

Fort Worth, on Tuesday, June 26, had the pleasure as well as privilege of greeting and paying tribute to Lieutenant General William Hood Simpson for the magnificent job he and his Ninth Army did in Germany. The next day, our neighboring city of Weatherford, where the General spent his boyhood days, paid its tribute to the "home town boy".

Fort Worth's tribute consisted of a rousing reception at the airport upon the General's arrival, a gigantic street parade covering a distance of two miles-- the sidewalks packed with enthusiastic Texans-- and a reception at the Fort Worth Club for Fort Worth friends and representative citizens of neighboring cities. At the airport, General Simpson was welcomed by Governor Stevenson of Texas, Lieutenant General Barton K. Yount, commanding general, AAF Training Command; by other distinguished army officers, Fort Worth officials and civic leaders. A group of cattlemen in full cowboy regalia provided the proper West Texas touch at the airport and also took part in the parade. A squadron of B-32s and several squadrons of fighter and Navy planes joined in paying their respects. After the reception, General Simpson had dinner with his 87-year-old mother and other relatives at the family home.

Weatherford's celebration the following day was really a rousing demonstration of the affection that city and Parker County, of which it is the County seat, hold for the general. It was attended by thousands of his old friends and neighbors. Fort Worth and Weatherford really put the big pot in the little pot for the General. They never have had more enthusiastic crowds or staged more genuine demonstrations.

We are sorry that you and many other friends of General Simpson could not be with us to witness these celebrations. We would have enjoyed immensely having you.

Enclosed are clippings of news and editorial accounts of the General's visit, which I prevailed upon him to permit me to send to some of his friends. I trust they may be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

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