

PLYE 16TH MAN KILLED ON IE

Of Hundreds Of Yanks Who Went Ashore Few Killed To Date

By GRANT MacDONALD IE ISLAND, Ryukyus, April 19—(P)—Write "30" for little Ernie Pyle, famed author and war correspondent.

The little guy, beloved by every G. I. Joe, fell in action yesterday mid-morning on Ie—a little island nobody ever heard of before Pearl harbor.

Of the hundreds of 10th Army troops to land on Ie, 15 were killed during the first three days. Ernie was the 16th American to die there.

He wore his helmet because as he told a friend "I try not to take any foolish chances but there's just no way to play it completely safe and still do your job."

QUICK DEATH Before going up front to get the feel of one more frontline action to write to the folks back home, he signed some short-shorter bills for two privates—Louis J. Vespolo of Corona, Long Island, N. Y., and "Patsy" J. Rubino of White Plains, N. Y.

Then he got into the jeep with Lt. Col. Joseph B. Coolidge, of Helena, Ark.

"We were riding along," said Coolidge, "when we were fired on by a Jap machinegun. We dove into a ditch. A little later, Pyle and I raised up to look around. Another burst hit. I looked at Ernie and he was dead. A bullet had entered his left temple just under his helmet."

One of the last things Ernie said about the front was: "Life up there is very simple, very uncomplicated, devoid of all the jealousy and meanness that float around a headquarters city."

WAKE FOREST—Speakers for the approaching commencement program of Wake Forest College have been announced by President Thurman Kitchin as follows:

Sunday evening, May 27, the sermon will be preached by Dr. Ralph A. Herring, pastor of Winston-Salem's First Baptist church and president of the Baptist State Convention.

Monday, noon, May 27, Dr. Carl M. Townsend, pastor of Hayes-Barton Baptist Church of Raleigh, will make the alumni address at the alumni luncheon.

Monday evening, May 28, Dr. Sankey L. Blanton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington, will deliver the literary address to members of the graduating class, and President Kitchin will present the diploma.

Herring graduated from Wake Forest in 1921, Townsend in 1924, and Blanton in 1925. They hold graduate degrees from other institutions.

Classes holding reunions this year are as follows: 1940, 1935, 1930, 1925, 1920, 1915, 1910, 1905, 1900, 1895, 1890, 1885, 1880, 1875. President Kitchin will be the guest of honor at the alumni gathering which will be Benjamin T. Ward, president of Wake Forest's general alumni association.

SWITZERS Casualty figures, surprisingly heavy in view of the lightness of the initial opposition, compared with U. S. marine casualties of 19,838 on Iwo Jima, the bloodiest conquest of the Pacific war. Seizure of Saipan in the Marianas cost 16,525 American casualties.

EIGHT ISLANDS Tenth army figures included those for the invasion of eight Kerama islands off the southern tip of Okinawa, Okinawa itself and Ie island, 4,000 yards off the west-central coast.

On Ie, where the popular correspondent Ernie Pyle was killed by a Japanese machinegunner yesterday, 15 Americans have been killed and 78 wounded in the three days of the invasion.

The Yanks had a firm grasp on the 10-square mile islet and were eradicating Japanese from dug-in positions and pillboxes. In three days 388 Japanese were killed on Ie.

Tired and dirty-faced Doughboys on southern Okinawa still were trying to crack the tough "Little Siegfried Line," four miles north of the capital city of Naha, amid a bitter and prolonged artillery exchange.

Even at night, Japanese 150 mm. shells were falling into American lines every 15 minutes. Not since April 10 has Maj. Gen. R. Hodge's 24th Corps advanced on this irregular front stretching five miles across the southern end of the island.

This natural defense barrier, honeycombed with pillboxes designed for interlocking fire, was under constant American artillery, naval bombardment and strafing rocket attacks from the air.

Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger's Third Marine Amphibious Corps reached the northern end of Okinawa yesterday and mopped up pockets of resistance on the Motobu peninsula, which cuts off the northwest coast.

WANTS NO OFFICE:

Mrs. Roosevelt Will Continue Writing Column

NEW YORK, April 19.—(P)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said today in her newspaper column she would not accept or run for public office or any office at the present time.

She added, however, that she planned to continue her column, "My Day" and her magazine page in the Ladies' Home Journal as well as writing "an occasional article."

George A. Carlin, general manager of United Features syndicate, said Mrs. Roosevelt's contract to write "My Day" had been renewed last March 10 for five years.

"Mrs. Roosevelt is a great lady and a great person in her own right," he declared. "Her column will be accepted on its own merits. From now on she can speak more freely on all matters."

TWO JOBS In her column today, Mrs. Roosevelt said:

"I have two jobs that I consider myself obligated to do and that I want to do. My daily column I have always looked upon as a job which I wanted to do on an occasional basis on its merits. Because I was the wife of the president, certain restrictions were imposed upon me. Now I am on my own, and I hope to write as a newspaper woman. I certainly should have background to bring to the job, and if I have not developed powers of observation and correct reporting in the past years, that will soon be discovered."

"My magazine page is also a contract that I wish to fulfill as well as I possibly can. Outside of these two occupations I hope I shall be able to do an occasional article on subjects which are of interest to me and others."

Because of the president's death, her column failed to appear for three days for the first time since it began in 1935.

BERLIN Starts On Page One

The Germans indicated the Russians were driving toward Finsterwalde, 26 miles west of Spremberg and 46 miles from American positions at Wurzen.

Among other Russian successes reported by Berlin was the entry of Bilesdorf, 24 miles northeast of the capital.

All these penetrations were virtually confirmed by the German high command which mentioned breaches east of Muencheberg, south of Wrietzen, north of Goerlitz, east of Bautzen and northwest of Weisswasser, 12 miles southwest of Spremberg.

WELL ALONG A Russian penetration to a point northwest of Weisswasser would place the Russians well along the road toward Finsterwalde and a union with the Americans.

Although the German communiqué said all these breaches were "sealed off," it indicated the critical nature of the situation by asserting that the Russians were attacking toward Berlin "with men and material on a scale hitherto unknown."

German broadcasts declared 800 Russian tanks had been knocked out in the four-day offensive, ranging from a point 30 miles south of Stettin to the Czechoslovak mountains.

"Crossing attempts and artillery fire on Stettin are indications that the offensive will flare up in this region shortly," said one German broadcast.

Among indications that the German situation was deteriorating rapidly was the Berlin admission that the Nazi bridgehead on the east side of the Oder at Frankfurt had been given up.

While the Kremlin still was mum about these titanic clashes, the Moscow radio said "the curtain is falling on the European war and the time is at hand for the armies from the west and east to unite."

Moscow held its official battle reports to the Czechoslovak and Austrian sectors.

BRUENN THREATENED The entry of Bruenn, home of a famous Czech machinegun and a munitions center of 264,000 before the war, and of Moravska Ostrava, a city of 125,000 and third largest in Czechoslovakia is imminent, Moscow dispatches said.

Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's guns already were shelling the outskirts of Bruenn, outflanked by the capture of Ivanick, 12 miles to the southwest. The Russians surged near Austerlitz, 12 miles southeast of Bruenn, trying to get at the big airport between Bruenn and Austerlitz.

On the northern side of Czechoslovakia, the Russians penetrated the Moravian gap and were six miles from Moravska Ostrava, guardian city of the gap 5 miles northeast of Bruenn.

Troppau, 15 miles northwest of Moravska Ostrava, was entered and, villages between the two cities taken.

Southwest of Bruenn the Russians headed for the Moravian cities of Treditzsch and Iglau on the road to the Czechoslovak capital of Prague, 117 miles to the northeast.

In ancient Rome, shopping for the family meals was regarded as man's work.

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SHAKE-UP Starts On Page One

Jones still draws his pay as a judge, receives no salary as food administrator.

J. B. Hutson, deputy in charge of agricultural conversion in the war mobilization office, might be Mr. Truman's choice for the enlarged agriculture portfolio.

Hutson is a close friend of James F. Byrnes.

When the latter returns to government service, it probably will be as Secretary of State, succeeding Edward R. Stettinius, jr.

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN HOLDS FIRST NEWS CONFERENCE—President Harry S. Truman (standing at right) conducts his first news conference in the executive office at the White House April 17. Newsmen crowd close to the desk, Jack Bell, (writing on desk at lower left), and Anthony Vaccaro (with bow tie in front of door at upper right), are Associated Press reporters.—(AP Wirephoto).

Airdromes At Tokyo Attacked By B-29's

LONDON, April 19.—(P)—The Tokyo radio announced today that airdromes in the Tokyo and Kanto areas had been strongly attacked by American bombers and fighters this morning.

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V-12 Student Held In Extortion Case

RICHMOND, Va., April 19.—(P)—The FBI announced today that a 19-year-old navy V-12 student from Emory and Henry college had been arrested for attempting to extort \$15,000 from a Bristol physician under threat of death.

The office of Harold Nathan, Richmond FBI agent, said the youth, Yale Allen Frame, tried to get the money through two anonymous letters to Dr. P. D. Stout, of Bristol. Officers quoted Frame as saying he needed the money "to buy a farm, some livestock, an automobile and an engagement ring."

Weather Brothers Recently Promoted

Brynun Weathers, jr., and Jimmy W. Weathers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bynun Weathers of Shelby have recently received promotions while serving in the armed forces.

Sgt. Bynun Weathers, jr., has been promoted from Corporal to his present grade while being stationed at Robins, Georgia. Jimmy Weathers, Seaman 1-c, was recently advanced to his present rating aboard Admiral Adam Ingram's ship that is serving somewhere in the Atlantic.

New Tent Factory Starts At Dillon

DILLON, April 19.—D. M. Dew and sons of Latta have purchased a large lot in Dillon bounded by Main street and the Seaboard Air Line railway, and will begin construction next week of a building to house D. E. Rippetoe and company, tent manufacturers. The new enterprise will employ more than 200 persons and have a weekly cash outlay of about \$7,000.

This company, which makes essential war materials, is now operating plants in Dillon and Mullins.

HIS FIRST VETO

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(P)—President Truman sent his first veto message to congress today, disapproving a bill he had signed as part of his routine duties as vice president.

The measure proposed to refund \$1,000 to Ben Grunstein of Hudson county, New Jersey in partial satisfaction of a \$2,500 judgment against him on a forfeited bail bond on which he was surety.

Giants Beat Braves 4-3 In Game Today

BOSTON, April 19.—(P)—New York's Giants scored four times after two were out in the eighth inning today to defeat the Boston Braves, 4 to 3, in the morning game of a Patriot's Day double-header. Johnny Rucker hit a homer in the big frame.

Many medical cults flourished in the 1830's—Irregulars, Broussaissians, Sangradoarians, Morrisonians, Beechitarrians, Botanies, Regular Botanies, Thomsonsians, Reformed Thomsonsians, Diplomatic Homeopathsians, Footists, Herbitists, Floists and Quacks, among others.

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Four Chinese Buy La. Textile Plant

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 19.—(P)—Four Chinese have purchased a textile plant here from the Birmingham Cotton Mills but plan to allow the present lessee to operate it.

Nelson Chiang, one of the purchasers and spokesman for the group, said the purchase was made as an investment.

The price they paid was not disclosed, but D. C. Lee, another of the buyers, said \$400,000 was "about right."

The mill is operated under lease by Golding brothers, a New York firm.

The four Chinese were here yesterday to close the deal for the cotton plant.

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Today's Markets

Table with columns for N. Y. COTTON AT 2:00, Today Prev. Day, and various commodity prices for March, May, July, October, and December.

Table for CHICAGO GRAIN WHEAT with columns for Today Prev. Day and prices for May, July, and September.

Table for CORN with columns for Today Prev. Day and prices for May, July, and September.

Table for RYE with columns for Today Prev. Day and prices for May, July, and September.

Table for STOCKS AT 2:00 with columns for Today Prev. Day and prices for various stocks like Amn Rolling Mill, American Loco, etc.

Table for BUYERS CAUTIOUS with columns for Today Prev. Day and prices for various commodities like profit cashing, hog markets, etc.

Table for N. C. EGGS, POULTRY with columns for Today Prev. Day and prices for egg and poultry markets.

Table for BUTTER AND EGGS with columns for Today Prev. Day and prices for butter and eggs.

Table for CHICAGO LIVESTOCK with columns for Today Prev. Day and prices for various livestock.

Table for AIRMEN with columns for Today Prev. Day and prices for various air-related items.

Funeral Yesterday For Mrs. London

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the Clover Hill Methodist church for Mrs. Owen C. London, 66, who died at her home in Folkville April 16. The services were conducted by the Rev. W. L. Scott and the Rev. J. H. Higgins.

Mrs. London was a life-long resident of Cleveland county and a faithful and loyal member of the Clover Hill Methodist church since early childhood. She was unusually active and healthy for her age and was sick only a few weeks prior to her death. She was greatly loved and admired by a large circle of friends and neighbors.

Surviving Mrs. London are three children, W. L. London and M. N. London of Folkville and Mrs. G. A. Irvin of Forest City; one brother, Benjamin Newton; and 34 grandchildren and several great and great-great-grandchildren.

Feed Dehydration Plant To Open Soon

RALEIGH, April 19.—(P)—North Carolina's first dehydration plant for the processing of legume leaves for use as cattle feed is scheduled to open in Statesville next week. D. S. Coltrane, assistant agriculture commissioner, said today.

Coltrane said the plant will dehydrate alfalfa, soy beans and lespedeza. Vernon H. Wuamett is manager of the concern, which will be known as the Statesville Feed Drier company.

Coltrane said that tentative plans call for the construction of "three or four" other leaf dehydration plants in the state during the next two years and added, referring to the Statesville plant, "It should make a valuable contribution to the general improvement of feeds manufactured in this state."

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June he added. Allied forces have taken well over 2,100,000 prisoners. A breakdown on Army casualties in all theaters and corresponding figures for the preceding week follows:

Killed 162,505 and 159,267; wounded 496,803 and 489,256; missing 83,926 and 86,648; prisoners 70,636 and 67,514. Of the wounded, 261,596 have returned to duty.

Similar figures on Navy losses: Killed 38,035 and 37,402; wounded 45,725 and 44,444; missing 10,589 and 10,805; prisoners 4,259 and 4,254.

AMERICANS

to advance on Cotabato, principal city on Iloilo Bay.

On Luzon island, American troops continued their cleanup of Nipponese positions on the outskirts of Baguio and captured considerable supplies.

The Fifth airforce continued its raids on Formosa April 15 and 16. A navy bomber sank a 10,000 ton tanker off the coast of Poochow, China.

William Henry Harrison, ninth president of the United States was the oldest man ever elected to the office. He served the shortest term, one month, and was the first president to die in office.

WANT ADS

WANTED: USED FURNITURE. Sewing Machines, Clocks, Phone 821-J. 309 West Graham. 2t 19p

WANTED TO BUY: 6 DOZEN Scarlet Sage Plants. Call Mrs. Richbourg at Telephone 753-W. 2t 19p

FOR SALE: ANTIQUE WALNUT wardrobe, breakfast room table and chairs, baby bed, iron bed and springs, two straight chairs, ironing board, small round drop leaf table. 309 West Graham. Phone 821-J. 2t 19p

FOR SALE: 5 BURNER OIL stove with built-in oven. Good condition. Phone 1005 before 6 o'clock. 2t 19p

FOR RENT—SIX-ROOM HOME with electric lights, about nine miles from Shelby, two miles south of Bolling Springs. For information, call at office of J. B. Nolan Co. 2t 19c

FOR SALE: IDEAL FOUR-ROOM house for small family. Practically new, water, lights, screens, garage, shrubbery, fruit trees, garden. Just inside corporate limits on paved roads. Terms. Immediately available. See owner, Lee B. Weathers, or Clyde Nolan. 2t 19p

FOR SALE: 1934 FORD, 1106 South Morgan Street, South Shelby. Phone 857-R. 1tc

FOR SALE: 82 ACRES NEAR Champion's Cotton gin, 9 miles east of Shelby, 1 mile off main road, 2 houses. Price \$4,000. J. B. Nolan Co. 2t 19c

FOR SALE: 6 ROOM HOME, East Graham street, close in. Large lot. Price \$5,500. J. B. Nolan Co. 2t 19c

FOR SALE: 3-ROOM HOME corner lot, South Washington and Elm streets. Price \$2,500. J. B. Nolan Co. 2t 19c

out of pocketbook somewhere uptown. Please return to Star office or to Miss Pauline Turner, 107 Textile St., Shelby, R. C. 2t 19c

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