

Brothers
Massock
Re-United
In Italy

By GEORGE TUCKER
(Substituting for Hal Boyle)
NIGHT FIGHTER BASE
ITALY, Feb. 16 (AP)—(Delayed) —Sgt. Frank Massock of Timpino, Ill., was standing in a muddy field without a carrier on an airfield in Italy. His nose was bloody, he had a bruise on his hand and he was getting ready to run to his jeep. A 20 millimeter cannon when a big brassy rolled in a jeep rolled out at him: "hey, Frank, they want you at the TUCKER workshop."

The workshop was a mudstained tent that stood on a corner of the night fighter field. The cannon, Sgt. Massock was cleaning was hitched to a DeSaurat. He put down his ramrod, blew his nose carefully, stomped a little of the mud from his feet, and got into the jeep.

"Somebody'll have to finish this job," he called back as he rode off.

At the workshop 11. Elv K. Wise of Mobile, Ala., lounged at the door. "Sergeant," he wanted, "there's a man in there who wants to see you. He says he's your brother."

Inside, Sgt. Massock found himself suddenly shaking hands with a man he remembered very well. They had got in the same street lights and got into the same school. Also they had submitted to the torture of having their ears scrubbed by the same mother. These brothers, after nearly five years, had been thrown together by the logistics of the war.

A drafty airfield in Italy after mixing each other by a hair in Italy.

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Allies Hold Their Own

By EDWARD KENNEDY
ON THE ANZIO BEACHHEAD
—One month after landing at Anzio, Allied beachhead troops are holding their own well against a force of nine divisions the Germans have sent here from various parts of Europe and are continuing to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy.

This is the story of Anzio: No brilliant victory, no triumphal entry into Rome, but a hard struggle, a "struggle of attrition" which risks that has tied up a great German force on the southern front and which undoubtedly will have profound effect on the course of the war.

Beachhead troops so far have met and repulsed two full-scale German offensives to split them into two by a push of the beachhead and drive them into the sea. They are determined to meet and there by their further effort.

TO STURGE BACK
The beachhead is a narrow strip of land, only 10 miles wide, and the Germans may pile up more and more stretch around it. But the recent prospect is that the beachhead troops will hold out as long as the Germans are not able to capture it.

The Germans have a strange mixture of troops assembled around the beachhead. Some are veterans of the Italian campaign, some are new recruits. They are now very good units, including 18th, 15th and 14th SS divisions.

There are older veterans from Italy, but the Allies must be driven out at any cost. Nothing is given, they are in a desperate fight here with high morale, being told that the Allies are already breaking and they have to give them a Dunkerque push. But on the morning of the 16th, the beachhead troops were the most determined to hold out.

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Weather

Partly cloudy and slightly warmer tonight; Wednesday, mostly cloudy and continued warm.

Today's Temperatures
8:30 P. M. 42-44
Sunset Today 7:12
Sunrise Tomorrow 6:59
Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 8.

SAVE
100 lbs. of waste paper will make 100 lbs. of newsprint. No extra charge. No extra charge. No extra charge.

WASH. BY MORRIS HARRIS
The Japanese Government's announced removal of its Army and Navy staff officers as a result of the American victory at Truk and elsewhere in the Pacific has attracted speculation in high quarters here that hark back outside by ripping open the stomach with a sword at the command of Emperor Hirohito can be the only end for these deposed high Japanese officers.

Maybe, but they continue to present day thought among some of the Japanese Imperial service. The present generation of Japan's uniformed men live life as much as we do. They may be different in their thinking, but they are not so different in their living, especially in the presence of their official superiors, than we are. They are not so different in their living, especially in the presence of their official superiors, than we are.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt vetoed the new tax bill today, calling it a "wholly ineffective" and a measure "not for the needy but for the greedy," and Congress promptly reacted with threats—by both Democrats and Republicans—to override the veto.

Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee and Chairman George, Georgia, of the Senate Finance Committee led Democratic denunciations of the veto.

"AGIN" THE MESSAGE
"I couldn't maintain my self-respect if I didn't veto to override the veto," said the 68-year-old Doughton, "I'm still the veto message."

Senator George told reporters he never had seen a veto in his legislative career based on such inadequate and unconvincing grounds.

The only thing I can get out

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LONDON (AP)—The first coordinated air attack against Germany from bases in the United Kingdom and Italy was carried out today, with planes from the south and west hitting aircraft factories and other targets, U. S. Army Headquarters announced.

The combined assault was made by the U. S. Eighth and 15th Air Forces, and was the "first major daylight bombing operation in as many days aimed at destroying Germany's ability to maintain an aerial defense against further bombing," the announcement said.

Our bomber divisions were supported by fighters of the Eighth, Ninth and 15th Air Forces and by British fighters from the Royal Air Force, the announcement said.

FOLLOW-UP HEAVY ATTACK
This joint force followed two consecutive attacks by nearly 2,000 U. S. heavy bombers and fighters each time from Britain and Italy, the announcement said.

No details on today's concerted assault were disclosed immediately. The announcement said that the attack was aimed at destroying the German aircraft industry and at hitting the German economy.

The combined assault was coordinated and directed by the U. S. Strategic Air Force, which is commanded by U. S. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz.

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LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill told the world today that Allied bombing far beyond anything yet "employed or indeed imagined" would strike Germany in every corner in prelude to the final smashing by American and British invasion armies of "approximately equal" power.

The three great Allies still stand "absolutely united," and "none of the ground made good at Moscow or Tehran" has been lost despite the "despite the fact that the British war leaders asserted in a confident but cautious war review in Commons."

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LONDON (AP)—The Berlin radio announced today the evacuation of Krivoli Rog, iron ore city in the Lower Dnieper Bend.

DNB, German news agency, said German troops moved out at noon on Friday after destroying military installations in the town.

Previously the German command announced heavy house-to-house fighting was going on in Krivoli Rog.

The fall of the city, following on the Germans' loss of the manganese center of Nikopol, was one of the hardest industrial setbacks to the German war machine suffered in the Russian Winter of 1943.

The Russian triumph secured the Soviet flank for a plunge to the westward and the Black Sea ports of Kherson, Nikolayev and Odessa.

KHOLM CAPTURED
On the northern end of the front, the Russian war bulletin said, Soviet forces captured the big German base of Kholm, midway between Lake Iznia and Novosokolniki, and a number of other points, including the town of Kholm, district center of the Kalinin region 25 miles northwest of Kholm.

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