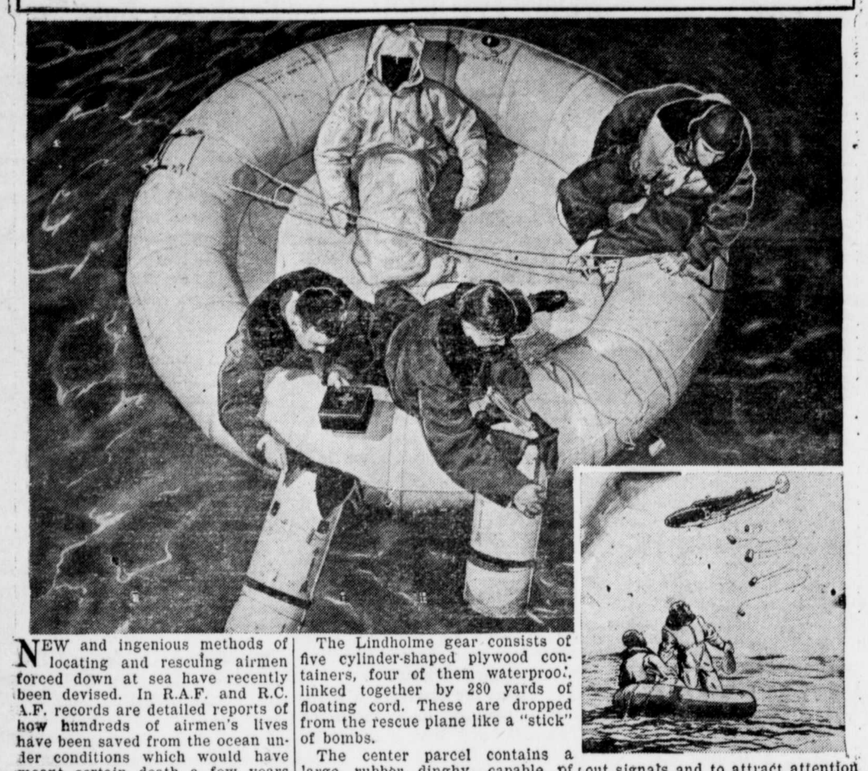
IMPORTANT NEWS

On The HOME-FRONT

Canadian Air Men Cheat Davey Jones



NEW and ingenious methods of locating and rescuing airmen forced down at sea have recently been devised. In R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. records are detailed reports of how hundreds of airmen's lives have been saved from the ocean under conditions which would have meant certain death a few years back.

All this has been achieved despite the many-sided problem presented when land planes are forced to attempt landings on water.

Bomber crews are taught how to brace themselves for the impact of a forced landing on water; how to inflate their dinghy and climb into it with minimum loss of time; and how to release pigeons telling their location and the time of the crash.

New types of dinghies have been designed and new kinds of food containers developed. Chief among these is the Lindholme sea rescue gear, recently adopted by the R.C.A.F.

The Lindholme gear consists of five cylinder-shaped plywood containers, four of them waterproof, linked together by 280 yards of floating cord. These are dropped from the rescue plane like a "stick" of bombs.

The center parcel contains a large rubber dinghy, capable of holding 7 or 8 men, which inflates automatically on contact with the water. The other four containers are sealed to keep out water and hold food, clothing, comforts, and warning signals.

For warmth there are four waterproof sleeping suits and eight "everhot" chemical bags. Shaken up with sea water and placed inside the sleeping suits, these bags dry out sodden clothing and generate heat for 96 hours. To send out signals and to attract attention are four red smoke generators.

Also included are cigarettes, matches, a pack of waterproof playing cards to while away time until a ship arrives, a baling cup and sponge, and a practical first aid outfit.

Being adrift on a raging sea under these circumstances isn't still comfortable as being at home in carpet slippers with a pipe and the evening paper but, once they have received the Lindholme rescue gear, torpedo victims and "ditched" airmen have protection against exposure and an almost 100 per cent chance of being located soon by surface craft.

Pinned down on the plains and against the hills of northeastern Tunisia, the last remnants of the Axis Armies in North Africa collapsed with stunning suddenness on May 12. The coup de grace was delivered after the ragged Afrika Korps and Italian satellite troops were split into two segments with the larger isolated on Cap Bon and the smaller surrounded in the Zaghouan area farther west.

Surrender of both groups followed the execution of a brilliant maneuver by the British Eighth and First Armies. Gen. Sir Harold Alexander sent three divisions of the Eighth Army from the South Tunisian front to the sector west of Tunis where they joined the British First Army. The combined forces swept swiftly across the base of Cap Bon from Hamman Lif south to Hammanet, cutting the Axis forces in two. Patrols made a complete circuit of the peninsula and troops of the Sixth Armored Division pressing down from the north, effected a junction with the Eighth Army north of Enfidaville.

At the same time, French troops before Zaghouan and Ste. Marie du Zit kept up their attacks and on May 12 enemy resistance in this area collapsed. General Von Arnim, commander in chief of the Axis forces in North Africa, was captured at Ste. Marie du Zit along with 22,000 of his troops in the area. Von Arnim was captured without a fight but refused to sign terms of unconditional surrender.

No Dunkerque Possible

Early in the week it became apparent that it would be impossible for Von Arnim to stage a Dunkerque. For three days before the surrender, large forces of heavy and medium bombers, escorted by fighter planes, swept across Cap Bon and the surrounding waters to hammer Marsala and Catania in Sicily and Pantellera Island, to prevent the bringing up of either reinforcements or evacuation transports. Nearly 200 bombers, accompanied by more than 100 fighters, smashed at Marsala, starting fires visible from the African coast. Other air attacks on Sicily were carried out earlier in the week by 400 American planes.

The blockade of the Axis armies was completed by naval forces off Cap Bon. Intense naval activity prevailed off the coast all week, supplemented by air attacks on enemy transports off Cap Bon. One detachment of light naval vessels sank three small craft in the Gulf of Tunis and among their prisoners took a German general officer who was seeking to escape.

In all, 150,000 Axis troops were captured in Tunisia. Masses of equipment also fell into Allied hands. On May 12, a communique issued at Allied headquarters reported that 1,000 guns, 250 tanks and many thousands of motor vehicles had been rounded up by Allied troops.

Clashed In New Guinea

From General MacArthur's headquarters there came word that while bad weather restricted air activity in the New Guinea theater of action, three patrol clashes had taken place on the jungle trails between Salamaua and Mubo. An Allied detachment—part of the forces working to extend gains up the New Guinea northeast coast—battled its way out of an attempted Japanese encirclement 12 miles east of Salamaua and resumed contact with its main force. Other fights occurred near Komiatum, where a Japanese patrol was ambushed, and near an Allied-held village five miles from Salamaua.

Early in the week American dive bombers and torpedo planes scored hits on Japanese antiaircraft positions in the Munda area. American planes also bombed Japanese positions on the southeast coast of Kolombangara Island in the central Solomons. On the morning of May 11, a group of Army Flying Fortresses bombed Japanese installations at Kahili on Bougainville and at Shortland Island. Later an attack was made on Rekata Bay on Santa Isabel Island. These are all strategic Japanese-held positions, an existing threat to all Allied forces in the Southwest Pacific.

During the week the Navy reported that an American submarine had torpedoed 10 Japanese vessels in six attacks. In the course of accumlating its bag the submarine missed one ship at which it fired. Later, however, it got two ships with one salvo.

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Peek-a-Boo Wrong Game To Play With This Cop

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.—Policeman J. E. Chandler probably has convinced Joseph Mills, defense attorney for a man arrested for being drunk, that he knows when a man is really that way.

"What made you think my client was drinking?" the attorney demanded.

"Well," replied the officer, tall and husky. "He wobbled up to me, blew his breath in my face and asked with a wink if I wanted to play hide-and-seek."

SOCIAL NEWS OF INTEREST AT STILL POND

In the absence of our pastor, Rev. H. B. Flater, we held one session of the Church services Sunday morning.

Mr. Elmer Atwell has accepted a position in Baltimore.

Miss Edna Wroth entertained as dinner guests Sunday her cousin Mrs. Hossinger and Miss Bessie Hepburn.

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hepburn of New York have been visiting at their farm "Sheppard's Delight", with Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Meeks. Mrs. Hepburn, while here suffered a fall and is being treated at the Local hospital in Chestertown.

Mrs. Wm. Dannaburg and son, Billy returned to their home in Oklahoma after spending sometime with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bonwill, near here.

Mrs. Copper of near Cecilton was a guest Thursday with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Copper.

Mrs. F. B. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geary spent Friday in Wilmington in attendance at the Methodist Conference.

Mrs. Elsworth Harrison and son, of Laurel, Md., have been spending sometime at the home of her mother, Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Atwell.

Miss Lucille Parr of Baltimore was the guest of Miss Anna Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Moore of New Castle, Del., spent Sunday with their parents, Hr. and Mrs. Wallace Ford. Allan returned home with them after spending sometime here.

Mrs. Edward Hepburn returned to her home here Monday after spending the winter months in South Carolina with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Clough.

The winner of the blanket from the county-wide Club for this week is Mrs. Carter Rash of Worton.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold their regular business meeting, Tuesday, May 25 in the Church School room.

We were pleased to see Jack Luke of the U. S. A. now stationed in Mass. home on a visit, Sunday. Jack visited his father and other friends here.

Mrs. John Boulden gave the second Chapter of the book, "Will A Man Rob God," at the Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting on Sunday evening. Devotions, Alice Mann, Anne Jamar and Pauline Starkey.

The Still Pond Homemakers Club held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Warner Geary, Friday afternoon, with the President Mrs. L. P. Atwell, presiding. Discussion was on canned and processed foods and also on insect destroying devices.

Mr. C. E. Bedwell was on our sick list last week.

Roger Fellows, another one of our boys left this week for the induction center in Baltimore.

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Coffee, Tea Consumed

Sixty-five billion cups of coffee are consumed annually in the United States. That doesn't surprise you. But have you realized that 20,000,000,000 cups of tea are also consumed annually in this country. Tea drinking has increased 13 per cent in 10 years. It is said you make from 150 to 200 cups of strong tea from a pound of tea costing 50 cents.

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Masks for Surgeons

Masks for surgeons, as well as for workers in dusty atmospheres, are made of paper with a vegetable fiber that is insoluble in live steam, boiling water, or common solvents. When soiled, they can be washed or discarded.

Money To Lend—

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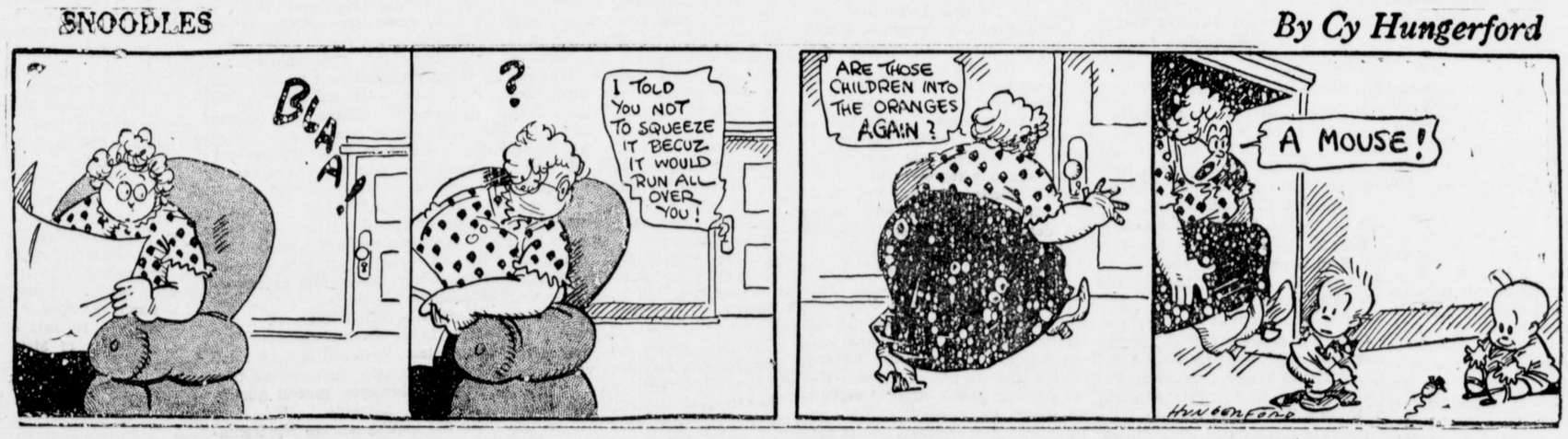
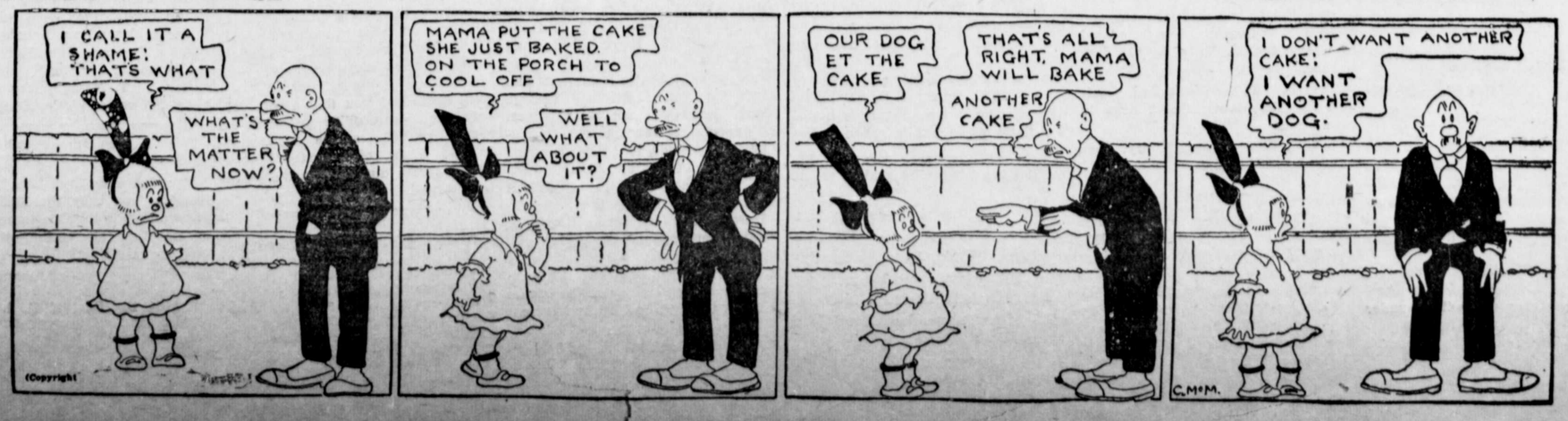


"MICKY" AND HIS GANG — By Sam Iger

DOROTHY DARNIT — By Charles McManus



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