A GOOD BOOK TO READ

SIGNED WITH THEIR HONOUR—

James Aidridge - Little, Brown ($2.50).

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" . . . . and the victorious Greeks perished; merciless sorrow was everywhere, everywhere terror, and many a form of death."—Vergil.

Here is a hard-hitting lusty story about youthful airmen who daily flirt with sudden death in the bright, blue skies of Greece—a narrative set against an ancient background, familiar to meet as the home of the great gods and heroes rather than a stage for the brutal scenes of modern war.

Flight Lieutenant, John Quayle, with his friends of Eighty Squadron are ordered to proceed to Crete from the inferno of summer in Libya, and thence to Greece to furnish air support to the Greek army struggling with the Italians in the northern mountains. There is no lack of courage but planes and equipment are not equal to the task. Ordered back, the remnants of the squadron finally reach Athens now threatened by the oncoming Nazi horde. John, Hickey and Tap leave Greece during the desperate evacuation of British troops under constant attack by German bombers. "As he left Athens behind he took a deliberate last look at the white city in the clear haze. It was very well formed and the Acropolis was clear, jutting in the middle of it. The Lycabettus dominated the whole city, and the Parnes was like a stage backdrop to the whole white section of the buildings. It did not fade He took a deliberate look and turned around and did not look at it again."

Hickey is gone but Quayle finds Tap in Crete. If anyone still wonders how this island was so swiftly conquered by air-borne Nazi invasion, let him read here, and learn how irresistible air power can be when the invader disregards the cost and the defender must fight with scanty equipment. This is the most devastating account which has come to this reviewer's attention of the brave but futile attempt of the British forces to cope with this new kind of offensive.

Quayle learns also that Helen has reached Crete in safety. John had met a Greek girl, Helen Stangou, shortly after his arrival in Athens, and later in northwest Greece where she had come to do first aid work. Mutual attraction brought love—a love in which war, the daily fight for survival and the unusual circumstances of their meetings rule out the usual formalities of romantic courtship. Here life is lived hurriedly and with no conviction of future happiness. Only the immediate present is real and certain.

James Aldridge, 23-year-old Australian war correspondent, who has seen action in Finland, Norway, Greece, Egypt, Crete and Libya, deserves much credit for this convincing novel of life among the gallant airmen of the British Empire who came to the aid of their allies. It would be wrong however, to suppose this first novel just another eye-witness account of the Greek campaign. John, Hickey and Tap are real people who have come from different parts of the world to accomplish a task, unpleasant though it may be. Beneath the youthful casualness of their manner, one senses true friendship and a calm decision to pay whatever cost is necessary.

(Any book reviewed in this column will be sent to you postpaid by the Washington College Bookstore, Chestertown, Md., upon receipt of order accompanied by check or money order.)

Epilepsy Aid

Some dramatic improvements in the condition of epilepsy patients are reported to have resulted in Boston from the use of the drug epanutin. Three out of four of the cases treated were found to respond better to epanutin than to other methods of treatment. The new method, however, is not without its disadvantages, sometimes causing such distressing effects as skin trouble, unsteadiness and even acute "seasickness." Drs. Putnam and Merritt of Boston are attempting to obviate these defects of the drug.

The Nation At War ★

A complete coverage of the week's news on the all-out effort of the United Nation's fight for freedom.

Gen. MacArthur's Australian headquarters reported September 21 that Australian troops have cleaned out the entire Milne Bay area at the South-eastern tip of New Guinea, thus consolidating the biggest Japanese defeat of the war in the Australian zone. Despite heavy fighting in the Owen Stanley mountains pass where the Japanese have thrust forward to within 32 air miles of the Allied base at Port Moresby, Gen. MacArthur's bombers and fighters have made heavy raids on Japanese troops and on key enemy bases in the northeast Australian zone in a continuing offensive.

A strong Japanese naval force, including battleships and cruisers, was attacked by Army bombers northeast of Tulagi, with possible hits on two battleships, the Navy reported September 19. After the attack, the Jap fleet turned and fled northward. U. S. Marines continued to hold their positions in the Solomons despite constant air attacks from the enemy and successful landings of small numbers of enemy troops and supplies. U. S. planes destroyed 41 more enemy planes in the Solomons fighting Army planes in several raids on Japanese-held Kirka in the Aleutians destroyed many installations and inflicted the following damage: two minesweepers sunk, six ships damaged, 500 troops killed, seven large and small planes destroyed. Two U. S. planes were lost in a collision.

Army headquarters in London announced a force of American parachute troops have been in Britain some time undergoing intensive training. Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet Nimitz said the December 7 damage to Pearl Harbor has been repaired "far beyond expectations." The Navy announced the aircraft carrier Yorktown was sunk June 7 after it climaxed 104 days of continuous battle cruising by locating the last of the four Japanese carriers which attacked Midway. News of the Yorktown's sinking was withheld, the Navy said, because the enemy possibly was not aware of it. The Navy also announced three more United Nations merchant ships were sunk by enemy subs in August.

Superior Ore Supply

The Lake Superior district, which now furnishes four-fifths of America's iron ore, has reserves of present commercial grade sufficient to supply the anticipated demand upon the district for about 40 years.

Woman Grabs Hawk

When Mrs. Burton Kidd of Varrier, Mills, Ill., saw a blue teal hawk descending on her chickens she didn't hesitate. She waded right into the flock, grabbed the hawk by the legs and hung on. When the feathers of the scrap had cleared away Mrs. Kidd had the hawk.

New Cartoon Sells War Bonds

The above cartoon poster, especially drawn to promote the sale of War Bonds and Stamps, will soon be seen throughout the United States. It is one of four new posters stressing new themes in the War Bond campaign. *U. S. Treasury Dept.*

RATIONING AND RUBBER

"Three-fourths of the nation faces the prospect of uncomfortably cold homes this winter," Price Administrator Henderson said in announcing coupon rationing of fuel oil which will reduce consumption by 25 percent. Machinery for the program will be set up by October 15. The area affected includes the 17 Eastern States and the District of Columbia where gasoline rationing is already in effect, as well as Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Kentucky.

The Office of Price Administration said apartment houses and commercial, industrial and institutional establishments able to convert oil burning furnaces to coal, but which refuse to do so, will be denied fuel oil rations. Only hospitals, where such a move would present serious health hazards, will be expected. Special provisions will be made in the rationing program for sections of the country with "unusual" climate. The OPA said consumers in the rationed area may fill their tanks up to 275 gallons between now and September 30, but oil purchased during this time will be deducted from their allotments for the entire heating season.

Agriculture Secretary Wickard, acting on authority from Mr. Henderson, issued a temporary order to ration new farm machinery and equipment, appointing Fred S. Wallace, AAA Administrator, to administer the program at the national level. OPA placed a printing order for the first issue of 150 million "all-purpose" ration books, to be called War Ration Book No. 2 designed for rationing any article or commodity, and to be distributed throughout the nation probably before Christmas. William M. Jeffers, President of the Union Pacific Railroad, was appointed Rubber Director by President Roosevelt and WPB Chairman Nelson with "full responsibility for and control over the nation's rubber program in all of its phases."

LABOR SUPPLY

War Manpower Chairman McNutt said he considers adoption of national service legislation inevitable in order to place talents where they will best serve the war effort. The mere existence of power to force an individual to serve where he is most useful is probably all that will be necessary, he said. Labor shortages are becoming more acute and now exist in 35 centers of war production, he reported. Selective Service Director Hershey said that to keep production going and at the same time furnish men for the armed forces, industry should establish now an orderly replacement program.

The WPA and the U. S. Employment Service set up a system whereby capable, certified persons on WPA rolls will be directed to jobs in industry and agriculture as needed. Approximately 850,000 persons were employed or awaiting assignment to WPA projects July 1—20 percent of the total active file of the Employment Service.

TRANSPORTATION

At the request of WPB Chairman Nelson, the Defense Plant Corporation authorized Henry J. Kaiser, west coast shipbuilder, to construct three giant experimental cargo planes at a cost of $18,000,000. The first is expected to be completed in 15 months, the second in 20 months, and the third in 25 months. Mr. Kaiser also was asked to draw up plans for a factory in which the planes could be produced in volume in the event they are needed. The Senate passed and sent to the House legislation authorizing the Government to acquire private or public transportation facilities for the carrying of Federal employees and war workers to and from their jobs—only, however, when existing facilities are entirely inadequate.

FARM PRICES

Price Administrator Henderson said if farm prices are allowed to rise under existing price regulations the cost of food to the American people will be increased by two billion dollars in the remainder of this year. Agriculture Secretary Wickard said cash farm income this year will give the farmers a per capita income 33 percent greater than they received on an average in 1909-14—in large part due to greater per capita production.

The Commodity Credit Corporation will finance an Agricultural Marketing Administration program to purchase work products processed from approximately 1,000,000 hogs, designed to relieve the price squeeze on small packers and to assure large supplies of processed products from the record 1942 spring pig crop. Small packers are considered those who killed less than 250,000 hogs in 1941, including slaughtering by affiliated companies, and who cannot continue to process hogs profitably. The OPA announced it will place its first ceilings on fruit at the producer stage on dried prunes and raisins.

ARMY

War Secretary Stimson told his press conference that the health of the Army in training in the U. S. is better than ever before during wartime, and it is expected the general admission rate will be about 10 percent lower in 1942 than in 1941. Throughout 1941 and so far this year, the death rate has been the lowest in the history of the Army. Through the Army Administration Officer Candidate School, enlisted men who have been accepted for limited service and enlisted men between the ages of 45 and 50 may receive commissions and if they have equal qualifications, they will be given preference over men eligible for combat duty, the War Department said.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Selective Service Director Hershey said the size of the Army this year has been increased from the 4,500,000 total announced as the 1942 objective by Chief of Staff Marshall in June. Gen. Hershey said he expected married men with children would be called "the last quarter of 1943 at the very earliest, but I would like to hedge to the extent that the Army's requirements may go up"; 18 and 19 year-olds must be drafted next year, or "1,000,000 or 1,500,000 family men" will be taken; and it is expected unmarried men with dependents will be called this year.

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