

BOMBER PERILED BY RUBBER RAFT ON OCEAN FLIGHT

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Headquarters, 11th AAF, Nov. 27—(U.P.)—The hostile sky over Paramushiro in the northern Kuriles is filled with some extraordinary hazards to airmen—flak, zeros, fog and ice-filled clouds—but the first instance of a bomber being nearly downed there by a rubber life raft was disclosed today.

The Mitchell bomber, piloted by Lt. Donald Hofferth, Jackson, Mich., had bucked head winds across the north Pacific ocean from its Aleutian base to bomb and strafe the enemy bases on northern Paramushiro, and so much gasoline had been used fighting the winds that Hofferth decided he would have to jettison all removable equipment in order to get back.

Raft Thrown Out
Among the items of equipment thrown out was the rubber life raft. In some manner the raft became inflated as it was being pushed out through the hatch, and its steel mooring line fouled on the bomber's tail assembly.

The drag of the large raft was so great that Hofferth had difficulty keeping the bomber in level flight while his crewmen held a hasty conference to figure out how to get rid of the raft.

The five crew members were Lt. George Cooper, Jr., co-pilot, Denver; Lt. Javk B. Evans, bombardier, Detroit; Sgt. Thomas

"Kismet" Coming Wednesday



Ronald Colman in a scene from the gorgeous technicolor drama, "Kismet," with Marlene Dietrich, James Craig and Edward Arnold. The picture starts tomorrow at the Craterian.

O'Brien, engineer, Woodside, L. I., N. Y.; Sgt. George E. Twomey, gunner, Washington, D. C., and Cpl. Michael Harrington, gunner, Bedford, Mass.

Deflated With Shots
Sgts. Twomey and Harrington deflated the raft with shots from their .45 pistols, then cut a large hole in the side of the plane with belt knives and tried to shoot the steel line in two. When the latter stratagem failed, Twomey crawled part way out a window while Harrington held his legs, and succeeded in firing a shot that parted the line.

The bomber was brought in safely to its base.

WEATHER

Northern California—Cloudy with intermittent rain today, tonight and Wednesday. Little temperature change.

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NO JAP KNOCKOUT SEEN BEFORE '46

Pearl Harbor, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Japan still will "be on her feet and fighting in 1946," in the opinion of Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commander of U. S. army air forces in the Pacific areas.

Harmon, who directs the strategic bombing of the enemy's homeland, said in a speech summarizing results of the Superfortress raids on Japan, that "Pacific operations were going fine for a start but they've only just begun."

He debunked the popular belief that Tokyo is a tinder-box that can be knocked out by a few incendiary bombs and disclosed that the Japanese had constructed a large system of firebreaks throughout the city.

"No one gives the Jap credit for being a resourceful enemy except those who have fought him," Harmon said.

Prospect

Prospect, Dec. 19—Over 200 people attended the Prospect high school night club entertainment December 15. Christmas decorations were used throughout the gymnasium, making an attractive setting for the floor show, that was interspersed with dancing by the audience. One of the high lights of the evening was a song by the Christmas carolers, dedicated to Mrs. Frances Pearson, who served as an instructor for 20 years in the local high school. Arleigh Anderson, of the senior class, was master of ceremonies and Mrs. Elizabeth Flannery, who directed the entertainment also, was piano accompanist.

Jantzer Girls club entertained with a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Charles B. Broomfield, December 14. Gifts were exchanged from the beautifully decorated tree, followed by refreshments served by the hostess. Members attending included: Mrs. Richard Ditsworth, Mrs. Everett Shafer, Mrs. Archie McKillop, Mrs. Ralph Lacy, Mrs. Frank Doty, Mrs. Albert Wright, Mrs. Henry Dufer, Mrs. Ralph Mallory, Mrs. Paul Snook, Mrs. Ben Haynes, Mrs. Paul Dalton, and Mrs. Broomfield.

Mrs. Floyd K. Kelley was hostess for the Bridge club Christmas party, December 13. Chicken luncheon was served at small tables to Mrs. Earl Ulrich, Mrs. Wallace Dinkens, Mrs. E. E. Fraedrick, Jr., Mrs. Mary E. Grieve, Mrs. James H. Grieve, Mrs. Elmer Clemens, Mrs. Edmund W. Pease, and Mrs. Kelley. After the exchange of gifts, bridge was in play, with high score prize won by Mrs. Clemens, and Mrs. Dinkens was awarded the consolation prize.

Mrs. Charles B. Broomfield gave a birthday dinner, honoring her husband December 12. Covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs. R. Ceford Garoutte, Miss Dorothy Fairchild, Mr. and Mrs. Archie McKillop and daughters, Susan and Sally, Mr. and Mrs. Broomfield and son Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer M. Clemens left December 15 for Los Angeles to visit for three weeks with their daughter, Miss Dorothy, also Mrs. Clemens' nieces, Mrs. Fred Rollyson and Mrs. William Broadway, and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fett, at Redondo Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Clemens' house guests for the past two weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swan and Mrs. Nellie Cooke of Spokane, accompanied them as far south as Orland, Calif., where they will spend a few weeks with relatives.

Miss Shirley Gibson, who is employed at Medford, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gibson.

HONOR ROLL

Names of Roosevelt grade school pupils who made the honor roll for the second six weeks' period of this term were released today as follows:

- 1B—Joanne Clasen, Sue Coley, Carol Ann Lewis, Meredith Foote and Carol Denman.
- 1A—Susan Bagley.
- 2B—Melissa Jennings, Barbara Bauer and Suzanne Reichstein.
- 2A—Larry Ross and Vernece Tighe.
- 3B—Sandra Hubbard, Carole Pringle, Fay Zier, Georgia Hemmilla, Constance Clark and Roger Pingstaff.
- 4B—Jimmie Roberts, Gail McDuffee and Kathryn McAllister.
- 5B—Nancy Jennings, Patricia Lydlard and Billy McAllister.
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- 6A—Robert Rentchler.

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Firemen called to extinguish a routine chimney blaze asked the lady of the house how long the fire had been burning.

"Oh, about two hours, but we tried to keep it down as long as we could," the woman replied.

"Why didn't you call us before?" the astonished smoke eaters queried.

"Well, we didn't think you came to work until 8 a. m.," the housewife answered.

"And besides, we had to be sure we had enough money to pay you."

COL. ROBERT McCORMICK WILL MARRY SOCIALITE
Chicago, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher

of the Chicago Tribune, will marry Mrs. Maryland Mathison Hooper, prominent Chicago socialite, in a quiet ceremony here at 5 p. m. Thursday.

Chauncey McCormick, the 64-year-old publisher's cousin, announced the forthcoming marriage, which will take place at his Lake Shore home.

Mrs. Hooper, mother of two teen-aged daughters, divorced her husband, Henry Hooper, in Mexico November 30.

JAP WAR PRISONERS WILL GET SUPPLIES

By United Press
Supplies for American war prisoners in Japanese internment camps have arrived at Vladivostok and will be distributed by Japanese vessels "immediately," Sadao Iguchi, spokesman of the

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Japanese board of information, these comfort kits has arrived from the American government a few days ago."

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