

Capt. Crommelin Rated Tops As Flyer; Skipper of Carriers

By RUTH COWAN

Washington, Oct. 10 (AP)—What manner of man is Capt. John G. Crommelin, Jr.?

In appearance, the key man in the current uproar about navy morale is slim, and two inches short of six feet. He weighs 170 pounds. He has a quick, rangy stride.

He has sandy blond hair, and his blue eyes can look at you very straight and sharply. His lined face indicates his inner tenseness.

Last Sunday he was 47 years old. He was born in Montgomery Ala.

He had a distinguished war record. And very shortly he was due to be considered for promotion to Rear Admiral.

His friends say he has the tenacity of a bulldog. He is positive in his convictions.

As a pilot he is rated "Top."

Rear Adm. Austin K. Doyle, head of the naval air training program, described him as "one of the greatest naval aviators of all time."

His 1923 class yearbook at the naval academy described him as "carrying a mean wallop" in his fist. He was introduced as "a typical southern gentleman, fond of dogs, little children and pretty women."

The young ensign was keenly interested in aviation. But first the navy required he spend two years on sea duty. This done, he went to the naval air station at Pensacola, Fla.

From the time he finished his training in 1926 until the outbreak of the war he had a variety of aviation assignments that gave him extensive training.

When war came, he was on duty in Washington. In June, 1942, he was assigned to the carrier Enterprise.

While Crommelin served with the "Big E," it participated in the occupation of Guadalcanal and in the battles of the Stewart Islands, the Solomon Islands, and the Rennel Islands.

He was commended "for especially meritorious performance of duty under fire." His "calm courage" was noted, as well as the skillful aggressiveness and fighting spirit he was credited with installing in the pilots he led.

He was aboard the Liscombe Bay when she was torpedoed and sunk in the Gilbert Islands.

In recent weeks there has been an outcropping of "Letters to Editors" about Crommelin. One of these came from a former enlisted man who told of Crommelin's courage when the Liscombe Bay was sunk.

He wrote, after Crommelin,

badly burned, made it to a rescue craft he quite calmly discussed whether it was worth while for him to hang on.

After the war, Crommelin had more Washington duty and then, when the new aircraft carrier Saipan was ready to go to sea, he was named her first skipper.

A couple of more assignments and then, last April, he was attached to the joint chief of staff, this country's military high command. Then he publicly charged that the navy's offensive is "being nibbled to death" and its morale destroyed.

He said he realized he likely was tossing away his navy career, but did in the hope that congress would investigate.

He and Mrs. Crommelin, the former Lillian E. Landis of San Diego, Calif., have three children. The family calls Wetumpka, Ala., home.

He is one of five brothers, all graduates of the naval academy. All but one trained as pilots. Two were killed in the last war.

Editor-in-Chief For Scripps Dies

Washington, Oct. 10 (AP)—George B. Parker, 63, editor-in-chief of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, died today at emergency hospital.

Parker was stricken last Wednesday.

Death resulted from an internal hemorrhage.

Parker's son, George D. Jr., and his daughter, Mary, were at the bedside when death came.

Parker, a newspaper man for 40 years, was a famed editorial writer. In 1936, he was awarded a Pulitzer prize for distinguished editorial writing.

Most of his career as a newspaperman was with the Scripps-Howard organization in Oklahoma City, Houston, Tex., Cleveland, New York City and Washington.

A native of Ithaca, Mich., he was graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1908.

In 1924, Parker was named general editorial executive of the Scripps-Howard newspapers.



Departs for Japan—Felipe D'Aquino (right), husband of convicted traitor, Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino (Tokyo Rose), boards the S. S. Trade Winds in San Francisco to return to Japan to renew his travel visa. His wife was convicted of treason and sentenced to ten years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine. Along to see him off are Mrs. D'Aquino's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Jan Toguri. (Acme Telephoto)

78-Year-Old Still Climbs Mountains

Los Angeles (AP)—Thomas E. Clarke, 78, has climbed Mt. Whitney for the 13th time.

What's more, the 6-foot, 160-pound Hemet, Calif., man scrambled to the top of the nation's highest peak, 14,496 feet, only five and a half hours after leaving the 10,000 foot level.

Clark made his latest ascent with a friend. "When we rolled out of our sleeping bags," he said, "frost and ice were on the ground." He said one inexperienced hiker collapsed near him on the trail and had to be carried down. For 30 years an inspector of public works in Los

Angeles, Clarke has been an enthusiastic alpinist for as long as he can remember. "In my younger days I would even quit a good job to go off into the mountains," he said.

His only complaint about his last jaunt was the heavy traffic on the trail and the discourtesy of some climbers, whom he compared to Sunday drivers. "I was knocked down several times," he said, "and I don't get up so quick as I used to."

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ALASKA TO MAINE

Steel Engineer to Cross Continent With Husky Team

Seattle, Oct. 10 (AP)—A New England steel engineer, who plans a 5000-mile cross-continent trek from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Lewiston, Me., with a team of Siberian huskies arrived here today en route to his jumping off point.

Cecil A. Moore said that he would leave Fairbanks October 15 and planned on arriving at Lewiston 120 days later.

He said he has arranged for food to be dropped by plane along the route and that he would be in touch with civilization by two-way radio.

"My route calls for use of the 'old winter trail' which means that the first town I will reach after leaving Fairbanks will be Dawson Creek, B. C., 1,500 miles from the starting point," Moore said.

He said he expected snow along the entire route, but was taking along a set of wheels to attach to his sled for riding through towns and villages along the way.

During World War II, Moore was a member of a corps of steelworkers and construction engineers who erected a network of radar warning towers along the Kamchatka peninsula.

The rugged trip is sponsored by Cecil A. Moore fund for underprivileged children under the auspices of the Auburn-Lewiston clubs of Maine.

Proceeds for the sale of autographed stamp cachets from 25 selected United States and Canadian stopovers will be used for the establishment of a Maine summer camp for needy children.

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Czechs to Seize Control of Churches

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The newspaper Svobodne Slovo said the bill which has been bitterly opposed by the Roman Catholics, becomes law that day. It applies to all denominations.

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