

SEAPLANE TENDER LOSES STERN IN SOLOMONS VISIT

U. S. S. McFarland Delivers
Gas, Torpedoes, Ammu-
nition on Guadalcanal.

By Frank Tremaine
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Pearl Harbor, Dec. 30—(De-
layed)—(U.P.)—Lieut. Comdr.
Clement Alderman, 36, brought
the seaplane tender McFarland
back from Guadalcanal today.
She had delivered a valuable
cargo of aviation gasoline, tor-
pedoes, bombs and ammunition
and had her stern and rudder
blown off by the Japanese.
McFarland went unescorted
and returned unassisted, with a
makeshift rudder and stern. She
delivered her cargo under fire
and shot down four of nine at-
tacking dive bombers. Admiral
Chester W. Nimitz, commander-
in-chief of the Pacific fleet, sent
his congratulations.

Sank Sub in July
She already had distinguished
herself by attacking and prob-
ably sinking a Japanese subma-
rine last July.

Alderman, of Portland, Ore.,
and Lieut. Earle G. Gardner, 29,
of Aliceville, Ala., the executive
officer, told of the voyage to
Guadalcanal.

On Oct. 14, she was loaded
"beyond capacity" with aviation
gasoline, including a deckload,
aerial torpedoes, bombs and mis-
cellaneous ammunition and set
out alone from a forward base
for Guadalcanal.

En route, the crew saw a car-
rier-based Japanese torpedo
plane. It hovered around, looking
the ship over, and finally flew
off. A little later, the crew saw
anti-aircraft fire over the north-
ern horizon, and believed it was
from the destroyer Meredith,
which sank that day after a bat-
tle with all the planes of a Japa-
nese carrier.

Alderman had timed his ar-
rival off Guadalcanal for day-
light, Oct. 16.

Told to Withdraw
They started in, but received
a directive to withdraw because
of imminent heavy air and sur-
face action.

"We were right next door to
our destination," Alderman said.
"We were supposed to get in and
deliver the cargo and couldn't
see any percentage in withdraw-
ing, provided no ships were in
the immediate vicinity. So we
sent a message requesting per-
mission to come in and unload."
"We marked time in the vicin-
ity awaiting a reply, ducking
back and forth into rain squalls
until authorization came."

"Meanwhile, other ships on
similar missions in the area had
withdrawn."
McFarland went in at high
speed and arrived off Lunga
Point about 11:15 p. m., but
found the usual discharge point,
where a small patrol boat had
been beached, under Japanese
bombardment. She retired east-
ward around the point and started
unloading with the help of
marines.

"We were about one third dis-
charged when we received a dis-
patch that a submarine periscope
had been sighted offshore," Ald-
erman said. "We got up steam
and moved slowly eastward with
the barges still tied alongside.
We were discharging gasoline in-
to them. While underway, we
were attacked by nine enemy
Aichi 99s (dive bombers) about
5:15 p. m."

Bomb Hits Stern
"Each plane dropped two me-
dium bombs, some close along-
side. The last bomb hit directly
on the stern in the depth charge
rack, setting off the depth
charges. They caused a terrific

HOW YOUR SALVAGE HELPS HIM



HOUSEWIVES IN BRITAIN hoard every bit of "rubbish" around the
house. This British Government poster shows them how every scrap of
salvage helps the boys on the battlefronts.

conclusion, blew the entire stern
and rudder off and knocked ev-
erybody off their feet. I was on
the bridge and lucky enough to
land on a pile.
"Casualties were heavy, in-
cluding a number of crewmen
and passengers, some of whom
were walking wounded from
Guadalcanal. A number of them
were in the washroom in the
stern of the ship.
"One of the barges took fire
from a blast and shot fire 200
feet in the air, but we found out
later that all aboard the barge
were not killed and not all of the
gasoline destroyed, so we de-
livered some of our gasoline and
all of our bombs, torpedoes and
ammunition anyway. We downed
four planes."

PARTY TONIGHT AT W. MAIN USO

A gay New Year's eve party
is being planned for service men
at the West Main street recrea-
tion center of the USO. The
party is to be from 10 p. m. un-
til 12:30 a. m. Special enter-
tainment will include a quiz
contest and an old-fashioned
sing-song. Many prizes will be
given, the main prize to be a
long-distance telephone call from
the winning service man to his
home anywhere in the United
States. Refreshments will be
served.

All service men and their
wives are invited to spend New
Year's eve at this USO center,
located at 218 West Main street.

J. B. AUTEN DIES AFTER LONG ILL

John Benjamin Auten of this
city died at a local hospital yes-
terday afternoon after a long
illness. Funeral services which
are in charge of Peril's Funeral
home, will be announced later.
He was born in Indiana Dec.
20, 1872 and spent most of his
life in Klamath Falls. He is sur-
vived by three children, Mrs.
Eino Hemmilla, of this city; Mrs.
Harry Lloyd, of Tacoma, Wash.,
and Glyn Auten of Portland and
two grandchildren, Georgia and
Michael Hemmilla of this city.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

U. S. AIRMEN FIND FOOD PROBLEM IN INDIA OPERATION

Men Want Their Chow Pre-
pared American Style—
Raise Own Chickens.

By Walter Briggs
United Press staff correspondent
U. S. Air Base, Northern India
—(Delayed)—(U.P.)—A can of sec-
ond-grade American peaches cost
\$1.25 at this out-of-the-way base
from which U. S. airmen are
operating against the Japanese
in Burma and China.

I also paid a dollar a pound
for sausages and a dollar a
pound for peanut butter impor-
ted from the United States.

These prices give an idea of
the cost of imported foods,
which often cost 500 per cent
more than at home.

Even at this Indian base,
American fighters want their
chow prepared American-
style.

The problem of food supply
for Uncle Sam's airmen scat-
tered over many airfields in the
tea-raising country is being han-
dled by a young lieutenant who
used to be a newspaper reporter,
and a crew of hardworking en-
listed men.

Lt. John E. Uhler, Jr., Baton
Rouge, La., and his men some-
times work around the clock
keeping the Americans fed. Theirs
is the job of finding and deliv-
ering "quality grub" from the
markets of Calcutta, the veg-
etable gardens of rural India,
and from the long lines of sup-
ply that dodge here and there
from America.

Raise Own Chickens
American mess officers and
cooks furnish the culinary touch
that turns the food into the
dishes the men learned to relish
in the camps of Mississippi, Ok-
lahoma or New York.

To obtain fresh foods for daily
use—known by the army as "A"
rations—Uhler dispatches a
truck over an 1,800-mile route
twice weekly. The drivers buy
all the fresh and canned goods
they can find.

A bargeful of food is purchased
monthly at Calcutta, but some-
times it's necessary to bring in
food by twin-engine transport
planes from Calcutta.

Most of the army canned ra-
tions arriving from the United
States are held to build up a
reserve supply. The quartermas-
ter draws some foods from the
British army but this is unsatis-
factory because the men say that
British foodstuffs "taste differ-
ent."

Uhler's staff has established a
butchery for animals bought
from Indian contractors. Indian
bakers make bread daily from
American ingredients. The
Americans have started to raise
chickens and ducks and intend
to plant truck gardens to be cul-
tivated by Indian labor.

Tea-Planters Co-operate
English, Scotch and Irish tea-
planters have been of great help
in development of the American
bases. Many have closed their
estates in order to put thousands
of their laborers to work build-
ing air fields, railway sidings,
roads and troop shelters.

The Americans say that the
tea-planters are "mighty fine
people."

A middle-aged Dubliner, Ber-
nard J. Pierce, who closed his
plantation to assist in building
an airfield, frequently entertains
American officers at afternoon
tea and tennis.

"We planters are growing to
like the Americans here im-
mensely, and we get along jolly
well together," Pierce said.
While native women sit under
the tropical sun cracking bould-
ers by the plane runways, scan-
tily clad coolies carry rock for
filling in the surface, pour
asphalt and roll the ground for
an average of 16 cents a day
wages.

The workers are pleased with
the pay because it's somewhat
more than they get on the tea
plantations.



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Luther Leagues Head Worship Service At Zion Church Sunday

Prefacing a year's weekly
study and discussion of various
phases of the theme "Faith," the
combined Luther League of Zion
English Lutheran church, West
Fourth at Oakdale, will present
a worship service Sunday at
7:30 p. m. entitled "The Victory
of Faith." A social hour with
refreshments will follow the
service which is open to the
public and to which especially
are invited men and women of
Camp White.

Miss Joyce Thompson will be
leader of the evening's worship
hour with Miss Paula Blanton
as scripture reader. Brief read-
ings, comments and prayers will
be presented by Miss Georgia
Thompson, Myrla Ball and
Charles Gerhardt. Lieut. Otto
Ewaldson will sing a solo.

Highlight of the worship hour
will be three short meditations
on the theme of "Faith" with
Miss Verna Paulson speaking on
"The Facts on Which Faith
Rests," David Dawson on "The
Contacts of Faith," and Lieut.
Paul Holscher on "Success of
Power."

Payroll Taxes Ahead In Illinois' Income

Chicago (U.P.)—Payroll taxes
have replaced motor fuel rev-
enues as principal source of state
tax collections, according to the
Federal of Tax Administration.

An analysis of collections for
the fiscal years ending in 1942
showed that payroll taxes ac-
counted for 22.9 per cent of the
total. This total, incidentally,
reached the record high of \$4-
920,000,000, an increase of 9.4
per cent over 1941.

The most marked increase
was shown by tobacco taxes,
with collections 31.7 per cent
above last year's, followed by a
22.8 per cent increase in income
taxes, both individual and cor-
porate.

Closing time for Classified ads 9
a. m.—Too late to Classify 12:30
p. m.

KIWANIS HEAR SGT. EHRHEART IN LUNCHEON TALK

Tech. Sgt. Dan Ehrheart, gun-
ner on a Flying Fortress and
possessor of the Distinguished
Flying Cross and the Order of
Purple Heart, was the principal
speaker at Tuesday noon's regu-
lar weekly luncheon-meeting of
the Kiwanis club in Hotel Med-
ford.

Sgt. Ehrheart, home on fur-
lough from months of combat
duty in the southwest Pacific,
told of his many harrowing ex-
periences in the island fighting
and described at length the feel-
ings of the American fighting
men in that area.

"One of the main things that
our men in the Pacific find hard
to understand," declared Ehr-
heart, "are the petty complain-
ings of so-called hardships of
those at home." The flier also
said men in the American armed

forces disliked the rumor of
strikes in the United States and
the refusal of many workers to
work overtime at their jobs,
while the boys in khaki are put-
ting up their lives to defend their
country.

Following his talk Sgt. Ehr-
heart, a graduate of Medford high,
answered questions of interested
Kiwanians, and while some could
not be answered because of mili-
tary secrecy, the informal dis-
cussion brought out many inter-
esting experiences of the army
flier.

Musical entertainment was
provided by E. B. DeVoe, who
sang a solo accompanied by Se-
bastian Apollo, club pianist, and
by Dr. Walter Hoppe, Raymond
Reter and DeVoe, who sang two
numbers.

Guests at the meeting were
William J. Foley of the Pikes-
ville (Md.) Kiwanis club, and C.
A. Smith of the Cloverhill dairy.

SOLDIERS' SWAPPING CLUB
New Orleans—(U.P.)—A Swap-
pers club has been formed at
USO here and one of the first
swaps between soldiers was an
automobile for an aeroplane.
Then a Texas soldier swapped a
10-gallon hat for a derby, while
a sailor traded in a cornet for an
outboard motor.

STATE GETS HISTORIC FARM
Beacon, N. Y. (U.P.)—Historic
Stonikill Farms of pre-Revolu-
tionary vintage has been turned
into a practice and training farm
for the New York State Institute
of Applied Agriculture. The
estate, belonging to the Ver-
planck family, was presented to
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Delancy Verplanck in return
for \$1.

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The United States Army Awards
the Order of the Purple Heart to
Leo S. Disher, of the United Press

Major-General Lloyd R. Fredendall, of the A. E. F. in
Africa, recently awarded the Order of the Purple
Heart to United Press War Correspondent Leo S.
Disher. The citation accompanying the award read:

"Leo S. Disher, Jr., while serving with a United States landing
force in the capacity of war correspondent, at the harbor of Oran
during the early morning hours of Nov. 8, 1942, distinguished
himself by extraordinary heroism and meritorious performance of
duty against an armed enemy during the attack on that port.

"In the face of withering enemy fire, although several times
wounded, Disher remained at his post on the vessel which was
taking him ashore and continued to report for the public press a
lucid, accurate and detailed account of the action, in which the
greater part of the military and naval personnel aboard the ship
became casualties.

"After being ordered to abandon ship, Disher swam to shore and,
although again wounded four times, continued to perform his duty
in an exemplary manner. With complete disregard for his personal
safety, Disher displayed great devotion to duty and rendered
meritorious public service by recording the details of the attack
on the harbor of Oran."

The conduct of Leo S. Disher at Oran typifies the spirit of the
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Medford to order and deliver
the flowers to the address on
New Year's day.

Chapter greetings of the Red
Cross will accompany the sol-
dier's message. This is one of the
many far-reaching services of
the American Red Cross chap-
ter.

The number of women em-
ployed in the non-durable goods
industries increased during our
first year of war by 110,000—
largely in ammunition and ex-
plosive plants—while the num-
ber of men decreased by 34,
000.