

NAVY RAID BAGS 10 JAP VESSELS

Our Losses Light in Carolines Attack; Yanks Gain On Guam, Tinian.

By UNITED PRESS

A powerful U. S. task force was revealed today to have struck in the western Carolines as invasion forces continued their conquests of Guam and Tinian and a major battle appeared to be shaping up between American troops and trapped Japanese on British New Guinea.

Adm. Chester Nimitz revealed in a communique that carrier-based planes hit enemy bases on Palau, Yap and Uthili islands in the Carolines Monday and Tuesday, sinking 10 vessels, shooting down five planes and destroying 21 on the ground. Five American planes were lost.

Adm. Nimitz listed as sunk one destroyer, an oiler, a destroyer escort or mine layer, seven small cargo vessels and "many smaller craft."

Peak Captured

Before beginning their drive southward, Marines on Tinian captured Mt. Lazo, 564-foot peak dominating the smooth, rolling plateau on the southern sector. They controlled one-third of Tinian after six days of fighting and were making a bid for quick completion of the conquest. The communique said American casualties through Thursday were 159 dead, 441 wounded and 32 missing against 2089 enemy dead and 62 captured.

Adm. Nimitz said the task force have landed on Tinian to repair the captured 4500-foot airstrip within range of Tokyo, Nimitz said.

On Guam, Marines and Army troops continued their battle of annihilation against Japanese forces trapped on Orate Peninsula.

A bitter and bloody battle was impending on British New Guinea where the trapped Japanese 18th army made another unsuccessful attempt to break out and was believed preparing for a major counter assault.

Although the 45,000-man army, cut off from supplies and reinforcements by a ring of allied warships and planes around the coastal area, had been reported starving, United Press was correspondent Francis McCarthy reported from Alapka that enemy advance units were well fed and equipped with excellent arms.

Sink Jap Vessels

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique disclosed that navy Ventura bombers, sweeping over the Carolines, sank one 1500-ton vessel and damaged three jugglers of a Japanese convoy 180 miles south of Truk.

The British admiralty announced that British submarines in far eastern waters sank 21 more vessels.

British Indian force, driving invaders from Manipur state toward the Burmese strongholds on the Imphal-Tamru road.

Planes of the 14th U. S. air force in China continued widespread attacks on Japanese supply lines and military installations, a communique said.

Capt. Meredith of Movie Fame, Here

ONE OF THE "MEN" in "Of Mice and Men" and something of a clay pigeon in his first movie "Winterest," Capt. Burgess Meredith, is temporarily stationed at Stout field awaiting reassignment.

Overseas for 10 months, the stage and screen star has been in the service for over two years. He enlisted as a private. He was with air force intelligence in Washington and with the psychological warfare unit of the supreme command in England.

The wrote and acted in "Welcome to Britain," an army orientation film as well as "Salute to France," timed for the Normandy invasion. His last appearance on the legitimate stage was in "Candida," playing opposite Katherine Cornell. His last movie was with Ginger Rogers three years ago. Last month he married actress Paulette Goddard.

SAY FDR IGNORED 2D SPOT BID BY LEWIS

WASHINGTON, July 28 (U. P.)—John L. Lewis supported Wendell L. Willkie rather than President Roosevelt in the 1940 campaign because Mr. Roosevelt "completely ignored" the mine leader's proposal that he be his third-term running mate, Collier's magazine asserted today.

An article in the current issue of the magazine attributed the information to Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins. The article, dealing primarily with Miss Perkins, said that her resignation had been in Mr. Roosevelt's hands since 1936 and that "she has frequently urged him to accept it."

JAPS REVEAL BRACING PHILIPPINES' DEFENSE

By UNITED PRESS

The Japanese-controlled Manila radio announced today that the civilian population of the Philippines has been mobilized for defense "against enemy terror raids."

The broadcast, recorded by United Press, San Francisco, showed Japanese anticipation of air attacks on the Philippines by American pilots, now within striking range of the Archipelago.

DECATUR ENSIGN KILLED

DECATUR, July 28 (U. P.)—Ensign Eugene Leroy Fried, 23, former Ball State college and Decatur high school athlete, was killed in a plane crash recently, according to word received yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fried.

Hoosier Heroes: Second Brother of Local Resident Killed in Italy; Brown, West and Kaufman Also Listed Dead

PFC. ROLAND PARKS, stationed with the infantry in Italy, was killed in that area Feb. 23, according to word received yesterday by his sister, Mrs. Henry Cochran, 1424 S. Kenyon ave.

Joining the army in October, 1941, the 29-year-old infantryman went overseas in April. He was wounded Feb. 6 and returned to duty a week later. He was reported missing and his status now has been changed by the war department from missing to killed. His brother, Pvt. Robert Parks, a member of the military police in Italy, was killed May 8 on the Anzio beachhead.

Shipped overseas at about the same time, the boys attended school in Scottsburg and worked at the Charleston powder plant before entering service. They met over there twice, once in Sicily when Robert was allowed to go to the front lines and personally give birthday congratulations to his brother.

Double memorial services will be held in Scottsburg but the date has not been set.

PVT. HAROLD BROWN

husband of Mrs. Elsie Brown, 1001 N. Delaware st., was killed in France July 3, his wife was notified Sunday. He had been overseas since April and went to France right after D-day.

A graduate of Shortridge high school, he is 25 and was formerly a member of the G. I. Forum.

General Motors Co. entered the service in October, 1943.

Survivors, besides the wife, include the mother, Mrs. Inez Brown, three sisters, Marjorie, Betty and Mrs. Carl Ellis, and a brother, Robert, all of Indianapolis. His father, the late Garvin Brown, died several years ago.

PFC. CHARLES FRANKLIN WEST

son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph West, 22 S. Adams st., was killed June 22 on Saipan. He was with an amphibious tank division and had been in the Pacific 11 months.

Pvt. West was 22 and a graduate of Washington high school. A former employee of the Link-Belt Co., he entered the service Sept. 8, 1942.

His parents received notification of his death July 14 and about a week later received a picture of their son, one that he had had taken in Hawaii last February.

Pvt. West was born in Fillmore but had lived in Indianapolis since he was 5.

Survivors, besides the parents, include two sisters, Anita Jane and Betty, and a brother, Robert, all of Indianapolis.

PVT. HERBERT KAUFMAN

son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kaufman, Terre Haute, formerly of 3726 N. Meridian st., was wounded in France on D-day and died the next day, June 7.

A former student of Shortridge high school, he is a graduate of the Millersburg military institute, Millersburg, Ky.

Pvt. Kaufman's father owns a theater in Terre Haute and was associated with several motion picture companies in Indianapolis when the family lived here.

Survivors, besides the parents, include a brother, James, Terre Haute.

SGT. GORDON I. CLAGHORN

son of E. L. Claghorn, 6500 E. 10th st., was wounded in the battle for Cherbourg and has been awarded the purple heart. He was clipped in the ear by a rifle slug.

Sgt. Claghorn is a graduate of Warren Central high school. He is the grandson of Mrs. Julia Claghorn, R. R. 11, Box 670.

SGT. JACOB A. (DICK) SHIDLER

a veteran of more than four years in the Pacific, was seriously wounded June 28 in the Saipan campaign; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Shidler, 1122 N. Jefferson ave., were notified last night.

Sgt. Shidler was at Wheeler field when the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor. His brother, Chief Petty Officer George Shidler, husband of Mrs. Ruth Shidler, also of the Jefferson ave. address, has served seven years overseas with the naval air corps and now is in the United States.

PVT. HANS P. MENGERING

son of Mrs. Gertrude Mengerling, 6175 Carrollton ave., has been wounded in the European theater of war, it was announced today.

PVT. RUDOLPH WEBB

son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Webb, 3141 Northwestern ave., was wounded in action in France on an undisclosed date and is in a hospital in England. He has been awarded the purple heart.

A native of Indianapolis, he is 19



Pfc. Charles Franklin West... killed on Saipan.



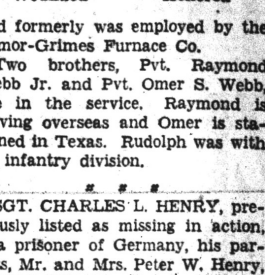
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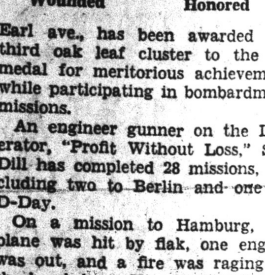
Gordon Claghorn Wounded



J. Hanesworth Honored



Rudolph Webb Wounded



Rupert Tumlin Honored

and formerly was employed by the Armor-Grimes Furnace Co.

Two brothers, Pvt. Raymond Webb Jr. and Pvt. Omer S. Webb, are in the service. Raymond is serving overseas and Omer is stationed in Texas. Rudolph was with an infantry division.

SGT. CHARLES L. HENRY

previously listed as missing in action, is a prisoner of Germany, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter W. Henry, 3726 N. Meridian st., were notified Wednesday night by the war department.

A turret gunner, Sgt. Henry had been missing since May 28. He entered the service in January, 1942 and has been overseas since April, 1944.

LT. WILLIAM O. BARNARD

who had been missing over Austria since June 26, is a prisoner of Germany, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Barnard, learned yesterday. Lt. Barnard's parents live in New Castle. His father is a member of the public service commission.

The lieutenant had been based in Italy and had completed his 46th mission just before his capture. He had been awarded the air medal and four oak leaf clusters.

SECOND LT. JACK P. STARKEY

a pilot with a 10th air force fighter-bomber squadron now operating from a base somewhere in Burma, has been decorated with the distinguished flying cross.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Starkey, 1441 N. Alabama st., he was cited for "extraordinary achievement in aerial flight." He had flown more than 50 missions over northern Burma.

Lt. Starkey also holds the air medal.

S. SGT. JOHN P. MEEHAN

who is completing his second year overseas, has received a commendation for outstanding performance of his duties at a 13th army air force advance heavy bomber base.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Meehan, 1323 Wade st., and attended Manual high school.

CAPT. PIERRE B. AIDAN

4919 N. Meridian st., was included in a list of 21 members of a U. S. army unit in the European theater of operations, who have been awarded the bronze star.

The awards were made for the unit's planning and training schedule in England before the invasion.

FIRST LT. THEODORE W. SEDVERT

husband of Mrs. Dorothy May Sedvert, 533 N. Bradley ave., has been awarded the air medal and two oak leaf clusters.

Stationed at 8th air force headquarters he has completed 20 missions. He is a graduate of Technical high school and Butler university. His father, Herman W. Sedvert, also resides at the Bradley ave. address.

THIRTY-TWO INDIANA SOLDIERS

are among the 1016 U. S. men wounded in action in the European and Mediterranean theaters.

In the European theater they are: Pvt. Raymond O. Barkey, son of Mrs. Martha Barkey, Roselawn; Pvt. Joseph W. Cates, son of Eli E. Cates, Anderson; Pfc. Lester R. Cowan, son of Mrs. Freda E. Cowan, La Porte; Sgt. Donald E. Fendley, son of Mrs. Lucinda D. Fendley, Ladoga; Cpl. Ivan J. Glancy, husband of Mrs. Helen M. Glancy, Poland; Pfc. James M. Goodwin, son of Mrs. Cora M. Goodwin, Bloomington; Pfc. Farland V. Hart, son of John E. Hart, Ft. Wayne; Pfc. John W. Kedney Jr., son of John W. Kedney, Whiting, and T. 5th Gr. John W. Manifold, son of Mrs. Nellie Manifold, Pendleton.

Also T. 4th Gr. Everett M. Milburn, husband of Mrs. Betty L. Milburn, Middleton; Pfc. Charles F. Mobley, husband of Mrs. Marguerite Mobley, Rushville; T. 5th Gr. James F. Nute, son of Fred F. Nute, Bluffton; Pfc. Norman B. Smith, son of Mrs. George W. Smith, Owensville; Pfc. Elmer P. Watkins, stepson of Robert Earl Simes, Delphi; S. Sgt. Harry Wilder, son of Harry E. Wilder, Evansville; Pfc. Denman E. Wolfe, son of Robert J. Wolfe, Salem; Sgt. Marvin L. Wright, son of Edgar R. Wright, Columbus, and Cpl. Frank E. Zelasko, husband of Mrs. Esther W. Zelasko, South Bend.

In the Mediterranean theater the wounded are: Pvt. Harry Baker, husband of Mrs. Mary D. Baker, Muncie; Pvt. Paul H. Balder, son of Mrs. Goldie Balder, Terre Haute; Pfc. Robert D. Boling, son of Mrs. Leona R. Boling, Milroy; Pvt. Frank H. Brancamp, son of Mrs. Clara Brancamp, Greensburg; 2d Lt. Dale D. Collins, husband of Mrs. Ruth E. Collins, St. Joe; S. Sgt. Robert E. Cunningham, brother of Mrs. Katherine Sienker, Pierceson.

Also T. 5th Gr. Cecil E. Ellis, son of Mrs. Fred Atkins, Terre Haute; Pfc. Earl Emery, son of Mrs. Marjorie M. Emery, Vincennes; Pfc. Elma C. Hiatt, son of Mrs. Minnie L. Hiatt, Marion; T. 5th Gr. Paris E. Hicks, son of Mrs. Eva G. Hicks, Jamestown; Cpl. Raymond V. Hurn, son of August J. Hurn, Melrard; Lt. Robert F. Spencer, brother of David E. Spencer, Charlestown; S. Sgt. Clay A. Teal, son of Mrs. Ruth C. Teal, Muncie, and Pvt. Thomas A. Umek, brother of Catherine M. Umek, Gary.

SECOND LT. RUPERT M. TUMLIN

Lafayette, has won the distinguished flying cross for service with the 8th air force in England.

Son of Maj. J. W. Tumlin, with the army in Italy, and Mrs. Moise Stock, Lafayette, Lt. Tumlin is credited with the destruction of two aircraft. He also holds the air medal and three oak leaf clusters.

His flying group has participated in more than 10,000 individual operational sorties and destroyed more

than 200 enemy aircraft during its first year of operations.

T. SGT. JAMES O. HANESWORTH, son of Mrs. Laura Hanesworth, Kokomo, has been awarded the air medal for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight. He is a gunner on one of the Air Apaches' Billy Mitchell bombers and has 54 missions to his credit.

Sgt. Hanesworth has been granted a furlough. After a few months rest he hopes to return to combat.

He attended Kokomo high school and was employed by the Kingston Products Corp. Entering the army in November, 1942, he attended gunnery school at Las Vegas, Nev., and was then sent to the advance headquarters of the 5th army air force in New Guinea.

SPAIN SHIFT SEEN BY EX-ENVOY HERE

Lt. Cmdr. and Mrs. Don D. Johnson left Indianapolis yesterday for a new assignment.

The Johnsons, who were visiting the commander's sister, Mrs. E. E. Martin, 2118 Wynedale rd., were married last year. Cmdr. Johnson has been American naval attaché for air to Spain and Portugal and his wife is the former Alvarez Calderon of Lima, Peru.

"The Franco government is not too friendly toward Hitler," Cmdr. Johnson said, "and the Spaniards fear and distrust the Nazis but were grateful for German help in the Spanish civil war."

"Up until the time I left Europe the latter part of 1938, some government officials believed Hitler would still be victorious. But when Americans landed in North Africa, Spanish officials started to change."

The commander, a graduate of Shortridge high school and Purdue university, is the son of Charles Johnson and brother of Mrs. O. R. Pfaff, both of Lebanon.

ARRANGE SERVICES FOR TREE VICTIM

FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 28 (U. P.)—Rites were arranged today for Mrs. Rosalind May Bradch, 44, who was crushed to death by a falling tree at Pokagon state park near Angola.

Her husband remained in an Angola hospital, suffering a fractured leg and other injuries.

The tree, weakened by a storm, toppled on them yesterday after being hit by a sudden gust of wind. The Bradchs and a son had been vacationing at a lakeside cottage near Pokagon.

QUARTET TO PERFORM

Known throughout the world for its rendition of Negro spirituals and gospel songs, the Ambassador quartette from Asbury college of Wilmore, Ky., will sing at 10:30 a. m. Sunday at the Shelby Street Methodist church, 2900 Shelby st. The Rev. Bennie T. Morgan is pastor.

ARRANGE CARD PARTY

The Progressive Spiritualists' church will sponsor a public card party at 8 p. m. tomorrow at the church, St. Clair and Park ave. with Mrs. Alice Whitehead in charge.

3000 PLANES ROCK EUROPE

Plaster Central Germany, Ploesti Oil Fields With Bombs.

LONDON, July 28 (U. P.)—Almost 3000 American heavy bombers and fighters from Britain and Italy rocked axis Europe by daylight today, smashing at the vitals of the Nazi war machine in Central Germany and the Ploesti oil fields in southern Romania.

Two thousand U. S. 8th air force Flying Fortresses, Liberators and fighters spearheaded the two-way blow, striking 65 miles southwest of Berlin at the sprawling Leuna synthetic oil plants in the Merseburg area. Radio Berlin said the raiders also hit the nearby oil and aircraft centers of Halle and Dessau.

Seven heavy bombers and two fighters were lost, while five enemy planes were destroyed.

Simultaneously, an estimated 500 Italian-based heavies, covered by strong fighter formations, heaped new devastation on Ploesti's battered oil installations.

Lay Smoke Screen

The Romanian ground defenses threw up a terrific flak barrage and laid a dense smoke screen across the vital oil fields, but returning American fighters said their bombs touched off great fires and explosions throughout the target area.

A smaller formation of U. S. Liberators bombed the Florina railway yards in western Greece.

Despite Nazi accounts of furious air battles raging all across the center of the Balkan front, reports from returning German fighters indicated the Luftwaffe put up only a feeble defense.

Anti-aircraft fire over the targets

was so thick, however, that at one stage of the attack the escorting American fighter pilots found their visibility dimmed by the black bursts of exploding flak.

Four Nazis Shot Down

One large formation of bombers and fighters was jumped by a group of 16 Messerschmitt 109's and Focke-Wulf 190's during the six-hour fight.

The enemy fighters barreled down through the bomber formation for one lightning attack, with swarms of Mustang fighters riding hard on their tails. At least four Nazi planes went spinning down in flames without the loss of an American ship.

The daylight attack followed a night raid during which R. A. F. Mosquito bombers unloaded scores of 4000-pound blockbusters on the battered German industrial and railway center of Stuttgart.

LECKRONE TO SPEAK TO LUTHERAN CLUB

Walter Leckrone, editor of The Indianapolis Times, will speak at the noon luncheon meeting Tuesday of the Lutheran Service club at the Lincoln hotel.

Walter H. Vahl, of the Indiana Wall Paper and Paint Co., newly appointed chairman of the club's program committee, will introduce Mr. Leckrone.

CARD PARTY SCHEDULED

A public card party will be sponsored by the Burns-West-Striebeck post 2890, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow night at E. Washington and Denny sts.

Indiana Was 4-Year Home to McNair During Purdue Days

Indiana was a home state to Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, who was killed at the front in Normandy, for he spent four years at Lafayette as professor of military science and tactics at Purdue university.

The sandy-haired 61-year-old artilleryman was credited with building America's ill-equipped ground army of 1,500,000 into a global striking force of 7,000,000. He headed the Purdue R. O. T. C. unit from 1924 to 1928, holding the rank of lieutenant colonel.

In 1941, the Bollinger school conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws on Gen. McNair. He then was a major general serving at general headquarters in Washington.

"An inspiring leader of men and skilled teacher of the art of defense of a free nation," was the citation presented to him.

Gen. McNair once stirred up a considerable controversy in the United States when he said that American soldiers must "hate, fight and kill."

The general also introduced to the ground forces rigorous training involving live ammunition and carefully simulated battle conditions to harden civilian soldiers into battle trim.

McNair 15th U. S. General Killed

WASHINGTON, July 28 (U. P.)—The death of Lt. Gen. McNair brought to 15 the number of army general officers who have died in this war as the direct or indirect result of military missions.

Gen. McNair, who as former commander of the ground forces transferred an army that once used sticks for guns into the best equipped fighting force in the world, was the second lieutenant general to be killed in this war. Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commander of U. S. forces in the European theater, was killed in an airplane crash in Iceland on May 3, 1943.

Other generals lost in action: Maj. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker, missing in action off Midway June 7, 1942, and now presumed dead; Brig. Gen. Asa N. Duncan, missing off the European coast, Nov. 17, 1942, and now declared dead; Brig. Gen. Donald P. Pratt, killed in action June 6, 1944, in France; Brig. Gen. Nelson M. Walker, who died of wounds July 10 in France, and Brig. Gen. Nathan B. Forrest, missing after a raid on Kiel, Germany, June 13, 1943, and now considered dead.

Woman's Right To Snore Upheld

CHICAGO, July 28 (U. P.)—A woman's right to snore in her sleep has been upheld by the OPA.

A worried tenant wrote John F. McCarthy, director of the rent division of the OPA: "I have been snoring and moaning in my sleep for 20 years. My present landlord demands that something be done about it, but there's nothing to be done. Can he evict me just on this account?"

McCarthy assured her he could not.

GROUP PLANS TO AID BELGIAN CHILDREN

A project to provide milk for Belgian children is one of the several projects underway by members of the vacation church school, which has been meeting for the past three weeks at the St. Paul A. M. E. temple at 25th st. and Manlove ave.

The school started July 10 and had an enrollment of 200, with an average daily attendance of over 150. Under the supervision of Mrs. Sadie Swanson, classes were held each day from 9 a. m. until noon and were attended by children from 3 to 16.

The theme of the school, which ends today, has been the contribution of different races to the welfare of other countries. The children presented a pageant last night demonstrating this and described spirituals as the greatest contribution of Negroes to the U. S.

Mrs. Swanson, who received her training in the leadership training school sponsored by the Indiana Council of Religious Education, was assisted by 12 teachers.

Members of the class plan to provide milk for Belgian children by purchasing a heifer. Another church group will furnish feed, and when the heifer is grown it will be shipped to Belgium. Some of the money has been raised through personal contributions of the children.

TOMORROW... LAST 1/2 DAY...

Ayres' July E. O. M.

★ Ayres' E. O. M. sale is the regular cleanup of odd lots, broken sizes and soiled merchandise. July E. O. M. is especially value-ful, bringing you many values for yourself, your family and your home. Come early, stay late. Look for a great many un-advertised value on every floor and in every department!

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British 7 Mi. From Florence; Yanks Mass for Pisa Battle

ROME, July 28 (U. P.)—The British 8th army, advancing yard by yard through bitter enemy resistance, stormed to within seven miles or less of Florence today while American and German forces to the west massed for the battle of Pisa and exchanged heavy artillery and mortar fire across the Arno river.

(A German communique said the allies opened an offensive on a wide front south of Florence and that fierce fighting was raging there today.)

New Zealand tanks and infantrymen spearheaded the frontal drive on Florence, slugging directly up highway two against fanatically resisting Nazi paratroopers and shock units who fought to the death

from a network of hill positions and machinegun nests covering the southern approaches to the city. (A BBC broadcast recorded by NBC monitors said the New Zealanders were only six miles from Florence.)

There was no immediate indication that Pisa itself was under fire, despite warnings from 8th army spokesmen that the ancient city would be shelled if the Germans continued using its famous Leaning Tower and other buildings as artillery observation posts.

German broadcasts yesterday said a large allied fleet had been sighted off the west coast of Italy, apparently maneuvering for an amphibious assault on Genoa or La Spezia. There was no allied confirmation.)

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