

gun firing a 240-pound shell.

by their necks from a Nazi scaffold. These pictures were included in March of Time's "One Day of War."

News From the Air Force

Nose Torn Off by Flak, but B17R returns From Raid

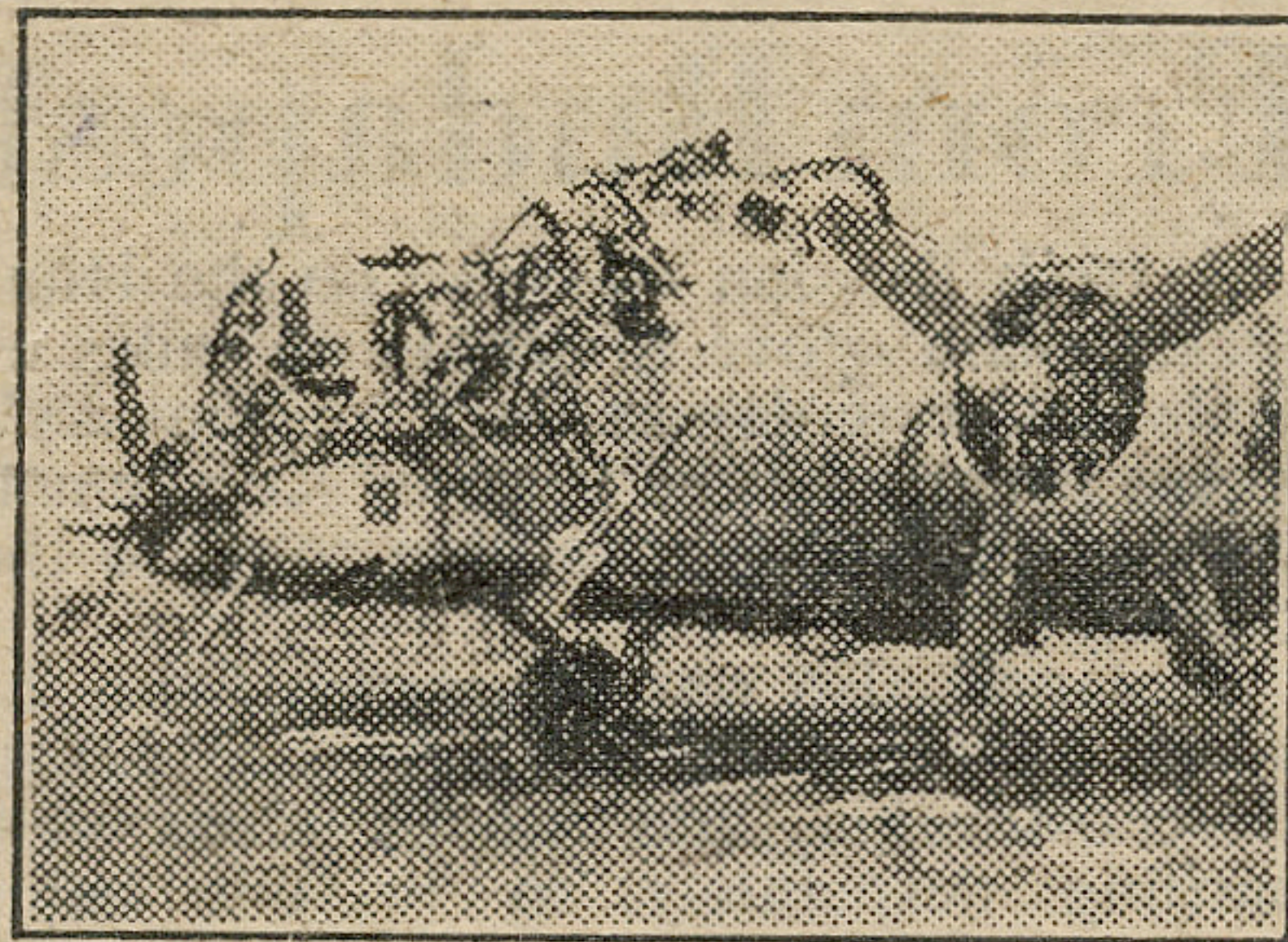
A DIRECT flak hit over Cologne, Germany, instantly killed a member of the crew and literally tore off the nose of the Fortress he was in.

"Just after we dropped our bombs and started to turn away from the target," 1/Lt. Lawrence M. deLancey, pilot from Corvallis, Ore., related, "a flak burst hit squarely in the nose and blew practically the entire nose section to threads, obstructing my vision and that of my copilot (1/Lt. Phillip H. Stahlman, of Shippenville, Pa.). What little there was left in front of me looked like a scrap heap."

The altimeter and magnetic compass were about the only instruments still functioning. The oxygen system was knocked out and there was no hydraulic pressure left in the brakes. Without instruments and maps, 2/Lt. Raymond J. LeDoux, navigator from Mt. Angel, Ore., managed to navigate the bomber back home, where the pilot set the Fort down without further mishap.

Other members of the crew were:

T/Sgts. Benjamin H. Ruckel, of Roscoe, Calif., engineer and top-turret gunner; Wendell A. Reed, of Shelby, Mich., radio operator, and Russell A. Lachman, of Rockport, Mass., waist gunner;



S/Sgts. Albert Albro, of Antioch, Calif., ball-turret gunner, and Herbert D. Guild, of the Bronx, N.Y., tail gunner.

T/Sgt. Donald R. Ball, radio operator from North East, Pa., was credited by British medical officers with saving the life of S/Sgt. Grant D. I. Small Jr., waist gunner from Tarrytown, N.Y., when he suffered a flak wound that almost severed his leg over Germany.

"I gave him some sulfa drugs and two morphine injections," Ball related. "Then I applied a tourniquet to stop the heavy loss of blood, loosening it every few minutes, and covered him with a heated blanket so he couldn't see his wound."

To obtain immediate medical aid, the Fortress landed at a RAF station sighted just inside the coast, where the medics said Ball's first-aid efforts undoubtedly saved Small from bleeding to death. His leg was amputated below the knee.

AFTER bailing out of their burning Fortress Swing Shift Baby, 2/Lts. Wade S. Beyeler, of Bradford, Pa., navigator, and Emil Rukavina, of Gary, Ind., bombardier, and T/Sgt. Seymour A. Porter, of Hinton, Okla., top turret gunner, landed within a few feet of each other about 1½ miles from the German lines in Luxembourg.

American infantrymen told the airmen they had landed "smack in the middle of things," gave them carbines and told them to come along.

No enemy patrols were encountered, however, and when the fliers got to front-line headquarters they found 2/Lt. Joseph A. Amrhein Jr., of Richmond, Va., copilot; T/Sgt. Inadre D. Denov, of Chicago, radio operator-gunner, and S/Sgt. Alfred E. McGowan, of Wilmington, Del., ball turret gunner.

Removing corroded spark plugs stuck tight to their cylinders used to take ten hours. Now it takes five minutes. Credit goes to M/Sgt. Fred Covert, of Corsicana, Tex., hangar chief at an Air Service Command depot in England. Covert's method is to concentrate the blast of carbon dioxide from a fire extinguisher onto a small surface, collecting the dry ice crystals in a cardboard box and freezing the plugs until they contract. Another mechanical speedup

developed at this same depot is an electrical test panel board which has advanced the speed of auto-pilot repair 500 per cent. T/Sgt. Ernest G. Robinson, of Canton, Ohio, designed and built it.

FIVE members of a troop-carrier service wing recently received the Soldier's Medal from Col. Franklin S. Henley, wing commander, for rescuing crew men trapped in a burning Liberator.

They were:

Lt. David F. Linsay, Tucson, Ariz.; W/O John K. Rogers, Cleveland; T/Sgt. William F. Grabert, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Cpl. Norman C. Seith, Garfield Heights, Ohio, and Cpl. Clayton R. Jones, Toledo, Ohio.

Nine maintenance men of the 458th Bombardment Group, a Liberator outfit, have been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement.

They are:

M/Sgts. George T. Schott, of Parkersburg, W. Va.; John A. Lee, of Jerseyville, Ill.; Robert E. Thomas, of Nelson, Mo.; Kirby F. Hayward, of McNabb, Ill.; George W. Hoffman, of Fresno, Cal., and Max A. Widebrook, of Coffeyville, Kan.; T/Sgts. Thomas W. McCoy, of Kaylong, W. Va., and Hugh W. Cooper, of West Point, Miss., and Pfc Warren L. Burman, of Worcester, Mass.

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