

Two Stout Field Men Killed In St. Louis Glider Tragedy

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number produced by the firm, were not disclosed.

Johnson said, "every possible cause, including sabotage," would be investigated. The federal bureau of investigation, he said, had not been called upon, but he indicated that it would be asked to investigate if the circumstances warranted it.

Lt. Col. Albert T. Wilson Jr., director of training at Stout Field, was appointed to head an army board of inquiry.

Maj. Robertson Killed

The 10 victims included Major William De Becker; Thomas Dyer, president of the St. Louis chamber of commerce, and Maj. William B. Robertson, president of the Robertson Aircraft Corp., which built the glider.

Robertson, a pioneer in aviation, was co-founder of Lambert field and helped finance Charles A. Lindbergh's historic flight to France. He helped organize Transcontinental Air Lines, assisted in surveying and laying out the China National Airways and made an aerial survey of the air transport facilities of Turkey.

The glider was flying directly over the field at an altitude of about 2000 feet when spectators saw the right wing collapse. The wing dropped off seconds after the glider was released from the towline for the flight under its own momentum. Shortly afterward, the left wing buckled under pressure and folded back against the fuselage as the glider plummeted toward the ground.

Women fainted as the craft struck the earth with a dull crash. Splinters and fragments were hurled several hundred feet from the wreckage.

The flight was staged by the Robertson Aircraft Corp. and the first troop carrier command of the army air forces. Maj. Walter T. Fletcher, who piloted the Douglas C-47 cargo plane which towed the glider, said the craft was released from the tow line without incident.

Corp. J. A. Briggs, crew chief who released the line, said the motorless craft faltered a few seconds later.

Accommodated 15 Persons

The glider was built to accommodate 15 fully-equipped soldiers and one jeep. But company officials said it could handle five times its weight capacity. Shortly before the crash, the craft made a successful test flight.

At the press conference before the flight, Mayor Becker was asked whether he thought glider flights were dangerous. Becker, who had never flown in a glider, replied:

"You can die only once and we must die sometime."

Others killed in the crash were: Lieut. Col. Paul H. Hazelton, miscellaneous area officer of the army air force; Max Doyle of the St. Louis public utilities department; Charles Cunningham, assistant city controller; St. Louis County Judge Henry Mueller, and Harold A. Krueger, vice president and general manager of the Robertson Corp.

ALLIES LAUNCH SICILY BIG PUSH

San Stefano Is Captured
As 10,000 Prisoners
Are Bagged.

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part of the island. The road runs south from San Stefano through Mistretta and the Caronian mountains to Nicosia.

The American advance of 12 miles brought Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's doughboys within 70 miles of Messina along the north coastal road.

The axis prisoners were captured in the Mistretta area. The total Germans captured represented about one-third of a full division.

Gunfire Effective

American motor torpedo boats have been supporting the advance of the 7th army along the north coast. Naval gunfire has been found effective in disposing of enemy positions which could not be reached by land artillery. Naval guns have been particularly useful in shelling valleys along the coast.

The allied front line now runs almost due south from San Stefano through Mistretta, Nicosia, then southeastward through Agira and Regalbuto to Catenuova, and eastward on a line running just south of Paterno and Catania.

Allied announcements revealed also that Assoro, and Nissoria, small towns in the Agira area, were in allied hands—presumably Catania.

Heavy bombers that raided Naples and other Italian towns enforced the allied warning that devastating attacks would result from the Italian government's temporizing policy.

A great force of American Flying Fortresses ripped up the dock area of Naples and blasted the nearby Capo di Chino air field yesterday.

Two transports in the inner coast were hit and the seaplane base was heavily damaged. One salvo of bombs destroyed a railroad station and a direct hit sent the gas works up in flames with a terrific explosion. A military barracks also was damaged.

At Capo di Chino, hangars and headquarters buildings were blown to bits, a large oil depot was destroyed and planes on the ground were set afire.

Eight Planes Downed

The Fortresses were escorted by P-38 Lightnings. About 30 axis planes were encountered, of which eight were shot down, giving the allies a score of 13 enemy planes destroyed to one of their own lost during the day.

Aircraft of the allied tactical air force bombed Paterno and Randazzo at the base of Mt. Etna, the harbor at Messina across from the Italian mainland, Milazzo on the northern coast, and shot up enemy motor transport near Orlando on the north coast.

Boldly asserting their command of Italy's Tyrrhenian sea—bordered by Sicily, Sardinia and the Italian mainland—allied cruisers and destroyers steamed some 75 miles up the west coast and sent hundreds of shells crashing into the Vibo Valentia Marina harbor on the south side of the Gulf of Eufemia.

Lt. Scott Is Killed in B-24 Crash

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Wayne, where his father was business secretary of the Y. M. C. A. 12 years.

The only other immediate survivor is a sister, Mrs. Oliver Cromwell of Alamogordo, N. M., whose husband is in the army there.

Mrs. Scott, the former Miss Phyllis Hollingshead of Howe, was married to Lt. Scott when both were students at Indiana.

Lt. Scott, who was a bombardier, returned to the United States from a mission in South America in June, his wife said.

Prisoners

SIX INDIANAPOLIS MEN are among 697 U. S. soldiers held prisoner of war by Germany, the war department has announced.

Pfc. John H. Jarrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jarrett, 1021 Goodlet ave., was captured during the North African campaign in February.

A prisoner since Feb. 17, Cpl. Harold Milender, son of Mrs. Ethel Milender, 2846 N. Capitol ave., has written four cards and one letter to his relatives here since his imprisonment in Germany.

Sgt. John Preda, son of Mrs. Freda Preda, Route 3, also was captured in the African campaign after being in service three years.

Other Indianapolis men on the German prisoner list are Cpl. Robert J. Berger, son of Mrs. Dorothy Berger, 3047 N. Illinois st.; Cpl. Daniel S. Jones, son of Mrs. Clara Cunningham, 315 Taft st., and Cpl. Donald Williams, son of Harry Williams, Route 6.

Worth from Pfc. Jarrett, 22, was received recently by his parents, telling them that he "was well and having a good time."

He said that he did not have to work hard and that he would be permitted to write one letter and two postal cards a month.

He has been in the army nearly three years and received his training at Ft. Knox, Ky., in Louisiana and New Jersey.

Sgt. Preda, a member of the army armored division, also has written home that he was "okay." He has been in the service three years and was graduated from Ben Davis high school.

Other Indiana men taken by the Nazis were:

Cpl. George B. Bolter, son of Mrs. Francis Bolter, South Bend.

Sgt. Gr. James O. Bolter, son of Mrs. Henrietta Bolter, Lexington.

Cpl. Eugene T. Bowman, son of Tom Bowman, Florida.

Pvt. George M. Chigas, son of Mrs. Susan Chigas, East Chicago.

Pvt. Max L. Clum, son of Mrs. Grace Clum, Auburn.

Sgt. Joseph T. Dawson, brother of Lila May Dawson, Chrisney.

Pvt. Joseph P. Doyle, son of Mrs. Marie B. Doyle, Logansport.

Sgt. Earl M. Fields, son of Forest Fields, Hayden.

T. 5th Gr. Robert E. Gist, husband of Mrs. Robert E. Gist, Evansville.

Sgt. Earl M. Goodale, son of Mrs. Clara M. Goodale, Logansport.

Pfc. Donald D. Humphrey, son of Mrs. Edna Humphrey, South Bend.

Sgt. Carl P. Johnson, son of Dan E. Johnson, Anderson.

T. 4th Gr. Max Kowalevsky, son of Mrs. Julia Kowalevsky, Hammond.

Pvt. William O. Lopp, son of Mrs. Anna Lopp, Corydon.

T. 5th Gr. John S. McCabe, brother of Mrs. Margaret Timmons, Gary.

Sgt. Claude R. McCarty, son of Mrs. Lavette McCarty, Brownstown.

Pvt. Forrest R. McMillan, son of Mrs. Owen Bunch, New Albany.

Sgt. Robert C. Nichols, husband of Mrs. Catherine Nichols, Anderson.

T. 4th Gr. Edward R. Nielsen, son of Mrs. Nielsen, North Judson.

T. 5th Gr. Arvid J. Putman, cousin of Arthur J. Kuhn, Akron.

Pvt. Edward E. Reeves, son of Mrs. Alice Reeves, Dugout.

Sgt. Thelmer Roberts, brother of Mrs. E. W. Covington, Michigan City.

Pvt. Carl E. Royle, son of Robert Royle, Marion.

Cpl. Stanford A. Schulz, son of Mrs. Anna Schulz, Evansville.

Sgt. Alva B. Schofield, son of Mrs. Nancy Schofield.

Pfc. Ervin L. Sease, son of Mrs. Martha Sease, Peru.

Sgt. William E. Sims, son of Mrs. Ada Sims, Grand View.

Sgt. Norman W. Shinning, husband of Mrs. Norman W. Shinning, Elkhart.

Cpl. Paul Slavin, son of Mrs. Edna Slavin, Hammond.

Pfc. Doyle Smith, husband of Mrs. Doyle Smith, Huntington.

2d Lt. Robert Spurr III, husband of Mrs. Robert Spurr III, Richmond.

Pvt. Donald F. Storch, husband of Mrs. Billie Storch, East Chicago.

Sgt. George P. Thorpe, son of Mrs. Edith Thorpe, Evansville.

Pfc. Bernard E. Verhey, son of Mrs. Mary Verhey, Alton.

Pfc. Norman L. Vernon, son of Mrs. Mary L. Vernon, New Albany.

T. 5th Gr. Fred J. Wackenhut, husband of Mrs. Winifred C. Wackenhut, Anderson.

Pfc. Charles E. Wright, son of Mrs. Lillie F. Wright, New Albany.

T. 4th Gr. Bernard L. Zimmer, son of Mrs. Martha T. Zimmer, Evansville.

Wounded

SGT. JOHN E. WRIGHT, son of Mrs. Florence E. Eby, 1447 Montclair st., has been wounded in the Aleutians, the war department announced today.

According to his mother who works on airplane gears at the Indiana Gear Co., her son, a bomber crewman, was hurt in a plane crash July 15. She said she had heard from her son and that he was "feeling all right."

Sgt. Wright, who joined the army air forces two years ago, was with the Roscoe Turner Aerobatics Corp. school before enlisting. He was graduated from Tech high school in 1941.

Other Indiana men among the 109 U. S. soldiers wounded in action are 2d Lt. Charles R. Christian, son of Charles L. Christian, Lafayette, and Pvt. Gene Kopp, son of Mrs. Maria Swirca, Michigan City, both wounded in the European area, and 2d Lt. William C. Shrennmann, son of Lloyd Byron Shrennmann, Plymouth, who was wounded in the Pacific theater.

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BATTLEFIELD 'LOOKS' QUIET

The Smoke of War Hovers
Over Plain to
Catania.

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evidences remain.

Graves are here and there, and rough crosses, some with helmets stuck on them. Several very dead Germans lie in attitudes utterly relaxed, like men deep in sleep. One has his right arm over his head in a macabre caricature of Heil Hitler. It was the way he fell.

Rifles, ammunition and iron helmets are strewn everywhere but you don't touch anything. Remember booby traps.

Screesh of Shells

Then there is a sharp reminder that this isn't an old battlefield, but a very live one. Guns behind bang-bang their salvos. The strange screech of the shells makes the old gunner with you smile grimly and nod approvingly. That is real war, says he. Planes buzz busily back and forth. All your own. They have the same impersonal air as the gunfire.

It seems as if they might merely be practicing as they do around the big airfields back home. But there are heavy rumblings from tranquil looking Catania. Brownish gray smoke billows up lazily from the town. Men are dying. Men are losing limbs and eyes.

But after Hollywood movies it seems rather undramatic. It is all way over there in that Riviera looking town or down in that plain which resembles the San Joaquin valley. There is one effect you don't find in movie theaters, however. That is the smell of death.

Some distance off you find the headquarters of a famous division. From it emerges a figure familiar to all Americans and British alike. You can't mistake that beret, that sharp glance. Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery gets around over a lot of territory.

Montgomery radiates alertness and eagerness. "The Americans are going wonderfully," he says. "I saw Gen. (George S.) Patton and we discussed plans. By the way, I nearly killed myself in that Flying Fortress landing yesterday. We burned out the brakes rushing down a short runway and finally the pilot slewed it around just in time."

POST-WAR UNITY NEEDED, SAY SOLOS

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that if the united nations now fighting as allies had been as united and powerful 10 years ago as they are now "there never would have been a war."

"That's the whole idea in post-war planning," Rep. Ramspeck said. "The nations of the world must unite on a program of international relations, then be prepared to enforce the program, stopping any aggressor-minded nation even before it gets started."

"If there had been a united nations when Japan first planned to invade Manchuria, the world could have been saved from war because Japan could not have risked invasion if she knew a powerful united group was ready to move against her," he said.

Senator Burton said the united nations must set up an international military force to see that all treaties are enforced.

"The united nations must set up a post-war program that will rehabilitate all nations," conquered and occupied, because the United States certainly can't do business with bankrupt nations all over the world," the senator said.

Mr. Burton said there is very little evidence of any isolationist attitude in congress.

"I think nearly every one realizes now that the United States either must unite on a program with other nations of the world or go it alone and probably face the possibility of having to fight the rest of the world some time," he said.

The legislators said the main purpose of their dual speaking tour was to get the American people thinking about post-war problems from a strictly non-partisan viewpoint.

KIN OF WAR HEROES GET MEDALS HERE

Two posthumous decorations were presented yesterday to the next of kin by Col. James M. Churchill, commanding officer of Ft. Harrison.

Mrs. Zelma Boice of Swayzee received the distinguished service cross award to her husband, Capt. William F. Boice for extraordinary heroism in action in the Buna Mission in New Guinea Dec. 19, 1942. Mrs. Boice requested that the medal be pinned on her 5-year-old son, William F. Boice Jr.

Elmer L. Moore of Elwood was presented a silver star award given to his son, Sgt. Parke P. Moore, for gallantry in action against an armed enemy in the vicinity of Tebourba, Tunisia, Dec. 2, 1942.

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Frans von Papen, had protested to the Turkish government regarding facilities allegedly accorded to representatives of axis satellite countries. These facilities, it was said, permitted the axis satellites to contact allied diplomats in Turkey and presumably concerned reported satellite peace feelers, especially by Hungary.

Hint Sweden Acts

Germany also appeared to be facing new difficulties on her northern flank. A dispatch to the London Evening Standard said it was reliably reported that the Swedish cabinet, with King Gustav presiding, decided last Friday to cancel Sweden's agreement whereby German troops are given the right of transit through Swedish territory. Such a move would severely hamper Germany's ability to defend Norway.

In Italy, there were conflicting reports as to latest developments but it was obvious the allied threat of new big-scale air raids had intensified demands for peace. The union of five Italian socialist parties, recently reported active in Northern Italy, was said to have appealed to Italian troops not to co-operate with the new government of Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio.

A CBS broadcast from Switzerland said Germany had prepared to occupy the northeastern corner of Italy if Rome surrenders, setting up a line on the River Po and blocking the allied path overland to Jugoslavia.)

'Criticism Increases'

The German Trans-Ocean news agency said the Italian people were calm and rallying in support of the new government despite "the lies" broadcast by allied radios concerning rioting.

The British radio said German and Italian troops were fighting each other at Brescia, northeast of Milan, and that Italians were standing off Germans in the Po valley, while criticism of the Badoglio government is increasing.

From Cairo came a report that the Germans are massing naval crews at Toulon, Split, Jugoslavia and Corfu off the west shore of Greece, preparatory to taking over by force if necessary the Italian fleet.

A well-informed neutral source in Cairo was quoted that the Germans already have taken over 15,000 tons Italian submarines based on the Greek island of Syros. Altogether the Italians were believed to have 65 submarines of all classes in the Mediterranean.

Hint Counter-Proposal

Peace demonstrations continued in all major Italian cities, including Rome, Sunday, reports reaching Madrid from France said, but there was no indication that Marshal Pietro Badoglio's government intended according to the allied demand for unconditional surrender.

Cairo heard that Badoglio had made a counter-proposal providing for Italy's surrender on condition that Italian land, arms and troops would not be used against Germany, and had met with a flat rejection.

It appeared certain nothing had occurred over the week-end that would affect Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's announcement Saturday of the allies' intention to renew with all force aerial attacks on the Italian mainland because of the Badoglio government's insistence on temporizing in the face of defeat.

Report Troops Mutiny

Developments in the fast-breaking Italian situation included:

1. Italian frontier reports said large numbers of Italian troops in Milan and Turin mutined against orders to put down peace demonstrations and were arrested.

2. Reports reaching Spain by way of France asserted that German troops are seizing all vantage points in northern Italy and on the Italian peninsula and have compelled Italian garrisons to evacuate the harbor districts of Trieste, Fiume and Pola.

3. Radio Algiers quoted Swiss reports that German forces have begun to evacuate Sicily and southern Italy, but a London broadcast told of the arrival of additional German reinforcements in Sicily.

4. Madrid heard that Pope Pius XII regretfully declined a request of Count Dino Grandi, former Italian cabinet member, to mediate between the Badoglio government and the allies to have Rome declared an open city and to neutralize southern Italy.

Latest reports reaching the Yugoslav exile government here from Gen. Draja Mihailovitch's mountain headquarters were that 6000 Slovene guerrillas were engaging Italian troops in severe fighting in the mountainous Udine area of northeastern Italy.

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August Cigaret Fund Drive Gets Away to Flying Start

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