



Steinbeck Watches a Dog Wait For 'His' Bomber to Come Home

Disconsolate, the Mascot Whines and Whimpers While the Plane Is Off Battling Death; Then, as It Returns Safely, He Rushes to Meet It

(By John Steinbeck)

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BOMBER STATION IN ENGLAND, July 3.—The field is deserted after the ships have left. The ground crew goes into barracks to get some sleep, because they have been working most of the night. The flag hangs limply over the administration building. In the hangars repair crews are working over ships that have been injured. Bomb Boogie is brought in to be given another overhaul and Bomb Boogie's crew goes disgustedly back to bed.

The crews own a number of small dogs. These dogs, most of which are of uncertain or, at least, of ambiguous breed, belong to no one man. The ship usually owns each one and the crew is very proud of him. Now these dogs wonder disconsolately about the field. The life has gone out of the bomber station. The morning passes slowly. The squadron was due over the target at 9:52. It was due home at 12:43. As 9:52 comes and passes you have the ships in your mind. Now the field has come up at them. Perhaps now a swarm of fighters has hurried itself at them. The thing happens in your mind. Now, if everything has gone well and there have been no accidents, the bomb bays are open and the ships are running over the target. Now they have turned and are making the run for home, keeping the formation tight, climbing, climbing to avoid the flak. It is 10 o'clock, they should be started back—10:20, they should be seeing the ocean by now.

DUTCH QUEEN IN OTTAWA
OTTAWA, July 2.—(CP)—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands has returned from a visit to President Roosevelt and has resumed her stay at the suburban Rockcliffe home of her daughter, Princess Juliana. This week she visited Guelph and Kitchener, Ont., returning to Ottawa yesterday.

story of the death of a Fortress and it comes back to mind. It was a beautiful day, they said, a picture day with big clouds and a very blue sky. The kind of day you see in advertisements for air travel back at home. The formation was firing toward St. Nazaire and the air was very clear. They could see the little towns on the ground, they said. Then the flak came up, they said, and some Messerschmitts parked off out of range and began to pot at them with their cannon. They didn't know where the Fortress was ahead of them. Probably in the controls, because they did not see her break up at all.

They all agree that what happened seemed to happen very slowly. The Fortress slowly nosed up and up until she tried to climb vertically and of course she couldn't do that. Then she slipped in slow motion, backing like a falling leaf, and then her nose edged over and she started, nose down, for the ground. The blue sky and the white clouds made a picture of it. The crew could see the tail gunner trying to get out and then he did, and his parachute fluffed open. And the ball turret gunner—they could see him flopping about. The bombardier and navigator blossomed out of the nose and the waist gunners followed them. Mary Ruth's crew was yelling: "Get out, you pilots." The ship was far down when the ball turret gunner cleared. They thought the skipper and the co-pilot were lost. They stayed with the ship too long and then—the ship was so far down that they could hardly see it. It must have been almost to the ground when two little puffs of white, first one and then the second shot out of her. And then the crew yelled with relief. And then the ship hit the ground and exploded. Only the tail gunner and ball turret man had seen the end. They explained it over the intercom. The ground men sweat it out. Besides the No. 1 hangar there is a little mound of earth covered with short, heavy grass. At 12:15 the ground men begin to congregate on it and sweat out the home-coming rumor comes with the crew chief that they have reported, but it is a rumor. A small dog, which might be a gray scottie if his ears didn't hang down and his tail bend the wrong way, comes to sit on the little mound. He stretches out and lets his whiskery muzzle on his outstretched paw. He does not close his eyes and his ears twitch. All the ground crews are there now, waiting for their ships. It is the longest set of minutes imaginable. Suddenly the little dog raises his head. His body begins to tremble all over. The crew chief has a pair of field glasses. He looks down at the dog and then aims his glasses to the south. "Can't see anything yet," he says. The little dog continues to shudder and a high whine comes from him. And here they come. You can just see the dots far to the south. The formation is good, but one ship flies alone and ahead. "Can you see her number? Who is she?" The lead ship drops altitude and comes in straight from the field. From her side two little rockets break, a red one and a white one. The ambulance, they call it, the most wagon, starts down the runway. There is a hurt man on that ship.

De Valera Is Supported

DUBLIN, July 2.—(CP Cable)—Prime Minister De Valera told the Dail today that his party would not deviate from the path it would have pursued if it had polled an overall majority in last month's general elections. If the combined opposition parties wished to oust the government party they could do so, he added.

By a 67 to 51 vote the Dail then approved the government team nominated by the Prime Minister. It includes himself in the dual role of Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Other changes made in the cabinet when Sean Moylan was appointed to the new post of Minister of Lands. Other members of the new cabinet, all re-elected, are: Sean P. O'Kelly, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; Sean F. LeMass, Minister for Supplies, Industry and Commerce; Sean MacEoin, Minister for Local Government and Public Health; James Ryan, Minister for Agriculture.

CONVICT STAGES BATTLE
WINNIPEG, July 2.—(CP)—A lone convict staged a short-lived battle within the walls of Stony Mountain Penitentiary. It was learned here today. Using a heavy mop handle for a weapon, he attacked a guard, and before he could be subdued several guards were injured. The cause of the attack was not known, nor was the convict's name disclosed by prison authorities. It was learned, however, that he was due for discharge within a few days when he would have been drafted into the army.

Desert Destiny

By Joseph Chalwick

CHAPTER IV

The man with the limp followed the landlady up the gloomy rooming house stairs and along the second-floor hall. He eased his weight off the game leg as he waited for the door at the end of the hall to be unlocked. He was a tall, lean man with a good-looking but rather grim face and a pair of gray eyes. His clothes and the traveling bag he carried were obviously expensive, although hard worn, and it was perhaps that fact which made the landlady eye him with suspicion.

Opening the door of a musty, poorly-furnished bedroom, the landlady said: "It's one of my nicest rooms. It used to bring me three-fifty a week, but I'll let you have it for straight three."

"It will do," said the man, not looking about at all. "I'll take it for a week."

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Tracy was already mounting the stairs. Twice she knocked on the door to Phil Garrison's room. After a moment's wait, she called "Mr. Garrison." She tried the door-knob pushed the door wide, and stepped into the darkening room. Tracy felt a sharp disappointment. There was no one there. She paused a moment, debating whether to wait or return later. And then she sensed a presence. She turned, saw the door slowly closing—and saw the man who had knocked. There was a gun in his hand.

(To Be Continued)

Gives Reasons For Cancelling Tug Contract

OTTAWA, July 2.—(CP)—Munitions Minister Howe told the House of Commons today that a contract for the building of tug boats at the Ferguson Bros. plant in Pictou, N.S., was cancelled because it was desired to employ the facilities—which had been enlarged at Government expense—for the repair of naval and merchant ships.

Lacombe Threatens Gazette With Action

OTTAWA, July 2.—(CP)—Lacombé, Lacombe (Cdn. Laval-Twi) quort Lacombe said today in the House of Commons that unless the Montreal Gazette has "withdrew" an editorial about him by next Wednesday at three o'clock in the afternoon he will ask the Speaker of the House of Commons to have the Gazette reporter "cited to the bar of this House."

Blockbuster Valley



With the regularity of streamlined railroads, Allied bombers are pulverizing key industrial centers in Hitler's Ruhr on a schedule and on a scale that has forced Germany to admit damage is colossal. Numbered symbols on map show number of bombs, and symbols indicate specific industrial plants which have been damaged.

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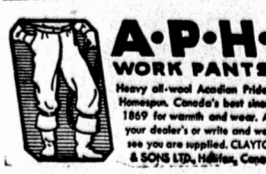
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