

BRITISH SMASH JAPS AT IMPHAL

American Air Drive in Pacific Centered on Truk Again.

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British Imperial troops pushed the Japanese back today in two drives from Imphal, capital of India's Manipur state, while the American air offensive in the Pacific was centered on Truk and its protective bases in the Caroline Islands.

While one force of British soldiers was clearing the road to Kohima, 60 miles north of Imphal, another captured an important enemy position northeast of the capital and pushed the Japanese deep into the hills beyond Imphal plain.

Although the captured position was not identified, the Japanese in the northeast sector last were reported on Pungshing peak, 10 miles from Imphal.

Again Hit Kuriles

In the aerial offensive, American bombers attacked the Japanese on the Kuriles in northern Japan; the Carolines and the Marshalls in the central Pacific; New Britain in the south, and New Guinea and Timor in the southwest.

Liberators of the 13th army air force made a 2000-mile trip from the Solomons to hit Eten and Param islands in Truk and the nearby enemy bases of Alet and Puluwat, while Mitchell mediums from the 7th air force raided Ponape for the 22d time in 15 days, and Ant Island, and single navy search planes bombed Oroluk, Ulul and Pakin.

Army Liberators from the Aleutians struck the Kurile Islands in northern Japan for the fifth straight day, attacking Matsuwa, 1069 miles north of Tokyo, for the fifth time.

In the Southwest Pacific, escorted bombers dropped 284 tons of explosives on the Atape area, 90 miles west of Wewak, while other allied airmen ranged far into the Dutch East Indies to strike Timor island.

Nazis Lose 8000

Planes in Raids

LONDON, April 17 (U. P.)—American air attacks have cost Germany's defensive fighter force more than 8000 planes since last Nov. 1, according to up-to-date, reliable estimates today.

Something approaching 5000 of the 8000 were fighters which German factories would have turned out under an intensified production program had it not been for devastating United States raids. The remainder were shot down in aerial combat.

Since the turn of the year, American heavy bombers and their fighter escort, together with medium bombers and other fighters, have claimed a total of 3560 German fighters destroyed in battle.

Nazi Dumps Destroyed

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, April 17 (U. P.)—Allied 5th army patrols, knifing deep into the German lines for the second time in 24 hours, destroyed a Nazi ammunition dump on the Anzio beachhead front, a communiqué announced today.

The communiqué revealed that allied skirmishers were on the attack on all three major Italian battlefronts yesterday, probing into the enemy's forward positions and knocking out isolated strongpoints in a possible prelude to a new offensive.

German Gauleiter Dies of Illness

LONDON, April 17 (U. P.)—The German DNB agency announced today that Adolf Wagner, Nazi gauleiter for Munich, had died after a lengthy illness.

Wagner, one of Adolf Hitler's closest friends, participated in Hitler's 1923 beer hall putsch. He was one of the first Nazis.

In 1937 he closed all Catholic schools in Bavaria and reopening them under state supervision. He attacked Pope Pius XI for "using the Catholic church to stir up religious strife and breed national dissension."

Wagner, who could imitate perfectly the voice of Hitler, had as one of his duties the reading of Hitler's annual proclamation at the opening of the Nurnberg party rally and the two men often were referred to as "Little Adolf" and "Big Adolf."

Doolittle Raid

2 Years Old

WASHINGTON, April 17 (U. P.)—Two years ago today, 16 U. S. medium bombers led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle roared over Tokyo and four other Japanese cities to give Japan the first direct taste of the war it started by the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

The Tokyo radio gave the outside world the first albeit hysterical report and somewhat indignantly demanded to know where the planes came from. The attack took place April 18, Tokyo time, which is April 17 in this country.

President Roosevelt subsequently told a news conference that the planes operated from Shanghai, which kept Americans as well as the Japanese guessing.

GROUP TO SUPPORT M. DALE WILLIAMS

A group representing labor and public school teachers has been organized to support the candidacy of M. Dale Williams, for the Republican nomination for state representative.

Miss Lucille Parker, 647 E. 32nd st., said the first campaign meeting in behalf of Mr. Williams was held at the Spink-Arms hotel yesterday.

Sgt. Arthur Vance, Gunner, Dies in N. Africa Air Fight

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Vance, 1325 Kelly st., was killed in action Feb. 25 in the North African area.

Entering service Jan. 2, 1943, the 21-year-old soldier was graduated from armor school at Denver, Colo., and completed his aerial gunner's training at Laredo, Tex.

A graduate of school 34 and Technical high school, Sgt. Vance was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America and the Garfield Park Baptist church. Before entering service, he was employed by Thomas Skinner Co.

In his last letter to his parents before he went overseas, Sgt. Vance was anxious to leave and said he couldn't "face either of them again" if he didn't go.

LT. AUSTIN D. RINNE, B-17 Flying Fortress pilot, has been missing since a raid over France Feb. 28. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rinne, 3046 Park ave., and husband of Martha Jo Rinne, 2626 N. Alabama st.

In his last letter written Feb. 23 to his wife, Lt. Rinne said he had completed his 10th mission and had received the air medal that week. He was reported missing after his 11th or 12th mission.

His co-pilot, Lt. Francis Bornhorst, Shelbyville, was reported a prisoner of Germany last Thursday. Lt. John Aegeer, bombardier, formerly of Indianapolis, also was listed as a prisoner April 8.

Entering the service in October, 1941, Lt. Rinne was sent to Ft. Riley, Kas., with the cavalry. After transferring to the air forces, he was graduated from Turner field, Albany, Ga., and finished his bomber training at Walla Walla, Wash., last October. He was sent to England following this advanced bomber training.

PVT. ORVILLE C. HARE, who was with the infantry in the invasion of Italy, has been missing since Feb. 16.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hare, 3106 N. Capitol ave., received the war department notice last Monday that he was missing but heard March 11 through a short wave broadcast from Germany that he was a prisoner of war. The war department has not confirmed the latest report.

Overseas since June, the 24-year-old infantryman entered the army in November, 1941. He was in the Sicilian invasion and then went to Italy. Before joining the army, Pvt. Hare went to Shortridge high school and worked for the Sterling laundry.

His brother, Sgt. James R. Hare, is an instructor in a Link trainer at an Oklahoma base.

T. SGT. COLE SAGE, son or Mrs. Betty M. Sage, 529 E. New York st., was reported missing March 23, following a raid over Germany. He is 27.

Based in England, Sgt. Sage was a radio operator on a Flying Fortress. Before entering the air forces in December, 1942, he was a ship welder in the Vancouver, Wash., shipyards and attended Manual high school.

SECOND LT. ROBERT J. HALSWORTH, son of Mrs. Theresa Marie Halsworth, 17 W. Pleasant Run pkwy., South dr., has been missing in action since Feb. 24 over Germany.

A pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber, Lt. Halsworth enlisted in the army air forces May 26, 1942, and was commissioned May 21, 1943, at Yuma, Ariz. He went overseas last November.

A former employee of Curtiss-Wright Corp., he was graduated from public school 35 and Technical high school. He is 23.

SGT. CHARLES EILERT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Eilert, 17 Parkview ave., is home convalescing after being wounded in combat in New Guinea.

The 24-year-old soldier is the husband of Mrs. Eleanor Eilert whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Daffin, live at 1938 N. Dearborn st.

He worked for the Dr. Pepper Bottling Co. before entering service and spent 22 months in the Pacific theater. He enlisted Dec. 10, 1941.

PVT. JOHN FARRAR, army paratrooper, was captured by the Germans Jan. 25 following combat in Italy.

His wife, Mrs. Nora Farrar, 648 S. Taft st., heard that he was a prisoner about a month ago following the message that he was missing.

A 2d Lt. Davis high school graduate, Pvt. Farrar entered the army two years ago and went overseas last October. He worked for the Isler Cartage Co. before leaving for the air forces at Freeman field, Seymour.

The 23-year-old paratrooper is the father of 14-month-old John Thomas Farrar and son of Mrs. Anna Kent, 648 S. Taft st.

Three of his brothers are in the army. Pvt. Samuel Farrar is stationed on the Anzio beachhead in Italy. Pvt. William Farrar, Amarillo, Tex., and Pvt. James Farrar with the air forces at Freeman field, Seymour.

IREMAN 1-C CECIL EUGENE BAKER, who was reported missing Jan. 14, 1943, in submarine duty, is a prisoner of the Japanese in Tokyo.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester O. Baker, 1638 Carrollton ave., received the word this morning from the war department.

Enlisting in the navy in October, 1942, Fireman Baker had been on submarine duty in the Pacific since May, 1943. Before enlisting, he worked for the Ertel Machine Shop and attended Technical high school.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT today confirmed the previous report that T. Sgt. Jack Blacker, son of Mrs. Leila Blacker, 1902 W. New York st., is a prisoner of war in Germany.

BOATSWAIN'S MATE 2-C LEROY DECKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Decker of Bruceville, has been killed in naval action.

ELEVEN HOOSIER soldiers today are listed among the 344 army men missing in action in the European war zone.

SCHRICKER AND JACKSON TO RUN

Governor, Senator Almost Certain to Head Democratic slate.

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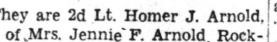
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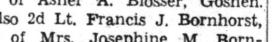
O. C. Hare Missing



Charles Eilert Wounded



John Farrar Captured



C. E. Baker Prisoner

They are 2d Lt. Homer J. Arnold, son of Mrs. Jennie F. Arnold, Rockville; Sgt. William A. Bland, husband of Mrs. Georgia Bland, Ft. Wayne; T. Sgt. Harold R. Blesser, son of Asher A. Blesser, Goschen.

Also 2d Lt. Francis J. Bornhorst, son of Mrs. Josephine M. Bornhorst, Shelbyville; T. Sgt. Jerold W. Brown, son of Mrs. Lois W. Brown, Advance; S. Sgt. Vernon C. Caldwell, son of Mrs. Hazel Caldwell, Lebanon, 1st Lt. Richard D. Coleman, son of Ralph S. Coleman, Ft. Wayne.

Others are S. Sgt. Bernard F. Ellison, son of Mrs. Oral F. Ellison, Montpelier; 2d Lt. Leonard A. Polley, son of Mrs. Hazel Wise, Bloomington; S. Sgt. Oscar Simon, husband of Mrs. Dorothy L. Simon, Evansville, and S. Sgt. Robert K. Slocum, son of Mrs. Mary Slocum, South Bend.

THE FOLLOWING Indiana men are among 194 U. S. soldiers held prisoners of war by Bulgaria and Germany.

All interned in Germany, they are S. Sgt. Paul G. Boles, son of Mrs. Fern Boles, Sullivan; 2d Lt. Clyde S. Cleveland, son of Mrs. Mildred E. Cleveland, Hammond; 2d Lt. Lee D. Crabtree, son of Dr. Louie R. Crabtree, Columbus; S. Sgt. Jerome A. Hellmann, son of Mrs. Philomina G. Hellmann, Tipton; Sgt. Fred Baker Jr., son of Mrs. Lula M. Baker, Logansport.

Others are Flight Officer Harold R. McClanahan, son of John H. McClanahan, Moores Hill; T. Sgt. Marion G. McMullen, husband of Mrs. Dorothy M. McMullen, Monticello; S. Sgt. Robert G. Peiffer, son of Mrs. Jessie E. Peiffer, Linton; T. Sgt. Charles W. Rice, son of Charles E. Rice, Spencer; T. Sgt. Archie Stambush, son of Mrs. Edna Besher, Evansville, and T. Sgt. Mervin F. Roseclawen.

S. Sgt. Durwood O. Clem of Chesterton has been awarded the silver star for gallantry in action.

ROBERT EDGAR SMALL, chief machinist's mate in the navy, has been awarded the navy and marine corps medal.

Machinist Small, who is missing in action, is the son of William T. Small of Amboy. The award was for heroic conduct while serving as a member of the crew of a U. S. submarine during three war patrols in enemy Japanese-controlled waters.

"With keen foresight," the citation said, "Small maintained the engines and other vital equipment under his care in excellent condition at all times, and throughout these patrols he displayed a thorough knowledge of his tasks and carried them out with exceptional skill and untiring devotion to duty."

Mote and Petit to Address Meet

Carl Mote, Republican senatorial candidate, and Sheriff Otto W. Petit, G. O. P. candidate for re-election, will speak at the meeting at 8 p. m. tomorrow of the South Side Republican Club, Inc., at 1230 S. Meridian st.

Wards 13, 15, 16 and 17 will be represented.

Ever Had a Freak Squeak? \$100 in Cash Prizes Offered

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Squeak contest, where the prizes will be \$500, first; \$250, second; \$100, third, and 25 honorable mention awards of \$10 each.

You don't need to have been run over by a two-ton truck to qualify. You probably wouldn't be here to tell about that, but if the truck just missed you, then you had a Freak Squeak.

Start thinking about your Freak Squeak now. Here are the rules:

- The freak accident must actually have happened.
- It must have happened to you or a member of your immediate family.

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Setwell Skirt Hangers	.36c	
KleanRite Run and Carpet Cleaner		
Vapoo	1.50	
Colorful Sewing Boxes	1.98 up	
Household Scissors	.89c up	
Face Wash Cloths	.15c	
Wooly for washing all knit wools		
Tibel Almond Stick—to remove scratches	1.00	
Silvo Silver Polish	.25c	
Karpel Kleen	1.00	

Wardrobe Bags Plastic coated in a khaki color. Metal frame. Both with double hook and snap closing.