

Japs Execute US Airmen

A (Continued from Page 1) A received by this government until March 12.

The Japanese accusation was that the fliers had bombed non-military targets and shot civilians, and they told the Swiss minister in Tokyo that these acts were admitted.

They declined, however, to say which men had been executed or what disposition had been made of their bodies. Thus, the American government was left with no details and not knowing which of the following eight men, missing after the Tokyo raid and presumed prisoners, were the victims of this Japanese terrorism:

First Lieutenants William Glover Farrow of Washington, Robert L. Hite of Earth, Texas; Robert J. Meder of Lakewood, Ohio; Chase J. Nielson of Hyrum, Utah, and Dean E. Hallmark of Dallas; Second Lieutenant George Barr of Madison, Wis.; Sergeant Harold A. Spatz of Lebo, Kas.; Cpl. Jacob D. Deshaizer of Madras, Ore.

The state department's reply, given the Swiss to convey to Tokyo, recalled the obligations Japan has assumed regarding treatment of military prisoners: The promise that the protecting power (the Swiss) must be given three weeks notice before a prisoner is tried, that a representative of the protecting power must be allowed to be present—all the other provisions of conventions concerning treatment of prisoners.

"The Japanese government has not complied with any," it observed.

As for the accusation against the prisoners, the state department said the American forces had instructions to attack only military objectives and it is known they did not deviate from these orders.

"The government of the United States brands as false the charge that American aviators intentionally have attacked non-combatants anywhere," it said, adding:

"There are numerous known instances in which Japanese official agencies have employed brutal and bestial methods in extorting alleged confessions from persons in their power. It is customary for these agencies to use statement obtained under torture, or alleged statements, in proceedings against the victims."

"If the admissions alleged by the Japanese government to have been made by the American aviators were in fact made, they could only have been extorted fabrications."

After calling on Tokyo to abide by its agreements, the communication closed with its promise of punishment which left no doubt this country expects, soon or late, to be able to mete it out.

"As military operations now in progress draw to their inexorable and inevitable conclusion," it said, "the American government will visit upon the officers of the Japanese government responsible for such uncivilized and inhumane acts the punishment they deserve."

School Board Mulls Women Enlistments

A resolution asking that women teachers be accorded the same treatment which has been given men enlisting in the nation's armed services goes to Salem school board meeting next Tuesday night following its adoption this week by the Salem Teachers' association in annual meeting.

Difficulties in securing teachers to work on a substitute basis has caused directors to express the doubt of offering leaves of absence to enlisting women teachers. At their last meeting they asked that an investigation be conducted to determine what other school systems are doing and what law may apply to the situation.

Teachers of the city elected Mrs. Florence Kron, Parrish, president of their association to succeed Mrs. Margaret Grewell. Mrs. Dwight Lear of Garfield was elected vice president; Mrs. Marjorie Whitely, McKinley, secretary, and Jane Colgan, Richmond, treasurer.

Obituary

Rhoten Mrs. Orilla Rhoten at a local hospital, April 21, at the age of 91. Widow of the late John H. Rhoten. Survived by daughters, Mrs. Effie Barber of Salem and Mrs. Louella Hann of Marion, Ia.; son, J. Earl Rhoten of Aurora, Oregon; grandchildren: Mrs. Gladys Boyce, Royal Barber, George A. Rhoten, and Lucille Lewis, all of Salem; Frances Snyder and Marion Stafford of Portland, Oregon; Florence Rhoten, Sylvia Spivey, and Violet Rhoten of San Jose, Calif.; Doris Robbins of Marion, Oregon; Wayne Barber of Halsey, Oregon; Elma Costa of Niland, Calif.; William Moon of Natchez, Miss.; Harold Rhoten of San Francisco, Calif.; Lela DeSelle of Santa Clara, Calif.; Velma Zelmer of Burlingame, Calif.; Zeda R. Lide of Tappan, Utah; Rex R. Rhoten of Fairbanks, Alaska; and L. J. Ray Rhoten of Galveston, Tex. Also by twenty-eight great grandchildren. Funeral announcements later by Clough-Barrick company.

Eyewitness Account Of Tokyo Bombing Told

A NORTH AFRICAN AIR BASE, April 21—(AP)—Giving for publication the first eyewitness account of the Tokyo raid by any participating airmen, three army air force officers disclosed Wednesday night that after the

Mrs. Rhoten Dies Here, Result of Fall

Mrs. John H. Rhoten, 91, resident of the Salem area since the turn of the century, died Wednesday night at a Salem hospital as the result of a fall April 8 at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Effie Barber, 1310 Marion street.

With her husband, who died 19 years ago, she came to the Willamette valley from Iowa. For a number of years Mr. Rhoten farmed near here.

Mrs. Rhoten had fallen two years ago, breaking a hip, an injury from which she had recovered, amazing members of her large family here and her friends by learning to walk again at her advanced age, but she never rallied from the second fall. Prior to the first injury she was a regular attendant at First Christian church.

In addition to Mrs. Barber, with whom she had made her home, she was the mother of the late E. A. Rhoten, long editor of the Pacific Homestead and prominent dairyman of Salem, of Earl Rhoten, Aurora, and Mrs. Louella Hann, Marion, Ia. She was the grandmother of George A. Rhoten, Mrs. Gladys Boyce, Royal Barber and Mrs. Marvin Lewis of this city, and is survived also by other grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Firm Selects Salem Men For Posts

Two Salem young men have been selected as agents for the local territory of the Richfield Oil corporation, it was announced Wednesday night. They are Howard J. Grimm, who has been associated with Ladd & Bush-Salem branch of the United States National bank and its predecessor, Ladd & Bush bank, for 23 years and his brother-in-law, Glen E. Wittey, who has been with the local Richfield agency for five years as driver and salesman.

Mrs. E. M. Hammond, who has held the Richfield agency for the last five years, is relinquishing her responsibilities with the company because of ill health.

Wittey and Grimm said they would take over the agency, located at Portland road and Lana avenue, on May 1. All kinds of petroleum products are handled by this agency.

Oregon Industry Payroll Doubles, Commission Says

Oregon's industrial payroll for the first three months of 1943 aggregated \$119,131,209 or nearly double the 1942 first quarter payroll of \$65,323,531, the state industrial accident commission announced here Wednesday.

The Multnomah county industrial payroll was \$84,727,178 as against 1942 was \$84,727,178 as against \$34,508,759 in the corresponding period of 1942, and \$14,963,805 in 1940.

Prior to the war the Multnomah county payroll was less than a third of the total for the state. It is now three-fourths. The state's payroll in March was \$43,509,059, a new high record and approximately \$3,000,000 more than during the preceding month. It was double that for March, 1942.

Multnomah county's March industrial payroll was \$32,481,340, compared with \$12,466,762 in March, 1942, and \$4,919,974 in March, 1940.

Hospital Nurse Is Patient

Mrs. Albert Lidke, first floor head nurse at Salem Deaconess hospital, is a patient at the institution where she is employed. Extent of injuries suffered when she fell down a stairway of a downtown store Wednesday afternoon striking her head on the concrete floor was still undetermined at an early hour today. City first aid men were called and took her to the hospital.

HOME OWNED Ends Tonight! 2 Hits

AMECHE FAVE MIRANDA That Night in Rio

And: Dennis Morgan in "River's End" News - Cartoon

Induction of Fathers Seen

F (Continued from Page 1) F used advisedly. Registrants cannot qualify for this classification merely because their induction would inconvenience their dependents or even make a radical reduction in their income. Experience would indicate that not more than half a dozen registrants in a thousand could qualify for class III-D.

Men necessary and irreplaceable in essential war activities continue to be considered for deferment in class II-A and class II-B. Wootton continued, unless they can qualify for class III-A or class III-D. Wootton said this does not apply to men necessary on farms since special classifications have been provided for farmers. Registrants who are necessary on farms will be classified in class III-C if they have bona fide dependents and otherwise will be classified in class II-C.

"It appears advisable to point out," Wootton said, "that classification in class II-A or class II-B is temporary and that no deferment in these classes may be for more than six months. Renewals are possible but employers must make a reasonable showing that every effort has been made to replace registrants deferred in class II-A and class II-B."

To those registrants in class III-A because of dependent children, Col. Wootton advised that they enter an essential activity if not so employed or face induction next fall or winter. Before being reclassified to class IIA, registrants in class III-A will be given consideration for occupational deferment and will be classified in class II-A or class II-B if found to be the key men in essential activities.

Wootton offered similar advice to registrants in the 38 to 45 year age group since registrants in that group may be made available for induction if they refuse to enter an essential activity within a reasonable time.

"So far as men registered with selective service are concerned," Wootton concluded, "that means that they must be employed in an activity essential to the war effort or necessary to war production or they must enter the armed forces."

Darkness and bad weather came over the Yellow sea and the planes flew ahead by dead reckoning until they believed they had reached a point far enough inland to be out of reach of the Japanese. But they could see nothing below.

"I asked my crew whether they wanted us to try to land or bail out," Greening said. "They said they'd like to land in a rice paddy. We came down and turned on landing lights to test the thickness of the fog when we saw tree tops just below us. It was a narrow escape and made them all want to bail out. We went up to 10,000 feet, opened the door, gave each man rations and a map and we went out in reverse order of rank."

Greening's parachute caught on a tree and he hung there until the next morning. When he got down and started to walk he found his injured co-pilot for whom he made a bamboo crutch. They reached the village of Chuchow Lishui where for the next weeks most of the others came in by ones and twos.

MEDFORD, Ore., April 21—(AP)—The wife of 1st Lt. Robert G. Emmens, one of the Tokyo bombers interned in Russia, said Wednesday that the flier has written her several times. He said all of the interned airmen were well-treated, adding that they chop wood for exercise and have the use of the only piano in town, which has been placed in their quarters, Mrs. Emmens said. Emmens, who was graduated from high school here and attended the University of Oregon, has an 11-month-old son he has never seen.

House to Probe Absenteeism WASHINGTON, April 21—(AP)—The house labor committee approved Wednesday a bill directing the secretary of labor to make an investigation of absenteeism among war workers and report to congress within 90 days.

10 Jap Bases Are Bombed

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Thursday, April 22 (AP)—Ten Japanese bases were attacked in light raids by allied bombers and fighters Wednesday, the high command announced today.

For the second straight day, a single Japanese raider attacked Morobe to the southeast of Salamaua but damage was negligible, the noon communique said.

11th Tanker Launched

PORTLAND, April 21—(AP)—Henry J. Kaiser's Swan Island shipyard launched its 11th tanker Wednesday. It was christened the S. S. Fallen Timbers, after an Indian battleground in northwestern Ohio which was covered with wind-felled trees.



From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

Grandma Hoskins knows a lot about history but when we asked her where the first brewery was built in America, she wouldn't take sides. "You see," says Grandma, "wherever the colonists settled, one of the first things they thought about was food and beer..." In fact, one reason why the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock was because the Mayflower was running short of beer. Well, that was a new one on us, but Grandma showed it to us

Joe Marsh

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ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Dehydration of foods is effecting not only the men on the battle fronts but the pets at home... nor do we mean that the dogs are getting food needed for their faraway owners.

The English people who during the first weeks of heavy nazi bombings felt it necessary to destroy their dogs and cats, fearing that great suffering would come to the animals through bombings, are said to be regretting that action.

In London alone, cage facilities have been established for pets in 180 rest centers to which people who have been bombed out of their homes are taken until they can be relocated.

Not only is dehydrated food provided so that the dogs need not take part of the ration set aside for human beings, but very satisfactory food, containing by-products of fresh meat, cereals, edible bone, seasoning and fish oil of high vitamin content.

The pets are retained to help their masters and mistresses keep up morale... to keep up the dog's morale you feed him certain dosages of sodium bromide.

County Hits Two-Thirds

E (Continued from Page 1) E care of the rest of the state's \$100,000,000 quota for April.

He said purchases so far include many large subscriptions and that an enormous number of small sales will be required to complete the public's quota.

WASHINGTON, April 21—(AP)—The treasury hopes to add 3,400,000 new names to the list of Uncle Sam's war bond buyers before the second war loan campaign ends next week.

This was disclosed Wednesday night as officials reported favorable indications that bond sales to individuals are picking up in the \$13,000,000 drive.

The goal of 3,400,000 new bond buyers is ten times the number of subscribers obtained in the last big fund drive—the victory loan campaign in December—and is exclusive of the 26,000,000 persons now buying bonds on the payroll deduction plan.

More than \$10,000,000,000 in subscriptions already is in, officials said.

Navy Reveals New Casualties

WASHINGTON, April 21—(AP)—The navy announced Wednesday 22 casualties in navy forces, including 5 dead, 1 wounded and 16 missing.

This brings to 24,881 the total of navy, marine corps and coast guard casualties reported to next of kin since December 7, 1941.

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Two Investigate Canteen Problem

W. M. Hamilton, Charles H. Huggins and Milton Meyers were Wednesday named by Marion county chapter Red Cross directors as a special committee to investigate feasibility of securing mobile canteen equipment advised by the National Red Cross. The national organization has asked the county chapter to make ready and keep prepared for emergency use specified equipment to be utilized in supplying food in case of an emergency.

15 Raids Hit Kiska

B (Continued from Page 1) B The island has been raided 103 times this month.

In the South Pacific, the communiqué said, army, navy and marine corps planes blasted a variety of enemy bases Monday and Tuesday, Solomons time, including the big base at Kiska, on Bougainville island in the southwestern Solomons.

Meanwhile, Avenger bombers raided the Japanese field at Kahili in the Shorland island area of the northwestern Solomons and also attacked Jap shipping at nearby Tonolei harbor, scoring a direct hit on one freighter and several near hits on another.

OWI Chief Denies Delay

WASHINGTON, April 21—(AP)—Briskly answering a barrage of questions, OWI Director Elmer Davis told a press conference and members of the senate judiciary committee Wednesday that the office of war information has one chief objective—"to get out as much news as we can as soon as we can."

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British Blast Nazi Bases

D (Continued from Page 1) D bombing from the east was resumed April 19.

Thus in a single night, allied bombers left widespread destruction in three essential points along the German supply line to the Russian front, both Rostock and Stettin being important links in that chain. In Rostock, the British also blasted factories producing Heinkel bombers.

Enemy bombers struck back at Britain Wednesday night, losing high explosive and incendiary bombs on a northeast Scotland town. One bomb hit a tenant building and caused a number of deaths. A heavy barrage met the raiders.

The air ministry announced that railway yards at Abbeville were bombed in one of the day sweeps that also hit objectives in other sections of France, Holland, Belgium and northwestern Germany.

CIO Pickets Ordered Out

WASHINGTON, April 21—(AP)—The war labor board Wednesday night called upon John L. Lewis and officers of district 50 of the United Mine Workers to remove "at once" a picket line at the Celanese corporation's plastics division in Newark, N.J., and implied strongly that if it is not done armed protection would be given those desiring to work.

The CIO textile workers union claims bargaining rights at the plant and UMW gave it a maintenance of membership order March 19. The board sent a telegraphed appeal to Lewis personally last week to halt the stoppage which grew out of union rivalry.