

BEATING PROBE IN DEATH ASKED

Acting King County Coroner C. L. Harris said last night he has asked Capt. H. J. Lawrence, head of the police homicide detail, to conduct an investigation to determine whether James L. Roblicek, 33-year-old Boeing worker, 1514 16th Ave., died in Harborview County Hospital Monday as the result of violence.

Harris said the investigation will determine whether he will hold an inquest into Roblicek's death. The acting coroner's announcement was made after officers of Aeronautical Mechanics' Union, Local 751, of which Roblicek was a member, said the union also is investigating the case at the request of Mrs. Roblicek.

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"I saw the man was evasive and would not talk," Ensey said, "so I signaled my partner and we handcuffed him behind his back. From the time we left... the patient was fighting continually with his feet and arms and kicking. We had to carry him out to the car. He resisted every step of the way... In 15 years of police experience this was the most violent case I have ever handled."

Roblicek, employed at Boeing since April, 1941, was born in Winona, Minn., in 1912. His body has been taken there by Mrs. Roblicek for burial.

Carol Would Go to France PARIS, June 2.—King Carol of Romania has asked the French government to permit him and his red-haired companion, Magda Lupescu, to live in France permanently, it was reported today. The pair visited here frequently before the war. They now live in Mexico.

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Comdr. Francis Likes to Play With Children, Forget War



LIEUT. COMDR. and MRS. J. A. FRANCIS He was mum on Iwo Jima planning—she spilled the beans

By ROBERT A. BARR It was D-day-minus-3, beginning of the historic battle of Iwo Jima, and dawn was just breaking through the heavy overcast—unseen by 50 officers and men under Seattle's Lieut. Comdr. J. A. Francis in the plotting room deep in the ship which lay well offshore.

Francis knew where every one of the 15 carriers, big and little, and all their planes should be, and for a good reason. For two months he and Lieut. Comdr. Harry Hollins of Boston had been planning and plotting the entire air-support operation, the deployment, the scheduling of planes, their bomb loads, fueling, and the assignment of radio frequencies, all in infinite detail.

The ship that Francis was on didn't look like much of a fighting ship and perhaps she wasn't. But she was the flagship of the force, the heavily protected "nerve center" for the entire support of the landings, and the softening up that was beginning then.

Admiral Blandy in Charge On her bridge was Rear Adm. W. H. P. (Spike) Blandy, boss of the opening operation, the terrific pounding of Iwo by shell and rocket and bomb.

In the room below were 15 officers and some 55 enlisted men, taut, alert, with a big job ahead of them. It was that of logging all orders from Spike Blandy, all communications from attacking aircraft, dispatch of target assignments...

All Action Coordinated His job was that of coordinating all of these, including the naval gunfire so it would not hit low-flying aircraft during the bombing and strafing. The room was like a newspaper office. "Screens," (teletype machines) clattered. Typewriters pounded incessantly, logging every call from every plane in the air.

Yesterday at his home at 2418 N. 41st St., Francis was panting and grinning indulgently as he got up from the floor where he had been wrestling with his son, Pete, 10, and his daughter, Susan, 7, both at once. He was home again and was loving it.

But his easy-going manner, his grin, did not hide the tiredness that showed around his eyes, fatigue from 19 to 20 hours of duty every day, on coffee, lots of coffee, and sandwiches.

He Is Soft-Spoken To talk to Francis, who is soft-spoken and unassuming, one would not guess the parts he played at Iwo and Okinawa. It took his wife to bring that to light. He made no mention of it. His work sounded just like another desk job. "I haven't much to tell," he said. "I was just in the joint-operations room where 'they' coordinate the air-support operations with the rest of the action, target assignment and things like that. We don't do any flying. Can't even see outside."

TELEPHONE GIRLS FOIL DOUGHBOYS

LONDON, June 2.—British telephone operators had to find some way to deal with American doughboys looking for a "date." If their favorite method of finding a girl—phoning a number at random—fails to work, they generally start talking to "central."

When she hears a transatlantic accent proclaiming, "Say, baby, you sure have a nice voice—how about a date?" the operator immediately connects the caller with "Tim," the golden-voiced talking clock, which tells him the time. It frequently takes disappointed G. I.'s several minutes to catch on.

Pershing Not Near Death, Says Doctor WASHINGTON, June 2.—Reports that John J. (Blackjack) Pershing, 84-year-old General of the Armies, was near death were denied tonight by Pershing's personal physician, Maj. Gen. Shelley U. Marietta. Marietta, commander at Walter Reed Hospital where Pershing resides, said he saw the First World War American Expeditionary Force commander tonight after he had finished "a heavy dinner." Marietta said Pershing was in excellent spirits and that his condition was fine, considering his advanced age.

Kaiser Launches Adelphi Victory RICHMOND, Calif., June 2.—The 10,800-ton cargo ship Adelphi Victory slid down the ways at the Kaiser Richmond yards tonight with Comdr. Harold E. Stassen and Mrs. Stassen as sponsors. Mrs. Stassen christened the vessel and Stassen pulled the launching trigger. The ship, named for Adelphi College in Garden City, N. J., was the 177th ship to be launched at the four Kaiser yards here.

Man in Crosswalk Bruised By Auto Struck by an automobile at Third Avenue North and Nickerson Street about 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Orson R. Frait, 62 years old, of 259 Florentia St., suffered severe bruises. He was taken to Harborview County Hospital. The driver of the car, Julius R. Schoeur, 72, of 29 Eluria St., was cited for failure to yield the right way to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

'Fag' Seekers Stand Firm SPRINGFIELD, Mass., June 2.—While firemen battled a blaze in the cellar of a tobacco shop here, not one person budged from the cigarette line on the floor above.

Work of German War Spies Disgusted Nazi Navy Officer By THOMAS H. HENRY North American Newspaper Alliance OSLO, June 2.—A German army of nearly half a million men, still almost fully armed, is scattered over liberated Norway. Once this country's complete masters, these men now are subservient and cooperate with Allied and home resistance forces, although occasionally not one person budged from the offensive as ever, seemingly unaware of defeat.

Navy Office Operates Last night, I entered a big office building, cellar which still was a center of German naval communications, with uniformed officers operating a 150-line telephone switchboard connected with all naval installations in the country. Calls came frequently and during slack intervals the girls exchanged light gossip with operators at Narvik, Bergen and other places. Three floors were busy sending to other ports a teletype news summary picked up from British stations.

The sailors and girls seemingly were well satisfied. The station is commanded by a young German naval officer, who was arrogant at first, but later became subservient. The boasted German navy discipline is at a low ebb. A common sailor, acting as interpreter,

BLITZ-PROPERTY OWNERS MISSING

LONDON, June 2.—The British government cannot find the owners of many blitzed sites in London where it proposes to erect some of the 20,000 temporary houses now being supplied to the homeless. Months of inquiry have failed to trace scores of owners but the need for housing is so desperate that the government is posting 14-day notices of intention to build, and then is proceeding with construction.

Racial Problems Will Be Discussed Prospects of overcoming racial problems in establishing world unity will be discussed at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening by the public affairs committee of the Y. W. C. A. Panel members include Dr. Thomas I. Cook, University of Washington professor; Miss Maxine Gongog, of the Philippine Intercommunity Organization of the Western States; Kenji Okuda, relocated Japanese-American; Dr. Erna Gunther, University of Washington; Dr. Jay Wright, head of the International House; and Charles M. Stokes, attorney. The Rev. William Gold of University Congregational Church will be moderator.

Fiancee of Accused Collaborationist Held PARIS, June 2.—A 25-year-old blonde who was to become the fifth wife of Sacha Guitry, French playwright and actor accused of collaborating with the Nazis, was reintained today at Camp Drancy, outside the French capital. The wife-to-be, Regine Richard, who also is accused of working with the Germans, served as a nurse last autumn in Drancy Hospital where Guitry was interned. He fell in love with her, presented her with an expensive diamond ring and announced his intention of divorcing his fourth wife.

Oregon Distillery Hearing to End PORTLAND, Or., June 2.—Concluding phase of the legislative investigation into state purchase of the liquor stocks of the Waterfill-Frazier and Shawhan Distilleries will be conducted at a hearing here June 18-19. State Senator Paul Patterson, chairman of the investigating committee, announced today.

Wounded Men Grateful "When they see sheets, and think of the prospect of a shower and a shave, they almost fade out. It's almost too much for them. They're so grateful; men with faces gone and both legs shot away. Those kids all have a bright outlook. They don't think about themselves."

Ship Catches Fire "Then we heard a kind of woodpecker noise. That was his bullets as he shot out the lifeboats on one side of the ship. There was a big smash as he hit us, and the whole side of the ship caught fire. Part of the sundae was hit. The men were so mad they threw pieces of his plane over the side."

Lapidity Class Open Enrollment for evening classes in lapidity practice, mineral identification and fluorescent study will open tomorrow at the Washington State Chamber of Mines, 320 Madison St.

Army Nurse Can't Forget Wounded Men She Helped

Rose fragrance and soft music filled the lazy Saturday afternoon atmosphere in the living room, but Lieut. Ruth D. Lewis could not hear the nostalgic tunes of "Blue Heaven" and paid scant attention to the flowers. Behind the luminous brown eyes of the Army Nurse Corps officer lay memories of the thousands of battle-battered Americans who came aboard the hospital ship Comfort during early fighting on Okinawa.

Beneath her polka-dot bandana, disciplining her newly-washed hair, there was the recollection of sudden, unbelieving shock aboard the Comfort when a tricky Kamikaze pilot slammed his suicide plane right into the center of the huge red cross on the starboard side of the vessel, like a bull's-eye hit. Thousands Comforted

Thousands of wounded men have felt the skillful and ship tender ministrations of Ruth Lewis' lean brown hands, made leaner by the strain of work. Yet one of them epitomized all the rest, for her, and Lieutenant Lewis still could see clearly the almost faceless head of this warrior before her as she sat in her Seattle home, deaf to the music, blind to the roses.

"He was just a boy, maybe 20 years old," said the nurse, softly. "The whole side of his face was shot away, except from the ear to where his nose had been. He was at Saipan and Iwo Jima. "He was just coming out of his foxhole at the beginning of an attack on Okinawa. A rifle bullet hit him full in the face at close range. He tried to help the other men in the foxhole. They were all dead. Then he fainted, from shock and the loss of blood."

Knows No Ease As she talked, Ruth Lewis clucked nervously at a crocheted cover on the table before her. She wore uniform slacks. Her khaki shirt was open at the throat, and her feet were shod in embroidered slippers. She was dressed for comfort, and yet she seemed to know no ease. Ruth Lewis made a sad little smile.

"We thought he'd never live, but he did. He seemed more concerned about the other men in his foxhole than about himself. He didn't think about his face at all. Working with the energy and toughness of a man, Ruth Lewis was and is beset by the worries of a woman. "I don't see how anybody can say the war's over," she fretted. "It isn't over when you're on deck, wondering if you can do anything for the men coming aboard. You can only wait and see. Some look worse than they are, covered with blood and mud. They're covered with fleas and the other parasites of land."

Incredibly still flavors the conversation of Lieutenant Lewis when she tells of the Japanese plane explosion, April 28, which wiped out all three surgery rooms aboard the hospital ship, killing and injuring crew members and patients, doctors and nurses. "He came in over the fantail and we thought he was one of our own planes, just identifying us. All our lights were on," said Miss Lewis. "Then he blinked his lights for a 'All Clear' signal. We'd been alerted, but then we put away our steel helmets and life-jackets. "Then we heard a kind of woodpecker noise. That was his bullets as he shot out the lifeboats on one side of the ship. There was a big smash as he hit us, and the whole side of the ship caught fire. Part of the sundae was hit. The men were so mad they threw pieces of his plane over the side."

MERRY-GO-ROUND BACK IN BRITAIN



LIEUT. RUTH D. LEWIS She remembers men in pain

LONDON, June 2.—Residents of Axbridge felt that England was coming back into her own again when a merry-go-round, swings and booths appeared in the market square and the Lady Day Fair was revived for the first time since the war.

The fair is held under a charter granted by Queen Elizabeth, who also gave her people the right to set up their own "Pie Powder Court," at which pickpockets, quacks and beggars would be tried on the spot and put in the stocks. Fairs stayed open an additional hour.

Presbyterians Ask \$2,000,000 for Work MONMOUTH, Ill., June 2.—The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church today called on its members for a \$2,125,000 subscription fund for a two-year "world-wide Christian advance."

The assembly allocated \$1,000,000 of the proposed sum to be divided between the home and foreign mission boards and \$500,000 to be spread among five colleges under supervision of the church. The assembly voted in favor of continuing negotiations for uniting with other Presbyterian denominations and instructed its committee on church relations to confer with representatives of other Presbyterian churches.

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Jet-Propulsion Engine Exceeds 780-Mi. Speed —Engineers Hint SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., June 2.—The most powerful aircraft engine in the world—a super jet-propulsion engine—was unveiled here today. The powerful engine is used to drive the Army Air Forces Lockheed P-50. It was developed by General Electric engineers and is being produced at West Lynn for the Army Air Forces. The super jet engine drives the P-50 Shooting Star faster than any other plane ever was flown. It develops a speed which engineers can beat faster than the 780-mile-an-hour speed of sound. Force from the engine is so terrific that steel fences must be placed in front of the jet during tests to prevent brick walls in the testing laboratory from being blasted to bits. The engine generates virtually no vibration—minimum a factor which causes much pilot fatigue. It has only one moving part—an impeller and turbine connected by shaft. Frequently the air condensed by the impeller is 50 degrees below zero, while that pouring through the turbine buckets is blazing hot—1,200 degrees Fahrenheit or more. The super jet engine when at full speed has a deafening sound which can be heard for miles. It is built to be easily mounted so that it can be installed in a matter of minutes. Any type of fuel, including kerosene, can be used to power the super jet engine.

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