

SWAM TO POLA WITH BOMBS TO SINK WARSHIPS

Two Italians Destroyed Austrian Dreadnaught Viribus Units By Swimming and Steering Two Small Submarine Motors Toward Bombs Across Barriers—In Water 9 Hours

ROME, Dec. 10.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.) It was by swimming into Pola harbor and steering two small submarine motors towing bombs that two Italian naval officers destroyed the Austrian dreadnaught Viribus Units just before the signing of the armistice between Italy and Austria.

The swimmers were in the water nine hours and had to penetrate four barriers across the harbor entrance, two of which were composed of steel submarine nets. After they had attached their bomb to the side of the dreadnaught, they were captured and taken on board the vessel and were there when the warship was blown up.

They escaped without injury and have returned to Rome to tell of their exploit which is characterized as one of the most daring and successful in the history of naval warfare. Only the fact that the Viribus Units had been destroyed by Italian naval forces previously had been made known but now the details have been given out by the Italian admiralty.

Bank 20,000 Ton Ship The officers who thus sent to the bottom a 20,000-ton ship, one of the most powerful in the Austrian navy, were Lieutenant Raffaele Paolucci and Major Raffaele Rossetti. The attack was delivered on the morning of November 1, 1918.

To tow the bombs into Pola harbor the two Italians invented small compressed air motors to which were attached bombs. For six months the two naval men practiced in long distance swimming. The Italian admiralty gave them the use of a motor boat.

Reaching the harbor entrance at nightfall, the two daring men started on their expedition swimming beside their little motors and steering them. To escape detection by sentries on a wooden pier across the harbor mouth Paolucci and Rossetti had hats shaped like bottles, and the sentry saw nothing but a couple of bottles tossed about by the waves. When his back was turned they advanced and safely passed their first barrier.

Warship Is Reached After infinite labor they fought their way thru the steel nets and the Austrian fleet lay before them. Reaching the side of the Viribus Units, they attached the bomb to her hull beneath the ladder which led to her deck and time the bomb to explode at 4:30 a. m.

By this time they were exhausted having been in the water more than nine hours. As they were leaving, they were discovered and taken on board the dreadnaught. At first they refused to answer the questions asked them by Admiral Voucovich. At 9:15, however, they told the admiral what they had done and he gave the order to abandon ship. Paolucci asked the admiral if he and his friend might also try to save themselves and he shook hands saying, "You are brave men and deserve to live."

They plunged into the water and swam away, but ten minutes later the admiral began to suspect the bomb story and sent a launch to bring them back. They were made to walk up the ladder under which they had set the bomb which was due to explode in two minutes. The ladder was crowded with sailors returning to their ship.

Second Bomb Explodes "Run, run for your lives," shouted Paolucci, struggling to reach the deck before the explosion took place. He and Rossetti had reached the deck and ran to the stern of the dreadnaught when a terrific explosion rent the air and a column of water 200 feet high shot upward. Admiral Voucovich again gave them permission to save themselves, and they had been swimming away from the ship five minutes when they heard another explosion and saw that the other bomb which had been left adrift had been carried by the current alongside the large Austrian liner Wien and had there exploded.

The Viribus Units was then lying on her side, but suddenly the huge ship turned bottom upward and Lieutenant Paolucci saw Admiral Voucovich scramble upward and stand with folded arms on the keel, ready to go down with his vessel.

Major Rossetti and Lieutenant Paolucci were recaptured and taken on board another Austrian warship where they were kept prisoners until the armistice was signed and an Italian warship entered the harbor. Then a launch was sent for the two heroes and they were sent on a destroyer to Venice where the people gave them a vociferous welcome.

BATTLESHIP BRINGS TROOPS FROM FRANCE

NTW YORK, Jan. 6.—The United States steamship North Carolina, first battleship to be used for transporting returning troops, arrived this morning from Brest, carrying 89 officers and 1,319 enlisted men of the army and marine corps. These troops included casual companies numbers 201, 202, 203 and 204 marines containing seven officers and 595 men, the first marine organization to return from the war; the 11th ammunition train, including headquarters company, headquarters detachment, ordnance detachment, medical detachment and companies F and G, containing 1 officer and 494 men; the 108th aero squadron containing eight officers and 145 men and 22 aces.

TO DISCHARGE TROOPS WITH DEPENDENTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Commanders of combat divisions in the United States were authorized today to discharge first from their forces those men whose allotment papers show they have dependents, and second, such men as would be affected adversely in obtaining civil employment as a result of being held further in service.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Portland Livestock PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—Cattle higher: receipts 1,770. Steers, prime, \$13.00@14.00; good to choice, \$11.50@12.50; medium to good, \$10.50@11.50; fair to medium, \$9.50@10.50; common to fair, \$8.00@9.00; cows and heifers, choice, \$10.00@11.00; medium to good, \$8.50@9.50; fair to medium, \$7.00@8.50; canners, \$4.00@5.00; bulls, \$6.50@8.50; calves, \$9.00@12.50; stockers and feeders, \$7.00@9.00.

Butter PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—Butter firm. City creamery prints, extras, box lots, 65c; cartons, 66c; half boxes, 1c more; less than half boxes, 1c more. Buying price butter, country, 67c; cube extras, 63c.

Poultry and Eggs PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—Eggs selling price, case count, 68c; buying price, 65c; selling price, candled, 71c. Hens—30c@32c; springers, 32c; old roosters, 26c. Oats—\$1.50 bid; corn, \$62.00.

ASHLAND AND VICINITY

DIED—In Ashland, Jan. 3, 1919, Mrs. W. O. Dickerson, in the 44th year of her age. Funeral services were held in Masonic hall, December 6, under the auspices of Alpha chapter of the Eastern Star. Rev. C. F. Koehler, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was the officiating clergyman. The singers were from the Congregational church choir. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

Mrs. Dickerson was a native of Ohio. The family came to Ashland in 1910, and since that time have been identified with the church, business and educational interests of this city, the wife and mother ever lending a helping hand in behalf of every worthy object. Sympathy and friendliness were cardinal principles as exemplified characteristically in a life devoted to family and friends. Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter and two sons. The daughter, Helen, arrived home recently from Washington, D. C., summoned by her mother's critical illness. Don, eldest of the boys, is serving with the coast artillery at Fort Stevens, and Wilbur is a member of the home family circle. Briefly epitomized, Mrs. Dickerson's epitaph might appropriately incorporate the tender sentiment, "She made home happy. Through the faithful years the simple record that she left behind was fraught with loving tenderness so kind."

EVANS—In Ashland, Jan. 4, 1919, Hiram S. Evans, in the 61st year of his age. Funeral services will be held at Steek's undertaking parlors, Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 2 p. m. Interment will be in Ashland cemetery. The funeral services will be devoid of ceremony. Dr. D. M. Brower, lifelong friend of the deceased, will render a tribute to his memory. Services at the grave will be by the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Evans was a native of California and was born in San Francisco. His coming to Ashland was coincident with the construction of the railroad through this section. He was one of the pioneer dealers in painting material in this city, and for a term served the municipality as mayor. One of the quietest of men he had a keen sense of humor, and his quaint expressions were in keeping with the genial disposition which prompted them. For years

he had been gravely afflicted with physical infirmity, trials which he bore patiently and without complaint. Since relinquishing business pursuits, his home, especially in declining years, was with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dreyer, who cared for him with rare devotion and tenderness. "Bill" Evans was a pleasant man, genial and companionable, and many friends of earlier days will regret to learn of his death.

TALENT TALK

Barney Seaman, Floyd Lamb and Delbert Goddard were attending to business matters in Medford last week.

Mr. Biekerdite spent most of last week in Medford. He was one of the judges at the poultry show. His daughter Rose and son Marion, spent Friday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheets and Mrs. Patterson of Ashland spent last Saturday at the home of Mrs. Outman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dieck of Redding, Cal., surprised Marion Tryer and family Saturday evening. Mr. Dieck is a nephew of Mr. Tryer and was en route to Medford to visit his mother, Mrs. Ella Dieck, who has been quite sick at the home of her sister, Mrs. Roy Toft. After a few days' visit there they left on New Year's day for their home in Redding.

Lawrence Crawford left New Year's day for Camp Lewis, after a few days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Crawford.

Miss Emma Crawford left Friday for San Francisco.

Mrs. Fred Brandt spent Monday afternoon shopping in Medford.

Mr. Vogel is a business caller in Phoenix Monday morning.

Howard Frame left recently for the naval training station at Seattle after a short furlough spent here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Adamson spent Tuesday in Ashland.

Word has been received by Marion Tryer that his son Sergeant-Major Charles Tryer has been transferred to the 60th and is expected to be home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beeson spent Thursday in Ashland.

Mrs. Jav Terrill and Mrs. Ralph Koozer were shopping in Medford Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ziders and daughter Carmalotta, were Medford visitors Tuesday.

Axel Amundsen transacted business in Ashland Tuesday afternoon.

Cliff Garvin and Welborn Beeson were attending to business matters in Medford Tuesday afternoon.

Arthur Brown, representative for the Portland Oregonian, was a New Year's guest at the Tryer home Wednesday.

Mr. Lamb and Mrs. Mason were Medford visitors Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Foxall spent Friday afternoon in Ashland.

Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Blin Coleman left Sunday for Portland to attend the funeral of Else Adams of the police force and brother of Mrs. Coleman and Edgar Adams of Wagner Creek. Mr. Adams was the youngest son of Jesse Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Tryer spent Friday as guests of Mr. Tryer's sister, Mrs. Ella Dieck, who has been quite ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Roy Toft of Medford. Lewis Dieck and Mrs. Andeline, children of Mrs. Dieck, were also guests at the Toft home.

Mrs. Vogel was a visitor in Medford Saturday.

William Petrie transacted business in Medford Saturday.

Church services and day school was resumed this week after six weeks' vacation on account of the influenza epidemic.

Mrs. John Reter and Miss Bernice have sufficiently recovered from the influenza to return from the hospital Wednesday.

C. H. Beery and C. J. Ravezor have returned from Portland where they were employed in the ship yards.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fick had as their dinner guests on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wilson. Lieut. Wade Williams, Fred Williams of Grants Pass and Thelma and Carl Larsen.

Mrs. Emma Jackson of Portland accompanied her brother, Private George Margreiter, as far as that place on his return to Camp Lewis.

J. H. Beery received word of the death of his son, James Beery, who was wounded shortly before the armistice was signed. Mr. Beery

and recent letters received from Curley Wilson and Fred Lewis of the 9th division, reporting them in fine health and spirits but anxious to be at home once more.

Thomas Devoe has opened a butcher shop in the same location as Dunnington's former market.

Miss Pearl Pankey of Central Point visited Jacksonville friends one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Moore have returned to Doty, Wash., after spending the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bauschaw.

Lieut. Wade Williams, who recently visited his sister, Mrs. Fred Fick, has returned to San Francisco, where he will go into the banking business.

J. Silverstone of Portland transacted business at the court house this week.

Charles Prim, who recently went to Portland, has accepted a position in the income department of the collector of customs.

Dave Buckley has returned to Ruch after being confined to the Sacred Heart hospital three months with the influenza.

John Winningham started in Monday to try to carry the mail again. He was to take it from Trail to Perist and Dick Reay to take it from Eagle Point to Trail, but it so happened that Dick went with him up to Perist and John was taken sick at the "Mathews Cabin" where they had to spend the night and Dick said that they had nothing to eat from the time they left Trail until they got back, twenty-four hours, and that he, Dick, was up all night without sleep. He had to leave Mr. Winningham at Trail as he was not able to ride home. They sure have a time with the mail on that route.

Our New Year 1919 came in as a gentle lamb, clear cold and gentle and found us surrounded by all the blessings of life and reminds us that thru a kind Divine Providence we have been permitted to enjoy the blessings of another year while millions of our brothers and sisters have been counted among the dead, and if we could but realize the debt of gratitude we owe to Him who cares for us we would be ready to offer our profound thanks to the giver of all good for His kind watch over us. Pardon this digression.

Among the guests this New Year's day we had Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Von der Hellen and son Huzo.

Miss Margaret Hammon and Miss Helen Moore came out on the Harsheln auto stage Saturday evening. The former was met at the postoffice by Hamilton Watkins and taken to his home. She is engaged as teacher in the Reese creek school and expected to commence her school again on last Monday, Dec. 30th, and Miss Helen Moore was here on a visit to the Harsheln and Fred Dutton families. She has been attending school in San Jose, Cal. She taught last season in one of the districts above here on Little Butte, but is now taking the necessary courses to prepare herself for positions in the higher educational departments. She returned to Ashland, her home, Tuesday evening and goes from there direct to San Jose again to assume her studies next Monday.

Fred Pierce, a brother of our townsmen Floyd Pierce came in to visit his brother last Thursday. He had just come from Camp Lewis.

Andrew and Fred Eadler of Lake Creek, who were home on furlough, started back to their posts on the Lewis Itney Monday morning. C. H. Natwick was also a passenger to Medford Monday morning.

James Vestal, another one of our soldier boys came in Monday morning on the Harsheln mail auto and started immediately for his father's on the Moonman stage. He entered the service from the O. A. C. expecting to go to France, but after he had enlisted and the officers learned that he was a military student they put him in a school as an instructor, and in telling me of his experiences in that line he remarked, "That is what one gets by letting them know that you know something." He is one of our country-raised boys, but had his mind set on an education and after passing the eighth grade in the Reese creek school went to Central Point high school until he finished his high school course, then went to Corvallis. He is what we may call a self-made man for he has worked his way up, working during the vacations to pay the expense and is still climbing. He has set a noble example for his boyhood associates.

George Stowell was a business caller Monday.

Ed Meyer and wife of Lake Creek were in town Tuesday morning on a business tour.

Among the passengers Tuesday morning on the P. & E. was Miss Gladys Natwick, of this neighborhood, Mrs. P. D. Hill of Derby, Miss Bernice Hargrave of Medford, B. F. Frankson of Oregon City, Floyd Fick of Grants Pass, and William Bless.

George Sanders, the superintendent of the Commercial Orchard came in Monday evening and spent the night with us.

Died, Dec. 30, 1918, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Tucker in Brownsboro, Mrs. Elizabeth Clements, aged 84 years, two months and 18 days. She leaves to mourn her loss one daughter and three grandchildren. She was stricken with apoplexy some time ago and rendered helpless and quietly passed away on Monday last. She was born in the

state of Pennsylvania, Oct. 14, 1834, moved from there to Iowa with her parents and came to Jackson county, settled in Brownsboro in 1859. She was highly respected by her neighbors and took quite an interest in the Sunday school work. She professed religion when quite young and joined the Baptist church and lived a consistent christian life and died a peaceful death. The funeral services were conducted at the grave in Brownsboro cemetery by your Eagle Point correspondent. There were quite a number of her neighbors who attended the funeral Tuesday afternoon.

Wm. Von der Hellen has purchased what is known as the old Cromer place on Reese creek and is starting to fence it having sent out a load of wire fencing this Wednesday morning.

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