

Torture Ordeal at Stead Air Force Base Conditioning School Described

Methods Designed To Prepare Airmen For Enemy Capture

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Stead Air Force Base, Nev.—(U.P.)—You feel on a broomstick until the pain has you sweating. The insufferable blond young man in the weird helmet and green shirt calls you an S.O.B. His brownhaired accomplice, just as insufferable, screams that your wife is a tramp.

The brutish-looking soldier standing behind you with a rifle inquires in a roaring voice, "You want your head smashed?" He swings the butt menacingly close to your left temple.

What with one thing and another, including minutes-long support of weighted bags in your outstretched hands, you get to feeling that it is just possible you might pass out.

The Major Explains
But, said the blue-eyed Major, you do not break, you do not feel you are being tortured, and if anybody wants to know, just being a member of a Strategic Air Command crew is far worse than this.

Thus lightly did a 35-year-old B-47 navigator from Texas dismiss the thought that the U.S. Air Force Survival Training School here is subjecting its students to inhumane physical and mental ordeals.

A controversy has been going on of late as to whether Air Force efforts to make combat crewmen immune to Communist brainwashing techniques have gone too far toward the side of "torture."

"Hell," said the Major, "I knew it wouldn't last long. I knew the swearing and the cracks at my wife were just meant to make me mad. And I knew the whole idea was to help me out if I ever ran into the real thing."

"Under the circumstances," he added, "you certainly could not call it torture."

Small Part of Program
Nevertheless, Base Commander Burton E. McKenzie, who inherited this job two months ago, is thinking of ditching some phases of the training program until he gets new directives from Washington.

The controversial phases—the realistic interrogation of students by members of the head staff especially trained for the job—constitute only a small part of the training program here.

They have to do with President Eisenhower's Code for American Servicemen who may become prisoners of war. Under this code, U.S. POWs must at all costs protect information, disclosure of which might jeopardize their military units and the security of the United States. The Air Force is preparing new training procedures to implement the code.

Communist Methods
To help the combat aircrews who may some day have to live up to this code, the Air Force at Stead has been trying to give crew members from bases all over the country an idea of what they may expect if they ever get shot down in war over Communist territory.

The way this is done is to ape in mock interrogations the methods and physical practices which have been employed in the past by enemy nations.

Some 40 reporters, TV-news-reel cameramen, and newspaper photographers from both coasts were invited to Stead yesterday for what was described as "an open look" at the training methods used here.

Interrogation Shacks
They saw the "interrogation shacks"—complete with bright lights and electric shock machines and out of this world walls so planned as to induce physical and mental giddiness.

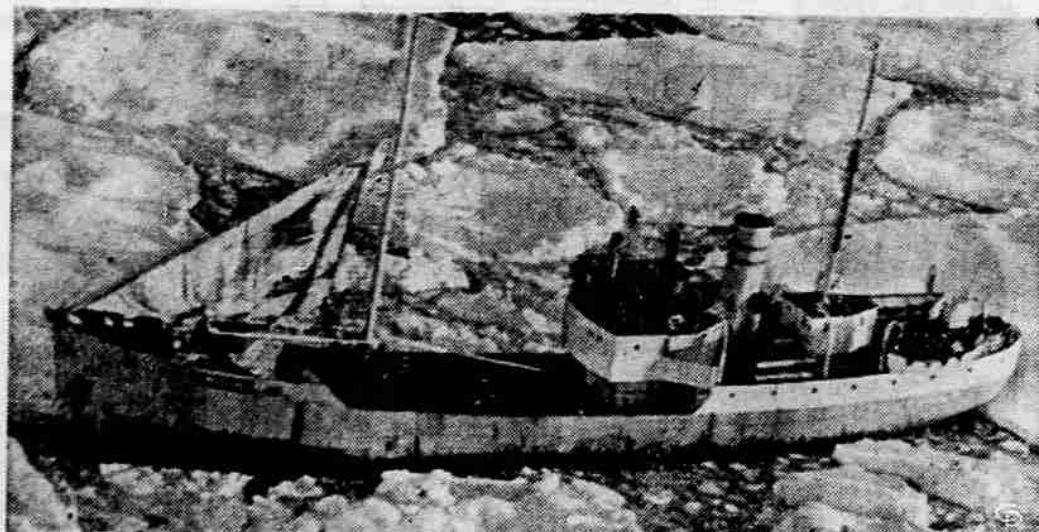
They saw the sweatbox—a vertical coffin used by Rumania in World War II. They saw the horizontal coffin—a shallow and narrow trench with a rock bottom. They saw "the hole"—a circular pit eight feet deep and two and a half feet across in which U.S. POWs in Korea have spent months.

They also saw a POW compound—exactly like the kind you have seen in photographs and war movies—and they saw, while TV cameras hummed, a mock-brutal herding to prisoners into the stockade by snarling captors in foreign battle dress.

Everybody Drinks; Everybody Fights

Manitowoc, Wis.—(U.P.)—Charles Kirwan, 19, tried an old gag Tuesday but it backfired.

He walked into a bar and announced, "When I drink, everybody drinks." Just about everybody did but when the check came around Kirwan announced, equally loudly, "When I pay, everybody pays." A free-for-all fight broke out and police hauled Kirwan off to jail where he will spend the next 10 days.



HELD CAPTIVE IN ICE PACK, Norwegian ship Jopeter is helpless off east coast of Greenland after U. S. Air Force rescues 23 crew members using helicopters. (International)

1892 Copy of Medford Mail Found in Old Alaska House

An 1892 copy of the Medford Mail, predecessor to the Mail Tribune, recently was acquired by Riley Potter, route 1, box 525, Central Point.

The 63-year-old paper, which is yellowed and crumbling, was found in the walls of an old house in Wrangell, Alaska, between Kechikan and Juneau, when it was torn down not long ago. How it got there is anyone's guess.

The finder, F. E. Bennett, gave it to W. N. Tittsworth, Vancouver, Wash., who was visiting in Alaska at the time, who in turn gave it to Potter.

The issue is that of March 10. Most of the news other than that of local happenings, appears to have been clipped and reprinted from other papers sent here by mail. The weekly paper has on Page 1 columns listed "Current News," which printed items of interest, most of them several weeks old, from all parts of the world, "Woman's World," "Farm Notes," and a story about "Buffalo Bill" Cody.

One full column on Page 1 is devoted to advertisements, most of them by doctors and lawyers, although the Southern Pacific has an ad which gives the timetable for a train leaving Medford at 5:05 p.m., arriving in Portland at 7:35 a.m. The southbound train leaving Medford at 9:33 p.m., arrived in San Francisco at 8:15 a.m.

One item headed "Notice!" said:

"After April 1st, 1892, the barber shops in Medford will close on Sundays."

Other stories and notices revealed that the school district had a valuation of \$303,501, and that seven teachers and a janitor were employed in the school.

The city council minutes, printed in full, included the following:

"Petition from Thomas Morine and 72 others, asking for a liquor license to sell liquor in quantities less than one quart. . . . Petition granted. . . . Thomas Morine presented his resignation as night watch and special police. . . ."

A "Local News" item reveals that "R. V. Beall, of Central Point, was in Medford lately," and others say "This is court week in Josephine county, and about every attorney in the valley is in attendance at Grants Pass." "It is reported a party from California will arrive at Central Point on the 18th inst. to investigate the flume project."

"The Weeks furniture store is being moved from its present quarters to a building on the south end of Front street," and "Why not call a meeting, ye base ball lovers, and organize a club that will be a pride to Medford and a source of terror to every club in the valley?"

A furniture store advertises carpets, curtains and paper, and says, "Undertaking carefully attended to."

The Eagle Point "correspondence" started out this way: "Since the much talked of extension of the R.R.V.R.R. to Eagle Point is almost assured

there have been many inquiries by people in distant localities as to where Eagle Point is, and what its prospective advantages. To those who may chance to read the Mail, this information is given. Eagle Point is fourteen miles northeast from Medford, on Little Butte creek, which, by the way, has some of the best water powers in Oregon. It has one roller flouring mill, of large capacity, two stores of general merchandise, two of confectionery, one drug store, two physicians, two hotels, two blacksmith shops, with wagon repair shops connected. It has one church building and one school house. It numbers about 150 inhabitants. The surrounding country . . . contains some of the best farming and fruit lands in the state. It is well known that the best wheat raised in Rogue River valley was from Butte creek. This we have now. After the advent of the iron

horse we will tell more about it. "This delightful weather makes all nature rejoice, animate and inanimate."

MORE 4-H AWARDS

Two more Jackson county placings in 4-H contests at the recent Oregon State fair were reported today. A Jackson county team won a white ribbon in the 4-H forestry identification contest, and David Woolfolk, Eagle Point, won a white ribbon with a conservation exhibit.

LEGAL NOTICES

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
Suit in Equity to Quiet Title
No. 55-461-E
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson
O. B. WADDELL, Administratrix with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Richard Stevens Eskridge, deceased, Plaintiff,
vs.
FRANK CHILDERS and JANE DOE CHILDERS, his wife, if married, and the unknown heirs of Frank Childers, if deceased, and also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in and to the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

To Frank Childers and Jane Doe Childers, his wife, if married, and the unknown heirs of Frank Childers, if deceased, and also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in and to the real estate described in the complaint herein, the above named defendants:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You and each of you, are hereby required and summoned to appear in the above entitled court and cause, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff on file herein against you within four weeks from the date of the first publication hereof, and you will hereby take notice that if you fail to so appear and answer for want thereof, plaintiff will pray to the court for the following relief against you and as prayed for in plaintiff's complaint on file herein and specifically referred to hereby and by this reference made a part hereof, a succinct statement of which is as follows, to-wit:

For a decree of this court forever quieting her title in fee simple in and to the following described premises lying and being situate in Jackson County, Oregon, to-wit:

An undivided one-half interest in and to Lot Three (3) in Section 5 in Township 37 South, Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian in Jackson County, Oregon, free and clear from all and any right, title, estate, lien and interest that said defendants, or any of them, or anyone claiming by, through or under them, may have or claim therein or thereto and forever barring and preventing said defendants, or anyone claiming by, through or under them, from ever setting up or asserting any right, title, estate, lien or interest therein and thereto, and holding that said claim is null and void and of no force and effect, and for such other, further and different relief as to the court may seem meet and proper in the premises.

This summons is published in the Medford Mail Tribune, a newspaper of general and regular circulation, published in the City of Medford, Oregon, once each week for a period of four consecutive weeks, and that said defendants hereinabove named are required to appear and answer as herein provided, under and by virtue of an order duly made, rendered and entered by the Hon. Charles Foster, Circuit Judge of the State of Oregon, in and for Jackson County, on August 23, 1955.

Date of the first publication of this summons is August 24, 1955.
Roberts, Kellington & Branchfield
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Address: 201-S U.S. National Bank Bldg., Medford, Oregon

Sixty Receive Chest X-Rays as Clinic Reopens

Sixty people, most of them school personnel, received chest x-rays at the reopening of the out-patient clinic at Sacred Heart hospital last Thursday, according to hospital officials and the Jackson County Public Health association.

The clinic will be open tomorrow and each Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. Volunteer help at the out-patient clinic is provided by the hospital auxiliary. Those assisting the x-ray technician last week were Mrs. L. E. Duff, Mrs. James Dunlevy, Mrs. H. A. McCullough, and Mrs. Julia Shasky.

It is a state law that all people connected with schools must have a chest x-ray so that unknown cases of tuberculosis may be discovered, according to Dr. A. E. Merkel, Jackson county health officer.

However, he stressed the importance of chest x-rays being given to every person over 15 years of age who has not had an x-ray during the past year, particularly those who handle food. Dr. Merkel urged that all such people go to the out-patient clinic for a chest x-ray as soon as possible.

Defense Role for Portland Outlined

Portland — (U.P.) — Civil defense leaders got a briefing yesterday on the role they will play in "operation greenlight" — a mass evacuation test set for Portland later this month.

The CD directors were also given their traffic control assignments for the test which will be held sometime between Sept. 27 and 29.

Exact date and hour of the test will be kept secret until the sirens sound to start the evacuation.

Jack Lowe, Portland civil defense director, said the operation would have national significance as an indication of how well a large city could evacuate its citizens in an emergency.

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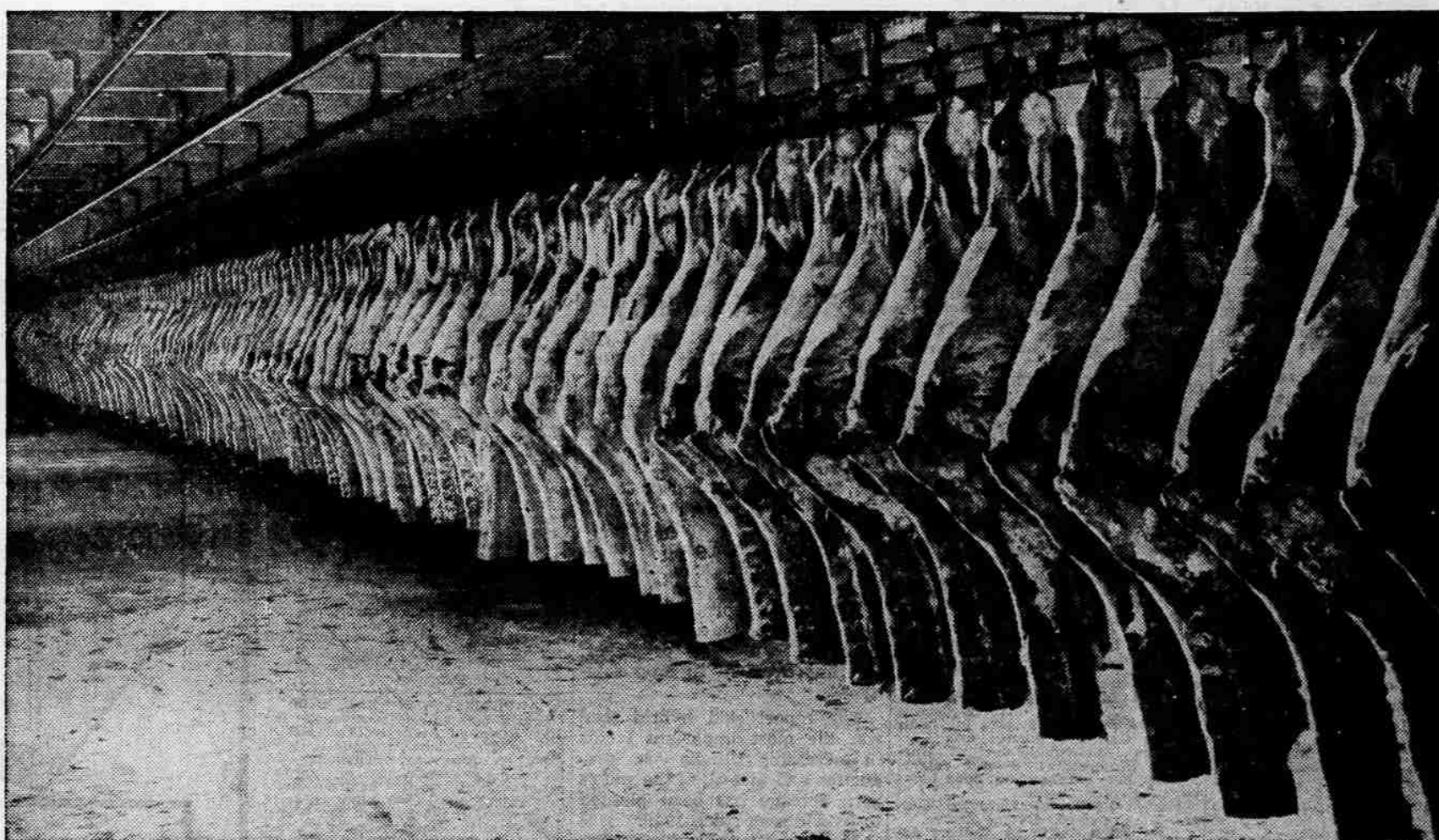
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Q. What is meat aging?

A. Meat aging is the holding and conditioning of meat until it reaches eating perfection by its own natural processes — instead of sending it immediately to market. Safeway aids these processes by providing proper conditions of temperature and humidity. As explained below, natural changes take place in meat during aging . . . changes that improve the eating quality.

Q. Will all meat take aging?

A. No. Pork and veal shouldn't be aged, and poor beef and lamb are not improved by aging. But top U.S. Government grades of beef and lamb, such as Safeway buys, benefit by aging.

Q. Does aging improve meat flavor?

A. Yes. During the aging of fine beef and lamb under proper conditions, the flavor-carrying extracts in the meat tissues develop and permeate the meat.

Q. Does aging increase meat tenderness?

A. Yes. Even naturally tender meat — like rib roast of beef, lamb loin chops and fine steaks — reaches maximum tenderness

only with aging. That's because aging softens tough fibers and tissues — makes for tender eating.

Q. What about juiciness?

A. Meat aged under correctly controlled conditions of humidity and temperature — such as you find in Safeway's Central Meat Aging Plant — retains its natural juiciness. Such meat does not dry out. It shrinks less in cooking. Every bite is juicy.

Q. Is all beef and lamb at Safeway properly aged?

A. Yes. Safeway pioneered, at its own expense, ways to make it possible for retail stores to sell properly aged meat. Over a period of 16 years, Safeway meat experts developed meat-aging procedures, plants and facilities that never before existed in the retail meat field — and put them into operation in many areas throughout the country.

Safeway's Central Meat-Aging Plant here is the climax of this work. For you, it means that each and every cut of Safeway meat you buy has the exact aging it requires to develop its finest eating quality.

Q. How can this value difference be proved?

A. Select your favorite cut of meat at your nearest Safeway. Take it home. Cook and serve it as you prefer it. Eat it and judge its value — in tenderness, juiciness and flavor.

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