

Robot Fighter Said To Make Fastest Controlled Flight

By FRANKLIN BANKER
A FIGHTER BASE IN BRITAIN, Aug. 18 (Delayed) (AP)—The first three allied pilots to engage the Germans' new rocket-propelled fighter plane—the ME-163 "Flying Wing"—in close quarter combat expressed belief today that in a vertical dive it made the fastest controlled flight ever achieved by man.

(A section of the story at this point was deleted by censors.)

The first detailed description of the ME-163 was given by Lt. Col. John Murphy, Tulsa, Okla., a 27-year-old Mustang squadron commander who shot down the first Japanese plane in the Aleutians, Lt. Cyril W. Jones Jr., of Athens, Tenn., and Lt. Jimmy C. Shoffit of Fort Worth, Tex.

Diving on four rocket planes which attacked a Fortress formation near Leipzig yesterday they destroyed two and damaged a third—all at point blank range.

Capt. Arthur F. Jeffrey of San Francisco, Calif., a 0-38 Lightning pilot, three weeks ago shot down the only other ME-163 destroyed so far but got his at long-range and could give only a sketchy description of it.

Bird-shaped ME-163s (15 words censored) swished by Flying Fortresses so swiftly that the crews did not realize what they were. (20 words censored.)

The Mustang pilots, however, identified the "Flying Wings" as far as 12 miles off because of a spectacular dense white cloud trailing half a mile behind.

They nicknamed the new planes "Jetties" because they are jet-propelled like buzz-bombs.

Americans and British also have developed jet-propelled fighter planes, but so far there has been no announcement of their use.

The pilots agreed the plane was powered only by the rocket propellant. The cloud trail is from the burning fuel.

A single-seater, it has a stubby fuselage only two-thirds as long as the broad tapering wings. (Six words censored.) The pilots sit under a glass canopy in the fuselage. (Seven words censored.)

GOP WAR VETERANS CLUBS SCHEDULED

PORTLAND, Aug. 21 (AP)—Republican war veterans clubs will be organized through Oregon. This was announced by the state GOP central committee which rejected all old officers Saturday.

Neil R. Allen, Grants Pass, chairman; Kenneth Nielsen, Eugene, secretary, and Howard Wall, Portland, treasurer, were elected without opposition.

The committee voted also to recommend to the state legislature that its membership be enlarged to include all county chairmen and vice chairmen.

Everett M. Dirksen, Illinois congressman, declared at a Saturday night republican rally that the U. S. senate's refusal to ratify the secretly negotiated Versailles treaty is a warning against a "one man peace" after this war.

He asserted that the Versailles negotiations and President Roosevelt's conferences with Churchill and Stalin parallel.

B-29 Crash Landing Injures Two Men

SEATTLE, Aug. 21 (AP)—Two of six men aboard a B-29 Superfortress received slight injuries Saturday when the plane made a crash landing in Puget Sound near Redondo beach. Boeing officials said the plane was on a "routine check flight."

Those aboard the plane, the company statement said, were J. A. Johnson, pilot; Frank Yager, co-pilot; Harold G. Buffington, Stanley J. Elliott, George F. Stein, all of the Boeing company, and J. D. Peterson, representative of the Bendix Aviation corporation. Which two were injured was not disclosed.

Churchill Praises American Troops

ROME, Aug. 21 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill praised the American fifth army today as one of the great striking forces of the allied nations and paid a special compliment to U. S. troops of Japanese and negro ancestry.

Churchill paid his tribute to the fifth army, witnessing a parade of the famed 34th infantry division.

"The 34th was the first, or among the first, of all United States troops to leave the new world and carry by their sacrifices and valor the precious blessing of freedom and justice to lands enslaved," the prime minister said.

He spent the night with Lt. Gen. Mark Clark, commander of the fifth army, at advanced headquarters, and conferred while there with Maj. Gen. Charles Bolte, newly appointed commander of the 34th.

A fifth army spokesman said future operations were discussed.

Record Launching Makes History

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 21 (AP)—Naval launching history was made at the Philadelphia navy yards yesterday when the Anietam, 27,000 ton aircraft carrier, and the Los Angeles and the Chicago, 13,000 ton cruisers, slid down the ways.

Ralph A. Bard, undersecretary of the navy said it was "the largest launching at one time and one place in all naval history."

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Lina Gladys Harris, daughter of Mrs. Isa M. Freeman, Shevlin, Oregon, has completed enlistment in the Women's Army Corps and will leave for the basic training center at Fort Des Moines, Iowa during the latter part of August. After basic, she will be assigned to the surgical technician school.

Mrs. Harris graduated from the Silver Lake high school, Silver Lake, Oregon.

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE LIBERATOR STATION, England—Holder of one of the finest aircraft repair records in its B-24 Liberator division is the eighth air service command sub-depot headed by Major Roy W. Graves Jr., of Houston, Texas. This unit, in operation for less than six months, has handled more than 1000 repair orders for repair and modifications of damaged heavy bombers.

Contributing to the general excellence of the sub-depot is Cpl. Antonio Ortiz of Klamath Falls, who is a sheet metal specialist.

MOTHER RECEIVES WORD

Mrs. Maud Boggs, 4615 Shasta way, heard recently from her two sons who are overseas. Two of them, Pvt. Adrian Strader, 26, and Field Cook Archie Boggs, 22, are in Italy, and Sgt. Robert J. (Butch) Strader, 22, is in a hospital in the South Pacific recovering from wounds received during the initial attack on Guam. Mrs. Boggs also has a grandson in the service, Cpl. Don Elverud, who is in the radio ground crew and is now on his way overseas.

In the letter received by Mrs. Boggs from her son "Butch," was an account of his experience when the marines invaded Guam. An excerpt from the letter follows:

"I hit the beach with the usual assault waves. We went right on through faster than we expected to. Our resistance was quite heavy, but that just slowed us up a little.

"Well, things went as expected all along. It was toward the evening of the second day that I was hit. I wasn't really hit, but was too close when a Jap mortar shell exploded. It sort of knocked me nuts for awhile. I came to aboard ship and was just a little crazy, sprawling, hollering and fighting a one-man war. This lasted, for a few hours, and then I felt as though I had just awakened and could remember only faintly what had happened during that period.

"At present I'm in perfect health, enjoying my stay here. I know it won't last long for it is just too good to be true. I'm at a hospital on a really beautiful island. We have even got nurses here! Boy, I darn near fainted when I saw them. I sleep in a nice hut, springs, sheets, etc. We have a Red Cross rec-hall, store, movies, etc."

Letters from Sgt. Strader's friends may be sent to Base Hospital 6 Navy 140, 70 Fleet Post-office, San Francisco, Calif.

Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
WILMINGTON, Calif.—There's some point in a soldier being at the port of embarkation station hospital on his birthday. Local 100 of the United Rubber Workers of America, Los Angeles, gives this birthday gift to any patient: A free telephone call anywhere in the United States.

MAMA
VANCOUVER, Wash.—A. E. Robinson, 77, and his wife, 76, were sadly surveying the fire-blackened ruins of their little farm home. A stranger came up, handed them \$100 and walked away with:

"Just consider that it came from the Lord."

DOWN A RAT HOLE
TUSTIN, Calif.—The local ration board replaced the 1085 gasoline ration stamps Lew Betts reported stolen from his filling station. But when he came back a second time to report the same loss, the board said twice was once too often.

It turned out all right, though. He finally found the coupons. A mama rat had used them as bedding for the youngsters.

Rescue

KANSAS CITY—"Oh, we must have left them up there," cried Paula Dreiling and Helen Kirk.

So firemen, who had just finished rescuing them from a second floor dance studio in which they had inadvertently been locked, climbed back up the ladder and brought down their purses.

Capsized Steamship To Be Salvaged By Navy Experts

PORTLAND, Aug. 21 (AP)—Navy salvage experts will remove the capsized Russian steamship from the Willamette river beside Port of Portland dry-docks.

Col. Ralph A. Tudor, U. S. district army engineer, said the army had rejected all bids for removal of the wreck and requested the navy's salvage service to take over the job.

Warning Cars

COQUILLE, Aug. 21 (AP)—The Coos County Livestock Shippers' association will send special warning cars ahead of its large trucks on the Coast highway in compliance with an order of the state agriculture director, County Agent George Jenkins reports.

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Before entering the air forces in November, 1942, he was employed as a hooker on railroad landings by William Raymond, logging contractor, in Klamath Falls. Sgt. House attended Curtis-Wright Technical Institute in Glendale, Calif.

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CORRESPONDENT KILLED IN FRANCE

NEW YORK, Aug. 21 (AP)—Tom Treanor, war correspondent for the Los Angeles Times and the National Broadcasting company, has been killed on the road to Paris.

Advices to supreme headquarters in London said it was reported one other American correspondent had been killed and three wounded.

Treanor's death was announced from France by John MacVane, another NBC reporter there who said the jeep in which Treanor was riding was run over by an American tank.

MacVane added:

"Tom was where he wanted to be, at the very tip of the units of the American third army pushing toward Paris. There were Germans behind and all around him.

"It was his great ambition to be the first radio correspondent to reach Paris and send the word back to the people back home.

"Tom's loss will be great. He was greatly loved by his fellow correspondents—ever ready and enthusiastic—ever wanting to help. He was such a swell guy."

Treanor recently published a book of his experiences as a war correspondent, called "One Damned Thing After Another."

He is survived by his widow, Eleanor Stimson Treanor, and their three children, Thomas, 10, Marshall, 8, and Cordelia, 5.

Canned Pea Price Ceilings Raised

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Price ceiling increases for processors of the 1944 pack of canned peas were announced yesterday by the office of price administration.

Retail ceilings will be the same as last year, OPA said, since the added return to canners will be subsidized under the commodity credit corporation agreement intended to hold the price line on certain canned foods.

The new prices do not cover wholesalers and retailers, who establish their prices by fixed mark-ups. The pricing formula for processors is the same as that recently announced for canned spinach, asparagus, and red sour pitted cherries.

Search Continued For Escaped Trusty

SALEM, Aug. 21 (AP)—Authorities continued a search today for Noble Clayton Smith, 39-year-old trusty, who escaped from the state prison annex yesterday.

Smith was convicted in Multnomah county in 1935 of assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon. He was serving a 20-year sentence.

Twelve state prison trustees now are at large.

FARM MEN NEEDED

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 21 (AP)—A growing need for replacements for soldiers now in service will necessitate withdrawal of many young men from Idaho farms at the conclusion of the 1944 harvest, Brig. Gen. M. C. McConnell, state selective service director, said.

Prime Minister Fires Yank Gun

ROME, Aug. 21 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill personally shot a big American gun at two German cannon positions north of Pisa, it was disclosed today.

After he pulled the lanyard, the shell fell 200 yards short of the target. A gunnery officer corrected the elevation and two rounds later, both enemy guns were destroyed. An artillery spotter flying overhead reported fires and explosions at both gunpits.

Churchill's very personal participation in the war occurred during a recent visit to the fifth army front.

CAP Cadets Slated For Flying Course

PORTLAND, Aug. 21 (AP)—Eighty-three civil air patrol cadets from Portland, Salem, Redmond and The Dalles are to begin a 10-day course in regular force routine at the Portland army air base today.

The 15 to 17-year-old fliers arrived yesterday where they will live for 10 days without leaves or visitors.

Selected from CAP cadets they will have link trainer and room instruction. The training is part of a national program.


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