

THOUSANDS OF NAZI TROOPS DIE IN CAMPS

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

BERLIN, Oct. 24 (AP)—British authorities today quoted German war prisoners liberated by the Russians as saying that of approximately 100,000 Nazi troops captured at Stalingrad barely 8000 are still alive.

The others have died in soviet prison work camps or in transit home on trains which have 200 to 300 corpses aboard when they arrive at Frankfurt-On-Oder, the prisoners were quoted as saying.

Capt. J. G. Johnson of Oxford, Eng., commandant of the Invaliden Strasse transit camp where the bulk of these discharged war prisoners from the east are received, said he believed their reports are "not exaggerated."

Miserable Wrecks

"One can well believe that death rate when one sees the miserable wrecks coming through here at the rate of 2000 per day," Johnson said.

"The Russians are not releasing able-bodied men. They are all sick or incapable of further work. Released women of the Wehrmacht auxiliaries are either pregnant or venerably diseased."

Johnson said some of the prisoners reported they walked all the way back from Russia after escaping from work camps. Many limp into the Invaliden camp daily without shoes, their feet bound in rags.

Four Stalingrad veterans interviewed today had come in pairs on two trains as far as Frankfurt. They estimated that 200 out of 2000 prisoners aboard one train had died, and 250 out of 8000 had died on the other.

As they pulled into Frankfurt, the prisoners said, they saw another train starting out for the east on which they were told there were 2000 Germans being transported to Russia.

Work in Dark

Two of the four said they had been discharged from a camp on the Berezina river where they worked in peat bogs. They said their food consisted of watery fish soup and 400 grams of bread daily — which was raised to 600 if they fulfilled their work quota. They started work daily at 4 a. m., and finished in the dark—when ever their three-man squad had finished cutting and loading 3800 squares of peat.

None of the prisoners knew what had become of Hungarian or Italian prisoners or members

Bonanza Girl Wears Wings Of Air Lines Stewardess

Silver wings and chic grey uniform of a United Air Lines stewardess now adorn Lottie Belle McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey D. Horn of Bonanza.

Miss McDonald was recently graduated from United Air Lines' four week stewardess training session at Chicago, and is now lending her aid and assistance to the thousands of air travelers who have returned to the skyways after the war. She has been assigned to the San Francisco-Cheyenne-Denver section of United's coast-to-coast route, with headquarters at San Francisco.

Prior to joining United Miss McDonald, a graduate of Oregon State college, was associated with the Lipman Wolfe company, Portland.



LOTTIE BELLE McDONALD

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO NAVY ENLISTEES

Several new options are now available to men desiring to enlist in the peacetime navy, according to word received by Ch. A. C. Friesen, recruiter-in-charge at the Klamath Falls U. S. navy recruiting sub-station.

Under new regulations, applicants 17 years of age may now be enlisted for two or three years, or until they reach their majority. In the latter case they would be discharged on the day before their 21st birthday.

For men in the age group of 18 to 30, applicants may be enlisted for either two, three, four or six years at the option of the applicant. Men in this age group may be enlisted without regard to their selective service status provided they have not already received notice to report for actual induction into the armed forces.

In the case of men without previous naval service, the new regulations provide for the enlisting of qualified men as hospital apprentice second class, stewards mates third class and seaman first class (RT). The latter rating is given only after successful completion of the Eddy test for radio technicians.

Consent of parents is necessary for all men between 17 and 21 and under no circumstances may anyone be enlisted if not yet 17 years of age.

of the Spanish Blue division and other satellite troops captured by the Russians at Stalingrad.

About 2 per cent of the 2000 to 3000 who pass through Invaliden daily are women.

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INLAND CORVALLIS TO HAVE NAVY DAY

CORVALLIS, Oct. 24 (AP)—Inland Corvallis will also have a Navy Day celebration this year, sponsored by the new navy ROTC unit at Oregon State college.

Announcement of Navy Day plans was made by Capt. J. J. Carey, commanding officer, who said the unit will do its best to entertain the public despite no ships and no equipment.

The 180 student sailors housed in Snell hall will hold open house on Navy Day from 1 to 3 o'clock, permitting inspection of the entire building. Ship models and posters will be displayed in the general offices, and navy training films shown in the study hall.

From 3 to 5 o'clock the navy boys will be hosts to students of the campus at a tea dance in the Snell hall lounge.

"When we get our new armory and our promised new equipment we will be able to put on a much more complete Navy Day show," Captain Carey observed.

General Wainwright To Talk At Portland

PORTLAND, Oct. 24 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, who directed assault forces at Tarawa and Palau as commanding general of the Pacific units of the marine corps, will be the Navy Day speaker here Saturday.

Maj. Gen. Smith will arrive in Portland Thursday, accompanied by Capt. J. M. Greeley, his aide de camp during the Pacific war.

Union Heads Oppose House Dismantling

PORTLAND, Oct. 24 (AP)—Union leaders were on record today opposing dismantling of war housing units here in the face of a shortage of houses for war veterans and their families.

Officers of railway brotherhoods, CIO and AFL affiliated locals approved a resolution prepared at an OPA labor advisory board meeting asking congress, Mayor Riley, city council and housing officials to act immediately because of the "alarming situation."

Rilea Doe Speech Set Friday Noon

Rilea Doe, Safeway stores executive from Oakland, Calif., will speak at a joint meeting of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs Friday noon at the Willard hotel. The event will not be held in the evening as was stated in yesterday's paper.

Kiwanis club will not meet at noon Thursday, its regular meeting date.

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