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Yanks Strike From Britain And Italy

Sad Sam Seen His Duty And He Done It

By DAN DE LUCE
(Substituting For Hal Boyle)
ALLIED AIR BASE, Italy, April 10—(Delayed)—(AP)—It's two years since Sad Sam left the guys and dolls around the garden at the request of Mr. Whiskers, and no beefing.

DANIEL DE LUCE

He was favorably known as an important brain among people interested in guessing lucky figures and how horses will run and welterweights fight. He has made lots of scratch and was nodded to respect by characters like Able the Owl, Gimpty, Niggle, Harry the Horse and Big Red.

Sad Sam was on the level, which was why no one ever molested him with an ice pick or a pocket cannon. Mr. Whiskers was proud more than somewhat to invite him into the Army.

Now the War Department, without benefit of broadway columnists, identifies him as Sgt. Samuel Hasenfeld of 1745 Davidson Ave., the Bronx.

You can meet him, too, if you go out to an American fighter field, where volcanic dust turns you into a grey ghost, and if you stay until sunset when all the pilots have come back from bombing 500 ton demolitioners at the kraut with their old P40s.

Sad Sam, smiling mournfully, stands back of the Air Force basement bar and mixes fruit juices. It's just one of his various duties and he regards it as a social relaxation after a daytime stretch in the photographic section.

His best combinations of juices have names as "Prop Wash," "Flak Happy," and "Blackouts." He explains, however, that he has a very fickle public and he is always alert to introduce new juices if they can be requisitioned from such great fruit countries as Italy, France and Scotland.

Sad Sam has never married because he said the odds never looked right. But being in the air forces at the advanced age of 39, with a bald head he finds fathers nearly 100 kid fliers.

At 9:55 P. M. he tells them that they will have to get shut eye in another five minutes because they must be in the pink for tomorrow's little bowling session.

Obediently "my champs," as Sad Sam calls them, retire to a corner with two beer tokens reminding them of their safari from Benghazi to Cape Bon last year. A mathematical contest is held and the last man to add two numbers and not get seven or eleven finances the last round of fruit juice.

While Sad Sam pours the night cap, reserving three fingers of well water for himself, he sons in singing a ballad which would confuse his pals back at the garden twinside. It is a fact that when he was watching a fight of a different sort at Marsh last year he acquired from some South African pilots the gift of tongue.

THE BALLAD

The ballad which Broadway hasn't heard yet goes like this:

"Hy zigga zimba, zimba zimba;
Hy zigga zimba zimba zah,
Hold him down you swazi warrior;
Hold him down you zuhi chieftain.
Chieftain . . . Chieftain . . . Chieftain!"

When "chieftain" has been boomed out four times by the male chorus, everybody has finished his fruit juice.

"Sure," says Sad Sam, with his usual chief stricken grim, "being in the Army has its compensations."

Gen. Sadler Takes Post

CAIRO—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Percy L. Sadler has assumed the post of deputy commander of the U. S. Middle East Command under Brig. Gen. Benjamin Giles.

Sadler, a native of Alabama has just completed fourteen months as head of a U. S. force in Liberia.

SCOREBOARD—S-Sgt. Kenneth M. Scollon of Barnesboro, Pa., paints another Rising Sun flag, indicating a Jap plane shot down by a Seventh Air Force Liberator bomber, on the group scoreboard in the Central Pacific.

Land Blows In Germany & Hungary

Hit At Aircraft Produetion

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR

LONDON — (AP) — U. S. heavy bombers landed a double blow at German aircraft production today, striking from Italy at works in Hungary and from Britain at important plants in Germany.

The 15th Air Force, based at Foggia, Italy, hit a Messerschmitt factory near Gyor, 70 miles northwest of Budapest, as well as railroad car and machine works. The Tokol airdrome assembly plant 11 miles southwest of Budapest came under Liberator attack.

ATTACK FROM BRITAIN

The Eighth Air Force, Britain-based, made a "four-bladed attack on aircraft plants at Ansbach and Oberpfofenhofen, air force installations at Lechfeld, and a ball-bearing works at Schweinfurt," an official announcement said. More than 500 bombers, accompanied by 250 to 1,000 fighter planes, went on this operation, and the announcement observed:

"The targets, all highly important to the German Air Force, had been hit previously and today's blows were designed both to disrupt repairs and inflict new damage."

Today's blows at Hungary followed a raid last night upon that nation's capital RAF Wellingtons flying from Italy hit Budapest with 4,000-pound blockbusters for the first time. In the third raid within a month against rail centers important to Adolf Hitler's supplies on the Russian front.

Probably about 500 Fortresses and Liberators participated in today's Italy-based onslaught, which carried into the sixth straight day the current offensive to wipe out the bulk of the German air force, both in the air and abuilding, before D-Day. The Vesces airdrome 10 miles south of Budapest was another of the 15th Air Force targets, while railroad yards at Brod, Yugoslavia, halfway between Bel-

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FORT LEWIS PARADE—Observation planes soar overhead as Col. Joseph S. Tate and Ma. Gen. Robert E. Lewis review the 411th Field Artillery group at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Two Armies Make Swift Drives Over Crimea Land

Germans Being Driven To Rim

LONDON — (AP) — Red Army troops, moving swiftly in the clearing of the Crimea of Germans and Romanians, have captured Yevpatoriya, on the west coast 42 miles north of Sevastopol, and Feodosiya, on the south coast, 100 miles east of the naval base, Marshal Joseph Stalin announced in two orders of the day.

Feodosiya fell to the Maritime army of Gen. Andrei I. Yeremenko which "broke through the enemy defenses" at Armansai across the neck of the Kerch Peninsula in an eighteen-mile sprint.

Yevpatoriya tumbled before Gen. Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Fourth Ukrainian Army which delivered a "bold blow struck by tank formations and infantry," Stalin said.

ROLL OVER TABLE LAND

Tolbukhin's forces, Moscow dispatches added, were rolling swiftly across the Crimean table land within sight of Simferopol, administrative center of the Crimean Peninsula, toward Sevastopol where Red Army soldiers, Marines and workers battled in the ravines and rocky defenses in an eight-month siege before the Germans finally captured the naval base in June, 1942.

The two orders of the day, issued from Moscow within an hour, added up to a story of remarkable progress in a six-day campaign which has swept the enemy from two-thirds of the 9,000-square-mile peninsula.

The Germans were rapidly being driven into the mountain rim along the south coast.

Each victory Stalin said, would be marked in Moscow by twelve salvoes from 124 guns.

RETREAT ADMITTED

German broadcasts admitted that Nazi and Romanian troops were busily "disengaging themselves" in the Crimea.

On the mainland to the north, other Russian armies yesterday captured both Tiraspol, 53 miles northwest of Odessa, and Pelitcani, 60 miles south of Cernauti and 170 miles north of the valuable Ploesti oil fields, a Russian communique announced.

At the same time Red Army troops drew tighter the noose around the Skala pocket north of the Middle Dnestr River, where the remnants of fifteen German divisions — possibly 10,000 men — faced annihilation.

The twin Russian drive through the Crimea, which dispatches said was crumbling Axis defense lines in all directions, was materially aided by the Soviet Black Sea Fleet Air Force, which was blasting enemy evacuation ports and communication lines with devastating results, the war bulletin reported.

Constanta, big Romanian Black Sea port and oil shipping center, was heavily bombed, Moscow said. Constanta is 230 miles across the Black Sea from Sevastopol, and presumably would be one of the logical ports of debarkation for Axis troops evacuated from the Crimea.

Mopping up southwest of liberated Odessa, Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian Army was credited with capturing five more towns, including Kislitsa, five miles north of Ovidiopol, which is the terminus of the railroad from Odessa on the Dnestr lagoon and the shortest direct route towards Romania for the remnants of the garrison of fallen Odessa.

MacArthur Gives Legislator Reply

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur has replied to a Congressman's request that he hold himself available for the Republican Presidential nomination with an assertion that the United States "must not inadvertently slip into the same condition internally as the one which we fight externally."

In an exchange of correspondence with Rep. A. L. Miller, Republican, Nebraska, the Southwest Pacific Commander wrote that he did not anticipate in any way the fulfilment of "flattering predictions" the House member had made that MacArthur could win the nomination and as Miller put it, "Carry every state in the Nation."

MILT GENERAL ONCE

Miller, who said he had met the general only once, is active in the draft-MacArthur campaign which has netted the Southwest Pacific Commander three convention delegates and has seen him win impressively the Illinois preferential primary against a political unknown.

In a letter dated Feb. 11, MacArthur wrote Miller that he appreciated very much the "scholarly letter" the House member had addressed to him Jan. 27, in which Miller said more than a political revolution against the centralization of power in the Federal Government was underway and added:

"If this system of left wingers and New Dealism is continued another four years, I am certain that this monarchy which is being established in

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Over 26,000 Japs Killed

WASHINGTON — (AP) — More than 26,000 Japanese have been killed in fighting in the Southwest and Central Pacific during recent months, Secretary of War Stimson told today.

Stimson, at a press conference, gave this summary of enemy casualties in the Pacific war

Central Pacific—11,000 to 12,000 dead in the last three months.

Bougainville—5,370 from March 8 to April 8.

New Britain — 4,679 since the landings there early this year.

The Saidor sector of New Guinea—1,053 up to April 8

Admiralty Islands—2,062.

Stimson said these Japanese casualties were all counted dead and "do not include those who died of wounds and of disease behind the enemy lines or were given makshiral" by the Japanese before American forces penetrated former enemy areas. Likewise, the totals do not include those who died on ships and barges attacked by the Allies or who met death in air raids on Japanese installations.

Romanian Troops Please Premier

NEW YORK — (AP) — The Bucharest radio said today that Premier Marshal Ion Antonescu had returned from a three-day inspection of Romanian troops on the Southern Moldavian front and had "told the whole country that Moldavia will be defended."

The broadcast, reported by the U. S. Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service, said the inspection had come up to Antonescu's "highest expectations" and that the military situation was "of the best."

Four Infants Die Because Of Pharmacy Error

NEW LONDON, Conn. — (AP) — Administrator Richard P. Hancock of the Lawrence Memorial Hospital reported today that an error by an employee of the hospital's pharmacy department had resulted in the deaths of four infants. Seven others were seriously ill, he said, and ten more under close observation.

Because of the error, the administrator said, boric acid powder instead of dextrose powder was used in preparing a formula fed to the twenty babies.

Coroner Edward G. McKay of Norwich began an investigation.

Hospital officials said there was no known antidote for the boric acid poisoning, and added that adults probably would have been made only mildly ill by the preparation which affected the infants.

The formula was administered last Friday and the deaths occurred Monday and yesterday.

Nazi War Prisoners On Sit-Down Strike

OMAHA — (AP) — German officers prisoners of war in the Trinidad, Colo., camp were on a sit-down strike today as a result of failure of two of their comrades to escape, Lt. Col. L. R. Cobb, camp commander, reported to the 7th Service Command today.

Col. Cobb gave this account:

Two officers attempted to escape several days ago during a severe snowstorm, but were recaptured. On their return to the camp, they were denied certain privileges they formerly enjoyed.

Dunninger Reads Judge's Mind But It Costs Money

NEW YORK — (AP) — Joseph Dunninger, "the master mentalist" of radio, turned his piercing gaze upon Magistrate Anna Kross in uptown traffic court today.

"Well, what's on my mind?" the judge asked.

"Oberlin," Dunninger replied promptly, referring to Oberlin College in Ohio. "You're contemplating sending your daughter there."

"Amazing," said the magistrate who then turned her attention to the business at hand—the matter of overtime parking to which Dunninger pleaded guilty.

"What about the fine?" she asked.

"I can read your mind, but I can't change it," Dunninger said.

"You're right," agreed the magistrate. "Four dollars fine."

Ace Gentile Has Accident

A U. S. FIGHTER BASE IN ENGLAND — (AP) — Capt. Don S. Gentile, top fighter ace in the European theater with 30 planes destroyed in the air and on the ground, was badly shaken when he was forced to crash land his fast fighter at his home base after a recent mission, it was disclosed today.

The Piqua, Ohio, ace credited with shooting down 23 enemy planes in combat and destroying seven others around twelve his Mustang down on plowed ground south of the airfield after coming in low.

He was brought to a base hospital for a few days' observation by a crash wagon crew that found him seated on the wing of his plane.

He had been escorting bombers and had tangled with several German fighters but made no claim of kills during the flight.

Although his crash landing had nothing to do with it, the mission may have been Gentile's last for some time as he has been coming on a trip home. There has been no definite announcement of a leave for the Mustang pilot, but he has had hopes of getting back to Ohio for a few months.

Air Squeeze Grips Nazis

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Allied air power is striking Germany a heavy two-way blow, Secretary of War Stimson said today.

Discussing the aerial battling in the skies of Europe, the cabinet official told his press conference:

"These last two weeks have seen the full use of American and British air power, first to give immediate support to the Soviet troops as they push forward on the Balkans, and then to strike German fighter-plane production and the existing German fighter force in Western Europe."

During the past few days, he said, there has been a new phase of intensive activity in the aerial campaign over Germany. From 1,500 to 2,000 American planes at a time have been battling Nazi aircraft factories, airdromes and fighter plane concentrations.

"Whenever the attack is carried deep into Germany," Stimson said, "the fighting is bitter. The enemy still has the planes and weapons to exact a price for the destruction he suffers. Every such air invasion is a crucial battle in itself.

"But from Saturday through Wednesday, in operations from England, our American planes alone have destroyed 378 German planes in the air and many additional ones on the ground. Our own losses have been 137 bombers and 37 fighters."

Stimson added that while the enemy has put up stiff resistance when he believed a vital point within German was to be attacked, "his opposition in the air over France and the Lowlands has declined, and even within Germany the conservation of his air force is evidently an important consideration to him."

War Casualties Total 178,681

WASHINGTON — (AP) — American casualties in the war now total 178,681.

Secretary of War Stimson said today Army casualties reported through March 23 total 124,632. They represented 23,322 killed, 55,666 wounded; 28,010 missing; 28,230 prisoners.

Of the wounded, 28,977 have returned to duty. Of the prisoners 1,677 are reported by the enemy to have died of disease in prison camps, mostly in Japanese-occupied territory.

The latest Navy casualty total is 44,049. Of these 16,749 are dead, 11,505 wounded; 9,374 missing, 4,421 prisoners.

Japs Tighten Ring Around Imphal

By CHARLES A. GRUMICH

NEW DELHI — (AP) — The Japanese have edged around to the northwest of Imphal, supplementing their positions to the southwest of that party-surrounded base in the Manipur plain of eastern India, a communique from Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's southeast Asia headquarters disclosed today.

The announcement said British and Indian forces had captured a hill position in that area in hand-to-hand fighting.

(A Domei broadcast from Tokyo declared Japanese formations were launching thrusts near an airfield only two and one-half miles north of Imphal and three miles northwest of Imphal. Other forces on April 6 had reached a place nine miles northwest of Imphal and Sengmai, twelve miles northwest of Imphal, the broadcast said.

(Declaring that both Palel, 23 miles southeast of Imphal, and Moirang, another strategic point, were about to fall, a Domei correspondent said another special Japanese attack force was maneuvering to "cut off the enemy's only line of retreat along the Bishenpur-Silchar road and also the packhorse road west of Imphal. Silchar is 70 miles west of Imphal and on a spur track from the vital Bengal-Assam railway. Bisenpur is seventeen miles southwest of Imphal."

(The Japanese forced the Indian 23rd Division to fall back to the north of Bishenpur by seizing full control of the narrow trail south of Moirang, 25 miles south of Imphal and west of Lake Loktak, the Domei correspondent declared.)

To the north, however, the British were making progress in easing their situation by cleaning up some of the Manipur road blocks with squeezing tactics near Kohima on the route to Dimapur and the Bengal-Assam railway lifeline.

This action was a mile-high battle in the Naga hills where the route turns westward to Dimapur and where the Japanese had struck into the Naga quarter of rough wooden houses overlooking the terraced countryside with its riverfields and profusion of blossoms.

American Infantry raiders under

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Hansa Bay Plastered

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—(AP)—Gen. MacArthur appears to be putting the finger on Hansa Bay.

Today he announced that his bombers, which have been pounding away almost daily this month at that supply base of the Japanese on the northeast New Guinea Coast, dumped 210 tons of explosives there Tuesday.

DESTROYER ATTACK

The day before, destroyers had moved boldly into the harbor and shelled it while fighter planes screened them and Liberators dropped 227 tons of bombs.

Within the past few days, 830 tons have been expended on the enemy base, which is slightly more than 100 miles up the coast from the nearest Allied ground position on the approaches to Madang. Hansa Bay, in addition to being blasted by all types of bombers this month and bombarded by the destroyers, also has been shelled by speedy patrol torpedo boats.

MacArthur switched his air punches toward Hansa Bay after knocking out Hollandia, more than 350 miles to the northwest.

Today's communique added a new bomber target, the atoll of Nomoi in the Carolines, southeast of Truk. South Pacific bombers, which are teaming up with Central Pacific bombers in two-way strikes at the Carolines, hit the Satawan airdrome in the Nomoi group.

A 30 - ton bombing of daily pounded Rabaul, New Britain, and a 59-ton attac" in the Wewak sector of New Guinea, also were announced.

Eight Die In Fire At Kansas Home For Poor

LAWRENCE, Kas. — (AP) — Eight inmates perished in a fire which destroyed the Douglas County Home for Indigent today. Twenty-nine others escaped without injury.

Caretaker George Hoskinson said the fire started in the boiler room and the wooden structure from an unknown cause.

WEATHER

Forecast: Fair and cool tonight, with frost in interior; Friday, partly cloudy and warmer.

Today's Temperatures:
1:30 P. M. 60 ..... L. 40
Highest Today 7:53
Sunrise Tomorrow 6:52

Germans More Aggressive In Garigliano Area

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples—(AP)—German forces in the Garigliano sector southwest of Cassino have begun to assume a more aggressive spirit, reacting sharply to Allied reconnaissance.

There are indications that the Nazis are continuing to regroup the forces which were decimated there last week and German engineers seem to be mining the Garigliano River.

Yesterday there were a number of minor patrol clashes on the Adriatic sector and the Germans made attacks on several houses southwest of Orecchia, but the front generally remained quiet.

Enemy trucks moving up to Cassino along the highway six miles south of the town where shelled by Allied artillery. There was little activity in Cassino itself, however.

Quiet, too, reigned on the Anzio beachhead front below Rome, although there was some artillery duelling. Southwest of Cisterna two enemy guns were registered by Allied shells.

Capt. Bong Bags 27th Plane To Become Top American Flying Ace

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific — (AP) — Capt. Richard I. Bong, Poplar, Wis., has shot down 27 enemy planes in aerial combat to become the highest ranking American ace in this or any other war.

Headquarters announced today Bong's 26th and 27th victories were achieved in raids over the Japanese base at Hollandia, New Guinea.

Bong's total exceeds the 26 planes credited to Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, World War I ace. All of Bong's victims have been shot down during aerial combat.

(Capt. Don Gentile, Piqua, O., flying in the European Theater, is credited with 30 enemy planes but the total includes seven destroyed on the ground.)

Air commanders in the Southwest Pacific do not credit pilots with planes destroyed on the ground.

A special headquarters release announcing Bong's achievement said all of his 27 victories have been scored while flying Lightning fighter planes over enemy territory.

The Wisconsin ace holds 20 Army decorations, topped by the Distinguished Service Cross won last Oct. 23. He also holds the Silver Star with one oak leaf cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross with four clusters and the Air Medal with eleven clusters.

Bong was ordered to duty in the Southwest Pacific in September, 1942.

He returned to active duty early this year after a leave

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The paper on which this newspaper is printed today is literally worth its weight in gold to the war effort.

The need for paper for the boxing, packaging and wrapping of war supplies cannot be overstated. It is truly crucial.

Newspapers are doing everything possible to save paper. It actually costs nearly all you pay for this newspaper, in paper and delivery expenditures, to give you the news from every corner of the world.

But, more important, the armed forces need it hard—need it desperately.

Starting today, therefore, will readers of The News agree that this newspaper is simply loaned to them? It is a precious war commodity to be saved and turned back to be sent to the front.

There are several ways in which you may return this paper to service. Junior Commandos are working with The News and the Junior Chamber of Commerce in collecting waste paper. Chief Hendrix Palmer and the Charlotte Fire Department are co-operating, bins being placed at each fire station in which paper can be placed. Supt. John Barbee and the City Sanitary Dept., are helping, too. Paper will be collected by the sanitary trucks if bundled and placed along side the garbage containers. All these agencies are doing a splendid job.

But whether you return this loaned copy of The News through the Junior Commandos, deliver it to the bins at a fire station, leave it for collection by the Sanitary Dept. or deliver it to dealers direct, it must be returned.

It is destined for front line service.

SAVE WASTE PAPER