

Table, left to right, are William Holden, Dr. Law Sone, Tech. Sgt. Melvin G. Davis, Tech. Sgt. Virgil L. Young, 1st Lt. Roland B. Bonner, 1st Lt. Arthur M. Neal, Capt. Glenn E. Hacker, Capt. James G.

Tech. Sgt. Burgess G. Cannon, Staff Sgt. Robert R. McLeroy and Staff Sgt. Donald G. Traugh Jr. The history-making flight was completed in 94 hours and one minute.

Fort Worth Pays Honors to Crewmen Of Lucky Lady on Global Flight

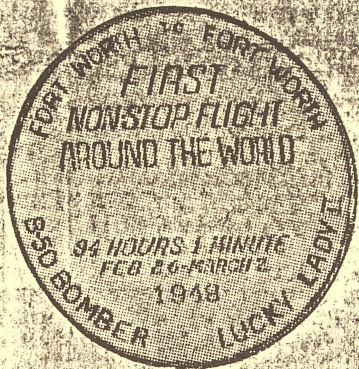
BY ROBERT WEAR.

Fourteen youthful, modest airmen received Thursday night the highest honors Fort Worth has ever bestowed—its honorary lifetime citizenship and gold medals for aeronautical achievement, commemorating the first round-the-world non-stop flight in history.

Standing before more than 400 of the city's civic leaders, at a dinner in their honor, Capt. James G. Gallagher and his crewmen of the world-circling B-50 bomber "Lucky Lady II" heard their feat praised as "a landmark in aviation history."

The dinner in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Texas was the high point of the day's program which had included presentation of a commemorative bronze plaque at Carswell Air Force Base, marking the spot where the flight began Feb. 26 and ended March 2. Afterward, gleaming, new convertible cars provided by the city's automobile dealers whizzed the fliers downtown for a "homecoming" parade from the Courthouse to the hotel, preceded by a police motorcycle escort.

Mayor Deen presented the plaque mounted on a red Texas granite marker to the 18th Air Force as a gift from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Maj. Gen. Roger M. Ramey accepted the marker and it was unveiled by Amon Carter Jr. in the brief cere-



One side of the commemorative gold medals for aeronautical achievement presented to members of the B-50 crew and other Air Force representatives.

mony at mid-afternoon. Deen knelt and read the names of the Lucky Lady II airmen recorded there as the airmen and their wives stood around him on the Carswell Air Force Base ramp where the flight began and ended.

Dinner ceremonies began with impressive pageantry as the orchestra played the Air Force song, head-table guests marched in procession into the ballroom; then after a brief pause, the orchestra gave ruffles and flourishes and played "To the General" in honor of Generals LeMay and Ramey as they entered. The national anthem and invocation completed this bit of military solemnity.

Amon Carter, toastmaster at the dinner, explained that the special medals were struck at the instance of grateful citizens, mindful of Fort Worth's place as a nerve center now of Air Force training work around the world, as a century ago it was established as an outpost for peace on the frontier.

Gallagher and each airman of his crew, most of them accompanied by their wives, responded briefly, as did Maj. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, 8th Air Force commander, and Col. James C. Selser Jr., commanding the 43rd Bombardment Wing based at Tucson, to which the world fliers are assigned.

Lt. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, chief of the Strategic Air Command and boss of the nation's global bomber training, summed up the responses with the thought that "the citizens of Fort Worth have shown us something very tangible in the way of appreciation."

"I know I speak for every man in the Air Force when I say that this recognition you have shown Captain Gallagher and his men will not be forgotten," he assured, "and in return we will give you an Air Force of which you can continue to be proud—and will try to give you the peace all of us desire so much."

The man who directed the fire-bombing of Japan and the two atomic bomb drops there, then went to organize the spectacular Berlin airlift, pointed out that "each airman here tonight gave up many of his normal rights as a citizen when he entered mili-

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GIFTS FOR A HERO—Smiling his appreciation, Capt. James G. Gallagher, left, pilot of the "Lucky Lady II," accepts from Toastmaster Amon Carter a gold medal, a lifetime Fort Worth citizenship certificate and a billfold, sets of which went to each of the honor guests.

Improved Mail Service Aimed at City Airport

Fort Worth postal officials now boxes throughout the city, or at are seeking ways in which to improve service at the Municipal Airport. Postmaster J. Edwin Mc-

the main postoffice or any sub-station still reach the airlines as rapidly as they always have." Mc-



—Star-Telegram Staff Photo.

BEGAN AND ENDED HERE—Commemorating history's first non-stop flight around the world, a bronze plaque mounted on red Texas granite was presented Thursday to the 8th Air Force by Mayor Deen, as a gift from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Capt. James G. Gal-

agher, members of his world-circling crew and their wives are shown grouped around the plaque facing the Carswell Air Base flight line where the historic mission began Feb. 26 and ended March 2. Amon Carter Jr. unveiled the plaque and Deen read the names of the airmen.

HONORS FOR B-50 FLIERS

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tary service—finds himself being ordered around from pillar to post—and certainly gave up his freedom of speech. Some of them frequently are not free from want. Despite these things, there are still quite a few of us in uniform.

"We are reassured, though, as we go back and forth across the country and stop in a city like Fort Worth, meeting people who express appreciation and act like they are really proud of the service we represent.

"That is the thing that keeps us in service and keeps us going."

General Ramey gave a reminder also of the "less known and unsung people who make these flights possible—the maintenance and supply people who are the backbone of the Air Force."

Web Maddox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, which was host for the dinner, presented Carter and Mayor Deen. The city's chief executive read a tribute to the flight and the City Council's resolution conferring lifetime citizenship on the airmen.

Maddox called the flight "one of profound strategic and tactical consequence to the whole nation."

The resolution extended citizenship also to President Truman, as commander-in-chief; former Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal who was in office when the flight was planned and executed; Secretary for Air W. Stuart Symington; Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Chief of the Air Force; General LeMay, General Ramey, Colonel Selser and his deputy commander, Col. D. E. Bailey, and Col. Alvan N. Moore, commander of the 43d Group of which Gallagher and his crewmen were members.

Gold medals the size of a silver dollar for aeronautical achieve-

ment, with a map of the flight in relief on one side and on the reverse, the date, time, name of the flier and the "Fort-Worth-to-Fort-Worth" starting and finishing point, were presented to each flier.

Crew recipients besides Gallagher included Capt. Glenn Hacker, first navigator, Eldorado, Kan.; Capt. James H. Morris, third pilot, San Antonio; Capt. David B. Parmelee, flight engineer, Guilford, Conn.; Lt. Roland Bonner, radar officer, Redondo Beach, Cal.; Lt. William Caffrey, radar officer, Lewiston, Maine; Lt. Arthur Neal, second pilot; Grand Valley, Cal.; Lt. Earl L. Rigor, second navigator, Corvallis, Ore.; Tech. Sgt. Burgess Cantrell, radio operator, Pound, Va.; Staff Sgt. Robert McLeroy, radio operator, Alvarado; Staff Sgt. Melvin Davis, gunner, Long Beach, Cal.; Tech Sgt. Virgil Young, flight engineer, Cranesville, Pa.; Tech. Sgt. Robert G. Davis, flight engineer, Niles, Mich.; and Staff Sgt. Donald G. Traugh Jr., gunner, Danville, Pa.

Carter, in presenting the gold medals, gave to each man also an alligator leather wallet containing a card attesting Fort Worth citizenship signed by the mayor and city secretary, and in a leather folder an engraved parchment copy of the City Council's resolution conferring citizenship.

He told each, "Wherever you may happen to be born, we now claim you as Texans and as Fort Worthians."

He cited the global flight as part of the national defense program to keep the nation strong "and ready for any eventuality," recalling General LeMay's words the day the flight ended here that "this flight means our bombers can now go anywhere in the world they may be needed."

Bob Hope telegraphed from Hollywood his regrets that he was unable to attend the dinner, and asked Carter to remind Gallagher and the airmen that "I've flown around the world twice without a plane every time I've kissed Jane Russell."

Secretary of Defense Louis A. Johnson sent a telegram expressing regret that his duties in Washington prevented his presence but giving high praise to Gallagher and his crewmen for the flight he called "a landmark in aviation history." General Vandenberg also telegraphed his greetings to the airmen, as did C. L. Egtvedt, chairman of the board of Boeing Airplane Company, makers of the "Lucky Lady II" and other B-50 bombers.

J. Earl Schaefer of Wichita, Kan., vice president of Boeing and manager of the Wichita plant where the aerial refueling equipment was installed for the flight, was present at the dinner with Mrs. Schaefer.

Special guests introduced by Maddox included Cmdr. Horacio Bogarin, Uruguay's chief of naval aviation, and three members of his staff—Lt. Omar F. Aguirre, Lt. Carlos Martinez Labadie and Lt. Miguel Cabrera, accompanied by their wives.

General LeMay will leave at 7 a. m. Friday to return to his headquarters at Omaha by plane and Captain Gallagher and the "Lucky Lady II" crewmen will take off in two special transports after lunch Friday to return to Tucson.

All are to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross in ceremonies at Tucson next Tuesday morning.

SCHOOL BILL

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Rep. Jack Wisener of Wells shouted at the House.

Jameson Amendments.

Reps. George Nokes and Rae Files Still, House sponsors of the bill, accepted amendments by Rep. William S. Jameson of El Paso, prohibiting textbook representatives, authors or anyone connected with textbook publishing houses from serving on the state board of education or its advisory textbook commission.

In the afternoon session, one amendment which Mrs. Still considered bad was adopted. It provides for election of the school board at the general election. The original bill would have the board elected at the time local school trustee elections are held. The vote was 95 to 45.

Sen. Fred Harris of Dallas took the entire hour of Thursday's session debating against a bill to set up a Texas citrus commission.

It was the eighth day since the Senate had transacted any major business, blocking other controversial measures down the calendar from advancing by long, long arguments, questions and answers.

Sen. Walter Tynan of San Antonio, object of at least some of the delaying tactics because of his plan to bring the hotly contested basic science bill to the floor, refused to give up trying.