

PLAYFUL SHARKS COST CASTAWAYS CHANCE FOR FISH

Four Airmen Adrift in Rubber Boat Unable to Angle Account Strength Sharks.

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With the 7th Air Force in the Pacific, Nov. 24.—(U.P.)—Sharks that tore the fishhooks off their lines limited four airmen adrift in a rubber boat to a diet of two fish and rainwater for the six days they floated aimlessly about in the Pacific.

The story was told today by Naval Lieut. Paul Hardy of Huntington, W. Va., pilot of a naval land plane that crashed-landed in the ocean, out of gas and lost. The crew of 10 escaped but a marine combat correspondent was lost.

Launch Two Rafts

Ensign James Welshorne of Keyser, W. Va., co-pilot, came out of the plane with a broken arm, his face covered with blood and bleeding badly, and nearly unconscious.

The airmen could get only two life rafts out of the plane and one of these—capable of carrying four men—wouldn't inflate. Mechanist Mate Paul Widdel of Rockford, Ill., and Aviation Ordnanceman Bob Strouse of Fort Lupton, Colo., blew it up with their own lung power. Six men climbed on one raft and four on the other.

"We had no water for 50 hours," Hardy said. "Then a rain squall gave us all enough to drink and we saved enough water from it so we each had a couple of sips a day. We saved it by taking water into our mouths, then transferring it into a Mae West jacket."

"The other raft was roped to us for awhile the first night but the rope broke and we were unable to see them in the morning."

Rafts Drift Apart

The two rafts were picked up 100 miles apart.

"We had no food. We had some fish line and four hooks, but no bait and were unable to fish until two days later when an old wooden crate floated alongside. There were three fish in it, two little perch and one bloater. We were afraid to eat the bloater for fear it was

Nimitz Pays Visit To Tarawa



In a shattered emplacement of a pair of Japanese guns knocked out in bitter fighting for Tarawa Island, U. S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, commander of the Second Marines, points out Jap guns to Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, left, who made an inspection trip to the recently captured Central Pacific base.

Stalin's Journey to Tehran Breaks Long Tradition

London, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Premier Josef Stalin's 325-mile trip beyond the borders of Russia to Tehran may not have represented much mileage compared with the thousands traveled by his fellow conferees, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, but it shattered a tradition of 31 years.

Not since 1912 had Russia's "Man of Steel" left his country. He traveled in that year to Crakow, then a part of Austria, to meet Nicolai Lenin, the Russian revolutionary leader.

Sharks Nose Swimmers

"We all tried to swim some every day except Welshorne. Every time the sharks came right up. But I am still not convinced they really would attack a man. A couple of times they rushed the swimmers but didn't turn over as if to bite and acted more like they were just curious and planned to touch the swimmers to see what would happen."

Days and nights of hearing and seeing occasional planes were climaxed by an obviously searching plane they were afraid

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ARMY ANALYZES COSTLY ERRORS IN AFRICA WAR

Washington, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—A special army digest entitled "Lessons From the Tunisian Campaign" said today that the inexperienced American troops who chased the Nazis out of North Africa made many costly errors before the final victory was theirs.

At the beginning of the campaign, it said, the Americans were particularly unversed in tank warfare and did not learn to mass armored units until late in the campaign. In the early stages of fighting, tanks were dispersed over a wide area in piecemeal fashion.

Another lesson, the report said, was that soldiers other than the engineers must learn to clear land mines and booby traps. Before this fact was driven home, many troops died needlessly.

The study cited an example of garbled reports in which an observation post reported three Italians coming down a hill. The information that reached the command post said that "three battalions" were on the way.

American artillery was a standout. One Nazi who had served on several German fronts said fire from U. S. field guns "was the most deadly he had experienced," the report said. Scouting and patrolling caused some trouble at first, but the men improved rapidly with experience.

SEC ORDERS HEARING

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—The securities and exchange commission today ordered a hearing Dec. 16 to consider fees and expenses incurred by Puget Sound Power and Light Co., Seattle, Wash., a subsidiary of Engineers Public Service Co., in carrying out a commission-approved plan for reorganization.

Pretty Sleuth



Co-starred with Basil Rathbone in "Sherlock Holmes Faces Death," is pretty Hillary Brooke. Rathbone plays the title role in this latest of the popular series which opens at the Rialto tomorrow. Number two feature is "Frontier Law" starring Russell Hayden in an all-action drama of the west.

S.R.U. APPLICANTS INVITED BY NAVY

Persons interested in petty officer ratings in the navy's new S.R.U. (ship repair unit) are asked to be at the Medford navy recruiting substation between 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, when War Carpenter Leo Wolgast will be on hand to interview applicants and determine whether they are qualified for the ratings now available.

Herbert W. Crain, recruiter in charge of the substation, wishes to emphasize the fact that no man is eligible for the S.R.U. if he is in either 1A or 3A draft classification—or if he already has received his induction notice.

HEAVIES SIGN

New York, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Tami Mauriello of New York and Joe Baksi of Kulpmont, Pa., were signed by Promoter Mike Jacobs today for a 10-round heavy-weight fight at Madison Square Garden Jan. 14.

BOY RAPE-SLAYER TO PEN FOR 30 YEARS

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 12 (U.P.)—Edwin Codarre, 13, was sentenced to 30 years to life imprisonment in Sing Sing prison today for the rape-slashing of 10-year-old Elizabeth Voight, August 13.

the minimum sentence for second degree murder—to which Edwin pleaded guilty—County Judge J. Gordon Flannery said he wanted to protect both the boy and society.

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