

CITATIONS GIVEN TO 5 ARMY FLYERS

U. S. Enlisted Men Receive Silver Stars From Gen. Brett In Melbourne

MELBOURNE, Australia, June 7.—The heroism of five American enlisted men was acknowledged officially today in the award of Silver Stars to the men by Lieut.-Gen. George H. Brett, commander of the United States Army Air Corps in the southwest Pacific.

The men are Private Wilbur E. Brown of Salt Lake City, Utah; Sergeant Luther B. Word; Corporal Henry R. Sheppard and Andrew J. Swain, and Private Francis J. Garvey. Only Brown's home town has been given. His citation read:

"During a bombing raid on the enemy on January 31, Brown was rear gunner of a B-17, piloted by Captain Jack Bleasdale, of San Antonio, Tex., which was attacked by three enemy pursuit planes at an altitude of 23,000 feet. When two members of the crew were severely wounded Brown removed his oxygen mask and went to their assistance, carried them into the radio compartment, administered first aid and adjusted his own oxygen supply to give both oxygen."

Brown's medal was awarded for meritorious performance of duty. Word's, Sheppard's and Swain's were awarded for extraordinary heroism and bravery in an aerial fight against an armed enemy.

On May 1 they were gunners in a bombardment plane in a flight over New Guinea when they were attacked by five Japanese Zero fighters two of whom they shot down.

Not once during the 35-minute attack the citation said, did they permit the Japanese fighters to maneuver into position where effective fire could be directed against the bomber.

Garvey was cited for bravery in saving the life of an Australian soldier on March 16 when Japanese planes attacked an airdrome at Port Darwin.

"Garvey and the Australian were struck by shrapnel from bombs," the citation said. "The Australian was critically wounded. Despite his own wounds Garvey aided the Australian to reach cover, disregarding the bombs which were being dropped and the danger to his own life."

All five men are now on duty in Australia.

Columbus Officer Gets Letter From Murderers

WHITEVILLE, June 7.—Two condemned murderers today sent a letter to the officer on whose testimony they were largely convicted, and thanked him for his "kindness" to them.

F. C. Bonner and Junior Fowler, now on death row in State's Prison awaiting the outcome of their appeal from a death sentence, imposed for the hold-up-murder of Ira L. Godwin, merchant of near Brunswick, on the night of April 4, penned the lines which were addressed to Detective H. L. Shaw, of the Columbus county Bureau of Identification.

The two doomed men, who admitted that they fired the shots which killed the body of Godwin while his wallet containing \$35, while two confederates waited in a car outside the store, told Officer Shaw that they "appreciated all your kindness to us while we were in Whiteville."

Bahama Laborers Go Back To Their Jobs

NASSAU, Bahamas, June 7.—(AP)—Laborers employed at four shillings (about 80 cents) a day on an American project were practically back on the job today pending negotiations ending a stoppage marked by riots in which three men were killed. About 2,000 now are back at work.

An important factor in the return of the men to work was a speech by the Duke of Windsor, governor-general of the Bahamas, who flew home from Washington when the disorders broke out. Order had generally been restored, however, before the Duke returned.

Thirty-five persons arrested as curfew violators were fined the equivalent of \$4 each.

Private Jones

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Whiteville Requests Action On Power Rate

WHITEVILLE, June 7.—At a meeting of the Whiteville city council the board adopted a resolution requesting action in the matter of power rates for this area.

The council asked, under the provisions of the resolution adopted, that the commissioner of utilities at the state request Governor Broughton for an allotment from the emergency and contingency fund to defray expenses necessary to make a thorough and independent appraisal, investigation and audit of the properties of the Tide Water Power Company, which serves this area.

This resolution is in line with those being adopted in many towns served by the power company.

YEAR-AROUND SCHOOL

RALEIGH, June 7.—(AP)—The N. C. State College School of Engineering has gone on a year-around basis and about 500 students are expected to register for the summer quarter which begins Thursday, H. B. Briggs, acting dean of engineering, said today.

Christians Convicted Of Sedition



George W. Christians (right), self-styled commander of the Crusader White Shirts, is escorted to jail at Chattanooga, Tenn., by U. S. Deputy Marshal Vance Davis after a federal jury convicted him on four counts of attempting to interfere with enlistment and to incite insubordination among members of the United States armed forces. It was the first sedition trial in the current war. Christians is subject to a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Sentence was delayed pending motion for a new trial.

PARKER TO LEAD AT CAMP BUTNER

Former Fort Bragg Officer Will Be In Command At North Carolina Post

Brig. Gen. Edwin P. Parker, Jr., who will command the 78th Infantry division of the Army ground force, which is to be organized at Camp Butner, N. C. in August, has been an Army man for 30 years.

General Parker was promoted to first lieutenant on July 1, 1916; to captain on May 15, 1917; to major (temporary) on July 3, 1918; and to lieutenant colonel (temporary) on October 24, 1918. He reverted to his permanent rank of captain on January 22, 1920, and was promoted to major on July 1, 1920; to lieutenant colonel on August 1, 1935; to colonel (temporary) on June 26, 1941; and to brigadier general (temporary) on October 31, 1941.

General Parker was assigned initially to the 3rd field artillery, and served at Fort Myer, Va., until January 27, 1916, when he was transferred to Fort Bliss, Texas, and Galveston, Texas, with the 4th Field Artillery going to Canal Zone, Panama, with this regiment in March, 1916. He remained at Canal Zone until July, 1918, then served with this regiment and with the 2nd Brigade and Camp Headquarters at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, until April 24, 1919.

In July, 1935, General Parker assumed command of a battalion of the 88th Field Artillery, at Fort Bragg, serving as such until August, 1936, when he entered the Army War college, Washington, from which he was graduated in 1937. He then became an instructor of National Guard field artillery units at Richmond, on January 15, 1941, he was assigned to command the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Bragg.

FOURTEENTH SHIP JOINS "V" FLEET

was streaming down the ship's side and lifted it to his lips.

Miss Agnes Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morton, and a grand-daughter of Hugh MacRae, Wilmington realtor and a director of the shipbuilding company, was the sponsor of the ship.

Miss Gibbs Holmes and Miss Lula Pulliam were her maids of honor.

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer for whom the ship was named, was a member of a prominent New York family. He was a member of the first Congress of the United States and also served as a lieutenant-governor of New York.

PREACHES BACCALUREATE

DAVIDSON, June 7.—(AP)—Dr. Tannis E. Gouwens, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Louisville, Ky., delivered the Baccalureate sermon at Davidson college's 102nd commencement today.

Gerard Doubts If U. S. Can Save German People

NEW YORK, June 7.—(AP)—James W. Gerard, former American ambassador to Germany, declared today that "the German people will be lucky if we are able to protect them from the just wrath of the French, the Poles, the Yugo-Slavs, the Greeks, the Dutch, the Danes, the Belgians, the Luxembourgers, and all who have bowed and suffered under the Nazi yoke."

In an address at the national convention of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi league, Gerard asserted that "it is up to the German people to decide now if they want that protection and help from us."

"It is the 11th hour—but it is not yet too late for them to revolt against their rulers and themselves play a part in final victory," Gerard said.

Sir Norman Angell, Nobel Peace prize winner and a former member of the English parliament, told the delegates that "the totalitarians represent about one-tenth of the world's population and resources, and the fact that a minority of one-tenth could put the remaining nine-tenths in mortal peril is one of the marvels of the present situation."

Pointing out that the triumphs of the Axis powers thus far could be explained only by the fact that the anti-Nazi forces were divided, Angell declared:

"In order to remain united and co-operate effectively for victory we do not have to love each other or adopt the habits, manners, ideologies, tastes, or forms of government of our associates. The purpose we have in common is bigger and more important than the things in which we differ and could well continue to differ."

NAVAL RESERVE ACQUIRES FLEET

Chicago Business Men Put Their Boats To Use At Training School

By W. W. HERCHER CHICAGO, June 7.—(AP)—The U. S. Naval Reserve school here has just added something new to its training equipment—a fleet of boats.

Ever since the school began to function in the fall of 1940 instructors have been handicapped, Lieut. Com. F. R. Dunbar said, by an inability to put their student officers on the water.

Hundreds of ensigns have been carefully trained in gunnery, seamanship and navigation—but only on paper.

Patriotic Chicago yachtsmen corrected this situation last week by making available approximately 135 small boats for practical training in the elements of seamanship. Three days a week this summer, in fair weather or foul, squadrons of the little fleet will sail from Navy pier to give the midshipmen their sea legs.

There were 20 midshipmen aboard the Four Winds, flagship of the fleet, when she made her maiden training cruise. Many of them, hailing from inland cities, had never been afloat before.

One was Midshipman Wally Hall of Danville, Va. "The only water we have at home is in the old dam," he said with a grin. Midshipman E. L. Haynes of Kansas City, Mo., confessed that until now he had been in nothing larger than a canoe.

But they were expected to learn quickly on these Lake Michigan cruises. On most of the yacht's instruction will be left to the owners or their qualified representatives. The Four Winds, however, is a sturdy 98-footer, big enough to carry several naval instructors as well as midshipmen and the regular crew.

A rack of signal flags is set forward on the portside, with Ensign L. M. Haavring ready to instruct a group on how to fly them during the fleet's maneuvers.

HEYDRICH RITES HELD AT PRAGUE

expressed satisfaction with the attack on Heydrich. The seven others were said to have been convicted for illegal possession of firearms. Two were women.

The Berlin radio quoted at length an article in the Prague newspaper Nardoni Politika admonishing the Czechs to behave and at the same time announcing an impending purge.

Everybody must be aware, the paper said, that the Germans are strong enough to crush within a few days any nest of resistance in central Europe and to wipe it out whether its strength is that of a few individuals or of a nation.

"If the Czech people were to choose passivity, the consequences would be the same," the paper said. "In time the Czech people would be stricken off as a creative factor in the Reich and thus in practice would be expelled from the new Europe."

"Hitherto elements opposing the Reich have been dealt with by the Reich authorities. But from now on the Czech government will ruthlessly exterminate all elements who even should they not oppose the Reich directly, by their ambiguous attitude are menacing the existence of the Czech people."

"This purge will in the first place be extended to those civil servants who have direct influence on the mentality of the nation, namely educators. The attitude of the nation always has been and still is the result of merit or guilt of teachers and priests who today should be reminded of the words of the scriptures that we will befall those stirring up excitement."

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YEP! BUT WE DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT! LET THE "GROWNUPS" HAVE THEIR FUN--IM TURNING IN--

Open 'Straw Hat' Season



Holding a bouquet presented to her by an admirer, opera star Rosemarie Brancato is shown in her dressing-room at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, N. J., as Gabriel Pascal, movie producer, congratulated her after her opening performance in "Naughty Marietta." She is starring in a two-month revival of four Victor Herbert operettas.—Central Press.

WARPLANE OUTPUT UP 85 PER CENT

U. S. Production To Exceed Combined Rate Of Entire Axis Countries

WASHINGTON, June 7.—(AP)—An increase of nearly 85 per cent in this country's military plane production in the six months since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was reported today by Col. John H. Jouett, president of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce.

In a statement approved for publication by the War Department, Jouett predicted American production soon would exceed that of Germany, Italy and Japan combined, including production being forced in the occupied countries.

Since the beginning of the European war in September, 1939, Jouett said, the American aircraft manufacturing industry had produced nearly 4,000,000 worth of planes, engines and propellers.

"Many striking advances in manufacturing technique, in design of new, hard-hitting, further-ranged warplanes, in labor training and other phases of the aircraft industry's all-out war production effort, have been made since the treacherous Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor," Jouett said.

"The simple statement of the production increase does not tell the whole story, by any means. Much of it cannot be told now. Some of it can. For instance, because the air forces vastly expanded pilot training programs are proceeding according to plans, actual fighting planes are comprising an ever-increasing percentage of total production, with trainers representing a correspondingly smaller percentage."

MIDWAY BATTLE CRIPPLES ENEMY

are choice targets for aerial bombers.

The full import of the American victory obviously cannot be gauged until the battle is over and all reports are in, but in some quarters it already is being regarded as one of the most significant naval clashes in modern war.

(Military observers at Allied headquarters in Australia viewed the Japanese defeat as removing, temporarily at least, the threat of an Australian invasion and as paving the way for a new front against Japan. They considered it likely that Japanese losses were so great that the enemy no longer could control western Pacific waters which virtually have been closed to the United Nations since December.)

There was no surprise for the Americans in the attack on Midway, first reports of which were received Thursday.

Before the advance raiders even could begin to soften the defenses of the tiny island, westernmost in the Hawaiian group, the American defenders took command of the

VINSON DECLARES U-BOAT WAR OVER ITS GROWING PAINS

progress and methods in dealing with Axis undersea craft, which already have taken a toll of more than 250 Allied merchant vessels in the western Atlantic.

"In dealing with submarines," he said, "we have a tough and clever enemy and it does not pay to be unduly optimistic. However, the fact remains that in the past few weeks the submarine has largely withdrawn from our eastern seaboard and is operating farther at sea."

"This works to our advantage—as does the great element of time, which has now begun to run in our favor."

Vinson said the Navy was confronted with the "question of having a number of escort vessels inadequate to fully protect both troop transports and coastal cargo vessels."

"Who shall say that the decision as to dividing these craft has not been sound, when it is realized that so far we have not lost a soldier of the many thousands sent overseas?" He asked.

He reported that, while the Navy was "proud" of its ship construction progress, "unfortunately, the only types in which it is not well ahead of schedule are those most needed in combating submarines."

However, delivery of those types of craft—presumably swift torpedo boats and longer range sub-chasers—now is underway "in increasing numbers," he said.

He said that special anti-submarine equipment in those vessels was another problem "which has held us back, but it is approaching a more satisfactory solution."

Vinson said there had been criticism to the effect that the Navy had not taken full advantage of all the pleasure craft, fishing boats and small, privately-owned planes for search, lookout and rescue assignments.

"The figures in this matter," he said, "have been placed before the committee and it is satisfied that such criticism is, in general, not justified. The value of such auxiliary means is generally overestimated. All larger vessels of real value have long since been taken over and are now in use by the Navy."

He referred also to criticism based on the success of the English in driving the submarine from their home waters, and said such critics should remember that the British have had three years' experience in coping with the problem and that "the British Isles would fit comfortably into the Gulf of Mexico."

Every housewife has a calling. That's what gets the kids into the house at supper time.

From the heavy toll of Japanese carriers and planes, it appeared that the United States forces struck fast and hard at the arm, wresting from the enemy the particular superiority he had enjoyed in all his conquests in the southwest Pacific.

Troop transports never got close enough to even to attempt a landing.

CRIMINAL COURT SESSION OPENS

Judge C. Everett Thompson To Preside At Week's Term At Court House

Included in the 32 criminal cases carried over from the May term of court here, which will come up for trial at the one-week criminal term of Superior court opening at 10 o'clock this morning, are those of alleged drivers of automobiles involved in three road accidents in which four persons were killed.

Solicitor David Sinclair said 24 new cases had been docketed for trial at the term.

Scheduled to be placed on trial Tuesday for hit-and-run driving is Walter B. Morgan, charged with being the driver of the Army truck which crashed into the side of a passenger car last month on the Castle Hayne road resulting in the death of Charles Joseph Allen, of Greensboro.

Witnesses testified at the inquest that Morgan was traced to the airport by parts of the automobile in which the youth was riding.

Charged with reckless operation resulting in death, Christopher Gause will be tried in connection with the deaths of two Wilmington children who were killed instantly when the bicycle they were riding on Carolina Beach road was struck by his automobile.

Solicitor Sinclair said the trial was continued at the last term of court because soldier witnesses of the accident had been transferred, and there was not sufficient time to subpoena them.

Trial of Fred Williams, charged with the hit-and-run death of E. C. Clewis last September, is scheduled during the week. Williams was extradited from New York several months ago.

Solicitor Sinclair said 22 persons were now in jail awaiting trial. Judge C. Everett Thompson will preside over the term.

Meeting Of Airplane Observers Scheduled

A meeting of all plane observers in upper Brunswick county is scheduled for 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night, in the C. C. Chinnis store at Phoenix.

Jim Finch, air raid warning service director, has issued an invitation to all persons interested in this type of work to be present. Several officers and men from the Wilmington Filter center will be on hand to speak to the gathering and to answer all questions on the work of airplane spotters.

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