

# Hoosier Vagabond

By Ernie Pyle

IN NORMANDY (By Wireless).—American anti-aircraft gunners began playing their important part in the battle of Normandy right on D-day and shortly after H-hour.

Ordinarily you wouldn't think of the anti-aircraft coming ashore with the infantry, but a little bit of everything came ashore on that memorable day—from riflemen to press censors, from combat engineers to chaplains—and everybody had a hand in it.

The ack-ack was given a place in the very early waves because the general in command felt that the Germans would throw what air strength they had onto the beaches that day and he wanted his men there to repel it.

As it turned out, the Germans didn't use their planes at all and the ack-ack wasn't needed to protect the landings from air attack. So, like many other units, they turned themselves into infantry or artillery and helped win the battle of the beaches.

They took infantrylike casualties, too. One unit lost half of its men and guns.

When I started rounding up material for this ack-ack series I ran onto the story of one crew of ack-ackers who had knocked out a German 88 deeply ensconced in a thick concrete emplacement—and did it with a tiny 37-mm. gun, which is somewhat akin to David slaying Goliath.

Far Out in the Country

SO I HUNTED UP this crew to see how they did it. By that time they had moved several miles inland. I found them at the edge of a small open field far out in the country.

Their gun had been dug into the ground. Two men sat constantly in their bucket seats behind the gun, keeping watch on the sky even in the daytime. The others slept in their pup tents under the bushes, or just loafed around and brewed an occasional cup of coffee.

The commander of this gun is Sgt. Hyman Haas, of Brooklyn. Sgt. Haas is an enthusiastic and flustering young man who was practically beside himself with delight when I showed up at their remote position, for he had read this column back in New York but hadn't supposed our trails would ever cross in an army this big. When I told him I wanted to write a little about his crew he beamed and said:

"Oh boy! Wait till Flatbush ave. hears about this!"

Their story is this—

They came ashore behind the first wave of infantry. A narrow valley leading away from the beach at that point was blocked by the German 88, which stopped everything in front of it. So Driver Bill Hendrix, from Shreveport, La., turned their half-track around and drove the front end back into the water so the gun would be pointing in the right direction.

Then the boys poured 22 rounds into the pillbox. Some of their shells hit the small gun dials and went inland. At the end of their firing, what Germans were left came out with their hands up.

The boys were very proud of their achievement, but I was kind of amused at their modesty. One of them said:

"The credit should go to Lt. Gibbs, because he gave us the order to fire."

Gun Is Named Blip

THE LIEUTENANT is Wallace Gibbs, of R. F. D. 3, Providence Rd., Clinton, N. C. The other members of the crew are Cpl. John Jordan, of New Orleans; Pvt. Frank Bartolomeo, of Ulen, Pa.; Pvt. Joseph Sharpe, of Clover, S. C.; Pfc. Frank Purey of Brooklyn; Cpl. Austin Laurent Jr., of New Orleans, and Pvt. Raymond Bullock, of Coello, Ill.

Their gun is named "Blip," which represents the first letters of Brooklyn, Louisiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania, where most of the crew come from.

Our ack-ack on the Normandy beachhead can be divided into three categories. First are the machine guns, both 50-caliber and 20-millimeter. Airplanes have to be fairly low for these to be effective.

The second big category of ack-ack is the Bofors, a 40-mm. long-barreled gun which can fire rapidly and with great accuracy at medium altitudes.

Our ack-ack is equipped with thousands of these, and although they can't see their targets at night they put a lot of shells into the sky anyhow.

The big gun, and the elite, of our ack-ack is the 90-mm. This is for high-altitude shooting. It is the gun which keeps most of the planes away, and which has such a high score of planes shot down. I spent two days and nights with one of these crews, and in the next two or three days I will try to tell you what life is like for them.

They both cussed out this parade and all other parades that the up traffic when folks are headed for home. Suddenly, the cabbie asked: "What parade is this?" Told it was the G.A.R. parade, he asked: "What's the G.A.R.?" His passenger's mouth fell open in amazement. "Why, it's the Grand Army of the Republic!" "And what's that?" At this, the lawyer, who has two sons in the service and is imbued with patriotic fervor, converted that taxicab into an impromptu class in history, in a mobile classroom, while he wised up the cabbie all the way home on the fact that we once had a civil war in these now United States. . . . Another "victim" of the parade was Wallace O. Lee, vice president of the light company, Wallace, who also happens to be chairman of the G. O. C. safety committee, was to take a director of the company to Union station, but first drove him over to the Columbia club to get his baggage. That was while police were clearing monument circle of parked cars for the parade. When Wallace came out of the club, his car was missing. Inquiry revealed it had been towed away by police. The director went to the station while Wallace got on the phone calling garages, trying to locate his car. (P.S.: We didn't hear what he called them.)

Plug Up Your Ears

OTTO WISSE, veteran employee of the Saratoga bar, and Bill Rogers, manager of the cigar department at Macy's, in the Bankers Trust, are departing Monday for their annual two-week sojourn at Otis cottage on Big Sugar creek in Shelby county. The two boys are well known among the business and professional men of the downtown district, and the latter are looking forward with horror to a blitzkrieg of fishing lures the rest of the summer. . . . Out at the C. C. Tolen grocery, 1022 S. East st., they have a strange little animal, the identity of which is undetermined. Found in a nest in a stalk of bananas, the little creature somewhat resembles a small rat, has reddish brown fur with a white breast, and has three tiny babies that cling to their mother's stomach. The animal, which is fairly tame, and lives on bananas, sometimes stands on its hind legs like a kangaroo. It was discovered in the stalk by Mildred Marks and Edith Tolen.

After Chicago

By Peter Edson

CHICAGO, July 1.—The Republicans now have a party machine. It was assembled at the Chicago convention by dint of a lot of overtime and night work by the party bosses who, after a near sight on the graveyard shift, finally took the body of the Bricker machine and riveted it on to the chassis of the Dewey machine. As an afterthought, a few of the sub-contractors who had been tinkering with experimental Stassen, Dirksen and Hutcheson machines, piled on their accessory bits and pieces the next morning.

When the contraption was cranked up and given its trial run at the closing session of the Chicago convention, the darn thing functioned just like an old time steam roller. The way it flattened out opposition and took hurdles on the obstacle course, dominating both presidential and vice presidential candidates in two hours and 46 minutes—an all-time record—was something to make the Democrats jealous. Never was a steamroller so well oiled and never did one have such momentum.

At present writing there is only one part missing—a gadget known as a Willie. Somehow it just didn't fit and so was left off, though maybe it can be fastened on as a bumper or fifth wheel, later.

'Take a Speedboat'

ONLY DESCRIPTION of this new 1944 model G. O. P. machine came from Governor Dwight Griswold of Nebraska, in his belated nomination Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York. "In the 26 Republican states," Governor Griswold said, "the people did not change horses, they changed vehicles. For times like these and in a stream like this, transportation is important."

My Day

By Eleanor Roosevelt

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Friday.—I took my first bicycle ride of this season yesterday morning, through the woods to the big house, and found the mosquitoes very active and unpleasant companions. The woods looked very beautiful, however, and are a joy to go through. When my husband did so much tree cutting last year, I was in despair, and thought that the scars would never be covered over, but nature heals quickly, and now one would hardly know that any of the big trees had been cut down.

Mrs. Max Ascoli, Mrs. Trude Pratt and I went to the graduation exercises at the Wiltwyck school yesterday afternoon. I can think of no more rewarding work than teaching and caring for these little boys. They have had so little in their

# SEEK SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF WORLD MONEY

Nations' Delegates Meet in Global Parley on Finance.

By ELMER C. WALZER United Press Financial Editor

BRETTON WOODS, N. H., July 1.—Several hundred delegates of 44 nations, containing 68 per cent of the world's population, met in this New Hampshire vacationland today to try for a solution of international money problems vexing governments since world war ended.

Meeting in the united nations monetary and financial conference called by the United States, the delegates voted from the tentative draft of a plan designed to promote monetary co-operation among nations to facilitate trade; and to help backward nations pay for imported goods.

Discuss World Bank

World trade relations involve such complicated problems as international monetary exchanges, managed currencies, and a world bank that the meetings are expected to last two or three weeks.

In April technical experts of 36 nations, including the United States, drew up the tentative plan which superseded one devised by the U. S. treasury department a year ago.

In makes no provision for a new currency. The first plan set up a monetary unit called "unitas" into which all world currencies would be translated for trade purposes.

The present plan substituted a sort of gold basis for international exchange. It provides for an international monetary fund.

Economists have criticized the plan as inadequate. As a result long drawn out discussion is anticipated.

Gold to Be Scarce

In the post-war world, many nations will be without gold. Nations like China, India, and Mexico where silver is traditional will want silver used internationally. The "have" nations with their large gold hoards will want an international trade system based on a gold exchange standard.

There would be no difficulty at all if each nation bought from every other nation exactly the same amount of goods it sells. But they don't—hence there must be a settlement of balance.

The word "payments" is used because other things besides trade are involved. There are money transfers for tourists, insurance abroad, shipping, immigrant remittance, interest and dividend payments, and long-term capital movement. It is a complex structure.

As currently drawn the tentative plan before the delegates provides for a monetary fund of \$8,000,000,000 of gold and foreign exchange subscribed by member nations on a quota basis to be worked out. This fund will handle international balances for member nations who may borrow from it to meet trade payment requirements. A new world fund may be set up to handle the fund.

JAP PLANE LOSSES

12,086; U. S., 2726

WASHINGTON, July 1 (U. P.).—The navy revealed today that army, navy and marine corps fliers have destroyed at least 12,086 Japanese planes in the air or on the ground since Pearl Harbor at a loss of 2726 American planes—a victory ratio of almost five to one.

Of the 12,086 enemy planes destroyed, the navy said, navy and marine pilots accounted for 6259 while their own losses were 1277. Army fliers destroyed 5827—4103 in the air and 1725 on the ground—and probably destroyed another 1409 in air combat, while their own losses were 1449, of which 1241 were suffered in the air and 208 on the ground.

The figures, covering the period from Dec. 7, 1941, to May 15, 1944, do not include enemy ground losses for 1942 or 1943, nor enemy losses to anti-aircraft fire.

The navy noted significantly that 65 per cent of all its airmen shot down have been rescued.

BELIEVE PILOT DEAD IN PORTLAND CRASH

PORTLAND, Ind., July 1 (U. P.).—An army plane, reportedly a P-40, crashed on the Jaqua and Schwartz farm seven miles north of Portland today, apparently killing the pilot.

Witnesses said they did not see him parachute from the craft. Reports said the plane was flying at a high altitude, made a loud roar and plunged to the ground, exploding.

Baptist Retreat Opens

FRANKLIN, July 1 (U. P.).—The first annual Baptist youth fellowship retreat opened today on the Franklin college campus, in charge of Ruby Bills, Hartford City. Nearly 100 registrants were expected.

Woman Injured Fatally

HAMMOND, July 1 (U. P.).—Mrs. Maxine Kimbrell, 25, Hammond, was injured fatally yesterday in a traffic accident on U. S. Highway 41. Her husband and their two young sons were injured.

Nazi Aids Trial Set

WITH BRITISH FORCES IN NORMANDY, July 1 (U. P.).—The first trials of persons accused of collaborating with the Germans are scheduled to start at Bayeux next week, it was announced today.

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Bumper Harvest of Peaches And Good Grain Yield Seen for State.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 1 (U. P.).—Purdue university farm management authorities today reported spotty grain and legume crop conditions, a shortage of experienced farm help and the prospect of a bountiful peach crop in Indiana.

In a roundup of agricultural conditions, Purdue said that crops were "good" in one township and "poor" in the next, but added that spotty conditions were reported over much of the nation as well as Indiana.

A 570,000-bushel peach crop and a short apple crop were forecast, the need for year-round farm hands and parttime help was expressed and a warning was issued against second-brood European corn borer damage.

Insects Increase

J. J. Davis, entomology department head, said that insects were more abundant this year than last and were causing more damage. Chinch bugs and corn flea beetles attacked corn more noticeably because it was small due to late planting and could stand little injury, Davis said.

He added, however, that the late planting prevented much damage by the first generation of corn borer and warned that if the weather was favorable, there was a good chance that the second brood of the borer would hit hard the late planted corn.

Purdue said that spring rains made excellent pasture and that the first hay crop was good. Second and third cuttings of alfalfa in southern Indiana may be poor due to present drought conditions.

The university officials said that rotation may be broken up in southern Indiana due to failure of farmers to get a stand of little red clover. The shortage of this clover crop was blamed on dry weather and a heavy wheat stand.

Good Wheat Yields

Wheat yields should exceed expectations and harvesting was progressing well, Purdue said. Corn generally was good but spotty.

Prediction on the peach crop would be about five times last year's production of 112,000 bushels; but Indiana growers reported that the apple crop would be about the same as last year, when a 30 to 40 per cent crop was harvested.

J. B. Kohlmeier, state emergency farm labor supervisor, said that farmers were working longer hours and using the services of farm women and high school boys to meet the labor situation.

"Experienced help is short, especially machine operators. We now have jobs for 200 to 300 year-round hands at \$30 per month plus maintenance," Kohlmeier said.

"We will need 6000 boys and girls to de-tassel corn. Most of these will come from Indiana. Much help will also be needed for peach and tomato picking."

He said that several thousand prisoners of war and about 1000 Jamaicans would be available for tomato picking, and added that farmers and farm hands both should contact county agricultural agents if they wanted help or work.

REPORTS 200,000 JAPS ARE CUT OFF

LOS ANGELES, July 1 (U. P.).—Two hundred thousand Jap soldiers on islands this side of the Saipan-Bik line are cut off from help from the homeland, Warren Aberton, national commander of the American Legion, said today on his return from a 30,000-mile South Pacific tour.

"The American G. I. is positive that Americans will invade the Philippines before the year's end," he added.

4 BILLION DEFENSE AID BILL SIGNED

WASHINGTON, July 1 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt yesterday signed the defense aid appropriation bill authorizing \$3,920,320,000 for lend lease, the foreign economic administration and the united nations relief in rehabilitation administration during the fiscal year beginning tomorrow.

The appropriation represented a reduction of more than \$2,353,000,000 from the defense aid expenditures of the present fiscal year.

BALL RITES MONDAY

MUNCIE, July 1 (U. P.).—Services will be held Monday at the family home for Mrs. Elizabeth Ball, 77, widow of the founder of Ball State Teachers college, who died Thursday night.

HOLD EVERYTHING

GILL HOLDS MARGIN OF PRINTERS' VOTES

Jack Gill, former Indianapolis resident, has been named secretary-treasurer of the International Typographical union, based upon unofficial run-off figures that give the candidate a comfortable margin.

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The 18-year-old youth, whose army flier father was killed in a plane crash at Ft. Harrison in 1940, was appointed to the academy by Senator Raymond E. Willis and passed his examinations in March.

A Shortridge graduate, he attended Purdue university for more than a year. Studying mechanical engineering, he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi, Alpha Phi Omega, Skull and Crescent, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

THREE MEN KILLED IN CRASH, FOUR INJURED

SEYMOUR, Ind., July 1 (U. P.).—Three men were killed and four others were injured seriously last night when two automobiles collided on state road 258.

The dead were Hubert Forgy, 36, Freetown, son of a Jackson county commissioner; Orville Engle, and James Woodrow Burrell, 31, Cortland.

The injured, taken to Schenck memorial hospital for treatment, were Robert McElfresh, 40, driver of one of the cars; Engle's son, Billy, 14, of Freetown; Ray Burrell, Cortland, brother of one of the victims and driver of the other vehicle, and his wife, Goldie.

MINER IS KILLED

CLINTON, July 1 (U. P.).—Fred Burgess, 61, was killed yesterday while working in a coal mine. A timber fell and struck him on the head.

HEADS DEPAUW ALUMNI

Indiana Supreme Court Justice H. Nathan Swain has been named president of the DePauw university alumni association.

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