

BIGGER RAIDS ON SCHEDULE FOR GERMANS

By WILLIAM FRYE
 WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—To German Europe, battered by the combined bomber offensive, went word today from Gen. H. H. Arnold that these air attacks, fierce as they are, have yet to reach their peak.

In his first press conference here in months, the commanding general of the air forces presented to reporters yesterday the outline of a combat organization of 2,300,000 officers and men which doesn't know its own strength, but has an impressive record of achievement.

"I don't know what an air force can do," said Arnold. "There never has been an air force constructed in the world before—an air force that had the power that we now have to use against Germany.

"Can we knock Germany out of the war? Can we break the morale of her people? I don't know, and I don't believe anybody else knows. However, we hope to get a pretty good idea of what can be expected in future air operations."

Arnold used a map, a chart, a prepared statement and off-hand answers to present this summary:

In all theaters, from the start of the war to May 15, the army air forces flew 746,353 sorties, dropped 468,391 tons of bombs, destroyed 20,174 enemy planes, probably destroyed 4997, and damaged 6978, while losing 6154.

Army planes sank 320,489 tons of Japanese shipping in the first four months of this year.

FORRESTAL TAKES SECRETARY'S OATH

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—James Vincent Forrestal, 52-year-old New York investment banker and broker who first learned about sea warfare as an enlisted man in the first World war, today took the oath as secretary of the navy succeeding Frank Knox, who died April 28.

Rear Admiral Thomas Gatch, judge advocate general of the navy, read the oath at a brief ceremony in Forrestal's office, attended by high ranking officers as well as members of congress.

Among the first to congratulate the new secretary was Admiral Ernest J. King, navy commander-in-chief. Others included admirals representing all branches of the naval service and the chairmen of the congressional naval committees, Senator Walsh (D-Mass.), and Representative Vinson (D-Ga.).

A native of Beacon, N. Y., Forrestal served in the naval reserve as a seaman in 1917, subsequently was trained as an aviator and retired from naval service in 1919 with the rank of lieutenant.

He came to Washington in 1940 as an administrative assistant to President Roosevelt, later filling the newly-created post of under secretary of the navy.

TOKYO RADIO TELLS OF SOERABAJA RAID

NEW YORK, May 19 (AP)—The Tokyo radio said today that Soerabaja, one of Japan's key bases in the Netherlands East Indies, had been raided twice by allied bombers on the morning of May 17 and 18, and the Japanese account suggested that allied naval and air task forces from India were carrying out another of their bold sweeps, this time in conjunction with the U. S. Pacific forces.

The broadcast, recorded by U. S. government monitors, said some 50 bombers and fighters "coming from the direction of the Indian ocean" carried out the first attack.

"It appears as though the enemy came as a portion of a task unit based on an aircraft carrier," it added.

The following morning, Tokyo added, a string of bombers shot over Soerabaja "one by one" and appeared to be Consolidated bombers—such as operate from the Pacific.

Riverside Holds Last Stamp Sale

Students of Riverside held the last stamp sale of the year on Thursday and purchased \$126.95 in war savings.

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Sgt. Bob Richey Writes Home From Nazi Prison



SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND—

Word was recently received here that Pvt. Elaine W. Mock of the WAC arrived somewhere in England on April 15 of this year. Elaine's husband is also in service. She attended grade school and high school in Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Green of 239 Eldorado have had visits from both their sons in service since the first of the year. Pvt. William R. "Billy" Green, 24, was home the latter part of February but he is now overseas, serving somewhere in England with railway operations.

Sgt. John James "Jimmy" Green, 23, has just returned to the Pratt army air field at Pratt, Kan., where he is stationed with a bomber maintenance squadron. Both are former Herald and News carrier boys and graduates of Klamath Union high school.

Pvt. Martha M. Hurd, wife of Frank W. Hurd of this city, is a member of a Women's Army Corps unit which recently left First WAC Training center at Fort Des Moines, Ia., for duty with the army at Maxwell field, Montgomery, Ala.

Two men from Klamath Falls and one from Merrill recently began studies at the naval training school, Camp Macdonough, Plattsburg, N. Y., which will lead to commissions as ensigns in the naval reserve, it was announced by the navy this week.

The men are John T. Mathis, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mathis, 3849 Bisbee street; Roland W. Hare, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Hare, 3600 Home-dale road, and J. Randall Pope, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Leland Pope of Merrill.

All three men will complete their training and be ordered to duty at sea.

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S/Sgt. J. R. "Bob" Richey, former Copco employe and now a prisoner of war of Germany, has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Richey of Portland, that he is "being well treated and receiving Red Cross food parcels each week."

"Do not be alarmed. This is not my handwriting as my hand is slightly wounded," the letter stated. "Don't worry about me as I am fortunate in the face of the experiences that I have encountered."

Young Richey was captured following a raid over Germany. Of the 10 men who made up the crew of the B-17, Richey and the pilot, a captain, were taken prisoners, the radioman was killed, three made their way back to England and are now in the United States, and the fate of the other four was not learned.

Bob asked for a pipe, tobacco and chocolate in his last letter. He served as tail gunner on the

bomber. Mrs. Richey is here at the present time visiting with friends. She is a former resident. Another son, Sgt. J. L. "Jim" Richey, who was employed by Klamath Moulding before he enlisted in the U. S. army air corps, is serving as top turret gunner with a Liberator crew now stationed somewhere in Italy. He has been overseas since early in April, 1944. He was in the Southwest Pacific for 14 months, sent home for one year and then ordered to the Mediterranean theater.

In a recent letter home, Jim tells of going into a little Italian town where all he saw was rubble and scrawny looking hungry children. "Health regulations prevent us from buying anything to eat or drink in the town but I bought a bag of almonds from a peddler and gave some to a little girl who was begging. Jim Richey immediately the child was mobbed and so was I and a bunch of hungry kids had torn the bag from my hands." Jim enlisted in March, 1940.

Anyone wishing to write to Bob Richey may address letters to S/Sgt. Joe R. Richey, American POW, No. 1568, Stalag Luft

3 (Lager E) Germany. Via New York, New York, USA. The return address of the sender must be on the back of the envelope and "Prisoner of War Mail" printed on the front at the top, Mrs. Richey said.

PORTLAND, May 18 (AP)—A Diamond valley livestock ranch, held by the Smyth family since the Indian uprising of 1878, was under new owners today.

Fred Smyth, whose pioneer father began developing the ranch in the territorial period, retired because of ill health. The ranch was purchased by Henry and Charles Otley, livestock operators here.

PORTLAND, May 19 (AP)—The state liquor control commission appeal-d today to the western defense command to lift war emergency restrictions on the hours when liquor may be sold.

The commission authorized the request last night after Ranson Melnke, attorney for Portland night clubs, told the group that emergency conditions which caused the original restrictions no longer exist.

License renewal for the Turf club here was held up for invest-

igation after Ray Conway, state liquor administrator, charged that it was "one of the largest—if not the largest—gambling places in Oregon."

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