

WARBIRD NEWS

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DOUGLAS B-18 "BOLO" LOCATED

A Douglas B-18 "Bolo" U.S. Army bomber, (1936-39 vintage) has been located by Warbird Salvors, Inc., P. O. Box 12972, Arlington, VA 22209, telephone 703/527-3225 and will be returned to the U. S. sometime this year. The plane will be for sale by the above company. (See photo.)



Douglas B-18 "Bolo".

GRUMMAN F9F CANOPIES AVAILABLE

David Nelson, c/o Daniel's Tire, Box 1730, Barstow, CA 92311 has located six Grumman F9F canopies and will make them available to interested Warbird members.

COMBAT AIR MUSEUM - SUPERBATICS '85

"Victory in the Air" is the theme for this year's airshow, September 21-22 at Forbes Field, Topeka, Kansas. Warbirds will be the stars of the show, and rightly so in this 40th anniversary year of the end of WW II.

In addition to aerobatic performers, the Golden Knights Parachute Team will perform and several military fly-bys and demonstrations are scheduled. Invited VIPs will include noteworthy veterans of WW II.

At new twist at this year's show will be audience participation when the crowd will be asked to select through ballots, the "People's Choice" favorite warbird. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded to owners of the winning warbirds on Sunday before the show begins.

8TH AIR FORCE REUNIONS

A large number of 8th Air Force units are meeting in Wichita, Kansas this year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Boeing B-17 during the 17-20 October weekend. The program includes a B-17 Fly-In, USAF Thunderbirds,

McClellan AFB Open House, and Aces Symposium.

Units that will rendezvous in Wichita with the 8th AF include: 1ADHq, 4SAD, 7FG, 8AFFC, 8AFHq, 25BG, 34BG, 96BG, 303BG, 339FG, 352FG, 361FG, 392BG, 398BG, 447BG, 452BG, 466BG, 482BG, 486BG, 493BG, 495FTG (356SvSQ), 801/492BG, 942EngTopoBn, 8AF Flying Control, 8AFHS Minnesota Chapter. Contact John H. Woolnough, P.O. Box 3556, Hollywood, FL 33083. Telephone 305/941-1410.

SPITFIRE PROP HUB NEEDED

Bill Greenwood (EAA 198472, WB 3339), Box 4778, Aspen, CO 81612, telephone 303/925-8858 is in need of a Dowty Rotol propeller hub for the new wooden blades he has ordered for his Mk IX "T" Spitfire. This plane was formerly owned by the late Don Plumb.

Bill is currently flying it with a 4-bladed metal prop and although it runs well, he says, "It just isn't right." Bill would appreciate any leads on a Dowty Rotol hub. ●



Bill Greenwood's Spitfire Mk IX "T", N308WK, S/N TE308, in the beautiful Colorado Rocky Mountains.



Photo by Bill Greenwood



IN ARMY BOMBER CRASH

TENSION SEEN AS EASING IN THE FAR EAST

Japan Is Believed To Be Marking Time on Southward Move

MELBOURNE, Feb. 24. (U.P.)—Arrival of strong Australian forces at Singapore have had a beneficial steadying effect on the Far East situation, cabinet sources revealed today.

However, it was said the territorial dispute between Thailand and French Indo-China still is causing concern.

TOKYO, Feb. 26. (AP)—Neutral observers expressed belief today that, irrespective of surface indications, tension is easing in the Far East with Japan likely to mark time and not attempt a movement southward until the European situation is clarified.

Prince Fumimaro Konoye, Japanese premier, was ill at home today.

He responded to a written interpellation by saying, "the government is not pessimistic concerning the future of Japanese diplomacy toward the United States. . . . It is trying its utmost to see that there is real understanding regarding the real intentions of Japan."

The Nichi Nichi correspondent in Singapore reported today that Japanese families have begun to leave the Malay settlements for Japan because of the "tense Far Eastern situation."

Newspaper reports from that section reported yesterday an unconfirmed clash between British and Japanese civilians who were operating a mine under a concession.

Nichi Nichi said that 150 Japanese, mostly women and children, sailed last Sunday, and that the three vessels sailing for Japan next month are already fully booked.

The Japanese newspaper Asahi

Late News

Greenberg Ready

CHICAGO, Feb. 25. (U.P.)—Hank Greenberg, baseball star, asserted today that he is ready to enter the army via the draft.

The statement, he said, was made to remove any doubts regarding his status.

He said: "I am in class one and ready to be called and I will go when they call me."

Calais Bombed

LONDON, Feb. 25. (U.P.)—With squadrons flying over the channel, hour after hour, the Royal air force bombed Calais and other "invasion bases," it was announced today by the air ministry.

The offensive, reportedly the largest of its kind since last summer, was launched against the north France coastal region.

Observers said that it seemed to them that "an almost endless stream of Spitfires and Hurricanes were carrying out the offensive on the other side of the channel and beyond that point."

Plot Discovered

SOFIA, Feb. 25. (U.P.)—Police announced today the discovery of a plot to destroy the waterworks of this city and to make the water unfit to drink.

Many were arrested by the police as a result.

Foreign military sources who have contact with German military bases in Rumania, said that rumors that German troops have already entered Bulgaria at several points are baseless.

In this city Bulgarian military officials are erecting anti-aircraft emplacements overlooking the city.

Malta Raided

MALTA, Feb. 24. (U.P.)—Seven raiding planes were shot down by British fighters and anti-aircraft guns in one of the heaviest dive-bombing attacks on the British base here since the advent of

PLANE FORCED DOWN AT NIGHT ON BIG ISLAND

Survivors Sighted by Searching Pilots This Morning

By JACK O'BRIEN

HILO, Feb. 25. (U.P.)—Army officials directing rescue operations from Upolu airport said today that army pilots who have flown over the wrecked B-18 bomber saw five men walking around the plane, which appeared to have made a successful forced landing.

Medical and food supplies were dropped from an army plane to the stranded crew.

A Hawaiian Sugar Co. employee, familiar with the country, said that it will take at least two and a half hours by horse and then at least four hours through swampy terrain to reach the plane.

Ralph Murray, a bookkeeper with the Parker ranch, said he believes that the plane is about five miles from Kamuela as the crew lies.

At least five members of a crew of six aboard an army B-18 reconnaissance bomber, forced down Tuesday night in Waimanu gulch on the island of Hawaii, apparently are safe, army authorities reported this afternoon.

Authorities were unable to say whether the sixth member of the crew had been killed or injured, or whether he is unhurt.

Meanwhile civilian and army rescue parties were attempting to reach the plane and crew.

Developed Engine Trouble
The bomber, engaged on a reconnaissance flight from Hickam field to Hawaii, reported by radio to Hickam field at 9 Thursday night that engine trouble had developed.

The plane's latest report was received at 8:30 p. m.

At dawn this morning 24 bombers from Hickam field took off in search of the plane, authorities said.

The bomber and two members of the crew were sighted by one of the planes at 9 this morning.

The plane was located at a 4,000 foot level in the Waimanu gulch, authorities reported.

Authorities reported a civilian party had been organized at Parker's ranch, and an army crew of rescue workers had left Suiter Field at Upolu point in an effort to reach the plane, located at a 4,000 foot level in the mountains.

Not Badly Damaged
The wings, the tail assembly and the two engines of the plane were reported intact, as viewed from the air, authorities reported.

The crew, of the 50th reconnaissance squadron at Hickam field, included:

Capt. Hubbard Boyd Jr., 23, Los Angeles, pilot and captain of the plane.

2nd Lt. F. E. Thompson, 21, El Reno, Okla., co-pilot.

Staff Sergeant J. B. Faulkner, 24, Williamsport, Pa.

Private 1st class William Cohn, 21, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Private 1st class Fred C. Seeger, 23, River Forrest, Ill.

Private 1st class Robert E. Stephens, 22, Albuquerque, N. M.

Ground searchers reported through Waimanu today that they were heading for Kawai-Nui first in their hunt for the plane. Kawai-Nui is a stream above Waipio near the upper Hamakua Ditch Co. watershed. At this point, about the 4,000 foot level, the Waipio and Waimanu valleys meet at the same ridge.

Only One Trail Out

Fred C. Kerling, manager of the Kahala Ditch Co., told The Star-Bulletin by radiophone that there is only one trail out of Waimanu.



