

C-47's Bring Wounded GI's To Tuscaloosa

Skyride Back To U. S. A. Ends At Northington Hospital

"Tuscaloosa radio from Army hospital 8157, over."
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"Land at your discretion."
That's the conversation that took place between a huge U. S. Army hospital plane and the C. A. A. communication station at Tuscaloosa while the pilot circled the Van de Graff airport before landing with a shipload of wounded soldiers from the Southwest Pacific battlefields for hospitalization at the Northington General hospital.

A few moments later a second hospital ship, the identical twin of the first, floated in to a featherlike landing with its load of wounded from the European Theatre, and that brings us to our story.

Work 24-Hour Schedule

It's the story of GI airplanes operated 24 hours around the clock from all points around the globe to evacuate America's wounded sons to Northington for the specialized treatment needed to mend the wounds and scars of the nation's fight against the would-be world dictators.

Every day, or almost every day, a huge C-47 of the Army Transport Command, drops from the clouds, seven miles from the city, and ends the last leg of an air evacuation which might have begun in New Guinea or in Antwerp, Belgium.

It's the air journey of GIs lifetime... the one ride he really waits for, from the moment he finds out in one of those far away hospitals that he's labeled for the skyride back to the good "old U. S. A."

"No one knows the real joy a fellow has until they see him coming aboard our ship from home," said Lieutenant Gertrude Dawson, flight nurse of Pittsburgh, who was a commercial airline nurse prior to joining the Army Nurses Corps. "They are the best passengers I've ever had," she shouted above the twin-engine roar, as she slammed the giant door in the ship before it departed, empty.

Rank Banners Down

On this ATC line with all ranks dressed in the GI Hospital clothes—no one can tell a general from a private. To each other they're just buddies coming back home. A lieutenant colonel of the American First Army, wounded in France, Charles J. Kupper, of New Market, New Jersey, made the journey sandwiched by a private and a Pfc. and when he touched the Alabama soil he had completed a trip which marked the termination of the initial run of the Paris to America evacuation.

Colonel Kupper, who has been overseas since June 1942, said "our journey was like a joy ride after we all realized that our transoceanic crossing had us headed for the States... and home."

Private Benoit Gamache, of Williamamantic, Conn., who has one eye covered with bandage after an explosion was concerned about his sight, but managed to say "boy, what a ride!" His ride actually began on the outskirts of Naples.

In Air Three Days

The Pacific crossing, compared to the usual 24-hour hop across the Atlantic, kept the men in the air about three days, and though a bit rough from the jungles of Bourgainville to San Francisco all were happy when they rolled to their first U. S. stop at Hamilton Field, California. Mitchell Field, New York was the first American halt after the Atlantic leg before the men headed for Tuscaloosa.

Pfc. Lewis E. Wyatt, of Akron, Alabama, tried to conceal the tears which rolled down his cheeks when he said he "felt better already just being back home," following the long Pacific ride.

1st Sergeant James A. Kelly, of Tupelo, Mississippi, was getting ready for a big Christmas celebration at home, which he little expected a few weeks ago.

And so it goes, on and on, as these veterans of our bloody battlefields return to the States via this ATC airline which operates around the clock, from around the world to bring the seriously wounded home to recover from their wounds.

Postwar airline service will be more regular as a result of Army-Navy tests of new airport landing systems, under all conceivable weather conditions.

This Curious World



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"We Need A Heck Of A Lot"



BY NEA SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—In an effort to impress U. S. munitions workers with the necessity for increasing the output of ammunition, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has sent 27 enlisted men back home for a tour of the war plants.

Here, in his own words, is the explanation of one of the 27, T/Sgt. Alvin F. Jankowski, 25, Chicago, Ill., veteran of the 6th Infantry Regiment of the Ninth Division, with 25 months service in North Africa, Sicily, France, Belgium and Germany.

"This is strictly my own line of work. We are shooting battery fire. We're shooting a heck of a lot more rounds than we used to before. We're in the infantry and we get our share of Jerries, too. We put our six guns in battery, and consequently we're shooting a lot more ammunition than we used to before."

"We went through France pretty fast after the breakthrough at St. Lo, and it wasn't so noticeable. But at the Siegfried line the Jerries are in their pill boxes and it's making us mad."

Hold Back Fire

"We're seeing targets and we can't fire them so it must be pretty important if General Eisenhower has sent us back to see if we can't get more ammunition over there in our line of work. We could certainly use it."

"Jerry is dug in a little better."

Tests Show Penicillin May Be Air Disinfectant

CHICAGO (U.P.)—Inhalations of penicillin, the "miracle drug," may be of advantage in the treatment of pneumococcal, streptococcal, and other respiratory infections, it is stated in a recent issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The journal, in an editorial, describes the behavior of penicillin as an inhalant in experiments conducted under the auspices of the Long Island Biological Association. A solution of the sodium salt of penicillin was nebulized for inhalation. Experiments on rabbits and humans demonstrated that in such form penicillin passed through the respiratory tract and appeared in the urine. In rabbits penicillin was recovered from the lung tissue after inhalation.

The editorial states that "as penicillin is bacteriostatic for pneumococci, streptococci and staphylococci in extremely high dilutions, its inhalation as an aerosol may be of advantage in the treatment of respiratory infections with these and perhaps other bacteria. The question also arises whether penicillin will be of value as an air disinfectant."

Gas turbine aircraft engines of as much as 10,000 horsepower will probably be available for giant aircraft within the next decade. Development of a turbine of this power would mean more energy in one unit than in all four engines of the B-29 Superfortress.

Alabama Briefs

THOMASVILLE, Dec. 23. (AP)—Apparently young Phillips Jones aspires to be a bombardier. In his letter to Santa Claus, published in the Thomasville Times, Phillip expressed the desire for a pocket knife, a toy gun and a bombsight.

BAY MINETTE, Dec. 23. (AP)—The following ad appeared in the Baldwin Times:

"Strayed to my place—one yearling, light frosty sides, about a year and half old. Been with my herd about a year. Owner may have same by paying for this ad and damages."

HATTIESBURG, Miss. Dec. 23.—(AP)—Pvt. Martin Graham of Crichton, Ala., has been sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on charges of armed robbery, escape from confinement and being AWOL.

Graham is one of three Camp Shelby soldiers found guilty at a general courtmartial yesterday of breaking away from a work detail last October and holding up G. S. Haik of Bogalusa, La., and shackling him in the woods.

The two other defendants and their sentences are Pvt. Henry Davidson, Kosciusko, Miss., 20 years, and Pvt. Bernard Wilson, Los Angeles, 30 years.

The sentences will be subject to review by Fourth Service Command officers in Atlanta.

CHILDERSBURG, Dec. 23. (AP)—To employees at the Alabama Ordnance Works, Maj. Vernon L. Keldsen, commanding officer, has announced that a full Christmas holiday will be given with this understanding:

"After the holiday, which you all deserve," Maj. Keldsen said, "we must drive ahead all the harder to meet the tremendous production job which faces us in 1945."

The plant makes explosives for the army.

Shipyard Crews Volunteer Free Work Christmas

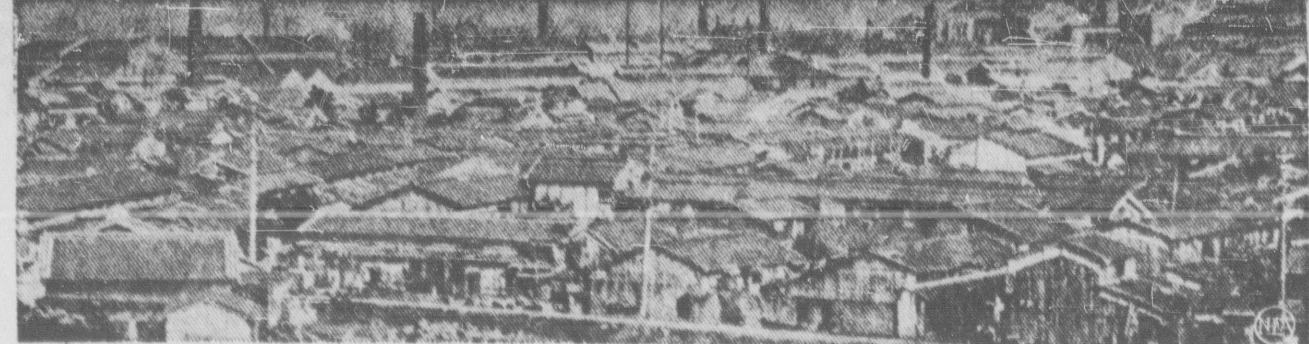
BRUNSWICK, Ga., Dec. 22.—(AP)—More than 500 workers in the Brunswick shipyards today volunteered to work Christmas Day "without pay" as a gift to the boys overseas and assure the launching of the seventh merchant ship in December.

"It started with 80 shipfitters," said General Manager Emil J. Krapt, "and spread through the yard like wildfire."

As word got around of the shipfitters action, 80 welders matched their offer, then another department called the bet and throughout the afternoon crew after crew sent word "we'll work Christmas Day without pay."

Approval of the work on Christmas Day, previously announced as a complete shutdown, must be given by the regional office of the U. S. Maritime Commission in Philadelphia, but said a yard spokesman "I think they'll give it."

The Hawaiian Islands were built up by volcanic action from a point about 16,000 feet below the level of the sea.



OSAKA—CITY OF FILMSY BUILDINGS—Factory chimneys rise skyward in contrast to the two-story "skyline" of the hundreds of paper-and-wood buildings that make up most of Osaka, Japan. With about the population of Chicago, Osaka covers some 70 square miles on a mud flat on Osaka Bay, is traversed by hundreds of canals. With Kobe, Amagasaki and other continuous cities, it forms the most important industrial and commercial unit in Japan.

Mrs. Henry B. Glover Wins Permanent Wave

Mrs. Henry Borden Glover, 232 East 13th Street, was the winner of a \$50 Helene Curtis permanent wave in a contest conducted this week by Maye's Beauty Shop, it was announced today.

The contest was held in connection with the reopening of the Maye's Shop after a complete remodeling program.

Eighty per cent of the country's air transport business is controlled by four airlines, with the remaining 20 per cent distributed among 12 other carriers.



"ALONE with GOD this Christmas Night"

Gunfire is shattering the air below—the enemy objective is only a few moments away. A turmoil of thoughts follow each other within a lone American boy's mind. They're distinct and sure. They've been nurtured all his life in the unclouded atmosphere of rightness and decency. In the midst of roaring motors and tense anticipation of hair-breadth escape, the boy's eyes are calm, his hands unfaltering in performance. He feels strangely at peace. It is Christmas night.

The remembrance of past joys on this beloved anniversary are engraved forever in his heart. And now, at this important life-or-death moment, they have a reassuring effect. The belief in his hopes arises from his strengthened faith. More than ever before in his life, he is "alone with God." And his increased power growing out of his great faith is such that no enemy can vanquish!

We, safe in our gay, Christmas-cheered homes, can match our faith to his. We MUST do that, or deny loyalty to the freedoms for which he's fighting. We MUST and WILL Buy War Bonds and MORE WAR BONDS—until Victory.

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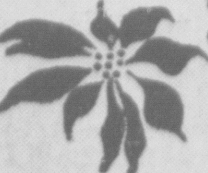
OUR CHRISTMAS WISH



Health
Happiness
Prosperity

It is a big order, we know, but we are sincere in the knowledge that our friends deserve all three.

It is good to think back over the events of the past year, and to pick out those things which are bright and cheerful. Those occasions overshadow the dark spots and simplify the task of forgetting dreams unrealized. Your thoughtfulness to this organization is deeply appreciated, and because of this we deem it a privilege to express Season's Greetings. Our sincere good wishes to every one.



Quoting Odds

"FLASHLIGHTS THROW A STEADY LIGHT, NOT A FLASH LIGHT," SAYS SGT. EVERETT BERRY, San Francisco, California.



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