proceeded on our trip we noticed some soldiers waving and yelling to us from shore. We pulled over thinking they had prisoners but one of their own men needed hospitalization immediately so we took him aboard—also several cases of malaria. Next stop we picked up two more Jap prisoners, just about on their last legs.

Get Fresh Meat

"We spotted an old mission and went to look at it and tried to get near enough to see a crashed Zero, but it was in the breakers. When we got ashore a little Jap was sitting under a tree with a big smile on his face. His leg was swollen twice normal size and he was suffering from gangrene, but he was happy because he knew food was near. We carried him aboard.

A later letter from the sergeant stated that he had gone out on assignment as usual to the place where some Jap planes were down. This time, with others of the party, he had taken his blanket and roll, mosquito net and side arms.

"We left in the afternoon—we ate chow aboard ship—had ham and green beans, bread, butter, and coffee. Bread and butter and fresh meat is a treat in any man's army—and particularly out here."

The next plane they were to examine was in deep jungle—while they were working on it a plane dropped a message—it was addressed to the colonel and marked urgent, the sergeant said, and the message read, "The Zero which you are about to salvage has an explosive charge in the cockpit on the left hand side."

"We found the package—it was tied around one of the instruments—I cut it loose and we laid it on the ground—and opened it. It was the Jap's food rations."

Guerilla in U. S.



GEN. SIKORSKI DIES IN CRASH

Polish Prime Minister's
Plane Falls Near
Gibraltar.

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land at the time Germany marched into western Poland in 1939.

Sikorski was one of the most moderate Polish leaders as far as relations with Russia were concerned and it was largely due to his efforts that the Polish-Russian treaty of friendship was signed in 1941.

In recent months, he had been plagued repeatedly by Polish extremists, who took the position that their country should not maintain any relations whatever with Russia. He went to the Middle East at the end of May, both to inspect his armed forces there and to assess their sentiment and that of refugees from Russia toward healing the Chinese republic, put it:

"The rest of mankind is the

Sikorski escaped to France after the Germans overran his homeland in September, 1939, and became premier of the Polish exile government and commander-in-chief of its rejuvenated army.

When France collapsed the following year, Sikorski and his government went to London and carried on. He frequently visited the Middle East in connection with the training of Polish troops there and also had visited the United States twice.

An estimated 250,000 troops of conquered Poland rallied in Sikorski and his army ranked first among those of the governments in exile.

Military circles regarded Sikorski as one of the world's top strategists—a reputation that was won during his battles to free Poland during world war I.

Sikorski came from a section of Poland under the heel of Austria before the nation resumed its independence. Educated as a civil engineer, he began his patriotic work as an undergraduate, and in 1910 was head of a rifle society that worked for Polish freedom.

The world war gave him his chance. Tuszow, near Sandomierz in central Poland, where he was born May 20, 1881, made him subject to the Austrian Draft. He had been conscripted in 1905 and in 1903 became a reservist with the rank of lieutenant.

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Herman Frankinson, Kokomo, was one of 30 officers and men decorated at a ceremony celebrating the anniversary of the China air force, at Chungking, July 3. The awards were presented by Lt. Gen. Joseph Stillwell.

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Commanded a Regiment

Austria called up Sikorski when world war I started but he later

was transferred to the Polish legions

and became chief of the military

department of the Polish national

council. By 1916 he commanded a

regiment.

When Poland's president was as-

sassinated in 1922 and civil war

threatened, Sikorski became prime

minister for a brief period. Poland's

first social insurance law was passed

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