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New Bong Stories Related On Anniversary of Death

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On the first anniversary of the untimely death of Maj. Richard I. Bong of Poplar, Wis., America's ace of aces, many interesting facts concerning the modest farm youth who skyrocketed to fame in the armed service of his country are revealed for the first time by the memorial foundation bearing his name.

The admiration and respect for the air hero who shot down 40 Japanese planes, held by his friends and neighbors in the tiny village of Poplar in northwestern Wisconsin, is indicative of the personality and character traits of Bong, the man.

Shunned Limelight
Bong never considered himself a famous personage. He never thought he was a hero and he consistently refused to accept the plaudits of the crowd. Inherently shy and overly modest, he shunned attempts of friends to place him in the limelight.

It is a matter of record that he usually tried to pass the glory on to others—to his ground crew, his flightmates and even to parents of all servicemen. It was his statement that "the real heroes of this war are the parents who sit and wait at home and suffer the real tortures."

Although Bong in early childhood showed keen interest in aeronautics and flying, it is doubtful that he ever thought he would realize an ambition to pilot a plane. He would gaze longingly at planes that passed over his father's farm, dreaming in awe at the miracle of flight.

Planned to Teach.
Of modest circumstances, he looked forward to a teaching career in his native state. To this end he was enrolled at Superior State Teachers college in Superior, Wis., during the days that fate was sweeping America towards war.

By May of 1941 Dick had entered the army. In November he was accepted as an air cadet. That Bong was an apt pupil and skillful in the handling of airplanes was indicated soon after his training started. In January, 1942, he was made an instructor at Luke Field. In September of that same year he was on his way to the Pacific theater, where he accomplished the deeds now so well known to the world.

'Probables' Unrecorded.
Other airmen, hailing his record of "kills," have stated that Bong shot down at least 9 or 10 more planes than he was credited with, but that because of his rather unorthodox methods of air-fighting, these never were recorded officially. He had a habit of trailing his enemy to doom and consequently no witnesses were on hand to verify these probables.

Of further interest is the observation that the majority of Bong's missions were accomplished at long range; he flew hundreds of miles most of the time before encountering actual combat. Even so, he managed to outscore all pilots, not only in the Pacific area but also on the European front.

His success and skill no doubt were accounted for by his accurate "eye." It was an accepted fact that Dick's eyesight was most unusual, for he could sight an enemy plane quicker than anyone else in his squadron. Once he got on the trail of a Zero, it was almost certain death for his foe, for he rarely missed.

Around his home town of Poplar friends will tell you even today that Bong had a real hunter's instinct. His mother has said that Dick observed things in the dark that others would miss. She tells

of his tramps into the woods, gun in hand and a faithful dog at his heels. The Bong family still retains Dick's favorite hunters.

Establishes Record.
On July 28, 1943, he became America's leading ace of World War II when he added four victims to his string. His total was 15 and he rapidly was approaching the mark set in World War I by Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker. He had engaged in his 25th operational flight.

In August, 1943, he was promoted to the rank of captain and in October he received the Distinguished Service Cross from General MacArthur for heroism over New Guinea's Markham valley on a mission flown July 26.

Bong passed Captain Rickenbacker's record of 26 planes on April 13, 1944, when he shot down his 26th and 27th enemy planes. In April, 1944, Bong was promoted to major and a short time later he was presented with the Congressional Medal

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Radar Gear Utilized In Ocean Oil Quest

NEW YORK.—Another postwar use of radar was disclosed with announcement that scientists in a diving chamber, using radar to fix exact location of their finds, will start soon on a hunt for ocean-bottom oil under 2,000 square miles of water in the northwestern Bahamas islands.

Work will get underway immediately, equipment already having arrived at Nassau aboard the 112-foot ship Stanba, which will serve as mother ship for the experts working below her. The ship formerly was used by the Canadian navy in anti-submarine work.

Many Texans Will 'Walk Themselves to Death'

AUSTIN, TEXAS.—Approximately 300 Texans will "walk themselves to death" this year, Texas Safety association predicts.

Most of the victims will walk with the traffic and will come from behind parked cars to be struck down, the association reports on the basis of a study of fatal accidents. Other pedestrians will meet death while crossing at intersections against the signal and while crossing diagonally across the street.

Pedestrian fatalities increase around the hour of sunset in all seasons of the year, the survey shows, with the greatest number of mishaps between 7 p. m. and 8 p. m. during the summer months. The Saturday and Sunday toll constitutes approximately 50 per cent of the total pedestrian accidents.

The survey covers fatalities during the first six months of the year.



FIRST SHOE REPAIRS . . . Volunteer French shoe cobblers are shown at work in one of the shoe repair projects established in Paris by the Salvation Army to provide repairs denied Parisians since outbreak of war.

ON THEIR FEET AGAIN

Parisians Secure First Shoe Repairs Since War Outbreak

Twenty-five thousand Parisians who have been wearing the same battered and tattered shoes since the war cut off all sources of leather—and new shoes—are having their first half-soles and new heels since 1940, as a result of a shoe repair project launched by the Salvation Army.

Spurred by reports that shoes are the most needed article in France today, the Salvation Army recently dispatched 500 shoe repair kits to that country. Each kit contained enough material for the repair of 50 pairs of shoes. Leather soles, leather and rubber heels, pieces of leather for patching of sides and uppers were included in the kit along with a hammer, repair knife and other equipment.

Several Parisian shoe cobblers volunteered their services to the French Salvation Army and these men have been working in the welfare department of the "Armees de Salut," taking care of long queues of French men, women and children, who were urged to come for free shoe repairs.

Referring to the dire need for shoes in France, returning Salvation Army investigators report that the few new shoes on sale not only are extremely expensive but also are very uncomfortable, the soles being made of wood and the tops of a heavy cotton material. Poorer people have managed to half-sole their old shoes with strips of abandoned tires while many, unable to procure even this material, are wearing shoes that literally are tied on. Many poor people are wearing makeshift sandals made of thin slats of wood.

State-Owned Farms Aid Food Shortage By Boosting Output

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Through its operation of four farms, the Illinois department of public safety ranks as one of the most extensive farm operators in the state, according to Director T. P. Sullivan. Three branches of the state penitentiary and the state farm at Vandalia farm a total of 7,928 acres and expect a 1946 crop with a valuation of more than \$250,000.

Complying with an order from Gov. Dwight H. Green that the state's farming activities be extended to the maximum to relieve the present food shortage, Sullivan arranged with the institutions to cultivate all available acreage.

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Absence of Stomach Proves No Handicap

BOSTON.—Eighty-nine persons in Boston have no stomachs, Dr. Frank Lahey of the Lahey clinic reports. Despite lack of a stomach, these people are well and happy, Dr. Lahey reports. Removal of the stomach eliminated danger of cancer and malignant growths. A loop of intestine is used as substitute.

One man has been living for nine years without a stomach.

Travel Fellowships

Providing school teachers with low-fare air travel fellowships on United States international airlines is the objective of a plan broached by J. Parker Van Zandt, director of aviation research at Brookings Institution. A teacher awarded a fellowship could "hitchhike" his way abroad and spend six to eight weeks of study and travel in a total cost of a few hundred dollars. Similar fellowships could be accorded foreign teachers to visit the U. S.

Off We Go

AVIATION NOTES

AVIATION TRAINING

Several aspects of aviation will gain momentum shortly as a result of educational programs set by scores of major colleges and universities. The Board of Regents of New York State has recommended a State Technical Institute of Aeronautics at Syracuse, N. Y., to provide two-year courses for high school graduates who wish to prepare for junior technical positions in the aeronautical industry. . . . Cornell university has taken over Curtiss-Wright corporation's research laboratory and wind tunnel at Buffalo, N. Y., for use in a co-operative research educational program. . . . Illinois U. has set up three aviation courses. They cover flight training, aviation technician training and airplane mechanics. . . . University of Texas plans a new course in airport management in addition to courses already offered in air transportation and airline administration and training. . . . Northwestern university is planning the establishment of new Institute of Aeronautics for the purpose of conducting research on the fundamental problems of the aviation industry, calling for an ultimate endowment of \$10,000,000. . . . A course in applied aerodynamics will be offered during the spring term at the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aeronautics at New York university. . . . Iowa Wesleyan college has added an aviation department with 16 semester courses. . . .

A man who can walk only with the aid of two crutches recently received his private pilot's license. The new pilot is Casmer J. Sikorski of Polonia, Wis., who is a victim of infantile paralysis. The license was granted by civil aeronautics administration after Sikorski had completed flight training at the Stevens Point, Wis., municipal airport. Sikorski owns his own plane, equipped with hand controls for all operations. . . .

Combine meat, salt, pepper and beaten egg yolks. Melt shortening in a small skillet. Add onion and cook five minutes. Pour scalded milk over bread cubes. Combine meat mixture with bread and milk. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into a greased 1 1/2 quart casserole and set in a pan of hot water. Bake in a moderate oven for one hour.

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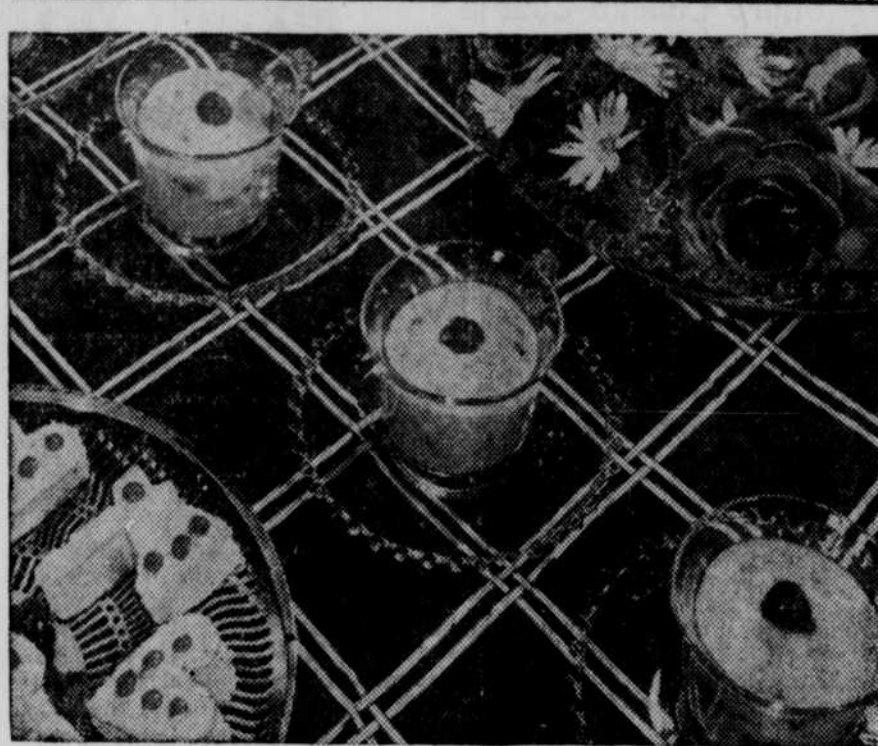
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ENTERTAIN PATIENTS

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Bread Makes the Pudding!
(See Recipes Below)

Don't Waste Bread!

Most of us don't think it matters one way or the other whether we throw away a stale slice of bread, but if each family were to save a slice of bread every day, the amount would feed many millions of hungry families who are less fortunate.

Small families, particularly find that the average loaf of bread dries rather quickly, and there are several slices within the week that are regarded as unfit for sandwiches. But there are literally thousands of uses for such bread.

Why not start on a personal campaign of your own just to see how much you can save by using every scrap of bread well? Spread the word to your friends and neighbors, and let's see if we can't really save food, which is the equivalent of putting dollars and cents in your pocketbook?

Here are ways to use those leftover pieces of bread with meats and vegetables. They stretch these other foods as well as make the dish more savory, which will be of interest to the palate as well as the purse.

Tangy Cheese Dish. (Serves 8)
5 cups toasted 1/2-inch bread cubes
1/2 pound American cheese, grated
3 eggs, beaten
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
2 1/2 cups milk

Alternate layers of cheese and toast cubes in a greased 1 1/2 quart casserole. Combine beaten eggs, salt, paprika, mustard and milk. Pour liquid mixture over bread and cheese in casserole. Bake in a moderate (350 degree) oven for 35 minutes.

Meat Souffle. (Serves 6)
2 cups ground cooked meat
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
4 egg yolks, beaten
2 tablespoons shortening
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 1/2 cups milk, scalded
3 cups bread cubes
4 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Combine meat, salt, pepper and beaten egg yolks. Melt shortening in a small skillet. Add onion and cook five minutes. Pour scalded milk over bread cubes. Combine meat mixture with bread and milk. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into a greased 1 1/2 quart casserole and set in a pan of hot water. Bake in a moderate oven for one hour.

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LYNN CHAMBERS' MENUS

- Salmon Salad
- Potato Chips
- *Tomato Surprise
- Watercress Salad
- Bran Muffins
- Beverage
- Blueberry Cobbler
- Cream
- *Recipe given.

- 1 teaspoon garlic salt, if desired
- 2 teaspoons celery salt
- 4 teaspoons salt
- 4 eggs, beaten slightly
- 2 cups dry bread crumbs
- 8 medium tomatoes

Combine cream cheese, milk and seasoning. Add salt to slightly beaten eggs. Place dry bread crumbs on pie plate. Slice each tomato crosswise into fourths. Place one tablespoon of the cheese mixture

on half of the slices. Top each with the other tomato slices. Place toothpick into middle of each "sandwich" to hold tomato slices together. Roll the tomato slices in the bread crumbs, dip in beaten egg and roll again in bread crumbs. Bake on a well-greased cookie sheet in a hot (400 degree) oven for 20 minutes.

Bread Griddle Cakes. (Makes 14 cakes)
2 cups dry bread crumbs
2 cups milk
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup finely grated apple

Soak dry bread crumbs in milk to soften. Add salt, cinnamon and soda to bread crumb mixture. Blend thoroughly. Add beaten eggs and apple; mix well. Drop by tablespoon onto a hot greased griddle. Turn over and brown on both sides. Serve with syrup, honey or apple sauce.

Now that so many fresh fruits are in season, you'll certainly want to make good use of them. Fruits combine well with bread crumbs and give a nourishing finale to the lighter meals we are accustomed to eating in warmer weather. Here's a lovely dessert dressed up to fit a queen's table:

Baked Fresh Peach Macaroon. (Makes 6)
6 medium fresh peaches
1 egg white, stiffly beaten
1/2 cup white corn syrup
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 cups coarse dry bread crumbs

Dip peaches in hot water to remove skin. Slowly combine beaten egg white and corn syrup, beating until blended. Add sifted brown sugar and bread crumbs. Cover peach with macaroon mixture. Place on a greased cookie sheet and bake in a moderate (350 degree) oven for 25 minutes.

Danish Apple Cake. (Serves 8)
1 quart applesauce
2 cups toasted bread crumbs
3 egg yolks, beaten
1/2 cup melted butter or substitute
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup sugar

3 egg whites
6 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Combine applesauce, toasted bread crumbs, beaten egg yolks, butter, cinnamon and sugar. Bake in a greased two quart casserole in a moderate oven, for 45 minutes. Remove from oven. Beat egg whites until stiff, add sugar gradually continuing to beat until mixture stands in peaks. Add vanilla. Top apple cake with meringue and return to oven for 15 minutes or until meringue browns.

It's a duty to see that no fat goes to waste. Here are quick tips: Every bit of fat left from cooking may be saved and used again unless it has scorched or is too strong in flavor.

Keep any fat from scorching and smoking. For once a fat reaches the smoking point, it gets rancid and it doesn't taste good.

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