

BLACK NIGHTS OF PACIFIC THEATER TRICK US AIRMEN

Seventh AAF Headquarters, Central Pacific—(U.P.)—In the central Pacific, where the velvet blackness of the tropical night produces strange natural phenomena, even the morning star doesn't get the benefit of doubt from m7th AAF aerial gunners on night raids against Japanese bases. They shoot first and ask questions later.

Wary of Japanese trickery in the inky skies, the gunners blast anything that moves. Sometimes the results are amusing; sometimes they're significant.

Recently the entire crew of a Liberator bomber, returning from a successful mission over Truk, sighted a mysterious light off the wing. Three gunners simultaneously poured 50-caliber slugs toward it. Nothing happened. Another burst had the same result. The pilot tried evasive action, but still the light stayed with the B-24.

Puts Plane in Circle
After 30 anxious minutes, the navigator suggested putting the plane into a complete circle. The light remained stationary and the navigator solved the problem. The plane had been "stalked" by the morning star.

Another time a crew was approaching Ponape, preparing to let down for a bomb run.

Suddenly the top turret gunner alert and tense, saw a flash of light, and jammed home a long burst at what he thought was a Japanese interceptor. The other gunners filled the interphone with questions and anxiously manipulated their guns.

"Sorry, fellows," the gunner apologized, "I guess I took a shot at a shooting star. Don't think I touched it, though."

Japanese Trickery
But all lights are not morning stars or shooting stars.

With a heavy cloud riding the rear of a bomber formation returning from a raid, and visibility difficult in the darkness, a tall gunner noticed a dark shape shadowed by the cloud. For a few minutes he disregarded it and then straining his eyes, he made out the contour of a plane moving in to assume a position in the formation.

"Hey, that's a single engine job," he shouted over the interphone, "Zero at 5 o'clock." And he let loose a long burst at the plane. The Japanese fighter swung out of the formation with tracers cutting the air around him.

"Sometimes, you feel silly about the whole thing," one gunner admitted, "but when you're up there trying to look out into the night and get the same results as you would looking through a piece of black velvet, you don't take chances."

HERD DISTRICT IS BURNING ISSUE IN APPLEGATE AREA

Formation of a herd district between Applegate and Provolt has become a hot issue in Tuesday's election for voters of that area, according to I. L. Brown and C. E. Stoner, Applegate dairymen, who declared Saturday that stockmen of the neighborhood have been circulating petitions in an effort to beat the herd law proposal.

The dairymen said the district in question is the paved highway between Applegate and Provolt. "It would appear from statements by the stock men that this district is bounded on all sides by open range," the spokesmen for the dairymen said. "However, this is in error, and the fact is there is not a foot of open range the entire distance, the land all being privately owned and farmed."

"The dairymen," they continued, "want to join up with the highway at Provolt where the law is in effect in Josephine county, and everybody likes it. The stock men want to pasture the highway, which all pay taxes to maintain."

The spokesmen point out that although stock at large on the highway danger automobile traffic, motorists must pay stockmen for any animal which way be accidentally killed.

American railroads are carrying twice the amount of freight moved by rail in the last war with 600,000 fewer cars, according to office of defense transportation figures.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 8:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.



HE HOLDS A TREASURE

A tin cup, his only eating utensil, is held tightly by this small youngster as the soup queue forms in the rear. French Relief Fund, member agency of National War Fund, has provided dried milk and other nourishment for war-starved French children.

NEW TIRE STORE WILL OPEN HERE MONDAY MORNING

Harold O. Kreger, formerly of Hood River, will open a new tire store at 1760 North Riverside here Monday under the firm name of O. K. Rubber Welders. The new concern will be located at the "Y" in the building which previously housed Denny's grocery. Complete equipment has been installed for "precision" recapping, using the widely known "O. K. welding" method.

Vernon Gibbs, also an experienced tire man of Hood River, has come to this city to join the staff of the new concern.

The O. K. system of tire recapping and repairing grew out of the depression era, according to Kreger, and is today one of the world's largest tire servicing organizations. Through the use of controlled electrical heat and mechanical pressure a perfect circle cap is achieved without the application of heat directly on the sidewalls and strain on the tire casing. Equipment used in this process is now on display at the new firm and the public has been invited to inspect it. The O. K. Rubber Welders offer a full guarantee of workmanship and materials, according to Mr. Kreger.

Mr. and Mrs. Kreger and son, Dick, have purchased a home in this city and will make Medford their permanent residence. The friendliness and courtesy of the people of this community and the beauty of the southern Oregon country were factors in the selection of Medford for Mr. Kreger's business enterprise. He will continue as owner of the Hood River concern, operating under the O. K. franchise.

Portland Runaways Under Arrest Here

Two runaway boys, Glenn Raleigh, 14, and Earl Lee Martin, 13, both from Portland, were apprehended today, when Mrs. Alvin Greb Bush of Central Point, reported to city police that money was missing from her purse after she had picked up two boy hitchhikers on the highway, this morning and brought them into Medford in her car.

Mrs. Bush told police that her baby had thrown her purse into the back seat where the boys were, and later she missed her coin purse and \$13 in cash. The boys were found in Medford, and \$11 of Mrs. Bush's money was recovered. They had left Portland last Wednesday.

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Klamath Tobacco Firm Pays Fine For Overcharges

Portland—Sale of 54,320 packages of cigarettes at 20c each, an overcharge of 4c per package, by the Pioneer Tobacco Company, doing business as the Klamath Vending Company, 604 S. Seventh Street, Klamath Falls, has resulted in settlement of OPA administrator's treble damage claim in the amount of \$3,261.00. Charles Kaufman, OPA compliance chief, announced Saturday.

Kaufman said the cigarettes were sold through vending machines for 20c a package and that no change was given. The payment of \$3,261.00 represents one and one-half times the

amount of actual overcharges, he said.

The firm is located in an area which serves the U. S. Marine Rehabilitation Center, so undoubtedly many of the cigarettes were purchased by servicemen, Kaufman emphasized.

Kin May Send Word To War Prisoners

The Red Cross office here now has facilities whereby any relative or friend of a U. S. prisoner of war or civilian internee known to be in the Philippine Islands, may send one message to such person during the month of November only.

Further information may be secured at the Red Cross office in the court house.

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Utopia Auto Court— On South Riverside Sold By Housechild

Purchase by O. L. Williams of the Utopia Auto Court on the south Pacific highway was announced Saturday by Clinton Spencer of the Spencer Bagley Agency which handled the deal. The court, which includes eight units and is one of the finest in this area, has been owned and operated for the past five years by Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Housechild.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams will operate the court and have taken up residence there. They plan additional construction when war restrictions permit. The new owners moved here about four years ago from Klamath

Falls where he owned one of the larger garages.

Mr. and Mrs. Housechild are making their home at the Evelyn apartments.

Limited Parcel Post Service To Italian Centers

Washington, D. C.—Gift parcels will be accepted for shipment to Rome, Naples, Palermo (Sicily) and Vatican City State, under limited parcel post service which will be available at once, Postmaster General Frank C. Walker announced last night.

Resumption of the service is a step in the President's program for restoring normal relations with Italy.

Shipping limitations, and transportation difficulties with-

in Italy, necessitate restriction of the service. In handling packages sent overseas, preference will be given to Christmas packages and other parcels addressed to members of our armed forces.

Brougher Preaches Three Times Today

Evangelist Russell M. Brougher will preach at three services at the First Baptist church today. His 11 a. m. topic will be "The Christian's Coronation." At 3 p. m. his topic will be "The Battle of Armageddon," and at 7:30 p. m. his topic will be "Clown or King."

A Milwaukee company in war production saved thousands of man-hours and dollars through some 1,800 suggestions submitted by employees.

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