

Eyewitness Relates Last Days Of Yugoslav Fight

Editor's note: Robert St. John, Associated Press correspondent stationed in Belgrade when the German army struck into Yugoslavia, tells in his first dispatch since the Palm Sunday invasion of paralyzing blows by the Luftwaffe.

(St. John, born in Chicago 41 years ago, has been in the thick of Balkan events since the outbreak of war in Europe, covering the abdication of King Carol of Rumania, the Rumanian earthquake, German occupation of Bulgaria, arrival of British forces in Greece and Yugoslav developments from the entry of Yugoslavia into the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance through the dramatic political upset which resulted and the German invasion.)

By ROBERT ST. JOHN
SOMEWHERE IN MONTENEGRO WITH THE REMNANTS OF THE YUGOSLAV ARMY—(Via Athens, Greece), April 21 (Delayed) (AP)—Mass German air attacks that killed at least 10,000 persons in Belgrade alone and turned Yugoslavia's principal cities into smoking shambles struck the paralyzing blows opening the Balkan war.

Men, women and children lay by the hundreds in the debris of their homes after concentrated Nazi bombing attacks on cities.

These civilians were ordered by their government not to clog the roads by wild flight, hampering the military as refugees did in France, but to die on their thresholds if necessary. And there they died.

For nine days I rode across Yugoslavia behind the lines, watching the army try vainly with rifles and oxen-drawn artillery to repel the overwhelming mechanized force of Hitler's Panzer divisions and screaming Stuka bombers.

Almost from the first hour of the German invasion, the army was without communications. One division seldom knew what the one next to it was doing.

Individually, the Serbian forces fought with great bravery, and reported inflicting heavy losses on the Germans. In one day's attack the military claimed destruction of 200 Nazi tanks.

In spite of the furious resistance, however, the German wedges bit deeper into the country and the fighting became hopeless.

I say the Serbian army fought—because in traveling about I have seen many Croatian deserters, and in the critical hours of the fighting, officials announced the Croats had revolted in the north.

I was in Belgrade the morn-

ing the German air force attacked. The citizens, who had not yet learned the nation was at war, poured into the streets when the sirens screamed and the bomber squadrons roared overhead. They stood and stared curiously up at the planes and did not take shelter—though there weren't enough shelters for all.

It was a massacre. At least 10,000 died in the capital alone. In one square I counted more than 200 bodies after the first morning raid.

Almost at the start the water supply failed and huge fires raged unchecked until the city was smothered with a heavy smoke pall.

The United States, British and Greek legations were among the first buildings destroyed, along with most of the government quarters.

Bombers swept over in waves for two days until the city was a shattered, flaming shambles.

With several companions, I followed the government toward the interior. We slept in ditches and barns, and lived on handouts from the hospitable peasants who refused to accept our money.

Nazi bombers strafed villages and roads.

We arrived in Sarajevo in time to meet another air blitzkrieg. This city, where the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand marked an event leading to the World War, was blasted and burned to ruins.

The flimsy, crowded wooden buildings of "Thebazaar" in this "most oriental city in Europe" were turned into a flaming mass by the first incendiaries, and smoke rose toward the towering mountains from the burning minarets of the many Moslem churches.

Heading toward the Adriatic from Sarajevo we reached Montenegro. Here we found army leaders putting down an abortive fifth column uprising. Traitors were lined up against a wall and shot.

By the time we reached the Adriatic coast it was apparent that further Serbian resistance would be confined to guerrilla warfare.

FATAL WAGER
CREVE COEUR, Ill. (AP)—Carl Leslie Stallings bet \$2 with his friend, Lyle Hyneman, that he could swim across the Illinois river.

Hyneman accepted the wager, stood on the bank and watched Stallings plunge in. Half way across he sank. Hyneman was one of those who aided in the hunt for his friend's body.

Barefoot Boys Mussed Up Musso's Men in East Africa



Take a look at these members of the King's African Rifles and you'll understand why Italian East Africa has now become plain east Africa. New picture of British colonials from Kenya just arrived in America.

Scientists Study Eyesight For Greater Gun Accuracy

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
NEW YORK, April 21 (The Special News Service)—American scientists are coining a new phrase — "It's the eye behind the gun that counts."

Facts just coming to light show unexpected differences between a man's fighting heart and what his eyes can do.

Some phases of this new study already have passed into military hands. But the general facts are in the scientific records.

They apply to the fire control of big guns, and more particularly just at present to problems of accuracy in anti-aircraft fire.

As scientists tell this story, a mystery of the battle of Jutland in the World War was one starting point of the new study. In that sea fight the story goes that the Germans used a rather new system of fire control.

The system was binocular — that is, both eyes were used at once in the sighting of hair lines that finally put the guns on the target. The other, and perhaps older system, uses just one eye, like the man who sights

a pistol. Since Jutland, both systems of fire control have been in use.

At the start of this battle, the German gunfire apparently was superior to the British. This was attributed to the binocular system. But later in the fight the Germans lost their accuracy.

Eye fatigue and poor visibility were suggested as explanations. However, scientists now know there may have been a mixture of other important reasons, all connected with the eyes.

The amount of sleep the night before the battle, anxiety, fright or other emotions, and possibly even quality of food are included in the possibilities.

Dr. Selig Hecht, Columbia university biophysicist and one of the authorities on eye functioning, says that a trained eye is sufficiently accurate to sight one line above another so truly that at one mile the shell will not be more than a foot and a half either way from the target.

Some of the work in his laboratory involves very accurate

sighting. The problems are similar to those of the military fire control. If the scientific expert has not slept well the night before he does not even attempt some of these tests.

Furthermore, one or two hours is the limit of endurance on work requiring accurate sighting. After that, errors creep in.

The effect of emotions has been uncovered scientifically for the first time in a recent report by three members of the department of psychiatry, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia university. They are Drs. E. I. Strongin, N. Bull and B. Korchin.

Fifty persons tried various eye tests, and then repeated them when placed so that they had to fear electrical shocks. No one actually was shocked, but the risk resulted in marked changes in ability to use the eyes.

When binocular (both eyes at once) abilities were tested, only six per cent improved under the goad of emotion. Fifty per cent became worse. This may have some bearing on the Jutland mystery.

When all the tests were averaged, the eyes of 80 per cent were definitely affected by motion.

Elsewhere In Oregon

By The Associated Press
BEND, April 21 (AP)—The army sent pamphlets, urging enlistment, to Pat Garvey, Bend. Pat's just ignoring them, though, for Pat is a girl.

ASTORIA, April 21 (AP)—An additional federal appropriation of \$37,000 for improvements at Camp Clatsop has been authorized.

CONDON, April 21 (AP)—Twelve central Oregon high schools will send bands here May 3 for the annual mid-Columbia band festival.

MEDFORD, April 21 (AP)—Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna signed an order here Saturday declaring Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wal-

Six Escaped Nazi Prisoners at Large

PENINSULA, Ont., April 21 (AP)—Three escaped German prisoners of war were captured near this Canadian Pacific railway station house in the night and observers here said they believed that only six of the 28 men who broke from the dominion's most isolated internment camp Friday night were still at large today.

Ottawa officials said they had heard of the capture of only 16 of the Germans, three of whom were wounded, but an official of the internment operations branch said "information is coming in slowly."

The new captures brought to eight the number caught near this wind-and-snow-swept point between Schreiber and White River and an unofficial list of 19 in custody. Reports here said three others were killed when they fled on being challenged by armed searchers.

LA GRANDE, April 21 (P)—

Air corps officers will inspect La Grande's class 3 airport within the next few days to determine its place in the military preparedness program Dr. C. L. Gilstrap of the state aeronautical board said here.

BEND, April 21 (P)—Mrs. John Matson, known 20 years ago in Alaska as Klondike Kate, said here she has been informed by a Hollywood movie studio that a film is planned on the story of her life.

CLIPPED
BUCYRUS, Kas. (P)—A jar sent a load of heavy sheet steel splintering through the sides of a Missouri Pacific gondola car. In 17 miles, \$700 worth of trackside signal equipment were damaged. Later a station agent flagged down the train.



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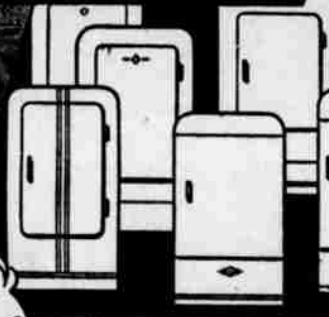
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