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B-25 A TOUGH WEAPON

Famed Mitchell Bomber Flew Record Number of 10,700 Sorties and Dropped 12,000 Tons of Bombs in June, July and August, War Department Reveals

B-25 Mitchell bombers flew a record number of 10,700 sorties during June, July and August, the War Department today informed North American Aviation, Inc., manufacturers of the airplane.

The bombers, which are the only airplanes to have seen action on every front in this war, dropped approximately 12,000 tons of bombs during that period, the report revealed.

This is believed to constitute a record in the total of sorties by one type of airplane in World War II during a three months' period.

During the period, the Mitchells dropped bombs on military objectives in the following theaters:

(June) Pantelleria, Sardinia, Sicily, Italy, New Guinea, Dutch New Guinea, Timor, Solomon Islands, New Britain, Aleutian Islands, China, French Indo-China, Burma, Occupied Europe and Russia.

(July) Tanimbar, Timor, New Britain, New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Burma, Sicily, Italy, Aleutian Islands, Occupied Europe, and China.

(August) Burma, Aleutian Islands, Sicily, Italy, New Guinea, New Britain, Solomon Islands, Tanimbar, Timor, Occupied Europe and China.

During June, it was revealed, the B-25s carried out raids

against such widely separated targets as Pantelleria, Salerno, Salamaua, Lae and Hongay in French Indo-China and attacked Japanese forces in North Kiangsi Province in China and German forces in Russia.

In July the B-25s participated in the first raid of the war on Rome. They also dropped more than 80 tons of bombs on Comiso in southeast Sicily during one attack. Around the world, at Canton, the B-25s were credited with sinking or damaging 15 river craft during a single raid. In larger force, B-25s of the 12th United States Air Force based in northwest Africa on July 19 carried out one of the longest action flights ever undertaken by medium bombers in that part of the world, in attacking the great twin Ciampino Airdrome, located 8½ miles southeast of the center of Rome and some 1000 miles from their base.

On August 17, the B-25s took part in the most smashing vic-

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WAR CHEST DEDUCTIONS

Deduction of War Chest contributions which were pledged by North American employees during the War Chest campaign will be made from the various payroll groups as follow, according to announcement by the Payroll Dept.:

Bi-weekly checks to be distributed Nov. 23.

Hourly checks to be distributed Nov. 29.

Semi-monthly checks to be distributed Nov. 30.

General Branshaw Praises NAA Plant

High praise for North American Aviation's Kansas City division was given by Maj. Genl. Charles E. Branshaw, Chief of Materiel Command of the Army Air Forces, in a recent visit to the plant.

"It looks like you will continue to bat B-25s right out to us," he said. "Your production problems seem to be over. We are expecting great things from this plant and I know you can do it. It's the best laid out plant I've seen yet."

Allocate Housing Project Rush Order To Serve NAA

The Federal Housing Administration has assigned 350 family units to a \$1,800,000 housing project on a 36-acre tract on the old Fairfax Hills golf course between the Quindaro Homes project and the Kansas City, Kansas, Water & Light Co. plant. The site of the project is 1.15 miles from the plant at the closest point.

Announcement of the new housing development, to consist of 49 buildings—all of them four, six or eight-unit "garden apartments"—was made by Fairfax Hills, Inc., the development company.

To qualify as a renter in the new housing project, the Federal Housing Administration has set up the following requirements:

1—The renter must be an immigrant war worker—one who has come into the Kansas City area since July 1, 1942, and is not properly housed.

2—War workers in essential plants not now properly housed. The apartments will be of two sizes—one-bedroom combinations renting for \$39.99, and a two-bedroom size renting for \$50.00. In addition there will be a fee, fixed by the federal agency, for utilities.

Each apartment will be (Continued on page 3)

One of 49 Apartment Buildings Projected for Fairfax Housing

