

# 'B' DRIVERS MAY QUALIFY FOR MORE GAS

WASHINGTON, June 8 (AP)—About 35 per cent of the nation's 8,553,200 B-card motorists will qualify for more supplementary gasoline when the ration ceiling is raised to 650 miles a month June 11.

The OPA estimated today that there are about 3,000,000 B card holders whose essential occupational driving needs exceed current regional ceilings.

The uniform maximum of 650 miles will replace those prevailing top allotments to B motorists.

In the east, 325 miles a month; midwest, 475 miles; far west, 400 miles.

"The amount of increase for eligible B-card holders will vary with their occupational driving needs, but in no case may their total rations exceed the new ceiling," said OPA Rationing Chief Max McCullough.

He advised B motorists already getting what they need—such as home-to-work drivers—not to apply for increases "since their applications will have to be rejected."

These drivers will receive, however, the 50 per cent increase in A rations effective June 22.

OPA urged B drivers seeking increases to mail their applications to local ration boards, rather than present them personally.

In another section, OPA announced that B-6 and C-6 supplementary gasoline coupons will not be good for consumer use after June 30. It said the few remaining coupons which expire after that date may be exchanged at ration boards for new stamps.

One of the most recent uses to which gyroscopes have been put is in computers for aerial guns on Boeing B-29 Superfortresses and other aircraft.

# MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

**KIDD COMMENDED**  
For the part they played in the historic series of attacks on Japan during an eight-day period, T/Sgt. E. Lyle Kidd and other enlisted men at B-29 bases in the Marianas have been com-



mended by Major General Curtis E. Le May, commanding officer of the 11th bomber command.

Kidd is with ground echelons supporting the almost daily Superfort assaults against the Japanese mainland.

His wife, Norma, lives at Miltonvale, Kansas, and he is a graduate of Amity high school in Amity, Oregon. Prior to enlisting in the service, he made his home with his sister, Mrs. Carlton Ross of Bly, Oregon, and was employed by the Crane mills there.

Sgt. Kidd holds the Silver Star, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon. He was awarded these ribbons during his 18-month tour of duty in the Aleutians.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kidd of 203 Victory drive in this city.

**BABCOCK GETS MEDAL WITH THE 32d INFANTRY DIVISION IN NORTHERN LUZON, P. I.**—PFC Richard T. Babcock, son of Mrs. Eva Mae Babcock, of Box 330, Klamath Falls, has been awarded the Philippine Liberation medal by the Commonwealth government for his role in the fighting on Leyte and Luzon.

The award was announced by Maj.-Gen. William H. Gill, commander of the 32d "Red Arrow" infantry division.

PFC Babcock entered the army in July, 1943, and came overseas in January, 1944. He also holds the Asiatic Pacific Theater ribbon with one battle star.

# GEN. PATTON WANTS TO GO TO PACIFIC

BOSTON, June 8 (AP)—Gen. George S. Patton Jr., hoping he was on his way to "fight the Japanese," flew from the Bedford airport for Los Angeles today—taking off before most of the million people who gave him a hero's welcome yesterday had left their homes for their work.

The dynamic, gun-toting chief of the invincible third army—stirred by the welcome of his adopted state upon his first return to the United States from the war in Europe, told newsmen, "I sincerely hope I fight the Japanese."

The general was accompanied by Mrs. Patton. They will stop at Denver, Colo., where they will be accorded a reception.

"My ambition," he said in an interview, "is to get to the Pacific, but it may not be fulfilled."

He declined politely to amplify his remark but said "a general officer can not be quoted as to the possibilities of his assignments."

The 59-year-old four star general talked briefly with newsmen after one of the most tumultuous receptions in the city's history.

Patton said he hoped to get a week or 10-day leave which he would like to spend with his sister in Los Angeles.

"There is a little church out there where I was baptized and confirmed," he said. "God has been very good to me and I'd like to go there to give thanks to Him."

The church is St. Gabriel's Episcopal church.

Patton said it was hard for him to talk about the third army "because when I started out on the third army I got incoherent."

Patton also praised the "magnificent reception" given him by the people of Massachusetts.

The brilliant third army general was welcomed by shouting throngs estimated at more than a million people by Police Commissioner Thomas F. Sullivan,

# Industrial Workers Reach 70 Per Cent Of Bond Drive Quota

WASHINGTON, June 8 (AP)—The treasury's war finance division said today industrial workers in 186 big plants have attained 70 per cent of their quotas in the 7th War Loan.

To date they have purchased \$228,578,300 worth of bonds.

Of the 186 firms which have reported to the treasury, 33 have topped their quotas by amounts ranging from \$3000 to \$200,000. Each of the plants employs at least 5000 persons.

Individual purchases of bonds for the nation yesterday attained 67 per cent of the quota for a total of \$4,682,000,000. The individual purchase goal is \$7,000,000,000.

The seven-week drive will end June 30.

# AUTO PAINTERS NEEDED AT NAS

Automobile spray painters are needed at the naval air station, Eugene Liljenquist, civil service agent at the United States employment office announced today. The salary for automobile painters is \$1.14 to \$1.26 per hour plus time and one-half on Saturday.

Automobile mechanics are also greatly needed at the navy base, with a wage scale set at \$1.08 to \$1.20 per hour. Two male janitors are needed at 82 cents per hour.

The scale for common laborers is 76 cents to 94 cents per hour and these are needed also.

A position is open now for a mechanical engineer at \$3200 per year.

Anyone interested in the above positions should contact the USES office immediately.

after a trans-Atlantic flight from Paris via Newfoundland.

Crowds lined the parade route from Bedford airport to Boston and a vast multitude heard him speak briefly from the Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade before he attended a state dinner.

# WAR CASUALTY LIST GROWS 12 THOUSAND

WASHINGTON, June 8 (AP)—Army and navy combat casualties during the war reached 1,012,049 today, an increase of 9162 in the past week.

The army total of 895,834 represented names reported here through May 30 and reflected actual fighting through the early part of May—presumably up to about the time the war against Germany ended.

The navy casualties amounted to 116,215, a rise of 3347 in the last week indicating the more intense fighting in the Pacific.

The break-down on army casualties as reported today by Secretary of War Stimson, and corresponding figures for last week:

Killed 185,670 and 183,563; wounded 556,844 and 553,088; missing 46,747 and 52,746; prisoners 106,573 and 100,622. Most of the increase in the prisoner total apparently represented shifts from the missing column.

Of the wounded, Stimson said, 317,626 have returned to duty. Similar figures for the navy: killed 44,503 and 43,534; wounded 56,767 and 54,380; missing 10,703 and 10,704; prisoners 4240 and 4245.

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