

TWO FRIENDS OF WAC SOUGHT HERE

Police Check Movements
Before Slaying; Hunt
'Pint-Size' Man.

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ported statement by Marie Simpson, 27, of 1936 Broadway, who was said to have shouted upon being arrested this morning that, "I killed Cpl. Ridings."

The woman was jailed on a drunkenness charge. Questioned this morning, she said she had no recollection of such a statement. She professed to be an acquaintance of Wolfington.

Wolfington said he knew the woman by the name of Marie but had never known her last name.

Continue Inquest

Continuing his inquest into the murder, Coroner Roy Storrs today heard evidence from Capt. Leslie Gwaltney of Stout field, a resident of the hotel. Gwaltney testified only that he had been standing by the clerk's desk when news of the body's discovery came from the seventh floor and that he had accompanied the hotel executive and policemen who first entered the room.

Police today were intensifying their search for a "pint-size" mystery man who moved into the investigation spotlight yesterday when it was learned that he had checked in a bloody shirt at an E. Washington st. laundry Monday afternoon.

For a time last night, the investigation switched back to the mysterious angle involving the "woman-in-black" and police actually did question a woman in a black dress who figured in the confusion Saturday night immediately following the discovery of Cpl. Ridings.

Recurring rumors that Cpl. Ridings had been escorted about the city's night spots by a civilian male directed the investigation to the Union Bus Terminal at Market and Illinois st.

Lieut. Jones conferred for more than an hour with Herbert Grounds, dispatcher for the Hoosier Bus Lines, in an effort to locate a driver who might have remembered bringing Cpl. Ridings to the city between 4:30 and 5:45.

If that driver is located, he will be asked at least one important question:

Did She Meet Friend?

Upon leaving the bus, did Cpl. Ridings greet a male companion? According to the records, she checked in at the Claypool hotel between 4:30 and 4:45.

The interlude between Cpl. Ridings' arrival at the hotel and 8 o'clock, holds the key to her death. Bellboy Bayne was questioned more than an hour yesterday in connection with the mystery woman in black he said he saw in Cpl. Ridings' room.

Police doubted that she is the same woman in black whom they discovered in the hotel Saturday evening, questioned, released and questioned last night.

On surface appearances, this woman's connection with the investigation seems about only through accidental circumstances.

A few minutes before the slain WAC's body was found, an executive of the hotel received a complaint from the fifth floor that there was a brawl going on in one of the rooms on that floor. Before the complaint could be investigated, Mrs. McNemar called the same executive to say that she had found Cpl. Ridings' body. The executive notified police and waited for them.

Two patrolmen arrived in a squad car, joining the hotel executive and a military official from Stout field who resided in the hotel and had heard the news of the body's discovery.

Trouble Reported

The hotel executive, the military official and the two patrolmen got on the service elevator to go to the seventh floor and the manager stopped at the fifth floor to investigate.

HULL SAYS DANES ENCOURAGE OTHERS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (U.P.)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today that the resistance of people in Denmark to Germany "will give new heart and encouragement to the subjugated peoples of Europe."

He told a press and radio conference that the recent events in Denmark "are an eloquent reminder that German, in any circumstances, is intolerable to a free and democratic people."

STUDY EMPLOYMENT PLAN
WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (U.P.)—Government officials seeking a solution to the near-leaving of aircraft production today studied a proposal to establish a controlled hiring plan in Pacific coast states which would give airplane plants a top priority on available manpower.

CHURCH SEEKS MORGAN HOME
NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (U.P.)—The United Lutheran Church in America is negotiating for the purchase of the Madison avenue home of the late financier, J. P. Morgan, it was disclosed today.

BOMB JAP BURMA BASES
NEW DELHI, Sept. 2 (U.P.)—American heavy and medium bombers attacked Japanese railway and communications at Mandalay and other places in central Burma yesterday, a communiqué reported today.

ELWOOD MAN HURT FATALLY
ANDERSON, Sept. 2 (U.P.)—Howard Zell, 41, died today at a local hospital of injuries received in an automobile accident Aug. 17. Zell was a native of Elwood and is survived by three daughters and two sons.

igate the complaint about the disturbance there.

A woman in a black dress and wearing a chic black hat with a suggestion of a veil was quarreling with a soldier.

Assuming that it would be necessary to eject the woman, the hotel executive suggested that she accompany the police to the seventh floor and stand by while they investigated the trouble in '729.

That "trouble" turned out to be the murder of Cpl. Ridings, believed at first to be a suicide.

As the hotel executive, the military official and the policemen diverted their attention to Cpl. Ridings' body, they brushed aside the woman in black who had accompanied them from the first floor.

Leaves Hotel

A patrolman escorted her to the elevator and told her to leave. The operator took her to the first floor and she left the hotel by the Illinois st. entrance.

The elevator operator said today that the only remark the woman made to him on the way down was: "I want to get out of here. I'm so provoked."

Lt. Jones said today he hadn't the slightest belief that this "woman in black" was the same whom Bayne said he saw.

He refused to detail the questioning of Wolfington, except to say that his stories must be checked out.

When the hotel's entire staff of bellboys was summoned to the seventh floor, shortly after the murder, a hotel executive said to the group:

"Everybody step out of line who has entered to this room."

Wolfington and Bayne stepped out of line.

Consulting the bell captain's record sheet, the executive said to Wolfington, according to police: "What's wrong here, Bob. The sheet doesn't show you made a trip to Cpl. Ridings' room."

Wolfington is said to have grinned sheepishly and replied:

Explains Actions

"Well— the captain wasn't around. I took the call myself and thought maybe I could chisel a dime." The hotel would have received a dime from Cpl. Ridings for the ice if it had been recorded on the bell captain's sheet.

In connection with this phase of Wolfington's story, the telephone switchboard records do not show a second call for ice which Wolfington said he received and answered surreptitiously.

Lt. Jones made it clear today that several clues, considered important momentarily, had washed out. They included the blood-stained men's slacks turned into the 4-Hour Laundry on North Illinois st., a WAC skirt found on Tibbs ave., and an ink stain noticed on Cpl. Ridings' right leg.

A young war worker was brought to headquarters yesterday and questioned about the slacks. He said he had received a nosebleed in a friendly scuffle with his wife, discoloring the slacks.

No one yet had come forward to claim the WAC skirt, but it is believed to have no connection with the case.

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HOPKINS SEES WAR LASTING TWO YEARS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (U.P.)—Harry L. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's closest adviser, predicted yesterday that the war will last two more years "at least" and enigmatically added that "if we lost Russia" the conflict will drag out five years or longer.

Writing in the October issue of the American Magazine, Hopkins said the axis "still holds the military championship of the world" and still "is an undefeated enemy, with industry still functioning and with submarine and airplane production "not yet diminished much."

SERGEANT EYES 1944 RODEO
SNYDER, Tex. (U.P.)—Sgt. Elmo Farrow of Snyder, who is at present riding hard on Japs in the South Pacific, is confident that he will be back at his favorite sport in 1944. He called Snyder rodeo officials recently: "Enter me for wild cow milking contest in 1944."

FRENCH REVISE POLICY

ALGIERS, Sept. 2 (U.P.)—The French Committee of National Liberation met yesterday to revise foreign and domestic policies in view of United Nations recognition of the committee.

Teachers Brushing Up Today; Pupils to Start on Tuesday

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general assembly was Dr. M. O. Ross, president of Butler University, who predicted future educational emphasis on human relations—teaching people to get along with each other—in order to maintain a peaceful world.

It is becoming crystal clear that a civilization based upon a worldwide political organization of separated and disengaged political units in a world that is becoming a more compact and cultural unit cannot continue to exist," Dr. Ross said.

"It is necessary for all of us, as

'Berlin Gert'



OPA ADJUSTS POINT VALUES

35 Meats, Some Vegetables Cut; Butter, 13 Foods Raised.

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cent above July. Lamb production is running ahead of earlier estimates and the peak production period has been entered.

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Leo Milholland, Infantry Private, Killed in Action in North Africa, Parents Informed

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and has been overseas since May.

A graduate of Shortridge high school, he attended Butler and Purdue universities. He was employed at Electronic Laboratories before entering the army. He was married May 11, 1941.

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