

'Luck of the Irish' Saves Cleveland Pilot After Crashing in Shark-Infested Pacific

The "luck of the Irish" flies with Lieutenant Wallace F. McGreevy, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. McGreevy, 2115 West Boulevard.

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In a graphic letter to his mother he described his tryst with death in shark-clogged Pacific waters.

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Rose 13 Per Cent by May

Food costs, the department's re-

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of procedure at the Diesel Navy School at the General Motors plant
sailors, who will staff lend-lease American convoy ships on Atlantic

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and, with my heavy shoes, my head was under water most of the time.

"I felt myself getting sick a couple of times, but I knew it would be the end if I did, so I held out. I tried to head in for shore, but my hands were so cut I couldn't use them to swim. I was drifting out to sea away from the rest, so I quit calling.

"I finally got the rest of my 'Mae West' inflated, so I hung onto the neck of my vest and kept kicking my feet. When I would be on top of the swells I could see a lot of lights on shore and I knew there was some activity on the beach.

"Then I realized what was probably going on. The crash had made everybody gather on the beach to see what they could. (It was pitch black, 1:30 a. m.). I knew everybody figured we were dead pigeons and

probably wouldn't send a boat out.

"That's when I heard the sharks. I remembered one of the men telling me how that end of the island was alive with sharks and barracuda.

"I began to feel hysterical, so I decided not to think about it. About then Van Dyke let out a horrible scream. I couldn't see him, but he sounded about 50 or 60 feet away. I could hear Jackson trying to quiet him down.

"I was very shark-conscious at the time and figured Van had been struck. Actually he had just lapsed into a shock. He screamed bloody murder for a solid hour without a let-up. It was enough to curdle your blood."

Then, with rescue almost out of sight, McGreevy sighted a PT boat, but they did not see the struggling air men. The boat headed into shore, but McGreevy wrote, "I couldn't let that boat go past again.

Signals Are Detected

"I grabbed my mirror from my Mae West and made an attempt at reflecting the light from shore to the boat. Finally, they saw it and came over to where I was. The sides of the boat were too high and I couldn't climb up a rope with my hands; so Bob Besse, a Cleveland boy from W. 119th Street, put out in a rubber boat and pulled me into it.

"We picked up Van Dyke and Jackson, but couldn't find the rest. It took us about an hour to get in as they had to pick their way through the reefs and shoals in the pitch blackness. Bob Besse lives near us and it sure was swell to have somebody from home with me at a time like that."

After a short stay in the base hospital, McGreevy recovered and soon starts back to active duty.

Wins Medal in Raid

Holder of the Air Medal, he received his decoration for participation in the long over-water bombing raid against Wake Island last December 24. He was also awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of another Air Medal.

A graduate of West High School, he worked for the National Carbon Co. before enlisting 14 months ago. Two brothers, Lieutenant William McGreevy and Corporal John W. McGreevy, also are in the Air Forces. Wallace is the baby of the family and William was just commissioned.

Lewis to Face WLB Aug. 3 to Defend Pact

WASHINGTON (AP)—The dove of peace fluttered over a strange new course today—between the offices of John L. Lewis and the War Labor Board.

To get a contract he likes for his half million coal miners, the United Mine Workers chieftain at last was ready to talk with the board he long had scorned.

And the board was ready, too. In one of the most sensational form reversals of his stormy career, Lewis officially recognized the board late yesterday and offered to come before it in defense of a contract signed three days ago between the U. M. W.'s District 12 and the Illinois Coal Operators Association.

The board promptly accepted and notified him to attend a public hearing starting August 3. During the mine labor dispute which led to government operation of the pits, several previous board requests for Lewis' appearance went unheeded.

Unionist Explains Action

The only official explanation of Lewis' action came from a N. M. U. official who said that in the past the board had no statutory standing, but that it received legal status through enactment of the Smith-Connally Labor Disputes Act.

The move was seen by most labor observers as a sign of Lewis' determination to fight for board approval





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RACE TO HEM IN AXIS AT CATANIA

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BY DANIEL DE LUKE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA LEAD—American forces have captured the western Sicilian port of Marsala, Allied headquarters announced today, and many of Lieutenant General George S. Patton Jr.'s Seventh Army units were believed swinging eastward to join British troops in a knockout blow at Axis defenders clinging to the island's northeast corner near Catania.
'A rapidly-diminishing portion of the island is all that remains to the Axis,' said the Allied headquarters communique, concluding that the Americans were mopping up enemy resistance in western Sicily and had captured 'large numbers of prisoners and huge quantities of enemy equipment.'
'Dispatches said American and Canadian troops were striking east from Enna, in central Sicily, toward the Catania zone, where they could either hammer the German right flank or drive on to Messina and cut off the only Axis escape route left open.
Messina, 59 miles north of Catania, lies across a two-mile strait from the Italian mainland.
'South of Catania, the Germans still were fiercely resisting the British Eighth Army, although Allied warships drawn up along the coast posed a distinctive naval bombardment into the enemy's shore positions.
'It was disclosed officially that the Allies have taken a total of 66,000 prisoners, while the American force reported as rounded up at least 8,000 more. The American Seventh Army accounted for 40,000 of the enemy troops already in Allied hands. These were said to average about 2 per cent German.
'The Germans were trying strenuously to reinforce their divisions in southern Sicily, but the Americans cut the north coast road 'well back' at Agrigento, Palermo, Messina, Caltanissetta from the west to Messina headquarters said.
Cavaliers Face Ahead
The First Cavalian Division, under Major General Guy Simonds, also reported making progress against the tank troops of the First German Armored Division.
All announced the Sicily was being held by captured paratroopers and enemy air power is negligible.
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Rise 1 1/2 Per Cent by May
Food prices, the department report showed, rose 1 1/2 per cent by May above September 15, 1942, the date to which the QDS-60 of 1942 Administration has attempted to fix price levels.

Donald Squires, Cleveland Police chief, an attraction over a girl several days ago.
Squires, who obtained names and addresses of the gang members from three youths captured immediately after the raid, said he expects a wide series of arrests payable within 30 to 60 days as the result of the roundup.
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He told the story of the invasion of Westview:
'Three auto loads of these hoodlums, according to the village Thursday night bombing firecrackers and generally shooting up the town. They entered the Super Tavern and Blue Bar.
'After the raid, Jack and that

Coach Gives 'Em the Ball And They Go Across Line
WAVE THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY IN BUILT UP
—An American tank commander yesterday sent this

Acetone and Crocote in the Gulf of Taranto by daylight, following up a night attack on the Italian base at Salerno, south of Naples, and an attack at Trapani Di Mare.
Raid Leverages Field
American Fifth Panzer Division, Leverage's airfield, also on the mainland, moving many direct hits and destroying a number of grounded aircraft. The communication intercepted by enemy fighters, the four-engine Panzeres shot down 11 of them.
Other Allied planes hammered road and rail communications in the dwindling enemy-held portion of Sicily and American fighters destroyed by enemy barges off the north coast.
A Corps communication and British tank units, transferred from Messina, have been carried out a large scale attack on the enemy base and installations on the German