

Soldiers Dead In Isolation

NOTE—This column and several succeeding releases were written prior to Mr. Clapper's testimony at the Pacific war zone.

By Raymond Clapper
AN ADVANCED FIGHTER BASE, NEW GUINEA—Up here, within twenty minutes of the Japs, I have been interested in what one of the most-likely fighter base think the war is all about.

There's been too much isolation already, I'd get Samson Brown of Philadelphia. I had just started the back of a snapshot of Sam and his girl. I said you give me her address?

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Yanks Again Hit Germany

LONDON—(AP)—Great forces of American heavy bombers lashed out at Nazi Europe for the seventh time in eight days today, battering objectives in western Germany after RAF Mustangs struck at the same area last night.

The preliminary announcement gave no indication of the targets, but it was obvious that another cog in the Nazi war machine was blasted by a series of incendiary explosions such as the American giants have lost over Frankfurt, Brunswick, Hannover and Wilhelmshaven.

Other heavy bombers streamed out across the Channel toward France as the day wore on and great waves of bombers for six hours for an hour, some thundering toward the enemy coast and others returning to the attack.

RAP Spitfire squadrons also took to the air over the Channel, but they were engaged in an attack toward the continent one after the other.

Toulon Raid Is Reported
LONDON—The Vichy radio said that Toulon, major port on the southern coast of France, was raided at 2 P. M. today.

A Berlin broadcast said that heavy fighter units against the towns of Pote, Rimini, Albano, Forno and Piceno.

The raid on the Adriatic, Rimini also is on the Adriatic, along the coast about a mile and a half from Castel Grande, just below Rome.

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"Jumbo" Wilson Is Big Man And Has A Lot of Military Ability

By Hal Boyle
AN ADVANCED COMMAND POST IN THE ITALIAN front—(Delayed)—He is officially known as Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, but everyone from generals to privates in the top Allied command in the Mediterranean theater knows him as "Jumbo".

He is not the kind of man you would expect to see in uniform, but when you try to take personal observations of him, you find a big, powerful man with a strong nose and a heavy jaw.

He is a big man, and he is a big man. He is a big man, and he is a big man.

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Navy Calls German U-boats "The Worst of the Worst"

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Bag Ships From Jap-Held Ports In South Atlantic

The Navy, announcing this today, said the holds of the enemy ships were filled with thousands of tons of rubber, tin, fats and strategic ore. Some of these materials, particularly tin, are of great value to the Japanese.

Vessels Laden With War Materials Intercepted; Many Prisoners Taken

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which already had one blockade runner to its credit; the destroyer hunter, which has had several submarines in the Atlantic several months ago, and the destroyer escorts.

Seeking to break through the American blockade, the three ships—the Burgenland, Rio Grande and Westland—were sighted and sunk within a 48-hour period early in January, the Navy reported.

Reds Surge Ahead Along Great Front
MOSCOW—(AP)—Systematic extermination by the Red armies of ten German divisions in the upper Rhine district was well under way today, the Army newspaper Red Star said, while the main Soviet forces continued to forge westward from the Ukraine to the Baltic.

The midnight communiqué indicated nearly 10,000 of the trapped German divisions were killed.

The situation west of Cherkassk, where the infantry now one tank divisions have been trapped by a great five-day offensive, presented the same picture as Staliburg.

Thousands of German units have been "squeezed out" of the line by the Soviet attacks.

The Germans were said to be in an exhausted condition, although they are still fighting their surrendering in any large numbers.

The raid on the enemy's largest base in the North Atlantic, Formosa is the Fifth Army front in western Italy and Pote and Riccione lie on the Adriatic beach near Ancona.

20,000 In Walkout

DETROIT—(AP)—Officers of the Mechanical Educational Society of America, an independent union, said today 20,000 of their members are on strike against the action of the CIO in seeking a collective bargaining agreement with the company.

Soviet Refuses Pact With Yugoslavians

LONDON—(AP)—A story that King Peter of Yugoslavia had been offered a mutual assistance pact in December by the Soviet Union, broadcast to the Russian press today by the Moscow radio, but an American source said was eliminated without explanation.

Recorded by the Soviet monitor, it was said, had been refused by King Peter in view of the unpopularity of the Yugoslav situation.

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By Chas. H. McMurry
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WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today legislation providing mustering-out pay of \$100 to \$300 for members of the armed services.

House Gets Money Bill

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A \$1,318,378,572 bill carrying funds for operations of the Treasury and Post Office Departments for the twelve months starting next July 1 was sent to the House floor today by the House Committee on Appropriations.

Most of the total, \$1,068,897,193, was allocated to the Post Office Department, which reported that during the fiscal period ended last June 30 it operated "at the red" for the first time in 24 years and expected to show an operating surplus again next year but a deficit this year.

The Treasury's share of the direct appropriations was \$212,582,968, which included \$134,800,000 earmarked for the expenses of acquisition and collecting taxes.

In addition to the direct appropriations, the committee recommended for the Treasury Department \$785,735,500 of "indefinite appropriations" to \$3,401,500 in reappropriations, an aggregate of \$1,021,100,500 for that agency, or \$14,657,211 below budget estimate and \$265,450,049 above total appropriations for the current year.

Lepke Granted Reprieve
ALBANY, N. Y.—Governor Thomas E. Dewey today granted reprieve to Edward J. Lepke, the convicted murderer who was scheduled for execution tomorrow.

There has been only one previous reprieve for Lepke, who was sentenced to the electric chair after a conviction for the murder of a woman in 1937.

Would Raise Ranks Of Military Chiefs

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Bills to boost four of America's top-ranking military and naval leaders to ranks commensurate with their positions were introduced in Congress today.

Legislation authorizing President Roosevelt to raise General George C. Marshall and Henry H. Arnold to the rank of "Generals of the Army" was introduced by the House Committee on Military Affairs.

The bills, introduced by Sen. Walter George and Rep. C. K. Williams, would permit the President to appoint Admirals William D. Leahy and Ernest J. King as "Admirals of the Navy."

Marshall is Army Chief of Staff, Arnold is head of the Army Air Corps, Leahy is Chief of Staff to the President and King is Chief of Naval Operations.

None of the four was specifically mentioned in the new legislation which would simply authorize the appointments for two general Army officers and two active line officers of the Navy.

The appointments would be for the duration of their service in the United States.

In all United States history only Generals Ulisses S. Grant, William T. Sherman, P. M. Sheridan and John J. Pershing have held the rank of "General of the Army."

Gen. Pershing will remain in his position as the highest ranking officer of the Army.

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WEATHER

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Today's Temperature
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