

FISTS USED IN MOCK WARFARE IN CALIFORNIA

By JACK BEARDWOOD
CAMP HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif., June 25 (AP)—Mock warfare became so serious today that soldiers at one point dropped their rifles and fought with their fists.

The first fighting was an unscheduled variation in a mimic "war of California" being fought on Hunter Liggett reservation by 53,000 keyed up troops equipped with the most modern instruments of warfare. The rifles the soldiers dropped were loaded with blank cartridges.

Two more deaths, the fifth and the sixth during maneuvers here, were recorded during the night when a kitchen truck of the 162nd infantry from the Oregon national guard overturned while traveling under blackout conditions along the San Antonio river road. Five other soldiers were injured.

Privates Clarence L. Sayles and Harold L. Vogen were killed. Both were members of company H of the 162nd infantry.

The injured were from the same company. Sergeant Arnold I. Head's collar bone was fractured. Private Dennis Sullivan suffered a possible fracture of the right shoulder. Private Harry C. Chan suffered abrasions and cuts, and Private Alter J. Knecht, second and third degree burns of the arm and leg.

Hand to hand fighting, including fistfights, occurred between infantrymen in the San Antonio valley flats near the Hearst ranch house. The first fighting was halted and more approved methods of warfare substituted when officers came up.

The blue forces, outnumbering the reds two to one, took the offensive today and reported the capture of a red colonel with valuable maps of enemy positions.

Numerous prisoners were claimed by both sides. The blues lost one officer and 23 men of its anti-tank battalion, about 50 red infantrymen were snared.

The Paso Robles airport, home base for red aviation, was theoretically bombed during the night by five planes of the 116th observation squadron which the army pretended were 15 light bombardment planes. The blues claimed they damaged five planes on the field, forced two to scatter and pitted the airport runways with bomb craters.

Watching for an encirclement movement, the red aviation reported 125 blue trucks were moving down the San Simeon highway near Cape San Martin, well off the reservation.

Approximately half the troops were already committed to battle. The front lines were nine miles long, running like a ladle across the reservation.

The blues, totaling 34,000 Fort Lewis troops, were driving hard on the west side of the reservation with the 82nd brigade, composed of Oregon's 162nd and 188th infantry regiments, and part of the 41st division leading the attack.

The reds, with only half as many men, were throwing their strength against the east end of the line with the 7th division's 32nd infantry bearing the brunt of the fighting. The red drive was aimed at a sector held by the blue's 3rd division.

Soon after dawn the blues began pouring men down the San Antonio river valley with trucks, loaded with troops and pulling field artillery, racing madly over dusty roads.

Advancing Germans Pass Russ Prisoners



Advancing German troops (right) pass a group of Russian prisoners (left) somewhere along the new German-Russian battlefield. German sources did not disclose the locale. This photo sent by radio from Berlin.

ARMY EXPERT SEES ANSWER FOR PANZERS

By JACK BEARDWOOD
CAMP HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif., June 25 (AP)—While scouting parties of two armies crept cautiously through a mock war "no man's land," one of the U. S. army's chief technical experts said Tuesday the answer to panzer warfare has been found in anti-tank guns and opposing tanks.

But the infantry and artillery—basic fighting units involved in the west's most realistic war games here—still are the backbone of the army, said Lieut. General Leslie J. McNair, chief of staff of general headquarters at Washington, D. C.

General McNair came here from the maneuvers in Tennessee where armored divisions were getting their first test.

"The infantry and artillery are giving the armored forces plenty of trouble in Tennessee," he declared in an interview. "They aren't running wild. We intend to stop the panzer divisions and we are going to do it. The answer is anti-tank guns and opposing tanks. We by no means are going to abandon the infantry divisions. We believe armored forces are merely the forces of exploitation."

Ten miles of "no man's land" separated 53,000 fourth army troops involved in the west's most realistic mock war. The initial large-scale contact between the two forces, which went to "war" early yesterday was expected this afternoon.

General McNair who probably would be tactical leader of all American troops in event of war, said he hoped the selective service act would take a more permanent form.

"It would save a lot of grief and blood if we had a more permanent military program," he declared.

He promised that outstanding selectees would get commissions at the end of the year's service. He was high in praise of the fourth army and the physique of the western men.

"Insofar as training and men go, the nation is far ahead of the military position it was in militarily in 1917," he continued.

continued. "As to equipment, we are having some trouble, but we are far, far ahead of 1917. Equipment is not holding back training and no time has been lost.

The nation is spending \$25,000,000 for summer maneuvers but it is money well spent."

Pangborn Reports Planes Flown to Manila for Britain

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25 (AP)—A small fleet of American planes have been ferried across the Pacific ocean for delivery to the British at Manila, Clyde Pangborn, American aviator, revealed here today when he returned from the Philippines by boat.

With him on the liner, Lurline were four other aviators on their way from Trans-Pacific Ferry service to fly planes across the Atlantic to England.

The Wenatchee, Wash., aviator said the first flying boat was flown from San Diego, Calif., to Honolulu, April 5. Later, he said, he delivered three other planes from Honolulu to the Philippines where they were turned over to British crews. All of the ships were consolidated PBV-5 flying boats.

Captain Berni Balchen, who flew with Admiral Richard Byrd across the Atlantic in 1927, said that after flying at least a dozen war planes across the Atlantic for England, he would volunteer for air service with Great Britain "if Uncle Sam doesn't call me first." Balchen, a native of Norway, is a naturalized American.

Other fliers returning with Pangborn in the crew working for Canadian Pacific railway, which is under contract to deliver planes to England, were Kenneth Hoorn, San Diego; Arthur Finch, Vancouver, B. C.; and James Bow, Miami, Fla.

Judge Backs Tin Claims at Burns

BURNS, June 25 (AP)—"There is enough tin in Juniper hill, if it can be recovered economically, to pay our national debt and make the United States independent of the world for its tin," Circuit Judge R. M. Duncan told a Portland chamber of commerce delegation yesterday.

He displayed 3 1/2 ounces of the metal which he said had been produced from ore samples from the Squaw Butte area near here.

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M'NARY WANTS CHANGES FOR POWER BILL

WASHINGTON, June 25 (UP)—Senator McNary (R-Ore.) told interviewers Tuesday that there were several matters in the administration bill (HR-5129), to create a Columbia power authority under the interior department, which he wanted to change. It was introduced yesterday by Representative Hill (D-Wash.), at Interior Secretary Ickes' request.

Senator Bone, (D-Wash.) was away to attend the funeral of Senator Pat Harrison, but is known here to oppose the Ickes bill. He and McNary have been working on a Columbia power authority bill. Bone has prepared a preliminary draft of features he believes it should contain.

McNary said he wants to revise the taxation section of the administration bill to provide that when the authority takes over public utilities, the states and counties of Washington and Oregon would not lose any taxes they now collect from the utilities.

He said he wants also to revise

the irrigation feature so power rates at Bonneville will not have to be increased to provide for irrigation expenses at Grand Coulee.

"I would not want to see the rate structure upset through payment from power revenues for irrigation at Grand Coulee," McNary said.

One of the major issues is whether the proposed authority should be left in the interior department or placed under an independent head or board.

"Senator Bone favors an independent board along Tennessee Valley Authority lines," said Bone's secretary, R. A. Seeling. "Whether he will introduce a bill or offer amendments to the interior department's draft introduced in the house yesterday has not been decided."

"However the senator has developed a bill which, in several important respects, differs from the one insisted upon by Ickes. Many members of congress are opposed to turning over the bulk of power business in the Pacific northwest to some official in the department here in Washington. If that were done, then in time TVA and other projects would be under the same absentee rule."

Congressman Hill said he is strongly in favor of one-man authority and that there would be "no Bonneville and no Grand Coulee" except for the president, who authorized a PWA allocation to start them.

He said the president and Ickes have treated the projects sympathetically, and that he believed the projects should continue directly under the administration until their cost has been repaid to the government. He said he did not believe the three-man TVA board had functioned satisfactorily.

"If the people want a board," said Hill, "they can have it after the costs of the projects have been returned to the government."

Operators Offer Truck Wage Plan

PORTLAND, June 25 (AP)—The Truck Operators' league of Portland offered to meet the AFL Auto Mechanics' union's demand for \$1.12 1/4 per hour if and when a 10 per cent rate increase is authorized.

The offer developed during a hearing before Federal Labor Conciliator Adolph Hock yesterday and will be voted on by the union membership tonight. In addition the operators offered an immediate 6 1/2-cent hourly increase.

Approximately 130 mechanics at shops of 40 over-the-highway truckers threatened to strike last week.

RUSSIAN ARMY MAY ESCAPE NAZI PINGERS

By FRED VANDERSCHMIDT

Out of the vast confusion of the German-Russian front come some definite indications of hard resistance and counter-attack by mechanized units of the Red army. It is by such tactics, provided they are effective, that the bulk of the soviet armed force can be saved to fight for many a day.

The primary objective of the nazi blitzkrieg is to trap huge sections of the soviet army by the same tactics used in Belgium and France: by pounding Panzer spearheads through the front lines and deep behind them, there to form triangles or circles of steel through which the Reds cannot withdraw. In France, the allied armies did not have the tanks or guns to smash these spearheads before the process of encirclement was complete; the soviets, obviously, are using a wealth of mechanized material in the bufferlands of the west for just that purpose.

Presumably these fierce defense tactics are to permit the slow withdrawal of great masses of the red army to strong positions deep in Russia, where Germany's chosen war of movement might be brought to an end and a large-scale counter-offensive organized.

Granted the Russians are at least partly successful in such a strategy, prolonged resistance will depend, in large measure, on the staying power of the soviet government and the unity of the people.

Once Hitler has gained the rich territory he seeks in the west of Russia and has opened a road to Iran and thence back into the middle-east, he is likely to count on collapse of the

soviet government. In Mein Kampf, he foresees ultimate collapse of what he calls "the Jewish domination in Russia" and he says this will be the end of the Russian state. Since he cannot hope to police all of the soviet union, it is likely that he envisages a vast "unoccupied zone" which he will dominate with a "German upper stratum."

For in Mein Kampf he says: "Thus have innumerable mighty empires of the earth been created. Inferior nations with German organizers and lords as headers have more than once expanded into powerful state

structures, and endured as long as the racial nucleus of the constructive state-race maintained itself. For centuries Russia drew nourishment from this Germanic nucleus of its superior strata of leaders."

He will make his own borders for this "unoccupied zone," of course, keeping the productive Ukraine, Caucasus and whatever else he desires for direct and intensive German exploitation.

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Elsewhere In Oregon

MEDFORD, June 25 (AP)—The abandoned Catholic church building at Eagle Point, built in 1879, is being razed by D. E. Millard who bought it for the lumber.

NEHALEM, June 25 (AP)—The Neahkahnie mountain section of the Oregon Coast highway will open August 1, a month earlier than scheduled, the Tillamook county court announced.

MARSHFIELD, June 25 (AP)—All Marshfield WPA projects will close next week to release men for construction of the North Bend airport, certified as a federal priority project.

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