

Japs Torture Chinese in Hunt For US Fliers

Editor's note: Father George Yager of the China Mission of the Vincentian Order was in the Chinese territory in which some of the Tokyo raiders landed. He witnessed the devastation left by the Japanese in their search for the American fliers and persons who sheltered them. Father Yager has returned to the United States and his account is the first to come from inside the area.

St. Louis, Mo., May 26—(AP)—Torture, murder, and other forms of savagery were inflicted by the Japanese on Chinese civilians in the area of northeastern Kiangsi province in which American fliers landed after bombing Tokyo, April 18, 1942, an American missionary priest who was working there at the time said Tuesday.

The account of the ruthless methods of the Japanese expedition which invaded the area searching for Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle and his men was given by Father George Yager of the China Mission of the Vincentian Order. He and two other priests and five American Sisters of Charity reached the Western Hemisphere after a five months journey. They brought out with them photographs of the widespread destruction.

Describing Japanese raids on 26 towns in their search for the American fliers, Father Yager said "Murder and destruction were the general rule throughout the occupied section."

Yukiang was burned, its hospital with it, he said.

PUT TO DEATH
"Poor country people who stayed on, hoping to be allowed to continue working their fields, had been savagely tortured and put to death," he said. "From some of them who escaped we heard stories too brutal and savage to relate."

"Just one charge was not heard—cannibalism."

Bishop Charles Quinn of Los Angeles and his 18 American, five European and 33 Chinese Vincentian priests and five American Sisters of Charity were scattered over the area.

Gen. Doolittle and his crew landed near Shang-Yoo.

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QUEEN MARY QUIETLY OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

London, May 26—(AP)—Queen Mary quietly observed her 76th birthday today at the 600-acre estate near a tiny west England village that has been her home since the war began.

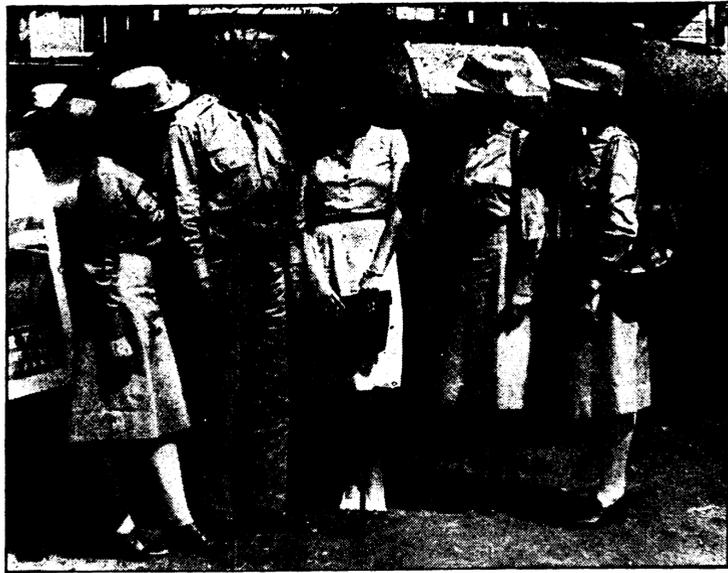
The empire sent its congratulations but, save for family messages and presents and the presence of the Duchess of Gloucester and 17-month-old Prince William as guests, the queen mother was expected to spend the day amid the war-time simplicity she has personalized for all of Britain.

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FIRST WOMAN IN THE GULFPORT territory to make application in present drive for enrollment as a Waac, Mrs. Dorothy Russell, of New Orleans, stands outside the WAAC recruiting office in the fuselage of a C-36 cargo airplane in downtown Gulfport. With Mrs. Russell are (left to right) Auxiliary Ruth Welter, Major Linville K. Martin, of Gulfport Field, Mrs. Russell, 3rd Officer Elizabeth Thompson Prewitt and Auxiliary Evelyn Pittman. Mrs. Russell was visiting in Pass Christian when she made her decision to apply for enlistment in the WAAC. Photo by Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

Doubt Italy Will Be Invaded This Summer

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK (Former Chief of The Associated Press Bureau in Rome)

Washington, May 26—(AP)—Diplomatic observers expressed doubt today that Italy would be invaded by the Allies this summer, although they said the threat of invasion would hang constantly over that unhappy peninsula.

These observers, who have concentrated on the Italian situation from day to day, said the major drive in Europe would almost certainly be made against the Germans, with Italy a secondary factor in the invasion planning.

Since Berlin is the major objective in Europe, it was believed here that easier roads lie through countries other than Italy—France and the Balkans for instance—because of Italy's peculiar geographical formation with the Alps blocking the upper end of the peninsula.

Pending the invasion of the continent, probably at several points, the American-British policy apparently is to bomb Italy out of the war.

If Italy collapses, deserted by the Germans, four major developments are expected:

1. The Italian army would offer only brief resistance to Allied occupation, with the Italian people accepting it as a deliverance from Fascism.

2. Premier Mussolini would take his government in exile to Germany, to escape retribution and to avoid the surrender of his last vestige of personal power.

3. King Vittorio Emanuele would abdicate, probably in favor of his 6-year-old grandson, the Prince of Naples, in the hope that he, too young to be tarred with the brush of Fascism, could keep the monarchy alive.

4. United States Army officers,

trained in the school of military government at Charlottesville, Va., would set up a purely military administration in Italy until the end of the war.

An insight into the United Nations view of Italy's future was given by Prime Minister Churchill yesterday at a White House press conference.

Mr. Churchill, who promised that the Italians will have a part in the new life of Europe, said he recognized that a one-party, totalitarian system, applied over a number of years, was capable of obliterating the sense of personal liberty. The Italians, for instance, had allowed themselves to be led by the nose by intriguing leaders.

Churchill said he thought they would be very well advised now to dismiss their leaders and throw themselves on the justice of those they have, as he put it, so grievously offended.

PLANE CRASHES, OCCUPANTS PARACHUTE TO SAFETY

Monroe, La., May 26—(AP)—A training plane based at Selma Field here crashed 15 miles southwest of Lafayette early today but the five occupants parachuted to safety, Lieut. George L. Eckel, public relations officer, announced.

The plane was on a routine mission and crashed at 2 a.m., Lieut. Eckel said.

He said the field's investigating board had not determined the cause of the crash.

ENTER SERVICE BEFORE END OF SCHOOL TERM

Slate College, Miss., May 26—(AP)—President G. D. Humphrey announced today that more than half of the total number of students enrolled at Mississippi State College during the 1942-43 school term entered active military service before completion of the spring session.

Approximately 960 of the 1876 students enrolled went into active service during the term. Of this number, 600 were enlisted reservists and R.O.T.C. graduates.

First US Soldier to Enter Bizerte Thrilled By Ice Cream, Pretty American Girl

By HAROLD V. BOYLE

With the U. S. Army in North Africa, May 24—(AP)—(Delayed)—(AP)—He didn't look at all tough standing there under a silver leafed olive tree at dusk spooning out the first dish of ice cream he'd tasted in 10 months—but he was the guy who went alone in a jeep into Bizerte, beating the tanks by an hour.

"It was too hot for any ice cream that day we took Bizerte," said Technical Sergeant Wayne C. Martin of Vardaman, Miss., who has been pitching for Uncle Sam eight of his 30 years and was the first American soldier to enter the besieged Mediterranean port.

He was standing with other members of a tank destroyer company who couldn't decide which was the bigger treat: the first ice cream they had had since leaving home or the sight of the pretty Red Cross worker who was dishing it out—Mary June Cooper of Minneapolis, Minn.

"Gosh, you're the first American girl we've seen in almost half a year," soldiers in the line murmured to the gray clad Red Cross girl as they filed past with their mess kits for a special smile and a whooping lump of vanilla ice cream.

Recalling his unscheduled entrance into Bizerte May 7 when he learned from two French civilians while on a reconnaissance mission that the Germans were pulling out of the city, Sergeant Martin said:

"The town seemed deserted when I first rolled in at 3:20 in the afternoon. The tanks didn't get there until after four o'clock."

"We were cruising about the streets when we noticed two German soldiers standing by a curb with machine pistols in their hand. As they opened fire we swung into an alley and the bullets hit right where we had been. We didn't have anything but carbines.

"I waited a while, then drove

back with my carbine in my hand, but the Germans had beat it.

"I ran into a couple of Frenchmen who were full of wine. They were glad to see an American soldier in town and before I could push them away one grabbed me around the neck and kissed me twice on the cheeks. After that I decided I'd better go back to handling Germans.

"There was a lot of rifle and machinegun fire going off in the town. We circled through twice, drawing fire from across the channel on some streets and finally the tanks got n. We were really glad to see them. We were beginning to think we were cut off.

"The tanks drew a lot more fire, however, and they were dropping artillery shells around us. We held the town until about 8 p.m. that night and then pulled out to the outskirts because our infantry hadn't got up yet and we didn't want to get trapped in the town.

"The next morning we went back in and the engineers came in after us and helped us clean out the snipers."

Lieut. Col. Charles Eastburn of Meridian, Miss., who commanded the armored column which took Bizerte, was startled to see an American jeep in the town ahead of the tanks, and called over to Martin from his own half-track:

"Hey, you better pull your tank over to the curb and get it under cover!"

OPA Juggles Potato Prices

Washington, May 26—(AP)—The OPA juggled prices on potatoes today, favoring the shopper slightly, and granting farmers a higher sum in hopes of overcoming the scarcity that has lifted the lowly spud almost to the category of a rare delicacy in many communities.

Price Administrator Prentiss Brown decreed a seven per cent cut in consumer prices and a 30 cents per hundred pound increase to farmers. Thus potatoes that sold for six cents a pound in Washington now will be 5 1/4. To accomplish this, Brown ordered markups by wholesalers held to 60 cents per hundred pounds. In some cases wholesalers had imposed two 60-cent markups by using complicated systems, Brown said.

The order was applied to the 1943 crop, one official explaining that farmers who had held back their potatoes in hopes of higher prices later, now might be induced to start shipping. Ten cents of their 30-cent increase is compensation for changes in the parity index, OPA said, and the additional 20 cents is to increase and encourage production.

Onion prices were modified, too, wholesalers being held to a single markup of 40 cents per 50 pounds. The savings, yet to be calculated, are to be passed on to the consumer.

LIGHTNING KILLS TWO LOUISIANA NEGROES

Shreveport, La., May 26—(AP)—Two negroes were killed by lightning, according to reports received by the coroner here today.

Leslie Gillman, Jr., 27, was killed near Greenwood, Cora Johnson, of Bethany, a few miles from Greenwood, was killed as she was leaving a field of cotton when the storm struck.

Miss Emily Ware Files Application For WAAC Service

Miss Emily L. Ware of Gulfport, a young woman with two brothers in the Army, another brother in the Navy and a sister and brother-in-law employed by the government in Panama, became the second woman of the Gulfport area to file application of enrollment in the Waacs when she filed her papers with Waac recruiters Tuesday, Miss Ware's enrollment was witnessed by four friends, all soldiers of Gulfport Field.

Waac recruiters, sent here from Camp Shelby have been busy this week at the recruiting office established in the fuselage of a C-36 cargo-type airplane in downtown Gulfport.

A number of interested women have visited the office to obtain information concerning the Waac movement and the recruiters asked that all women who wish more complete information concerning the Waac opportunity come to the recruiting office at any time between 10 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Any woman of the Gulfport area between the ages of 21 and 44 may apply for enrollment in the Waacs, providing she has no dependents and no children under the age of 14.

Blast Levee on Arkansas River As Precaution

Vicksburg, May 26—(AP)—The U. S. Engineer office here announced today that an old levee on the Arkansas river near Dumas, Ark., was blasted early last night by engineer troops to allow the swollen flood waters to fall back against the main line levees.

Lieut. Col. R. W. Sauer, district engineer, said the move was taken as a precautionary measure and resulted in the flooding of about 700 acres of uncultivated land. He said that it was feared that the levee dynamited would be overtopped by expected stages and result in an uncontrolled washing of the main-line levee.

Col. Sauer stated that conditions throughout the remainder of his district were satisfactory and no serious conditions have developed. Engineer troops under Col. H. M. Underwood are sandbagging the levees in several spots and caring for sand boil conditions.

In icy weather, one safety rule to remember is to increase the distance between your automobile and the one ahead.

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