

FORTRESS RAMMED OVER TOKYO GETS BACK TO SAIPAN

Superb Flying Saved Craft After Heroic Battle Last January

Hdqs., 73rd Bomb Wing, Saipan, Aug. 20—(U.P.)—The twice-rammed Superfortress "Irish Lassie" fought its way safely home after the historic Jan. 27 raid on Tokyo despite such severe damage that the crew almost bailed out over Japan.

Superb flying and the unbroken will of American soldiers to fight to live brought the ship in for a crash-landing that wrecked the plane—but only two men were injured.

With the lifting of security restrictions, the story of the Irish Lassie could be told today.

Three Zeros had been downed by the B-29 when T/Sgt. James F. McHugh, New York, opened up on a fourth. But that fighter came straight down and smashed into the left wing just behind the No. 1 engine. The plane ripped out eight feet of the aileron, one-third of the huge landing flap, and tore up the gas tank.

Flight Engineer Lt. Robert Watson, Pomeroy, Wash., said there wasn't much jolt. The navigator, 1st Lt. John J. Faubion, Austin, Tex., didn't even know they had been rammed.

Enemy fire struck Radio Operator Sgt. Walter Klimczak, Plymouth, Pa., and he dropped to the floor.

Then Tailgunner S/Sgt. Charles Mulligan, Henderson, Ky., caught another fighter coming straight at the tail. He and

the Jap poured hundreds of rounds at each other. Bullets hit his right hand but he kept firing. Then the enemy fighter bored right into the gunner's compartment. The crash ripped out the left side of the glass-enclosed bubble, ripped off the left stabilizer and snapped all but one of the control cables.

The bomber dropped 8,000 feet before Co-Pilot Leonard Fox, Downey, Pa., found that his controls could pull the plane out of the dive.

Sgt. Clarence O. Leach, Martins Ferry, O., and Sgt. Marvin E. Meyer, Boone, Iowa, manned the turrets for the running fight out to sea. S/Sgt. Lewis E. Nellums, Pensacola, Fla., aided Klimczak.

It took an hour to cut Mulligan loose. He was held in the shattered compartment only by torn metal snapped in his clothing which kept him from dropping through the gaping hole. Both his hands were frozen and later were amputated.

The B-29 dropped out of control when they swung in over the Saipan airfield and almost crashed into an embankment at the end of the strip. But at the last second it rose over the hump, skidded hundreds of feet and came to rest—a mass of wreckage.

Nine members were decorated for their part in the mission. Although the entire crew was ordered grounded after the flight, McHugh and Meyer finally managed to "fight" their way back to flying duty.

TOTAL TAX LEVY FOR CITIES MADE

The total county, city and school tax levy for cities of Jackson county, as fixed by the county assessor, are as follows:

Ashland, 39.6 mills; Medford, 35.3; Butte Falls, 56.4 mills; Central Point, 32.5; Eagle Point 39.5; Gold Hill, 58.3; Jacksonville, 62.5; Phoenix, 59.7; Rogue River, 45.9; and Talent, 43.6 mills.

Special city levies are as follows:

Ashland, 14.2 mills; Butte Falls, 20.8; Central Point, 22.9; Eagle Point, 11.7; Gold Hill, 23.8; Jacksonville, 27.3; Medford, 17.5; Phoenix, 23; Rogue River 9.2; and Talent, 20.3 mills.

The high school levy in all school districts not maintaining a high school is 4.3 mills.

The county levy, outside of the city of Ashland is 8.6 mills. In Ashland it is 7. mills. That municipality makes its own of .1 of a mill for the library fund, and a 1.5 mill county road levy.

SUPER FIVE YEAR PLAN TO REPAIR REDS WAR LOSSES

Soviet Program To Surpass Pre-War Record For Economic Gains

Moscow, Aug. 20—(U.P.)—Russia announced today the launching of a super five-year plan designed to repair the nation's war damage and surpass its pre-war economic development by 1950.

For the next five years, life in Russia will be harnessed to the restoration and expansion of the basic heavy industries to give the country a strong and well-balanced economy.

That was the underlying principle of the instructions issued by the Communist party's central committee and the council of people's commissars to the state planning commission and various other commissariats over the week-end.

The instructions stated that the plan should be aimed first at effecting "complete restoration of the economy in the formerly occupied zones; secondly, post-war reorganization of the national economy; and thirdly, further development of all regions of the Soviet Union."

As a result of the program, the official announcement said, "pre-war development of the national economy should be considerably surpassed by 1950."

The program called for large-scale expansion of the national railway system.

The program will require a national effort surpassing anything attempted by the Soviet Union in the years between the 1918 revolution and World War II, because the country will undertake simultaneously two parallel plans of reconstruction and expansion.

It had been believed generally that repairing the war damages alone would absorb Russia's economic energies for many decades to come. But the new plan also calls for a tremendous industrial expansion of equal scope.

Atom Bomb Plants Roads Costly Item

Washington, Aug. 20—(U.P.)—The federal works agency reported tonight that it spent \$8,726,597 in three years on community facilities required by atom bomb workers in Tennessee, Washington and New Mexico.

The money went for roads,

schools, hospitals, water works and nurseries. One allotment enabled Clinton, Tenn., to buy a garbage truck. The funds were spent in 20 communities that mushroomed beyond their ability to provide local services. More than half the total went for access roads.

HALT LEND LEASE OPERATIONS THRU PORTLAND'S PORT

Portland, Ore., Aug. 20—(U.P.)—Lend-lease operations through the Port of Portland under the supervision of the War Shipping Administration for the Soviet Union and Great Britain were halted today after a directive for the stoppage of lend-lease from this harbor stopped activity at 5 p. m. Saturday.

John Young, director of maintenance and repair for WSA here, said instructions for the stoppage had been received through the office of the Pacific coast director at San Francisco. The Soviet purchasing commission has also been notified.

Maj. George W. Berry, head of the army transportation office in Portland, said the army had received no instructions and until such orders were received, no change would be made in the flow of military supplies. The army has been supplying the majority of lend-lease materials to Russia.

The new order directed that the Soviet government pay all bills and financial obligations. A greater part of this port, which has been the chief wartime port on the west coast for lend-lease shipments, has been devoted to Russian vessels and huge stocks of supplies and materials have been loaded aboard Russian vessels here.

WAR PLANTS CLOSE

New York, Aug. 20—(U.P.)—War contract cancellations and cutbacks will force Curtiss-Wright Corporation and its subsidiary, Wright Aeronautical Corporation, to close war-created production facilities at Lockland (Cincinnati) O., and Wood-Ridge, N. J., President G. W. Vaughan said today.

SKIPPERS HONORED

Washington, Aug. 20—(U.P.)—Masters of two vessels won merchant marine distinguished service medals during July, bringing to 117 the total number of the medals awarded so far, the Maritime commission announced today.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p. m.

THAILAND GIVEN CLEAN BILL FOR WAR DECLARATION

Washington, Aug. 20—(U.P.)—The United States last night accepted the assurances of Thailand (Siam) that her declaration of war against this country was dictated by the Japanese and "contrary to the will of the Thai people."

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes released a note from the Thai government which also disavowed its declaration of war against Great Britain and assured her that she was ready to turn British territories occupied in the name of Japan.

Byrnes took note of the fact that the Thai government was completely dominated by the Japanese at the time of the July 25, 1942, war declaration. He said the United States always believed the action "did not represent the will of the Thai people."

"Accordingly," Byrnes said in a statement, "we disregarded that declaration and have continued to recognize the Thai minister in Washington as the minister of Thailand, although, of course, we did not recognize the Thailand government in Bangkok as it was under Japanese control."

The Thai note announced the government's determination to make reparations for any damages resulting to American interests as result of prejudicial laws passed during the Japanese occupation.

GERMANY'S DEFEAT REASON IS TOLD

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 20 (U.P.)—Germany's inability "to get down to brass tacks" in translating research discoveries into production was a great factor in its defeat, two American scientists just returned from a three-month survey of the defeated nation's laboratories said today.

"The Germans had so many projects going that they were bound to hit on at least a few," the two men said. "Some of the things the Germans worked out on paper were completely fantastic, or at least they appeared so until you saw that they would work."

Much of the costume jewelry of the future will be plastics coated with metal, according to Plastics, magazine of the industry.

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MONTGOMERY WARD

M'ARTHUR TO GET EUROPE VETERANS

Washington, Aug. 20—(U.P.)—The War department announced tonight that the 95th Infantry division—a veteran unit of 150 days of combat in Europe—will be sent to the Pacific area at the specific request of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

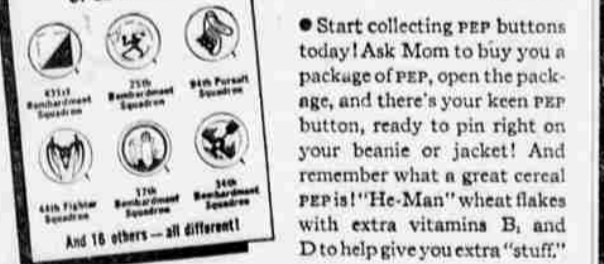
The department emphasized, however, that about 1,100 high point or over-age men, who are likely to be eligible for discharge under any downward revision of the army's point system, will be transferred out of the division before it is again sent overseas.

CAFÉ OWNER SLAIN Denver, Colo., Aug. 20—(U.P.)—A. L. Richardson, 67-year-old owner-operator of one of Denver's most famous eating places, was found shot to death in the downtown cafe shortly after dawn today.

JOB PROBLEM DUE Washington, Aug. 20—(U.P.)—Nine of the nation's 166 principal labor market areas will face serious unemployment problems by Oct. 15, the War Manpower commission reported.

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