

**17 Die in Fiery Crash of Army Transport Plane**

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on blimp floated in from the day.

The blimp had been on a routine anti-submarine patrol flight. Two life belts were missing from the craft when it landed, but all of the parachutes and the rubber life raft were found in the gondola where the two officer-crewmen rode.

The blimp, sagging in the middle, with big tears visible in its fabric and with its two motors idle, drifted in from the Pacific yesterday morning, five hours after it had taken off on a flight.

The craft wandered along at tree top height, left one of its depth charges on the Lakeside golf course when a bomb rack scraped the ground, and drew a crowd of hundreds who followed it by automobile and street car before it settled to earth in nearby Daly City.

**Little Damage Caused**

Daly City firemen, who were burning brush in the hills, quit their fire and arrived in their fire engine just as the bag settled gently to earth. It struck one house and two autos, but caused little damage.

There was considerable damage to the fabric and gondola, but navy maintenance men said the ship could be put back into service.

One depth charge still in the bomb rack under the gondola offered no hazard, inasmuch as it would explode only under water at considerable depth, naval men said. The depth charge left on the golf course likewise did not endanger anyone.

**Second Front Decision Announced at Moscow**

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bases in Britain.

Little was known of his mission except that the former air speed king would not be attached permanently to the American air command in the European theater.

Whatever Doolittle's job, it was his third special wartime assignment.

On April 18, in an interim between assignments in Britain, Doolittle led a United States army bomber force across Japan in a bombardment of Tokyo and other cities which the Japanese, not exclusively, have never been able to figure out.

Doolittle's presence in England for some time was disclosed for publication only today. His arrival was a tight secret until he had conferred with Maj. Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander in chief of the U. S. air forces in the European theater, and Brig. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Spaatz' second in command.

**FOUR NAZI BOATS SMASHED IN CHANNEL COMBAT**

LONDON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A light German patrol boat was sunk and three others were severely damaged in a spirited clash with British light coastal craft in the straits of Dover last night, the admiralty announced today.

All the British craft engaged in the clash returned to their base, but there were a few casualties aboard, the admiralty said.

The German force consisted of "five or six enemy R-boats," the communicate said.

The British set one afire and saw it sink. The German commanding officer was killed and 15 German sailors were picked up by the British.

Another enemy boat was rammed and so seriously damaged it was believed to have failed to reach base.

Two more "R-boats" were severely damaged by gunfire, the admiralty added.

Coastal batteries engaged in the action, the admiralty said, explaining the mystery of gunfire heard in the channel and the cross-channel duels of German

and British heavy artillery last night.

The "R-boat," the British explained, is a German motor mine-sweeper, which usually is larger than the motor torpedo boat used by the Germans in the channel.

**Greeks' Mistake Fatal.**

A number of Greek patriots on the island of Crete who mistook German parachute practice for a British invasion and tried to help by seizing Candia airdrome have paid with their lives, according to reports reaching the Greek government in exile here today.

Three hundred were said to have been arrested, and an undisclosed number shot.

These reports said "cat fishermen's stories of large ship movements off Crete prompted rumors that a British invasion flotilla was approaching the island and when the patriots saw German parachutists making practice jumps they assumed that the hour of liberation had come.

**Shooting of 4 Persons Ascribed to Jealousy**

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Jealousy prompted the shooting of four persons here Saturday night, Detective Collie Stoops said today, and the gun wielder is expected to die.

Ennis E. Gabriel, about 45, was said by Stoops to have opened fire with a .22 caliber rifle in his North Portland ice cream parlor, wounding Mrs. Gabriel and R. W. Ellis, a customer. Policeman Ralph Gray was shot as he entered the door.

Gray returned the fire, wounding Gabriel.

Stoops said Gabriel had indicated jealousy over attentions he believed his wife had paid other men.

**"Greatest" Victory Over Japanese Indicated**

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timing between our forces and American marines who have succeeded in landing."

Relegating this fact to the background, a Tokyo broadcast this morning made much of an imperial headquarters communique reporting that Japanese submarines had sunk 10 allied vessels totaling 90,000 tons in Australian waters during the latter part of July and the first part of August.

There was no confirmation of the Japanese claim from any allied source.

The allied announcement of the air attack on Timor yesterday said merely that large fires had been started in a Japanese-occupied town on the southeast coast and that all the planes participating had returned safely to base, despite heavy fire from enemy

**Famous 91st Division Returns to Service**



CAMP WHITE, Medford, Ore.—The 91st infantry, the famed Wild West division of the first World war, is back in active service. In activation ceremonies here Saturday, F. K. Dover, Grants Pass, left, who won the French Croix de Guerre and the Distinguished Service Cross as a sergeant for the old 91st, presented the outfit's battle flag to Major General Charles Gerhardt, commander of the new 91st. Dover is a former state commander of the DAV.

anti-aircraft batteries.

**India Situation Muddled**

The controversy in and over India was as far as ever from the solution needed to evoke India's fullest war effort on behalf of the United Nations.

The situation was characterized (1) by the urging of the prominent Indian lawyer, Sapru, that Britain send a parliamentary delegation to discuss a settlement of the independence demands of the Gandhian-led congress party and (2) by Mohammed Ali Jinnah's threat to order his Moslem league to resist any Hindu government the British might set up.

The All India Moslem league, rival of the Hindu-dominated congress party, professes to speak for India's 80,000,000 Moslem minority.

**Train Kills Soldier on Trestle Near Yakima**

MC CHORD FIELD, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Public relations officers reported today Corporal George O. Gavaille, of Milford, Pa., was killed and four other McChord field soldiers narrowly escaped death yesterday as they were crossing a railroad trestle near Yakima, Wash., when a fast train suddenly appeared around a curve.

Two of the group managed to run ahead of the train to the end of the bridge, a third hung from the timbers beneath the structure, and a fourth attempted to do the same but fell into an irrigation flume beneath and was rescued.

**Wilbur**

Mr. and Mrs. Pluard and family from Coquille have moved in the Ed Russell house for the winter.

The Pope Tabot company shipped a car load of piling from here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoeffler and family of Garden Valley have moved in the Parsonage. All empty houses are being rented by families which will increase the school attendance this year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross Hutchison of Kellogg were Wilbur visitors Tuesday. They presented Mrs. D. P. McKay with a gorgeous bouquet of Dahlias grown in their yard.

Richard Virgil Smith of Eugene, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith, is spending two weeks vacation with them on the farm.

Kenneth Chamberlain, who is employed on the Benard Grubbe ranch, is spending a few days here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain.

**Fuel Investigator Says He'd Cut His Own Wood.**

SEATTLE, Aug. 17.—(AP)—

Brig. Gen. Bruce Disque, who as a colonel in the last war directed the army's logging of airplane spruce in Washington and Oregon, studied another wood problem in the Pacific northwest today—the shortage of winter fuel.

"If I were living in this country," he said, "I wouldn't freeze next winter. I'd go out and get my own wood."

"The northwest's fuel problem won't be settled in Washington, D. C. The people here have to settle it."

But the shortage of wood, and coal and oil, too, for that matter, can and will be averted, he said.

Estimates show Washington and Oregon will have to have a million tons more coal, however, than local mines can produce. Getting it here will be a problem. And if oil deliveries are shut off, another 816,000 tons of coal will be needed in Seattle alone.

When he completes a survey of the fuel shortage in the two states, Gen. Disque will name a coordinator to work out priorities.

**Riddle**

RIDDLE, Aug. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Mason Adair and daughter of Gold Hill visited relatives here Monday. Mr. Adair is employed with the Pierce Auto Freight Co., at Gold Hill.

Mrs. Max Kimmel went to Roseburg Thursday where she will visit until Sunday with her husband.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Moore and daughters, Doris and Shirley, of Bakersfield, Cal., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Meagher.

Norene and Nancy Allen of Medford are spending two weeks here at the home of their friend, Bertha Mae Aspey.

Mrs. John Rigby and children, Mrs. Guy Weakley, Fannie Weakley, Maybelle Hendricks, Myrtle and Virginia Griggs, C. H. McDonald and Percy Peel are among those who left recently for the hop yards at Grants Pass.

Jerry Sackett, who has been employed in Portland since the close of school, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sackett, several days this week.

H. A. Sichert, local carpenter, is reshelving the Baptist church.

Frank Speer of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived here Thursday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. A. O. Speer, and his sister, Mrs. S. R. Nichols.

Mrs. Lillian Logsdon made a business trip to Eugene Tuesday.

Miss Mildred Hamlin has been spending the past two weeks in Portland visiting her aunt, Mrs. Marie Harris, and other relatives.

B. F. Nichols and son, Stille, left for their ranch at Tiller, Monday, where they rounded up cattle for the market. They were accompanied by Everett Meagher and Dr. Moore of Bakersfield who were on a vacation trip.

Mrs. Henry Rigby and daughter, Linda, have returned to their home here after a weeks visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Towne in Eugene.

Mrs. Mary Asprey left Tuesday evening for Twin Falls, Idaho, where she will make her home for an indefinite time. She was accompanied as far as Twin Falls by her daughter, Mrs. Elva Kellar, who was returning to her home in Colorado.

Mrs. Ethel Ostergard and her friend, Mrs. Gillen, of Portland were guests at the home of Mrs. Ostergard's brother, Guy Townsend, and family over last week-end.

Riddle Grange No. 715 held an out door meeting Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Blundell. The group gathered for a pot luck supper at seven o'clock. Over twenty members and friends were present.

**Azalea**

AZALEA, Aug. 17.—Dan Clare returned to his home here Monday evening after spending several days in Sacramento, Calif., on business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Head and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gaedecke spent Saturday and Sunday in Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jantzer and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jantzer and son, Johnny, attended to business at Bandon Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Evans.

Mrs. Herbert Salvage and Mrs. Christoph Hagen were in Myrtle Creek Wednesday afternoon where Mrs. Salvage had dental work done.

Mrs. Paul Newman, Mrs. Forrest Farnam and Mrs. Chester Johns and daughters, Elsie Mae and Beverly June, shopped in Grants Pass Monday afternoon.

Teddy Powell from Umpqua arrived here Thursday afternoon and will spend several days visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Cora Chadwick, and his uncle, L. S. Johns.

Mrs. Jack Duffey from San Francisco and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Norman from Sacramento arrived here Thursday morning and visited until Sunday with Mrs. Duffey's and Mr. Norman's mother, Mrs. John Oldenbren.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kemp were in Myrtle Creek on business Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Lovell Curtis and Mrs.

**DAILY DEVOTIONS**

DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS

Do you remember the ancient story of Theseus and Ariadne in classic mythology? Theseus had to go down through a dark labyrinth, sword in hand, to do battle with a horrible man-eating monster. Before he went Ariadne tied a silken thread about his ankle, and told him that whenever he felt a pull on that thread he might know that she was thinking of him. Theseus went through that terrifying combat upheld by constant reminders that Ariadne was with him in thought and heart. Our silken thread is our Christian faith. It brings us constant reminders that when, as followers of Christ we have to face any terrifying experience, we are upheld by the presence and love of One Who understands. The psalmist asked, "Whither shall I go from Thy spirit or whither shall I flee from Thy presence." You may go through the darkest hours, but God is there. You may take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, but even there God will lead you and bear you up. The same God who kept those who have gone before will keep those of us upon the earth today. The tragedies and sorrows of the world break His heart as they break our hearts. "We know not where the islands lift their fringed palms in air, we only know we cannot get beyond His loving care." Amen.

Tom Hunsaker attended to business at Myrtle Creek and Dillard Thursday.

Mrs. Ralph Brady left last week for Eugene where she will visit her mother, Mrs. George McPherran.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Roach Thursday a son, Harry Allen, weighing 12 pounds.

Mrs. Allie Garrison and Mrs. Lester Harrison spent several days last week at Ashland on business.

J. P. Wilson from Yoncalla is visiting his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith and children from Spanaway, Wash., arrived here Thursday and spent several days visiting relatives. When they returned home Sunday they were accompanied by Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tanner, who will visit there. En route they visited at Sweet Home with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Losey.

**Germans Get Maikop But Find Oil Blazing.**

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announcement that oil supplies had been removed and "oil establishments themselves made completely unusable" was taken here to mean that a typically thorough job of destruction had been performed.

The great weight of numerical superiority, especially in mechanized equipment, was giving the German drive toward Grozny its impetus as the red army continued to fall back to new lines southeast of Mineralnye Vody, 140 miles from Grozny. There was no indication of a stiffening of resistance although the midnight communique said the soviet forces "retreated to new positions and continued fighting."

**Churchill, Stalin Confer**

Prime Minister Churchill was in Moscow from Aug. 12 to 15 and with Premier Stalin reached a number of decisions on the conduct of the war, reaffirming the alliance of their nations against the axis, it was announced today.

W. Averell Harriman attended the conferences as President Roosevelt's personal representative.

A communique issued after Churchill had left the soviet

union said unspecified decisions had been reached and emphasized that an "atmosphere of cordiality and complete sincerity" prevailed.

The four days of dramatic negotiations brought the two war leaders, Churchill and Stalin, together for the first time.

Apart from Churchill, Britain was represented at the meeting by General Sir Alan Brooke, chief of the imperial general staff; Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, British commander in India, and Sir Alexander Cadogan, permanent undersecretary of the foreign office, and Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, ambassador to Russia.

The soviet union was represented by Stalin, Foreign Commissar Molotov and Marshal Voroshilov, former defense commissar, now a commander of soviet reserve armies.

Whatever the decisions at the Moscow conference, they remained to be put in visible effect. The second front which Russia desires and the allies have promised was still on the planning boards, but evidently help for Russia was nearer, now that the leaders of the two governments had conferred.

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