

OKANOGAN PILOT DOWNS 25TH JAP SEEKING RECORD

Major Boyington Within One
Of Joe Foss' Record—
Dares Nips to Fight Him

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Torokina Airfield, Bougainville, Dec. 27 (U.P.)—Major Gregory (Pappy) Boyington, USMC, Okanogan, Wash., who issues radio challenges to the Japs to come up and fight, blasted his 25th enemy plane from the skies over Rabaul today to approach within one of the American record of 24 held in this war by Major Joe Foss.

Boyington, leader of the formidable Black Sheep squadron, had hoped to have three Japs today but fellow pilots said poor visibility made sky fighting difficult.

Too Much Tension
"Damn it," said Boyington, "I couldn't hit the broad side of a barn with a bass viola today. I guess the tension was too great."

He planned to exercise his privilege as squadron commander to go up every day in an attempt to break Foss' record established over Guadalcanal.

Boyington, a veteran of the American volunteer group in China, handles his F4U, deadly Corsair fighter as he would a toy. Shy and nonchalant on the ground, he is a holy terror to the Japs in the air.

His favorite method of fighting is to "sit" at 12,000 feet altitude above an enemy field, turn on his radio and cuss the Japs on the ground until they are stung into accepting his challenge. He has even given the enemy his exact position so Jap pilots won't have trouble finding him.

Makes Others Nervous
If this elaborate come-or-falls, he frequently dives down to strafe the Jap field. These tricks make his pilots nervous, but it is common knowledge here that wherever Pappy goes, the Black Sheep squadron is sure to follow.

Boyington has been fighting the Japs four years. He shot down six of his victims over China with the AVG and the remainder over the South Pacific. The six in China have been officially credited to his present total, and Maj. Gen. P. S. Mitchell, commander of aircraft in the Solomons, has conveyed his congratulations to Boyington in a personal message.

Pappy had some narrow escapes, including one today when a Zero roared head-on at his plane, closing to within 150 yards before swerving aside.

Jap Surprise
"I didn't know the little..... would sweep at you head-on," Boyington said, "but this one did. He was either crazy or one of the best Jap pilots I've ever met."

Boyington first arrived in the South Pacific last January but a broken leg kept him inactive seven months. When he was ready to return to duty, he was without a squadron and faced with a desk job. He went over the head of his immediate superior, finally getting a squadron comprised of pilots nobody else seemed to want. Hence the name "Black Sheep."

But after three weeks' training under Boyington, the Black Sheep quickly earned a reputation. During six weeks prior to the opening of this field, the squadron shot down 58 Japanese planes and got 22 probables and 20 more on the ground at Bougainville alone.

Dance and Party At Camp Club 2 New Year's Eve

A formal dance and New Year's Eve party has been arranged at Service Club No. 2 at Camp White to celebrate arrival of 1944. Due to an error, the dance was not announced in the Camp White dance schedule published yesterday. The regular Thursday night dance will not be held. The SCU dance orchestra will play and arrangements are being made for additional dance space, the club hostesses announce. Dancing will continue until after midnight. It is stated that while the dance is scheduled as formal, young women wishing to wear after-noon dresses may do so. Special permission has been granted for members of the Women's Army corps to wear formal dresses for the evening. Buses will leave the Riverside USO at 8 p. m. for transportation.

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Washington, Dec. 28 (U.P.)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles today backed up a warning that the nation's stock of new automobiles for civilians is down to a five-day supply in normal times by cutting the January rationing quota to the all-time low.

Bowles told his weekly radio audience last night that the automobile supply available for rationing is down to 60,000, "a number which in normal times would be sold in five days."

He followed it up by setting the January quota at 15,300, a cut of 200 under December figures but 35 per cent below the October quota and 25 per cent under the November figure. Bowles said the truck tire situation presents the most critical shortage of rationed commodities facing the country at the start of the New Year. In line with that situation he set the January quota for truck tires at 276,829, a cut of 13,890 under December.

LEGION CHIEFTAIN DECRIES STRIKES

Los Angeles, Dec. 28 (U.P.)—Strikes cut the American supply line as surely as enemy action, National American Legion Commander Warren H. Atherton said today.

"If the Japs or Germans cut our supply lines, we'll lose the war," Atherton said in an interview. "Cutting our supply lines at home can be just as disastrous."

"The Legion believes we are beginning to win because of the enormous production in this country. Anything that delays or retards that production postpones victory and causes a loss of additional lives."

"Even those who may gain a few cents an hour by strikes will lose eventually because the continuance of the war will necessitate greater sacrifices and place greater burdens on everybody," Atherton was here for a visit.

Eagle Point

Eagle Point, Dec. 28—Eighteen ladies attended the Home Extension unit meeting Dec. 21 at the home of Mrs. Edythe Woodrich. The leaders demonstrated making different types of filing systems for all important papers and miscellaneous useful articles. Christmas gift exchange was held, after which refreshments were served. The rooms were decorated with a beautifully lighted and decorated tree and Christmas greens. Next meeting will be Jan. 18 at the home of Mrs. Bessie Elbert and Mrs. Laura Clark, the subject to be "Family Adjustment to Wartime Living." Leadership will be Miss Marian Farrell, county agent. All interested in learning how to meet the wartime emergency of "family adjustment to war-time living" are cordially invited.

Miss Yetta Olson is able to be out a little now, after a recent operation, and her friends are hoping she will soon be fully recovered.

Mrs. Jessie Clearwater's daughter and husband and baby of Sacramento spent Christmas week-end with her here.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Henderson spent Christmas week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stowell of Butte Falls.

Mrs. Chas. Pettegrew of the Long Mountain district received word recently that her brother, Sgt. Otis Swearingen, who had been in Iceland for nearly a year, is back in the U. S. A.

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and planned on being home with his wife and baby in Drain, Ore., by Christmas.

Mrs. Scott Boyer is able to be up again after a recent severe case of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown are suffering from a siege of cold and flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ashpole spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Wig Ashpole of McAndrews road, Medford.

Mrs. Gustie Siefield spent Christmas day with Mrs. John Walsh of Lake Creek district.

WEATHER

Northern California—Showers today, clearing tonight but snow mountain section; partly cloudy Thursday; continued cool.

Over 3,000 Gift Packages Wrapped At Main St. USO

Main Street USO club was busy from December 1 through Christmas Day wrapping and mailing packages for service men. Over three thousand packages were handled by volunteer workers.

Volunteers, who gave many hours of service were Beverly Malone, Josephine Mead, Muriel Platt, Winona Dungey, Evelyn Helot, Ruth Daily, Mesdames Barbara Biglow, N. D. Rowe, Claude Haggard, Roma Ayres, Maxine Dungey, Natalie Crooks, Juanita Guile, Mary Louise Thomas, Mabel Wiley, D. L.

Flynn, Claude Holmes, Elwood Hedburg, R. D. Semon, Harold Woods, O. V. Hayes, Lyle Thurman, Jas. A. Medley, T. E. May, J. H. Helman and daughter, and Bobette Woolcock; Messrs. and Mesdames Earl Miller, Clifford Proctor, Ben Orey, Carol Parker, and Earl Sims; and the Messrs. Oscar Sabin, Lyle Williams, Chas. Newland, and Charles Gould.

Adjutant Cox, club director, expressed his appreciation to all who aided and also expressed gratitude to Mann's Department store, Ray Ish of the Medford Military Tailors, the Kiwanis and Lions clubs, and ladies for their contribution.

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

17-Year-Old Boys Offered Training Naval Radar Class

The Navy has urgent need for 17-year-olds to train as Radar technicians, announces Recruiting Specialist Herb Crain, in charge of the Medford Navy recruiting substation. Applicants should have completed at least two years of high school mathematics or its equivalent and have some knowledge of physics and either electricity or radio.

Those who can pass a fundamental qualifying test in the aforementioned subjects will be enlisted as seamen first class, a rating equal to corporal in the army, and given the opportunity to attend naval radio materiel school for nine months of intensive training.

A. C. SPENCE DIES
Word has reached Medford that a former valley resident,

A. C. Spence, passed away at his home in Sacramento, Cal., on Dec. 26. Mr. Spence was the father of Mrs. Clayton Bishop of Ashland. Interment will be made in Mt. View cemetery in Ashland.

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PORK ROAST . . . lb. 31c

PORK STEAK . . . lb. 33c

LARD 100% Pure, Kettle Rendered lb. 15c

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BACON BACKS . . lb. 39c

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