

400 Meat Dealers Will Be Prosecuted

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27 — (AP)—The office of price administration tonight announced it expects to prosecute 400 Pacific coast meat dealers for violations of price ceilings.

Guy R. Kinsley, assistant Pacific coast OPA director in charge of meat, said the prosecutions would be started soon, during testimony at a special legislative investigation of the meat shortage.

The announcement was made after state OPA director Francis Carroll charged that troop transports destined for Pacific battle zones have been delayed for as much as five days at a time because they could not get meat for soldiers.

Testifying before a special state legislative committee investigating the meat shortage, Carroll said army and navy food procurement officials often found it impossible to obtain enough meat to stock vessels on short notice.

He blamed the shortage partly on the failure of slaughterers to kill their full quota of cattle, a failure he blamed on lack of teeth in OPA directives. He said the agency could only direct distribution of carcasses.

150 Enlisted Reserves At OSC Called to Duty

CORVALLIS, Feb. 27 — (AP)—The army today ordered 150 enlisted reserve corps students of Oregon State college to report for duty March 25.

No navy or marines reserves and no engineering or premedical students were affected by this first call.

About 1200 OSC students are in some form of armed service reserve. Those called may apply for reassignment to college for special training after their basic training at camp.

GERMANS SOUGHT

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 27 — (AP)—Thousands of Germans in Chile are being asked to return to the Reich against their will, Jorge Garretón, director of general investigations for the government, charged today. Garretón said the former German ambassador had asked for the repatriation of about 3,000 Germans.

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Heroes Of Aerial Warfare In Pacific Return Home

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27 — (AP)—Eleven young navy flyers who sank a sizeable chunk of the imperial Japanese fleet and out-punched the Nipponese in the bloodiest war arenas of the Pacific for 12 months have returned home.

They are survivors of two famous carrier outfits—the "ghost" fighting squadron No. 17, and torpedo squadron No. 17. They are short on dignity, but long on medals (total 13, plus five recommendations) and experience in blasting Japanese.

They are short on luggage, too, because most of their personal belongings are lying in the hulls of the carriers U. S. S. Yorktown and Hornet, under a mile or so of cobalt blue sea.

They are veterans of Midway, Santa Cruz Island, Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Savo Island and Rekata Bay. In the cockpits of their destruction-dealing torpedo planes and fighters, they helped write the new book on how to liquidate the Japanese navy and air force.

The official navy record says these pilots shot down 24 planes, sank a seaplane tender and two cruisers, strafed five landing barges, four transports, two destroyers, various planes and numerous enemy positions on Guadalcanal.

A liberal estimate of their probable and possible would multiply the official totals by three or four.

The fliers:

Lt. W. W. (Henry) Ford, 27, Charleston, Ark., distinguished flying cross and special recommendation; Lt. J. F. (Jock) Sutherland, 28, San Francisco, two DFC's and an air medal; Lt. (JG) Barney Freeman, 24, Moline, Ill., DFC, air medal and commendation; Lt. (JG) A. E. (Stretch) Dietrich, 23, Detroit, air medal and commendation; Lt. (JG) R. Z. (Zack) Hughes, 24, Los Angeles, two DFC's and a commendation; Lt. (JG) R. S. (Moose) Merritt, 22, Arcadia, Cal., commendation; Lt. (JG) Albert Fairbanks, 22, Stockton, Cal., air medal; Lt. (JG) "Hump" Tallman, 23, Fairhaven, Mass., navy cross; Lt. (JG) J. M. Armitage, 23, San Francisco, Silver star and air medal; Lt. (G) F. A. (Gus) Elam, 24, Falls City, Neb., silver star; and Lt. (JG) Van Morris, 23, Melrose, Mass.

They were returning from 365 days and nights of grinding, nerve-tearing, jerk, pangle and shock that should have left them jumpy and quivering, but didn't. Death has whistled, crashed and roared past their ears so many times that the California world of comparative peace seems unbelievable. They have been sunk and rescued, bombed, torpedoed, ducked and strafed.

They have lived in semi-jungles, lost all their belongings from once to several times, slept on the survivor-crowded decks of destroyers, cruisers and transports.

Lt. Tallman got his navy cross for trying to sink the whole Nip task force at Santa Cruz island Oct. 26. He bombed a cruiser and destroyer, each twice, all on one flight.

Lt. Van Morris has abandoned ship and transferred as a survivor in mid-ocean so often that a Jacob's ladder is as familiar to him as a gangplank.

All of the group have called at

least three carriers home and several have been on four during the past year of war. Ford and Sutherland — he of the black beard — have had tours on almost every first line carrier of the fleet.

Lts. Ford and Sutherland were at Midway and most of the major battles fought in the Solomons. They have had about three years of sea duty. Most of the others went to sea on March 2, 1942, as members of fighter squadron No. 17, when they joined Sutherland and Ford on the Hornet.

Lt. Van Morris is the only member of the group who didn't win a medal. Fate and the regular duty rotation kept him in ready rooms at Midway and Santa Cruz. In both battles he amused himself by calling the Japanese shots that eventually cost the carriers.

Eventually he was able to distinguish infallibly the awful lift from a "pickle," the unforgettable shudder of a thousand pound bomb and the graduated, sickening crashes of the various smaller bombs.

Two carriers were blasted from under Lt. Morris, and he has lived for varying periods on five other fighting ships during the past year — not to mention a mosquito-infested "refugee camp" and the tents or makeshift barracks of several half finished bomber and fighter strips at advanced naval bases in the Solomons area.

These young men in navy khaki, returning home, played "flinch" to while away spare time. Flinch is a game in which one man or a team threatens another. If batted an eye—the offender was the menace pilot flinched—even entitled to strike him with his fist.

It wasn't strange that hardly ever did one of the players flinch. A near-miss from a flying flat couldn't achieve what stuttering Zeros and half-ton bombs had failed to do.

Stimson Endorses Manpower Control Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 — (AP)—Reporting "increasing evidence of the inadequacy of present controls," Secretary of War Stimson wrote the senate military committee today strongly endorsing a bill providing for the compulsory control of manpower.

In a letter to Chairman Reynolds (D-NC), Stimson said the war department "strongly endorses" a bill introduced by Senator Austin (R-NY) and Rep. Wadsworth (R-NY) and "urges its prompt passage by congress."

This was the first intimation from administration sources of war measure, which would provide primarily for voluntary transfer of workers to essential war jobs but would provide for compulsion if voluntary controls fail to bring about the desired results.

Stimson reports "present or imminent" shortages of labor in agriculture, mining and industry.

"There is increasing evidence of the inadequacy of present controls to achieve a full utilization of our manpower, and to solve the labor shortage problem," Stimson wrote Reynolds.

Allies Pushing—

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Thelaple airdrome where the nazis applied the torch. The Americans advanced within seven miles of Feriana, too.

Aloft the allies used their growing air superiority to strike behind German lines, at the Bizerte docks, at Gabes and at the Sardinian town of Cagliari where the Italians said 73 were killed and 280 injured.

Cairo dispatches said reconnaissance patrols of the Eighth army had darted around the Mareth line to within 40 miles of Kasserine.

Marine Speechless When Mrs. FDR Visits

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 — (AP)—Marine Sgt. Francis W. Marcuccio, 32, of Brooklyn, who was wounded in Guadalcanal, couldn't say a word today when he met Mrs. Roosevelt.

"The cat got my tongue," the sergeant lamented after the first lady shook his hand and wished him a speedy recovery. "—and I'm supposed to be tough," he growled.

Mrs. Roosevelt was visiting a naval hospital where the sergeant is recovering.

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Farmers Union Failed To Take Action On Foreign Labor

DALLAS, Ore., Feb. 27 — (AP)—Pauline L. Johnson, retiring secretary of the Oregon Farmers Union disclosed today that the organization's 33rd annual convention took no action on importation of foreign farm labor to Oregon.

Reports from the convention Thursday night said a recommendation of the agricultural committee opposing importation of foreigners to help Oregon farmers with their crops had been adopted.

Mrs. Johnson said the minutes showed that while the committee had made this recommendation, the convention voted it down after lengthy debate. Thus the issue was disposed of without the convention going on record either for or against importation.

Rural Fire—

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land, Willakenzie, Willagillespie, Zumwalt.

Cottage Grove: Jefferson school, March 4, for precincts of Brumbaugh, Culp Creek, Dorena, Latham, London, Lorane, Row River, Saginaw, Silk Creek.

Junction City: Junction grade school, March 5, for precincts of Alvadore, Goldson, Junction City, Lancaster, Long Tom, Prairie, Richardson.

Cushman: Main River grange hall, March 10, for precincts of Canary, Cushman, Florence, Glenada, Heceta, Herman, west half of Lake Creek, Mapleton, Minerva.

Other fire meetings, dates of which will be announced later, are scheduled for Jasper, Oakridge, Veneta, Marcola, Leaburg, Blue River, Blachly, and Creswell.

Regarding the meetings, Howard S. Merriam, defense coordinator, said: "It is desirable that several members of the warden and firemen groups in each precinct attend one of these meetings. We cannot hope to duplicate last year's conditions and be as free of fire loss."

CHURCHILL "SATISFACTORY"
LONDON, Feb. 27 — (AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill's condition "continues satisfactory" and no further bulletin will be issued until Monday, a government statement said today.

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Rescuers Trying to Reach 72 Miners

BEARCREEK, Mont., Feb. 27 — (AP)—Fourteen skilled mine rescue workers, equipped with oxygen masks, tonight fought their way through masses of debris in an effort to reach 72 men trapped by an explosion in the Smith coal mine here.

Little hope was held out by mine officials that any of the miners would be found alive, since the mine is impregnated with the bread "black damp" gas which has taken the lives of so many coal miners.

The men are in a seam sloping 7500 feet into a hillside and 800 feet below the surface. The enormous undetermined amount of debris, trapped to the shaft is blocked by two men are known to have lost their lives in what may be the worst mine disaster in Montana history, and three others are suffering from the effects of mine gas.

The dead are Dewey Hardy and Ignace Marincheck. The others are Willard Reed, Alex Hawthorne and Eli Hougensen. They are expected to live.

The explosion, characterized by W. A. Ranek, assistant mine manager, as "not a forceful one," occurred a few hours after the day shift went to work this morning. Cause of the blast has not yet been determined.

OPA Thanks—

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Mrs. Harry G. Talbot, Mrs. C. A. Leighty, Miss Helen Bell.

Mrs. W. S. Love, sector leader; Mrs. A. W. Fogelstrom, Mrs. R. D. Busey, Mrs. E. D. Anderson, Mrs. J. I. Fischer, Mrs. F. H. Skillern, Mrs. Byron Taylor, Mrs. Caspar Wood, Mrs. Fred Knox, Mrs. J. A. Morgan, Mrs. Nels T. Jorgensen, Mrs. Ed Boehnke, Mrs. L. J. Manne, Mrs. M. G. Dunn, Mrs. Frank A. Tripp, Mrs. E. H. Lorence.

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Mrs. Howard R. Taylor, sector leader; Mrs. Andrew Fish, Mrs. Clifford Constance, Mrs. James Gilbert, Mrs. J. R. Jewell.

Volunteers in office of the rationing board were: Mrs. H. V. Johnson, Mrs. Warren Lampert, Mrs. R. C. Ericson, Mrs. Frank Loomis, Mrs. Harry Nebergall, Mrs. R. W. Hemenway, Mrs. Wm.

Pontoon Lumber Put In High Grade By WPB

PORTLAND, Feb. 27 — (AP)—Pontoon lumber, used by the armed forces in bridge building, has been given an equal parity with aircraft lumber, F. H. Brundage, WPB western log and lumber administrator, announced today.

The WPB order provides for the diversion of high grade Douglas fir logs earmarked for plywood plants to mills producing pontoon stock, he said.

Another new WPB order provides for diverting long logs to mills producing boat-building timbers.

L. Ebner, Mr. and Mrs. James Horton, Mrs. Clarence Hyde, Mr. E. H. Gosser, Miss Ellen Ness, Mrs. Arthur Clark, Mrs. Collins, Girl Scouts, ushers at Roosevelt and Willard during the week, were:

Sue Riddlesberger, Mary Ellen Krool, Shirley Honnen, Enid Bogen, Dorothy Dixon, Sally Ford, Julie Franchere, Alice Leeper, Barbara Alderman, Kitty Lou Shaw, Denalda Brown, Karen Terry, Dandra Plass, Shirley Foster, Lucille Gilson, Catherine Black, Dorothy Harris, Joan Gustafson, Jean Webb, Mary Smith, Wanda May Priebe, Ardell Carlson, Shirley Kendall, Marian Payne, Marjorie Woodworth, Shirley Metzger, Joyce Roberts, Pauline Springer, Carolyn Silva, Naomi Morgan, Beverly Kragh, Louise Anderson, Betsy Erb, Virginia Means, Cynthia Fish.

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