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## PATTON BOY WHO PARTICIPATED IN FIFTY RAIDS, HOME

### Sergeant George Molnar Says the Bombing of Rome Was Just Like a "Joy Ride."

"First bombing of Rome was just like a joy ride," declared Tech. Sgt. George Molnar, an aerial engineer and turret gunner on a Flying Fortress, who is visiting relatives in Patton.

Sgt. Molnar, who was in one of the "Forts" in the first wave to raid the Holy City, has returned to the United States after participating in 50 bombing missions over enemy territory in the Mediterranean area.

The soldier, who is in excellent health, despite his harrowing experiences over battle-scarred Southern Europe and North Africa, said the bombing raid over Rome was the most impressive of the entire fifty in which he participated.

He told of seeing plainly the Vatican City, St. Peter's Cathedral, and other historic religious buildings. "We were trained and schooled for weeks before the raid and knew exactly the location of all of the sacred buildings," he said.

"Our bombardiers and pilots were instructed that under no conditions should any bombs hit any of the Holy City's monuments, and after we left the targets we were able to ascertain that none of our bombs missed the intended targets," he declared.

"We were flying comparatively low over the capital of Italy, and we could see very plainly the various buildings and the military targets." Although reluctant to discuss the actual damage to the city, the flier declared that railroad yards and some factories were blown to bits and others set afire.

Sgt. Molnar, who was an engineer and turret gunner on the Flying Fortress called "The Reluctant Dragon," said the anti-aircraft fire over Rome was extremely light.

"As compared with some of the raids over Messina, Sicily and Tripoli, the bombing mission of Rome was a 'joy ride'," he declared.

The flier revealed that despite the fact that the huge Flying Fortress returned from bombing missions shot full of holes and on one occasion without one of its motors, the ten members of the crew escaped injury. "We were just lucky," he said modestly.

While bombing the Axis-held fortress of Sfax, Tunisia, one of the motors of the B-17 bomber was blown apart by flak, but the crew continued the mission, dropped the bombs on supply depots, and returned to the North African air-base. "That was one of the most thrilling of the entire fifty missions and I was pretty sure we were not going to return alive," he said.

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### RETAIN DON GINGERY IN NEW COAL SETUP STARTING THIS WEEK

Don Gingery, manager of the Altoona office of Division 1 of the Bituminous Coal Division, will serve as regional director and manager of the mines of the Solid Fuels Administration since the expiration on Monday night of the Guffey Coal Act, under which the bituminous district office operated.

Mr. Gingery will retain his headquarters in Altoona and will have jurisdiction over mines in a 28-county area in Central Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Northern West Virginia. He said the new agency will be administrative in its scope. Part of the clerical staff and field force, which had been stationed at Altoona under the Bituminous Coal Act, will remain on duty under the new setup.

George Johnson, present assistant manager of the statistical bureau, is to serve as a special agent for the Solid Fuels Administration.

"There is no dealing with Mr. Hitler except by planes, tanks, guns, etc. War bonds do that. Buy them."

to this country more than 45 years ago, and spent his entire life working in the coal mines. His three sons worked with him in the Revloc mine of the Monroe Coal Co., before entering service.

## MERCY HOSPITAL TO USE MOUNT ALOYSIUS

Mercy Hospital, Johnstown, will utilize facilities of Mt. Aloysius' Junior College at Cresson, for pre-clinical training of its 1943 class of probation students.

Sister John Joseph said that classes will be conducted at Cresson until work on the new Mercy Nurses' Home is completed at Johnstown. The class reports at Mount Aloysius on Sept. 6. Members of Mt. Aloysius faculty and instructors from the hospital will conduct the classes.

## BOY SCOUTS TO HOLD CAMPOREE IN PATTON

Scouts in the North Cambria District of Admiral Robert E. Peary Scout Council will hold a two-day camporee on September 4th and 5th at the Patton Recreation Field, according to plans outlined last week at a meeting of the District Boy Scout leaders.

Headlights of the event will be a parade and Court of Honor on Saturday evening, September 4th. In preparation for the Honor Court, a district board of reviews will be conducted on Friday evening, August 27 at 8 o'clock in the Hastings High School. Boys desiring to qualify for awards must appear before the board.

## FIVE OF PATTON FAMILY IN SERVICE

Four sons and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. McLaughlin, of Patton, are serving in the armed forces of America and Wednesday morning's Johnstown Democrat pictured them.

Tech. Sgt. F. Joseph McLaughlin, who was inducted into the service on April 21, 1942, was stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., until recently, when he was transferred. At present his address is A. P. O. New York.

Robert C. McLaughlin, storeroom second class, who enlisted in the Navy December 23, 1941, received his basic training in Newport, R. I., and later was in Norfolk, Va. For some time he was stationed in Panama and the West Indies.

Second Lt. Martha C. McLaughlin, now at General Hospital, Fort Bragg, Washington, was graduated from St. Petersburg Hospital, and is serving in an army nurse, January, 1942. She reported for active duty April 14, 1942.

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## OVERSEAS HOLIDAY GIFTS NEED SHOCK PROOF PACKAGES

Postoffice to Be Careful in Inspecting Wrappings for All Shipments Soon Due.

Christmas will come early to the Patton and all other postoffices this year.

From September 15th to October 15th they will be busy with Christmas packages for Army men abroad and for two weeks thereafter they will be taking packages for Navy and Marine personnel.

For the Christmas packages the Post Office Department has relaxed its usual requirement that there must be a letter of request from the serviceman himself. It is assumed that he'll want his Christmas box, and the mere declaration by the sender that it contains Christmas presents, will be accepted.

The box must not weigh over five pounds however, and it must be very well wrapped—"sturdy enough so you could jump on it," explained a postoffice employee.

That will be difficult, because there seems to be a shortage of sturdy boxes for mailing purposes, but to insure safe arrival the postoffice employees will carefully inspect wrappings before accepting any package.

Although the Navy reports that the sailors and marines have included razors, hunting knives and cigaret lighters on their Christmas lists, these articles require added preparation. All sharp edges on knives must be protected so they cannot cut through the outside box. Cigaret lighters may be sent but no fluid can be tucked into the gift.

Perishable materials, including mother's favorite chocolate cake, are refused mailing permission, too. Hard candy will have to be substituted for home made cake in the foreign camps until peace is declared.

Very important to a war time Yule gift is the sender's number of the recipient. And the sender must be sure that the address is clearly written on the package.

There is no insurance for overseas Christmas presents, but the ability of a wife, mother or sweetheart to follow directions given at the post office will be the best assurance of a safe arrival that can be given. All postoffices are able to furnish information about mailing requirements and you had better ask them.

## POPULATION OF CAMBRIA DROPS

While America's civilian metropolitan population increases approximately 1,690,000, or 2.5 per cent., between April 1, 1940, and Mar., 1943, the metropolitan area of Cambria county, centered around Johnstown, showed a decrease of 20,360, according to figures released by the United States Bureau of the Census. The estimates were based on registrations for War Ration Book.

The metropolitan area of Cambria county, which was 213,459 in 1940, dropped to 193,099. The loss is accounted for by the considerable drain of men for the armed forces and extensive civilian migration to centers having war industries.

Altoona, the metropolitan center of Blair county, likewise had a decrease, the metropolitan population there falling from 140,358 in 1940 to 129,580 last March, or a loss of 11,778.

## SAWMILL DESTROYED NEAR CHEST SPRINGS

Fire of an undetermined origin shortly after last Friday midnight, totally destroyed a saw mill on the Gust Storm farm in Allegheny township, about two miles from Chest Springs. Backus Volunteer Firemen answered a call but were handicapped by a lack of water. No estimate of the loss could be obtained. Destroyed in the fire, according to the Patton firemen, was a large stock of wood which had been contracted for by the Prince Gallitzin School District, embracing schools in five townships. Reports that a tractor was consumed in the flames could not be confirmed.

## SHOE MANUFACTURERS CUT MANY OF STYLES

Shoe manufacturers of the nation have voluntarily reduced the number of styles made for this fall to 61 per cent of the number for fall selling in 1942, the Foot and Shoe Recorder, trade publication, stated.

## OPA WILL UPHOLD PRICE STRUCTURE OF BITUMINOUS COAL

Demise of Guffey Act Puts the Fuel Administration on Its Guard, As Well.

Props have been prepared to bolster the price ceilings over bituminous coal against the withdrawal of last Monday midnight of the price floor provided for the last two years by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes' Bituminous Coal Division.

The Office of Price Administration, it is said, will amend its regulations to make sure that the soft coal price structure will not be upset by the expiration of the Guffey Act under which the Division has functioned. The changes are deemed necessary because:

1. Some OPA ceiling prices are set on the basis of a certain amount above the floor prices fixed by the division, hence might be shaken by removal of the foundation for the differential.

2. In some cases the division's minimum prices actually are higher than OPA's maximum prices because the former included cost of transporting coal from some areas to distant markets.

In these cases, the higher minimum prices have been allowed sellers and OPA's amendments will preserve that arrangement.

The Division went out of existence Monday because Congress refused recently, despite pleas from Roosevelt and Ickes to extend the act which gave it life.

However, Senator Joseph F. Guffey, (D-Pa.), author of the act, has said that after Congress reconvenes September 14th he will press for action on a bill which, in general, will reconstitute the system as a conservation measure.

## GAS ASKED FOR VOTE OFFICIALS

Action to assure delivery of ballot boxes to the Ebsenburger Court House by the judges of election in 177 districts on the night of the primary, September 14th, has been taken by the County Commissioners. They have requested Ebsenburger Ration Board 2, to issue sufficient gas coupons so that judges of election who are charged with delivery of the boxes, will be certain of obtaining the necessary gas.

It is estimated by the commissioners that the election officials will have to travel a total of approximately 6,000 miles to deliver the boxes.

When a judge of election delivers the box to the commissioners, he will be given an order to a designated gas station in Ebsenburger showing that he is entitled to receive the amount of gas noted on the order. The commissioners, according to the plan, pass to the gas dealer. The election officials, of course, will pay for the gas.

## SCHOOLS ARE GIVEN CHECKS BY STATE

G. Harold Wagner, state treasurer, announced that checks totaling \$260,148.32, were forwarded to fourth class school districts in Cambria Co., Monday. The checks represent the Commonwealth's second payment for support of the public schools in the fourth class districts. Districts, and the amount each receive, follow:

- Ashville, \$1,517.40; Barnesboro, \$14,362.57; Blacklick, \$3,173.27; Carlisle, \$5,131.32; Chest Township, \$870.18; Conemaugh, \$4,722.50; Creson, \$11,780.50; Croyle, \$10,150.56; Dale, \$9,115.72; Dean, \$2,241.17; E. Conemaugh, \$18,115.64; Elder, \$3,791.54; Ferndale, \$9,583.82; Franklin, \$10,622.48; Gallitzin, \$10,775.70; Gallitzin Township, \$4,806.32; Hastings, \$10,383.44;
- Jackson, \$4,794.40; Lilly, \$8,824.32; Lower Yoder, \$6,995.57; Middle Taylor, \$2,076.17; Prince Gallitzin, \$5,598.37; Richland, \$10,337.70; Sankertown, \$1,890.16; Scalp Level, \$3,385.29; South Fork, \$11,284.19; Southmont, \$7,788.22; Spangler, \$12,150.05; Susquehanna, \$10,302.59; Vintondale, \$6,416.68; Washington, \$3,876.76; White, \$2,305.14.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We wish, in this manner to thank all those who assisted us in our recent bereavement, the death of our beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Louisa Cochran, for the floral offerings and use of cars at the funeral.—C. L. Cochrane and Family.

A speed warning device to help drivers keep within the legal bounds gives the foot a nudge by resisting pressure of the accelerator beyond the 35-mile limit.

## BARNESBORO GROUP ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Barnesboro Business Men's Association held their annual election of officers last Thursday evening, August 19th, the following being chosen to serve for the ensuing year: President, Richard D. Breen; Vice President, Harry Dorycott; Secretary, Richard Steele, and Treasurer, Tom Hershberger.

Sponsored by the Business Men's Association, the Barnesboro High School and rendered a concert at the Barnesboro Municipal Stadium last Saturday night, under the direction of Bob Gobrecht, music instructor at the Barnesboro High School. A large crowd was in attendance.

## PATTON DAUGHTERS WILL PRESENT PLAY

Members of Court Our Lady of Victory, Catholic Daughters of America, will present a short patriotic skit at 8 P. M., Thursday of next week, September 2, at the home of Miss Loretto E. Prindible, Patton. Miss Prindible is Grand Regent of the Court.

Members taking part in the program include Grace Ulrich, goddess liberty; Betty Healy, Rose Donahue, and Margaret Senita, sightseers; Henrietta Yahner, guide; and Louise Young, French refugee.

A roll call of nations will be given by Yvonne Yarger, Frances Fisher, Catherine Overberger, Lulu Rhody, Florence Dietrick, Bertha McGough, Christine Dietrick, Margaret Litzinger, Sophia Kertz, Louise Schissler, Rose Arble, Bernadette Daugherty, Mary Harvey and Aileen Prindible. Nonie Wildeman will represent "America," while Ellen Dietrick, Emily Bush, Gertrude Westrick and Anna Micklick will represent the "Four Freedoms."

The answer of the women of America will be given by Marguerite Shraugh, Anna Lacava, Sue E. Gill and Marie Garrity. Miss Yarger will sing a solo, accompanied by Mrs. M. J. Shamon. A buffet lunch will close the evening's program.

## IDLENESS VIEWED A POST WAR PROBLEM

The Post War Division of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, estimating that 12,000,000 persons may be unemployed six months after the war is ended, has warned that the problem must be tackled now, lest the Nation be led to the brink of another and "even more terrible war."

Even under favorable conditions, it said, there may be 7,000,000 jobless immediately after the war.

In a report on "Employment After the War" prepared for the American Federation of Labor, it laid down a six point program which it said management, labor and government must follow to minimize the effects of post-war idleness:

1. Rapid conversion of industry from war to peacetime production.
2. A public works program to supply jobs during industrial conversion.
3. Financial assistance, during the period of transition, to returning servicemen and demobilized workers.
4. A gradual demobilization of the armed forces to level out the impact of unemployment.
5. Voluntary withdrawal from labor markets of as many women, the school age youths and over age em ployees as possible.
6. A federal job placement service to direct workers to available jobs and help rehabilitate war wounded.

It suggested exploration of inter-related problems such as disposal of government owned war plants and surplus war stocks in such a manner as to help private enterprise war time business taxes and aid to small business; continued or gradual tapering off of war contracts; continuation of anti-inflation measures—such as continued (wartime) taxation, government bond sales and price controls—so that accumulated consumer purchasing power will not burst loose when markets are not sufficiently supplied with peacetime goods; high output and low price business policies to encourage production and employment and a reduction in the work week.

Londo observers note that Eire, while refusing to hear officially of any of this war's battles because of her firm stand for neutrality, is to be the scene of a battle after all. But the conflict will be for the films and the battle will be that of Agincourt, for use in a reproduction of Shakespeare's Henry the Fifth. One thousand men will wear the battle dress of 15th century yeomen and five hundred horses will cavort in the spectacle.

## YOU MUST TRADE IN YOUR B AND C GAS COUPONS NOW

No Gasoline Stations Can Accept Your Present Coupons After Next Tuesday.

Beginning on Monday morning of this week the four rationing boards in Cambria county started exchanging B and C supplementary gasoline rationing coupons and books for the new sheets, which become valid on September 1st. Members of the Hastings, Ebensburg and South Fork boards said they will mail the new type coupons to constituents upon receipt of the old book. Tire inspection records should accompany the old books.

Members of the Board at Hastings said it would be an imposition and a waste of time and gasoline to expect persons to drive from such distant towns as Blandburg to have their rationing books exchanged.

New coupons will be sent to motorists through the mails when the old book is received. The motorist should make certain that writing on the cover of the book is legible and that the address is correct. In the event the writing is not legible, or when the motorist desires the new coupons to be sent to an address other than that on the old book, he should write the information contained on the front of the book and any mailing instructions he desires, on a separate piece of paper and attach to the book. Coupons should be left in the old book.

All supplementary ration books B and C will be void on and after September 1 and service stations dare not accept them in exchange for gasoline after that date. The rationing boards, on orders from OPA officials, have arranged to exchange the gasoline rationing coupon for coupon.

The new coupons will be negotiable as soon as issued. They are in sheets instead of books but can be folded to a convenient size for carrying in a wallet. The same colors are retained—green for B stamps and red for C. The essential change is the wording on the face.

Old stamps bore the words, "permits delivery of one unit of gasoline." The new stamps have the words, "mileage ration" and the large letter designating the class. Space also is provided on the face for the owner to indorse with his license number and state. New D, E and R bulk coupons will be issued later.

Officials of the OPA said that the decision to issue new gasoline stamps primarily is a move to check the growing black market and counterfeiting of the stamps.

While it was permissible to indorse the old stamps on the reverse side, all new stamps are to be indorsed on the face for more ready checking by the gasoline dealers.

## TOWNSHIPS SHARE IN MOTOR MONEYS

Auditor General F. Clair Ross has approved the quarterly payment of \$11,711.06 to the second class townships of Cambria county as their proportionate share of motor fund monies and maintenance, construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and improvement of township roads.

Townships in Cambria county and the amount to be paid on September 1, are as follows: Adams, \$1,123.34; Allegheny, \$889.32; Barr, \$1,022.55; Blacklick, \$508.29; Cambria, \$1,076.23; Clearfield, \$531.75; Conemaugh, \$268.52; Crescon, \$317.78; Croyle, \$537.99; Dean, \$209.74; East Carroll, \$518.34; East Taylor, \$326.82; Elder, \$240.10; Gallitzin, \$288.59; Jackson, \$587.54; Lower Yoder, \$209.97; Middle Taylor, \$211.62; Munster, \$381.34; Portage, \$484.67; Reade, \$282.70; Richland, \$542.58; Summerhill, \$675.34; Washington, \$293.53; and White, \$111.81.

## THIRTY-SEVEN ON HONOR ROLL OF ALTOONA DIOCESE

An honor roll being compiled in the Altoona Diocese of "Our Heroic Dead for World War II" contains the names of 37 men. The list is believed to be incomplete and pastors of Catholic churches in the diocese have been requested to send in the names of young men from their parishes who have died in the service of their country.

The first man from this diocese to give his life for his country is believed to have been William Iral Stoltz, seaman first class, of St. Patrick's Church, Spangler, who was killed in action on the U. S. S. Kearney on October 17, 1941.

## DO YOU KNOW.

If the tuberculosis death rate of 1913 had continued until now, more than two million additional people in this country would have died of tuberculosis in the last 30 years.