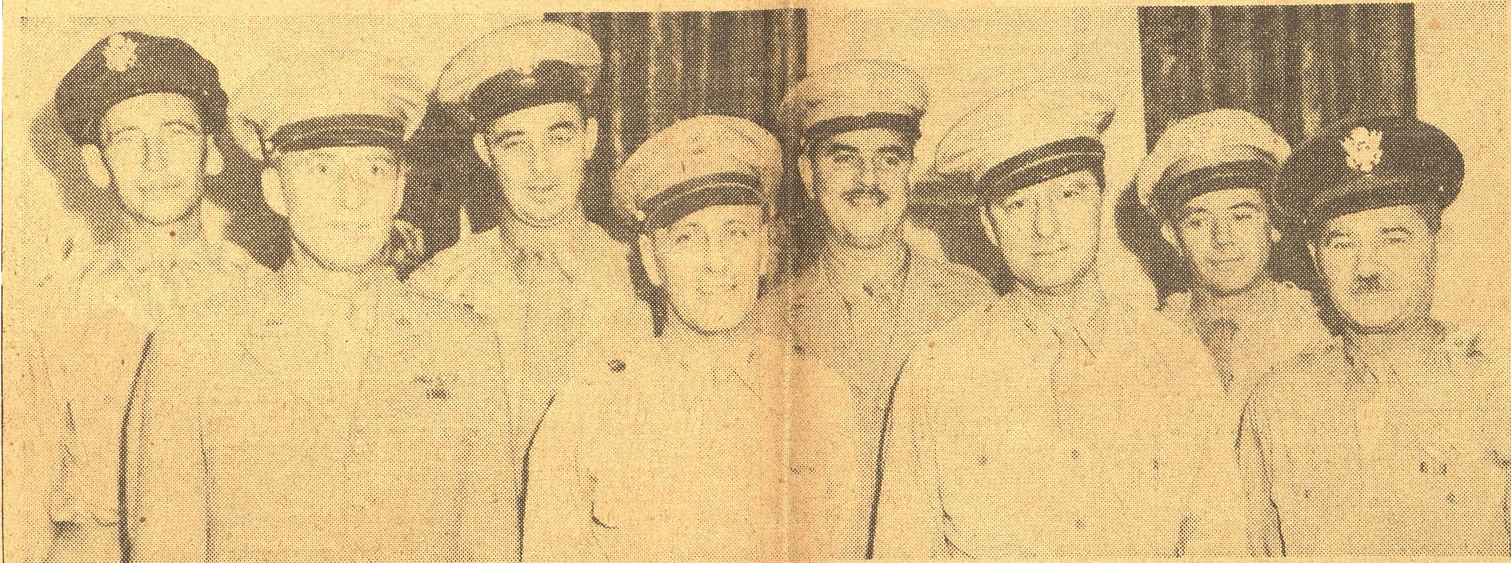


Air Transport Chief Here With Staff Members



Brig. Gen. Harold Lee George and seven staff members of his Air Transport Command are shown as they looked Saturday morning during a brief visit to Fort Worth and the Consolidated plant. Left to right, front

row, are Maj. J. H. Snyder, General George, Lieut. Col. J. G. Flynn and Col. H. W. Beaton. Back row, Capt. Fred Kelly, Capt. Fred Glass, Lieut. Ken Frogley and Lieut. Thomas F. Marrah.

—Star-Telegram Photo.

U. S. Is Air Transport Conscious, Says General George, Here on Plant Visit

The United States, long an air-minded country, because of the war now has become a Nation fully conscious of the importance of transporting freight, men and supplies by air, Brig. Gen. Harold Lee George, commanding general of the Air Transport Command, declared Saturday morning during a flying visit to Fort Worth and the Consolidated plant.

"A nation that first became air-minded now is airtransport minded," said General George as he commented on the new and encouraging attitude now existent toward the rapid moving of men and materiel through the air rather than by the comparatively slow ground methods.

"One very obvious fact stands out. And that is that everybody is concerned with the development of transport aircraft."

The 47-year-old general, on whose shoulders rests the responsibility of the ferrying of all aircraft wherever they might be needed and the moving by air of supplies, personnel and mail of the War Department, spent Friday night at the Fort Worth Club with seven members of his staff. They were guests of Amon Carter with Raymond Buck, attorney, and W. H. Wright, assistant to the vice president of Consolidated, for breakfast before going to the Consolidated plant for an inspection of transports or cargo planes being turned out by the plant for the general's command.

He left later in the morning to fly to Oklahoma, where he was to speak at a luncheon in connection with the dedication of a new plant of Douglas Aircraft, which also is to build the sky freighters. A mixup in plans for the dedication forced

him to cut short his Fort Worth visit.

While here General George received word that his promotion to the rank of major general is but the question of a few days.

He was presented with a Shady Oak hat by Carter, who remarked that it may be some time before the general can wear the hat with civilian clothes.

General George is a veteran in the heavy bombardment field. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his work with the Second Bombardment Group at Langley Field where tests were conducted of the first B-17 Flying Fortresses. He participated in the good will flights to South America, commanding one of the six Fortresses on the flight

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New German Drive Threat

BY EDDY GILMORE.

MOSCOW, Aug. 15 (AP).—German forces in the Kotelnikovski region southwest of Stalingrad fanned out in a threatening new drive Saturday toward Astrakhan where the Volga meets the Caspian, dispatches from the front said.

Other Nazis made fresh progress toward Stalingrad, forcing a "deep wedge" in Red army defenses south of Kleitskaya in the Don bend and pushing the Russians back even farther to the northeast of Kotelnikovski, which lies 95 miles from Stalingrad.

The new threat to the broad Volga, which is Russia's main waterway, was considered as dangerous if not more so than the twin thrusts against Stalingrad, great industria-

General George Says U. S. Is Air Transport Conscious

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from Langley Field to Buenos Aires and back in February, 1938.

In November, 1939, he commanded one of seven ships of the same type that flew to Rio de Janeiro and back. General George later served as commander of the Second Bombardment Group.

A native of Somerville, Mass., he entered the army in World War I and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Cavalry Reserve in May, 1917, completing an officer training course at Fort Myer, Va. He gained his discharge from the cavalry to enlist as an aviation cadet and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the aviation section of the Signal Corps in March, 1918. He served overseas with the 163rd Day Bombardment Group.

A graduate of the Air Corps Tactical School, he also served as a

member of the faculty and of the Command and General Staff School. He was assistant chief of the air staff in charge of war plans before his transfer April 1 of this year to the Ferrying Command, which since has been designated the Air Transport Command. He holds ratings as a command pilot and command observer. He attended George Washington University and holds an LLD degree from the National University, Washington.

With him here Saturday were Maj. J. H. Snyder, Lieut. Col. J. G. Flynn, Col. H. W. Beaton, Capt. Fred Kelly, Capt. Fred Glass, Lieut. Ken Frogley and Lieut. Thomas F. Marrah.

General George is no relative of Brig. Gen. Harold H. George, who flew with Gen. Douglas MacArthur from Bataan to Australia where he was killed in an airplane accident, but the two Generals George were close friends for 25 years.