

BANDIT MURDERS TAXICAB DRIVER

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 25.—A bandit killed a taxicab driver during a holdup last night, seriously wounded a special policeman, and apparently escaped in a boat early today after he was himself wounded.

Miami Beach Police Chief A. W. Simpson said that taxicab driver David Newman, 35, was fatally shot by a passenger and his body was hidden in an alley under a palm shrub.

The bandit drove the blood-stained taxicab to Sunset Island No. 4 and abandoned it, then apparently stole a bicycle and rode to Sunset Island No. 3.

He was challenged here by special Officer Harold Burgoyne, 50, and shot Burgoyne in the stomach. Burgoyne managed to wound his assailant.

Leaving a trail of blood, the bandit went into a private estate and made away with a motorboat which was tied up at a dock.

Coast Guardsmen searched the bay for the missing boat.

Newman's wife said her husband should have had between \$25 and \$50 but it was missing.

Simpson said there may have been a connection between the incident of last night and the hold-up Thursday night of three New Yorkers, who reported the loss of \$4,000 in cash and valuable jewelry.

Italo-American Group Seeks Seat For Italy At Security Conclave

NEW YORK, March 25.—(AP)—Formal recognition of Italy as a United Nations ally and her participation in the forthcoming World Security Conference at San Francisco were urged today by the Columbus Dry Citizens Committee, Inc. in a resolution sent to President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Stettinius.

The committee, which claims to represent 575,000 Italian Americans, is headed by Generoso Pope, publisher of an Italian language newspaper.

Marine General Cited For Work In Solomons

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, March 25.—(AP)—A Pacific Fleet Headquarters announcement today said Brig. Gen. Joseph Howard Fellows of the United States Marine Corps, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for "meritorious service" as logistic plans officer on the staff of the Commander Service Squadron, South Pacific Force.

The general was cited specifically in connection with the Solomon Islands force.

POSTMASTER APPLICATIONS

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—The Civil Service Commission has announced that applications will be received until the close of business April 12 for the following postmaster positions in North Carolina: Barium Springs; Dobson; Morven; Oriental; Star.

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NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING PAYS



Basil Tasker, 47, and his three children of Stoneham, Mass., hold some of the letters received in reply to an advertisement Tasker put in newspapers in quest of a wife. Tasker, who was divorced a year ago, says he's too busy tending his children to go a-wooing in person. Among the many replies were some from grandmothers, school girls, and a society divorcee who said she had two country estates and two automobiles. Tasker hasn't made his selection yet.

15TH AAF PICKED BERLIN AS TRIAL

ROME, March 25.—(AP)—The 15th Air Force said today that yesterday's record 1,600-mile roundtrip raid on the Berlin area during which 13 jet propelled German planes were knocked down—the largest single day's bag of the new enemy craft—was a last minute idea.

The night before, headquarters explained, pilots were being briefed for an attack on a target some 100 miles closer to Italy than Berlin when Maj. John Hogan, Jersey City, N. J., came up with the idea.

Previously it had not been considered "feasible or possible" for the big bombers and their escort to strike the Nazi capital from Italy.

Hogan, a graduate of Rutgers and a wing navigator, noticed there would be enough reserve fuel and good enough weather to switch the objective to Berlin.

At first the suggestion was greeted as a gag but after Hogan sold his idea to the commanders they went to work on it.

Sgt. Lincoln F. Broynhill, Arlington, Va., knocked down a pair of jets yesterday.

Among the pilots scoring victories over the jets were Col. William A. Daniel, Birmingham, Ala.

The 463rd Bomb Group was the first 15th Air Force outfit over Berlin. The lead plane was piloted by Capt. Robert C. Ball of Winona, Minn.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

WITH THE AEF: The 34th's Proud Record Of Combat

By SID FEDER (Substituting for Kenneth L. Dixon)

ON THE ITALIAN FRONT—(AP)—It's a matter for argument whether the 34th Division has had more than 500 days in the line or whether it's just getting ready for the birthday party, but no matter how you look at it, the "Red Bull's Head" has spent more time fighting Germans than any other outfit around here.

With becoming modesty, Col. Hubert (Hub) Desmarais of Minneapolis and Ninah, Wis., one of the original staff officers with the First American Division to step on European soil in World War Two, tells you it's not time for the "birthday" yet. He says the 34th has had only some 480 days in which it commanded a division sector in combat and won't hit the 500 mark until some time next month.

On the other hand the records show that while the division itself at times might not have been running the show, elements of it, among them the 133rd, 135th and 168th Infantry Regiments, have racked up more than 520 days in Africa and Italy.

It was the 34th Division which first grabbed Algiers when the show started and all the way up the Italian boot a patch with a red bull's skull has been in practically every spot now in the history books. The Doughboys wearing the patch are still at it up here in the mud and snow in the mountains south of Bologna.

Naturally, the division has changed a lot for some 15,000 replacements have been needed to plug holes made by the wear and tear of almost 40 months overseas, nearly 30 of them in combat.

In Africa, they were at Algiers and Faid Pass and Fondouk and through Tunisia and they took Hill 609 in Italy. They were at Salerno, the Voltorno, Cassino, the beachhead, La Nuvoia, Rome, Livorno, Pisa, and the Gothic Line. They had a hand in every head-line.

It now is pretty generally admitted that Cassino, as such, wouldn't have happened if a fresh regiment had been sent in to back up the Bull's Head battlers, already weary from a solid month of slugging through the mountain. They stormed the Rapidi, took half the town itself, Lt. Paul Rioridan of Kansas City personally dug the Jerries out of their hot spot in the jailhouse and the 34th was parked practically on the outer walls of the monastery when human endurance reached its limits and they just ran out of gas.

With just enough fresh troops for a fresh punch there might have been none of the months of waiting and worrying of last winter. It's a matter of record that when the Eighth Army finally did capture Cassino and the abbey, it took five divisions to do what the Bullhead just missed doing alone.

When Pfc. Milburn Henke of Hutchinson, Minn., led the way down the gangplank into Belfast, Ireland, January 26, 1942, the first soldier on European soil in this war, the 34th was almost exclusively national guardsmen from Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas but 80 per cent of the "originals" have long since been replaced by Doughboys from coast to coast.

The 135th Regiment's 3rd Battalion which Lt. Col. Edwin Swenson of Stillwater, Minn., took into Algiers November 8, 1942 has less than 25 riflemen still doing business at the old stand. This force was led by Maj. Gen. Charles Ryder, the division's original commander, who now heads a corps in the South Pacific. The division boss now is husky Maj. Gen. Charles Bolte of Chicago, Ill.

As of last November, the entire 135th had about 700 left of its original more than 3,000. The 168th had 437 and the 133rd had 1,100. This includes all rear units as well as the scattered remnants up where they play professional rules.

The 135th has had 1,000 dead. The 133rd had a bloody average of more than 100 killed, captured or wounded per week from its arrival at Anzio in January 1943 until late last fall. Half the 168th was lost at Faid Pass alone. There have been 15 regimental commanders, two were captured, one was killed and one wounded.

Thinning young pine and hardwood stands is one of the most important steps in producing a good crop of timber.

FIRST OF ITS KIND
When the trading schooner, Emanuel, put into Southampton, England, it was the first vessel in 2000 years to dock there with an all-Jewish crew of sailors.

YEARS FOR PROOF
A man must be habitually drunk for three years before his wife can obtain a divorce on the grounds of habitual intoxication in New Hampshire.

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Occupations Will Govern Passenger Tire Allotment

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—A priority list of occupations governing distribution of the limited supply of new passenger tires to eligible motorists was announced today by the OPA.

Drawn up with the help of the War Manpower Commission, the list covers all "B" and "C" card drivers with respect to their essentiality to the war effort.

This preferential rating is necessary, OPA explained, because of the sharp reduction in the allocation of new tires for rationing. The April quota is 1,000,000 casings, a 37 per cent cut from the 1,600,000 made available this month.

The reduction results from an acute shortage of the tire ingredient, carbon black.

The first priority group is limited almost entirely to persons whose occupations are of an emergency nature, and to workers at "must" war plants. Included are physicians, public health nurses, police, and war workers such as those producing urgently needed aircraft and munitions—projects facing a critical manpower shortage. About 300,000 cars are represented in the first priority group, officials said, out of the 25,000,000 still operating.

These plants will be designated after consultation with local WMC officials, OPA said.

In group 2 are persons employed in other essential plants and those whose occupations are highly important to the war effort. Examples are farmers, farm workers, and representatives of management, labor and government who recruit labor for essential establishments.

Group 3 covers such motorists as buyers for essential establishments and those who travel to such places to perform necessary technical services.

Group 4 takes in all other "B" and "C" drivers.

OPA stressed that each individual tire applicant must continue to establish his need for a tire even though rated in a high preference group.

Former German Chancellor Held Seeking Old Office

MOSCOW, March 25.—(AP)—Ilya Ehrenburg, writing in Pravda asserted today that Dr. Heinrich Bruening, Hitler's predecessor as chancellor of Germany, has put forth "his candidacy as the heir of Hitler."

(Bruening now is professor of government at Harvard University. He held the German chancellorship from March, 1930, until May, 1932. A staunch Catholic, he was a foe of Hitler's policies.)

"In East Prussia," Ehrenburg wrote, "I met a Catholic vicar who explained a plan to create a strong Catholic German power." Other priests spoke of the same thing. We have before us not dreamers but representatives of a disciplined organization.

"The salvation of German imperialism has been turned over to the Catholic center. The fuhrer of German Catholics, Bruening, now living in the United States, has spoken, now that the route of Zhukov and Eisenhower has become clear. In articles for German social democratic newspapers he speaks about the past but he speaks about the future. He puts forth his candidacy as the heir of Hitler.

"It is easy to understand, if the fuhrer of German Catholics can peacefully express such abominable opinions in the United States. This means he has supporters and defenders.

"Bruening is not a dreamer. The Catholic newspapers of the United States are busy now with the rehabilitation of Germany. If one could forget these newspapers were published in the English language one might take them to be German newspapers.

"Like the Germans living in America or the Americans who think in German, the Roman Pope is also busy with one thing—how to save Germany from retaliation. All this has not any relation to religion—this is politics. The Vatican does not want to save German children but the German army from the Stormoviks.

"The Catholic religion as such is not at fault. The Catholics of France, Belgium and Poland courageously fought against the German invaders. These Catholics can only be surprised at seeing how the Vatican is attempting to whitewash the criminals. The Vatican is afraid that with the doom of Fascism there will be a rebirth of light, wisdom and freedom."

FORMER RESIDENT FLIES FOR GUNS

Captain Odell Williamson, former employe in the fitters department of the North Carolina Shipbuilding Co., whose home is at Shallotte, now is a liaison artillery observer with an artillery division on the Western Front with more than 300 missions to his credit.

One of Captain Williamson's latest assignments was to pilot Wes Gallagher, Associated Press war correspondent, over the Rhine March 4, to cover one of the great battles of this war. He flew the correspondent in a Cub. Most of his 300 missions have been as a spotter for artillery fire.

Captain Williamson is the son of J. B. Williamson of Shallotte and the late Mrs. Williamson. His wife, Mrs. Virginia Cox Williamson, lives in Wilmington and is employed in the purchasing Department at the shipyard.

His present fighting service began with the invasion of Normandy last June 15. He has been awarded the Air Medal, five bronze clusters, one silver cluster, the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Croix de Guerre.

He was employed at the shipyard October 8, 1941 and was released in the spring, 1942, when he was inducted for military service.

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