

Battle of Disease Won In Yunnan

Chungking, Sept. 3 (U.P.)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek's army of the southwest has won the battle of disease in Yunnan province, known as the world's worst malaria region, it was disclosed today.

Additionally the army in Yunnan has developed an excellent intelligence-guerrilla system which keeps the Japanese troops in northern Burma under constant surveillance. Possibility of a surprise Japanese attack across the Salween river into Yunnan has been reduced to a minimum.

Dr. Robert McClure, Toronto, Canada, who heads the Friends' ambulance unit in China, told the United Press that the central army stationed in the southwest is the fittest fighting group in China.

Dr. McClure completed an 11-day tour of the Salween front dividing line between the Japanese and Chinese forces and high-water mark of the Japanese advance northward through Burma.

Dr. McClure said that while the Chinese Red Cross, the army medical administration and volunteer units have licked the malaria problem for the Chinese, the Japanese still are suffering.

Before the medical "cleanup" in Yunnan, 21 out of 90 Chinese soldiers in one battalion died within two weeks; 37 died in one company, four out of six cooks died in a week. Malaria, dysentery, food poisoning—including poisonous mushrooms—and cholera accounted for the heavy toll of death.

The army medical service went into action, providing quinine, ginger tea, fresh fruit and vegetables, salt, and medical supplies for the soldiers. In one area the army vaccinated 10,000 civilians, and in another 8,000.

As a result, cholera and malaria deaths have been reduced to "little or nothing" among the Chinese soldiers, and sickness resulting from nutritional deficiencies has slumped.

Chinese guerrillas, however, reported that a Japanese garrison at Lungling, numbering 1,500 men, suffered an average of 50 deaths daily from sickness.

Repair of the damage done by nazi bombs to St. Paul's cathedral in London is expected to cost \$600,000.



WINNER—Doris Hart, 17, of Miami, Fla., smiles as she holds trophy after winning United States girls' tennis crown at the Philadelphia, Pa., Cricket Club.

Army Officers In Salem on Recruiting Duty

"It's my business to get the men and the women the army needs and to get them into the place where each can contribute the most to the war effort," said Lieut. Col. B. H. Hensley, commanding officer, Oregon recruiting and induction district, when he visited here today. He reports an expanding need for skilled technicians especially in the air force, the ordnance department and the signal corps.

Men who want to fight with the tools they work with are especially necessary and telephone and radio operators and repairmen, gas or diesel engine mechanics are required in great numbers to keep planes flying, tanks rolling and guns firing, said Colonel Hensley.

Specialist ratings which qualified men may anticipate receiving, make enlistment for mechanics especially attractive. Ceiling age limit of 45 may be raised to 55 in the case of men physically fit, well qualified, and with previous military experience. Young men under 20 may choose any one of eight combat branches and while they help to smash the axis may learn a trade by working on and with the most magnificent of modern equipment.

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are desired for enlistment in the women's army auxiliary corps, two already being accepted from Salem, the latest being Miss Cornelia Hulst, 175 Sun-

side avenue. Applications may be made at the local sub-station in the post office where Sergeant Ethan W. Senn is now in charge, according to Colonel Hensley. Women applicants should have some vocational or professional skill and be in excellent health as each WAAC is expected to relieve for active

troop duty some soldier whose work can be done by a skilled woman. Colonel Hensley was accompanied by Lieut. Walter L. Ritchey who is in Oregon on a special assignment from area headquarters in the interest of enlisting for the air force men qualified as radio operators and mechanics. Lieut. Ritchey will return to Salem later to make an intensive coverage of this area for men qualified in these classifications.

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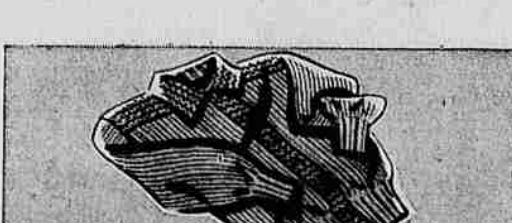
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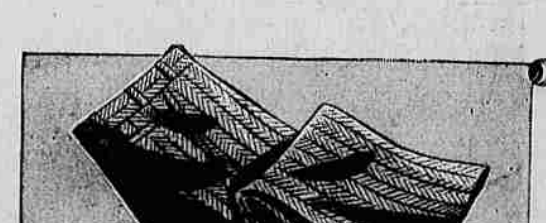
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