

'COPTER PILOT WHO SAVED MANY LIVES TRAINING OTHERS FOR MERCY MISSIONS

FORT SILL, Okla.—An Army helicopter pilot, who evacuated 900 wounded soldiers from the combat zone during the Korean war, now is training other fliers in this life-saving technique at the Army Aviation School here.

Captain William P. Brake, 29, of (943 Mistletoe) San Antonio, Texas, flew 587 missions in his little H-13 helicopter to establish the evacuation record. Often he found himself under direct fire from Chinese Communists while carrying out his mercy missions. However, none of the enemy bullets ever found its target. He made forced landings only eight times, coming down safely on each occasion.

Four hundred and 15 wounded soldiers were picked up by Brake within 250 to 300 yards of enemy positions—an easy reach for a rifle or a machine-gun—and flown to forward Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals. He evacuated 485 from MASH units to rear area evacuation hospitals during his 14 months in Korea.

"Unquestionably our helicopters have saved a lot of lives," said Brake. "Our company (the 49th Helicopter Ambulance Company) was operating four H-13's and for awhile we also had an H-19 (Sikorsky). All the pilots were as busy as I was."

Most wounded soldiers were eager to sit beside him in the helicopter or ride in one of the two litters carried on the skids.

Brake, who said only 15 of the wounded soldiers he evacuated were dead on arrival at a MASH unit, was called upon six times to fly night evacuation missions.

"We'd know about where we were going," he said, "and the platoon leaders would guide us in with flashlights or jeep lights."

Asked whether he got lost on many occasions, Brake ran a sun-tanned hand through his prematurely gray hair, smiled, and said:

"Only once, and that was my own fault. I got my co-ordinates mixed up and suddenly found myself 3,000 yards behind the Chinese lines. They threw everything at me but the kitchen sink, but I found myself a river and flew down it—about three feet above the water—until I got back behind my own lines. The Chinese were lousy shots or they'd have had me."

Brake now is assigned as an instructor at the Army Aviation School at Fort Sill, Okla., where he learned to fly the Army's light fixed wing aircraft in 1948 and where he got his helicopter license in 1950.

Especially For Pet Owners...

Raising puppies in shady, moist kennels with limited exposure to the sun may be disastrous if parasite-infected dogs have occupied the quarters. Pups can pick up ascarid and hookworm infections from the day they are born. These infections may become so serious in two or three weeks that blood transfusions may be needed to save them.

Veterinary medical authorities report that cats can get leukemia, a cancer of the blood. Recently a seven-year-old male house cat was proved by blood tests to be suffering from a type of leukemia. The cat had been ill, listless and losing weight for several weeks. This is believed to be the first case of its kind on record.

Veterinary research has demonstrated that a combination of canine distemper and infectious hepatitis in dogs produces a much more severe type of illness than either disease alone. The occurrence of the two diseases at the same time in dogs is not uncommon.

Studies made in connection with the recent mass immunization of dogs against rabies in St. Louis, Mo., indicated that such a program has greater value in eradicating rabies than sporadic inoculations of small numbers of dogs over an extended period. The mass immunization drive was started to control a serious rabies outbreak in the Missouri metropolis.

The problem of eliminating whipworms from dogs may depend on early recognition of the condition. Veterinary medical authorities say the infestation can usually be eliminated if proper treatment is started in time.

Glaucoma, a painful eye disease, with increased internal eye pressure, is difficult to distinguish from other eye conditions at times. Proper diagnosis is necessary to prevent the wrong treatment, which could do irreparable damage.

Truth would you teach, or save a sinking land? All fear, none aid you, and few understand. —Pope.

4 Sisters Hit by Polio in 10 Days



Within ten days last May and June these four children of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Hartley were stricken by polio at their farm home near Hudson, N. C. All except one were placed in iron lungs when they arrived at Asheville Orthopedic Hospital where March of Dimes funds paid for care for all four. Five-year-old Beth Hartley was stricken first. Then Mary Sue, 7; Doris Kay, 10, and Peggy Ann, 12. This year's March of Dimes will be held during the entire month of January.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR UN?

UN PEOPLE

1. The new Secretary General of the United Nations, elected unanimously by the General Assembly, is Sweden's
2. The U. S. delegate appointed by President Eisenhower to replace Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt on the UN Human Rights Commission is
3. The former Republican Senator who heads the U. S. delegation to the United Nations is
4. The newly-appointed director of UNESCO is former Librarian of Congress

UN PLACES

5. A new tourist attraction in the world's largest metropolis now draws more visitors per day than any of the showplaces for which the city is noted. People from every corner of the world rub shoulders as they gaze with pride at the beautiful buildings, spacious lawns and impressive meeting

rooms. The place which draws so many visitors is

6. Both India and Pakistan lay claim to a territory bordering on the two nations. For a while, the dispute threatened to break into war. But UN intervention helped return the issue to the conference tables where it is gradually being settled without bloodshed. The name of the disputed territory is
7. In the midst of war-torn Korea, United Nations and Communist negotiators met on two bits of neutral ground to work out an armistice. These neutral cities are

and
8. In 1948 a new democratic state was established in the Middle East. Today, the new country is an oasis of culture and scientific progress. This country which owes its existence to the United Nations is
9. In 1946, Russian troops were stationed as a bordering country, and the Kremlin refused to recall them. Several western powers were pledged to protect the sovereignty of the smaller state. UN intervention averted a conflict and effected the peaceful withdrawal of Russian troops from

UN AT WORK

Which division or specialized agency of the United Nations might be called upon to act in each of the following situations?

10. An epidemic of cholera is reported in a certain part of the world.
11. A drought, coupled with old-fashioned farming methods, threatens to wipe out the major food crop in a given area.
12. A high rate of illiteracy plagues a certain country, which cannot meet the educational needs of its people unaided.
13. One nation charges another with armed aggression.
14. An under-developed nation needs a loan to speed industrial development.
15. Tense border incidents between two countries threaten to erupt into full-fledged conflict.
16. Newly-developed safety measures are needed to reduce the dangers of overseas passenger flights.
17. A recently-discovered wonder drug holds the cure for a serious disease raging in Asia and Africa.
18. Child victims of war, famine and disease in many lands need immediate supplies of food, clothing and medicine.

ANSWERS

1. Dag Hammarskjold
2. Mrs. Oswald B. Lord
3. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.
4. Luther H. Evans
5. UN Headquarters in New York City
6. Kashmir
7. Kaesong and Panmunjon
8. Israel
9. Iran
10. World Health Organization (WHO)
11. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
12. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
13. Security Council
14. International Bank of Reconstruction and Development.
15. Security Council
16. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
17. World Health Organization (WHO)
18. United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

METHODIST SOCIETY MEETING

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will meet Wednesday night, January 13, at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. L. Ward, Mrs. G. A. Helms, president, urges all members to attend.

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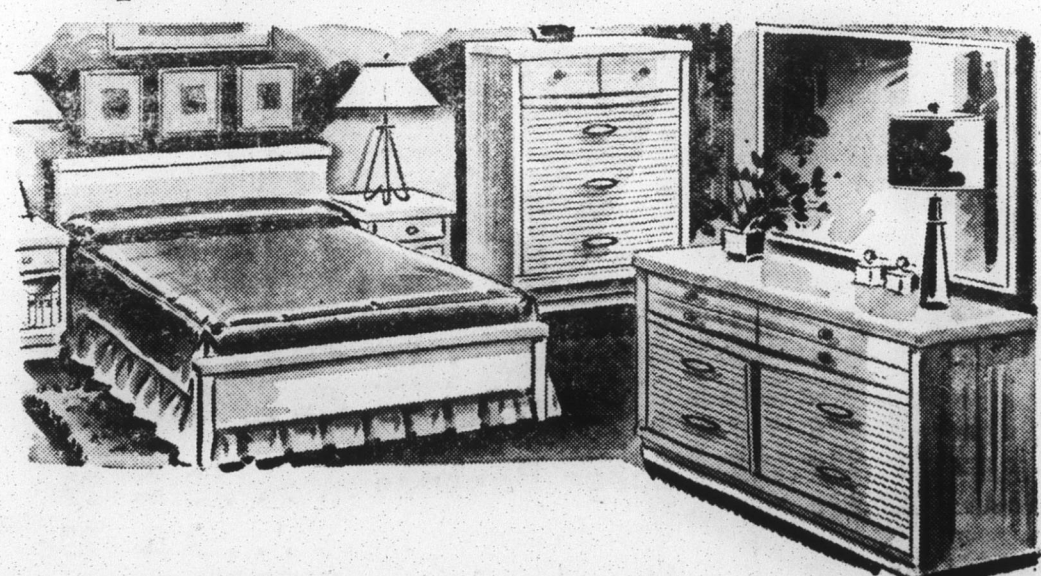
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