

Recalls Days As A War Prisoner Of Chinese Reds

Lieutenant In Marine Corps Held Prisoner For Three Months

Cherry Point.—The unpredictable treatment given prisoners of war by the Chinese Reds is a grave issue with our high command at the present time. And Marine First Lieutenant Thomas J. Shaw, flight clearance officer here, is still thanking his lucky stars over the relatively mild treatment he received while spending three months in Communist hands.

Lieutenant Shaw and three other Marines were captured in unusual fashion by the Reds while on Chinese occupational duty in April of 1948. The four Leathernecks comprised the flight crew of a transport plane that took off from Tsingtao, former Chinese air base of the Marine Corps.

While over Communist territory, propeller failure forced a crash landing in a salt flat. Nearby Red troops opened fire on the four Marines as soon as they climbed clear of the wrecked

BACK IN MOTHER'S ARMS AGAIN



AGED MRS. MARY CHRISTOPHELES, 79, is welcomed in Los Angeles by her son and daughter following a flight from Athens, Greece. The daughter, Mrs. Nora C. Panos, had not seen her mother for 30 years. Son John last set eyes on her about 42 years ago in her native land. (International)

transport, then swarmed down and took them prisoner.

"They looked just like the Indians in a Wild West movie charging over the mountain," said Shaw.

Significantly, the Reds were dressed in Chinese Nationalist uniforms complete even to the cap insignia. They fired vigorously on United States planes that were circling the crash scene and prevented any attempt at aid or rescue despite the fact that the United States was maintaining a strict policy of neutrality in the Chinese Civil War at that time.

Shaw and his compatriots were placed under armed guard and taken by "mule train" to a rear-area command post. In the weeks to follow they were moved from town to town, sometimes by mule and sometimes by truck. English language interpreters questioned them from time to time and the four Marines protested their being held as prisoners of war when our country was not engaged in any hostilities with the Reds.

Finally, after three months of captivity, the Leathernecks were turned over to a United States negotiating party. They had been thoroughly searched upon capture and all items that had been taken from them were returned

upon release. "On the whole," stated the Lieutenant, "We were treated firmly but with consideration. However, the atmosphere of uncertainty that hung over us made our release date a very happy day."

Due to this three months of close association with the Chinese Red Army, the Marine is able to give many interesting sidelights on the enemy we now face in open combat.

At one point during his period of captivity, Shaw was detained in a Chinese town that the Communists had hand-made into a model Marxist village. It was a distribution point for Red propaganda and all Chinese in the vicinity had free access to a library of pamphlets and books promoting Communist ideals. However, no effort was made to indoctrinate the Marines into Communism.

When on the move, the four Americans were usually lodged in a house that was taken over by the Communist troops. The ruthlessness of Red rule was pointed up when Shaw was once directed to stay in a commandeered private home and given a bed still warm from the unfortunate occupant who had been routed out.

Bear Grass Breaks Even At Pantego

The basketball teams of Bear Grass High School managed an even break against the teams of Pantego High School last night in the Belhaven gym as the boys of Bear Grass won easily, 57 to 44, while the girls dropped a 41-39 decision after a last quarter rally failed to overcome the heavy lead established by the Beaufort County girls.

The Bear Grass boys completely outclassed the Pantego lads in the first two quarters, leading 17 to 7 at the end of the first quarter.

The period scoring shows: Bear Grass 17-19-4-17-57 Pantego 7-9-12-16-44 High scorers for Bear Grass: Sammy Biggs 15, J. B. Rogerson 13, Ben Ward 10, Jimmy Terry 7, Eddie Harris 8, Jimmy Ward 1, Bobby Rawls 3, Russell Bowen 2, Alton Harrison and Comar Griffin got into the game but failed to score. Defensive leaders for the Martin County boys were Jimmy Terry, Eddie Harris and Ben Ward. Stalk scored 18 for Pantego and was also best on defense.

The Bear Grass girls held the Pantego sextet to a draw during the first period but lost the game when they were outscored during the second and third quarters. The scoring by quarters shows: Bear Grass 12-2-9-16-39 Pantego 12-9-13-7-41

Scoring for Bear Grass were Janie Cherry 18, Jearl Lee 10, Patricia Bowen 9, and Shirley Bailey 2. Defensive leaders were Louise Moore and Tenny Rogerson. High for Pantego was Betty Lang with 17 and Everett was best defensively for Pantego.

Chocowinity plays at Bear Grass tomorrow, Friday night.

Farm Life Cagers Announce Games

A fifteen-game basketball schedule for Farm Life High School for the 1951-52 season was announced yesterday by Principal Carlyle Cox who is also coach of the cage teams. The opening falls on Friday night of this week with Pantego coming to Farm Life for a twin bill, the first contest to begin at 7:30.

The complete schedule: Dec. 7—Pantego at Farm Life; 11—Jamesville at Farm Life; 14—Robersonville at Robersonville; 18—Bear Grass at Bear Grass; Jan. 4—Robersonville at Farm Life for the occasion.

Later, the Leathernecks were allowed to participate in a Chinese wine and rice party held by the command. Midway through the festivities, however, a courier arrived with a mysterious official order whereupon the party disintegrated in great haste. The four Marines were never able to find out the nature of the order which brought such a sudden ending to the event.

Here at Cherry Point, Lieutenant Shaw has served as a pilot, tower officer and flight clearance officer. A native of Winfield, Louisiana, Shaw and his wife now reside near Newport North Carolina, a few miles from the giant air station.

"Nothing like three months with the Reds to make a man a home lover," was the lieutenant's comment.

A Bit Corny



FIRST OHIOAN to be chosen "Corny King" at the 29th Annual Hay and Grain Show in Chicago, Willard O. Kirk, of Jeffersonville, O., has his ears with him as he hears the good news. His variety of yellow hybrid corn was chosen the best of all entries. (International Soundphoto)



KINDLY FRIENDS. Jane Wyman, as a nursemaid heroine in "The Blue Veil," finds a kindred soul in Cyril Cusack, a toy dealer. Co-starred with Miss Wyman in Wald-Krasna's presentation for release by RKO Radio are Charles Laughton, Joan Blondell, Richard Carlson, Agnes Moorehead, Ben Taylor and Audrey Totter. It will be at the Viccar Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

NO DECEMBER GAME

Unless a game can be arranged for Tuesday night, December 18, the Williamston basketball teams will not play before January 4 when Bear Grass comes here for a twin bill.

A game with Bear Grass had been set for December 14 but the Junior Class play is being presented that evening and the game was cancelled. Any teams desiring a game December 18 should contact Coach Carroll Blackerby at 2348 Williamston.

Life; 9—Pantego at Belhaven; 11—Oak City at Farm Life; 13—Williamston at Williamston; 22—Bath at Farm Life; 25—Jamesville

Jamesville Lists Cage Schedule

Arriving too late to be included in another story dealing with the opening game on Friday night of this week, the complete schedule for Jamesville High School's basketball teams this season is given below. The boys' team this season will be coached by Ray Fleming while Bob Rawls will have charge of the girls' team.

at Jamesville; 29—Bath at Bath; Feb. 1—Bear Grass at Farm Life; 12—Tarboro at Tarboro; 15—Oak City at Oak City; 19—Tarboro at Farm Life.

The county tournament will be held on February 21, 22 and 23 in Williamston.

Resettle Million Displaced Persons

The millionth displaced person to be settled by the International Refugee Organization arrived in Washington recently. The Czechoslovakian and his family expect to live in Texas. Of the one million refugees resettled

Both teams have been practicing about a week. The schedule will have another game added to it as soon as a date for a game at Bethel can be decided upon.

Games to be played in Jamesville include: Dec. 7—Aurora; 11—Bath; 2—Bear Grass; Jan. 8—Belhaven; 13—Bethel; 25—Farm Life; 29—Plymouth; Feb. 1—Oak City; 8—Williamston; 29—Robersonville.

Games to be played on opponents' courts include: Dec. 11—at Farm Life; Jan. 4—at Oak City; 11—at Williamston; 22—Aurora; Feb. 5—Bear Grass; 12—Bath; 15—Plymouth; 19—Robersonville; 26—Belhaven.

from Europe, it is announced, about 280,000 are in the United States, 180,000 in Australia, 123,000 in Israel, 114,000 in Canada, 86,000 in the United Kingdom, 98,000 in Latin America and thousands more in seventy-five other countries.

Another report issued about the same time was that of the United Nations International Emergency Children's Fund, which said that in the past five years about 20,000,000 children have been helped by the fund's activities with food, clothing, and medical care. The sum of \$10,000,000 was allocated for the current year's work in twenty-four countries.

Thief Takes Advice And Leaves Lady Alone

Portsmouth, N. H.—When a holdup man demanded all the money in the cash register, Mrs. Anthony Krisuk responded with: "Get out and earn your money the hard way—the way I do." The man took the advice and left Mrs. Krisuk's grocery store—empty-handed.

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