

21ST AIR UNIT NOW IN ACTION AGAINST ENEMY

By Frank Tremaine
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Headquarters, Army Air Forces in the Pacific, Nov. 24—(U.P.)—The existence of the 21st bomber command—the second combat unit of the 20th airforce—operating Superfortresses from new bases in the Marianas was disclosed with the announcement of its first mission today against Tokyo.

The announcement also revealed for the first time that Lt. Gen. Milard F. Harmon, one of the army's veteran airmen, recently was named deputy commander of the 20th AAF as well as commanding general of the AAF in the Pacific ocean areas.

Hansell Commander
Brig. Gen. Haywood S. "Pos-

sum" Hansell, Jr., commands the 21st bomber command and is responsible directly to Harmon and Gen. H. H. Arnold in Washington.

As commanding general of the AAF in the Pacific, Harmon is responsible to Adm. Chester W. Nimitz but in his second role as deputy commander of the 20th AAF, he is responsible directly to Arnold who is responsible in turn to the joint chiefs of staff for operations of his world-wide airforce of super-bombers. The latter are operating against the Japanese homeland from bases in China and the central Pacific, 2700 miles apart.

Inter-service cooperation and co-ordination in the first B-29 operations from the Marianas involved logistic planning and support but commands under Nimitz, Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson's army forces, and Harmon's AAF in the Pacific.

A huge fleet of C-54's was assembled by the Pacific division army air transport commander under Brig. Gen. William Ord Ryan to move the tremendous amount of supplies and personnel.

Army officials said that new airfields were turned over to the ATC from the west coast from where the Superfortress movement westward was launched while runways were lengthened and improved at intermediate steps in the transpacific hop to handle the big bombers.

PATTON DECORATED
Advanced Allied Supreme Headquarters, Nov. 24—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower pinned a bronze star on Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's jacket today in recognition of the 3rd army's capture of Metz. The medal was awarded by Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley as commander of the 12th army group.

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AFL CONVENTION FACING DEBATE ON LABOR MEET

New Orleans, La., Nov. 24—(U.P.)—The annual convention of the American Federation of Labor faced a heated discussion today of international labor relations, prefaced by a flat statement from Daniel J. Tobin, head of the Teamsters' Union, that he would refuse to participate in the world conference on labor at London.

"I am a member of the (AFL) executive council and I don't believe we could sit at the same table with labor organizations that are not free—whose wages are set by the government," Tobin said.

He added, however, that this attitude would not prevent his serving as a representative of American labor at a peace conference, and that such an assignment would "be a government order, and I would consider it a service to my people to accept."

Tobin said that the fact that the CIO had accepted the London invitation did not affect his decision in the matter.

"I have often appeared on programs and on the same platform with Philip Murray and with other CIO officials, as everyone knows," Tobin said. He said that his reference to labor unions that are "not free" did not include any American unions.

CHINA GETS PLANES
Inglewood, Cal. Nov. 24—(U.P.)—"A quantity" of North American Aviation company's P-51 Mustang fighters, among the world's fastest military aircraft, today had been allocated to the Chinese air force.

SHE STARTED IT
Laramie, Wyo. (U.P.)—That age-old privilege of a woman's right to change her mind was exercised in court by a Laramie woman, who had her husband hauled before the judge on an assault and battery charge. After her spouse had been fined and placed under bond, the woman admitted that she didn't blame him "for hitting me, since I hit him first."

Fiery Front



(Acme Telephoto)
U. S. Seventh Army breaks through Vosges defense lines to within sight of Rhine River as French troops storm Mulhouse. A German counter-attack continued battle inside Belfort. Elsewhere on western front Allied forces continued to gain, driving on Saarbrücken, Cologne and other key German cities.

JOIN CHURCH TOGETHER
Columbia, Mo. (U.P.)—Though several thousand miles separated them, the entire family of S/Sgt. Merrill Griffin joined the Methodist church in Columbia at one time. Through correspondence between S/Sgt. Griffin, who wrote from his foxhole in Italy expressing his desire to join the hometown church and the Rev. J. W. Crichlow of Columbia, arrangements were made to have a chaplain perform the baptismal rites on Griffin in Italy at the same time the Rev. Crichlow bestowed them on Griffin's wife and two children here.

The United States is producing oil at a rate of more than 4,200,000 barrels per day.

STRANGE FUELS USED TO KEEP CARS ON ROAD

Washington (U.P.)—Ingenious foreigners, trying to beat the gas and oil shortage, are keeping their cars running on such substitutes as oil from alligators' tails and rum mixtures, an article in Foreign Commerce Weekly, Commerce Department publication, states.

Total war has acquainted motorists with strange fuels and lubricants, and even before the war oil-poor countries had developed many synthetic oil products, according to Dorothy Knibb, author of the article.

Alligator Oil
Alligators are plentiful in Brazil, and when no better substitute is available, motors are kept humming with alligator tail oil, which is even reported to have run a Diesel engine successfully.

The residents of Martinique find that a heavy preparation containing 82 per cent rum and eight per cent gasoline works successfully and stretches slim gas supplies, the article said.

Probably the most widely known substitute oil, Miss Knibb said, is benzol, distilled from coal tar. Information concerning production of benzol is carefully restricted at present.

"Gasogenes"
Also widely used, from Sweden to Spain and from India to Brazil, are "gasogenes," stove-like devices attached to automobiles or tractors and fed by wood or charcoal. At least 80 per cent of all the vehicles in Sweden are operating on gasogenes.

Anhydrous alcohol, a product of grain, sugar, beets or other carbohydrates, also is receiving world-wide attention as a substitute motor fuel, and may be used by itself or mixed with petroleum, Miss Knibb said.

Scandinavian countries have been using methane gas made from town sewage while Spain reports successful use of a new fuel, "Carreras," a mixture of gasoline and distillate from twigs, straw, leaves, or other products, she said.

AX MURDERER IS KILLED BY MOB

Pikeville, Tenn., Nov. 24—(U.P.)—With the alleged ax murderer and his two victims silenced by death, police doubted today that they could determine why James T. Scales, 17-year-old negro trusty of a state reformatory, killed Mrs. H. E. Scott and Mrs. Glen McKinney, wife and daughter of the institution's superintendent.

Scales was shot to death yesterday when he "attempted to escape" from a lynch mob which obtained his release from the Pikeville jail.

The dead trusty used a double edged ax in his alleged attacks on the women at the State Training and Agriculture school for negro boys.

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Friday, Nov. 24, 1944 MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

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MR. AND MRS. MESSENGER
Double funeral service will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Perle Funeral Home for Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Messenger who died at Coos Bay. Interment will be in the Ashland cemetery.

NAVY TO CIVVIES TO ARMY
Memphis, Tenn. (U.P.)—A navy seaman, a civilian and a private in the army—all this within three days happened to Frank W. Volney of South Dakota, who was stationed at Millington Naval Air Technical Training Center here. As a high-ranking, first-class seaman, Volney was appointed to attend a West Point preparatory school. The navy, pursuing its regulations, found the authority to discharge him. Seaman Volney then found himself Civilian Volney. He then reported to the army recruiting station here, where more army manuals were thumbed through, and finally Civilian Volney became Pvt. Volney. The 18-year-old soldier is now at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., awaiting departure to the West Point school.

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OBITUARY
CHARLES WONNAL
Charles Wonnal, a resident of Medford and the Rogue River valley for the last 32 years, passed away at a local hospital Thursday.

Mr. Wonnal was born in Leavenworth county, Kansas, June 29, 1886. He leaves to mourn his passing a nephew and a niece, Lloyd C. Wilson and Mrs. Frank Blore, both of Medford.

Funeral services will be held at the Perle Funeral Home Monday at 10:30 a. m., the Rev. G. A. Thompson of the Seventh-day Adventist church will officiate and interment will be in I.O.O.F. cemetery.

HORACE D. WILSON
Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. for Horace D. Wilson, who was killed in a mid-air plane crash at Cherry Point, N. C. Full military services will be held at the Perle Funeral Home under the direction of Camp White officers. Interment will be in Central Point cemetery.

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