



GENERAL HONORS MOTHER—A tender greeting was bestowed on his 87-year-old mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson of Aledo, center, by Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson and his wife when they met Tuesday night at the home of the general's brother, John N. Simpson, at 5533 Byers. (Story on Page 2.) (Staff Photo).

PARKER COUNTY HILLS ECHO CHEERS

General Simpson Receives Rousing Welcome Upon His Arrival Here

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A rousing welcome that must have echoed across the rolling western hills of Parker County where he was born, Tuesday marked the homecoming celebration here for Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson, commanding general of the 9th Army in the conquest of Germany. Thousands of Fort Worth citizens and other Texans acclaimed the native son warrior in ceremonies at the Municipal Airport and in a parade through downtown Fort Worth.

"The citizens of Texas and Fort Worth greet you as the foremost son of Texas in conquering Germany in World War II," said a plaque presented to the homecoming warrior by Amon Carter.

The plaque, addressed to Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson, was signed by Roscoe Carnrike, mayor of Fort Worth; Coke R. Stevenson,

governor of Texas; Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount, commanding general of the Army Air Forces Training Command; Homer Covey, president of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, and Carter, chair-

man of the welcoming committee. From the time General Simpson's plane rolled to a stop at the airport at 3:29 p. m. Tuesday until he departed early Tuesday

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War Criminals Should Be Shot Says Simpson

BY BYRON C. UTECHT.

While some persons of high repute are urging charity toward war criminals and Germany as a whole, a Texas soldier in Fort Worth Tuesday declined to subscribe to such a theory, and he is in position to know whereof he speaks.

The soldier in question is Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson, whose 9th Army drove a wedge into Germany and taught the "master race" some lessons they never before heard of. Although the general himself, a Weatherford product, is mild and humane, he is tough as a West Texas boot when it comes to dealing with enemies.

His answer came crisply and without hesitation when asked what should be done with German war criminals. "They should be tried promptly and then shot," he said. And he added no "ifs," no "buts" or any other modifications.

The general who arrived from Pittsburgh at the Fort Worth Municipal Airport nearly one hour late, took part in a welcoming program at the airport, in the

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DOG OUT OF POUND; CITY APOLOGIZES

ST. LOUIS, June 26 (INS). Mrs. Ernest Dawson of St. Louis had her dog Tuesday night with the apologies of the city.

The dog escaped from her back yard when firemen, answering an alarm, dashed through the gate and left it unlatched.

When the firemen left, Mrs. Dawson discovered the dog was missing. She found it in the city pound.

She made a complaint to the mayor's office. It was relayed to the dog pound. Officials agreed it was the city's fault that the dog escaped and cut usual red tape to return the animal to its mistress immediately.

PRAISES R AND TRUMAN

(The New York Times).
27.—Most London newspapers the excitement of the British applaud the accomplishments of and at the same time to give reman's assertion that the world first step to a lasting peace. berance was the dominant note failure of the League of Nations counselled realism and sobriety NCIO deliberations. e words "restrained and sober" and concluded with the asser- for a lasting peace reside not charter but in the firm alliance t only one—expression."

More Food Stamps Become Valid July 1

WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP).—Five blue stamps for processed food and five red stamps for meats and fats in Ration Book Four will become valid July 1, the OPA announced Tuesday.

Each stamp is worth 10 points, making a total of 50 blue points and 50 red points. Stamps which become good July 1 can be used through Oct. 31.

The new stamps:
Blue—J1, K1, L1, M1, N1.
Red—A1, B1, C1, D1, E1.



TRIBUTE TO A TEXAN—Summed up in this plaque was all of the acclaim heaped upon Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson when he came home to Texas from the battlefields of Europe Tuesday to be greeted by a spirited celebration in Fort Worth. With Amon Carter, left, General Simpson is admiring the plaque, presented to him by Carter in ceremonies at the Municipal Airport, after they arrived at the Fort Worth Club for a reception honoring the general and his party. Mrs. Simpson is in the background. (Staff Photo).

MORE ABOUT SIMPSON BACK IN TEXAS

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night to visit with his 87-year-old mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson of Aledo, there was a continuous round of acclaim for the returning Texan.

Immediate members of General Simpson's family greeted him as he stepped off the plane, after which he and his wife and others in the general's party were greeted by representatives of the general welcoming committee.

The first step in the official celebration marking General Simpson's return to Texas was a military honor. With General Yount he stepped forward to inspect his honor guard, and as he did so the firing of a 15-gun salute to Simpson was begun by a crew just west of the airport runways.

Movie and newspaper cameramen swarmed the ramp as the civilian part of the welcome program began. The general was pictured with his family, with the welcome committee, kissing his granddaughter, shaking hands with various dignitaries, waving to the welcoming throng at the airport, and finally, while performing the rather precarious assignment of greeting individually a group of horsemen who rode up with lusty "yipee-es" to add a Western flavor to the homecoming celebration.

Under Texas Sun.

With a bright Texas sun adding its warmth to the greetings extended, General Simpson and party, together with the official greeters, mounted a platform on the airport ramp for the formalities of the event. The entire proceedings were broadcast by Station KGKO.

After the welcoming speeches came General Simpson's response in which he passed along full credit for the honors being bestowed to the officers and men of his command who did the fighting.

Covey welcomed Simpson as 'one of Texas' most distinguished sons' and stated that "all of us are justly proud of the record made by General Simpson in the invasion of Europe and the subjugation of Germany."

Carter declared that "Fort Worth feels honored to have the privilege of welcoming General Simpson

back to Texas, and is delighted to join with his neighbors and friends at Weatherford, Aledo and Mineral Wells, and with Texans everywhere, in extending to him the kind of a welcome that he so richly deserves." Carter, one of a group of publishers who toured the European theater of war recently to view atrocity camps of the Germans, told of meeting General Simpson at Brunswick, Germany, and of the hospitality he extended the visting newspapermen.

Governor Stevenson presented by Carter to extend the official welcome of Simpson back to Texas, said that "any man reared in Texas knows, of course, that he doesn't have to be welcomed back to this state, but this tumultuous demonstration today for one of the great leaders of World War II, and one of the many distinguished sons of Texas in the war, is most appropriate."

'Glad You're Back.'

The Governor emphasized in his message that in honoring General Simpson "we honor every man who served with him" and then summed up his greeting with one sentence:

"In other words, General Simpson, we're mighty glad you're back home."

General Yount, introduced by Carter as "a distinguished citizen of whom Fort Worth is proud and a leader of the Air Forces as General Simpson is of the ground forces," said that "to me has fallen the honor of welcoming you, General Simpson, on behalf of the Army of the United States, on your homecoming after leading the gallant men of your 9th Army to one of the greatest victories in military history."

Achievements Are History.

Yount declared that "we can say nothing in welcoming you home that can add to your outstanding record and that of the men in your 9th Army. Your military achievements are history and your professional fame is secure. We soldiers know and appreciate the tremendous obstacles and problems you faced—and solved—almost hourly during your victorious drive across France and Germany. I am proud of this opportunity to greet you and to extend the Army's welcome."

Mayor Pro Tem Edgar Deen welcomed Simpson on behalf of the City of Fort Worth, and Maj. Gen. Bruce Magruder, commanding general of Camp Wolters at Mineral Wells, where General Simpson formerly was the commanding officer, added his greetings.

Speaking for members of the welcome committee from Weatherford, Aledo, Mineral Wells and other sections of this district, Congressman Fritz Lanham welcomed the general and paid a tribute both to him and his wife. Lanham declared that "for anyone who knows the fine home training and environment in which General Simpson grew up in Parker County, the great accomplishments of this distinguished Texan are no surprise. May God bless him and all of the gallant sons of America who served with him."

General Simpson, responding to the barrage of welcome messages, addressed his remarks to "my good friends of Fort Worth, Weatherford, Aledo, Mineral Wells and Texas." Many of his former neighbors and friends of Parker and Palo Pinto Counties were present in addition to numerous civic and

military representatives.

"I can not tell you how glad I am to be back in the good old U. S. A., and it is a double privilege to be back in Fort Worth and in Texas," Simpson said. "I am glad to see the folks from Fort Worth, Weatherford and Aledo working together on this event, for I feel like I belong to all of them."

"In expressing my gratification, I want you to know that I am speaking the gratitude of the brave soldiers—officers and men—who did the fighting under my command. It is these men you are honoring when you pay me this honor. I want to pay a tribute to the fortitude of the men of the 9th Army. They couldn't be stopped, and they were up against the best forces and equipment the Germans had to offer. I wish that all of our men were returning from the war, but of course the job is just half finished. I feel sure that victory is not far off because our great Army and Navy are being rapidly deployed to bear on the Japanese."

"I want to express appreciation for what you folks at home have done in backing up our forces with production of equipment and food, and in sending along your encouraging letters from home. May I urge you not to let up in these efforts, backing our forces to the limit."

Lanham accompanied the Simpson party on the plane trip here. Others in the party included his aide, Maj. John D. Horn of Staten Island, N. Y., and his wife; Maj. James E. Whitmore, legislative liaison officer for the War Department general staff, a Fort Worth lawyer and former county rationing administrator here; Capt. Robert Altgelt of San Antonio; and Tech. Sgt. Newton J. Harrison, General Simpson's orderly.

Others in the party were Brig. Gen. J. M. Chappel and his wife, and Lt. Harold N. Horner and his wife, on their way to San Antonio. The plane was delayed in arriving here, the party having stopped in Memphis, Tenn., for lunch there with Ferry Command officers.

General Simpson's two brothers, John M. Simpson and Constant C. Simpson, both of Fort Worth, and their families, were at the airport to greet him.

Mrs. Jane Bankhead, Dies at Home in Azle

AZLE, June 26.—Mrs. Jane Bankhead, 67, died at her home here Tuesday at 5 p. m. after a long illness. She was the wife of Gus Bankhead and a pioneer resident of Azle.

Surviving besides her husband are a son, Cecil, of Fort Worth and Azle; a granddaughter; three sisters, Mrs. Fannie McBride, of Levelland; Mrs. Lottie Kimbrough, of Fort Worth; Mrs. Zora Thompson of Fort Worth; two brothers, J. M. O'Donnell of Sweetwater, and George O'Donnell of Azle.

Services will be held at 3 p. m. Wednesday in the Ash Creek Baptist Church.

Fort Worth Man Held After Wrecking Stolen Car

A 28-year-old Fort Worth resident was arrested in Venus early Tuesday by Sheriff Oran Smith, Cleburne, after he had wrecked a car belonging to R. L. Stephens, 2901 Miller.

Stephens reported to police that

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WANTS HARD PEACE

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parade that followed and then was the principal guest at a reception at the Fort Worth Club. It was during this hour of relaxation at the club that General Simpson gave his viewpoints on major subjects, and his answers, while they came with a soft drawl, were as swift as machinegun bullets.

While some are suggesting soft peace terms with Germany just in order to prove we are "nice," this does not go with General Simpson.

"I am much opposed to any soft peace with Germany, or Japan either," he said. "If we draft any kind of soft peace, sooner or later it will lead to another world war, which is terrible to even think of. The Allied armies should occupy Germany indefinitely, meaning years, in order to make a peaceful world a certainty. The Nazi gangsters took over Germany when Hitler rose to power, and yet the entire German population approved Hitler and the Nazis' theories, raising no protest, so the German race is largely to blame for this war."

When the general was asked whether he thought Germany or Japan could live under a democratic form of government, Simpson said neither country could do this for many years, and that they have "got to learn all over again."

"The Germans right now do not seem to be much interested in their future," he said, "which is not surprising. They appear to be anything but a master race. When we took over Germany all the civilians immediately obeyed our orders. When we established a curfew, telling them what time they should be in their homes, the streets were deserted at the curfew hour. They don't know any other way to live, which makes it all the more important for us to take charge, for another gang might arise to rule them and cause another war."

"Do you think it is possible to prevent a third world war?" he was asked.

The general hesitated for a while, and it was the first time he did search for an answer. But he had one.

"We can establish permanent peace if the Allied nations continue to co-operate and use always a firm hand," he replied.

General Simpson is perfectly aware of some propaganda being put out that there is danger of Russia and the United States getting into a row and then later still more serious trouble. But Simpson believes this propaganda is builded upon false premises. He insists that Russia and Americans get along excellently together and if "big shot propagandists" are kept out of the picture there will always be harmony between the two countries.

"While we were in Germany," he explained, "we had many contacts with Russian officers, who certainly represent Russia, and they had not only respect but love for the United States. We got along fine together. At one time I attended some function with the Russian soldiers and happened in a Texas way to say I was delighted to be with them, or words to that effect. Some Russian general then said a few words. Next thing that happened I was seized by some strong hands and in an expression of loyalty and good will was tossed up in a blanket, not once but 10 times; this just in order to prove they wanted to be friendly."

The Texas soldiers in the 9th Army gave an unusually good account of themselves in the campaign, he said. "They could never get enough of it and could take it," he said.

"One time, when we were on the Elbe River, there was a meeting of some A&M graduates, and I went to it. There were 90 men present who had been graduated

from that Texas college alone, and of course there were many hundreds of other Texans in the 9th. I was proud of them then, and still am," he added.

Although in Texas this year there have been loud cries that the Texas soldier overseas must have the right to vote and receive other favorable legislation, General Simpson, without discussing merit or demerit of such issues, said the 9th Army officers and men had taken no interest in Texas politics. They had by far more important objectives.

General Simpson is firmly opposed to fraternization between American soldiers and Germans during the occupation.

Governor Stevenson, who came to Fort Worth from Austin to welcome General Simpson in behalf of the people of Texas approved the statement of Simpson regarding any soft peace terms.

"I am against it, too," he said. "It would only mean another war. It is a good thing we have such generals leading armies as General Simpson. Several of them came from Texas, and they merely carried out the Texas traditions."

When the Governor said this an Army officer made this comment: "Oh well, you and General Simpson are both just country boys."

During the reception at the Fort Worth Club, General Simpson, who was accompanied there by Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount, commanding general of AAF Training Command, met with a large number of old chums from Weatherford, Mineral Wells, Aledo and other towns. He shook hands with everybody, talked with everybody.

After the general completes his "mission" here, a holiday to see his aged mother and other relatives, he will return to Washington and will then be on his way to Europe again. He would like to be sent to lick the Japs. His Weatherford friends say he could and would do it.

Fritz Lanham, member of Congress for this district, a native of Weatherford and an old time buddy of General Simpson during school days, attended the welcoming program at the airport and was at the reception at the Fort Worth Club. He mingled with guests, bragging on the general. Wednesday he will preside at the Weatherford program in honor of Simpson. When both were boys in Weatherford each had a shock of thick black hair. But now, Simpson is bald. Lanham's hair has turned gray. The condition doesn't worry either one of them. Lanham's father was one time governor of Texas and at one time he was a law partner of Simpson's grandfather.

Two other guests at the reception were the wives of General Simpson and General Yount.

When the general met up with his old time friends from Weatherford, Aledo and Mineral Wells, all called each other by their first names. However, the general was never addressed as William. It was always as Hood or Simp.

The general, grim during the European campaign, was all smiles from the time his plane reached Fort Worth. He was home again.

Bus Driver Is Injured in Altercation; Man Arrested

J. W. Read, 3424 Azle, Transit Company bus driver, received emergency treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital Tuesday afternoon for minor neck and facial injuries suffered in an altercation aboard a Hemphill bus at 11th and Houston.

A 45-year-old man was arrested in connection with the altercation and released after posting \$10 bond.

When EXHAUSTION leads to Headache

Dinner Brings Simpson Home To His Family

BY MABEL GOULDY.

A veteran who has just returned from service overseas was welcomed back Tuesday night at a joyful family dinner in Fort Worth.

The gathering was exact in almost every detail with a similar dinner held in April 1944 when his nearest relatives gathered to bid him farewell before he left for the European theater.

And it was similar to thousands of such dinners being held in homes throughout the country to greet those just back from the war.

But there was one big difference.

Because three stars gleamed on the shoulder of this overseas fighter, reminding those present of the military prowess of a great Texas commander, Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson, the Parker County boy who made good in the grimmest game of them all.

Dashes Up Steps.

No mention was made of the smashing successes of his 9th Army against Germany when the general took the steps at the home of his mother, John N. Simpson, at 5533 Byers with a speed reminiscent of the manner in which his troops rolled back Hitler's vaunted might.

He was just a "boy" anxious to see his mother again and she and the other members of the family overflowed the porch in just the same kind of welcome home every overseas veteran gets.

The mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, longtime resident of Weatherford who now lives in Aledo, got to her feet with alacrity and without the aid of her walking cane when "here he comes" was sung out by the children who were watching in front of the house.

The 87-year-old mother had planned to remain seated in the living room but when she heard her son was coming she was on the porch by the time he got up the steps.

"Son, I was afraid you wouldn't get back," she said as he embraced and kissed her heartily.

"Don't worry about me, mother, I'm fine and you're looking like a million," he replied as he patted her on the shoulder.

Prayer for Son.

Before his arrival his mother had explained she had "prayed that I might be alive to see him return."

"While he was overseas my friends often asked me what he wrote about military affairs over there. All I could tell them was that he was busy killing and capturing all the Germans he could so he could get back home in a hurry," she said.

The event was planned as "just a family dinner, we didn't think of it as a company affair" according to the hostess who prepared the entire meal with the aid of her two daughters.

It was the kind of wholesome meal the general likes. Roast beef was banked by side dishes of brown gravy, fresh green beans (from a neighbor's garden), creamed potatoes, combination salad, pickled beets, olives and hot rolls.

For dessert blackberries were served with cream and white cake. A gallon of the berries was delivered at the white frame residence in the day with a card stating "whether in a berry patch or a battlefield we Texans stick together."

Another delivery was bouquets of gardenias, zinnias and crepe myrtle sent his mother by Simpson. She wore one of the gardenias pinned on her navy blue dress when he arrived.

Others Present.

Present at the dinner in addition to the general and his wife, his mother and the host and hostess were the guest of honor's other brother, Constant C. Simpson of 2724 Meadowbrook, his wife and their nine-year-old daughter, Jackie; the three children of Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, who are, Mrs. John E. Muldrow, Miss Mary Ann Simpson and Jimmie Simpson; Maj. John D. Horn of Greenwich, Conn. aide-de-camp to the general, and Mrs. Horn.

All members of the family present Tuesday night attended the farewell dinner party more than a year ago. A sister, Mrs. Frank M.



FAMILY TABLE SET—Mrs. John N. Simpson, wife of one of Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson's two brothers, is shown putting the finishing touches on the table for the family dinner Tuesday night which served to welcome him back home. She cooked his favorite dishes. (Staff Photo).

Long of Albany, N. Y. was present then but absent at the welcome back affair. She and her husband greeted the general in New York City a few days ago.

Two other members of the immediate family missed both dinners. They are Pfc. John N. Simpson Jr., who is with the 165th Infantry, 27th Division on Okinawa and has been overseas two years; and Lt. Commander Muldrow, husband of the John N. Simpson's daughter, who has been listed as missing in action in the Pacific theater.

Rev. William R. Moody Made Episcopal Bishop

LEXINGTON, Ky., June 26 (AP).

The Rev. William Rober Moody, rector of Christ Church, Baltimore, Md., was elected Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington Tuesday to succeed the late Rt. Rev. H. P. Almon Abbott.

He was elected at a special diocesan convention over seven other nominees on the third ballot. Three of the nominees were withdrawn after the second ballot.

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Simpson Is Greeted by Colorful Throngs of Cheering Thousands

BY ELEANOR WILSON
and ROSALYN GRAVES.

People standing four and five deep along the line of march formed a traffic-jam of color to greet Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson as he reached his native Texas Tuesday after leading the gallant 9th Army to victory in Europe. Hundreds more surged forward with Texas yells and applause as he alighted from his jeep at the entrance to the Fort Worth Club, termination of the parade.

The welcome mat in Fort Worth was in red, white and blue as flags and bunting draped downtown buildings and hung from lampposts. The hot June sun didn't dim the enthusiasm of the crowd who patiently waited for the arrival of General Simpson, some standing for more than an hour before the parade reached them. A strong wind swirled confetti and ticker tape thrown from office windows above the heads of the applauding throngs.

A thrice-wounded 9th Army veteran, Pfc. William L. Hampton of Bryson, who served 16 months in the European theater with Simpson's Army, came up from McCloskey General Hospital at Temple to get another look at his former commanding general and add his cheers and applause to the "Welcome Home" given Texas' fighting general.

"That Simpson's a mighty nice guy," was the opinion Hampton expressed for the man he knew first as commander of the 30th Division at Fort Jackson, S. C., and later as the commanding general of the 9th Army.

Hampton, an infantryman, returned to the United States a month ago and is still hospitalized with a leg wound received from German rifle fire during the crossing of the Rhine, March 24. He is visiting his sister here, Mrs. Lucille Pretty of 128 W. Hattie, and is the son of Mrs. Lovada Taylor of Bryson.

Hampton wears the Purple Heart with two oak-leaf clusters, the Combat Infantryman's Badge

Galveston City-County Polio Total Now 23

GALVESTON, June 26 (AP).—Three cases of poliomyelitis reported for Texas City Tuesday brought the Galveston city-county total to 23. One of the Texas City cases was taken to Houston Monday, while the other two cases were reported to be mild, with the afflicted now convalescent. There were no additional cases reported on Galveston Island Tuesday.

Doctor Dies in Dallas

and three battle stars for action in France, Belgium and Germany.

Another who served under Simpson was Pvt. L. C. Shannon, son of Mrs. W. M. Shannon of 3605 S. Littlejohn. Shannon arrived home Sunday after six months with the 86th Division which at one time was attached to the 9th Army. He participated in two major battles.

Many other veterans from the European theater, recently returned to the United States, were on hand early to get a good position from which to view the mighty 9th Army leader.

Several members of the famed 36th Division, wearing star-studded campaign ribbons and the widely-recognized "T" shoulder patch, cheered from the sidelines. One, Pfc. James A. Bentley of Gainesville, recently liberated after 21 months as a German prisoner of war in Stalag 2-B, was seeing his first parade in years and "enjoying it immensely." Bentley, who was captured at the invasion of Salerno, was overseas for a total of two years and two months. He holds the Combat Infantryman's Badge and wears two battle stars on his campaign ribbons. He arrived home June 16 and is now visiting his brother, Jack Bentley, of 1310 Clarence.

Also wearing the T-Patch of the 36th Division was Pvt. Owen S. Hall of Fort Worth, whose wife and daughter, Mary Anne, live at 713 W. Peach. He served with the division in France and wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Army Air Force personnel were also prominent along the streets as they added their praise to that of their Army ground force teammates for the Texas general. Among the AAF combat veterans was Staff Sgt. Wright K. Evatt, brother of Mrs. C. L. Connally, 3016 Astor, veteran engineer gunner on a Flying Fortress with the 8th AAF based in England.

Pvt. V. F. Griffin, son of Mrs. Zoe Griffin of 2825 Hemphill, who returned home last month after 37 months as a B-24 airplane mechanic with the 8th Air Force in England, and Sgt. Gerald Laney of Olney, who served four months as a B-24 gunner with the 8th Air Force.

Mrs. Roy McCharen, 612 6th Ave., found special interest in seeing the general for her nephew, Capt. Milford Davis, now home on leave in Wichita Falls, who served under him in the 9th Army. Mrs. McCharen's son, Hoyt, is with the Merchant Marine at Catalina Island, Cal.

Mrs. Lee Scroggins, 806 E. Harvey, could hardly wait to get home in order to write her son, Sgt. Jerry Scroggins, now in Germany

with the 9th Army after one and a half years overseas, that she had seen his commander. With her was Mrs. Addie Wattenburger, 819 E. Harvey.

Others who were anxious to see Simpson because of brothers, son and other relatives in service were Mrs. Bert M. Davenport, 1928 Dartmoor Court, whose two brothers are Sgt. W. C. Lucas, now in France, and Pvt. J. D. Lucas, now in Italy; Miss Kathleen Peck, 1908 Forest Park, whose friend, Corp. Russell Neville of Odebolt, Iowa, is now serving with the 9th Army and holds the Bronze Star with four clusters and the Silver Star; Mrs. S. D. Brown, Route 3, whose son, Pfc. Charles G. Brown, recently returned to the States after service as a combat engineer of the 106th Division of the 1st Army and is now convalescing at Camp Carson, Colo.; Mrs. Bessie Smith of Midland, mother of two servicemen, Lt. N. T. Shirley, veteran of 71 missions as a B-25 pilot with the 12th AAF in Corsica, and Flight Officer Bill M. Shirley, B-24 bombardier now stationed in the Philippines.

Screaming with delight when General Simpson looked their way and waved were four members of the younger generation, Patricia Dell Browner, 506 W. Bluff; Patricia Ann Jones, 514 W. Bluff; Louella Woodruff, 2405 Bird, and Carol Lewis, 2409 Bird, who all came to town together for the parade.

Busy snapping pictures of Simpson as his jeep rolled by were N. J. Whitehurst, Paschal band director, and his son, Jack Whitehurst, Mercedes school band director, both amateur photographers.



IN HIS ARMS—Nine-year-old Jackie Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Constant C. Simpson, is shown in the arms of her uncle, Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson soon after he arrived at Municipal Airport. (Staff Photo).

Day Camp Series to Start

Members of the Fort Worth Boys Club will enjoy the first in a series of summer day camps Wednesday at Forest Park, Mrs. Hazel Leigh, executive secretary, announced Tuesday.

Attendance will be by written permission from parents. A bus will leave the clubhouse at 2000 Ellis at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday and will return about 3 p. m.

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'Hood' Happy as Any GI to Be Back in Texas

BY W. L. REDUS.

Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson folded his lanky frame into the rear seat of a jeep, grinned a wide-mouthed, friendly grin, and rode down Fort Worth's streets Tuesday afternoon between sidewalks jammed with crowds gathered to give him a warm-hearted welcome back to Texas.

The general, happy as any GI to be back and showing it, waved alternately with his right and left hands to the crowds lining the parade route, who returned the waves and added a comradely but not disrespectful, "Hello, Bill."

In the whipping breeze, flags along the sidewalk stood out straight in salute to the leader of the smashing 9th Army, and smaller American and Lone Star banners and "welcome" signs fluttered

from every lamp post. Streamers and torn bits of paper wafted down from taller buildings as the line of jeeps and staff cars passed. Spectators perched on every vantage point and hung out windows to join in acclaiming the Weatherford-born general.

Almost matching General Simpson's 6 foot 1 inch stature, Governor Stevenson rode in the front seat of the same jeep, doffing his white Western hat to the crowd.

Crowds Get Second Look.

General Simpson finished the parade sitting on the back of the seat of the tiny jeep to give himself a better chance to wave and nod to the spectators. Not satisfied with one look at him, the crowd shifted as soon as he had passed to take up new positions on the return route of the parade.

In front of the Fort Worth Club, where the parade ended, the crowd was so dense that officers had to open the way to the entrance. Well-wishers extended friendly hands to the general, who grasped them, still grinning broadly, as he passed.

Leading the parade was a band and guard of honor from Fort Worth Army Air Field. A formation of nine heavy, four-motored bombers roared in from the north and flew the length of the parade three times, the last time skimming close above the building tops. Another nine-ship formation of torpedo planes, high in the sky, also flew over three times.

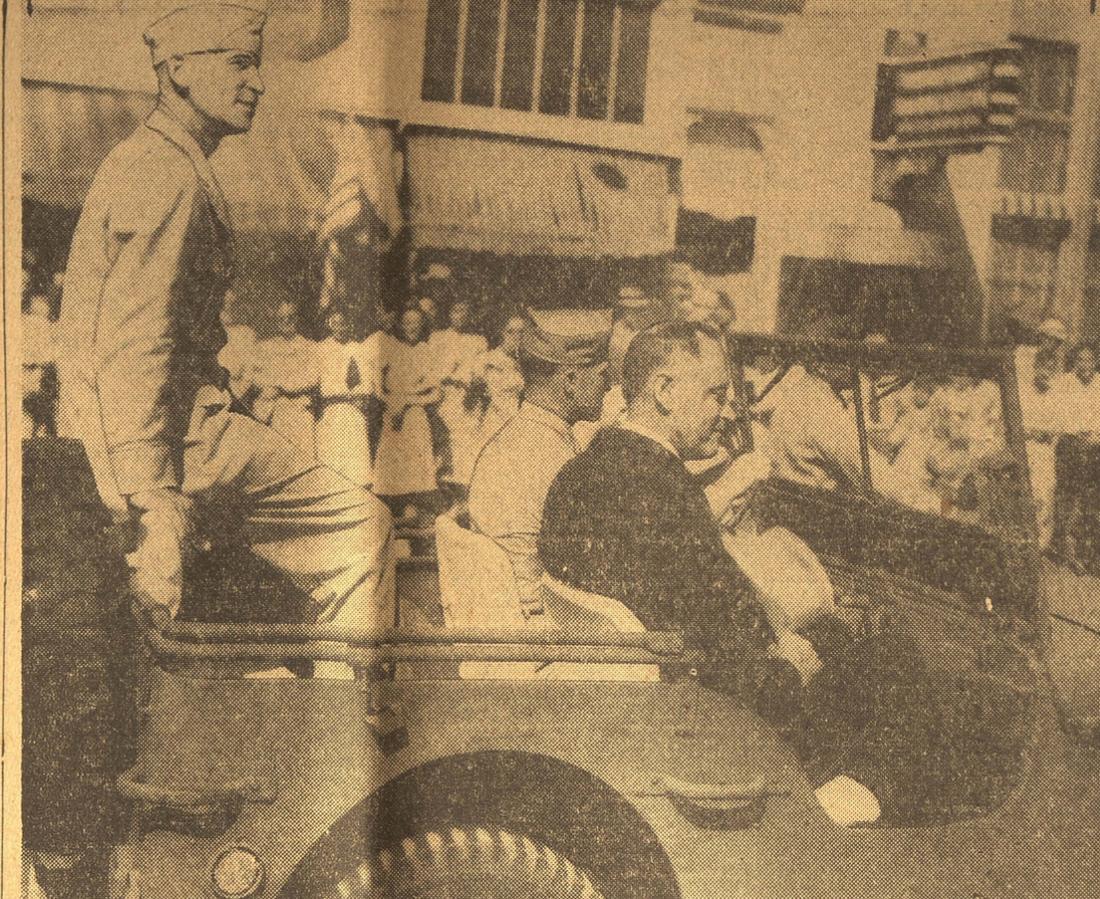
The way for the parading jeeps and staff cars was cleared by a V-formation of 15 police and State Highway Patrol motorcycles.

At the end of the parade, General Simpson stood up in the jeep, raised his hand high above his head in a final salute to the crowd, and leaped nimbly down to reclaim a scroll that had been presented to him when he arrived at the Municipal Airport.

Two to a Jeep.

Behind the jeep carrying General Simpson and Governor Stevenson was one containing Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount, commanding general of the Air Forces Training Command, and Amon Carter. Then, riding two to a jeep, came the following:

Maj. Gen. Bruce Magruder, commander of Camp Wolters, and Congressman Fritz Lanham, who accompanied General Simpson here from Washington; Brig. Gen. L.



SIMPSON WAVES TO CHEERING CROWDS—Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson waves from the back of an Army jeep to Fort Worth crowds lining downtown streets during the welcoming parade Tuesday afternoon. In the front seat is Governor Coke R. Stevenson who rode with General Simpson in the lead jeep. (Staff Photo).

B. Keiser, chief of staff of the 4th Army, San Antonio, and Mayor Pro Tem F. Edgar Deen Sr.; Brig. Gen. Frederick B. Butler, new commander of Camp Howze at Gainesville, and Homer Covey, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Brig. Gen. C. W. Sullivan, air inspector for the Training Command here, and Maj. John D. Horn of Staten Island, N. Y., aide to General Simpson.

Brig. Gen. James F. Powell, deputy chief of staff of the AAFTC, and William Holden, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce; Brig. Gen. William A. Matheny, deputy to General Yount, and Maj. James E. Whitmore, legislative liaison officer of the War Department and former Fort Worth attorney, who accompanied the Simpson party here; Brig. Gen. E. H. Marks, representing the 8th Service Command at Dallas, and Henry Love, Texas department commander of the American Le-

gion; Capt. Woodward W. Altgelt of San Antonio, member of Simpson's party, and Lt. Amon Carter Jr.

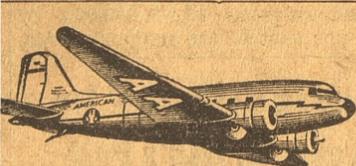
While her husband was receiving the crowd's plaudits, Mrs. Simpson rode in a staff car following the line of jeeps. With her was Mrs. Yount and Lt. and Mrs. Robert E. Townsend of San Antonio. The latter two flew here with General Simpson's party.

Riding in the parade were General Simpson's two brothers, John N. Simpson and C. C. Simpson of Fort Worth, members of their families, and several relatives.

Representatives from Aledo, Weatherford and Mineral Wells, towns closely associated with General Simpson's career, who came here to join in the reception and parade included Mayor Conrad Russell, W. E. Richards, Charles Fant, G. A. Holland, Jim L. McCall, James C. Wright, Willard Sadler, George Fant, Fred R. Cot-

ten, Minor Davidson and W. D. Newberry of Mineral Wells; J. A. Nichols, J. B. Bylie, A. C. and Guy Lasseter of Aledo; and Mayor John C. Miller, Ernest Mims, Orval Shore and W. P. Cameron of Mineral Wells.

Also at the airport to welcome the 9th Army commander were Dr. Grover Kempf, medical officer in charge at the USPHS Hospital; Lt. Cmdr. G. S. Rader, USPHS; Lt. Cmdr. H. C. Hastings, commander of the Navy Ferry Command unit at Municipal Airport; Lt. Cmdr. V. C. Burk, officer in charge, Naval Auxiliary Air Facility at Municipal Airport, and Lt. Col. S. R. Williamson, commander, Eagle Mountain Marine Air Station.



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Weatherford 'Homefolks' To Greet Simpson Today

WEATHERFORD, June 26 (Spl.)—The "homefolks" at Weatherford will gather around the Courthouse square Wednesday to extend a big welcome to Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson, the native son who led the 9th Army to victory in Germany.

There'll be a parade and speeches and a 15-gun salute, all honoring Simpson as a general and a fighting man. There'll be a lot of handshaking, too — hearty, friendly greetings to a well-liked "hometown boy" back for one of his rare visits.

A lot of those who greet him will be old-timers who knew him before he went away to West Point 40 years ago. More than a few will be his relatives, including his 87-year-old mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, and other close members of the family.

Some of the group of family and relatives he greeted on his arrival in Fort Worth Tuesday—the women with a kiss and the men with a warm handshake with an arm thrown about their shoulders.

Accompanying General Simpson here from Fort Worth will be his mother and his two brothers, John N. Simpson and C. C. Simpson, and their families. They will include Mrs. John Simpson, their two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Muldrow and Mary Ann Simpson, and their son, Jimmy; and Mrs. C. C. Simpson and their daughter, Jackie.

Also in the party will be Congressman Lanham, likewise a native of Weatherford, who accompanied General Simpson from Washington.

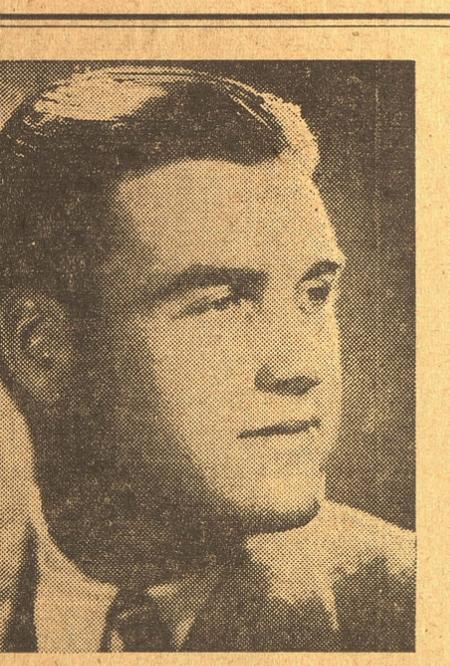
Here for the welcoming celebration also will be Mr. and Mrs. Hood Chatham, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Huster, and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wright and their daughter, Courteney, all of Fort Worth. Chatham, Mrs. Huster and Mrs. Wright are cousins of General Simpson.

Delegations from Aledo, where Simpson lived as a boy, and from Mineral Wells, Camp Wolters and

Fort Worth will join in the welcome. Bombers from Fort Worth Army Air Field will roar over the town during the parade.

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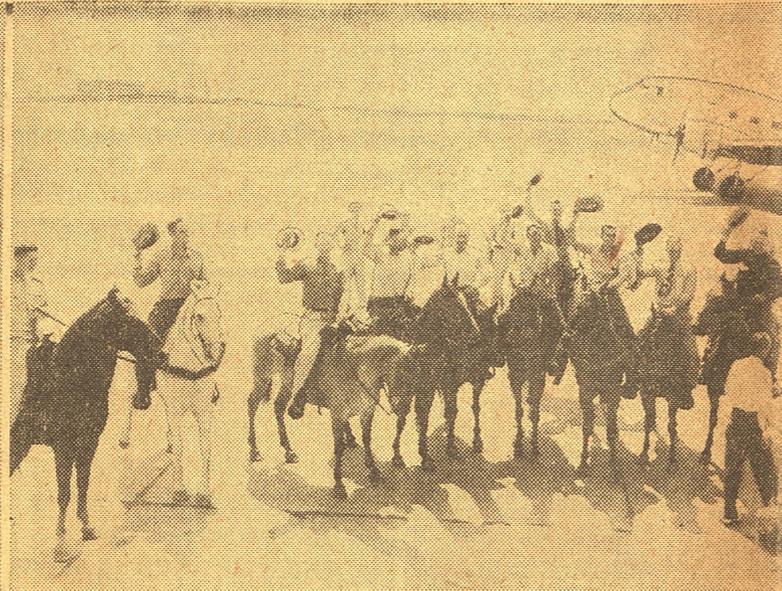
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WELCOME BACK TO TEXAS—Tall, sculptured, Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson was given a typical West Texas homecoming celebration when these members of the official welcoming committee lined up at the Municipal Airport. Left to right are Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount, commanding general of the AAF Training Command; Congressman Fritz Lanham, who flew here from Pittsburgh with the general; General Simpson, Mrs. Simpson, Governor Stevenson, Mrs. Yount, and Amon Carter.



TOUCH OF TEXAS—It was home on the range at Municipal Airport for General Simpson when these cowboys and their horses added color to the homecoming celebration. The cowboys and their mounts lined up for a western review for a returning Texas general—and the general, who is at home in the saddle, had a friendly howdy ready for the cowhands. And the weatherman co-operated! True to the "Home on the Range" refrain, the "skies were not cloudy all day."



WEATHERFORD'S TRIBUTE—Weatherford aviation enthusiasts flew eight planes from the Weatherford Airport to Municipal Airport Tuesday to add their greetings to "a hometown boy." Each plane bore in large letters painted on the body of the ship individual welcoming messages. Two Weatherford fliers are shown standing behind a Stinson proclaiming "Parker County Welcomes Hood Simpson." Left to right are Lloyd Smith and Ford White.



STANDING IN THE SUN—This crowd that came from Fort Worth, from Weatherford, and from Aledo thronged to the Municipal Airport Tuesday and were on hand when General Simpson and his party arrived in an Army Air Transport plane. They cheered the general when he said "I am glad to be back at home—at Fort Worth, at Weatherford, and—at Aledo." In the background is the entrance to the lobby of the administration building. (Staff Photos).