

October Is Month For Mailing Xmas Parcels Overseas

All readers are reminded that Christmas cards and parcels intended for members of the U. S. armed forces overseas should be mailed during October (Nov. 1 is the deadline) to insure delivery on time. Carelessness in choosing gifts or in packaging and mailing them, or failure to mail early enough may mean that the recipient will have little or no Christmas cheer from the states.

In addition to the mail early plea, Navy and postal officials offer several other useful suggestions for Christmas mailings abroad:

Packages should be marked "Christmas Parcel," since special efforts will be made to deliver items so labeled in time for Christmas.

Articles should be easily portable and useful in any climate. In the recommended category are toilet kits, watches, notebooks, pipes, wallets, pens or pencils, and photographs. Electrical apparatus is of doubtful value, while food of all sorts should be particularly avoided. Postal regulations specifically prohibit the sending of intoxicants, inflammable materials (including matches of all kinds and lighter fluids), and poisons or compositions which may kill or injure another.

Because of the urgent need for shipping space for war materials, the size of Christmas parcels should not exceed that of an ordinary shoe box and should not weigh over six pounds.

All parcels should be packed in substantial boxes or containers, and be covered by strong wrappers to withstand the considerable handling and storage along the way. Delay will be avoided if packages are not sealed but tied or secured so as to be readily opened for inspection by the censor.

Parcels for naval personnel abroad should show, in addition to the name and address of the sender, the name, rank or rating of the addressee and the naval unit or ship to which he is assigned. The location of the unit or ship, even if known by the sender, should never be included, as it might reveal military information. Only two post office addresses should be used—c/o Postmaster, New York, and c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, depending on which is the nearer the man addressed.

If money is being sent, money orders should always be used, since at many places abroad there are local prohibitions against the importation of U. S. money.

Lt. Squires Detached

Lt. (jg) John Y. Squires, of Storrs, Conn., has been detached from duties as athletic instructor here and assigned to the Aviation Free Gunnery School at Hollywood, Fla.

New Medical Officer

Lt. Comdr. Edwin M. Robertson, of Durham, N. C., came aboard last week for duty in the medical department.

British Expert Rates U. S. Planes Tops in 7 of 12 Major Categories

The United States is building the world's best warplanes in seven out of 12 major categories, including the best of all naval types, according to Peter Masefield, air correspondent of the London Sunday Times.

Masefield, who is considered one of the best informed British aviation writers, rated his country tops in three categories, gave one first place to the Germans and one to the Italians, but conceded nothing to the Japs.

While U. S. types copped all firsts in the naval classifications, the palm for landfighters and bombers went to British Spitfires and Beaufighters, the huge Lancaster bomber and the Nazi Dornier. Masefield left out in the cold U. S. Army fighters, as well as existing models of the Flying Fortress type, the latter presumably because they do not carry the heavy bomb loads of the Lancaster.

Here are his selections:

- Single-Seat Fighter—British Spitfire.
- Long-Range Night Fighter—British Beaufighter.
- Heavy Bomber—British Lancaster.
- Medium Bomber—German Dornier 217E2.
- Land-Based Torpedo Bomber—Italian Savoia Machetti 84.
- Army Co-Operation Scout—U. S. North American Mustang.
- Long-Range Patrol Boat—U. S. Consolidated Coronado.
- Transport Landplane—U. S. Douglas DC-4.
- Transport Seaplane—U. S. Boeing Clipper.
- Naval Fighter—U. S. Vought-Sikorsky Corsair.
- Naval Torpedo Bomber—U. S. Grumman Avenger.
- Naval Dive Bomber—U. S. Curtiss Helldiver.

Cadets Urged to Use Their Members on Welfare Committee

Cadets having suggestions for recreation and entertainment at the Pre-Flight School are invited by Lt. (jg) Frank Gillespie, assistant welfare officer, to pass on these ideas to their battalion representatives on the welfare committee.

"Duties of the cadets on the welfare committee," Lt. Gillespie explains, "are generally to act as voices of their respective battalions; to discover new talent for the smokers, present suggestions, and register any criticism of recreation activities at the station. Each battalion of the regiment is represented by two cadets on the welfare committee, and two new members are selected from each new battalion coming aboard."

The welfare committee meets with Lt. Gillespie on alternate Tuesdays at 1900 in the office of Chaplain Eric Arendt, who is in charge of the welfare and recreation program.

Welfare cadets representing the various battalions on the committee are listed below:

- Fourth Battalion: William J. Hag-enah and Wilbur L. Watkins.
- Fifth Battalion: George Collins and George Kozlowski.
- Sixth Battalion: James Regan and J. R. Wilson.
- Seventh Battalion: Allan Sturges and William F. Viering.
- Eighth Battalion: H. Darlington and Harry McKee.
- Ninth Battalion: Joseph Shapiro and O. J. Cawley.

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Fighting French Train At U. S. Naval Air Bases

Under an agreement reached recently by the United States government and Fighting French naval authorities, a detachment of Frenchmen will complete their training for the fight against the Axis at naval aviation schools and bases in this country. After completing aviation training in the U. S., the French unit will be furnished with American planes and will operate in cooperation with United Nations naval air forces.

A new naval training school for Aviation Maintenance was commissioned at Millington, near Memphis, Tenn., on Sept. 23.

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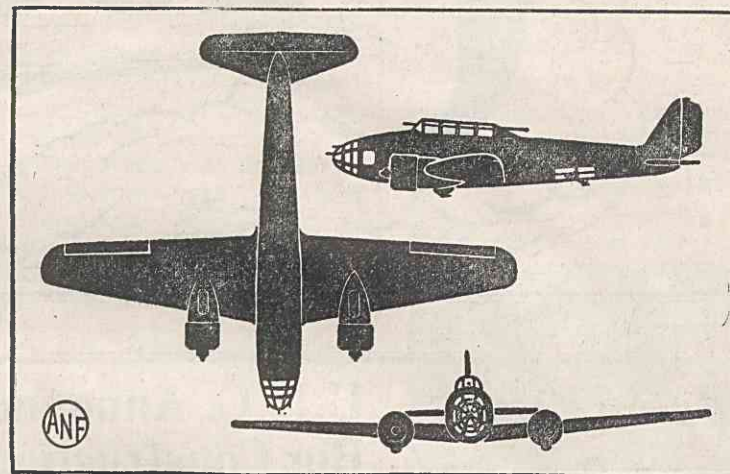
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JAPANESE KAWASAKI KAWA HEAVY BOMBER



Shown here by the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America as the eighteenth in a series of enemy plane silhouettes is the Japanese Kawasaki Kawa 95 heavy bomber, which has two guns mounted in its nose and others in the top and bottom of the fuselage. Powered by two radial aircooled engines, this ship has semi-retractable landing gear with considerable transparent area built into the fuselage. Its wings are tapered much less in trailing edge than on leading edge; it has rounded wing tips, and an unusual feature of its construction is that there is a visible space between the bottom of the rudder and the tail plane.

40 Youths Join Navy's Air Service at Harvard Game

Forty young men from New England states, forming the "First Lexington Squadron," were inducted into the Navy's aviation branch between halves of the Cloudbuster-Harvard football game at Cambridge, Mass.,

stadium last Saturday. The selectees will enter training and serve as a unit as part of the program commemorating the launching of the new carrier, USS Lexington.

Lieut. Harold E. Williamson, hero flyer of the old carrier sunk in the Coral Sea battle, administered the oath.

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