

GI GIFTS FROM JAPAN MOSTLY TROPHIES, TOYS

Bad Weather Delays Planes in Mail Service to States.

Yokohama — UP — American Christmas trees some Dec. 23 are going to be decorated with a lot of odd gifts this year—such as Japanese rifles, swords and bugles and dainty but fragile Nipponese toy dolls.

A former Mitsubishi Co. warehouse on the Yokohama waterfront was, until recently, stacked high with long and weird-looking parcels awaiting loading onto ships.

The boss of the warehouse is an American army officer—Maj. Robert L. Gower of (6111 Alder court, S. E. Atlanta, Ga., commander of the veteran Seventh base post office that is now operating out of Yokohama after working its way through all the southwest Pacific campaigns.

Base for 27 APO's. This post office handles all incoming and outgoing mail for 27 APO's in northern Honshu and Hokkaido. Usually it handles around 8,000 sacks of parcel-post matter a week. Lettermail, mostly airmail, averages about 3,000 pounds a day. Christmas mail and packages from home will shoot these figures up.

"We tried to get all the packages back to the States by Nov. 15," Gower said. "That should give plenty of time for distribution by Christmas." GIs had a mid-October mailing deadline for Christmas packages to the States.

Airmail goes right out—weather permitting—and Gower estimates

the average letter gets to its destination in the States in about 10 days. A letter from home takes about the same time to reach a GI in Japan.

Bad Weather. "Of course, over here weather doesn't always permit," Maj. Gower admitted. "We've already had three typhoons that really put a crimp in things. For 10 days, we had no plane service at all—and it's taken a long time to move the backlog that accumulated during that time."

The disastrous typhoon that struck Okinawa early in October

wrecked postal facilities on that war-torn island but no mail was lost, although several sacks did get soaked by the rain that came with the storm.

Some in Bad Shape. Looking over the remaining piles of boxes and packages on the floor of the warehouse, Gower put in the usual postman's warning to all mailers: "Wrap them as though they were going to support a helluva lot of weight in the hold of a ship."

Some of the GI-fabricated boxes that have been broken by the time they arrived at the base post office.

Others, Maj. Gower is afraid, won't make the grade of the long haul home.

The Eighth army postal officer, Lt. Col. James Newton of (642 Norfolk Dr.) Kirkwood, Mo., near St. Louis, also put in a warning about labeling packages heading for the States.

Newton pointed out that packages valued at less than \$50 pass customs with no fees. But trinkets worth more require a customs fee, which for the time being must

always be collected from the addressee. Both Newton and Gower are on leave from tasks with the U. S. postal service in their home cities.

Mask-making is one of the most ancient of arts.

HIS OWN VICTIM. Torrington, Wyo. — (UP) — Mayor Mert Kellam instructed his police force to start a traffic enforcement drive, with special attention being given to those cars parked in alleys of the business district. Short-

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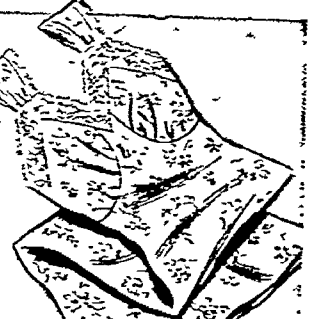
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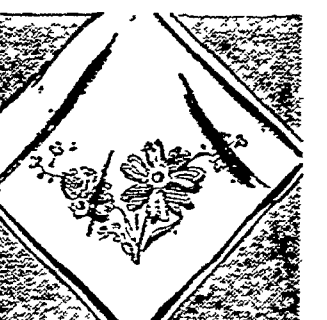
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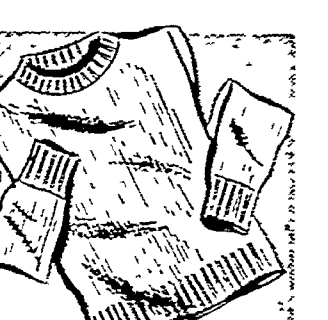
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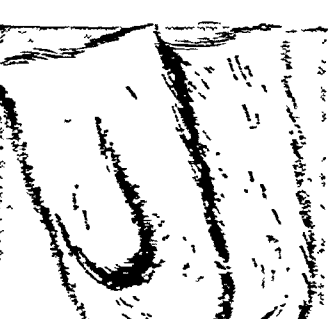
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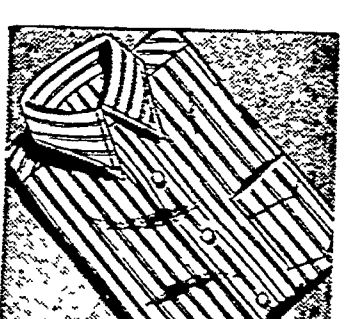
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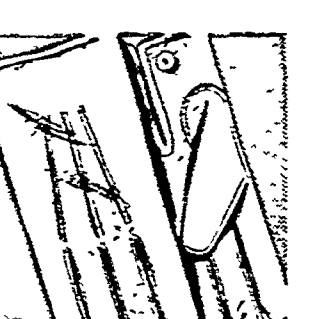
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