



THE STORY THUS FAR: Lieut. Col. Frank Kurtz, who was pilot of the griz-ied old Flying Fortress known as "The swoose," which escaped from Clark Field, tells of that fatal day when the Japs struck in the Philippines. Old 99, a Fiving Fortress, is struck down before it can get off the ground. Later, Liouten-ant Kurtz bicycles to the scene of the hombing. He finds Old 99 a pilo of junk. Its sees eight boys of her crew-his boys -lying in an irregular lines. They had been killed as they ran for shelter. He counts them, paiz each on the back, and been killed as they ran for shelfer. He counts them, pais each on the back, and talks to them as if they were still alive. Then he goes to where Tex is lying, at the end of the sprawling line, and makes a promise.

CHAPTER II

"We weren't licked; it was only the beginning, and from now on we would beginning, and from now on we would get to work, all of us, and win. I told him that whatever plane they gave me later, Old 99 would be fly-ing right in the formation, and on night missions I would always see Old 99's wing lights beside me, and know that she was protecting me with her crossfire, knocking down Zeros that tried to climb onto my Yes, maybe that's where the tail. story begins.

"The 19th Bombardment Group consisted of thirty-five beautiful consisted of unity five becauting shiny new Flying Fortresses, of which Old 99 was one—we had picked her up at the Boeing factory just before she came off the line. Of the Fortress series, they were D models-then the latest and finest in the business. About a dozen of our thirty-five were down at Del Monte Field on the southern island of Mindanao. The rest were at the main bomber base, Clark Field, about forty-five miles from Manila, which was the headquarters of Gen-eral MacArthur, the Commander in Chief. Our immediate Air Corps commander, General Brereton, was constantly visiting us at Clark.

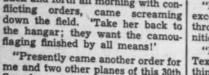
"On November 27 General Brereton put us on the alert. He had re-ceived the same State Department warning they got at Pearl Harborthat war might be days or maybe hours away. Within the limit of what we had, the Air Force was ready for it. The General was making all the reconnaissance he could, and had picked his targets in Formosa, from where we knew the blow would come. Our machine guns were in place and loaded.

"As fast as our facilities would permit, our shiny aluminum Queens were getting their coat of dull war paint, and I was notified that Old 99 was scheduled to get her camouflage on December eighth.

"That's a date we who were in the Philippines will never forget. With you it's December seventh, but don't be confused, for it's really the same day, only because the Philippines are on the other side of the international date line, we give it a different number.

"The Japanese struck at Pearl Harbor at exactly 7:35 o'clock in the morning Honolulu time. At that same instant it was 4:35 o'clock in the morning of December eighth in the Philippines-a few hours before dawn reached us. I was asleep in the nipa shack which was the officers' quarters on Clark Field.

"I got up at seven as usual and, stumbling in sleepily to shave, snapped on my portable as I always did to get the early morning news broadcast by Don Bell in Manila. By the way, one of the first things the Japs did when they entered the town two weeks later was to shoot



me and two other planes of this 30th Squadron to unload our bombs and insert cameras. Nothing more than that, but it was clear they were preparing us now for reconnaissance over Formosa.

"I didn't then know that our little field only reflected what was going on at Manila Headquarters, where our Air Force General Brereton had been up long before dawn and was at a big conference all morning. Of course it's very easy to be wise after the event.

"And of course, even though Pearl Harbor had been attacked, our American Congress had not yet declared war, and perhaps it was too great a responsibility for our Philippine command to strike back when someone might argue that war did not exist technically.

"General Brereton knew our position at Clark Field was so danger-ous that if we did not at once strike at Formosa, we could probably nev-er strike at all. He wanted permission to make a reconnaissance flight over there, so we could at least see if the Japanese were making preparations to strike us. Surely, now that they had hit Pearl Harbor, it would be only a minor neutrality violation to fly close enough to Formosa to take a few pictures. "Consequently the turndown on this wasn't complete; Headquarters



one of Manila's tallest buildings.

said, well, maybe this would be pos-Wait and see. sible.

"Back on the stand-by with Old 99, I couldn't then know this was why I had been ordered to jerk her bombs, reload her with cameras, and rush the camouflage in the hope that permission would soon come. I only knew big things were moving,

"I'd never seen a Japanese plane except those slides of them they throw on the screen in plane-recognition courses at school.

"I left the mess hall and ran into Tex, looking for me. He had every-thing under control with Old 99, the crew was standing by, and were there any more orders?

"I told him not yet, I was going over to the operations tent and would be back with them in a very few minutes. Good old Tex, standing there, apparently casual and yet really alert as a fox terrier, getting every word I said. A fine-looking kid, twenty-two years old, he was for me those extra eyes, ears, and

hands that every co-pilot should be. "I was worrying about what would happen if while I was in that operations tent, scout planes might report a Jap bomber formation headed

down toward us from Formosa. trusted our fighter pilots at Iba, but -you never could tell-a few bombers might slip through to Clark. "So I said to Tex: 'Now look, boy

-here's the dope. Make no mistake, I don't want any slip-ups. Up to now it's been all play-acting and Boy Scout stuff, but this war has really begun. If we get word in Operations that we're about to be hit here on Clark, we can get Old 99 off the field from where she is, without the usual runway procedure. So watch for me to come pedaling toward you on my bike from opera-tions tent. If I drop my arm as you see me come over the top of the runway crest, that means I want the motors started by the time I get there.'

"'Okay, Frank,' he said quietly. No saluting or heel - snapping there's not room for much of that in the Air Force. Then he assured me that the men had all been sent to chow, the engines warmed and checked. Now he turned, and went on back to Old 99.

"The operations tent was crowded with about forty pilots and naviga-tors waiting for briefing to begin. As we waited, I snapped on my radio and we all listened to Manila. This time Don Bell was really packing it across in his excited delivery. Yet we didn't know that the precious minutes had all slipped away and only seconds were left. We didn't know that General Brereton had got permission from General MacArthur for us to take off on our photographic expedition over Formosa, to see if just possibly the Japanese might be making preparations to attack us. We didn't realize that General Brereton had already rushed to the telephone, and

was even at this instant clicking the receiver, trying to get through to us with this order. "Now Don Bell was saying that bombs really were dropping on Clark Field-he was broadcasting from the top of one of Manila's tall-

est buildings, and from there he could see big plumes of smoke rising from Clark Field. "We all smiled at this. We didn't know that he, from Manila, could

see around the little hill over in the direction of Iba Field, and that these plumes of smoke were from burning P-40's there. The Japanese were already tearing our American fighter force to pieces. But we smiled, and were listening for whatever crazy thing Don Bell would say

next-General Brereton still trying to get through to us on the phonewhen a private, standing just out-



Lesson for March 12

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JESUS BETRAYED, DENIED AND CONDEMNED

ment.

from the cold during the winter? I am also leaving my living room out-

ture being damaged by cold than by

LESSON TEXT: Mark 14:10, 11, 53, 54, 66-72; 15:12-15. GOLDEN TEXT: He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and ac-quainted with grief.-Isaiah 53:3.

fit, rug, radio, gas range, refrigera-tor, chrome kitchen set and a ward-robe with my husband's clothes. He The time had come! Jesus was is in the army. Answer: Unless the quality of the about to be condemned and crucified; and though sinful men thought thus to rid themselves of the One finish is poor, there is less likeli-hood of the woodwork of the furniwho had pierced their hypocrisy and unveiled their unrighteousness, His death was, in the providence of God, dampness, which might be harm-ful. After sponging (without flood-ing) the woodwork with the thick the giving of Himself for our sins. What He endured as He went to the cross is enough to break one's suds of a mild soap, follow with clean damp cloths, and wipe dry.

heart, for here we see the denial, betrayal and compromise of men. I. Christ Sold for Money (14:10, 11).

When one sees the awful things which have been done and are be ing done for money in this world, it becomes clear why the Bible repeatedly calls it "filthy lucre."

your husband's clothing. "Money! How many awful things have been done for money. How many dishonest officials have secured high places in government by money! How many people have lost their lifesavings because some shrewd, crooked broker schemed to take their money away, because he wanted it. How many millions of people have been kept in poverty given a thin coat of vaseline to pro-tect them against corrosion. It ecause men cared more to increase their wealth than they did to relieve might be wise to cover the radio to the distress of those who worked for protect it from dust. If it is a porta-ble unit, place it in a carton. The them . . . Money is what keeps the dance halls going; a lust for money radio should be kept in a dry place. is what keeps our breweries and distilleries open; it is money that makes men want to produce lascivious plays and motion pictures" (W.

M. Smith). Fundamentally, it was the love of money that made Judas betray his Lord. "What will ye give me?" was his question (Matt. 28:15).

But money is not the only price with which men may be paid. We find next-

II. Christ Deserted for Comfort (14:53, 54).

Peter would not have risen to the suggestion that he sell his Lord for money, so Satan was too smart to stir his loyalty by such a suggestion. He used another method with Peter.

Things had become very difficult for our Lord. He was led away to be falsely accused and subjected to persecution. It was no longer comfortable to be at His side, as it had been when He fed the multitude and healed the sick, and silenced His enemies.

This was cold unpleasant business. Why should Peter get mixed up in it? After all he could just as well keep a safe distance, and besides it was warm at the fire. Oh, yes, the enemies of the Lord had kindled it and stood around it, but that didn't need to make Peter an enemy of His-or did it?

How many Christians who would meet with hasty and courageous denial the suggestion that they sell their Lord, have betrayed Him by warming themselves at the fires of this world.

III. Christ Denied for Fear (14: 66-72).

Peter, the staunch defender of our Lord, who had assured Him that no when a private, standing just out Lord, who had assured that use to be drops of the 14:29), now quails before a servant maid. He curses and swears to try to strengthen his words of denial. What had happened to Peter? He had become so at home by the fire of the enemies of his Master that Coats, who was standing nearest the he was afraid to confess his relationship to Him. He had followed so far off that He had lost touch with the Lord, and was again like the Peter who on another day looked away from the Master's face and feared the boisterous waves (Matt 14:30).



W HEN Cecil Isbell, one of foot-ball's ablest passers, left the Green Bay Packers last fall to be-Question: I intend to move to my sister's apartment, leaving my furniture and other equipment in the apartment where I am now living. come assistant coach at Purdue, most observers figured that his old battery mate, End Don Hutson, This is on the second floor. The radiators will be drained so that there will be no heat in the apartwould spend much of his future play-Will my furniture be safe ing time merely attempting to snare

those long tosses. But Hutson proved the weakness of the old argument that a receiver is only as good as his passer. The Isbell-Hutson combination was probably the greatest in football history, but Hutson managed to do right well without Isbell.

When Hutson's name was entered on the official books of the National Football league as 1943 pass-receiving champion, it was the third con-secutive year he had won that honor. And it was the sixth time in nine years of professional ball. Polish with a paste wax, applied

in very thin coats, each allowed to It's hard to believe, but during dry hard before rubbing. Then cov-er the pieces with heavy paper to keep out the dust. But if the pieces those years he scored touchdowns on 21.6 per cent of the passes he caught-one touchdown on every five catches. That is one of the finest are upholstered in mohair or woolen fabric they should be thoroughly efficiency records ever posted. protected from moth damage. You

1943 Record should also moth-proof your rug and

League records show that Hutson Wash the refrigerator thoroughly who came out of retirement in 1943 and wipe all inside surfaces with a solution of bicarbonate of soda, about to play one more season for the Packers, nabbed 47 passes during the regular 10-game schedule for a a tablespoonful in a quart of warm water. The door of the box should total gain of 776 yards and 11 touchbe left partly open. All exposed met-al parts of the range, refrigerator, and the metal furniture should be downs

Hutson, who is scheduled to become an assistant Green Bay coach in the fall, raised his three all-time records a little higher over the heads of competitors, increasing his total of receptions to 384, number of touchdowns on passes to 83 and yards gained to 6,310.

The former Alabama star set one new record during the season three weeks after Wilbur Moore of the Washington Redskins had given him something to work for. Moore topped the yards-gained mark on October 31 against Brooklyn when his seven catches gained 213 yards and two touchdowns. Hutson came back-also against Brooklyn-to collect 237 yards on eight passes, two of which

brought scores. The eight catches against Brooklyn plus eight more against New York, enabled Hutson to beat out Joe Aguirre of Washington for the championship.

Hogan's Forecast

Diminutive Ben Hogan, who topped golf's list of money winners before entering the armed

service, forecasts \$50,000 tournaments after the war-but with less "hurdygurdy" accompani-ment. Now a lieutenant in the athletic office 1 of the Fort Worth army air field, Hogan says that "golf

Ben Hogan

tremendous purses,"

Cleaning Stone Fireplaces

section.

granite fireplace, and two others made either of marble or marbleized plastic. Is there any way to clean them?

Answer: If the granite is rough (not polished) you can scour it with a paste made of coarse, scouring powder moistened with water and a few drops of ammonia. Rinse thor-

surrounding many of the major tournaments.

It is Hogan's idea that the \$50,000

purses will come from businesses in-

terested in national advertising. But

we're a little skeptical when he

states that the trend will be away

from the carnival atmosphere now

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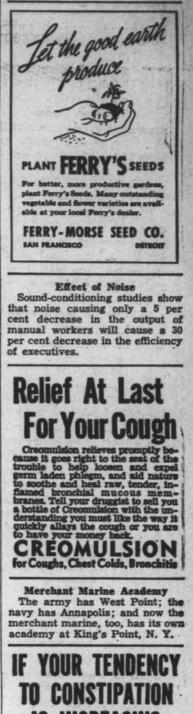
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Refresher Raid

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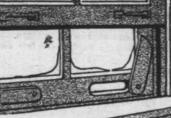
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little opening in a storm sash for ventilating purposes should be at the top of the window or at the bottom. Answer: I prefer not to have any vents in the sash itself. With a holder or adjuster on the window, the storm sash can be opened whenever desired and at different points, depending on the weather. When the

VENTS IN STORM SASH

Question: Please tell me if the



storm sash is closed, there is little or no chance of excessive cold air leakage. If, however, you wish to install vents, place them in the bottom rail of the window; it is more convenient there and ventilating efficiency is not impaired greatly.

Question: I have an old fashioned

poor devil. In even more rapidfire style than usual he told us the big news-that the Japs had hit Hawaii.

"We gulped breakfast, and then all the pilots rushed over to operations meeting in the squadron's operations tent, where Major Don Gibbs went over the situation with us. I can see him now, trim, alert, boyish-looking for his rank and years-if he'd lived out the war he would surely be a brigadier general by now. He was as shrewd as he was modest. It was his second tour of duty out East, and he knew the lay of the land.

"'Well, gentlemen, this is it,' he said. Then he stepped over to the open flap and faced us. 'If they've hit Hawaii they can't miss hitting us. I can't tell you when it will come, but it will come. However, I can tell you where it will come from.' Here he raised the canvas flap with one hand and pointed up and to the north. 'It will be from right over that hill,' he said.

"We looked at the hill, tree-clad, velvety, beautiful in the sunrise. Be-yond it was Iba Field. Still farther was the China Sea and then came Formosa, the black forbidden hunk of something I had looked down on the week before.

"As we left, Gibbs said: 'You're on the stand-by. Orders will be coming through fast all morning. Then I went back to Old 99. She was one of the few which hadn't been loaded with bombs, as she had been scheduled for camouflaghg that morning. Only the orders that now came seemed conflicting as those final hours slipped away.

"First came one countermanding the camouflaging. Seemed some thing was afoot, and they couldn't wait for it. Instead we were to load bombs, so we taxied over toward the ammunition dump. Then them Bill Cocke, who was to be running bays.

and suddenly I thought of my portable radio. Why not find out what I could? So I sent Tex back to the barracks to get it.

"When he returned, I had fair reception when I took it outside the steel hangar door.

"It crackled with rumors-some already true, some not yet true. They reported a big concentration of Jap ships off Luzon-Manila was expecting an air raid every minute -bombs were reported already dropping on Clark Field. I understand that early false report reached the States.

"It was curious," said Kurtz, "standing right outside that hangar door, looking at Clark Field in the mid-morning sunshine and hearing the radio in my hand saying that bombs were dropping on it. It was crazy, and yet it made us apprehensive.

"A classmate of mine at Randolph Field who had been flying one of two old Douglases we used for transportation to Manila had just pulled up and got out, and he was listening beside me. Now he said, nervously, 'Why in hell don't we get out

of here and save these airplanes? I could see he was thinking not only of the planes, but of our necks as well. "I said to him, 'What the hell,

now, old man, take it easy-we're under orders.' But I was getting jumpy myself.

"Then quick came another order -early chow for us pilots and our navigators at eleven o'clock. So I told Tex that Eddie Oliver (my navigator) and I were going to shoot on up to the mess hall, eat fast, and get over to the operations tent quick and find out what plans they had lined up for us. Meanwhile Tex was to oversee the unloading of the bombs and the replacing of they were. them with cameras in the bomb

voice: " 'Oh, gee! Look at the pretty Na-

vy formation.' "It froze me. I could hear a drone. I think it froze all of us. The next second, Lieutenant Lee

tent flap, stepped to the opening. We watched him look up.

" 'Navy, hell! Here they come!' "We turned over tables in the confusion of piling out of that tent, but we're not yet frightened rats, we're still human beings, still organized.

"There they came, the drone rising, right over the hill as Don Gibbs predicted they would-in an enormous V of V's, three V's in all and about twenty-five Mitsubishi bombers in each V, at about 18,000 to 22,000 feet altitude-coming right at us.

"I heard a scuffling and looked stances. around to see that I was alone except for Lieutenant Glenn Rice-he'd been detailed as photographic offi-

cer and was grinding away with his camera at that V of V's. The drainage ditch near by.

it would be five or ten seconds more before they came to their bombrelease line, and I ought to see the glint of their bombs turning over as they came out of their bomb bays-they seem almost to pause under the plane before they start down-several seconds surely before saw that glint, and then would

while I wanted to see what kind of pattern this formation planned to lay down over this field, just as, many times before-back in the dry bed of Muroc Lake in California, our practice bombing range in the Mojave Desert-I'd watched a formation of our own to see how good

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Peter was afraid, and he denied his Lord. How many there are who are like him. They tremble before an unbelieving world, and fearing the scoffing of poor, weak, sinful men, they deny their Lord.

It is time that Christian people took courage and stood up for the Lord in all times and circum-

IV. Christ Condemned for Con venience (15:12-15).

Pilate found no fault in Christ. He had no desire to condemn Him. He wanted to set Him free. But it rest had all taken shelter in a big proved to be politically inexpedient. To stand by his convictions "I stood there because I thought concerning this innocent person would have greatly inconvenienced him in many ways, So "wishing to content the multitude" he delivered Jesus to be scourged and crucified. Men and women today are willing to condemn Christ anew because to submit to Him and bear His name would require of them a sacrificial living which they are not willing to be time to jump for the ditch. Mean- give. So they pass Him by, and go on to a Christless eternity.

It costs something to follow Jesus -to stand true to Him in a rejecting world. One wonders at times wheth er this is not one reason why God does not send a revival to the Church. We are probably not will-ing to bear the inconvenience. It would upset our regular order of life.

cleaned by washing with a mild soap and hot water, followed by rinsing with clear water. For cleaning imitation marble use a mild soap and warm water (not hot).

Leak in Heating Plant

Question: My heating plant has opened a small seam in front about six or eight inches long. Can this welded successfully without having to replace the entire front? Answer: A welder with a portable welding outfit should be able to repair the leak for you. Your automobile service man should be

able to put you in contact with a welder, or you may find one listed in the advertising section of this paper.

Crumbling Chimney Brick

Question: The common brick at the bottom of our chimney in the basement keeps peeling and chip-ping off. Can anything be done about this?

Answer: It will help to give the bricks a coat or two of cement base paint, which comes as a powder to be mixed with water. Most mason material dealers carry this paint. But it will not harden the bricks throughout; nothing will do that.

. . . Enclosed Porch

Question: Can an enclosed porch be insulated adequately so that it will be practical for a bedroom? We should like to use part of it in this way. Our house is a frame building about 30 years old.

Answer: Yes, that can be done But if there is no cellar under the porch, the floor should be very well nsulated. With storm sash on the windows, the room should be quite comfortable. The heating of such a room must be considered carefully.

vest their money in events which will give them the greatest return for each dollar spent. If they think the addition of a few circus trap pings will increase interest in the event being promoted, then those trappings might as well be taken for granted.

"Practically all of the name players who carry the professional game and make the tournaments," Hogan said, "have no appetite for the wild hurdy-gurdy tournament and they won't play in them if there is money to be made at other places. The kind of tournament they love is the Masters, which Bobby Jones started at Augusta, Ga. It was run with the restraint that golf has to have to be perfect. Even the people who came out to watch the matches understood and appreciated the game.'

All of which is very true. But don't forget the between-halves entertainment offered at football games and the extra inducements offered by theaters. Those "extras" are to build and hold interest.

Most dyed-in-the-wool golf fans would like to see the razzle-dazzle eliminated in tournaments. But that isn't necessarily true of the public in general. Crowds want color-and if it is lacking in golf tournaments it will be found somewhere else.

SPORTS SHORTS

▲ The athletic program at the Great Lakes Naval Training station is the most extensive in the country.
④ Mel Harder is approaching his 17th season as a member of the Cleveland Indians.
④ According to visitors, only one plo-ture hangs in the home of Luis App.

ture hangs in the home of Luis Angel Firpo in Argentina. That's right --it shows Jack Dempsey hurtling the ropes of Polo through the Gros

All seven National league hockey clubs are making money.

