

AIR BATTLES TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Heavens Will Be Filled With Bombers and the Civilian Spotters Will Be Busy

Beginning next Monday morning the civilian air raid spotters who are to be on the watch for hostile planes, will start looking to the clouds. The air battles will last from Monday till Saturday.

Hostile bombers will be coming in to the North Carolina area from Raleigh, Charlotte and Wilmington; to South Carolina from Columbia and Charleston and from Savannah for that part of Georgia included in the maneuver. These bombers will represent an attack by some foreign power, and it will be up to the spotters to report their every movement and to the defending planes to turn them back.

General Frank, commanding the Third Interceptor Command of the Air Combat unit, will have his headquarters at the Charlotte air base, where several hundred men and eight interceptor planes are already stationed.

The Civilian Aircraft Warning Service, with which thousands of men and women are co-operating, will be supported by the U. S. Coast Guard, said an announcement by General Frank, received from his headquarters at Drew Field, Tampa.

Let Them Try It

"We are employing every means available to assure the coastal cities in the maneuver area of sufficient warning of the approach of 'enemy' bombers," said General Frank. "Since some of the bomber missions will approach from the sea, these Coast Guard stations will play an important role in the Aircraft Warning Service net. We have laid out defense plans around the maneuver territory, and now let the 'enemy' try to get through without interception."

Coast Guard stations which will co-operate with the AWS include six land stations and one lightship off the South Carolina coast, and the Savannah lightship, off the Georgia coast.

Information concerning hostile fighter planes will be communicated by the Coast Guard units, like that from the civilian AWS posts thickly scattered over these states, to the nearest of the several filter centers, which then will warn the proper interceptor squadrons.

At 6 p. m. Oct. 20 a switch will be thrown and this vast network of communications will begin to buzz with activity. From that hour until the close of the air warfare on Oct. 25, reports from the observation posts will be coming constantly, day and night, to guide the activities of the 3d Interceptor Command. Thirteen information and filter centers have been established, including one at Charlotte.

This most extensive network of communications ever established over the Southeast by the Air Force Combat Command will include 121 telephone circuits, six teletype circuits and scores of radio channels.

Eight Killed So Far In Maneuver Area

The death of Lieut. Michael F. Duggan of Buffalo, N. Y., Catholic chaplain in the 44th division, Monday brought to eight the total number of accidental deaths recorded at public relations headquarters since the First army began concentrating in the Carolinas for fall maneuvers.

Lieut. Duggan was killed and three other Buffalo men injured when a command car overturned near Glendon, north of Candor.

Four of the eight fatalities occurred before actual start of the maneuvers. Two of them were Second Lieut. Paul Z. Friend of the 110th Infantry's antitank company, and Pvt. Edmund J. Mighori of the 109th field artillery, who lost their lives in an automobile accident near Lilesville. Two others were Pvt. James Christman of the 41st engineers, killed by a hit-run driver near Marion, N. C., and Pvt. Maurice W. Hanscom, 55th signal battalion, of Milo, Me., who died of injuries suffered when he dove into shallow water near Candor.

Fatalities reported since the start of field exercises, in addition to Chaplain Duggan, were:

Pvt. 1st Class William L. Shelton, 95th engineers, of Richmond, Va., killed in a truck accident near Ellerbe.

Pvt. Joseph L. Phillips, Philadelphia, killed when horse cavalry van in which he was riding asleep suddenly stopped and threw his head against an object, fracturing his skull.

Pvt. Elmer F. Briggs, 108th field artillery, Johnstown, Pa., was fatally injured when a prime mover drawing a 155 millimeter gun crashed through a bridge on a country road near Mt. Croghan.

Pvt. William F. Norton, 182nd infantry, Brookline, Mass., was found dead beside a road between Ellerbe and Manass, N. C., but medical officers decided death was from natural causes.

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some bearing on the fact that defects occur in almost half the cases examined, contrasted with the World War's 31 per cent.

This opinion is strengthened by a special New York City study, which shows that 58.64 per cent of men between 18 and 25 were accepted, while only 35.91 per cent of the men between the ages of 21 and 35 were found to be fit for full military duty. The fact that younger groups are healthier is likely to result in fewer

rejections in the future, since the upper age limit for selected men now is 28 years.

Another reason for a larger percentage of rejections under the present system is found in higher physical standards and improved diagnosis. Eyesight requirements are more stringent today than they were 24 years ago, and draft boards are believed to be turning down more men for bad teeth. Improved methods of diagnosis also reveal almost all cases of tuberculosis and venereal disease that are present.

Doctors point out, however, that whether the national health has improved or deteriorated since the World War, the fact remains that draft records reveal a condition that cries for correction.

PARKWOOD BRIEFS

The "Mouseface" Dorgans are not speaking again. Mrs. Dorgan contends that Mouseface hit her, but her husband says she was bent over mending the garden and he mistook her for a feather tick and shied a potato at her. The potato hit the mark, so Mouseface is sleeping in the barn for the time being.

The firemen sped to Tim Murphy's home late Saturday night only to find that Tim had been treed by his wife's new dog when he came home from lodge. Tim will have to get a new pair of red pants for his office of Grand High Schemer.

Joe, the pet skunk belonging to Abe Carruthers' boy, got loose during the band concert Saturday night. Constable Barney Hicks heroically returned Joe to the boy after a tussle. Mr. Hicks slept in the corn crib that night and didn't attend church the next morning.

Deacon White and J. Albert Brewster assert that the two young light-haired women they bought the dinner for at the Firemen's Convention last week were distant cousins of both the Brewster and the White families. They met them as they were standing on the corner watching the parade. Mrs. White and Mrs. Brewster are investigating.

Judge Philander P. Hart performed the ceremony that made Cecil Moore and Amanda Coon man and wife. The happy couple met at Buffalo during the Bull Moose convention when Teddy Roosevelt was nominated and have been buying furniture ever since. Last fall they sold some of it for antiques and will start over again.

Lem Hotelling took a few lodge brothers home with him Tuesday night to see his new furnace. Constable Barney Hicks was called to quell the music, but as he used to sing bass in the Elks quartet he was asked to join in, which he did after a little persuasion and a quart jar of cider.

Marmaduke Angell attended the Clambake last Sunday as a guest of his nephew. Marmaduke didn't know he could eat all he wanted to until almost six o'clock, so he remained until after ten in the evening.

Lonnie Phelps was going to announce his engagement to Caleb Gates' oldest girl this week, only the girl said no.

Seth Cobb, editor of the Echo, and Mrs. Cobb are on vacation so Seth can get some sleep. Last week his life was threatened four times and this week a man was going to punch him in the nose for putting his name in the paper. The week before he told Mrs. Wellington-Smythe to go to Hell over the telephone before he thought, and lost seven subscriptions, the entire Ladies' Aid. The rest will do him good.

Complete Sign Up By Land Owners

In a report to the commanding general, First Army, last week, Major A. R. Wellwood, executive officer of the Fourth Corps Area Rents Board, stationed in Monroe, disclosed that landowners in the 16 Carolina counties in which army maneuvers are now being held had co-operated 100 per cent with the army in granting trespass rights for use of their properties.

On July 15th only 42 landowners controlling 7,166 acres out of 35,019 landowners representing 5,440,000 acres in the Carolina maneuver area, had not granted trespass rights. Since July 15 continuous efforts on the part of members of the Fourth Corps Area Rents Board have resulted in obtaining maneuver rights from all of the 42 unsigned landowners.

In accomplishing the task of securing maneuver rights, members of the Rents Board praised the complete co-operation and assistance given them by patriotic landowners, the civilian agencies set up to assist them by the Governors of the Carolinas, and the public generally.

NEW MANAGER

Mr. R. W. Flack, new city manager, took over the duties of the office Wednesday and the Council allowed Mr. Ledbetter \$600 for his two months service as manager in addition to his regular salary in other departments. Mr. Flack, who comes from six years service at San Diego, Cal., said that the business of city manager was very much alike everywhere, and he guessed he would get along here.

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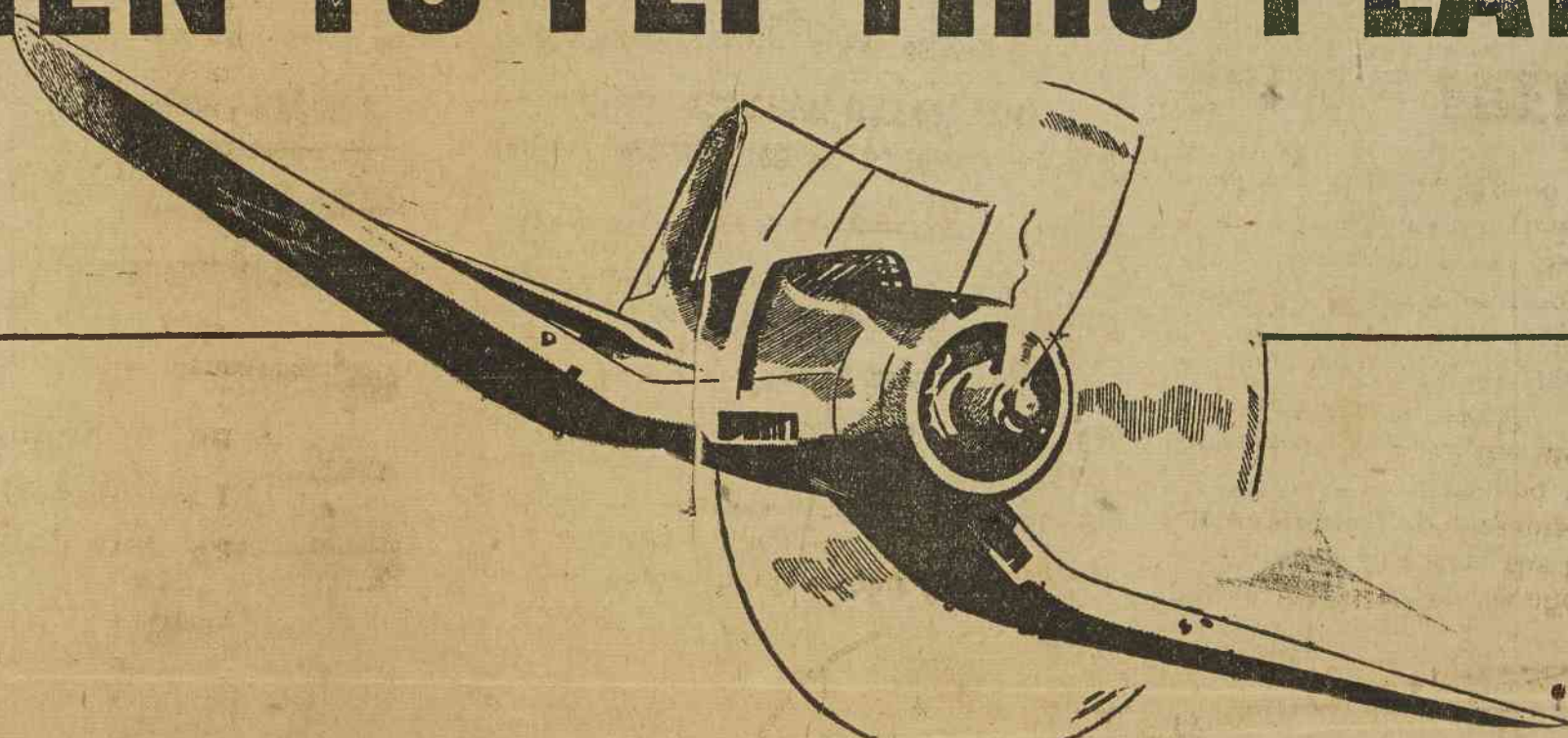
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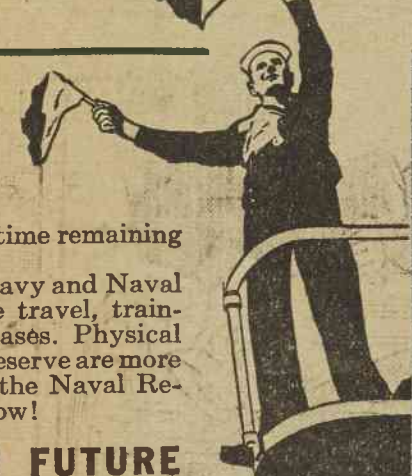
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