

# SUPERFORT CRASH IN MID-AIR OVER TEXAS KILLS 18

Collision At Night Visible for  
60 Miles—'Whole Coun-  
try Lighted Up'

Weatherford, Tex., Aug. 18 —  
(U.P.)—Eighteen men died in the  
mid-air crash of two B-29 Super-  
forts last night.

Two crew members were in-  
jured. They were hurled from the  
disintegrating planes and  
pulled their parachute ripcords  
to float to earth.

The collision was visible 60  
miles away. Sheriff Jake Long  
of Parker county said he did not  
see the actual crash but added  
that "the whole country was  
lighted up just as if you had  
turned on the lights."

Wreckage and bodies were  
strewn over an area of 10 miles.  
Four bodies were recovered to-  
day in widely separated spots in  
this area.

Both planes were flying very  
high Douglas Gibbs of Weather-  
ford reported.

"You could barely hear the  
motors," he said. "One was fly-  
ing northeast, the other south-  
west. I noticed only one light on  
each of the planes."

Gibbs said he heard no explo-  
sion when the planes collided.  
Six pieces of wreckage floated  
down "looking more like mete-  
ors than anything else."

He said there was a tremen-  
dous explosion that shook his  
house as the principal piece of  
wreckage from one of the planes  
struck southwest of the town.

One of the two injured airmen  
said he knew nothing about what  
happened. He said he was thrown  
from the disintegrating plane  
and pulled his ripcord. Both in-  
jured men were treated for  
burns and moved to a hospital  
at Camp Wolters, Tex.

Antelope Island, in Great  
Salt Lake, Utah, has a fresh  
water well.

## Dangerous



Constance Moore makes a  
luscious burlesque queen in the  
sparkling musical-comedy "De-  
lightfully Dangerous," now on  
the Craterian screen through  
Tuesday. Miss Moore shufles  
honors in the comedy with Jane  
Powell and Ralph Bellamy. Mor-  
ton Gould's famous orchestra  
provides the musical back-  
ground. As a social feature the

## Adventure Film at Rialto



Scene from the adventure  
drama "Dangerous Passage,"  
with Phyllis Brooks and Robert  
Lowery now playing thru Tues-  
day at the Rialto theatre. Martha  
Tilton, "radio's first lady of  
swing," starring in the musical  
comedy hit "Swing Hostess," is  
the twin hit on the program.

Craterian is also featuring "The  
Fleet that Came to Stay," the  
first complete film report of the  
Jap suicide plane attacks off Ok-  
inawa, a presentation of the  
United States Navy and filmed  
entirely under direct fire.

## MEN FOR PACIFIC REROUTED TO U. S.

Marseille, Aug. 18 — (U.P.) —  
Three American troop trans-  
ports, carrying 7,043 men and  
completely loaded ready to sail  
to the Pacific, were rerouted to  
the United States yesterday  
after receiving last minute  
changes in sailing orders. The

## FAVOR DISCHARGE OF MEN OVER 35

Washington, Aug. 18 — (U.P.) —  
Chairman James M. Mead, D.  
N. Y. of the Senate War In-  
vestigating Committee said tonight  
that there appears to be no rea-  
son why the army should not  
lower the discharge age to 35.  
The army recently lowered the  
age from 40 to 38.

"No effort should be spared to  
return the older men to civilian  
life at the first opportunity,"  
Mead said. He also said he  
hoped plans to discharge 7,500,  
000 servicemen in the next 18  
months were conservative esti-  
mates.

C.A.T. SCHOOLS ENDED  
Washington, Aug. 18 — (U.P.) —  
The war department announced  
today that all army civil affairs  
training schools with the excep-  
tion of the one at the University  
of Virginia will be closed by  
Aug. 21. The six schools affected  
are Yale, Chicago, Michigan,  
Stanford, Northwestern and Har-  
vard universities.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30  
a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p. m.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

DAIRY JOBS FOR VETS  
Portland, Ore., Aug. 18 — (U.P.) —  
Portland milk distributors are  
planning a veterans' training pro-  
gram to help experienced serv-  
ice men return to the industry.  
Charles Eckelman, president of  
the Oregon Dairy Industries,  
Inc., announced today.

Sunday, Aug. 19, 1945 MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

FIRE WOMEN FIRST  
Seattle, Aug. 18 — (U.P.) — Major  
northwest warplants moved  
swiftly through reconversion  
plans, gearing to abolish the 48-  
hour work week, the graveyard  
shift, and warning women ship-  
builders they will be at the top  
of the list of those to lose their  
jobs.  
Closing time for Sunday Too Late  
to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon.  
Please remember.

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