

FIRST WORLD WAR OFFICERS IN KEY ARMY POSTS NOW

Young Men in 1918 Campaign Would Direct Fight If U. S. Entered War.

By Jack Stinnett

Washington.—If the United States were to go to war tomorrow, it would be the young men of World War I who would direct the military affairs of the country in World War II.

Ask the war department for a list of top-ranking generals—the real brass hats—from Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, down. Thumb through the list of 19 and you'll find that every one of them served in World War I—12 of them overseas, and all of them with a temporary or permanent rank of major or higher.

Their average age today is 38 years (the two oldest are 62, the two youngest 32), which gave them an average age of 35 when the A. E. F. was pouring men and steel into the western front.

Nine of these ranking generals are graduates of West Point; three are graduates of Virginia Military Institute (including General Marshall); five first showed up on the army rolls as second lieutenants, without previous army training; two came up from the ranks.

Most Distinguished
But right about there all efforts at grouping must come to an end. It's not hard to look at the record and pick out our two most distinguished soldiers. They would be General Marshall, who as a colonel was in the thick of the Meuse-Argonne and St. Mihiel offensives and later was aide-de-camp to Gen. John J. Pershing; and Lt. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who has just come out of retirement to become commander of the armies in the Far East. General MacArthur was formerly chief of staff, was a brigadier general at 38, has more citations for bravery and distinguished service than any other man in the army today. He represents the best army tradition—a West Point graduate whose father was a lieutenant-general before him.

On the other hand, how about Lt. Gen. Leslie J. McNair, who now is chief of the general headquarters? General McNair went to France with the "Fighting First" and so distinguished himself that he was moved up to general headquarters of the A. E. F.—a brigadier general at 35.

And how about Maj. Gen. Henry H. "Hap" Arnold, chief of the army air force? His first view of the world war battlefield came on an inspection tour after the armistice was signed. A second lieutenant in 1911, General Arnold was considered by some of his associates "crazy as a loon" because he went into that idiotic branch of the signal corps, aviation.

Flew Crate
He whooped around in an old Wright biplane crate that boasted a 40-horsepower engine with two propellers driven by chains and sprockets. He soared nearly a mile and quarter into the blue to leave the world gasping over a new altitude record. He set the signals corps quivering with excitement by using radio telegraphy to report every fire. He organized the first air defense of the Panama canal and from a swivel chair in Washington was one of the key men to "keep 'em flying" through the World War.

This could go on forever, but I'd like to skip the rest and tell about the two boys who came up the hard way. First there's Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, Jr., now in command of the second army and the same who got himself in print for chastising his "yoo-hoo" boys. Forty-three years ago, Ben Lear, Jr., was an 18-year-old printer's devil on a Colorado newspaper. His father was in the composing room. Came the Spanish American war, and father and son enlisted. In less than a year the "first Colorado infantry" had made proud history in the Philippines and one of its famous top sergeants was Ben Lear, Jr., and favorite soldier in his platoon was Private Ben Lear, Sr.

The other is Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, in command of the third army, with headquarters at San Antonio, Tex. Also a veteran of the Spanish American war, for which he enlisted while a student in Technical high school, Cincinnati, General

British-American Delegates in Russia



Members of the British and American delegations stand before a plane after they arrived in Moscow to confer on aid to Russia. Left to right: Lord Beaverbrook, British supply minister; W. Averell Harriman, head of the U. S. mission; C. A. Oumansky, Russian ambassador to the U. S.; and A. Y. Vyshinsky, deputy people's commissar for foreign affairs. Picture radioed from Moscow to New York.

Charged in Death



Mrs. Emma Tyree (above), 52, of Sacramento, Calif., went on trial in Minneapolis, Minn., charged with second degree murder in connection with the mysterious death 16 years ago of the Rev. Knute Birkeland.

Krueger has a record that is rare for high officers in this man's army.

Not only did he cover himself with blood and glory in the World War (ending it as chief of the A. E. F. infant tank corps in the thick of things at Chaumont), but if the United States were to go to war tomorrow—and that war should be against Germany—General Krueger would be carrying the American flag for a second time against his native land. He was born in West Prussia, January 26, 1881, and was eight years old before he set foot in the country for which he was to distinguish himself as a great soldier.

Cock Robin's Death Explained at Last; It Was Honeysuckle

Cheney, Wash., Oct. 2.—(AP)—At last, after all these years we know "who killed Cock Robin."

It was the honeysuckle vine. And on no less authority than Prof. J. W. Hungeate of the eastern Washington biology department, we discover that Cock Robin died of acute alcoholism.

The question and its answer these days are no bits of nursery verse foolery, but serious business on the E. W. C. campus where scores of cock robins are lying cold in death and dozens of others are staggering drunkenly on the lawns.

After days of watching and a few scientific tests, Professor Hungeate came up with the answer. "The red berries of the honeysuckle vines," he explained, "contain a fermented juice after the frosts, and the robins eat the berries and get drunk. Some that get too drunk die—you might say of acute alcoholism."

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New Excise Levies Effective Yesterday Only the Beginning—Huge Total Aim

Washington, Oct. 2.—(AP)—The heaviest taxes in American history—double those of the world war era—took their first big handful of cash from the public's pocketbook Wednesday, and it was only the beginning.

The new excise levies which became effective at midnight gave consumers their initial—if incomplete—idea of what the recently passed defense revenue tax bill is going to mean in dollars and cents.

Although the treasury department is counting on the excise taxes for the pretty penny of \$3,000,000 a day, they represent only a small part of the whole revenue program which is expected to raise about \$13,000,000,000 a year.

Yet to come is the day of reckoning on the new income and excess profits taxes, already in effect and applying to 1941 returns. These levies are of the delayed-action variety, with the pay-off to Uncle Sam deferred until next March 15.

The new order of taxes contrasted with the supposedly burdensome levies of the world war era, which yielded only \$6,694,000,000 in their banner year. However, the nation now has about thirty million more inhabitants to share the burden.

In 1918, income tax exemptions were \$2,000 for a family head and \$1,000 for a single person. The new figures are \$1,500 and \$750. However, in 1918 dependents were \$200 credits and now are \$400 apiece. The tax rates in both cases range up to 77 per cent, but the new law sets heavier levies in the lower and medium brackets than the 1918 statute.

Corporation Tax Up
The corporation income tax in 1918 was 6 per cent, and now is 21 to 31 per cent. The excess profits tax on cor-

porations has been upped from a range of 8 to 60 per cent to a bracket of 35 to 60 per cent. Estates were taxed then at 2 to 25 per cent and now are 3 to 77 per cent.

Changing times have altered many of the methods and sources of taxation. Now important revenue comes from radios, mechanical refrigerators, electrical appliances. These things either didn't exist or were not rated consumer luxuries in those days.

On the other hand, the new tax act doesn't have taxes, as they did in 1918, on soft drinks, player pianos, silk shirts and other expensive clothing, candy, patent medicine, and riding academies.

Pear Market Yesterday

Chicago, Oct. 1.—(AP)—(USDA) Pears—2 California, 1 Illinois, 3 Oregon, 1 Washington arrived, 13 cars on track; 3 car diverted; Oregon Bartlett 744 extra fancy 2.25-3.50, average 2.93.

New York, Oct. 1.—(AP)—(USDA)—Pears: 12 cars arrived, 1 California, 3 Oregon unloaded, 21 cars on track; Oregon Bartlett 1025 extra fancy 2.60-3.60, average 3.00; 75 fancy 2.40-2.90, average 2.63.

Attendance at the recent Canadian National Exhibition broke all previous records.

Crude rubber cultivation is the basic economic activity of Liberia, the Department of Commerce reported.

Existing shortages will not seriously affect the wood industry, the Department of Commerce reports.

The 1941 corn crop of Argentina is estimated at 8 million tons.

China has a three-year plan for increasing foodstuffs production.

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