

Private Complains Army Tries 'Build-Up' Policy In Reverse

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FORT WARREN, Wyo., (U.P.)—Pvt. John "Tiny" Danko, a patient in the regional hospital at Fort Warren, is getting what he terms "hospital treatment in reverse."

Danko, who weighs 370 pounds net and is 6 feet and half inches tall, said today he figured "the army is trying to build me down instead of build me up."

His troubles began shortly after his arrival at the hospital about a week ago from his outfit in Fort Robinson, Neb.

Has Large Waist
He has a waist measurement of 58 inches; the largest pajamas at the hospital measure 48 inches around.

That's where problem No. 1 came up. A nurse got an idea that maybe Tiny could drape his huge shape in bed sheets. Tiny would

have none of that, so a mattress cover was hauled out.

That idea also was vetoed by the large-waisted private.

Now, he sits at his bedside during the day, garbed in his OD's and grumbles about his tough luck.

He isn't sick, he says. Why, back home in Pittsburgh, Pa., he was a foundry worker and worked hard every day. He can take a 12-mile hike "with the best of 'em, and still be in there going strong at the finish."

Can Jitterbug
"I also can jitterbug," he adds a bit wistfully.

He wouldn't go on sick call until ordered to do so by his superior officer. He's been on sick call only four times since he's been in the army.

He was in the European theater of war as a coast artilleryman in 1942. He weighed a mere 220 pounds then. An infection developed in his left arm, and he underwent an operation for it while in Ireland.

Glandular trouble developed, and Tiny has been gaining weight ever since.



400-POUND HUNT TROPHY — George Whitton poses with the 400-pound black bear he killed after tracking down the animal in Wayne county, Pennsylvania.

War Loan—

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For the local theaters, radio station KORE and the Eugene Register-Guard, Nash had a special word of praise for their "excellent work."

"It would be impossible to list all the workers who helped put this drive over," Nash said, "but I do want to thank every one of them for the splendid job they did. The chairmen, who organized the drives in their communities, did a lot of work and did it very well."

These chairmen include: Oscar L. Shockley, Springfield general chairman; Mrs. Jack Larson and Mrs. Walter Rust, chairmen in the Springfield residential district; and W. F. Schlitzkus, business district chairman in Springfield.

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ler; Willakenzie grange, Mrs. E. J. Koplin; West Point grange, Don Kingsley; Bethel district, Mrs. Alexander Dana; Cottage Grove, Joseph E. Bricher; Florence, J. C. Ponsler.

Nash's office assistants were Mrs. Kathleen Doane and Mrs. Clara Curry.

Knights Templar Plan Christmas Service

All over the United States Knights Templar members and their families will be assembled Christmas morning for special Christmas observances. In conformity with this custom the Ivanhoe commandery knights will gather at the Masonic temple, Tenth and Olive streets, at 8:45 a. m. on Christmas day. Visitors will be welcome.

Following the service, breakfast has been arranged for all knights and their families who wish to attend.

Additional Work On Dressings Need

Surgical dressings department of the Lane county chapter, American Red Cross, has received notice from the Pacific area office stating the group is behind in its shipments of 2x2 bandages. An appeal is made for the surgical dressing workers to give preference to this type sponge during the balance of December and January and ship when six cartons are completed. Mrs. Arne Strommer, co-chairman for the work here, is asking all old surgical dressings workers to turn out.

Pilot Attributes South Sea Rescue To 'Big Line Of Luck'

SEATTLE (U.P.)—A 20-year-old Yakima pilot told here of five days adrift, without food or water, after being shot down near Formosa by Japanese anti-aircraft fire and attributed his rescue to "one big line of luck."

Ensign Clarence A. Borley, USNR, 20, and other members of the navy's famed air group 15 were back in the states. To interviewers, they related how they broke all records in Pacific aerial combat, knocking down 315 Japanese planes in six and a half months, and sinking 173,300 tons of enemy merchant shipping and 77,200 tons of warships.

Lt. Comdr. George C. Duncan of Tacoma got a direct bomb hit on an enemy aircraft carrier off Luzon, a direct hit on an enemy cruiser in the Sibuyan sea and destroyed 18½ enemy planes in the air.

Group on Essex
The group based aboard the aircraft carrier Essex, the navy said,

Twenty-seven pilots destroyed five or more Jap planes in the air.

Borley accounted for four Jap planes in a Formosa battle August 12, before his plane was hit and set afire. He was forced down a mile off shore and drifted toward the open sea in his lifejacket. Two Japs headed out in a sailboat.

"They were looking for me," he said. "I deflated my life jacket and kept pretty well down in the water. They kept circling, but somehow didn't see me. Maybe it was luck."

Japs Wanted Him
"I knew they wanted to take me alive, as I had information about coming fleet operations they would have liked. They got within 30 or 40 yards, but didn't look in my direction. I shot them both with a .38 calibre revolver. I thought it was now or never."

He spent four days in a lifeboat dropped by an American pilot. He quickly lost his supply of fresh

water when wind capsize his frail craft. The second day, two Jap planes flew over. American fighters shot them down.

"I watched from an uncomfortable ringside seat," he said. Finally a rescue ship picked him up and 24 days later he returned to his formation.

The group also claims 348 aircraft destroyed on the ground, 388 probably destroyed or damaged in the air or on the ground and the probable sinking of an additional 38,500 tons of merchant ships and 61,700 tons of warships.

ELAS Leader Didn't Keep Word—Scobie

ATHENS, Dec. 16 (U.P.)—Lieut. Gen. Ronald Scobie announced today that Major Gen. Stefanos Serafis, commander of the ELAS forces, had agreed to evacuate the Athens area, but had failed to carry out his promise.

Scobie issued a summary of Serafis' charges on which the ELAS leader based his fight

against the British and Greek government forces, together with his own explanation of the political and developments in the civil war.

"My order for the evacuation of Attica (the Athens area) was agreed by Serafis and was implemented by him. In the capital area contrary to his given word," Scobie said.

The report on the charges and countercharges on the Greek crisis dealt with events of the early days of the two-week battle of Athens, which continued today with unabated violence.

FLUE FIRES CONTROLLED
Two flue fires which caused damage were controlled by the Eugene fire department Friday night. The buildings were located at 1357 Hilyard and 1144 Chambliss streets.

The earliest eyewitness account of a Mississippi River flood was that of the Spaniard Garcilaso de la Vega in 1543.



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