

RAF BOMBS KILL CANADIAN G.I.'S

Undisclosed Number Dead
After 800 Tons of Explosives Fall Short.

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CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 16—An undisclosed number of Canadian soldiers were killed and several others were listed as missing and wounded today as a result of the R. A. F. assault Monday on the Falaise defenses in which 800 tons of bombs fell short of the target and landed in the Canadian lines.

The accident was the third in five weeks on the Normandy front in which allied bombers, closely supporting the land drives, have hit their own men. One of the victims in a previous accident was Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commander of American ground forces.

Coming so soon after last Tuesday's incident in which U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators dropped Canadian rear areas, Monday's accidental bombing was announced frankly by local army authorities.

A Canadian army staff officer estimated that 20 per cent of the 4000 tons of fragmentation bombs dropped by some 700 R. A. F. Lancasters and Halifaxes fell on the Canadian soldiers driving toward Falaise.

The accident, however, did not materially affect the progress of the attack, which already was under way.

A. F. L. RAPS DEWEY ATTITUDE ON LABOR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (U. P.).—An American Federation of Labor spokesman today criticized the Republican party and its presidential nominee, Governor Thomas E. Dewey, for their "policy and attitude" toward labor.

Philip Pearl, editor of the A. F. of L.'s weekly press service, took Dewey to task for declining, "due to the pressure" of other activities, an A. F. of L. invitation to write a Labor day message for the union publication.

"And we do wonder," Pearl said, "how much time Mr. Dewey will be able to spare for labor if and when he is elected President, since he finds himself too busy even as governor to perform the courtesy of issuing a Labor day message."

'CLEAN POLITICS' ACT TIGHTENING PLANNED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (U. P.).—Homer Ferguson, (R. Mich.) said today that he may introduce next week an amendment to the Hatch "clean politics" act to prevent government officials from distributing government-sponsored political propaganda within the United States.

Simultaneously Senator Carl A. Hatch, (D. N. M.), author of the clean politics act, pledged his support to the move and indicated his willingness to join Ferguson in sponsoring the amendment.

Sailors May Forget Girls, But Never 'Officer Rybolt'

By DONNA MIKELS

Almost as familiar as naval uniforms to the men of the U. S. naval armory in Indianapolis is the sight of a small brown dog, shuffling along with some semblance of a sea-swarmer behind one of the many gobs stationed at the armory.

And although chasing sailors never has been recognized as one of the 10 best choices for a life's profession, Rybolt, the armory's canine mascot, seems more than pleased with his vocation which turned into a career. And his barnacle-like attachment to sailors has brought him not only a permanent home, but a rank as well. The product which nature probably intended for the K-Nine Corps has been commissioned chief puppy officer of the Indianapolis base.

Picked Up Half-Starved
Rybolt's stay at the armory began many months ago when Chief Boatswain Orville Rybolt, then stationed here, picked up a shivering, half-starved brown puppy and took him to the "ship" where dogs nitherto had been taboo. Navy chow and regular hours soon began to tell as Rybolt bounded back into good health. And as Rybolt grew, so did his affection for sailors, until today anyone not in Navy blues or whites is a walking partner.

With his induction into the navy came, of course, duties. Rybolt now performs the official function of greeting all newcomers, barking farewell to out-bound seamen and leading all drill parades. He has built up a reputation of never missing a battalion drill, gaining fame for his quick take-off to the head of the column at the first roll of the drums. The unofficial but important job which has endeared him to seagard gobs is his swift scamper through the barracks every morning, barking a warning to late sleepers just before the entry of the master-at-arms.

Gets Regular "Leaves"

Like all good sailors Rybolt gets regular "shore leave," when he follows the fleet to the Riverside amusement park. While some sailors take a postman's holiday by a row around the lagoon, the canine gob finds a land sailor and steers him to the hot dog stand where he quickly drops anchor. The dog has achieved the enviable reputation of being the only sailor who never pays for his fare at the stand and there is scarcely one of his buddies who hasn't stood treat to keep Rybolt's record intact.

Friendly to newcomers; but faithful to pals who have been shipped, Rybolt is beloved by men at the base and is a pleasant memory to the former station personnel now overseas. And their frequent inquiries about him prove that although they may perpetrate the tradition of fickleness by leaving a girl in every port, they will be true to the dog they left in Indianapolis.

EVANSVILLE MAN DIES

EVANSVILLE, Aug. 16 (U. P.).—Services were arranged today for Philip G. Swing, 66, who died yesterday of injuries suffered Monday when the bicycle he was riding was hit by a bakery truck. The driver, Guy F. Coleman, was held for investigation.



"Chief Puppy Officer" Rybolt, of the U. S. Naval Armory of Indianapolis, reclines on the lap of Coxswain Frank Mora, of Martin's Ferry, O. Rybolt, official mascot of the Armory, is taking time out from his favorite occupation of walking with seamen based at the armory.

U. S. ACQUISITION ISLANDS IS URGED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (U. P.).—Senators Robert R. Reynolds (D. N. C.) and A. B. Chandler (D. Ky.) today gave their support to a resolution by Senator Kenneth McKellar (D. Tenn.) that the United States acquire certain islands in the Pacific and the Caribbean after the war.

The resolution, introduced yesterday, was aimed at Japanese-owned and Japanese-managed islands in the Pacific between the equator and the 30th parallel of north latitude. It also urged U. S. possession of Bermuda, now owned by Britain, all islands in the West Indies now in the possession of European nations, and the Galapagos Islands from Ecuador.

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WIND SAVES TOWN
FROM FOREST FIRE

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 16 (U. P.).—A sudden shift in the wind today saved Moncton from a roaring forest fire, which had hampered rail traffic in the area and burned through hundreds of acres of valuable timberland.

A southwesterly wind turned the fire toward Boundary Creek, a settlement about nine miles from here on the Canadian National railroad line to St. John, and firefighters early today had the blaze under control about a mile east of there.

HALMAHERA AIR RAIDS CONTINUE

Attacks on Philippines Key
In 2d Week; Kuriles Isle
Hit First Time.

By UNITED PRESS
American airmen were revealed today to have aimed new blows at Japanese inner defenses from the Kuriles in the northern empire to bases in the South Pacific.

A communiqué from Southwest Pacific headquarters disclosed that the steady air assault on Halmahera, 250 miles from the Philippines, entered its second week Monday as Liberators and Mitchell bombers battered two sections of the virtually-neutralized enemy base.

The Mitchells, flying at low level, bombed and strafed installations on the west coast, setting fires, while the heavy Liberators concentrated on the Wasile bay area.

A Japanese Domei dispatch recorded by FCC said today that a fleet of about 40 allied planes raided Halmahera last night for the fourth successive day.

Aralio Is Attacked

A Central Pacific communiqué disclosed that navy search planes made the first attack of the war on Aralio, northernmost of the Kuriles, over the week-end and sank an enemy patrol vessel while a single Ventura attacked Shumushu and Liberators raided Paramushiro.

Five of 15 to 20 enemy fighters which attempted to intercept the raiders on Paramushiro were shot down. Five others probably were destroyed and two were damaged. Two Liberators were damaged, but returned safely.

Army Liberators of the 7th air force raided two Jima in the Volcanos again. One bomber was lost. Mitchell medium bombers attacked Pagan and Rota in the Marianas and navy Venturas raided Nauru east of the Gilberts.

PURDUE NAMES NEW DEPARTMENT CHIEF

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 16.—Purdue university's school of agriculture has announced the appointment of Dr. Norman J. Volk, of the Alabama Polytechnic institute, as the new head of the agronomy department in the agricultural experiment station.

He will succeed Dr. George D. Scarseth, who resigned July 15 to become head of the farm research department of the American Farm Bureau.

Dr. Herbert R. Albrecht, also from the Alabama institution, has been named assistant professor of agronomy to succeed Dr. W. W. Worzella who left Purdue several months ago to become head of the agronomy department of South Dakota college.

PENSIONERS PLAN PICNIC

Group No. 1 of the Indiana old age pension program will meet tomorrow evening in room No. 124 of the English hotel. All Indianapolis pension groups will hold a picnic Sunday in Garfield park.

Frances Langford Defends Hubby Jon Hall

SYDNEY, Aug. 16 (U. P.).—Frances Langford, movie and radio singer, said today that she was certain her husband, Jon Hall, would "never make a pass at anyone else" and that she was not the least disturbed by reports of the flight in which he was involved at the Hollywood home of Tommy Dorsey.

"Even if he did make a pass at someone, it would not make any difference to me," she added. "We have a perfect understanding."

Miss Langford said she did not believe Dorsey's reported charge that Hall had been making passes at Pat Dane, who is Mrs. Dorsey, at a nightclub party which preceded the free-for-all fight in the Dorsey home about a week ago.

Neither did she believe versions of the fight in which her husband was reported to have had the tip of his classic nose nearly severed either by a butcher knife or by a geranium pot over which he stumbled during a "balcony talk" with Dorsey.

Miss Langford was inclined to

blame Hollywood gossip columnists, saying they had made a mountain out of a molehill.

"Why, every time I go on a tour," she said, "I'm not out of the place two minutes when some gossip writer isn't phoning to Jon asking if we're going to be divorced."

"Do you think I'd leave Jon and go on tour if I wasn't sure of him?"

"Of course, I have been worried—but I was more worried about Jon being worried about our plane crash Monday."

She was referring to the forced landing of the plane in which she was flying to Australia as a member of the U. S. O. troupe headed by Bob Hope. None of the party was injured, and the entertainers continued on to Australia on the following day.

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JERRY KNOWS HE'S LICKED—ALEXANDER

ROME, Aug. 16 (U. P.).—Mans on the battlefield know they are beaten, Gen. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, allied commander in Italy, declared last night in turning over the civil administration of the provinces of Rome, Grosseto and Livorno to the Italian government.

"But the war is not over yet," he said. "The German tyrants will fight to the last because they know peace will bring them inexorable extermination."

Speaking over an Italy-wide radio hookup, Alexander said the turning over of the provinces to Italian rule was due to the conduct of the people and their government.

"The fact that tranquility was so readily established in the liberated territory is proof that the Italian people desire the defeat of Germany," he said.

HOPE FOR FURTHER
U. S.-JAP EXCHANGES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (U. P.).—State department officials were hopeful today that manpower shortages in Japan would prompt the Japanese to resume negotiations for further exchanges of United States and Japanese citizens.

An article in the department's publication, the Bulletin, said more than 9000 Japanese "willing to be repatriated" still remain in this country, but that persistent American efforts had failed to elicit Japanese co-operation in arranging further exchanges.

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