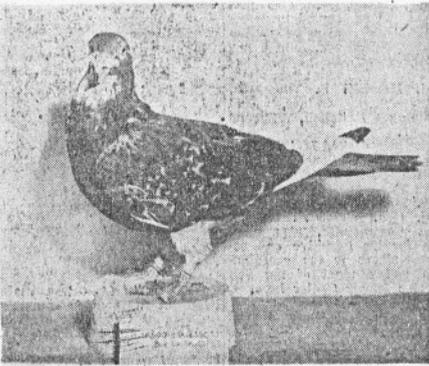


# Winged Army Heroes Retired To Public Zoos

FORT MONMOUTH — 'Global Girl,' 'Caesar,' and other Army pigeon heroes of World War II shortly will be retired to public zoos throughout the country, Maj. Victor A. Conrad, Post Commander, has announced. The allocation of this select group of war birds, each credited with flying twenty or more combat messages, to national institutions, will mark the departure of the last of the Army Signal Corps trained couriers. The Pigeon Breeding and Training Center here, where the birds were sold here on March 1 to pigeon enthusiasts in all parts of the country. Delivery of the 15 heroes to their special Army home, the 'Churchill Loft' is expected to begin later this month. When placed in their new homes, the general public will be able to see these pigeon heroes, who by their heroic deeds in Italy, North Africa, Burma and Europe, carried a special niche in American military history.



**G. I. JOE** — Saved British Brigade, awarded England's Dicken's medal. Together with C. O. D. who flew 20 combat missions in the Mediterranean will be sent to the Detroit Zoological Park. (Photo by Duffy, USASPubA)

**New Homes**  
The pending dissemination will have the 15 hero birds retired in eight public zoos, parks from here to the coast.

**Joe**, the famous pigeon, saved the lives of 1,000 British troops, tops the list of heroes. He and C.O.D., the last having twenty combat missions in the Mediterranean Theater will be placed in the Detroit Zoological Park in Michigan.

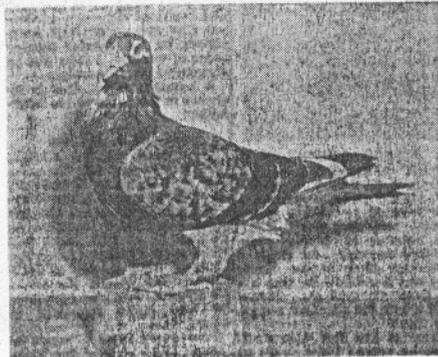
The Baltimore Zoo in Druid Park, Maryland, will receive Yank and Apex. Yank is known for carrying the message about the fall of Gafsa in Tunisia, while Apex flew over the most important combat mission in the India-Burma theater operations.

Another pair of war heroes, Caesar and Flipper, are slated for the Oak Park Zoo in Montgomery, Alabama. Caesar is credited with 44 combat flights in North Africa, in addition to a 900-mile flight crossing the Mediterranean with an important message to American troops in Tunisia. Flipper is a combat veteran of 20 missions in Europe.

National Park in Washington D.C., the National Park Service.  
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**YANK** — Carried the message about the fall of Gafsa in Tunisia. Yank's new destination is the Baltimore Zoo in Maryland. Yank's new destination is the Baltimore Zoo in Maryland's Druid Hill Park which will also get Apex of India-Burma fame. (Photo by Duffy, USASPubA)



**CAESAR** — With 44 combat missions in North Africa, will go to the Oak Park Zoo in Montgomery, Ala., with another war hero — Flipper — a combat veteran of 20 missions in Europe. (Photo by Duffy, USASPubA)

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ional Zoological Park will house Anzio Boy and Global Girl. The former completed 38 wartime missions in Italy, while Global Girl delivered 23 messages over far-flung areas in the Mediterranean Theater. Two sites in Ohio will be the new homes of four more heroes.

The Dayton Museum of Natural History will be presented Lady Karen and Special Delivery, and the Cleveland Zoological Gardens in Brookside Park receiving Pro Patria and Crossed Flags.

Lady Karen's record includes 31 missions and 20-plus for Special Delivery. Both birds flew in Italy. Pro Patria is on record with 35 combat messages in Italy, and Crossed Flags having over 20 combat flights in the European Theater.

Out on the west coast, the Woodland Park Zoological Garden in Seattle, Washington, will be the new home for Geronimo and Eureka. Both hero pigeons made heroic flights in Europe, with Geronimo credited with 30 missions and over twenty by Eureka.

Scoop is the other remaining hero and this pigeon with 20 combat missions for the American troops in Algiers, will go to the Riverside Park Zoo in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. For mating purposes, one female non-hero is being dispatched with Scoop.

All told, there will be nine non-hero pigeons coupled with the heroes.

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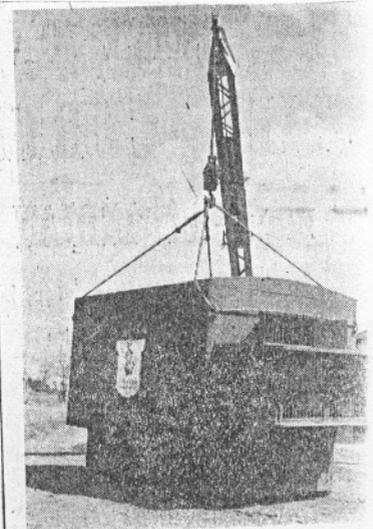
## Pigeons to Get Official Welcome

FORT MONMOUTH — The initial delivery of 15 hero pigeons of World War II, will be made on Friday with two of these famous birds being officially presented to the Dayton Museum of Natural History.

'Lady Karen' and 'Special Delivery', both credited with outstanding combat flights in Italy, are being turned over by the U.S. Army Signal Corps to the Dayton Museum. The heroes have all been housed at Fort Monmouth's Pigeon Center since the end of World War II.

Military officials in the Dayton area and museum officials will welcome the pigeon heroes at a special ceremony that afternoon.

Deliveries to seven other national institutions throughout the country of these war heroes will follow the Dayton presentation.



**EMPTY PIGEON COOP** is about to fly through Property Disposal Office's storage area preparing sold at retail property sale there tomorrow. Pigeon training equipment is up for sale, following termination of pigeon breeding and training at the lofts here. Items include pigeon timers, water fountains and cages. Also scheduled to such surplus items as photographic and sporting hand and power tools, quantities of paint, instruments and furniture. Sale begins at 8:15 hours 1600 at Bldg. 2145 on Bataan Ave. in Camp Wood by Bova, USASPubA.