PRESENT BURMA DRIVE IS SPADEWORK FOR FINAL TOKYO PUSH

AREA IS PREPARED FOR NEW INVASION

Strange Medley Of Fighting In Fearsome Jungles Takes On Very Definite Pattern For Future

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The strange medley of fighting in the fearsome jungles of Burma is taking on a very definite pattern in which we can recognize planned and coordinated spadework for the ultimate amphibious invasion of that country when we hit the final stretch of trail for Tokyo.

It is Southeastern Asia's counterpart of the Allied preparatory work in the Pacific. We have a fine example of the latter in today's news of the trio of attacks on important Japanese bases—the bombardment of the island of Palau, only 550 miles from the Philippines, by an American fleet; MacArthur's first aerial attack on the great enemy base at Truk, and his bombing of Hollandia, an enemy stronghold on New Guinea.

What, thank you, is the lure which draws our leather-faced Lt. General Joseph Stilwell personally into the steaming Burmese hell, when he has important work elsewhere as our commander in chief for China, Burma and India? Or of Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill with his specially-trained jungle fighters from the Pacific? Or Britain's mystery soldier, Maj. Gen. Orde Wingate — jungle specialist extraordinary who led his famous Wingate raiders ir their sensational invasion of Burma a year ago?

Well, these key men aren't in Burma because of any special new threat from the enemy. This assemblage of the chiefs of the jungle fighting clan means that Burma is being prepared for the day when a water-borne invasion will sweep into it from the Bay of Bengal.

These new Allied operations (or at least part of them) had their birth as I understand it, at the Allied conference of Quebec last August. Wingate's amazing and useful adventure with his column of raiders among the Japanese of Burma had attracted Prime Minister Churchill's attention and the jungle-fighter was invited to Quebec.

There it was decided that Wingate should head another expedition—the one now in operation in conjunction with Stilwell's drive and Merrill's specially-trained killers. U. S. Chief of Staff Marshall is said to have promised Wingate American air support (which he is getting) and also sent to India the men now serving as marauders under Merrill. Incidentally, Charles J. Rolo, British author of "Wingate's Raiders," tells me that both Wingate's present expedition and Merrill's men were given a post-graduate course in Central India's fiercest jungle for months in preparation for the present job.

Fierce and bloody fighting is in progress in Northern Burma. It is hottest in the zone surrounding the big Japanese base of Myitkyina, and just over the Indian border in the state of Manipur which the Japanese have invaded.

The Allied offensive is aimed at driving the enemy out of the northern tip of Burma so that land communications with China can be reestablished. That communication was cut when we lost the Burma road. We now want to run a highway across Burma so as to join the Chinese end of the Burma road and the new road which has been built thru India to Ledo on the northwestern border of Burma.

In order to knock the Japanese out of that region we must have the important rail-head of Myitkyina. So Stilwell is pushing southward towards that base with his Chinese troops. Merrill with his jungle fighters i on Stilwell's right. A British expedition is on "Uncle Joe's" left. Wingate with his glider troops . south of the town and is supported by another British column.

One assumes that the Allies are trying to capture Myitkyina before the monsoon deluge comes in a month or so to halt major fighting.

As for the Nipponese "invasion" of India, General Sir Claude Auchinleck, Allied commander-in-chief in India, assures us that the security of India "has never been in danger."

AMMUNITION FOR WESTERN INVASION—Crates of 50-caliber machine-gun cartridges are unloaded from a Liberty ship somewhere in Britain. They will be added to the huge piles of war materials already awaiting the signal for European invasion. (AP Wirephoto).

MARTIAL LAW IS OVERRULED

HONOLULU, April 1—(AP)—Civil authority in the person of Federal Judge Delbert E. Metzger has overridden, temporarily at least, the contention of two top U. S. military commanders in Hawaii that martial law is still necessary in the islands.

He issued a writ of habeas corpus yesterday delivering Lloyd C. Duncan from the city-county jail, where the former civilian Navy yard worker had been held at the behest of the provost (Army) court.

Judge Metzger's decision was based on his previous ruling that the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus had been restored to Hawaii last Oct. 3.

"I cannot conceive how a state of martial law can exist without suspension of the writ of habeas corpus," the court ruled.

Release of Duncan, sentenced to six months by a provost court for assaulting two sentries, was sought on grounds martial law was no longer necessary and that the provost court no longer had legal standing.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, top military men in the islands, opposed the petition for the writ with the argument martial law was necessary because of an ever-present danger of invasion by the Japanese.

31 MILLION INCOME REPORTED BY C. & O.

CLEVELAND, April 1 — (INS) — The Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co. announced today a 1943 net income of $31,358,680, representing $4.04 a share on common stock for the year. In 1943, the net income was $33,153,437, equivalent to $4.25 on each share.

Operating expense rose 21 per cent over the previous year, the report said, while operating revenues were up only 15 per cent.

The company's annual report revealed that in a six-year period from 1938 thru 1943, the net debt in public hands has been reduced $35,174,000 and the annual interest charges reduced by more than two million dollars.

Taxes for the year aggregated $60,577,698, nearly twice the amount of the net income

FORMER DEAN DIES

YOUNGSTOWN, April 1 — (AP)— Mrs. Arthur M. Long, 55, former national president of Alpha Chi sorority and former dean of women at Northwestern university, died here yesterday after a long illness.

Thoughts During Lent

COMFORT AT LAST: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Revelation 7:17. Read Revelation 21:1-5.

The New Testament ends with the vision of a tearless order "coming down from above." It is still a vision unfulfilled but the assurance that our human sorrows are a divine concern is the secret of all comfort. The promise that tears can be greatly stayed is a blessed hope. For their flow has been so endless, more, a wise teacher once said, than the four oceans. Sorrow and loss will always be the portion of life, and the tears of natural and expected loss are not too bitter.

But the tears we cause ourselves — and they are like the four oceans — are different God's ministers of comfort are kindness, sympathy, mutual help and a tenderness which causes no needless tear. The hands of love and goodness are, here and now, the hands of God to wipe away the tears of time. For the end of all tears we can only wait until the sorrowing find their comfort beyond this vale of tears.

PRAYER:

"Of joy that seekest me thru pain,
I can not close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be."

In His Name Whose tears are our healing. Amen.

Home Front Forecasts

By ANN STEVICK

Home-canners are the apples of Washington eyes that must watch food supply and transportation problems. Arrangements have been made to give home-canners as much sugar as possible out of restricted civilian sugar supplies.

Sugar stamp 40 was made valid for five pounds of canning sugar early to catch the southern strawberry crops. It is good till Feb. 28 next year. After March 23 you can apply on OPA Form 323, described as new and simple, for a maximum of 20 pounds of sugar per person for canning. The whole operation can take place by mail. You must send Spare Stamp 37 from Book IV along with each person's application This serves as an identification and avoids having to part with your ration book for the purpose. Spare Stamp 37 will have no other use but this

This adds up to a generous maximum of 25 pounds per person, which could only be used by farm families who can their entire year's supply of fruits, jams and jellies. The amount of sugar budgeted for home-canning takes into account home-canning statistics from a survey made last season. It won't get around if much is diverted to other uses. The whole sugar supply situation later in the year could be upset by a run on canning sugar.

Restrictions have been removed this year on the proportion of sugar to fruit, and pickles and preserves have been added to the types of food-canning for which extra sugar is available.

Odds And Ends

Shoe manufacturers will be allowed to make more platform, or "wedgie" shoes, because this type of shoe is particularly adaptable to a special sewing process which saves leather and labor . . . Look a gift horse in the mouth, says the Department of Agriculture, if the gift comes from your soldier overseas, and is packed in material which can contain dangerous insect pests All such packing material should be burned.

INDICTED MAN APPREHENDED

FOSTORIA, April 1 — (AP) — Jack Wilson, 61, who disappeared the day the frozen body of his wife, Daisy, 57, was found in their Bucyrus home March 23, was apprehended at a nearby farm where he sought shelter, Sheriff George Stemmetz reported last night.

Wilson was indicted by a Crawford co grand jury last Wednesday on a charge of first degree murder in Mrs. Wilson's death.

Raymond Teeters, Mrs. Wilson's son by a former marriage, said he discovered his mother's frozen body when he opened a padlocked parlor door four days after he returned from Colorado. There was a gash in the woman's forehead.

Coroner O. R. Kackler quoted Teeters as saying he had been living in the home under the impression that his mother was visiting in Mansfield

Teeters said that when he discovered the body, he called to Wilson but that the latter walked out of the residence and disappeared.

The grand jury indictment followed.

GEN. WINGATE REPORTED DEAD

LONDON, April 1—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Orde Charles Wingate, the adventurous and spectacular leader of Allied jungle fighters in Burma, was killed recently in a plane crash, it was announced in London today.

A brief announcement from the war office said Wingate was killed in Burma on March 24, and gave no details of how death overtook the 41-year-old British soldier who early last year captured the world's imagination by leading a "ghost army" on a four-months expedition deep inside Japanese lines in Burma.

INJURIES FATAL TO BRICK MASON

Cornel C. Ferguson, 73, a brick mason was killed at 3.10 p m in the north yards of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad where he was picking up coal. Allen-co Coroner Harry Lewis reported that death was due to shock and loss of blood of injuries when apparently struck by a switch engine.

The coroner reported that Ferguson evidently was thrown off balance and his legs pinned under the cars. The accident occurred about three-fourths of a mile north of Robb-av where the victim resided

Ferguson is survived by his widow, Bertha; two sons, Cpl. Ralph L Ferguson of Richmond, Va., Virgil of 333 1-2 N. Main-st; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Bristol of 1430 E. Elm-st, Mrs. Lucille Cox, at home, four grandchildren; three great grandchildren

The body was taken to the Chiles and Son funeral home and will be removed to the residence, 541 E Robb-av, late Saturday to remain until time of services at 2 30 p. m Monday in the Chiles and so Chapel. Rev Ray Purdan will officiate and burial will be in Lafayette cemetery

TRIPLETS JOIN ZARIEF QUADS

NEW YORK, April 1 — (AP) —The Zarief quadruplets, all doing well, had three nursery mates today — triplets born to the 21-year-old wife of an Army corporal now stationed in England

The newcomers to the maternity section of Sloane hospital for women are girls, born to Cpl and Mrs. Herbert Bachant late yesterday. Two weighed over six pounds; the third, four pounds, nine ounces. They also were reported in excellent condition

Mrs. Bachant was delivered in the same room as Mrs. Harry Zarief, 27, mother of the three girls and boy born Wednesday.

TODAY'S LOG

BIRTHS

In St. Rita's hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick George Jr. of 1825 W. High-st, a boy, Friday.

In Memorial hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chambers of 623 Lewis-av, a girl, Friday.

AMBULANCE REMOVALS

Siford and Son—Frances Harris from Memorial hospital to 1104 S. Elizabeth-st; Noble Martin from Memorial hospital to the Metropolitan Apts; Mrs. William Smith and infant daughter, Marcia Ann from St. Rita's hospital to 1083½ E. Elm-st; Mrs. Edward Tomlinson's Talk—Liu Dave Elman's Victory Auction—mbs from Protestant to St. Rita's hospital; Mrs. Robert Sodders from Memorial hospital to 711 W. Greenlawn; Donald Fisher from Memorial hospital to 71 Broadway; Mrs. Robert Hue and infant daughter [illegible] from Memorial hospital to 1[illegible] W. Kohlmeyer.

Hafner-Perry—Corporal [illegible] to Miss [illegible] of 1[illegible] S. Elizabeth-st, Rev. [illegible] officiating. Witnesses were [illegible].

2 INJURED IN MISHAPS

Joseph Conn, 14, of 146 N. Pine-st, and Clyde Harper, 49, of 412 S. Metcalf-st, received emergency treatment Friday at St. Rita's hospital for some bruises suffered in traffic accidents. The boy riding a bicycle and Warner was struck by an automobile driven by Frank Old man on the Bel-Air road. Harper was injured when W. Wagner and [illegible] of Bluffton, a motorist, turned over the cab he was in.

STAR PROMOTED

ALLIED BOMBER BASE IN ENGLAND, April 1 (AP) Maj James M. Stewart, James Stewart of the movies, has been promoted from a captain, commander of operations officer of a Liberator bomber group in Southeastern England today.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Mrs. Ida C. Sellers

Following by eight days the death of her husband, Mrs. Ida C. Sellers, 74, of Wapakoneta Route 6, died at 11.30 p. m. Friday at her home, two miles northwest of Uniopolis.

She was married June 2, 1889 to Elmer Sellers, who died a week ago Thursday at the family residence.

Mrs. Sellers, a native of Putnam-co, came to this vicinity at the age of six. She was one of three children of Mr. and Mrs. William Lusk, of whom only a sister, Mrs. Etta Walton of Lima Route 6, survives.

She was a member of the Victory Chapel United Brethren church, president of its Women's Missionary-assn, and treasurer of the Auglaize conference of the association.

Mr. and Mrs. Sellers were the parents of a son, Orlo, who died in infancy

Final rites will be held at 2 p m Monday in the Victory chapel with Rev. Paul Parker of Zanesville, Ind., and Rev. N. C. Macklin of Spencerville officiating. Burial will be in Fairmount cemetery, northeast of Uniopolis. The body will be removed Saturday afternoon from the Bayliff funeral home, Cridersville, to the residence to remain until time of service.

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Benjamin F. Verbryck

Lima relatives of Benjamin F Verbryck, 74, a frequent visitor here, have been notified of his death Thursday in a military hospital at Fort Bavard, New Mexico. Burial was to be made in National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas

Verbryck was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and the First World War

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Jack Morrison

Jack Morrison, 71, a retired stillman of the Standard Oil Co., was found dead near his home in Avondale at 3 m Friday. He was born in Hardin-co and had been a resident of this vicinity for the past 40 years. He had resided in Avondale for the past two years

He is survived by his widow, Addie; two daughters, Miss Katherine Jean Morrison of 832 W. Wayne-st and Mrs Owen Mechling of 111 W Circular-st; one brother, Robert of Sandusky; three sisters, Mrs. Grace Feiner of Kenton, Mrs Eurith Morrison also of Kenton, Mrs Joseph Zigler of E. Kibby-st.

The body will remain at the Lewis funeral home for services at 2 p. m. Monday. Rev C L Quinn will officiate and burial will be in Shawnee cemetery.

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John Frederick Bradford

WAPAKONETA, April 1—John Frederick Bradford, 58, died Friday afternoon at his residence on S Maple-st. He was a life resident of Wapakoneta having been born here Jan. 9, 1886. He was married June 21, 1915 to Matilda Hause who preceded him in death.

He is survived by one step-son, Homer Hause of here, four brothers, Seborne of Troy, C. B., William, Burllen all of Lima; one sister Mrs. Clarence Mohler of Lima.

The body will remain at the Heinle Bros. and Son funeral home where services will be conducted at 1 p. m. Monday. Rev. George W. Herd will officiate and burial will be in Buckland cemetery.

DAYTON MAN ELECTED

COLUMBUS, April 1 — (AP) —Judge Lester L. Cecil of Dayton is the new president of the Common Pleas Judges-assn of Ohio, succeeding Judge Hector Young of Marion. Judge Carl Weinman of Steubenville and Judge Herman Kreuger of Toledo were named vice presidents. All were elected yesterday at the annual meeting.

BURNETT IS PROMOTED

LONDON, April 1 — (INS — The Admiralty today announced appointment of Vice Adm. Sir Robert Burnett, hero of the Scharnhorst sinking, to commander in chief of the British South Atlantic fleet.

Dorothy Lamour Appears In Radio Show Premiere

Eye-filling Dorothy Lamour, siren songstress of the sarong, will join the triumphant trio of Barry Wood, Patsy Kelly and the Million Dollar Band to make the premiere performance of a new program the most glitteing event in radio history. Presided over by the magic voice of Barry, highlighted by the comedy of Patsy, and with the sparkling music of the Million Dollar Band, Dorothy will find a setting designed to outrival her most lavish Hollywood productions. The new program will be broadcast over WEAF starting Saturday, at 9 p. m., EST.

Circus folk—Paul Jung, principal clown, and Herbert Duval, legal adjuster, both of Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey circus will turn detectives on the Ellery Queen show, Saturday, and will try to solve "The Adventure of the Case Ellery Couldn't Solve," at 6 30 p. m., EST, over WEAF.

James Melton, leading tenor of the Metropolitan Opera and Bea Wain, popular singer of the airwaves, will be the visiting guest artists on the program—The Music America Loves Best, Saturday at 6:30 p. m., EST, over WJZ.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Eastern War Time P M.—Subtract One Hour for CWT., 2 Hrs. for MWT.

(Changes in programs as listed due to corrections by networks made too late to incorporate.)

2 00—Roy Shield and Company—nbc
Of Men & Books Prof Fredericks—cbs
The Metropolitan Opera (2 hrs)—blu
News Commentary Dance Music—mbs
2 30—Grantland Rice and Sports—nbc
Calling Pan-America In Concert—cbs
Half Hour for Dancing Music—mbs
3 00—Chicago Symphony Orches—nbc
Victory FCCP Variety Show—cbs
This Is from Hallelujah Hospital—mbs
3 30—Philadelphia Orcars Hour—cbs
The Army-Navy House Party—mbs
4 00—Rupert Hughes Comment—nbc
Report Comes from Washington—cbs
Tempin Topics from Cleveland—mbs
4 15—People's War, H Fleming—nbc
Report from London Comment—cbs
Lenten Choir Music at Chicago—mbs
4 30—Doctors at War, Drama—nbc
News, Colonel Puts on a Show—cbs
4 45—To Be Announced (15 m)—mbs
5 00—Your America, Conc Talks—nbc
Corliss Archer Dramatic Series—cbs
Tea & Crumpets, Popular Music—blu
Navy Bulletin Board's Salute—mbs
5 30—Cesar Saerchinger's Com't—nbc
"Mother and Dad" Dramatic—cbs
American Eagle Club London—mbs
5 45—Curt Massey & Vagabonds—nbc
The Saturday Song Program—blu
6 00—I Sustain the Army Wings—nbc
Quincy Howe and News Time—cbs
Service Serenade in USO Camp—blu
Prayer, Augustana Coll Choir—mbs
6 15—People's Platform a Forum—cbs
The Storyland Theater Drama—blu
Horse Racing at Hot Springs—mbs
6 40—The NBC String Ensemble—nbc
The Ink Spots Negro Quartet—blu
Hawaii Calls Native Musicale—mbs
6 45—Religion Out of the News—nbc
World News and Commentary—cbs
Leon Henderson and Comment—blu
7 00—The American Story Series—nbc
Lionel Barrymore as the Mayor—cbs
To Be Announced (30 mins)—blu
Nick Carter, Detective Drama—mbs
7 30—Ellery Queen Drama—nbc-basic
Grand Old Opry Program—nbc-south
Bob Hawk & Quiz Show—cbs-basic
Dancing Music Orchestra—other cbs
The Music America Likes Best—blu
Arthur Hale's Comment—mbs-east
7 45—Dancing Music Orchestra—mbs
8 00—'Abie's Irish Rose' Drama—nbc
Groucho Marx & Variety Show—cbs
Early American Dancing Music—blu
Arthur Hale with repeat—other mbs
8 15—Edward Tomlinson's Talk—liu
Dave Elman's Victory Auction—mbs
8 30—Truth or Consequence Quiz—nbc
Inner Sanctum Mystery Drama—cbs
Boston Symphony Orches, Hour—blu
The Cisco Kid Drama of West—mbs
8 45—Five Minutes News Period—cbs
9 00—National Farm Dance Show—nbc
Saturday Hit Parade Orchestra—cbs
Chicago's Theater of the Air—mbs
9 30—Can You Top This, Gags—nbc
Spotlight Bands Guest Orches—blu
9 45—Saturday Night's Serenade—cbs
9 55—Quick Quiz Time 5 mins—blu
10 00—Barry Wood Orch & Songs—nbc
John W Vandercook Comment—blu
Royal Arch Gunnison Comment—mbs
10 15—Army Service Forces Show—blu
Correction Please Quiz Series—cbs
To Be Announced (30 minutes)—mbs
10 30—The Grand Old Opry Show—nbc
10 45—Fifteen Mins Talk Time—cbs
Harry Wismer and Sports Spot—blu
Leo Cherne and Commentary—mbs
11 00—Late Variety With News—nbc
News Variety Dance 2 h—blu & cbs
Melodies; Dance Variety (3 hr)—mbs

WEAKNESS IS SHOWN BY JAPS

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was the smashing of the German armies by Soviet forces, and the growing indications that Germany faces certain defeat.

Tokyo's action also was seen as a clear indication that Japan has no desire to become involved in war with Russia now. The possibility also was seen that the development may be the beginning of a move by the Soviets to recover Russian losses dating back to the Russo-Japanese war.

Japan still holds the southern part of Sakhalin island as a result of the victory over Russia in 1905. It obtained the concessions in Northern Sakhalin following the occupation of all of that island by Japanese forces during the Russian Civil war. Diplomatic observers in Washington were of the opinion that by the time the Pacific war is over, Russia will have regained all of Sakhalin.

THE WEATHER

TEMPERATURES

	Yesterdy Max	Night Min
Akron, cloudy	37	31
Atlanta, clear	57	38
Bismarck, clear	48	20
Buffalo, cloudy	33	28
Chicago, clear	42	28
Cincinnati, rain	50	38
Cleveland, cloudy	36	30
Columbus, rain	42	41
Dayton, cloudy	44	37
Denver, cloudy	55	46
Detroit, cloudy	38	34
Duluth, clear	24	2[illegible]
Fort Worth, clear	72	2[illegible]
Huntington, W Va., rain	50	36
Indianapolis, pt cloudy	48	40
Kansas City, clear	63	44
Los Angeles, pt cloudy	76	52
Louisville, cloudy	52	42
Miami, part cloudy	[illegible]	71
Minneapolis, part cloudy	24	[illegible]
New Orleans, clear	[illegible]	55
New York	46	[illegible]
Oklahoma City, clear	76	50
Pittsburgh, cloudy	36	36
Toledo, part cloudy	38	30
Washington, D. C.	[illegible]	33

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