

Sgt. Jimmy LaBar Is Flight Chief With 47th Bombardment Group

Has What It Takes

In Italy—There are no service stations along the aerial highway to Brenner Pass for the bombers Sgt. Jimmy LaBar services. There's no stopping place along the way to fiddle with balky engines or stopped-up guns when these night-flying Havocs of the 47th Bombardment Group wing into the darkness to bomb and strafe the enemy in the Po Valley. That's why pilots and air crews of this 12th Air Force outfit swear by their crew chiefs.

A crew chief of the 47th Bomb Group may be a youth of 21 or a man of 40. On the line he wears greasy overalls and if it's cold, a sheepskin-lined mechanic's jacket. His hands are the strong hands of an expert. His face is sun and wind-burned. His feet are indifferent to mud, and his eyes are used to the dust of airfields from Africa to Italy and France.

Each of the technicians—mechanics, radiomen, sheet metal men, bombstiff men—has his special job on the Havoc, but the crew chief must be an expert among experts. He must insure the mechanical perfection necessary for night flights over treacherous terrain and down some of the worst "flack alleys" in German-held Europe.

The crew chief's immediate superior is the flight chief, a sort of super-crew chief for several Havocs. Jimmy is a flight chief.

In two and a half years overseas, Jimmy became acquainted with the chatter of strafing Messerschmidts and the explosion of German bombs. He remembers the bitterness of retreat in Africa and he knows the fine tang of victory in Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. When he is in dress uniform, he wears over his right pocket the blue and gold Distinguished Unit Badge, which the 47th won for its heroic smashing of the enemy at Kasserine.

"There were times in Africa," said Capt. Clyde Recht, "when our own ships had to be destroyed to keep them out of enemy hands. We escaped enemy artillery shelling by minutes. On one field, ground crews worked in blackout to ready the planes for the morning attack. They had to repair flak holes, strafing holes, torn-up engines, burned-out guns—but our ground guys got everything we had left into the air, and you know the story. It's an old story now. The Germans never came through Kasserine."

Col. Malcolm Green, Jr., who has commanded the 47th Group for 18 months, pays this tribute to his ground crew:

"The diligence and loyalty of these men is something few people know or can understand. Their work is monotonous but so absolutely necessary that I wouldn't be far wrong if I said a crew chief is the one good leg that a flyer has got to have on the ground if he's going to fly anywhere."

There's nothing heroic about a crew chief, and he doesn't expect or want to be considered "a bloody ero." He's got a job that calls for skill and devoted perseverance, and that's the job he's doing.

Announcement

Dallas American Legion announce that change in method of placing names of service men and women on the Borough Honor Roll has been found necessary due to impossibility of obtaining a paint that will not flake off. An arrangement has been made by which names will be painted on wooden strips and placed on slats. When peace has been won the names of service men and women will be permanently entered on the roll by sand blasting.

The Legion requests that names of Borough residents recently entering the service be sent to Frank J. Ferry, American Legion Commander, as soon as possible.



SGT. JAMES G. LABAR

At a 12th AAF A-20 Havoc Base in Italy—Staff Sgt. James G. LaBar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy LaBar, 105 Main street, Dallas, is a flight chief in the armament section of a veteran 12th Air Force A-20 Havoc group giving air support to the 5th Army on the Italian front.

Sergeant LaBar, a veteran in the Mediterranean theater of operations, has seen action in North Africa, Sicily, France and Italy. He has been materially responsible for the 15,000 combat sorties totaled by his group in almost three years of combat.

In an interview, he spoke at great length of the hardships encountered by he and his buddies during the African campaign, especially of the activity at Kasserine Pass, for which his group received a War Department Unit Citation.

The sergeant was graduated from Dallas High School where he was a member of the basketball and football teams. He entered the army air forces in June, 1941.

Goes To Sioux Falls

Pvt. Ernest McCarty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood McCarty of Dallas, has been assigned to the AAF Training Command Radio School at the Sioux Falls, S. D., Army Air Field. The course will last 26 weeks.

Express Appreciation

Mrs. Norman Costine and family wish to thank all who sent flowers and in other ways expressed their sympathy following the death of Mr. Costine.

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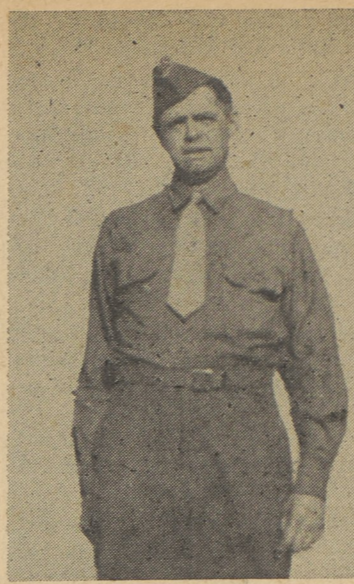
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Woman Overcome By Motor Fumes

Lonesome for her "boy friend" who is with American forces in Germany, a thirty-three-year-old Plymouth millworker drove alone to Harvey's Lake Saturday night and have a "little time for herself."

Imbibing more heavily of the "cup that refreshes" than she had intended, she started to drive her car back to Plymouth at 2 A. M. There were too many roads and too many trees. She pulled off the road and parked near the old school house at the West Corner.

There at 8 Sunday morning neighbors and Harvey's Lake police found her slumped over the steering wheel, motor running and headlights on. Partially overcome by motor fumes, her lips and ears were blue, but not half so blue as they were after Chief Fred Swanson revived her in the cold morning air and read the riot act to soldier's girl friends who visit Harvey's Lake's hot spots alone at night.



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Fisherman Proves: "Thar's Gold" In Them Harvey's Lake Waters

"Thar's gold in them there waters." Old timers at Harvey's Lake rubbed their eyes late Tuesday afternoon as John Macek of Cooper street, Pringle, pulled a shimmering 18-carat gold fish out of the deep waters of the inlet back of Walter Puterbaugh's store.

Mr. Macek was fishing for catfish when he hooked the two-pound, fourteen ounce fish. As he pulled it out of the water he couldn't believe his eyes and figured his hook had become entangled in a piece of red cloth. He took the brilliant gold fish to the Puterbaugh store, measured it and weighed it. It measured four and a half inches.

Gold fish are not uncommon in Harvey's Lake according to Harry

Allen, veteran fisherman. He says he has seen them most frequently in the waters between Sandy Beach and Point Breeze. Workmen at Newell Wood's cottage confirmed Mr. Allen's story. Last year an eight to ten-inch gold fish swam in the vicinity of the Wood bath-house most of the season.

Mr. Allen believes the gold fish got in the lake from a number of gold fish pools kept by cottagers. During spring freshets they may have washed downstream in to the Lake. Others may have been used as bait by fishermen and got away, but how a small gold fish could grow to such a size without being devoured by bigger fish is more than Mr. Allen can understand.

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Scout Troops Collect Paper

Eisenhower Medals To Be Awarded May 29

Hundreds of Scouts and Cubs of the Wyoming Valley Council are working hard toward receiving the General Eisenhower Medal in the Waste Paper Campaign which closes April 30th.

Plans are being worked out to have these awards presented in connection with the Army Show which will be held in Wilkes-Barre on May 29th.

Scout Executive, O. B. Gorman urged that Troops file their reports on this Campaign as soon after April 30th as possible.

100 Scouts of the Wyoming Valley Council already paid their fee for one or more weeks at Camp Aachela. All Scouts who pay their fee on or before May 1st will have advantage of a special fee of \$8.00 a week. After May 1st the fee becomes \$8.50.

Camp Aachela will open for a (Continued from Page Seven)

ORANGE

Mr. and Mrs. John Frantz, formerly of Dallas, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Frantz before moving to Cleveland, where they have been living for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Laird Stanton had supper with the Russell Lewis family on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parrish and sons, George and Robert returned last Friday from Florida, where they had spent the winter. They are staying with Mrs. Parrish's father, Mr. Shay Lewis, of Mt. Zion.

Harry Schooley is building a new porch on his summer home near Orange.

Corey Bell of Centerville spent Sunday here with his son, Horton Bell, and family and his granddaughter, Mrs. Elmer Evans.

Miss Blanche Kirk of West Wyoming was the weekend guest of Mrs. Myrtle Kunkle.

Mary Lewis returned home on Friday, after visiting relatives in Berwick.

Nora and Lee Dymond had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Laird Stanton Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dymond of

West Pittston visited relatives and friends in Orange on Sunday.

Paul Jones Jr., C. Mo. M.M., returned Saturday from Trinidad and Cuba, where he had been stationed for nearly a year. After a 30-day furlough he will enter a training school for a short time. He is staying with his wife and daughter at the home of F. A. Snyder. He will visit his mother and sister at Endicott, N. Y., and other relatives at Plymouth and Clarks Summit.

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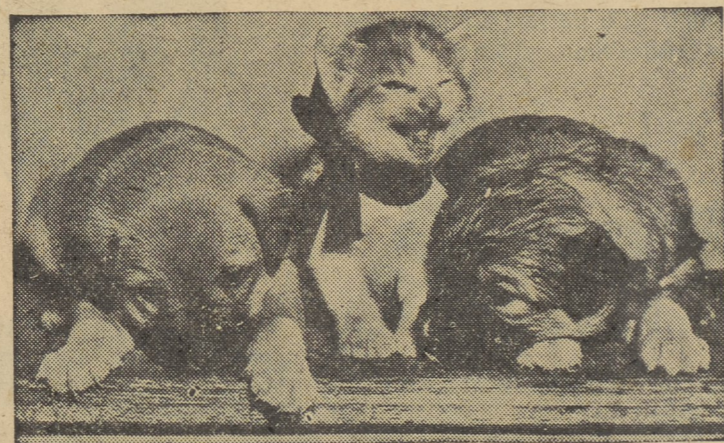
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