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Worked Here in 1938

The defendant in the current court martial trial was employed in the Wisconsin Rapids Ford agency back in 1938, when the garage and salesroom were on Fourth avenue south, where the A & P grocery is today.

Beaufort Swancutt, "dark handsome and a lady's man," as a former colleague remembers him, didn't last more than five or six months as an automobile salesman because of some characteristics which got him into his last, most serious, trouble recently.

Finally Let Him Go

"He was a nice chap, very charming and pleasant when he was sober, but his downfall was whisky and women," a colleague recalls. "He was getting into one scrape after another, whisky trouble and woman trouble, so finally his employers had to let him go."

Beaufort resembled his brother "Woody," the champion boxer, excepting that Beaufort was darker, not quite so handsome, a former acquaintance recalls.

The Swancutt family lived for a time in the 1930's in Wisconsin Rapids and also in Stevens Point.

Major Woodrow Swancutt is now in the India theater of operations. Maj. Swancutt boxed frequently in Wisconsin Rapids while living here and later became national intercollegiate champion in the 155 pound class while fighting under coach Johnny Walsh at the University of Wisconsin.

"Woody" Very Popular

"Woody," as he was known throughout Wisconsin, won the 155 pound title in 1939 and was a member of two national championship mitt teams. "Woody" was extremely popular among the fans and athletes and compiled an impressive knockout record while fighting for the Badgers. He was also well known in sporting circles as a fine softball pitcher and hurled many games in the central Wisconsin area.

Swedish Firms Are Being Investigated For Blacklisting

Washington—(AP)—The state department made known today that a considerable number of Swedish firms is being investigated for blacklisting and action against them probably will be taken within the next few days.

The information came out in connection with a statement by the department that no firm "has been or will be included in the proclaimed list merely because means of pressure may exist by reason of American connections."

Today's announcement was the latest in a series of developments stemming from the efforts of the United States, Britain and Russia to persuade Sweden to stop sending ball bearings to Germany. The principal Swedish ball bearing manufac-

Wing, who was born just outside New London and whose home is Shiocton, was convicted in 1934 of robbing a bank at Pulaski on December 27, 1933, and at that time was given a 16 to 20 year term at Waupun. Freed after serving 10 years, he came to Wisconsin Rapids and, under probation to the state department of public welfare, began work here last February as a paper mill employee.

Arrested in a rooming house here Friday night by Chief of Police Exner, Officer Wilfred Gloden and a federal agent, Wing was questioned all Friday night, revealing only that he had borrowed a car and had been gone all day Friday, driving east to Shiocton to visit his parents, then going to Shawano where he called on a lawyer, thence back to this city.

Term Story an Alibi

Shiocton, police reasoned, is the next town east of New London on Highway 54, and the purported visit there might be a good alibi for Wing in case he had been recognized Friday while driving in that direction.

Police searched the car and Wing's room but found no evidence of the gun used in the holdup, the little black bag which Wing had carried lately and which was similar to one the holdup man carried, nor trace of the \$1,000 taken at New London Friday.

Earl Wing himself seems less touched by his arrest than anyone else in the case, either police or federal agents. He refused to answer most of the questions put to him by police Friday night, laughed aside other questions and refused to reveal a thing or admit anything.

However, H. A. Romberg, assistant cashier of the New London bank, identified Wing in a police Sec—ROBBERY—Page 8.

CARRIER FORCE RAIDS MARCUS

(By the Associated Press)

Marcus Island, 1,190 miles southwest of Tokyo, was heavily attacked Saturday and Sunday by a carrier-borne force, a Japanese broadcast disclosed today. The worried enemy, added Berlin radio, sounded air raid alarms throughout north and east Japan.

"Enemy naval units," presumably Pacific fleet ships under command of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, approached from the east and launched a two-day aerial blow against the small but strategically-situated island. A Tokyo broadcast added that 32 raiding planes were shot down. Hit Last September

The broadcast was the first word of such a strike—first against Marcus since Sept. 1 last year—and recalled that the Japanese were the first to disclose last week's carrier raid against Soerabaja, Java.

The island is some 700 miles east of the Japanese-held Bonin islands, 200 miles northwest of Wake and



LIEUT. DOUGLAS S. REZIN

Lieut. Rezin Is Missing in Italian Area

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Rezin of Cranmoor received word Saturday morning that their son, Lieut. Douglas S. Rezin, 24, of the 15th air force has been missing in action over Italy since April 23. He had been serving as co-pilot on a B-24 Liberator bomber in Italy since the first of the year, and was awarded the Air Medal on April 18 for missions completed while under fire.

Lieutenant Rezin was sworn in as a flying cadet here in June, 1942, and reported at San Antonio, Texas, late that fall for his pre-flight training. He took his basic training at the Coffeyville, Kan., army air field, and was then sent on to Madison, Texas, for an advanced course.

On August 30, 1943, after taking a nine-weeks course at the twin-engine advanced flying school at Altus, Okla., he was awarded the silver wings of an army pilot and commissioned a second lieutenant. After that he was sent to the Tucson, Ariz., air base for training in flying B-24s. He went overseas in December, being first stationed in North Africa.

A graduate of Alexander high school at Nekoosa, Lieutenant Rezin attended the University of Wisconsin for three years, majoring in entomology, before he was appointed an aviation cadet.

He has a brother and sister in the services, Pvt. Daniel Rezin, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., who arrived home this morning on furlough, and Jane Rezin, seaman first class in the WAVES, at The Bronx, N. Y.

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of gunfire at this army base last March 5.

In Wheel Chair

Lt. Swancutt, resident of La Crosse, Wis., entered the court room in a wheel chair, still far from recovered from wounds inflicted by the civil policeman who arrested him. The lieutenant, a handsome, black-haired officer of 31, was pale and nervous as his trial opened, but followed proceedings intently.

In questioning the 12 high-ranking officers which form the jury panel, Capt. Delphine Rasco, defense counsel, posed a long hypothetical question, asking if they would "favor punishment or cure" if it could be shown that Swancutt, when the shots were fired "was suffering from epilepsy, was in a state of amnesia and couldn't determine right from wrong."

Prosecutor Objects

Capt. Charles A. Thomas, trial judge advocate acting as prosecutor, objected on the grounds that the question called for an opinion as to Swancutt's guilt or innocence. He was sustained by Lt. Col. Herbert Greer, law member of the court.

The officer is accused of the murder of Dorothy Douglas and Lorraine Livermore, each 19 and both from Long Beach, Calif.; his company commander, Capt. Aubrey G. Serfling, Preston, Minn., and a Riverside policeman, Arthur B. Simpson, who tried to halt him in near-by Arlington.

Trial in Hospital Unit

The trial was called in Camp Anza's hospital unit not far from the Officers' club where the shooting started at a Sunday night dance. The 31-year-old Swancutt, resident of La Crosse, Wis., is still incapacitated by gunshot wounds inflicted by Riverside Policeman Ernest Cole who arrested him as he commandeered the automobile of a Los Angeles war worker in Arlington.

Wan and pale from two months confinement in the hospital, Swancutt was nevertheless said by army officers to be able to undergo questioning, although he is still in a wheel chair.

Sanity Issue

Capt. Charles A. Thomas, the prosecutor, said he was prepared to resist a motion by Swancutt's counsel that the former security officer, who saw service in India, was insane at the time of the shooting. Swancutt has been examined by See—SWANCUTT—Page 7

Use Civilian Defense Setup For War Drive

Hitherto unused agencies of civilian defense and those which have been inactive lately, will all be called upon to aid in the Fifth War Loan drive in this area and throughout the state, C. F. Kruger, war loan