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S.W. PACIFIC

#### 2 JAP PLANES DROP 6 BOMBS; NO DAMAGE

Two enemy aircraft Thursday night dropped six bombs harmlessly in the bush in this area, Gen. MacArthur's communique yesterday reported.

There was a second alert later that night but nothing happened.

#### 8 SHOTS USED TO KILL ONE JAP;

##### MAJOR GENERAL GETS A REPRIMAND

Washington—Eight bullets were expended in killing one Jap, according to unofficial correspondence on file in the office of Lt. Gen. M.F. Harmon, who commands forces on Guadalcanal. Part of the correspondence follows:

"Subject: Excessive Expenditure of Ammunition.

"To: Commanding General, Guadalcanal.

"1...Maj. Gen. J. L. Collins personally expended eight rounds of ammunition for a net return of only one Jap sniper.

"2...In the future it is desired that major generals of your command be limited to two rounds for each mission—one sighting shot and one shot for record. No additional ammunition is authorized. Any difficulty encountered in complying the above will be overcome by reducing the range.

"For the Commanding General: (Unofficial) Allison J. Barnett, Brig. Gen., G. S. C., Chief of Staff."

#### BOY, 14, POSES AS OWN FATHER, ALMOST SUCCEEDS IN GETTING IN NAVY

Providence, R.I.—Arthur Condon, 14, wanted to join the Navy. He left his home in the Bronx and went to a navy recruiting station here where he said he was 17. He was told he would need his parents' permission. With his first cigar in his mouth, he called on a Newport lawyer to have his parents' "written permission" notarized. Posing as his own father, he fooled the lawyer. But on his return to the recruiting office, he was picked up by police and taken home.

#### GROUND AIR SUPPORT

##### OFFICER HAS 800 HOURS AS PILOT OF B-25s

Maj. Harold V. Maull, recently named ground air support control officer for the Group, formerly C.O. of the 13th Squadron, is one of the most experienced B-25 pilots in the Southwest Pacific. In two and a half years of flying, he has accumulated about 1100 hours, of which 800 hours was in Mitchells.

He holds both the Silver Star and Oak Leaf cluster and has been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross for having completed more than 50 combat missions.

He received the Silver Star for gallantry in action after taking part in a flying expedition from Australia to the Philippines. In four attacks against the Japs, many enemy transports, planes and ground installations were destroyed. More than 4000 miles of open sea were covered by the American planes in the expedition.

##### HIT SEAPLANE BASE

The Oak Leaf cluster was awarded to him following an attack on a Jap-held seaplane base in May, 1942, during the Coral Sea battle. He and his crew destroyed one Jap seaplane in the air, another in the water and badly damaged three others. A burst from an enemy ack-ack gun shot the life raft out of its hatch in the plane. A sergeant in the crew attempted to free the raft from the plane's tail by hanging out a window and working on it, as the others held his feet, but he failed.

Maj. Maull then made a crash landing on a small island and all escaped injury. They spent a month there before being rescued. They had two cases of "C" rations in the plane and also received food from friendly natives and an Aussie officer stationed nearby.

Sent overseas in January, 1942, Maj. Maull's first job was to instruct Dutch pilots who had come out of Java in flying the B-25. After a month of that, he was assigned to this group and has been with the group since.

He is 25 years old. He attended the University of Delaware for 3 1/2 years, then quit to enter flying school.

THIRD STRIKE

Newspaper published every Wednesday and Saturday by and for members of 3rd Bombardment Group, APO 929. Maj. Donald P. Hall, group commander; Maj. Irvine Shearer, group intelligence officer. Third Strike receives material from Camp Newspaper Service, War Dept.

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ODE TO THE FIRST SERGEANT

There is amongst our val'rous ranks a man we love and rever, Who, in the art of "passing buck" is both renowned and clever, The "fat cat" is his symbol, in this calling he is nimble, A man whose deeds (and misdeeds) will live on forever and ever.

A familiar sight it is to see his physiognomy, Which has every appearance of a mustachioed grandee; His little moustache bristles as his little whistle whistles. As he calls his men together for a detail--two or three.

"These are desperate times," he says, "and we must heed the call. Of duty loud resounding; come on, boys, get on the ball! We must keep the area clean, we must dig a new latrine --And remember that I'll always be a father to you all!"

Though satirical my words may be, doubt not their sincerity, Though bold and rash they may appear, I write not with temerity, But truth must out of this no doubt, so let me shout to all about, The deeds of our first soldier must live through posterity.

"So here's a sigh to those who love me, and a smile to those who hate; And whatever sky's above may have's a heart, for any fatal blow And with these words I set this verse though it may bring me death or worse, For noble men must be proclaimed-- 'tis better now than late.

\*\*Sgt. Harold Larsen

\*\*Borrowed from Lord Byron.

STORY OF 3RD GROUP'S EASTER SERVICES IN U. S. NEWSPAPERS

An account of the Easter services celebrated here by 3rd Bomb Group appeared the next day in newspapers in the States.

Lt. Edmund Montagano, who played the violin at the services conducted by Chaplain James, received a letter from his sister in Cleveland the other day telling him she had read of our services.

A newspaper called her to find out how her brother happened to have a violin with him in New Guinea. She explained that Lt. Montagano and several friends who knew he would play the violin chipped in and bought him one in Australia during a dull stretch. He has played it on many occasions since and expects to keep it with him as long as he is over here.

ART CONTEST IS ANNOUNCED FOR ALLIED SOLDIERS IN NEW GUINEA

An art contest for members of the allied forces in New Guinea has been announced by the U.S. Advanced Base Headquarters. Subject matter may be anything found here which does not violate security measures. Works may be submitted in oils, water color or black and white.

The contest closes June 25. Four winning pictures in each group will be released to magazines in the States through the Public Relations office. Equipment for soldier artists will be furnished by the Red Cross, if needed. Entries will be submitted and judged by Red Cross or Special Services representatives. Lt. Richard Rogers is group special services officer.

All entries must be original works. Contestants will be limited to three works in any one medium. One section of the contest will be caricatures and cartoons.

The jury will consist of at least five men, including two laymen. Entries will not be accepted until the last week of the contest. Works will be entered by number, rather than signatures.

ADD PICTURESQUE SPEECH

Charlie Birdee, 7th Fighter Squadron slum burner, writing a snow job to his pal: "You make my pulse beat like a red alert."

--Fighter Cover.

NEW C.O. of 90th  
HAS 40 MISSIONS So FAR

By Lt. Gordon K. McCoun  
Capt. John P. Henebry, new C.O. of the 90th Squadron, has been recommended twice for the Distinguished Flying Cross and once for the Air Medal. Born in Plainfield, Ill., in 1918, he was graduated from Notre Dame University in 1940, in business administration. Two days later he enlisted in the Air Corps. He received his flight training at Randolph Field.

After serving with the 22nd Bombardment Group at Langley Field, Va., he volunteered with five other crews in June, 1942, for overseas duty. On arrival in Australia, he was assigned to the 13th Squadron. Last December he received his captaincy and became operations officer. The following month he joined the 90th in a similar capacity.

SPEARHEAD OF STRIKING POWER

A week ago he took over the responsibility of squadron commander of the 90th, a unit which has become known as the spearhead of our striking power in the Southwest Pacific.

In seven and a half months of combat duty, he has been on more than 40 missions. He typifies the fine standard of leadership that Maj. Larner set. Capt. Henebry has missed but two missions of the 90th since his assignment.

His first recommendation for the DFC was for his action in the Bismarck Sea battle when he led his flight into the convoy and personally received credit for heavy damage to a 5000 to 8000 ton cargo vessel. His second recommendation for the DFC came when he led a flight of four planes over Lae at night last March and sank one of Japan's four largest submarines which was unloading supplies to its beleaguered forces there.

Later he was chosen to speak over NBC on the sub sinking.

The Air Medal was recommended for having flown 25 missions over enemy territory. Capt. Henebry assumes the

position of squadron commander of a unit which has over 6000 hours of flight in its 15 months of overseas duty, of which 3360 hours have been in combat. There have been 860 individual missions completed successfully and 198 squadron missions flown.

In Capt. Henebry's words, "I'm damn glad to have the best squadron over here." Well, the 90th feels exactly the same way.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

Ben Hogan, the "Little Giant of the Fairways," who earned almost \$100,000 in six years of pro golf, is working now for Uncle Sam for \$50 a month. The 30-year-old recruit entered the Army at Dallas, Tex.

Max West, Boston Braves slugger, who led his club in homers and runs batted in last season, has reported for duty at Ft. MacArthur, Cal.

Pvt. Jimmy Reese, former Yankee and Cardinal second baseman, is getting the Camp Campbell, Ky., baseball nine in shape for the new season.

Sgt. Frank Strafacci, former U.S. Golf Association public links champ, now in the Southwest Pacific, wrote a USGA official there was a golf course handy but no golf balls. The Red Cross has agreed to remedy the situation.



"I wish they wouldn't get so friendly. It's bound to end up in a fight!"

CAPT. DAVID M. CONLEY, HOLDER  
OF 3 DECORATIONS, COMMANDS 13th SQ.

89th MEMBERS HEAR TALKS ON CONTROL  
AND ELIMINATION OF MALARIA HERE

By Sgt. Roland Guillet

Capt. David M. Conley, new commander of the 13th Squadron, holds the Silver Star, Purple Heart and Air Medal. He relieved Maj. Harold V. Maull, transferred to Group Headquarters last week.

Capt. Conley, likeable and friendly, is 25 years old. A Wichita, Kan. resident, he matriculated at Wichita University in 1940. The call of the clouds beckoned and in July, 1940, he had his silver wings. He had served in the States only five weeks when he sailed for the Philippines in April, 1941. He was in the thick of the fight for the Islands and was evacuated to Australia in April, 1942, in Maj. Maull's plane.

Until recently, Capt. Conley served the 13th as first pilot and operations officer. At an American hospital in Australia, he met Nurse Shirley Arnis and married her in June, 1942.

He received the Silver Star for gallantry in action in a raid on a Jap-held seaplane base May 10, 1942. He was co-pilot for Maj. Maull on that mission. One seaplane was destroyed in the air, another in the water and three others badly damaged.

On the opening day of the war, Capt. Conley was wounded during a Jap raid in the Philippines, for which he received the Purple Heart. He received the Air Medal for 25 operational missions where enemy action was probable.

#### BUILDS CLINK, BECOMES FIRST PRISONER

Merced, Cal.—The man who helped build the guardhouse at the Merced Army Flying School turned himself in as its first prisoner immediately after the job was finished.

Howard L. Bowen worked for three months as a civilian carpenter on the school's pokey before revealing to Army authorities that he was an Army deserter from Texas. Two hours later he was "guest No. 1" in a cell of his own building.

#### LUCKY BOY

Eugene, Ore.—Frank Collins, 13, found a wallet containing \$180 and returned it to its owner. The latter gave him a \$5 reward. Then Collins lost the five-spot.

By Sgt. Peter Flanjak

Talks on methods of controlling and eliminating malaria were given to 89th Squadron members the other day by Capt. George R. Connor and Lt. S. S. Speer, medical officers. They pointed out that incidence of malaria is low in this area.

The audience paid close attention to both speakers. Listeners were urged to use atabrine regularly.

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Ending its long string of victories, the 89th softball team was held to a 2 to 2 tie by the Evacuation Hospital recently.

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1st. Sgt. Wyburg M. Hanberry has returned to his duties, relieving M/Sgt. Wade P. Cole, who was temporarily in charge.

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M/Sgt. Avril (Pat) Foreman is tops with members of the 89th. As head of the armament section, he has proved himself a very efficient aircraft armorer and first-rate bombardier. An enthusiast for hunting, fishing and other outdoor sports, Foreman is a soldier who likes to see a job done properly. If he doesn't like anyone, he lets him know right away.

He is enthusiastic about flying and was one of the first enlisted men, if not the first, in the entire group to engage in actual combat with the enemy as a member of a B-17 crew operating from Australia.

"Pat" was born in Edenville, Pa., 33 years ago. His home is now in St. Thomas, Pa. He enlisted in May, 1931 and served first at Langley Field, Va. He attended armorers' school at Lowry Field, Colo.

#### THE DUMMY GETS THE BID

Sgt. Jim Shinn, a Culbertson fan, claims this to be absolute truth. The Axis leaders were playing contract bridge in Hitler's mountain retreat.

"Three diamonds," said Goering.

"Four spades," said Goebbels.

"Five diamonds," bid Von Ribbentrop.

"One club," said Schickelgruber.

"Pass."

"Pass."

"Pass."

—Fighter Cover.

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