

# Wartime Graduates of Shreveport Nursing Schools



Members of the winter graduating class at Shreveport Charity hospital are shown above (left to right):



The Charity hospital spring graduating class (left to right):



Graduating class at North Louisiana sanitarium (left to right):

99 NURSES WILL GRADUATE ON TUESDAY HERE

Joint Exercises Will Be Held at 8 p. m. at Municipal Auditorium

Ninety-nine young women from Shreveport and Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas will be graduating from five local nursing schools at joint exercises at the Municipal auditorium, 8 p. m. Tuesday.

These will be the first such ceremonies since the war and a homecoming for many of those who have been in the service.

Education institutions with the United States military service will be present.

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Graduation class at Schumpert sanitarium: Group picture in center (left to right):



Tri-state hospital graduating class (left to right):



Highland sanitarium graduating class (left to right):

**TEXANS, LA. MEN CITED**

**Heroism in Philippines by Son of W. Carroll Woman Rewarded**

Washington, D. C., May 9 (AP)—Pittman, Tex., and one Louisiana man were awarded the Douglas fourth degree of the Purple Heart for heroism in the Philippines.

One of the Texans, Pvt. Ernest Charles T. Durham of Kibbourn, Wash. second prize, La. He received a Silver Star.

The award was announced by the navy department but no information was available as to the individual actions for which they were made.

The Louisiana man was Ernest Joseph Irwin, whose home address is Atterville. He is a pharmacist and served in the Philippines.

Among the Texans receiving a Purple Heart was Ernest W. Bessley, son of a congressman who was killed in the Philippines.

Only about one in every 100 people in Texas is normally engaged in factory work.

## DUTCH ENTER AIR TRAINING AT JACKSON

### Consider American Visit Short Detour From Java to Tokyo

Jackson, Miss., May 9 (AP)—A contingent of air-trained Dutchmen who consider their American visit just a short detour from Java to Tokyo arrived here late yesterday to enter training for the air service.

The number was not made public but their arrival was the signal for an official announcement today that men from the Dutch East Indies, as well as Britishers already over here by the hundreds, would be schooled in the southeast army air forces training center.

"Most Detour"

The Dutchmen preferred to be vague about the trip up from the south Pacific, and their post of departure remained a military secret.

"The point is," said Lieut. Col. J. J. Somer, in charge of the detachment, "that we see here, and that we can train better here than anywhere else in the world."

"My men," added the colonel in fluent English, "consider the Dutch States just a short detour from Java over to Tokyo."

The contingent, composed of Dutch and Japanese aviation students, their instructors and their officers, recently were employed in varying stages of training of combat in Java when war conditions impeded further progress.

Not only pilots but navigators, bombardiers and instructors were in the group. Students, officers, and instructors of both the Dutch army and navy were represented.

Officers and the detachment brought with it both flying and ground instruction, and would operate as a unit under the supervision and impossible to train at night because any illumination would have made their home field a target for the enemy.

Distances of the group, just out of Java, were made their home field a target for the enemy.

Some of the Dutchmen are very anxious to be in uniform and get back to the fight.

"My men are very anxious to be in uniform and get back to the fight," every detail on a home-made jacket.

He said his men, who would fly 150 hours to complete and have more difficult to get daytime training in than 120 separate pieces. Such goes Java because of the threat of Java home has 20 pieces.

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