

ARLINGTON GUNNER SAVES LIVES OF 2 IN BOMBER

This is one of a series of stories by a Star war correspondent on District, Maryland and Virginia soldiers taking part in the bombing of Germany.

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UNITED STATES HEAVY BOMBER STATION IN ENGLAND, Feb. 17 (By Mail).—Almost single-handed, in flak-filled skies over Frankfurt, a 20-year-old Arlington air gunner, waged war against the Germans and at the same time saved the lives of two other members of the Flying Fortress crew.

He is Staff Sgt. Arthur L. Varnau of 1809 North Oakland street, As the heavy bomber piloted by Lt. Gerald N. Leavitt of Las Vegas, Nev., came over the big German industrial city it was hit by a storm of flak bursting in a pattern of red and green flashes all around. One flak fragment tore through the nose of the ship. Glancing off the navigator's table, it hit both the navigator and the bombardier.

Sgt. Varnau heard the wounded officers tell the pilot of their plight over the ship's interphone system. His own ball turret gun had been rendered useless. His sight had been damaged by a flak fragment. He went forward to the nose guns. There he found the two wounded men stretched out in the doorway. He quickly applied tourniquets to their wounds and helped them to sitting positions.

The crippled bomber still was in formation and heading for the assigned target. The bomb run was only a few seconds away. Varnau realized there was nobody to drop the bombs. He went to the bomb bay and, as the craft came over the objective, opened the doors and released the bombs. The leg of the bombardier, Lt. Thomas B. Burrell of San Diego, Calif., still was bleeding badly. Sgt. Varnau applied another tourniquet and gave the other morphine to ease his pain. He had been so busy with the wounded crewmen

Kleinman Says Plan Would Cut Pepco's Revenue \$3,342,000

Witness Denies at PUC Hearing That Credit Would Be Impaired

Fred Kleinman, chief accountant of the Illinois Commerce Commission, told the Public Utilities Commission today his proposed modifications in the sliding-scale arrangement with the Potomac Electric Power Co. would reduce gross revenues of the utility by \$3,342,000 on the basis of 1943 income.

Mr. Kleinman, witness for the Treasury Department's Procurement Division in the annual power rate hearings, said his recommendations would cut net revenues \$1,655,000 in terms of last year's income of Pepco. He denied that his proposals would impair the credit of the company.

Would Reduce Rate Base. The witness testified that under his recommendations, the present rate base of Pepco would be reduced from \$108,579,000 to \$105,237,000 by removing the following items: The excess value of the company's original cost of its plant and equipment, \$5,440,000, and the amount of accrued depreciation, \$17,465,000.

Mr. Kleinman's calculations would alter the depreciation rate base of Pepco to a depreciation rate of 1.5 percent for cash working capital, construction materials and supplies. Asked by S. R. Bowen, Pepco attorney, if "violent changes" in the sliding scale arrangement would hurt the company's credit, Mr. Kleinman replied that even if the sliding scale were abolished, the credit of the company would be satisfactory, provided the commission set a reasonable rate of return.

Difficulty of Making Estimates. Mr. Bowen sought, through his cross-examination, to attack Mr. Kleinman's opposition to making estimates of reproduction costs in fixing the rate base of the company. When Mr. Bowen asked the witness if his objections to making estimates of reproduction costs were based on the difficulties involved, Mr. Kleinman replied:

"Impossibility is my word—not difficulty."

Mr. Kleinman has contended that the rate base should represent the original cost of the plant and equipment. Company attorneys, however, have stated that in their opinion the District utility law requires consideration of reproduction costs in fixing a fair value for the rate base.

Peck Will Address Patriotic Societies

George C. Peck, attorney for the House Military Affairs Committee, will address a joint meeting of the Society of the War of 1812 and the Society of Founders and Patriots at 8 o'clock tonight at the Sons of the American Revolution headquarters, 1227 Sixteenth street, N.W., it was announced today.

The Society of the War of 1812 also announced that it will install the following officers, elected in February to serve for the years 1944-5: Dr. Edson L. Whitney, president; William W. Badgley, first vice president; Charles C. Weaverling, second vice president; William E. Rice, secretary; Harry A. Davis, treasurer; Mahlon H. Janney, registrar; Dr. John D. Walcott, historian; and Frank B. Steele, chaplain.

The following will be installed as delegates to the national society: Col. John P. Hains, Ralston Lyon, William H. Marbury and Mr. C. Weaverling.

Havana City Librarian To See D. C. Facilities

Dr. Fermin Peraza y Sarasa, librarian of the Municipal Library of Havana, Cuba, will visit the District Public Library and its branches tomorrow, Miss Clara W. Herbert, librarian, announced today.

Miss Herbert said Dr. Peraza will suggest ways in which public libraries in this country may further Pan-American understanding.

Lingophone records and record players are available in several branch libraries to facilitate the learning of Spanish by District residents.

Restaurants Lose Pleas for Delay In Meat Case

Hearing for 3 Firms Charged With Illegal Purchases Opens

Hearings in restaurants charged with obtaining more than 17,000 pounds of beef without ration points began today before Acting OPA Commissioner Joseph Harrison, after he overruled motions by defense attorneys for continuances on the ground the Government had not allowed adequate time to prepare a defense.

Opposing the three motions for postponement, John L. Laskey, District OPA enforcement attorney, said that "the nature of the violations is so flagrant that they require immediate action."

The restaurants cited, all under separate management, were Fan and Bill's, 1132 Connecticut avenue N.W.; the 400 Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge, 1423 F street N.W.; and the Del Rio, restaurant and supper club, 727 Fifteenth street N.W.

Alvin Newmyer, representing Fan and Bill's and the 400, said he had been retained in the two cases only a few days ago and had not had time to interview the witnesses he might have to call. The owners of Fan and Bill's, he explained, live in New York and have come here to confer with them only Friday.

Ralph Cusick, attorney for the Del Rio, asked for continuance on the ground that he was representing the owner only temporarily and that the permanent attorney was John S. Lyons, who was in the District, Md. Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, who was tied up with legislative matters and could not appear at this time.

Commissioner Harrison denied the motions with the stipulation that if it appeared during the hearing that any of the defendants had not had time enough to obtain necessary witnesses a postponement might be granted. He said the facts alleged in the cases appeared to be relatively simple—a question of whether the accused owners had bought the quantities of meat described and whether they had given the necessary number of ration points.

Local OPA investigators have described the cases against the three restaurants as the most extensive black market operation yet uncovered here. It was understood that any of the defendants had no had time enough to obtain necessary witnesses a postponement might be granted. He said the facts alleged in the cases appeared to be relatively simple—a question of whether the accused owners had bought the quantities of meat described and whether they had given the necessary number of ration points.

Two Suspects Seized On Assault Charge

Held in Upper Marlboro Jail on Woman's Complaint

Clarence E. Jackson, 31, of 600 block of F street N.W., and George Wood, 30, Bass avenue, Kenilworth, Md., were being held in the Upper Marlboro jail today on a charge of criminally assaulting a 24-year-old Government worker Saturday on Central avenue near Largo.

Prince Georges County Policemen W. C. Suit and C. L. Perrygo said Jackson was arrested by Washington police yesterday in an antique shop which he operated at the F street address. They said Jackson told them where Wood lived. The latter was arrested by Baltimore authorities today.

Preliminary hearing will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Upper Marlboro Police Court.

Policemen Suit said the woman, who lives in the 1600 block of Sixteenth street N.W., told him she and a companion, Paul Fitzhugh, of the 1100 block of Eleventh street N.W., met the two men in a Washington beer parlor Friday and went to Maryland for another drink where the alleged assault occurred after Mr. Fitzhugh had been forced from the parlor.

Mr. Fitzhugh told police he heard one of the men address the other as "Jackson" and mention an antique shop.

Mrs. Haynsworth Named To Sponsor Destroyer

William M. Haynsworth, Jr., 4166 South Thirty-sixth street, Arlington, Va., has been designated by the Secretary of the Navy to sponsor the destroyer U. S. S. Haynsworth, named in honor of the late Comdr. William McCall Haynsworth.

The ship is scheduled to be launched at the Federal Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., Kearny, N. J., Saturday.

Comdr. Haynsworth, a graduate of Annapolis in 1923, was attached to the cruiser Houston, flagship of the Asiatic Fleet, from 1930 to 1934 and at one time served as White House aide. In July, 1941, he assumed command of the U. S. S. Ingraham, which was sunk after a collision in a fog in the Atlantic on August 22, 1942. He officially was declared dead as of August 23, 1943.

In recognizing cancer month, the city heads said they regard the observance "as a life-prolonging measure and urge the citizens of the community to take advantage of the facilities available for early diagnosis and treatment."

The Commissioners, in proclaiming Boys' Club Week, said "a new emphasis is being placed by the Boys' Clubs throughout America on activities important to the winning of the war, and in which boys are participating."

"We call upon our citizens and residents to assist in every way possible the constructive activities of this organization, to the end that the youth of our community may be benefited by the proclamation said."

Yanks Donate \$6,000 To Paralysis Fund

A check for \$6,000 representing contributions of officers and men in the Pershing Gulf Service Command of the Army Transportation Corps was presented to the National Infantile Paralysis Fund today.

Col. Paul F. Yount of the service command handed the check to Basil O'Connor, president of the fund, at ceremonies at the Carlton Hotel.



ELEVENTH-HOUR DRAFT STAY—Somewhat bewildered by last-minute orders to go home instead of to an Army camp, a group of men, all over 25 years, leaving District Selective Service headquarters at Weightman School today after hearing the news. At the Navy recruiting station, where a similar scene took place, officials said some men declared they were going straight to their draft boards to volunteer. Despite the temporary induction ruling the older men will be allowed to volunteer for induction.

Two Die in Accidents In Easter Traffic; Year's Toll Now 29

Woman, 63, Fatally Hurt When Auto Hits Tree; Man Struck by Truck

Two persons were killed in Easter week-end automobile accidents in the District, raising the toll of traffic fatalities this year to 29, police reported. Last year 23 persons met death from similar causes in the corresponding period.

Mrs. Catherine Lyons, 63, of 632 E street N.E., one of the victims, was a passenger in an automobile driven by her daughter, Miss Kathryn Lyons, 21, same address, when it went out of control on a curve late yesterday at Benning and Hillside roads S.E. and crashed into a tree, police said.

Thrown Through Windshield

The driver, her sister, Miss Marie Lyons, 28, of the E street address, and a friend, Mrs. Catherine Bartlett, 60, of 2218 Observatory place N.W., all suffered injuries and were admitted to Casualty Hospital. Mrs. Lyons was thrown through the windshield, according to police, and was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

The Lyons sisters are both employed at the General Accounting Office.

Casualty Hospital attaches said Kathryn Lyons received a fractured collarbone, Marie suffered lacerations and shock and Mrs. Bartlett was treated for head injuries. The condition of all was said to be not serious.

Man Hit by Truck

The 29th traffic fatality was Atlas Harvey, 50, of 814 Twenty-second street N.W., who was struck by a truck as he crossed the street at Thirteenth and M streets N.W. early this morning, police reported. He was removed to Emergency Hospital, where he died a few hours later.

Police said the driver of the truck, Jack L. Pulwiley, 40, colored, 1217 O street N.W., was being held pending an investigation by the corner's office.

K. of C. Group to Transcribe Service Voices for Homes

A recording set will be purchased by the Third District, Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus, to record the voices of men in the armed services visited by members of the organization at camps and hospitals. The discs thus made will be sent to relatives of the men.

Thursday evening a military ball will be held at the ballroom and Chinese room of the Mayflower Hotel, the proceeds to be devoted to the growing entertainment plans of the organization. Tickets for the affair will be sold at \$1.50 to the public.

A band concert will open the program at 9 o'clock and the grand march will be held at 9:45, led by a color guard and military escort. Dancing will start at 10 o'clock and continue until 1 o'clock, interspersed with specialty acts.

Roberts Will Preside At Dinner for Strait

Associate Justice Owen J. Roberts of the Supreme Court will preside at a testimonial dinner for Clarence K. Strait, head of the Federal Union movement at the Mayflower Hotel at 7 p.m. April 20, it was announced today.

William C. Bullitt, former ambassador to Russia and France; Maj. Gen. George V. Strong, head of Army Intelligence; Dr. Harold C. Urey of Columbia University and Harris Wofford, Scarsdale (N. Y.) high school senior, head of the youth division of the Federal Union, will speak.

Recreation Group to Meet

The War Recreation Workers' Association will hold its initial meeting at 5:45 p.m. tomorrow at the Young Women's Christian Association, 614 E street N.W. Milo P. Christiansen, recreation superintendent, will speak to the group of Government counselors and community recreation leaders on "Trends in Recreation."

The Evening Star



Lois Buckler, 8, who had come to Weightman School to see her father off to the Army, jumps for joy when she heard he was going home again. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Buckler, Jr., were in a mood to celebrate. Today was their 10th wedding anniversary, which Mr. Buckler had expected to spend far differently. Some of the other men were less jubilant. They had quit their jobs, sold their cars and sent their families to other cities. (Story on Page A-1.)

—Star Staff Photo.

District Population 865,230 In July, 1942, Census Reports

The population of the District as of July, 1942, was estimated officially at 865,230 by the Census Bureau today. The increase from July, 1940, was 30 per cent, larger proportionately than that of any State.

The continental United States during the same period gained 2,101,225 persons, an increase of 1.6 per cent, bringing the total population to 133,770,500.

The census report, which was on population shifts, did not contain an estimate of the population of the entire Washington Metropolitan Area. The Census Bureau previously reported this, as of November 1, 1943, at 1,175,384.

Virginia's population increased from 2,690,981 to 3,022,354 in the two-year period; Maryland's from 1,826,515 to 1,998,691.

Population shifts, including both civilians and fighting men and women, added more than 2,500,000 residents to the South and West, while the North Central and Northeastern States were losing 450,000.

North Dakota suffered the largest loss on a percentage basis, 8.9 per cent, and five others—South Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Montana and Idaho—lost more than 5 per cent.

New York State was hardest hit numerically, dropping 508,848 residents to a 12,970,294 total.

The bureau said its estimates were based partly on nation book registrations and partly on birth and death statistics since the April, 1940, census, with allowance for immigration and for strength of the armed forces.

Members of the armed forces stationed outside the continental United States were excluded from the statistics.

Dr. Angus Dun Meets Archbishop in Visit To British Embassy

Courtesy Call Precedes Briton's Plans for Series of Brief Trips

Bishop-elect Angus Dun today paid a call of courtesy on the Most Rev. and Right Hon. Cyril Forster Garbett, Archbishop of York, at his residence in the British Embassy.

The Archbishop, who is in this country on a three-week visit as guest of Presiding Bishop Henry St. George Tucker of the Protestant Episcopal Church, will participate in the consecration of Dr. Dun as the Fourth Bishop of Washington at Washington Cathedral April 19.

The two churchmen spent some time together in conference at the Embassy. Dr. Dun later returned to his office at the Diocesan House, where he is engaged in completing plans for taking over his duties as head of the Washington diocese of the Episcopal Church.

Arrive Over Week End. The diocese includes not only this city, but part of the Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties in Maryland. He succeeds the late Right Rev. James E. Freeman.

Dr. and Mrs. Dun arrived in Washington over the week end and have established their residence temporarily at the College of Preachers on Cathedral close. They had been on a short vacation at Beaufort, S. C., since Dr. Dun left his former post as head of the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, Mass.

Plan Brief Trips. The archbishop plans to make brief trips into Virginia and to Philadelphia before the consecration ceremonies here. He visited Mount Vernon this afternoon. Tomorrow he will go to Richmond, Va., where he will be the guest of Dr. John Stewart Bryan, newspaper publisher and author, for trips to scenes of early American history. They will visit historic sites in Richmond, Williamsburg and elsewhere.

Returning to Washington Wednesday, the archbishop will go to Philadelphia Thursday to conduct services at Holy Trinity Church and address the English-Speaking Union. Returning to Washington he will be the guest of Lord Halifax, the ambassador, and Lady Halifax at a dinner at the Embassy Friday night.

Admiral King's Daughter Sponsors Sub Blenny

Miss Florence King, daughter of Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the United States Fleet, yesterday sponsored the submarine Blenny, which slid down the ways of the Electric Boat Co. at Groton, Conn.

The Blenny was the seventh submarine launched at the Groton yards this year.

Miss King, who is in her 20s, lives at Quarters A, Naval Observatory, Massachusetts avenue N.W. She is employed by the Pan-American Airways handling priorities.

Police Hunt 2 Rings As Makers of Millions Of Fake Gas Coupons

One Plant Is Reported To Be in New Jersey, Other in South

Federal officials and police are investigating reports of two gangs believed to be turning out millions of counterfeit gasoline coupons.

One of the counterfeiting plants, according to a tip received here, is believed to be somewhere in New Jersey. Secret Service and OPA investigators are scouring that section.

In all here is Lawrence V. Whitaker of High Point, N. C., charged with conspiracy with others to defraud the United States through alleged counterfeiting of gasoline coupons. When arrested here by police last Wednesday he had on him 812 gasoline coupons for 10.84 gallons and \$400 in cash, believed to have been realized from the sale of coupons.

Girl Held as Witness. Brought before United States Commissioner Turnage, his case was continued to April 19. Taken into custody with Whitaker was a young girl, who is being held as a witness at the Woman's Bureau. She will not be charged with violation, however.

It was erroneously stated in The Sunday Star that the exhibit opened day before yesterday.

The showing here, arranged by John Russell Mason, university librarian, will continue through May 13. It was announced.

Tunney Talks April 19 To School Board

Address to Help Decide Boxing Course Details

Comdr. Gene Tunney, U. S. N. R., and members of the District Boxing Commission have accepted an invitation by Dr. Melvin Sharpe, board member, to appear before the Board of Education meeting April 19 to help his fellow board members decide details of an experimental boxing course in three high schools, it was announced today.

Mr. Sharpe appealed to Comdr. Tunney and the commission when he discovered at a board meeting last week that some of the members "didn't know much about boxing."

"We hope we can shed light," Thomas P. Morgan, Jr., one of the commissioners, said. The commission will pay for equipment and instructors to be chosen under the educational qualifications of the board.

Comdr. Tunney and the commissioners will address the board meeting briefly, Mr. Morgan said. Mr. Morgan also has asked Maj. Gen. John T. Lewis, commanding general of the Military District of Washington, William E. Leahy, director of District Selective Service, and Lt. Col. William Ramsay of the special events section of the War Department to speak.

Boxing has not been discussed by the board since stormy sessions in January, 1933, when the appeal of Columbus University to the school for a boxing exhibition was turned down.

World Laws Proposed For Postwar Aviation

Formulation of international law to govern postwar aviation and the necessity of co-operation among nations to preserve the peace were stressed today in the annual report of George A. Finch, director of the Carnegie Endowment's division of international law, to the trustees.

Looking forward to the postwar world, Mr. Finch stated: "Organized international co-operation to prevent aggression and maintain peace must be the foundation stone upon which the whole structure of international law and order will have to stand, or it will be built upon sand as in the past."

By way of preparation, Mr. Finch said, the endowment has made a series of studies of international administration during the last 25 years.

Easter Services In District Area Attract 400,000

Religious Leaders Term Observance Here Outstanding

Washington paused in the grim task of prosecuting the war to worship the risen Christ at Easter Sunrise and traditional morning services throughout the District in what religious leaders said was an outstanding observance of the Holy Day.

Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, executive secretary of the Washington Federation of Churches, estimated that between 400,000 and 450,000 persons attended services during the day throughout metropolitan Washington.

Dawn services at Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Lincoln Heights and the Jefferson Memorial drew overflow crowds of the devout. St. Matthew's Cathedral and St. Patrick's Church were among the Catholic churches to draw large numbers of worshippers.

The Arlington service brought out more than 20,000 persons who filled every seat in the amphitheater, stood in the circular aisle behind the boxes, overflowed onto the lawn behind the auditorium as far as the ship's mast and masted in places tightness at the bottom of the steps leading to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

All-Time Record Crowd. Col. Charles G. Mortimer, officer in charge of Arlington National Cemetery, said the crowd far surpassed any previous gathering to attend the services, which were sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America for the 14th consecutive year.

The high light of the services was the placing of a cross of lilies on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the United States Army. He performed the ceremony in place of Gen. John J. Pershing, who was unable to be present. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, accompanied by Gen. Marshall as he walked down the aisle formed by Templars with inverted swords, stood in the front line as the general went forward to place the cross of lilies on the Tomb.

The sermon was given by the Right Rev. Dr. Oliver J. Hart, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, with a short prayer which he expressed the hope that those "who are offering their lives in this war to secure freedom for all peoples may find strength and support and spiritual comfort in the words of the Gospels."

The United States Marine Band opened the service by playing "Onward Christian Soldiers." Chorus leader Noah Orr, grand master of the Knights Templar, welcomed the gathering. Following the opening hymn of "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain of Triumphal Gladness," the Rev. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, Senate chaplain, said the opening and closing prayers. The Rev. Dr. James Shera Montgomery, House chaplain, led the saying of "The Apostles' Creed." Dr. Hart gave the benediction.

Defeat of Evil Held Near. The sunrise service at Fort Lincoln Heights, which was sponsored by the Organized Bible Class Association of Washington, attracted thousands. The throng heard Dr. Harry W. Burgan, pastor of Hamline Methodist Church and president of American University's Board of Trustees, declare that "in spite of the apparent contradictions and evil is toppling defeat is sure. Nothing in the end can withstand the spiritual forces of the universe led by the all-conquering captain of men's souls—Christ the Lord."

The colors were raised by the American Legion's National Guard of Honor. The guard was led by Capt. T. Judd. Revell was blown by Eugene M. Boney more than 3,000 persons attended the sunrise service at the Jefferson Memorial. Worshippers at this religious meeting, which was sponsored by the Washington Federation of Christian Youth, heard the Rev. Ralph W. Low, associate pastor of the Church of the Reformation, preach the sermon. An all-youth chorus, directed by Warner Lawson, dean of Howard University School of Music, sang.

Worshippers at services at the Washington Cathedral at 11 a.m. yesterday heard Frederick M. Boney, Charles W. F. Smith declare, "Christ's life was compressed into the agony of the cross and the power so developed overthrew the power of death." A high light of the service was the participation in it by the Rev. Cyril Forster Garbett, Archbishop of York.

Daily Rationing Reminders

Canned and Frozen Foods, Etc.—Book No. 4, blue stamps A-8 through K-8 good indefinitely. Blue stamps Q-8 through Q-8 valid May 1 and good indefinitely. Each stamp worth 10 points. Blue tokens are being used as change.

Meats, Fats, Etc.—Book No. 4, red stamps A-8 through M-8 good indefinitely. Red stamps N-8, P-8 and Q-8 valid April 23. Each stamp worth 10 points. Red tokens are being used as change.

Points for Fats—Your meat dealer will pay two ration points for each pound of waste kitchen fats you turn in.

Sugar—Book No. 4, stamp 30 valid for 5 pounds indefinitely. Book No. 4, stamp 40 good for 5 pounds for home canning through February 28, 1945. Stamp No. 31 good for 5 pounds indefinitely.

Gasoline—No. 9-A coupons good for 3 gallons through May 8. B-2, C-2, B-3 and C-3 coupons good for 5 gallons. D-2 and D-3 coupons good for 3 gallons through September 30. Consumers in this area should not have used more than 93 per cent of their total yearly fuel oil ration as of April 10.

Virginia Navy Captain Gets Legion of Merit

By The Associated Press.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 10.—Navy Capt. Stanley Leith, 43, Woodside, Long Island, and Floyd F. Ferris, 45, Easthampton, N. Y., have been awarded the Legion of Merit for action in the Solomon area.

Capt. Leith, previously awarded the Silver Star Medal, was cited for service as commander of a mine squadron in the Russell and Rendova Islands, and in Kula Gulf.

Capt. Ferris, who maintains official residence in Warrenton, Va., was executive officer of a transport which participated in the occupation of Guadalcanal and Tulagi.