

DYESS' WIDOW GETS 4TH MEDAL

Bataan Hero Again Honored Posthumously for Dying To Save Friends.

MARCH FIELD, Calif., March 7 (UPI)—Mrs. Marjorie Dyess, widow of Lt. Col. William E. Dyess, Bataan hero who "followed the American tradition to lay down your life for your friends," had another medal added to the collection won by her late husband.

It was the soldier's medal, awarded posthumously to Dyess, who was killed last Dec. 22 when he crashed his crippled P-38 fighter plane to avoid hitting motorists in a street below.

Maj. Gen. William E. Lynd, commanding general of the 4th air force who awarded the legion of merit and bronze oak leaf cluster to Dyess' distinguished flying cross only 17 days before he was killed, made the presentation to Mrs. Dyess at the regular daily retreat ceremonies here yesterday.

"Without hesitation, he followed the American tradition to lay down your life for your friends," the citation said.

Dyess was one of the survivors of the "Death March of Bataan" and escaped from a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines only a few months before he was killed.

RAIL AUXILIARY TO MEET
Monumental division 128, auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will celebrate their 52d anniversary at noon Thursday at a meeting of the social club in the home of Mrs. Robert Abbott, 2609 N. Gale st.

Stout Field WACs Mix Fun With Work, 'Gig' Collecting Times Reporter Finds

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others still snoozed. I didn't rush; in fact, I poked so much that someone else did my details, and I got two gigs (black marks) instead.

When I returned from breakfast, the girls were laying out my uniform. I had asked for a size 16, but a G. I. 12, belonging to Pvt. Billy, was 12.

About 7:45 a. m. I hiked with Cpl. Strittmater to the hangar where most of the WACs work. I watched them go through their daily duties in the weather station, radio unit, personnel office, classification section, filing room, public relations office, photographic section.

Wears Coveralls

A petite blue-eyed blond, Sgt. Rosalie Tokarczyk of Detroit, Mich., was wearing coveralls, a flying jacket and a stocking cap for her work as a radio technician as she climbed in and out of the huge cargo planes to test the radios.

Pvt. Francis Jean Squires of Morgantown, W. Va., was running the mimeograph in the file room, and Pvt. Betty Fisher of Ronceverte, Ill., was pounding a typewriter in the public relations office.

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Ever Grow Up?

While we were there, Sgt. Angela Gamaldi of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Pfc. Jo Crowe of Boston, Mass., stopped to chat before they shift off for their "graveyard" shift at the weather station.

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Take Pfc. Florence O'Shea of New York City. After seven months as a WAC, she dropped out last August. In November she re-enlisted at Stout field because she was restless at home

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Keith Kinsey at Craig Field, Ala.

AVIATION CADET KEITH (CHUCK) KINSEY has reported

to Craig field, Ala., to begin pre-flight pilot training after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Roberts, 4632 Carvel st., and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Schlegel Sr., 4615 Winthrop. Cadet Kinsey is a former member of the civil air patrol here.

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and couldn't face her friends until she rejoined the army.

The soldiers' main complaint about the WACs is that they lose their femininity when they don the khaki. But even so, the WACs are not ignored by the soldiers. Most of the Air WACs date men at Stout field.

The WACs are average women. As one soldier pointed out, if you take 15 civilians and 15 WACs, you'll get the same percentage of good and bad, agreeable and disagreeable.

Stout field officers, some of whom were dead set against the WACs at first, are the first to praise them.

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But they are courageous, independent women who selected their wartime job and are sticking to it. They're good soldiers.

Strong Vice President Seen As Issue for Conventions

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ator Charles Curtis of Kansas for the vice presidency. How cut-and-dried the process usually is can be demonstrated by the fact that it has taken only one ballot for the nomination of a vice presidential candidate in 32 out of the 38 major conventions since the Civil war. The "ix" usually sticks.

The second place has gone usually in recent years to one of the "favorite son" candidates.

Jim Farley, then more naive about national politics than later, was selected to pick the running mate. They first decide what particular political need must be supplied by the No. 2 man; that is, what part of the country needs representation to help the ticket, or what political element must be satisfied to smooth out factional troubles.

Usual Procedure

Then they make up a list and begin to comb it in consultation with the presidential nominee. Finally they settle upon a man, show his name before a convention of delegates, who by this time are usually worn out, say, in effect: "Here he is, like it or not."

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