

Magazine of Super Fort

AGO—Details of the new B-29 Super-Fortress, a bomb load of nearly 10,000 miles, were revealed publicly for the first time in a British magazine, copies of which were received here by the Sun.

Designed by Gen. H. H. Arnold, the new army air plane is a great improvement on the Flying Fortress and bombers, the B-29 is a six-engine, long-range, high-altitude bomber, capable of remote control.

The Super-Fort carries a "chin" which was recently mounted on the B-29, most recent of the Fortress line, and dorsal, tail turrets. The two turrets, located on the planes and formerly by waist gunners, are now by remote control in the new model. Whether the size would reduce the size of regular 10-man Fortress crews who would fire the guns was not revealed.

In the British magazine, the bomb load of the new bomber is set at 17,500 pounds, from 16,300 to 17,500 for a 10,000 mile range, or for a 3,000 mile trip. The new bomber exceeds the present B-29 for the distance.

The earlier models, the new Fort has a tricycle landing gear, wheels of which have a span is said to be 103 inches, as compared to the 103 inch wing of the G-17. The speed is set at 250 miles per hour, with gross weight between 100,000 and 120,000.

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Jap Gunner Returns With Air Medals

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Technical Sgt. Ben Kuroki, 25, American-Japanese, the "most honorable son" of the "Eager Beavers" squadron, is resting up from 30 missions overseas and said he'd next be in action in the Pacific area against the Japs.

Top-turret gunner Kuroki who has twice been awarded the distinguished flying cross, once for the Ploesti raid and later for completion of 25 bombardment missions, said some of the flying had been tough but none of it as tough as his personal struggle to be accepted as a "regular crew member."

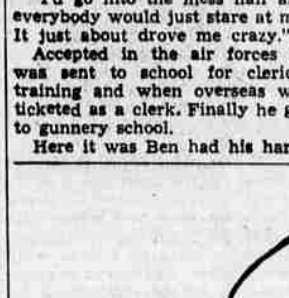
Kuroki wears the air medal with four oak leaf clusters. His fifth air medal was bestowed for volunteering for five bombing missions beyond the 25 constituting his tour of duty.

Formerly of Hershey, Neb., Ben went right into basic training in the army.

"I'd go into the mess hall and everybody would just stare at me. It just about drove me crazy."

Accepted in the air forces he was sent to school for clerical training and when overseas was ticketed as a clerk. Finally he got to gunnery school.

Here it was Ben had his hard-



distinguished flying cross are Capt. Theodore M. Dorman, Portland, reported missing on an operational flight since August; 2nd Lt. Wayne O. Hutchens, Forest Grove, and Tech. Sgt. Edward J. Delano, Portland.

Niles, returning from a bomber escort mission over Rome last July, saw the crew of a B-26 Marauder parachute to the water, the citation said. He contacted rescue units, dropped his canteen of water to the men and remained circling over them until rescue planes were enroute to the scene.

His single-seater plane had just two gallons of gasoline left when he landed at his home base.

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How Can Hens Tell Whether to Lay or Lay Off Laying Eggs?

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rep. Bennett (R-Mo.) said the war food administration advised him it wants to reduce the nation's chicken flocks by 50,000,000 birds.

"On the other hand," Bennett asserted, "another government agency, the war production board, has just announced it will try to increase poultry production by prison convicts."

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WFA seeks this action, he declared in an interview, because the market is becoming glutted with chickens and eggs, thus resulting in low prices to producers.

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He made the disclosure in a letter of reply to Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York who recently accused Bowles of a series of "failures" in his price post.

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