

Nazi Officer Kills Germans To Delay City's Occupation

By ELEANOR PACKARD
United Press Staff Correspondent
ASCHAFENBURG, Germany, April 3.—A sinister, mysterious friend of Adolf Hitler and presumably an S.S. officer evoked the fanatic Nazi resistance which has held off complete occupation of Aschaffenburg for five days.

When the 157th regiment of the 7th army's 45th division entered the town, the Nazi officer—a Maj. Lambert—usurped the command of higher ranking authorities and threatened death to anyone who tried to surrender.

Two Germans are known to have been shot under Lambert's orders and others are believed to have been disposed of similarly.

The Americans hold about two-thirds of Aschaffenburg with only the northeast section and a fringe of city blocks in the north still centers of resistance. But the way opposition is decreasing, especially since Lambert left the city this morning, the town may be cleared by tomorrow.

Followers Remain
However, about 50 other S.S. men, close followers of Lambert, are understood to be still in the city and may cause a stubborn delay.

These were some of the fanatics with which Lambert organized his desperate defense.

He grabbed any stray soldier he could lay his hands on, including a few Hungarians, and built the resistance force around a nucleus of air corps personnel transferred to the infantry.

Many were boys between 13 and 17, who were trainees in the cadet school located here.

They were Hitler's children, educated for death rather than sur-

render. A number were taken prisoner, however, together with several 18-year-old officers.

Captain Hanged
But the fanatical defense did not make Lambert a hero in the eyes of the Germans. His summary executions made him a dreaded monster and prisoners refer to him as "Schweinhund"—pig dog.

Lambert's first execution occurred when a Wehrmacht captain argued for a surrender at a council of war. The captain was hanged and his body left in the public square for days as warning to others.

Evidence of the second execution was obtained from a document taken from a captured major last night. It reported the arrest of an air force captain because of suspicious behavior. At the bottom was a note in Lambert's own handwriting reading:

"No further investigation needed. The traitor must be shot immediately."

Beneath that was another notation: "Execution carried out."

There also were reports that the former mayor was hanged but this was not confirmed.

Civilians Arrested
However, Germans machine-gunned a group of prisoners whom the Yanks were marching under guard.

A number of Lambert's defense garrison were one-armed, one-legged or one-eyed disabled veterans who were bullied into fighting under threats of death.

American authorities suspect a number of civilians were willing supporters of Lambert's plans. Six of them, including two women, have been arrested and will be tried by American military courts.

German People Bewildered By Speed of Allied Drive

By CLINTON B. CONGER
United Press Staff Correspondent
WITH U. S. 2D ARMORED DIVISION, Germany, April 3.—The German army was here yesterday, and the folk who watched saw nothing amiss with their war.

Hundreds of American tanks are racing over the countryside today, and the people don't know what has happened.

The first reaction in the isolated farmhouses is one of absolute, cringing fear of immediate death when the Yank carrying a Tommy gun darts into the house or the tanks rumble to a stop at the front door.

After that comes bewilderment, relief, apprehension for the future. In the towns the reaction varies widely. It is key-noted by combined

disorder and apparent hypocrisy. It is in the towns that the civilians turn briefly from their frenzied looting of army storehouses to hand you the "we're glad you're here" stuff.

It's in the towns that every single house puts out a white flag, every townswoman rushes to make herself useful to the Americans—by daylight. And by night the soldiers walk in pairs or get a knife in the back.

In the towns the Nazi fanatics understand what's going on, and what they're supposed to do about it. But the farm woman doesn't understand the allied sweep through her neighborhood. She says the Americans can do everything, so they must have parachuted the Sherman tanks down here.

Civilians Wreck Train Over 7th Army's Main Highway

By MALCOLM MUIR JR.
United Press Staff Correspondent
WITH SEVENTH ARMY, Germany, April 3.—Civilians of Erbach, 25 miles east of the Rhine, were accused today of committing the first sabotage against American forces in Germany—"dive-bombing" a highway with a railroad train.

The main highway to the 7th army front runs through a railroad underpass at Erbach. Allied bombers had blown out the overhead tracks and rail traffic long since had ceased.

Late yesterday an engineer corps sergeant ran to the colonel's tent and called:

"A locomotive and a full train is bowling down the tracks from the north with a full head of steam."

"Impossible," the colonel said, but he came out to look.

The train was coming all right. The colonel and the sergeant leaped aboard and attempted to set the brakes. It was too late. They jumped off again just before the engine and cars toppled into the underpass gap, blocking the highway on which units of the 42d Rainbow division were moving up to the front.

PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

J. Jack Crafton, Flying Fortress squadron lead pilot and son of Mrs. Ruth Crafton, 1225 N. New Jersey st., has been promoted to captain at an 8th air force bomber station in England. His wife, Betty Jo, lives in Modesto, Cal.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

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Indianapolis Y Men's Club, International meeting, Central Y. M. C. A., 12:15 p. m.

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Junior Chamber of Commerce, luncheon, Washington hotel, 12:15 p. m.

Economic forum, meeting, Washington hotel, 8:15 p. m.

Kiwanis club, luncheon-meeting, Columbia club, noon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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Robert Lee Yost, 1803 S. Meridian; Celeste Mae Byroads, 1803 S. Meridian.

James William Ciesla, 21 W. 10th; Anna Laura Cleaver, 1855 Park.

Elmer Eugene Minor, 4919 Caroline; Nellie Belle York, 4919 Caroline.

Martin Moore, Chesterfield; Jennie Lockey, 1803 Huguenot.

Gerald D. Sankura, Camp Atterbury; Polly Marston, Avondale.

James Frank Hurt, 2138 Highland Place; Margaret Katherine Davis, 1914 Raleigh.

Alan Otto Horton, 1115 W. 20th; Martha Jane Greenburg, 905 N. Boast.

Charles Albert Randall, 371 Park; Grace Ursula Spence, 811 Eastern.

Logan Rex Jr., R. 1, Williams; Betty Rose Bolton, 205 S. Arlington.

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James P. Long, P. Harrison; Frances J. Kern, 724 S. East.

Thomas B. Bettis, 1604 N. Belle View Place; Thelma L. Burdine, 1604 N. Belle View Place.

Oscar F. Smith, 38 E. 37th; Lora Carson, 369 Grandview.

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Pearl Elliott, 1812 Central, apt. 3; William Howard Springer, 1849 S. East.

Mary Catherine Miller, 1228 Kelly; John Malcolm Wiggins, 3250 N. Illinois.

Juanita Jean Amos, 425 College; Ralph Atkins, 301 N. Belle View Place.

Ernestine Helen Reynolds, 1193 N. Belle View Place.

LEGION ORATORICAL FINAL SET TONIGHT

State finals of the national American Legion oratorical contest will be held at 8 p. m. today at the war memorial, with four zone winners participating.

The winner in tonight's elimination will represent Indiana in the regionals for Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Tennessee April 11 at Columbus, Ind. The national prize for the best discussion of "The Constitution of the United States" is a \$4000 college education.

One Indianapolis boy, Charles Retherford, Technical high school, will compete tonight. Other contestants are Philip R. Melanson Jr., Lincoln high school, Plymouth; Philip Traycott, South Side high school, Ft. Wayne; and Howard M. Dess, Bloomington high school, Bloomington.

The state contest is sponsored by the Legion and the Indiana Bar association, with Frank B. Russell, Tipton, as state chairman.

CIVIC LEAGUE TO MEET

The Christian Park Civic league will meet at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in the Christian park community house.

A Couple of Hoosiers Get Together at Pacific Headquarters

WHEN A COUPLE of Hoosiers (both Indiana university men, at that) get together in mid-Pacific a certain amount of skylarking is inevitable.

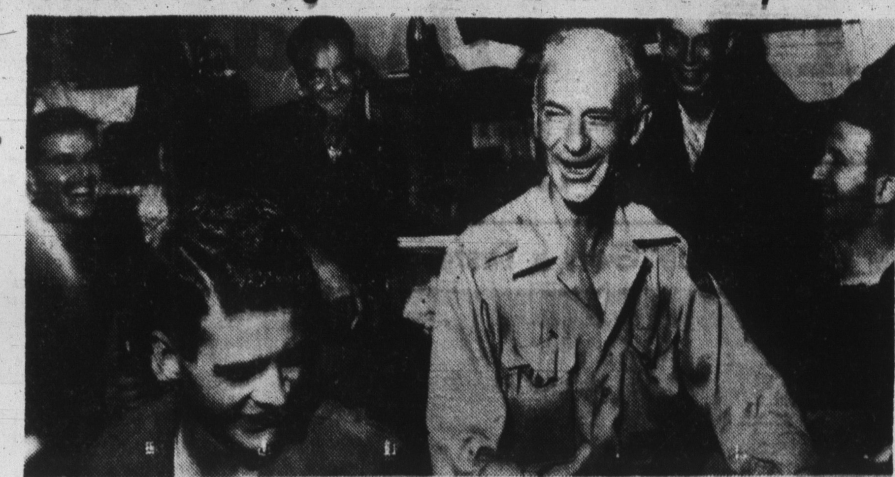
So it was on Guam last March 17 as Yeoman 3-c Richard (Dick) Retherford of Indianapolis helped "escort" Ernie Pyle around Pacific fleet headquarters.

A LETTER from Yeoman Retherford to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Retherford of the Marrott hotel, left some doubt as to just who escorted who on that memorable date. But it emphasized a good time was had by all.

One of the eloquent manifestations of this geniality is present in Ernie's inscription on the picture shown above. It reads: "To my friend Dick Retherford—What's so damn funny?"

If Dick had an answer, he didn't tell his parents.

PYLE spent considerable time with Yeoman Retherford's outfit, public relations headquarters of the Pacific fleet command. On the night of March 17 he was



"What's so damn funny?" Ernie Pyle asked Yeoman Dick Retherford (lower left) of Indianapolis.

guest of honor at a reception and dinner.

In the navy for two and a half years, Yeoman Retherford is a graduate of Shortridge high school and attended Indiana uni-

versity, Ernie's alma mater. He enlisted in his sophomore year.

THE Indianapolis youth saw action with the aircraft carrier *Saratoga* in several South Pacific

battles before transferring to Pacific fleet headquarters, first at Pearl Harbor, then on Guam.

Mr. Retherford is superintendent of equipment for the New York Central railroad here.

INDIANA R. R. STRIKE CASE GOES TO WLB

The four-day-old strike of 85 Indiana railroad bus drivers was in the hands of the war labor board in Chicago today.

The dispute was referred to the WLB by federal conciliators here after failure of a four-hour conference yesterday to produce an agreement on the walkout which knotted bus transportation to Ft. Wayne, Terre Haute and intermediate towns.

Indiana railroad executives have declined to arbitrate the strike until the buses are rolling again, the strikers were told by Federal Conciliator Arthur C. Ingles.

The drivers, members of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway and Motor Coach employees, A. F. of L., are demanding dismissal of Barlow Neely, I. R. R. supervisor.

NAVY POSTS OPEN

Men interested in commissions as chaplains and engineers in the naval reserve may be interviewed tomorrow by Lt. John W. Bornhoeft, U. S. N. R., at 120 W. North st.

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