"Ace" Wanted to Fight Japs in the Aleutians, But He Didn't Make It

(Editor's Note: This is the last in a series of stories by Correspondent Keith Wheeler of the Chicago Times on action in the Aleutian islands).

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AT SEA WITH THE PACIFIC FLEET, July 2 (Delayed)—Six weeks ago I flew a patrol with an observation plane. I took the occasion to remark that, while it wasn't permitted to give the full names of Bill the pilot and Willie, the radioman, I wished I could because they had to fly patrols every day and some day might be killed doing it.

Out of ignorance, prophecy speaks. Bill and Willie are dead.

On the ship we called Bill the pilot "Ace," partly because of his considerable skill at throwing darts but more because of the great sickness he had.

His sickness was not in his body, for he was tall, muscular and handsome. His sickness was in his heart and the malady was disappointment.

He wanted to fight and the wanting was a fire that consumed him. He wanted above all the desires of his life, to fly a fighter plane in combat. With hatred that was almost an obsession, he hated the slow, sturdy, dependable, lightly armed observation plane to which his orders condemned him. He abhorred the monotony of his duty, which was dangerous enough but not exciting.

He loathed these things and longed to be rid of them, but he was a fine pilot and conscientious. And in that mysterious bourne where the navy's chores are assigned, they felt that his great ability and experience outweighed his wishes. They may have sympathized with him, but they would not change his duty.

Endless

So day after day he climbed into his plane and flew his uneventful beat out over the empty sea and back, endlessly from ship to horizon and beyond the horizon and back to the ship.

He did his work and he did it well. But always as he flew, his sickness gnawed at him and he schemed to cure it. Between patrols he composed appeals for transfer to a fighter squadron. They were denied. He tried to join the volunteer fighter group in Burma, but they wouldn't let him go. He pleaded for duty on an aircraft carrier, but they told him good warship observation pilots were a rarity and too valuable to release.

Nothing prevailed and he tried to content himself with planning an attack if ever his monotonous patrol should flush a Japanese ship.

Possibly you do not understand what "planning attack" with an observation plane implies. But you would understand if you knew warship planes, which are called "pigeons" in contempt.

These planes are the underdogs of all naval aviation. They are sluggish and awkward, and they carry only a couple of beanshooters for defense. The fact that they carry a couple of small bombs is only an underdog's hopeless gesture of defiance.

They were designed for one purpose, an aim having no remote connection with aerial combat. They are extended eyes for the ships, planes that can be depended upon to stand up under the beatings of sea and weather but nothing more. Their great value is their ability to direct the fire of the ship's guns.

Nobody who knows anything about them expects the pigeons to fight. When the enemy is near they are expected to keep as far from trouble as cloud cover or wave-hopping will allow.

Dream Plans

But Ace planned attacks. He dreamed of bombing an enemy ship and he believed sincerely that he could get away with it. He even thought, given altitude, skill and the advantage of a few seconds surprise, that he could attack a Jap Zero fighter and win.

He was not afraid of death. He was supremely confident in his skill and there was pride in him as well as discontent. Probably he never considered death—his own death—for there was no room to accommodate death in his flaming spirit.

He wanted to fight. Wanting to fight, wanting a fast deadly plane as an instrument for his skill was his sickness. He deserved to die fighting.

And so today he flew his patrol. Willie the radioman was with him in the rear seat. They flew out to the end of their sector and started back. On the way in they met a plane searching another sector.

Ace signalled the second plane to join up. Something went wrong then, nobody knows what. As the other pilot drew toward him, Ace's plane swerved into a turn, swung sharply around 180 degrees and dove into the sea.

The other pilot landed in the open sea, taxied near the capsized wreckage and, leaving the plane in the hands of his radioman, clambered into the water and tried to reach Ace and Willie under the heaving surface.

He found nothing but a floating glove. The icy waters chilled his body so quickly that he could not climb back into his own plane and he was saved only when the radioman, leaving the plane unguided, crawled from the cockpit and pulled him back aboard.

Somebody will have to go to the girl Ace married two months ago and explain to her why his sickness will never be cured and why, perhaps, it doesn't matter now.

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Draft Regulations Protecting Family Put Into Effect

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—New selective service regulations designed to protect established family relationships are being put into effect as rapidly as possible, national headquarters said today.

However, men classified before the new policy was announced July 13 as available for military service despite their family status still are being inducted, officials said, and this situation may continue in many communities for some time.

Quotas must be met, they said, even if it means inducting men who might have been placed in a deferred status under the new regulations, but under previous policy were classified as available for military service.

The new regulations, applying to registrants classified after they were announced, will be extended to men with families previously classified as subject to induction as rapidly as the local boards can reconsider the individuals cases.

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GERMANS PREPARE FOR SECOND FRONT

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cent outbreaks in the unoccupied area.

The reporter noted that demonstrations already had been forbidden, and that the order now only re-emphasized it at a time when second front discussion, from the German viewpoint, fills many columns of the French press in Paris.

Government To Push Livestock Use of Grain

CHICAGO, Aug. 3 (AP)—Government owned wheat, accumulated through recent years of bumper crops, will be pushed into livestock consumption even more vigorously and at lower prices in the near future, trade experts reported today.

The government has been offering this feed wheat since mid-January at prices substantially below the market and has succeeded in disposing of 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels. This is only a little more than a third of the amount it originally hoped to move in the first six months of the year.

Editorials on News

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most of us are) has been one of optimism.

It is only when NET RESULTS since the beginning of the war are carefully weighed that the sterner truth becomes apparent.

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A RECENT example is the official news about the western Aleutians. If we depended wholly upon the official communiques, we should be comfortably certain in our minds that the Jap toe-hold out there is of no importance and can be broken easily whenever we get around to it.

It is only through NON-OFFICIAL news and comment and our own common sense that we gain a contrary opinion.

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DON'T jump to the conclusion that our government is DELIBERATELY misleading us by feeding us sugar-coated news rations.

That isn't true.

Official communiques are put out for public consumption throughout the world. They are subject to close scrutiny and analysis BY THE ENEMY. No matter what happens, they must not carry ANY note of panic or uncertainty. They must paint a picture of calm confidence in the ability of the government to handle whatever situation may arise.

And they are NOT UNTRUTHFUL. Under their surface the discriminating reader can nearly always find the real facts of the situation.

But the general impression created by them on the average reader or listener is an unduly optimistic one.

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IT is largely because of these official communiques, with their hopeful and confident SURFACE tone, that the American public is complacent about the war—IF IT IS COMPLACENT.

Hence this note of caution regarding the reading of censored and official news of the war. If you want the actual picture, you must dig beneath the surface of the communiques.

NOTICE TO

Home Owners

Have that SEPTIC TANK cleaned before August 15. Prices will raise from 25% to 35% on that date. Most tanks need cleaning about every two years. Call 7633 for information.

HEAVY LOSSES INFLICTED ON GERMAN FORCE

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German forces which crossed the Don south of Tsimlyansk were rolling the Russians back to the east, between the Sal and the Don rivers. This would indicate a German effort to widen their Caucasus wedge between Rostov and Tsimlyansk.

The German high command acknowledged that the red army was striking back with fresh force in the Don bend and at Voronezh, on the exposed northern flank of the German offensive, but said the attacks were being withstood.

The Germans were dropping parachutists in some key regions across the Don and in addition the Russians reported finding nazi spies by the dozens operating in that area. Forty-five were executed in one sector.

Presumably these were fifth columnists. It was not clear immediately from what group of the soviet peoples they had been recruited. However, large German settlements had developed before the war in the German Volga area, a large section some 150 miles north and northeast of Stalingrad. Germans in this area were understood to have been rounded up and moved back from the potential battle area soon after the war started.

Moscow newspapers gave increasing space to demands for a second front to ease the strain on the red army. The communist party newspaper Pravda, declaring that "the danger in the south is more acute," said "the enemy is draining Germany and German-occupied countries to send all reserves into the fight."

British military quarters said in London that sixteen nazi divisions had been transferred from France and the low countries to the Russian front, but added that this did not necessarily indicate a weakening of Germany's defenses to the west since the transferred troops had been replaced by other units.

Heated Charges Hurled in Court Martial of Aroff

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me four or five hundred if you had driven one out for me.'"

In a long distance telephone call to Boston, Martin said, Aroff asked him to buy a Cadillac and drive it out to the coast for him.

Lieutenant Klein asked, "Was anything ever said about purchasing the car from you?"

"Not that I recall," Martin replied.

"You understood and the accused understood you were making a gift of the car?"

"I said, 'you can have the car.'"

"Did the accused ever offer to pay for the car?"

"No."

In framing the next question Klein began repeating testimony and pictured Martin as having said that the only financial reference, by inference, was that Aroff had spent $200 on telephone calls to Martin and could have been saved several hundred more. Lieutenant Robinson then jumped to his feet and accused the judge advocate of misconduct.

Stolen Car Found On Lake Highway

A car belonging to Lorenz company, reported stolen Saturday from the parking lot back of the Elks temple, was reported recovered by state police Sunday afternoon.

The '41 Ford coupe had been abandoned in a ditch beside the Lake o' the Woods road about eight miles west of Klamath Falls. Police said that nothing had been removed from the car and the only damage was crumpled fenders.

Mr. Wampler Had Bad July

Plenty of luck—the hard kind—was experienced in July by M. H. Wampler of Rocky Point.

Wampler was employed last month cleaning out trails for the U. S. forest service.

On July 15, while going home on the west side of Upper Klamath lake, his ax was stolen. On July 20, some one stole his saw table, shovel and tea kettle.

Finally, on July 25, his best saddle horse died.

"If anyone can beat this for hard luck, would like to know when it happened," said Wampler.

JULY BOND SALES HIT $900,900,000

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP) Americans dug down and purchased $900,900,000 in war bonds last month, with 18,000,000 workers authorizing wage deductions and 110,000 firms operating payroll savings plans.

It was the second highest month for war bonds. In January, immediately following Pearl Harbor and the declaration of war against the axis, sales soared to $1,060,546,000. The treasury said it was "highly gratified" with the July campaign.

During last month, Secretary Morgenthau said, about $200,000,000 was deducted from salaries and wages for war bond purchases. The treasury added that 2,000,000 more workers participated in payroll savings plans in July than in June, when total bond sales amounted to $634,000,000.

TRAINING CENTER EXPANSION TALKED

PORTLAND, Aug. 3 (AP)—Oregon training centers could be expanded to turn out 10,000 aviation mechanics a month, Robert M. Hamill, administrative assistant to Portland public school war production centers, said today.

Declaring that for many of the sheet metal processes workers can be trained in 90 hours, Hamill said that by running four six-hour classes daily at each center, 5280 persons could be trained each month with present facilities. The capacity could be doubled by adding only benches, hammers and vices, he said.

Hamill said the program could be put into effect readily if the Henry J. Kaiser plan of building cargo planes at shipyards were adopted.

Tire Thieves Have Active Night Here

Tire thieves were busy Friday night of last week, with two such thefts reported to the city police.

Arthur Larsen of Ward's Klamath Funeral home said that a spare tire and wheel were stolen from the trunk of a car in the garage back of the establishment. The trunk was locked and had been pried open. A blue blanket marked with three Greek letters was also taken, he said.

E. L. Keller, 2335 Biehn street, reported to officers that a tire, tube, wheel and two mud flaps were stolen from his car some time Friday night.

WAGE BOOST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—President Roosevelt signed legislation today giving raises to thousands of government workers, mostly in the lower-paid classifications, and boosting the minimum for full-time adult workers from $1020 to $1200 annually. The budget bureau estimated the increases would total $15,768,000 annually, with all but about 300,000 going to custodial service workers and employes in the lower grades of the sub-professional service.

BODY FOUND AT BASE OF SHAFT IN IDAHO TOWN

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bottom door of the shaft, some 15 feet above the spot where the body was found, was ajar when the discovery was made.

Aileen, daughter of Mrs. Ada Ball Pearson Courtney of Chiloquin, was attending school in Lewiston to be near her grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Ball. She was a graduate of the Chiloquin high school and is survived by a brother, Leon Ball, 15.

Officials of the school said Aileen was a "model student." Superintendent B. G. Courtright of the Klamath Agency said that the Indian service in Idaho was making an investigation into the mysterious death as were Idaho officers.

Dr. D. D. McRobertson, who made the autopsy in Lewiston, said the girl apparently had died of a blow which fractured her skull. There was no evidence as to whether an assault or a fall was responsible for the blow.

Acting Chief of Police Ed Jacks of the Lewiston police said his department was investigating and that he had nothing to say about the case so far. The body was found by Bob Reinard, an elevator boy, the chief said.

Thomason Dies

Thomason, part Rogue Indian who claimed direct descendancy from Buffalo Bill Cody, died peacefully in the Klamath Indian Agency hospital Saturday night.

His death recalled one of the most sensational Indian murder cases in the bloody history of the reservation. Pearson, a breed and generally feared by other Indians, was slain in front of Johnny's pool room. No argument preceded the shooting which was over the attention Pearson was paying to Elva Tice, 16-year-old part Klamath Indian girl.

Thomason opened fire on Pearson as the Tice girl grabbed his hand in an effort to foul his aim. Pearson, however, was fatally wounded and Thomason later gave himself up.

Thomason was acquitted by a jury on January 26, 1929.

Union Ruling on Output Enraged Worker, Claim

MUSKEGON, Mich., Aug. 3 (AP)—A war plant worker charged with destruction of defense materials told United States Commissioner E. C. Farmer on arraignment here today that he destroyed the parts in a rage over a union limitation of the number of units a workman could produce daily.

The worker, Hubert C. Cox, 47, an employe of the Sealed Power corporation, is accused of destroying five stacks of aircraft engine piston ring molds. Fox made his charges against the CIO United Auto Workers Local 637, of which he is a member. He did not elaborate.

RURAL FEAST

NEVADA, Mo. — When Pete Hackstatter returned to his farm home three miles east of Nevada yesterday afternoon he found his livestock hardly able to walk.

Every manger and trough in the barnyard was filled with grain, and large piles of wheat and corn were scattered on the ground.

A mental patient at the state hospital had escaped and decided to treat the animals.

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Autry's In

Technical Sergt. Gene Autry is his title now. The famous singing star of movies, radio and stage is fingerprinted by Sergt. Rudy Hanhelde, right, as he enters Air Corps at Chicago induction center.

TAXICABS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS HERE

Two accidents, both involving taxicabs, were reported to city police as having occurred over the weekend.

Tom Sheey said that his car was sideswiped on Main street near Eleventh by a cab driven by B. E. Stunteback. He estimated that about $20 damage had been done to his car.

F. D. Thornton, driving a car, and A. E. Gunn, driving a cab, reported that they crashed at the intersection of Tenth and Pine streets at 3:10 Saturday afternoon. Gunn was said to have run a stop sign. There were two passengers in the taxi but no one was injured and the cars sustained only minor damage.

NEW GUINEA FIGHT IN SAVAGE RENEWAL

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mated at not more than 2500 men—has been reinforced by sea, the spokesman said.

In addition to attacking the supply dumps at Kokoda, allied heavy and medium bombers pounded enemy positions near Buna. Japanese fighters rose to intercept the allied planes and a hot fight ensued in which five of the enemy planes were shot down, General MacArthur's headquarters said.

CIO, AFL May Try New Peace Move

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 3 (AP)—The possibility of a reconciliation between the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the American Federation of Labor was revived today by a proposal of CIO President Philip Murray for renewal of peace negotiations.

Murray wrote William Green, president of the AFL, that he had named a CIO peace committee of three and asked Green to appoint a similar AFL group to discuss "possible establishment of organic unity between our organizations."

Merrill Women of Moose—The Merrill chapter of the Women of the Moose will meet Tuesday night at the Community hall instead of the regular meeting place.

1 DEAD, 1 WOUNDED IN TRIANGLE FRAY

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 3 (AP) Grant Moulton, victim of a Yolo county shooting early Sunday in which Mrs. Augusta Brown Sparks, 37, was killed by an assertedly jealous suitor, Leo Vincent Marky, 33, was reported still in a serious condition at the Sacramento county hospital today.

Moulton, a Western Pacific shop employe, received three bullet wounds in the body, Yolo County Sheriff S. D. Monroe reported, when Marky encountered him and Mrs. Sparks, a waitress, engaged in conversation in a Broderick, Calif. chili parlor.

Sheriff Monroe said Marky and Mrs. Sparks had kept company but had quarreled and parted and that she had accepted a ring from Moulton and had recently been friendly with him.

U. S. Opens Legal Fight Against Ban On Record Making

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP) The justice department announced that a complaint had been filed in federal court at Chicago today seeking to enjoin the American Federation of Musicians (AFL) from prohibiting its members from making recordings for transcriptions for radio or other public use.

The complaint charged the defendants with violating the Sherman Anti-Trust act by engaging in "a wrongful and unlawful combination and conspiracy in restraint of . . . trade and commerce in phonograph records, electrical transcriptions and radio broadcasting."

Ship Production Expected to Hit Four-a-Day

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Aug. 3 (AP)—The nation's production of merchant ships is expected by the maritime commission to hit a four-a-day clip by the first of the year.

Admiral Howard L. Vickery, commission co-chairman, predicted that rate yesterday, and added that the figure did not include naval vessels. He said 66 merchantmen were built in June and that the July figure was expected to exceed 70.

In Klamath Falls — Miss Anne Avery, secretary to Federal Judge Claude McColloch, is spending a few days in Klamath Falls after having spent the past month in San Francisco where McColloch had been for some time on a special court assignment. She is the guest of Nora Rinker of the White Pine apartments while here. She will be leaving shortly for Portland.

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