

Spars to Get Alaska Jobs Under Plan

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—A survey of coast guard units in Alaska convinced three high-ranking officers of the SPARS, coast guard women's reserve, that assignment of SPARS to the territory will be welcome.

"There are many jobs in Alaska for which SPARS are well qualified," asserted Cmdr. Helen E. Schlemmer, assistant director of the SPARS. "Both officers and enlisted men are eager to see SPARS take over jobs. Many of these men are anxious to be sent into more active combat duty. Others have been stationed in Alaska for long periods and desire transfer to the states."

Tentative plans call for stationing about 300 enlisted SPARS and 30 officers at district headquarters in Ketchikan. Assignment of SPARS to other towns, including Sitka and Juneau, also is under consideration.

Commander Schlemmer said the civilian organizations of the Alaska communities are ready to welcome the SPARS into various community activities.

"The USO, chambers of commerce, Rotary clubs and mayors of various towns expressed great interest in the possible assignment of SPARS to their communities," she added.

With Commander Schlemmer on the inspection tour were Lt. Cmdr. Teresa M. Crowley, newly appointed SPAR personnel officer in the Alaska district, and Lt. L. Dorothy Bevis, SPAR personnel officer at Seattle.

U.S. Ready With Poison Gas But Won't Take First Step; Protective Measures Found

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WASHINGTON—Why haven't we used poison gas against the Japanese? There are several reasons, although there are no treaty restrictions against its use in that war theatre.

Theoretically, the use of noxious or blistering fumes would seem to be an ideal tactical weapon to drive the enemy out of the concrete-and-steel fortifications encountered on island outposts.

This would seem to be especially true since we have developed methods of spraying gases from airplanes with a minimum of exposure to our own fighters.

But there are these considerations: President Roosevelt has thrice said we would employ gas only as a retaliatory measure of the enemy himself started using it. Our whole philosophy on the matter is that gas warfare is "inhumane" and that we, as a civilized nation, would not take the first step.

The president has been clear that Axis use of gas against "any one" of the United Nations would be regarded as use against us.

Since he last made such a pronouncement, the Chinese have used gas against them in certain instances, but whether the evidence is conclusive enough to warrant any action on our part remains to be seen.

While there have been no official statements on the subject, the general view in diplomatic circles is that we would take retaliatory action only if there was major use of gas on a large front, such as when the Germans first used it against the Canadians at Ypres during the last war.

With regard to the Chinese, But military officials will make

there is also this factor: Some observers feel that if we should take action against the Japanese for a reported use of gas in isolated instances against the Chinese, the Japanese might make it still worse for the Chinese in the large areas of China they now control.

Another possible reason we have not employed gas is that protective measures against these weapons have been highly developed since the last war. We have perfected clothing, salves, detecting devices as well as improved masks, and presumably the Japanese have also so that use of gas might not be so physically effective as one would think.

Now that we have taken most of the small island outposts in the Pacific without using gas, it is unlikely that we will use it, because it would be far more effective in small areas than in large ones, because of wind conditions and other factors.

no statements on the possibilities of using gas—possibly to keep the enemy guessing. Gas probably is more powerful psychologically than physically.

If we wanted to use gas, we'd be breaking no treaty if we did it. Whereas Germany signed the Geneva protocol prohibiting the use of toxic gases in time of war, the United States and Japan did not.

Maj. Gen. William N. Porter, chief of the Army's Chemical Warfare Service, has said:

"The Senate of the United States after full consideration of the facts, refused to tie the hands in war of the greatest scientific and industrial nation of the world."

And there's no question of supply.

Take it from General Porter that— "If the enemy starts using gases, we have plenty to give back—and they'll probably get more than they give out!"



MATZOS FOR 'V' SERVICE — Lieut. (jg) Jacob Polish, Navy chaplain, and SK2/C Olyvia Walters examine V-shaped matzos, baked in Jersey City plant of Max Manischewitz (right), for special panover service for naval personnel in New York City area.

Here's a New Way to Put on The Feed Bag

CLEVELAND — Percalene chicken feed bags because of shortages in white cloth bags prompts requests similar to this one from dealers:

"I want a 100-pound bag of scratch feed, provided you can give me a bag of the same pattern I got here last week."

The practice started about a month ago, explains C. A. Henriksen, local feed dealer.

"The gist of it is," says Henriksen, "that one bag makes an apron and two bags make a dress. The material is of better quality than women have been able to buy lately. They're going for the new feed bags in a big way since manufacturers were forced to resort to use of gaily-colored dress goods as feed sacks."

Brothers Meet Everywhere

SIoux CITY, Ia.—(P)—Although one was here and one was in Salt Lake City, the brothers George and Albert DesJarlais joined the navy the same day.

Meeting as they were about to be shipped out, they bid each other a fond farewell—only to be assigned to the same ship.

After being separated for months, they ran into each other on a street in Perth, Australia.

After 30 months of sea duty, the ships of both put into port for repairs. Starting from opposite coasts, they arrived home within three days of each other—neither knowing the other was on furlough.

Soldiers Take Cash, Sweet Nothings Go

FORT WORTH, Tex.—(P)—One thing soldiers don't leave in clothing turned back to the quartermaster is money. But, says Pfc. Ted C. Schrader, who classifies

2000 items of clothing a week, that's the only thing he never finds. Even in this day and age of shortages, cigarettes and candy bars are left in shirt pockets. Schrader also has found knives, socks, souvenirs and assorted jewelry. The girls at home won't like it, he says, but the chief item left is letters.

JOY, N. C.—(P)—There's no joy in worry, and joy is worried. The postoffice department ordered

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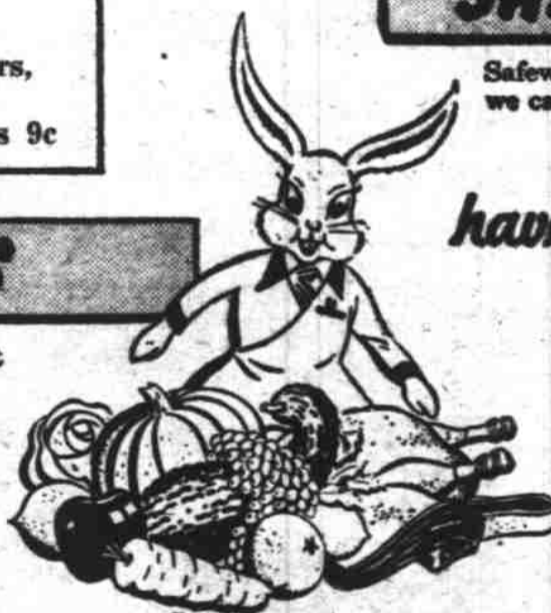
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