

# Commandos Unlock Door to Southern France in "Impossible" Assaults

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Representing the Combined American Press, ADMIRAL LYAL HIGSON'S FLAGSHIP, Aug. 16 (AP)—The navy got the door unlocked but it was the commandos who did the real work. The protection of booming guns, tens of thousands of men and French troops across the beaches of France along 40 miles today but only after six hours before the almost unscalable cliffs overwhelmed the crews of the coastal batteries so troop transports could approach the jumping-off point with minimum danger.

"Impossible" the plan was so imaginative and daring in execution it was originally ruled out by the navy as being impossible, but the army insisted it be done and tough ranger-commando type boys made good capturing the islands off Le Port Cros just off the island and silencing all guns there daybreak.

Following this heavy cruiser and other destroyers of the allied fleet, including one tiny Grekwyer, maneuvered four gliders into position, the gliders slipped into small boats and were escorted into a mine of a torpedo-boat led by Lieutenant Gilbert Kalamazoo, Michigan.

"All Ashore"

"We'll get anybody ashore who wants to go ashore," the big skipper said. The first to hit the beach at exactly 4 a. m., and marked the area with signal lights.

Following the waves were the outlines of warships as they patrolled lanes. Suddenly the fire broke out off our port and the guns were silenced.

Davidson was anxious, yet silent, as the hours wore on. He paced the signal bridge for reports. Like dark on an ink sea we could see the outlines of warships as they patrolled lanes. Suddenly the fire broke out off our port and the guns were silenced.

Report Wrong

Somebody yelled: "My god, our destroyers are shooting at each other." But the rattling of the communication speaker put a stop to that. It was a message from the destroyer. She had been using a ship which refused to identify herself. The destroyer caught her guns to bear on the target and scored a direct hit with the first salvo. The enemy tanker leaped into flame and became an inferno which lit up the summer sea.

She burned until she was a charred skeleton, then sank beneath the waves.

Crew Rescued

Later three American torpedoes rescued the crew, who promptly advised us that a German submarine was prowling the assault area.

The same destroyer soon caught her guns to bear on an enemy target and after a brief interval laconically signaled: "Target dead in water, crew abandoning ship."

Survivors were picked up and prize crew sent aboard to man the captured ship.

From time to time, flares or shells burst in the sky but enemy craft came near us and shells from land-based batteries fell in our vicinity. In fact, it was too easy, we simply couldn't believe it.

Friendly Planes

We got yellow signals, then red signals indicating unidentified aircraft in the area, but they always turned out to be our night-fighters and finally Navigator Joe Costello of Boston, Mass., shook his head, turned to me and said: "We are going to have to pay for this, mark my word."

As day broke the first skins of bombers roared overhead, and dumped their loads on the beaches. Until they appeared, the deputy commander of the twelfth tactical air force, who rode the bridge of this ship, had been an anxious man. But as the bridge trembled under the impact of bombs on the target, he relaxed, removed binoculars from his eyes and lapsed into a happy smile.

The first boats scraped the beaches at exactly 8 a. m. for the main landings and for the next hour and 45 minutes nothing but reports of continued success came in. The admiral began to loosen up and laugh and talk. He roared at simple jokes one of his staff members told. He'd been pacing the bridge all night, pausing only now and then to dictate or receive a message or sip coffee.

Now, for the first time, he sat down and relaxed. He looked at his staff crowding the bridge and one asked: "Admiral, how do you feel?" The admiral laughed. "My feet hurt," he replied.

## Lost Boy Knows Own Name, But Police Fail to Understand

BOSTON, Aug. 16 (AP)—Two and one-half year old Harold Anthony Wynot was lost when police asked him his name he told them—but they didn't understand.

"Butch," he said clearly.

The policemen explained they needed the rest of the name. "Butch isn't enough," they said.

"Wynot" the little fellow exclaimed.

This continued through a number of ice cream cones until the youngster's father arrived and explained about the name.

## Amendment to Call For Added Taxes

McMINNVILLE, Aug. 16 (AP)—Passage of the proposed constitutional amendment entitled the "Oregon employment and retirement mutual insurance plan" will necessitate an annual state tax levy of from \$72,000,000 to \$87,000,000.

This is the assertion of Charles V. Galloway, chairman of the Oregon tax commission. The entire property tax receipts in Oregon in the peak year of 1929 were only \$50,000,000, he told the chamber of commerce.

## Underground Command Post on Guam



A foxhole de luxe is this underground command post on Guam, where Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger (left), commander of Third Marine Amphibious Corps, confers with Maj. Gen. Allen T. Turnage, USMC. Sandbags and alert sentries furnish additional protection against possible Japanese interruption of this battlefront strategy huddle. Marine Corps photo.

## One Man Task Force Scores 21 Hits Against Japanese

By EUGENE BURNS

CENTRAL PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS FLEET AIR WING TWO, Aug. 4 (Delayed) (AP)—"This pilot Buzz Miller is my one-man task force," said Rear Admiral John Dale Price, Little Rock, Ark., commander of air wing 2. "He has sunk or damaged 21 Japanese ships including a light cruiser, a 7000-ton cargo vessel and two destroyers."

This tally for Admiral Price's one-man task force does not include countless strafing attacks on Japanese installations and it does not go beyond June 2. Buzz, since then, has been working over a territory within 600 miles of Japan, perhaps closer.

Commander Norman Mickey Miller has made (as of June 2) 11 one-plane raids on the Japanese powerhouses of Truk and he's brought his crews out without a scratch. On one of these runs, he came in low and found a Japanese destroyer. He knew it couldn't get out of his Liberator's reach, so he kept on hunting until he found just what he wanted: a Japanese cruiser. He promptly instructed his crew: "Open for Business" and unloaded on that.

He's a glutton for punishment. He has worn out three crews on his famous Liberator 49.

It's small wonder his crews wear out. After an inspection trip to his forward area, Admiral Price said: "When I got to commander Miller's base,

## Socialist-Labor Party Considered For Oregon Ballot

PORTLAND, Aug. 16 (AP)—Petitions will be circulated to place the socialist-labor party on the Oregon ballot, its 40-year-old presidential candidate, Edward A. Teichert, announced here.

Capitalism has solved the production problem but only socialism can solve the problem of distribution, Teichert asserted.

His party hopes to abolish the capitalistic system through a constitutional amendment, he said.

The communist party of Russia, he added, is dominated "by a bureaucracy which is as totalitarian as the bureaucracy of Germany" and caused the "experiment in Russia" to fail.

RUMORS REFUTED

CORVALLIS, Aug. 16 (AP)—E. B. Lemon, Oregon State college registrar, denied rumors that some schools and departments will not open this fall because of a shortage of men students.

individual. His feats place new standards in the heroic annals of naval aviation."

## TWO KLAMATH BEER PERMITS SUSPENDED

PORTLAND, Aug. 16 (AP)—The Oregon liquor control commission has granted beer licenses to the Pendleton Round-Up association and the Happy Canyon Company, Inc., for the annual rodeo.

A club license was refused the Gold Beach Moose lodge.

The commission suspended for 30 days the beer license of Michael B. May of Klamath Falls. May was accused of operating a disorderly establishment. The Tavern, Klamath Falls, drew a 15-day suspension on a charge of sale to an intoxicated person.

A month's suspension of the wholesale beer and wine licenses of Columbia Supply company, Astoria, was ordered. The company was accused of selling above and below posted prices and of failing to maintain proper records.

The beer and wine licenses

## Kaiser Wins Race For AP-5 Delivery

PORTLAND, Aug. 16 (AP)—The race of four west coast yards to deliver the first AP-5 transport to the navy ended in victory for Portland's Oregon Shipbuilding corporation, officials announced.

The Kaiser yard's delivery of the transport Laporte to the Astoria naval station Sunday beat by two days a delivery by Kaiser's Richmond, Calif., Permanente Metals corporation. The Oregon yard was the last of four yards to get started on the transports.

## Canneries Withdraw Request For Nazi Prisoner Labor

SALEM, Aug. 16 (AP)—Marion and Polk county canneries today withdrew their request for German prisoners to help relieve their critical labor shortage.

Objections by cannery unions was responsible for withdrawal of the request. The union, however, promised it would recruit enough local labor to operate the canneries.

The canneries said they need 800 men and 1000 women for the next few weeks.

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