

FWAAF Holds Open House on Anniversary

Thousands of Fort Worth citizens had a clearer picture Wednesday of the magnitude and multitude of military operations conducted at Fort Worth Army Air Field after attending the big post's first open house Tuesday afternoon, in celebration of the AAF's 37th anniversary.

The occasion also marked the 35th year since the Army's purchase of its first plane, and the second anniversary of FWAAF.

Visitors were permitted a close view of a fully armed B-24 bomber, watched the bomb approach and Link trainer schools in operation and saw field fire fighters in a realistic demonstration. They also inspected the barracks of enlisted personnel and Wacs stationed at the big base.

High point of the celebrations was the retreat ceremony and the presentation of DFCs to Capt. Harry N. Young of Chicago and Lt. Glenn A. Mast of Elkhart, Ind., two oak leaf clusters to Lt. Elbert Belcher of Austin for his DFC and one cluster to Lt. Frank R. Hawkins of Barrackville, W. Va. All four are veterans of combat in the Pacific Theater.

Maj. Paul H. Fackler, assistant deputy of supply and maintenance, read the citations, and Col. Henry W. Dorr, commanding officer of the post, presented the awards.

Classes of the B-24 pilot school and other training at the field continued without interruption despite the presence of the many visitors at the base.

Casualties

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP). — The Navy Department Wednesday announced 213 casualties, including these Texans:

Allen, Sgt. Thad A., USMC, wounded. Wife, Dallas.

Arnold, Pfc. Robert L., USMC, wounded. Grandmother, Mrs. Annie Glover, Mineral Wells.

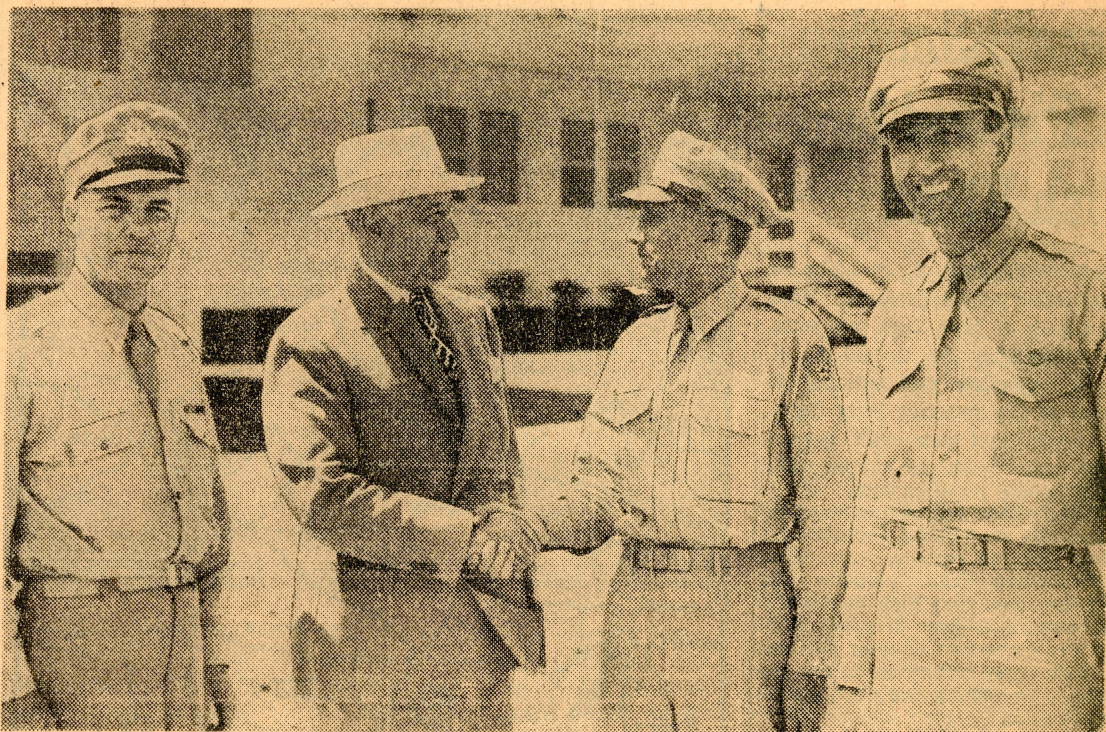
Bechtol, Lt. (jg.) Roy Alph. USNR, dead. Wife, Mrs. Billie Jo Jones Bechtol, Lubbock.

Brown, Lt. Richard Thomas, USNR, missing. Wife, San Antonio.

Gantt, Pfc. John C., USMCR, wounded. Mother, Mrs. Effie Gantt, Groveton.

Gay, Corp. David M., USMCR, wounded. Father, Joseph B. Gay, Dallas.

Gibson, Pfc. Thomas E., USMC, wounded. Mother, Mrs. Zula M.



High ranking officers of Fort Worth Army Air Field greeted Fort Worth citizens at the big field's first "open house" Tuesday. Left to right, Maj. Allen H. Ogil-

vie, deputy for administration; Amon Carter, Col. Henry W. Dorr, commanding officer, and Lt. Col. Charles E. Jost, deputy for supply and maintenance.

—AAF Photo.

Sailors Are Not Angels But Are Not Wolves Either

A 24-year-old Fort Worth sailor stationed at Camp Wallace has joined his comrades in a crusade to inform the public that Navy men are not naughty just because they are nautical.

In a letter mailed to the Star-Telegram, Giles W. Wynne, seaman, second class, whose wife and four children live at 2819 Carter, wrote, "I have met a great number of Navy men, both young and old, since my enlistment in May, and I have yet to meet the sailor that is as bad as some people picture him."

Seaman Wynne enclosed a clipping from the camp paper which praised the 49 sailors training at Western Michigan College in Kalamazoo, who protested in a letter to Collier's Magazine the illustration of wartime juvenile delinquency articles with pictures of sailors and teen-age girls.

Camp Wallace sailors are "fed up on the writers and sociologists who insist on combining sailors and vagrant wenches," according to the camp paper.

"We're not saying sailors are angels," the letter concludes. "But we do say that they are neither better nor worse than their fellow man, whether he be GI Joe of the Army or Willie Welder, the shipbuilder. Why single out the sailor for consideration by the theater, the films, the illustrators?"

CED Before Kiwanians

Postwar planning for Fort Worth will be discussed at the Thursday Kiwanis luncheon in Hotel Texas by three members of the Chamber of Commerce committee for economic development.

The speakers will be Homer Covey, chamber president; William Holden, executive vice presi-

dent, and City Engineer W. O. Jones.

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