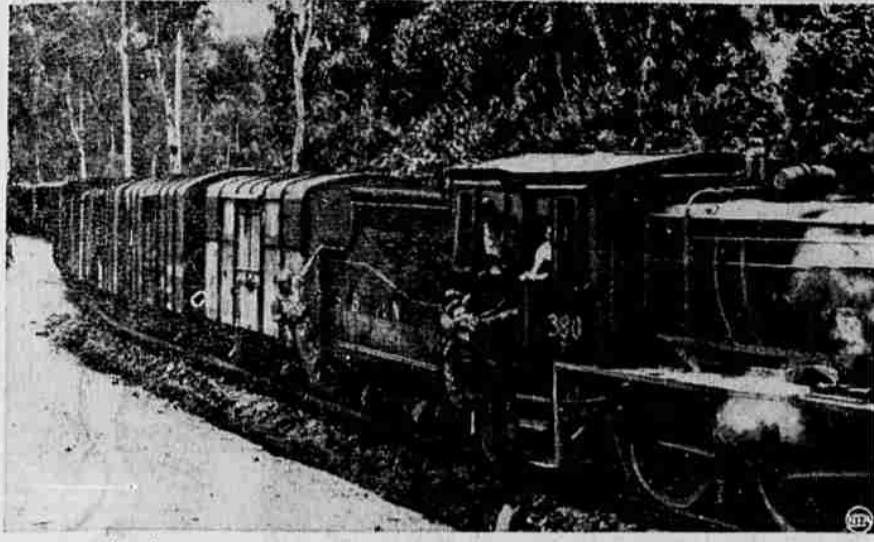


# Yanks Operate Jungle Trains To Deliver Supplies to China



American railroaders of the army service forces operate a "MacArthur" locomotive at a jungle siding of the Bengal and Assam railway, somewhere in India. This metre gauge line runs into Assam near the Burma border, carrying vital war shipments.

By HARRY GRAYSON  
NEA Staff Correspondent  
CHABUA, UPPER ASSAM VALLEY, India—You've read of courageous pilots battling the Hump of the Himalayas, towering, treacherous mountains jutting out from Tibet. You know about American trucks roaring over the Stilwell road.

But totally unpublicized have been the railroad men who made it possible for America to get the goods to China. India has the fourth largest railway system in the world. Only the United States, Canada and Russia have greater trackage than India's more than 41,000 miles. Unfortunately, however, India's railway system was not designed for the requirements of military operations in China and Burma.

India's railroads have three gauges—broad, metre and narrow. The broad gauge lines, best suited for the handling of large tonnages, run from the ports of Calcutta, Bombay and Karachi to form a chain stretching toward India's northwest frontier. China and Burma lie beyond India's northeast frontier. In that direction, up to the upper Assam valley, where the allies had to concentrate their efforts, ran only the Bengal and Assam railway.

This single-track, metre-gauge line had to bear the brunt of almost all the military traffic making its way toward the front.

Designed for nothing more than carrying the peacetime needs of the planters of Assam, one of the world's leading tea-growing and jute-producing centers, the Bengal and Assam railway could not meet the wartime loads of vital supplies which had to pour over its right-of-way when the allied armies began to push into Burma and the air transport command began to lift tonnage over the Hump.

The equipment could not handle the large quantity of supplies. Native personnel simply couldn't railroad at required capacity.

It took as long to get the stuff from Calcutta to the upper Assam—750 miles—as it did to ship it from the port of Los Angeles at Wilmington, Calif., and around Australia, a distance of 15,000 miles. Something had to be done. Again the old world was to see a miracle of American methods.

**Recruit Railroaders**  
Railway operating battalions were recruited in the United States. Every member was an experienced railroad man. American lend-lease "MacArthur" locomotives and rolling stock were shipped to augment the limited equipment. American troops commanded by Brig. Gen. Paul Yount took over the operation of the Bengal and Assam railway, on March 1, 1944.

Again the British asked: "What is it? What have the Americans got?" For in the first month of American operation, the tonnage carried over the B. and A. increased by more than 40 per cent. The tonnage for March of this year showed a 158 per cent increase over that for February, 1944, the last month of civilian operation.

American methods increased the efficiency of trans-shipment, cut down the turn-around time of freight wagons, as freight cars are known over here. They eliminated the bottle-neck at Amingaon where the cars are put on barges and ferried across the Brahmaputra. Three months after taking over they had increased the daily average car capacity of the ferry by 88 per cent and by the end of their first year had swelled it by 204 per cent.

**Mixed Tongues**  
Assam has a population of 10,000,000 in a 55,000 square mile area. It is a tough, jungle country where the malaria mosquito forces you to sleep protected by a net. It is mountainous and hotter than a furnace. It is flooded by monsoon rains which reach from 200 to 280 inches a year and this is the monsoon season.

About 4,500,000 Hindus, 3,500,000 Moslems and 2,500,000 assorted tribesmen inhabit the province. Slightly less than half speak Bengali, about 25 per cent Assamese, the rest Hindi, Uriya, Nepali and other tongues classified as Tibeto-Burman. Thus in the language department you are mixed up to a greater extent than you are elsewhere in India, where it is bad enough.

In this strange and little-known country American railroad men wrote another brilliant chapter in the history of this war. From out-of-the-way Ledo and Chabua American trucks carry the sinews of war over the Stilwell road and American planes lift them over the Hump to China.

It's the back way to China—the hard way—but until the allies have a port, opening the door to satisfactory means of transportation in that war-weary country, it is the only way.

## Presbyterians See One-third Increase In Church Giving

PORTLAND, July 19 (UP)—The Presbyterian synod of Oregon, now convening in an annual session at Portland's First Presbyterian church, was told today an increase of nearly one-third in total church giving has taken place in the past year.

Rev. W. L. Killian, state clerk, said a total of \$48,765 had been given in denominational benevolences.

Communicant members of the church have gone up to 23,398, a gain of 1,010 during the past year. In a financial statement approved by the synod, total value of Presbyterian property in the state was given as \$3,334,809 with Portland's Lewis and Clark college figured at \$300,000.

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# Oscar Poarch Can Make Anything Out of Wood

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**Harder To Get**  
Wood is just coming into its own, Poarch says, and therefore it is becoming harder to get beautiful wood. Three rooms in the state capitol building at Salem are finished in blue-stain pine, and more will follow.

Poarch makes many of his products, such as candlestick holders and salt-and-pepper shakers, from burl. He now has a burl, four inches thick and four feet in diameter, from the largest myrtlewood tree ever grown.

**Hurries Process**  
He shapes the wood on his lathe, and then puts on three coats of clear varnish, polishing by hand after every varnishing. The polishing, he says, is the most delicate operation of the entire process, for if the grinding is too heavy, the shape is ruined, and if it is too light, it isn't effective.

The wood must be well dried to make good products, but Poarch sometimes hurries the process by turning to within one-eighth of an inch of where he will finish, covering the outside with a coating of paraffin, boring a hole through the center and setting it aside for two or three months. It then dries from the inside, while the paraffin prevents cracking.

His inlaid articles are made by gluing strips or bands of wood together, forming any desired pattern.

**Other Hobbies**  
Poarch became interested in woodworking when, as a sawyer, he noticed the natural beauty of the wood as he cut it into planks and boards. He started his hobby approximately four years ago, building it up into a fair-sized business. The Poarches do no advertising, depending upon word of the mouth praise-abouting to bring them customers, a procedure which evidently has results.

Poarch was born in North Carolina, but lived most of his life around Spokane, Wash., until coming to Oregon 30 years ago. His other hobbies include archery, and fishing and hunting (with what he claims is the best bird dog in the country).

He and Mrs. Poarch, married in 1912 in Pottlatch, Ia., have one son, Donald, also living in La Grande.

**HAY FEVER SEASONS**  
Hay fever is caused by three general pollen seasons. The first, in early spring, from trees; the second, in late spring, from grasses; and the last, in late summer, from weeds.

A swarm of bees held up a British flight mission when they settled inside a bombing plane.

# Petain, 89, To Stand Trial Soon On Many Charges

**Only Defense is Said Secret Deal With Britain**

By HERBERT KING  
PARIS, July 19 (UP)—Two of France's most colorful old men will match wits against each other July 23 when Marshal Henri Philippe Petain goes on trial to fight for his life, charged with treason.

On the defensive which he preferred in war, will be 89-year-old Petain, Marshal of France, hero of Verdun. For the prosecution will be 72-year-old Gen. Andre Mornet, whose bull voice and biting intellect have carried him through half a century of legal victories including the conviction and execution of Mata Hari, famed woman spy of world war I.

**Many Charges**  
Petain must refute testimony and attacks from at least 45 state witnesses including three former French prime ministers, Paul Reynaud, Edouard Daladier, and Leon Blum.

Probably no man in legal history, and certainly no chief of state, ever faced such a diversity of charges. He is accused of having broken France's pledged word to Great Britain by signing a separate peace with Germany. He is accused of having collaborated politically and industrially with the Nazis.

And, quite apart from legally framed acts such as capitulation, he is accused of a whole range of "psychological crimes" such as tolerating anti-British and anti-American propaganda in the so-called "free zone" of France.

**Has Defense**  
He is accused of making speeches favoring Frenchmen going to work in Germany, and of supporting Vichy's militia which worked in close contact with Germany's Gestapo.

Petain is accused of preventing the French fleet from joining the allied fleets after the fall of France, and even of having offered French troops to Germany.

Petain's defense appears to be based principally on the purpose of secret alliance with Great Britain, and his lawyers will make every effort to prove the existence of such an agreement.



**BAPTISM BEFORE INVASION**—Within striking distance of Japan, prior to Iheya Jima invasion, a coast guard manned LST drops her ramp in East China sea waters for baptism service for Coast Guardsman Semon Benglian of Philadelphia, Pa. Officializing is Marine Cpl. Robert L. Swafford, Nashville, Tenn., ordained minister of Church of Christ. Life-line may be seen tied to Benglian's waist.

# Senate Refuses to Postpone Vote

WASHINGTON, July 19 (UP)—The senate today defeated, 52 to 31, a proposal by Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., that it put off decision on the Bretton Woods monetary agreements until Nov. 15.

Senate democratic leader Alben W. Barkley, Ky., told the senate before it voted that "nothing could do more to embarrass President Truman, in his current bid for three terms, than a senate decision to delay ratification of the world money agreements.

Two democrats — Sens. Pat McCarran of Nevada and Burton K. Wheeler of Montana — and progressive Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin voted with 28 republicans, including Taft, for the postponement.

Eight republicans voted with 44 democrats in opposing the Taft motion. The republicans were Sens. George D. Aiken, Vt., Warren R. Austin, Vt., Homer Ferguson, Mich., Wayne Morse, Ore., Leverett Saltonstall, Mass., Alexander Smith, N. J., Charles O. Tobey, N. H., and Arthur H. Vandenberg, Mich.

**ORDER PLANT SEIZURE**  
WASHINGTON, July 19 (UP)—President Truman today ordered Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes to seize and operate the Intadene plant at Houston, Tex., operated by Sinclair Rubber, Inc.

# 'Keep Powder Dry' Story About WAC At Liberty Theater

Make a bee-line for the Liberty theater, movie fans, for one of the really stirring entertainments of the year. It's called "Keep Your Powder Dry" and its stars are Lana Turner, Laraine Day and Susan Peters, three of Hollywood's loveliest and most talented young ladies.

"Keep Your Powder Dry" is the story of three girls from different walks of life who, through different motivations, enlist in the women's army corps.

As many as 50 percent of the children on Guam were dying when the Americans delivered the island from the Japanese. One of the first problems of officers of the marine corps civil affairs section was to provide food. It was soon discovered that even on a normal diet most of these children would have died so supplementary meals were served. "Guam—salvaged island" is a document showing the natives on the long trail back. This latest RKO "This Is America" film produced by Frederic Ullman, jr., is now playing at the Liberty theater.

# Fruit Growers Ask Colleges Open Late

MEDFORD, July 19 (UP)—Postponement of the opening of Oregon's colleges from Sept. 17 to Oct. 7 was urged today by the Jackson County Fruit Growers league in a move to keep fruit moving in the Medford area processing plants.

Backed by the Rogue River Traffic association, the league told the state board of higher education more than 300 skilled workers and many less skilled would be lost through the early college opening.

League president Alfred Carpenter said chambers of commerce in Portland, Eugene, Salem, Hoodriver, The Dalles and Pendleton had supported the request.

# Oregonian Run Over By His Own Auto

KLAMATH FALLS, July 19 (UP)—It's not every day you get run over by your own car. F. E. Leaphart was in a Klamath Falls hospital today after his own car ran over him, inflicting a broken leg.

Leaphart said he had removed a rock from in front of his car where it was parked on a steep street. The car started up and ran over him.

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<b>Marshmallow Whip, pint . . . .</b>	<b>35c</b>
<b>PIERCE'S TOMATO JUICE, large size . . . .</b>	<b>25c</b>
<b>PRUNE JUICE, Fine for Breakfast, Qt. . . .</b>	<b>29c</b>
<b>MRS. GRAHAM'S HONEY, Half Gallon . . . .</b>	<b>\$1.19</b>
<b>SKIPPY PEANUT BUTTER, Jar . . . .</b>	<b>37c</b>
<b>SHREDDED WHEAT, 2 pkgs. for . . . .</b>	<b>25c</b>
<b>RAYMAL PUMPKIN, 2 cans for . . . .</b>	<b>27c</b>
<b>FRENCH AND CHUTNEY SALAD DRESSING</b>	
<b>LIMBERGER CHEESE, 2-lb. Brick, pound . . . .</b>	<b>50c</b>

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<b>Weiners Pound . . . .</b>	<b>33c</b>
<b>Round Steak, lb. . . .</b>	<b>43c</b>
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- 1 Do all reading, studying, sewing, or game-playing close to a good light source, preferably a modern reading lamp.
- 2 Avoid glare from bare bulbs. Don't sit facing the light. Glare strains eyes.
- 3 Avoid shadows. Make sure you have good light directly on your book or work. Shadows strain eyes.
- 4 Have eyes examined regularly. If eyes are defective, vision can be greatly helped with proper glasses.

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