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Bomber Crew Has Close Call On Formosa Raid

By LEE G. MILLER

43rd HEAVY BOMBARDMENT GROUP, Luzon — 2nd Lieutenant Chuck Wilt is 21. He was graduated in 1942 from Altoona (Pa.) high school and at 18 enlisted in the air forces. He isn't married, but "it will only take a minute once I get home," he said.

Chuck is a B-24 pilot in the "Lucky Dice" squadron of this veteran bomber group. He and his crew left the states only last Feb. 9. They had three missions from a New Guinea base — against Wewak and Rabaul — as curtain-raisers before coming on to Luzon. From here they had made one run to Canton and a couple to Formosa. Then they went on another strike in Formosa, and four of the 11-man crew didn't come back. Neither did the airplane.

They were over the target area on Formosa when the plane was hit simultaneously by flak and by fragments from a disintegrating sister ship which had taken a direct hit in its bomb load.

"Those Jap gunners had our altitude exactly and they tracked us all the way in," Lieutenant Wilt said. "They hit us just as our bombs were away. I don't know whether we hit our target. Nobody had time to look.

"Flak flew through the waist of the plane. Some fuel lines were shot out. The engineer (Cpl. Rosario "Sammy" Decarlo, Philadelphia) tried to stop the leakage but the fuel kept on flowing and vaporizing. It looked like smoke.

"It was burning our eyes so badly we could hardly see. I told the co-pilot to call the Cuts and give our position, and I told the crew to prepare to bail out.

"One engine was already out and another was acting up. Two Catalina rescue planes appeared and circled as we jumped. Some P-51s stuck around too, and kept between us and four Jap barges moored to an island.

"We jumped from about 6000 feet. It went off just the way we had been trained. No, none of us had ever jumped before. But there wasn't any reluctance about getting out. That gasoline was getting bad, and we were afraid of fire.

"The radio operator served as sort of a jump master. Five men went out the bomb bay and six out of the camera hatch. I jumped last.

"The parachutes of the nose gunner (Cpl. Robert C. Hansen, Kenosha, Wis.) and the bombardier (he is missing so his name can't be used) had been partly spilled and they jumped holding the chutes in their arms. That was all right, but the bombardier couldn't find his Mae West. It may have blown out when the flak knocked off the top of the nose turret.

"He and one of the others jumped at the same time and figured that one Mae West might help keep them both afloat in the water. But the wind drifted them apart and nobody saw the bombardier hit the water. He hasn't been found.

"The top turret gunner (Cpl. Billie J. "Cactus" Cole, Sterling, Tex.) had some trouble getting out of his chute when he hit the water. He made the mistake of opening the chest strap first, so he had difficulty getting one of the leg straps unfastened but he made it.

"The risers on my chute had got kind of wound up, so the chute spun me around and around. It unfastened the three straps on the way down, and just as my feet touched the water I held my arms up straight and the chute floated off the way it's supposed to."

A fifth air force Catalina piloted by Capt. Gordon D. Grey picked Chuck up after he had been in the water an hour and a half. The sea was choppy but safe for a Cat, but Grey and his crew picked up six men, counting Chuck Wilt and a second Cat piloted by Lt. Walter R. Griffith. One of a seventh, Corporal Hansen, after four hours.

The Cats had dropped some rubber boats before alighting, and a B-17 rescue plane dropped one of those new wooden rescue boats by triple parachute. Some of the men were rescued from these.

Wilt's Mae West had failed to inflate automatically. So he had to blow it up while treading water. Meantime he had released his yellow dye marker, which helped save his life by guiding the Cat but made him good and sick when he swallowed a lot of it while inflating the Mae West.

Captain Grey let Chuck fly the Cat home, after he and the crew turned out to be a townswan of

Oaks Backslide, Drop 11-1 Game But Head Solons

By United Press

The Oakland A's, who only a few weeks ago appeared to be the best balanced club in the Pacific coast league, are now having troubles on and off the field.

Manager Dolph Camilli is on the pan for alleged inferior judgment in handling of his pitchers and for not sticking himself into the lineup at first base; outfielder Frank Hawkins, the leading hitter, is riding the bench until Friday because of profane language, and some of the pitchers who were supposed to be reliable have been cousins to the weakest batsmen in the circuit.

Solons Win Easily

The Oaks took their second straight licking from Sacramento last night, 11 to 1, to drop six and one-half games off the pace in third place. At the rate they've been going, a seventh-place berth by Sunday night isn't impossible. Only two and one-half games separate them from that fate. Jack Lotz was battered for seven runs in the first inning by the Solons, while Giles Knowles held Oakland to five scattered blows. Jim Grant led the stickmen with two doubles and a single.

The second-place Seattle Rainiers battered San Francisco, 3 to 4. Hal Turbin got off to a poor start, allowing the Seals two runs on three hits in the third inning, but his teammates jumped on Ken Brandell for four markers in the fourth and the same number in the eighth. Hal Patchett collected three singles in six trips.

Portland maintained its three game lead by dividing a twin bill with Los Angeles. The Beavers pounded out a 15-2 victory in the opener behind Roy Helser's hurling and Spencer Harris' three-run homer. The Angels took the nightcap, 2-1, when Mel Hicks drove a round tripper over the rightfield wall. George Comellas was on the hill.

The talented Hollywood Stars went 14 innings to stop San Diego, 3 to 2. Brooks Holder hit a double to send across Jim Hill with the winning run. Newt Kimball got credit for the victory.

TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

By JACK CUDDY

UP Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, June 7 (UP)—This is "D" day for the league-leading New York Yankees. The "D" symbolizes a date for three Yank players with Uncle Sam—a date for pre-induction physical examinations.

The physicians at Grand Central Palace may determine—even more than future play—whether the Yanks will win their first American league pennant for new President Larry McPhail and his moneyed associates.

This is true because two of the trio of performers are key men in the Yankee line-up. Center-fielder Johnny Lindell and second baseman Snuffy Stirrweiss. The third examinee is pitcher Bill Zuber, a veteran who has yet to win his first victory for the Yanks this season, but who is considered a manpower cog in the Yanks' mound staff.

This three-way date comes at a bad time for one of the weakest clubs in Yankee history. It enjoys a first-place advantage of 1½ games over the challenging Detroit Tigers, although it has been playing less than 600 ball. The Yanks are leading largely because they have been less bad than the other clubs in the American circuit.

Pre-examination handicappers figured that center-fielder Lindell was almost certain to be inducted, whereas there wasn't much chance that second-sacker Stirrweiss would be grabbed.

Lindell, center-fielder and clean-up hitter, is an 18-year-old father of one daughter. He passed a physical examination a year ago April at Camden, N. J., but wasn't called due to lax draft needs last spring.

Snuffy Stirrweiss was expected to be recruited by the examining physicians because of stomach ulcers. If he is taken, it would be a severe blow to the Yanks because he is generally

considered the best second baseman in the majors. He is hitting about .371, ranking next to Eton in batting average and married, and a father.

Zuber, 31, married and a father, made two losing starts this season, and appeared as a reliever in four other games that the Yanks lost. Last year he won five and lost seven for the Yanks.

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Rain Helps Ferriss Win From Athletics

NEW YORK, June 7 (UP)—The "lucky shower" which soaked pitcher Dave Ferriss to the skin as he shivered his way to his eighth straight major league victory, was credited today with saving the rookie Red Sox glamour boy from his first premature show-er in the dressing room.



REACHING HIGH—A big surprise in National league is Tommy Holmes, outfielder of Boston Braves, who still leads sluggers in both major circuits as race nears one-third mark. Tommy has stayed close to .400 mark all during early season.

Baseball Standings

By United Press

Coast League		
	W	L
Portland	40	25
Seattle	37	27
Oakland	34	33
Sacramento	33	33
San Francisco	32	33
Los Angeles	32	34
San Diego	32	36
Hollywood	23	41

American League		
	W	L
New York	25	17
Detroit	21	16
St. Louis	19	18
Chicago	20	19
Boston	21	20
Cleveland	17	20
Washington	19	22
Philadelphia	15	25

National League		
	W	L
New York	27	15
Pittsburgh	23	18
St. Louis	23	18
Brooklyn	22	19
Chicago	19	18
Cincinnati	20	19
Boston	17	21
Philadelphia	10	33

Di Maggio's Wife Is Given Final Decree

HOLLYWOOD, June 7 (UP)—Actress Dorothy Arnold yesterday received her final divorce decree from Joe DiMaggio, New York Yankee baseball star now a sergeant in the army air forces.

Miss Arnold was granted an interlocutory decree in May, 1944 when she described the baseball player as having "never acted like a married man."

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Restaurant, Hotel Rations Cut To Household Levels

WASHINGTON, June 7 (UP)—More meat for the average American home this summer was seen today as the office of price administration slashed hotel and restaurant rations for July and August.

The OPA's action included cuts of 20 per cent in hotel and restaurant meat allotments, 12-15 per cent cuts in their share of canned fruit and vegetables and 20-25 per cent cuts in sugar.

The move was the answer to complaints that people eating at home were getting less than their share of the nation's limited food supplies while others eating out were getting relatively more meat and other scarce foods.

The meat cut for eating places tied in with other government moves to relieve the acute shortage of civilian meat supplies and, incidentally, halt growing criticism of government food handling.

Actually there will not be much, if any, more meat for civilians from the overall point of view this summer. The civilian allocation for the third quarter is about the same as that for the second quarter. The banning of shipments abroad means not so much that extra meat will go to Americans but that they won't have to suffer a further reduction.

Smaller restaurants and eating places will not generally be affected by the new order because their ration allowances are already in line with rations allowed housewives.

Expulsion Clause May Be Returned To Security Pact

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7 (UP)—The big five powers scored a new victory today when the executive committee of the United Nations security conference voted to recommend that a conference technical committee re-open the question of whether provision should be made in the contemplated world organization charter for expulsion of member nations.

At the same time, a meeting of the big five leaders of the conference was called for late today. There was no immediate explanation for the session there was no immediate explanation for the session there was no indication whether it presaged a break in the veto power stalemate which is holding up final decision of several important conference questions.

The executive committee's recommendation of the expulsion issue will go to the steering committee, composed of delegation chief of all 50 United Nations represented here.

Granada ENDS TONIGHT

Mystery Chiller! WARNER BAXTER SHADOWS IN THE NIGHT A CRIME NOCTURNE

STARTS FRIDAY DON RED BARRY

The Black Hills Express WALLY VERNON EARL HEATH

LIBERTY Now Thru Saturday

20th CENTURY FOX PRESENTS THE FIGHTING LADY THE MARSHAL IS LUIGI ROBERT TAYLOR USA

Companion Hit! A TINY NEW STAR

IN A STORY YOU'LL LOVE My Pal, Wolfy

WHEN STRANGERS MARRY

DEAN JAGGER KIM HUNTER BOB MITCHUM NEIL HAMILTON



PATRIOT—Expected to play an important part in the rehabilitation of Norway is Paal Berg, left, leader of the Norwegian underground movement during the years of Nazi occupation. The picture was made at his first press conference after emerging from hiding.

The Club Hipico, at Santiago, Chile, is often referred to as the "world's most beautiful race track."

Churches Oppose Military Training

WASHINGTON, June 7 (UP)—Protestant churches today joined the national Catholic welfare conference and other education and religious organizations in opposing peace time compulsory military training.

Testifying before the house postwar military policy committee, Dr. Herbert J. Burgstahler, representing the Protestant group, said that "the peace should establish procedures for controlling military establishments everywhere."

Teacher Shortage Confronts Schools

SALEM, Ore., June 7 (UP)—The most urgent problem facing Oregon schools today is that of acquiring more teachers, county school superintendents were told by Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction at their annual meeting here.

President Saves Life of Kidnaper

EDDYVILLE, Ky., June 7 (UP)—Thomas Robinson was headed for a lifetime in a prison cell today—and glad of it.

Only yesterday he faced death in the electric chair for the kidnapping in 1934 of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, a wealthy member of one of the first families of Kentucky. He was to have died at 1:15 p. m. CWT Friday in the group, a member of the western state prison but President Truman stepped in to save him, with less than 36 hours to spare.

Mr. Putnam late yesterday commuted Robinson's sentence to life in prison.

At least 1200 teachers are needed, Putnam said, the most difficult to supply being the rural ones.

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AUSTELLE SUIT DRESSES

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Two-piece dresses, so trim and pretty in rayon sharkskins and cool sheers! You'll love wearing them... you'll feel "right" in them. They're your suits for summer's warm weather.

New Mirra-Line DRESSES

4.98

Many sheers that look as cool as they feel and accent your dainty femininity. Let your skirts sway gently as you walk! Show off your slim waist!

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

a NEW TIE for Father

Cascading Prints

Rayon Twill

1.49

A heavy rayon twill makes a firm knot and a rich, supple draping to the rest of the tie. The prints come tumbling down in multicolor! Water ripples, shells and beautiful birds of Paradise! Rayon faced.

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They discourage wrinkles, these smooth rayon slips in delicate lingerie tones.

2.98

HORSE SALE

Several Good Saddle Horses
Ready Demand for Killer Horses
200 Head Feeder Hogs
Usual Run of Cattle

Friday, June 8

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My Pal, Wolfy

SHARYN MOFFETT

Late News Flashes