

~~And~~ General MacArthur reports that his bombers have ^{been} ~~raided~~ ^{ing} Jap bases in the Carolines and others in the South Pacific. ~~They~~ also attacked ^{Wangan} island in the Truk Atoll and an airdrome two hundred miles west of Truk. Planes under his command also attacked three areas in New Guinea as well as Rabaul in New Britain and Kavieng on New Ireland. ^{At one} ~~place~~ place in New Guinea ~~xxx~~ they destroyed or damaged ten Jap ships.

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A high officer of the Navy at Los Angeles predicted tonight that a year from now we ~~xxxxxx~~ will not be ~~very~~ far from Tokyo. The man who said this is Rear Admiral Frederick Sherman who is home for a rest after ^{another} eighteen months at sea, commanding a carrier task force in the Far East. "It is only a question of time", said ^{Adm.} Sherman. "The Japs know they are going to be licked and conditions are now ripe for it".

NAVY

Airmen in the Pacific have again been attacking the Jap bases in the Kuriles, ~~northwest of Tokyo~~. They raided four bases in those islands, and that makes eight American air raids on the Kuriles in three days ~~running~~ ^{running} ~~succession~~. Matsua was one of the islands attack^{ed}, and, that ^{is} the closest we have yet come to Tokyo ~~in that~~ ^{from that} ~~direction~~. Matsua is only four hundred and eighty miles from the ~~home archipelago~~ ^{main islands} of the Mikado's Empire. The raids were carried out by Navy and Army planes based on the Aleutians.

The town of Poplar in Wisconsin, is in a state of great excitement today. A dispatch says that the barber laid down his clippers, the baker hung up his apron, and the banker decided that business could wait. ~~It is~~ All because ~~General~~ ^{General} MacArthur ~~has~~ ^{has} proclaimed that young Dick Bong of Poplar, Captain Richard Ira Bong to give him his title, ~~is~~ ^{is} the ace of aces in the war against Japan, having just bagged his twenty-sixth' and twenty-seventh Jap plane. ^{s.} Bong is just twenty-three years old, and a veteran of fifteen months' service in the southwest Pacific.

Two and a half years ago, Dick Bong was just another budding young school teacher at State Teachers College. He had already completed a C.A.A. training course and on September, Nineteen Forty-Two, enlisted in the Army Air Corps.

He was home on leave last November, after

fourteen months ~~of~~ service overseas. At that time he had a score of twenty-one, seventeen fighters and four bombers, ^{— plus} ~~six~~ six probables. March First he went back into action, ^{and since then he} ~~and~~ has run his record up to twenty-seven, ~~in that time.~~

Last August, on a mission over New Guinea, he shot down four Japs in one day.

Carl T. Bong, the ace's father, says it's because Dick was such a crack shot with the rifle. In the hunting season, not a deer in northern Wisconsin was safe from him. His mother says she quit worrying about him a long time ago because he has always been able to take care of himself. He is the oldest of eight children.

If he wanted to, Captain Richard Ira Bong could wear twenty medals all at once. But ^{that} ~~it~~ is no longer considered good form in the fighting services of Uncle

Sam. He has a Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star with oak leaf clasp, best Fly. Cross + 4 oak leaf clusters and 611 medals.

elements of two, two elements to a flight, four flights to a squadron. The wingman has the most thankless of all jobs, with the greater part of the risk and little of the credit. ^{And} That is why fliers admire a flight leader who never loses his wingman, the wingman being more exposed.

~~New training devices are being developed all the time, and our men are learning much from the British.~~

~~You may recall that we learned~~ ^{TP} The other day ^{we}

^{heard}

[^] that on three occasions, Bud Mahurin shot down three bandits in one day. ^{Which} is what the British call

"doing a hat trick." ^{TP} And, it is characteristic of fliers

that both Captain Bong ~~and~~ of Poplar, Wisconsin, and

^{have said}

^{for} Bud Mahurin ~~say~~ their high scores were due mostly to

luck.

RESCUE

A destroyer of Uncle Sam's Navy accomplished a dramatic rescue at sea three hundred miles west of San Francisco today. Early this morning the wires reported that a two-engined sea plane of the Navy patrol had been forced down while on the way to Hawaii. That happened two days ago. Its pilot had made an emergency landing but pretty soon the plane began to sink. The crew launched three life ~~rafts~~ rafts and lashed them together. For forty-four hours they floated around in high seas. Planes and destroyers were immediately sent out to look for them but the search was difficult because the plane's radio had failed soon after the emergency landing.

Finally ^{late}/~~last~~ night the patrol plane of the Pacific Fleet ~~spotted~~ spotted the rafts. Evidently the crew had sent up flares. The search plane swooped low, dropped more flares and radioed for help. An hour later a destroyer arrived on the scene, picked up the survivors and rescued every man, uninjured. There were fifteen of the crew and one passenger.

MARTIAL LAW

Federal Judge Metzger of Honolulu is again at logger-heads with the military authorities. He signed an order today declaring that martial law had ^{the necessity for} ceased in Hawaii territory. He ordered General Richardson, the military governor to release a civilian prisoner whom the Army Provost Marshal's court had sentenced to six months in jail. ~~He said there was no longer any reason for martial law in the Territory.~~ So far the military authorities have not complied with the order of the court and apparently do not intend to.

ICKES

At San Francisco Secretary ~~Harold~~ Ickes

made an appeal to the people of California, Oregon and Washington to have more understanding and tolerance for the Japanese born in the United States. He said the people who are opposing the release ⁱⁿ ~~of the royal~~ *are what he called* ~~Nisei, as they are called,~~ are professional race mongers.

BURMA

The news from Burma? ~~is~~ *is* a bit better tonight and seems to confirm what Secretary Knox declared yesterday, that the Japanese invasion of India is not as serious as it ~~has~~ *has* appeared.

New Delhi reports that the Allied forces today closed in on the big Jap base at Myitkyina from three directions. The nearest of these was a division of

American Marauders under Brigadier General Frank Merrill.

while
The Chinese and Americans under Lieutenant General Stilwell are only forty-five miles away from Myitkyina.

On the other hand, the battle for Imphal continues; ~~is~~ now in its second day. (The Japs have begun a final all-out attempt to capture *Imphal* ~~the capital of the~~ ~~State of Manipur.~~ The British have counter-attacked and heavy hand-to-hand fighting has been going on.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1944.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

~~The Russians now are surely turning the~~
~~tables on the Nazis, ^{with a vengeance,} In the Crimea, they are cutting~~
~~their way through the ^{see} German battalions, almost like a~~
~~knife through cheese. Premier Stalin today had three~~
special announcements, ^{concerning three} ~~to make, for that was the number~~
of important cities ~~that~~ the Fourth Army of the Ukraine
have ^{just} ~~been~~ recaptured. First, ^{the} ~~of all,~~ they retook the
ports of Feodosiya, ^{and} Eupatoriya, one on the east and the
other on the west coast of the peninsula. Then they
swept through Simferopol, the capital of the Crimea,
almost without stopping. The Germans were obliged to fall
back on Sevastopol. Moscow, ^{tells us} ~~declared that~~ they retreated
in disorder, ~~But,~~ that is not the Nazi report. According
to Berlin, the German and Rumanian divisions have

repelled the Russian attacks in the northern part of the Crimea. ^{And} The Nazis do not ~~even begin to~~ admit the fall of their garrisons in those three cities.

If the Moscow accounts are correct, and there seems no reason to doubt them, ^{the two wings of} the Fourth Ukraine Army ^{have} been forging ahead at the rate of fifteen and thirty-two miles in twenty-four hours.

Previously it had been reported that Hitler had a hundred thousand men in the Crimea, [—] [—] Germans and Rumanians. But the reports from the Russians, as they barged down the peninsula, indicate that the number is not so large.

^{Although} ~~of course~~ the recovery of the Crimea overshadows all other events on that eastern front, ^{there are other happenings that} ~~but some of them~~ are quite important. In Rumania, the

Red Army is cutting its way steadily towards the pass ^{through} the Carpathian Mountains. The Russians have cleared

the enemy from the last territory they held in the southern Ukraine. And the Second Ukraine Army under Marshal Konev, is now at the outskirts of the ancient City of Jassy, *which is also* ~~not only one of the ~~most~~ biggest in Rumania, but~~ a key railroad junction. ^{IT} ~~According to the Nazis themselves, the troops that evacuated Odessa have taken up new positions on the west bank of the Dniester.~~ The Germans claim *they* ^{are} still holding onto parts of Tarnopol, in Old Poland, where a fierce battle is going on, in the streets.

~~and~~ From Secretary Stimson we hear today that the War Department has awarded the ^{Medal} ~~Medal~~ of Honor to Captain Maurice L. Britt, of the Third Division of the United States Fifth Army. Football fans will remember him as an all-conference player at the Univer'sity of Arkansas, and a member of the Detroit Lions during the season of Nineteen Forty-One.

^{He's a} ~~He is a great~~ big fellow, six feet three and a half ^{weighing} ~~inches tall~~ two hundred and thirty pounds.

At the time he went through the action ^{that} ~~that~~ won him the medal, he was ~~only~~ a lieutenant. ~~It happened in~~

~~Italy~~, ^{Italy} North of Mignano, last November, The Nazis launched a counter-attack in that ^{Italian} battle which threatened to isolate an entire battalion of the Third Division.

Lieutenant Britt, with only a handful of soldiers in the face of the most intense fire, fought so desperately that those few American doughboys repulsed the German

Onslaught.

~~counterattack~~ The enemy fire smashed Britt's canteen and field glasses. One bullet fired at close range pierced his side, and wounds from hand grenades literally covered his chest, face and hands. The citation reads that Maurice L. Britt won his medal for undaunted courage, and it continues with these words: "Disdaining enemy hand grenades and close range rifle fire, Britt inspired and led a handful of his men in repelling a bitter counterattack by approximately a hundred Germans against his company positions. "

Captain Britt is now in the Lawton General Hospital at Atlanta, Georgia, having lost his right arm as a result of the innumerable wounds he sustained.

MacARTHUR

Some letters from General Douglas MacArthur were made public today. They were written to Republican Congressman Miller of Nebraska, one of ~~the~~^{many} who want to ~~see~~^{to} the General become President. ~~of the United States.~~
In one of the ~~letters~~^{se}, ~~released~~^{Gen.} MacArthur used these words: "Unless this New Deal can be stopped this time, our American way of life is doomed." In another letter he spoke of the "bureaucratic monstrosity engulfing the nation."

Congressman Miller said he was ~~xxxxxxx~~ releasing ~~these~~^{se} letters on his own responsibility, because ~~Gen.~~^{Gen.} MacArthur had not told him whether he wanted them published or not. Miller is a new Congressman. MacArthur indicated that he did ⁿot agree with the Congressman's opinion that he, MacArthur, could carry every state in the Union.

POLITICS

Governor ~~John~~ Bricker of Ohio, ~~continues~~
~~his campaign in the Far West~~ at Seattle ~~tells us~~
~~declared~~ that the November election ~~will~~ be the
last chance of the Republican Party to recover
freedom and preserve two party government in America.

At Portland, Oregon ^{today} the Ohio candidate for
the nomination threw out a broad hint that if he is
^{President} elected the West will be ~~not~~ represented in his
Cabinet. The ^{present} ~~President~~ Administration has neglected
the great West, and ^{Bricker} ~~he~~ added that no President can
keep in touch with the country without Cabinet
representation from the Western States.

LONSDALE

The man who once knocked out John L. Sullivan in five rounds, or so he said, died in England today at the age of eighty-seven. That was the Earl of Lonsdale,^{Knight of the} one of the richest ^{peers} ~~men~~ in the United Kingdom; and, ~~the~~ dean of British sportsmen. It was way back in the 'Eighties, when he fought the "Boston Strong Boy," not at a public affair but at a ^{private party in Sullivan's} riding school in New York.

Whether his story was true or not, Lonsdale was the most colorful member of the British House of Peers. When he was seventeen, he ran away from his parents in Switzerland, joined up with ^a ~~the~~ circus and worked for eighteen months as a trick rider and acrobat. Even late in life he would leave the company of people of his own rank and dash off to the east end of London to talk and joke with cockney costermongers. He used to frequent ^{And -} their ^(Holiday picnics) ~~series~~ and dance with their wives.

^{Ph, yes, and}

Lonsdale claimed that ~~HEXXXX~~ it was he who

discovered the Klondike. He said he was on a visit to

Canada and a band of friendly Indians, invited him to ^{go} ~~come~~

^{to them} up to Forty ^{mile} Creek. ^{and, that} What he saw there started the ^{Klondike} gold

rush, the Trail of '98.

But the greatest astonishment this lusty Earl

afforded his ^{countrymen} ~~country~~ was in Nineteen Thirty-Four.

A dinner was being given in London in honor of American

rodeo riders. Lonsdale was there and, without turning

a hair, ^{he} told the company that one day in ~~Eighteen Sixtyx~~

the Eighteen Seventies he took part in a hold-up of the

Danver stage coach in Colorado. He said it as calmly

as though he were talking of going for a ride in Hyde

Park.

^{Lord} ~~Naturally~~ Lonsdale was enormously popular

among the sports loving Britishers. The newspapers called

him "Britain's grandest sporting institution." No big

event was complete without ~~that~~ stout figure, ^{the Earl} ~~of the man~~

in his grey frock coat, grey top hat; and never without a camellia in his buttonhole and a cigar in one corner of his mouth. He sported thick side whiskers and bushy eyebrows too. In fact, he looked for all the world like the cartoon of John Bull.

And now here's Roger who for all the world looks like he has something to say.

~~emergencies?~~ Which reminds us that the War Fund of this magnificent organization is still short of what the Red Cross needs for this ² year.

By the way

~~Oh yes, and today~~

Lieutenant General Omar Bradley

as senior commander of the United States ground forces

in the European theatre, ^{today} formally accepted a fleet of

Red Cross clubmobiles. These are Red Cross clubs on

wheels; ^{care that follow the G.I.'s} ~~which follow the doughboy~~ with coffee, doughnuts,

newspapers, magazines and radio, ^{They go as near} ~~so close to~~ the front

~~line~~ as the fighting will permit. ~~There again is the~~

~~Red Cross for you.~~

HAUNTED

The story of a haunted school in North Dakota has become nationwide news tonight. Here is the tale as it comes in in all seriousness over the wire services. Near Bismarck, is a little community called Wild Plum where there is a rural school with one teacher and eight pupils. At eleven o'clock on March Twenty-seventh there was an explosion in a scuttle of coal in the school room. The black lumps of fuel began hopping all over the room ~~as~~ like Mexican ~~as~~ jumping beans. One piece even hit a pupil. ~~As~~ When the other youngsters began to pick it up, the coal hopped out of their hands.

The teacher reported it to the school board, said it was the third time that sort of thing had happened. Four days later there was a fire in one of the closets near the chimney. It was put out but a dictionary on the table began to smoulder.

The State Fire Marshal investigated, even used a lie detector on pupils and teacher alike. Each of them told the same story. The coal was ~~examined~~ tested

in the laboratories at the State University but the chemists could find nothing wrong with it.

Finally the State Fire Marshal ~~XXXXX~~ threw up his hands and asked Edgar Hoover's G Men to investigate. But the farmers of Stark County, North Dakota do not believe that even J. Edgar himself can solve the mystery of the haunted school.