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"IT WAS THIS WAY..."

IN SHORT

GEN. Joseph Stillwell has been reported ordered to duty as commanding general of the 10th Army, now on Okinawa. He takes over from Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, Marine Corps general who took over after Lt. Gen. Buckner's death earlier this week.

THE OKINAWA campaign is officially over, Gen. MacArthur announced late last night.

CHINESE troops are now reported to be within three miles of Liuchow.

CLEARING away the last major obstacle to the United Nations charter, the Soviet Union agreed Wednesday to a compromise for debating authority of a 50-nation world assembly.

THE QUEEN MARY, making her first voyage from Europe since V-E Day, yesterday brought 14,000 wildly-cheering service men and women into New York harbor.

LEADERS of the all-Congress party, headed by Chandi, yesterday began a conference in Bombay, India.

"I could have shit a brick," said Capt. Allard. "I looked down and there were 14 of them."

He was back on Ie now but still full of the sight and sound of this morning's mission when six 1st Squadron planes flying CAP in and around the Amami group, about 120 miles to the north, came upon a flight of Oscars, knocking down seven and one probable - one ea. Oscar for the five lieutenants and two for the captain. It was first blood for the 413th.

"I wasn't sure at first," Allard continued. "Suppose they were our planes?"

Lt. Danielson spoke. "We'd been circling the Amami group for about two hours and it was now 0800 and we were going through a pass at about 1,000 feet, rounding a lighthouse and heading home...when there they were."

"They were flying in a 'diamond box' formation at about 500 feet, coming toward and under us," Lt. Haggerty said.

// They Were Oscars, All Right. //

"I wasn't sure," the captain went on, "and so we started down - turning, diving and staying in paths of twos. Then I could see they were Oscars. I got on the tail of one and scored hits on the right wing. I didn't see it go down but Murphy..."

Lt. Murphy nodded. "He went into the sea."

"When I got my second plane into position," continued Capt. Allard, "and started firing, I could see chunks of stuff flying off the Jap plane. Then it began smoking and glided toward the water. It seemed to burst apart all at once and the explosion blinded me for a couple of seconds. After that, I had a dog fight with one at about 5,000 feet, but he got away."

Lt. Murphy was on the captain's wing and he heard him say, over the intercom, "Look at the fuckin' meatballs!" Then, after he'd verified Allard's first kill, Murphy climbed up behind his own, fired at long range and closed for another burst. Before he could fire again, the Oscar peeled off and blew to pieces,

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by the 413th Fighter Group

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hitting the water. "I think I killed the pilot on the first burst," he said.

// They Nail Two Stragglers. //

"We will never lag behind in formation," Its. Danielson and Haggerty solemnly agreed. "Because," Its. Danielson explained, "we nailed two stragglers right off the bat. Mine turned to the left and immediately reversed to the right. I kept on him. My first burst started biting big chunks off of him, he began smoking and hit the water."

Directly in front, another ship was climbing for the weather, trying to get lost. It. Haggerty knocked the rudder off, he thinks. Any way, he knocked something off because the Jap rolled over at 500 feet and went down to meet the ocean.

Its. Redd and Shaw split credit on another Oscar. Redd chewed pieces off of it and then, said Shaw, the plane went into the "sharpest kind-of-Immelman I have ever seen. I followed him up and had to drop my stick to avoid going into him. Right after that, he slid into the water."

"The funny thing," Haggerty said, and they all concurred, "was that there was very little evasive action."

// "Piss-Poor Pilots." //

"If that is any example," said Danielson, "then they are piss-poor pilots."

"With that weather up there," Haggerty said, "I think they might have gotten away if they'd tried or known how. Oh, sure, they're maneuverable as hell but give me a 47. You couldn't get me into any other plane."

They all said one other thing. The 47's were in 1,000 % excellent condition and the guns were bore-sighted perfectly. That was it, they felt; the reason they performed like charms. "Our crews and armorers are the best in the

The Soviet prosecutor has asked for prison terms, rather than shooting, for the 16 Polish underground leaders on trial in Moscow for allegedly operating illegal radios behind Red Army lines in Poland.

The prosecutor accused the 16 mainly of trying to create a Poland unfriendly to the Soviet Union.

BIRDIES

Gen. Eisenhower disclosed Tuesday, during his visit to New York City, that he had once been a professional baseball player, having played in the Kansas State League under the name of Wilson. A crowd of 25,000 welcomed him at an "Eisenhower Day Game" between the Giants and Braves, at the Polo Grounds...King Leopold of Belgium, declaring Tuesday that there was no question of his abdication, said he had decided to return to his homeland and has reassumed his full constitutional privileges...Residents of Ie Shima, U.S.A., have listened to 104 "Flash Red" alerts in the past month. Twenty of the alerts were active bomb runs by enemy planes. Jap plane losses credited to Ie units or to ship fire from the harbor include 102 destroyed by the 318th, 40 by the Marine group and 36 by AA fire...Brig. Gen. Curtis LeMay said yesterday that thousand-plane Superfort raids over Tokyo would take place soon...Marcel Deat, Minister of Labor and Internal Solidarity under the Vichy government, was condemned to death by hanging, on Tuesday, by the French Court of Justice...Detroit and Brooklyn head the major leagues with Hank Greenberg, former major, batting them out for the Tigers again...The broad Cagayan River, a natural barrier, has delayed the Yank advance up the Cagayan Valley, in Luzon...Hoop Jr., Kentucky Derby winner, is out of tomorrow's Belmont Stakes with a pulled tendon...Gen. DeGaulle has cancelled plans to visit the United States.

business, they said, referring to the 413th as a whole.

The enemy planes were carrying bombs, they noticed, and they felt they might have been started toward Ie. They were going about 200 miles an hour when the th in began and went up to about 280.

"None of our pilots was unduly excited, It. Col. Worley said afterwards. "They were running around in their cockpits but nobody jumped out."

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