

Our own and the enemy losses are not announced, and won't be until tomorrow.

Altogether, ^{in the} ~~the~~ one-two punch based on Britain and

Italy, American sky ~~forces~~ forces numbered thirty-five hundred,

while great numbers of lighter formations hit at ^{a wide} ~~a great~~ range ~~of~~

of targets - bringing the total number of planes in today's

greatest aerial offensive up to the ~~xxxxx~~ record number of ~~seven~~

~~thousand~~ ^{thousand} six hundred. These operated as six separate air armies.

ITALY

In Italy today the two arms of the Allied offensive drove with shattering violence against the Germans, who are pinned in a space of twenty miles between the main Fifth Army at Terracina and the beach head forces below Rome. On both sides the bitterly fighting Nazis reeled back under the incessant ~~fronts~~ blows hurled at them. The space between the two allied fronts grows narrower, and it looks as if the enemy might be trapped, unless he gets out in a hurry - or is able to stop the ~~assault~~ two-fold assault, which doesn't seem likely.

In the Terracina area the Allies captured that town today - in the most violent fighting of the entire Italian campaign. Not that there was any battle in the town itself. The blast of the combat went around it, an American armoured column cutting behind Terracina and severing its lifeline - the historic Appian Way. But the German garrison saw that coming, and got out. So the American^s entered Terracina unopposed.

Further inland the Canadians staged a drive - the first time the Canadians of the Eighth Army acted as a unit. In bitter fighting they pushed forward toward the town of ~~quix~~ Aquino for an

advance of five miles, which takes them to the edge of a broad plain.

Today advance patrols of the main Fifth Army could see smoke in the distance - in the direction of the beach-head.

As they pushed up the coastal area to close the gap, they could see the smoke of the artillery, twenty miles away, as the beach-head forces moved down toward them. The latest is a dispatch tonight which states that American patrols have pushed forward to a point only fifteen miles from the beach head.

On the beach-head itself, both American and British forces smashed the enemy back. The Appian way has been cut *there*.

An
advance by the Americans in the Cisterna sector has taken them across the highway that is the major line of communication between the two ~~the~~ defending German fronts. They've cut the Appian way on both sides of Cisterna, and now hold one stretch of a mile, along that *old* Roman road.

The battle at that point brings us another of those thrillers of war. American tanks were driving to cut a railroad line, when a German rocket gunner drew a dead bead on one of the tanks. A rocket shell hit the armoured side and crashed right in. It landed in the stock of ammunition in the tank, and the whole thing seemed about to be blown into smithereens. You should

have seen the activity of the tank crew. "Brother oh brother" relates one of them, "we sure got out of ~~that tank~~ ^{there} in a hurry"! Another says: "Boy, how we left that tank! I went through the hatch like a bullet out of a gun; ^{and} even then a couple of fellows ~~me~~ beat me out".!

They watched to see the tank blow up but it didn't.

Whereupon they went back to investigate, and found that the German rocket shell had failed to ~~me~~ explode. ^{Then} they got back in and raced ahead to rejoin their column, ^{and} in spite of the delay, they were the first tank to cross their objective, the railroad line.

And now Hugh what's your objective tonight?

CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill made another great speech today, and we can turn to it for some secret history of the war. For example, the case of Turkey. At the time of the great conferences at Teheran and Cairo, it was ~~firmly~~ confidently believed that Turkey would soon join us in the war - but nothing of the sort has happened. So what's the story behind that?

Churchill stated today that Turkey did indeed seem inclined to join the Allies, but ^{that} the Turks had an exaggerated idea of their perils. Afraid of the Nazis, they were not optimistic about the Russians. "Their military men" said the British Prime Minister today, "took the gloomiest view of Russian prospects in South Russia and the Crimea".

Obviously, the Turks made a miscalculation on that score, and because of it they demanded all sorts of military supplies. ~~Churchill stated that we had already given the Turks a huge lot - a Hundred Million Dollars worth of British and American equipment in Nineteen Forty-three alone. But the Turks wanted more - so much more that the war would be over by the time the mountains of munitions could reach them.~~

As a result, the Allies have stopped urging Turkey to

enter the war, ^{and} have discontinued shipments of weapons to the Turkish army. Today Churchill raised the supposition that Turkey might never enter the war, in which case the Turks will not have such an important place at the conference table when the peace treaties are made.

Italy - the disappointment over the way the war has gone in that country! Churchill admitted that mistakes might have been made. "It may be" said he, "that after the fall of Mussolini our action might have been more swift and audacious". ~~He said he wouldn't deny that errors might have been made in not jumping in more quickly.~~

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He went on to say that the Italian Army has been able to do little against the Nazis. But that the Italian fleet is, as he said - "discharging most useful and important services for us, not only in the Mediterranean, but in the Atlantic". And he added one unexpected thing about the Italian Air Force. "The loyal Italian air force", declared Churchill "has also fought so well that I am making special efforts to supply them with improved aircraft of British manufacture."

~~As for King Victor Emmanuel, Marshal Badoglio, and their present Cabinet, the Prime Minister stated: "It is facing its responsibilities manfully and is doing all in its power to aid the allies in their advance. Which led Churchill to put himself on the back and say he had been right all along in his support of the King and Badoglio. He spoke with warm regret of the way the historic peninsula is being ravaged by the tide of battle, expressed the hope that Rome might be spared,~~

~~As for France, he explained the Allied refusal to recognize DeGaulle's French National Committee as a provisional government of France. He said it was because London and Washington do not want to make any commitment until they are sure the French people want the DeGaulle regime as their government. (and Churchill added that DeGaulle was coming to London soon for conference.)~~

And next we have some most interesting secret history concerning Spain and Franco. Churchill related that when France fell, it seemed probable that Spain, like Italy, would join Hitler.

~~(as probable that when Sir Samuel Hoare went to Madrid as British ambassador, his airplane was kept constantly waiting at the airfield, ready to take him home at any moment.)~~

The Nazis made proposals to Franco. Churchill said today that Hitler suggested to Franco that German troops should parade through the principal cities of Spain - in triumphal marches. In the guise of these parades - the Germans ~~XXXX~~ would virtually occupy Spain, in return for which Hitler promised to capture Gibraltar and hand it over to Franco. Churchill suggested that this was a bargain offered by Berlin, but Franco turned it down, ~~Spain was resolved to stay out of the war, and that was a break, of good-luck for Britain as had pressed at the time.~~

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~~The crisis in all of this came~~ when the Allied expedition against North Africa was being prepared. ~~Then, as Churchill said,~~ today "Spain's power to injure us was at its very height".

At Gibraltar, great forces of British and American planes were gathered, and these were in full view and in ~~full~~ range ~~of batteries of~~ *of nearby* Spanish artillery, ~~nearby~~. Moreover, enormous masses of shipping were concentrated at Gibraltar, ~~The harbor~~ *and,* ~~wasn't big enough, and~~ great numbers of ships for the North African expedition were anchored in waters under Spanish control - ~~and~~ under the muzzle of Spanish guns.

"We should have suffered the greatest inconvenience",

said Churchill today "if we had been ordered to remove these ships. However," he went on, "the Spaniards continued absolutely friendly and tranquil. They asked no questions, and raised no inconvenience".

~~He conceded that the Spaniards had not been sufficiently vigilant about German U-boats and had been exporting valuable materials to the Nazis, but all this was more than balanced off by the way the Franco government ignored the situation at Gibraltar - as the African campaign was about to begin.~~

So Churchill today railed at people who take pot-shots at Franco. "I have", said he, "no sympathy with those who think it clever or even funny to insult the government of Spain".

Of late, we have known, of course, that new disturbing troubles had arisen for long suffering Greece - ~~the~~ political dissensions among the Greeks fighting the Nazis, mutiny in the Greek Army and Navy. All of this has been concealed by censorship and hush-hush. Today Churchill took us behind the scenes and gave us some secret history. He referred to the quarrel between factions fighting ~~against~~ against the Nazis in Greece. One of these, ~~the EAM~~ ^{its banner} is of communist inclination. The military forces operating under ~~the EAM~~ have committed excesses against the Greeks not on

~~their side. These successes have been such that other anti-Nazi~~

~~Greeks have ~~been~~ to fight the ~~RAF~~. Churchill stated that the~~

~~crowd, in his words, had alienated the population in many parts~~

~~that the Germans had been able to form security battalions of~~

~~Greeks to fight the ~~RAF~~". The state of affairs were such that~~

~~last autumn a virtual state of civil war existed.~~

their side. All of which tied in with mutinies in the Greek forces on the Allied side. Churchill said today that the Greek brigade and a large proportion of the Greek Navy mutinied, ~~declaring themselves on the side of the ~~RAF~~. "The Greek brigade", he ~~RAF~~ related, "was encircled by British forces some thirty miles away from Alexandria, and Greek ships which had mutinied in Alexandria were lying under the guns of both shore batteries and our superior naval forces. The tension", he went on "lasted for nearly three weeks".~~

To which he added that the mutinies were ~~not~~ eventually suppressed with considerable fighting. The ships were boarded by Greeks under the Greek government, and about fifty of the mutineers were killed. "The mutinous brigade in the desert", said Churchill, "were assaulted by ~~RAF~~ superior British forces

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government is not as bad as it might appear on the surface.

And he added that the Poles will receive compensation for any territory that they may turn over to the Soviets, compensation at the expense of Germany. In exchange for what Russia takes, they'll get German territory.

And this takes us to Churchill's declaration today that the Atlantic Charter does not apply to Germany. The Allied conditions with both Naziland and Japan still remain - unconditional surrender. (~~These two enemy countries will have to accept whatever the United Nations decree.~~)

He called, as on previous occasions, for a post-war set-up to prevent future wars, and said that within the post-war organization there would be ² place not only for the British Empire but also for a close tie between Britain and the United States. From the Churchill declarations on world organization, we gather that he is for a global society of nations, and at the same time, for a British-American alliance.

PACIFIC

In the Pacific, Truk has been hit again. The planes that assailed that much battered enemy base, flew from General MacArthur's sector, taking off from the Admiralty Islands. Eighty-four tons of bombs hit a couple of air-dromes at Truk.

On the Asiatic mainland, stubborn fighting is still going on in northern Burma and at Myit~~ina~~ a street battle is raging in the town, which the Japs are defending stubbornly behind log barricades. Today's dispatch from out there states that American-trained Chinese troops have cleared the Japs from a railway and road junction on the western edge of Myit~~ina~~.

All this goes on while the rains are falling, as if American and Chinese forces intend to fight right on through the Monsoon.

WARSHIP

There is some intimation from the White House to confirm the story that one or more United States warships havend been transferred to Soviet Russia. There has been much talk about this in Congress, statements that the cruiser Milwaukee was handed over to the Soviet. And today White House Secretary Steve Early declared that the statements in Congress amounted to an evasion of the censorship regarding military information. To which he added that the business of American warships and Soviet Russia was a development of the presidential declaration of some while ago that Russia would get ships from Great Britain and the United States amounting to one third of the Italian fleet - which came over to the Allies.

This brings a prompt retort from Senator Brewster of Maine, who says that, ^{if White House} Secretary Early's theory is accepted - "the entire American fleet", in the Senator's words, "could be transferred to Russia or some other ~~ja~~ nation and no one in Congress would be able to open his mouth".

TEXAS

The Texas political civil war will go to the Democratic National Convention. Two slates of delegates, pro-Roosevelt and anti-Roosevelt, will be presented - as a result of the state convention bolt, when the pro-Roosevelt minority withdrew from the anti-fourth-term ^{the} majority, and set up a convention of their own.

Both sides have drawn up slates of delegates and the belief in Washington is that ~~in Washington~~ the pro-Roosevelt group will win out when the Democratic Convention considers the case.

Washington is not inclined to attach much importance to the split in Texas, believing that it won't effect the Democratic presidential nomination or the usual business of Texas going Democratic on election day.

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Hugh,
And now, from politics in Texas, ~~Hugh~~ let's turn to Standard of California.

ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT

A new commander of the Order of the British Empire was created today - Colonel Elliott Roosevelt, son of the President. He was decorated at Allied Headquarters in Italy by Air Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh Mallory - in recognition of his exploits in the ~~previous~~ realm of reconnaissance photography.

Elliott Roosevelt is in command of a photographic unit, and ^{is said to have} ~~time and again~~ distinguished himself personally ~~in~~ in flights over enemy lines. His unit has taken five million pictures in the course of three campaigns. Five Million photographs - which should qualify Elliott Roosevelt, not only as a Commander of the Order of the British Empire, but also as a Generalissimo of the ancient and fanatical association of camera fiends.

And now here's ^{Hugh,} our Sunoco Generalissimo,

CHINA

The news from China looks ~~decidedly~~ serious -- with the Japs now driving rapidly to the rice bowl city of Changsha. Today Chungking announced that all civilians had been ordered out of Changsha, to clear the ground for a desperate defense. ^{TR} The Japs are trying to clear the ~~main~~ railroad from ~~Hankow~~ to Canton, and if they succeed in doing that, they'll not only dominate the rice bowl, but ^{they'll} ~~also~~ cut southern China in two. The Chinese believe that the ultimate object of the Japs is to seize all of southeastern China, the whole ~~main~~ coast, and thereby forestall an American drive by sea.

Admiral Nimitz has indicated that our strategy ~~will~~ will be a thrust from the Pacific islands to the coast of China. Chungking says the situation is grim -- which reminds us that the situation of the Chinese has been grim time and again, but they always managed to hang on.

SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC

On the New Guinea island of Biak bitter conflict

continues for the Mokmer airdrome. The Japs are fighting desperately, as well they might -- considering the fact that the Mokmer air base is within land-based bombing range of the Philippines. The enemy is counter-attacking, with the latest news telling us of two more powerful assaults repelled by the American troops.

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of operations.

The weather has turned bad again in northern Europe, with a storm sweeping the English Channel today. Lightning, thunder and rain followed by continued high winds and a murky sky. This followed five days of perfect invasion weather.

In spite of poor flying conditions today, the big American bombers based on Britain hit the Nazis as usual - though not in as great a force as yesterday. Today only seventeen hundred planes were in the assault -- only seventeen hundred. Five Hundred were flying Fortresses and Liberators. And they were escorted by twelve hundred fighters. With all those fighters the Nazis didn't try to interfere.

"The escort was so heavy, it almost blacked out the sun above us", relates Lieutenant Robert Freccosi of New York. And he adds: "We were as safe as babes in arms".

The targets were railroad yards. The American losses were only one heavy bomber and four fighters. General Jimmy Doolittle ^{and his airmen} switching from German aircraft factories to centers of communications.

This blow from Britain is only half of the story --
the Allies launching today another of those ~~in~~ one-two punches.
American bombers flew from Italy, and ~~gm~~ again hit the key oil
fields in Roumania, bombing refineries. ~~The blow was so effective~~
~~that it was impossible to spot the results accurately. Huge fires~~
~~were set and the smoke of those obscured the targets. Yet the~~
~~obscuring smoke told the story in a way ^{for} that much smoke had to~~
~~come from immense quantities of burning oil.~~

FLIER

Here's a late story, just in, which gives us a Swedish opinion of the Nazi stories about the lynching of American fliers in Germany. Phoney propoganda, think ^{the} ~~fit~~ Swedes.

Nazi sources have varied the tale, sometimes saying that five fliers were killed, and sometimes relating that one American was mobed. And today in Stockholm this latter ~~an~~ version was given in the form of a lurid story. It told how an American Lieutenant came down by parachute in the Province of Brandenburg. A mob seized him, and a German who spoke English intervened. He said to the American: "You ought to be ~~an~~ ashamed to shoot at defenseless people". Whereupon the American is reported to have ~~turned~~ turned away coolly, spat on the ground and said: "That's war". His attitude inflamed the mob, and they killed him.

This is the type of yarn which, say the Swedes, has all the sound of fraudulent propoganda. Nothing of the sort is printed in Germany, but is released through pro-Nazi channels in Sweden, presumably to intimidatate American fliers.

ITALY

In Italy the Allies today were driving to outflank the

Alban Hills. The City of Rome stands on a flat plain, that ancient Latin plain; but there's high ground, ^{also, much of} which is to the south of the City -- a group of hills, the Alban Hills. These are not towering peaks, but they are rugged and cut up by ravines, and form a ~~if~~ defensive line well adapted to the German system of pill boxes.

So, instead of a direct assault against the Alban Hills,

British and American forces are driving to go around the ends.

~~On the inland side allied troops have bypassed the fortified town of Velettri, and threatened to get behind the hills in that direction. On the other flank, near the coast,~~ The Americans today thrust along the beaches to get to the rear of the hills from the seaward side-- and American soldiers captured a town with an appropriate name. A town called - L'Americano, the American. One wonders how that place near Rome got the name.

The story is one of violent tank battles, American armour driving against a quality of opposition that today caused Allied commander General Alexander to state:- "It is now evident that the enemy intends to hold this line at all costs" The

stubbornness of Nazi resistance ^{there} is to be contrasted with continued signs that the enemy may be pulling ~~it~~ out from Rome.

And, ~~it's~~ a battle in the dust. The weather in southern Italy has ~~it~~ been hot and dry for weeks, and the powdered earth rises in dense clouds, as the machines of war grind their way forward. The dust is bad, making it tough for half-choked soldiers. ~~The~~ tanks leave behind them a trail of white ~~whirling~~ whirling dust, which discloses them to ~~the~~ the enemy gunners.

The latest is a dispatch from Rome itself via Madrid.

A dispatch saying that Rome is almost deafened with the thunder of the guns, artillery so near, ^{not} ~~hardly~~ more than a dozen ~~or~~ miles away - and drawing nearer. Hour after hour the gunfire becomes more and more clear in the Eternal City, and the Spanish correspondent says he counted huge explosions at the rate of sixty a minute.

And now Hugh a few words from you - at the rate of about one-hundred-and-sixty a minute. And then I'll take over again.

MIDDLE COMMERCIAL

Most of us have had our watches stop just because of a little dust in the works. The least little thing seems to throw a precise bit of machinery out of kilter. Take your car's wheel bearings for instance. They are small and precisely made, too. And though they're tough enough to hold up the entire weight of your car, just a little dust in their works can ruin them and run up a big repair bill on you. To make sure your car's wheel bearings aren't damaged this way have them serviced at least every five thousand at Standard - where they'll get R P M wheel bearing grease, a super-tough lubricant designed to seal wheel bearings against the entrance of grit and moisture. If it's been some time since your car's wheel bearings were inspected call the Standard Service Man right now -- tell him you'll be in tomorrow for a wheel bearing job. Now, let's get back to Lowell Thomas and the news.

IRELAND

First returns are in from the election in Ireland -- the election that Prime Minister de Valera called after sustaining a defeat in the Dublin ~~Rank~~ Parliament. The early returns show DeValera's party in the lead, making gains. Late tonight the count showed the Prime Minister ~~as~~ winning forty-two parliamentary seats against eleven for the opposition. DeValera himself, together with seven of his cabinet members, were elected. Complete returns are not expected for several days -- ~~in the election of one hundred, and thirty four members to the Irish Parliament.~~

FRAUD

In Boston one hundred shipyard workers were arrested today -- on charges of cheating the government by means of phoney piecework. ~~A huge swindle has been in operation, says the F B I.~~

The game was worked by means of organized groups, ~~which~~ they called -- clubs. Each club ~~was~~ consisted of ~~11~~ welders and counters, the counters being shipyard employees who check on the amount of work done by the welders. Extra pay for extra work, and the counters mark down how much. In a club the counters would credit a fraudulent amount of extra work to the welder members - who thereby got extra weekly pay ~~which~~ which they didn't earn, and they split the crooked money with the counters.

The F B I states that ~~thirty such clubs were formed~~ the whole thing amounting^S to one of the biggest frauds to be exposed since the war began.

CABARET TAX

The Senate has voted to cut the tax on night life -- that impost of thirty percent on all places that have entertainment. Cabaret and night club owners have been screaming, and the Senate was presented with figures to show how hard the thirty percent ^{an} cabaret tax has hit. Two thousand, four hundred and thirty-one hot spots have closed down since the tax went into effect, ~~if~~ ^{three}

~~hundred of these in greater New York.~~

~~Senator Downey of California wanted the levy on~~

~~cabarets to be cut to ten percent, but the Senate ^{had} took the middle~~

~~of the road, and reduced~~ the thirty percent tax to twenty percent.

That is, twenty percent to be slapped ~~onto the~~ checks of civilians,

for men in uniform - - no tax at all.

MINES

Tonight coal Administrator Ickes handed back a lot of coal mines. He returned to private ownership coal pits producing sixty percent of the nation's soft coal. These mines were seized by the government thirteen months ago, at the time of the big coal strike. However, everything has been settled -- and the mines are returned to their owners.

LIBERTY SHIP

The final word is that no lives were lost in the grounding of a mystery ship off the Farallone Islands today. In a heavy fog the vessel went on the rocks out there twenty miles from San Francisco's Golden Gate. It had aboard a large number of Navy men - and all were taken off, rescued by small craft.

POLICEMAN

It is hard to think of a police officer doing the kind of thing that is charged against a veteran police sergeant of Oakland. They say he took money ~~fa~~ from the bodies of Army fliers killed in a crash.

Last January there was a spectacular catastrophe when a bomber crashed into a home at Oakland, and exploded and burned. The Policeman in question was on the job there, and the story is that he turned in to the Treasury Department fragments of a hundred Dollars in paper money. He explained that the money had been burned in a waste ~~pa~~ paper basket fire in his house.

Then later it developed that relatives of some of the fliers sent similar ~~ga~~ fragments of money to the Treasury Department for redemption. These fragments included the other ends of some of the bills presented by the policeman. *So it was concluded that* ~~So obviously~~ the policeman had taken pieces of charred money from the bodies of the fliers.

TRIAL

Washington's big murder trial ended today -- with an acquittal of the sixty-seven year old lawyer, Robert I. Miller. He shot and killed Dr. John E. Lind, the well-known psychologist -- who, he charged, had stolen the love of his wife. And he claimed -- self defense.

Tonight's verdict of not guilty was followed by a courtroom demonstration - the jury crowding around the defendant, congratulating him.

NEW LEAD FOR MONKEYS

Over in England today a wartime sensation of monkeys was ended -- ended with a shot. And now Londoners can return their interests to such matters as war and invasion.

Two monkeys, a pair named Jack and Jill, were favorites in the carnival. They were large Simians, African monkeys, each over two feet tall. Their trainer was Tom Lee, famous in times gone by as a flagpole sitter. The carnival visited Hampstead, and there Jack and Jill got loose and took to the majestic trees on the nearby estate of Lord Inverforth. And then they proceeded to stage a local resign of ~~xxxxi~~ terror. They devastated his Lordship's war garden, disrupted life on the estate, and at night they wandered off and frightened women. They nearly scared a couple of old ladies to death.

~~Lord Inverforth's estate has spacious grounds, and these in war times had been turned into gardens. The two monkeys got among the luscious vegetables, and did a job of sabotage. Time and again they'd dart down from the trees, and play havoc in the gardens. They disrupted life on the estate, and at night they'd go wandering and frighten women. They nearly scared a couple of old ladies to death.~~

This went on for five days, and all the while Tom Lee, the former flagpole sitting champion, was doing his best to get the monkeys down out of the trees. ~~He pleaded with Jack and Jill, threatened them, co-joled them. Nothing doing.~~ ^{So he} ~~He~~ tried to knock them out with ~~morphine~~ morphine, smearing the drug on slices of bread and ham. Jack and Jill ate the sandwiches, morphine and all, and nothing happened. He fed them sleeping tablets in a saucer, enough to put an elephant into a sound slumber. The monkeys devoured the sleeping mixture, then just yawned a couple of times, and went on raising Cain.

Today was the deadline. ~~the carnival was moving from Hempstead, and they couldn't leave the two terrorizing monkeys in Lord Inverforth's trees.~~ ^{Hempstead} Unless he succeed^{ed} in capturing his wayward

charges, trainee ^{JK} Tom Lee would have to shoot them.

He made one final desperate effort to avoid that sad conclusion. Jack and Jill were fond of whiskey -- they liked to tinkle neatly from a bottle. Whiskey is ~~XXXX~~ scarce in England, ~~XXXX~~ and mighty expensive. But the trainer made the supreme sacrifice. He placed a quart within reach of the monkeys, and waited ~~re~~ for them to drink it - - the whiskey calculated to put them into an alcoholic stupor, dead drunk. Jack and Jill came out of ~~the~~ the tree and went for the bottle, but instead of drinking they knocked it over, the precious whiskey spilling on the ground.

That was the end, This evening Tom Lee got out his rifle, and with a sad heart he raised it, took aim, and shot. Out of the tree dropped Jill, stone dead. Tom Lee didn't shoot again, for down scrambled Jack. His mate shot out of the tree, he surrendered submissively.

BOY

At Schenectady, New York, Tony Mastriani, sixteen years old, is going to stay in school until he graduates. Tony has made up his mind that in war times like these it was no use going on with high school classes. He'd get a job, until he was old enough for the Army. He was all set, determined. But now he has changed his mind. Or rather, his older brother Mario changed it for him.

Mario, himself, quit school before graduating, and he was sorry afterwards. He joined the Army, and went for service overseas. As a soldier he realized how he could have used the schooling he had missed. So he wanted Tony to graduate and get a diploma. ~~He discussed the matter with another brother Joe, who was also in the Army. And he promised Joe that he would make Tony stay in school. Mario was living at home -- having been discharged from military service.~~

Mario

~~He~~ was a hero of the campaign in Tunisia, where he won the American Purple Heart and the French Croix de Guerre. He was severely wounded in the legs -- and, worst of all, he lost the gift of speech. Knocked unconscious by the concussion of a bomb, he sustained some nervous ^u injury, and when he came to -- he couldn't ~~w~~ talk. Time went on, and he never uttered a word.

But that didn't keep Mario Mastrieni from holding a job -- upon his return home. He went to work at the General Electric Company in Schenectady, as ~~inxi~~ inspector - unable to talk and performing his tasks with sign language - and pencil and paper. And in that way, too, he kept insisting that his younger brother Tony stay in school.

The climax came today -- the kid was ~~sting~~ stubborn, said he was going to work. Mario argued with him, using sign language and pencil and paper. But Tony had made up his mind.

Whereupon the veteran of the Tunisian campaign grew angry. "All right", he said, "you support the family and I'll stay at home". He really said it. Tony started. Their mother, who was with them, gaped. For Mario ~~had~~ had blurted right out -- with spoken words and a loud voice, the first words he had uttered since that bomb explosion in Tunisia sixteen months ago. Something had snapped, something had broken the spell of ~~his~~ dumbness.

He said afterward: "I just got so boiling mad I had to talk, I guess". And he's been talking all day - with a restored gift of speech.

P.S. Tony has decided that he's going to stay in school.

P.P.S. Here's Hugh.