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Brig. Gen. Frank McCarthy

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General Marshall never had a single C-54 of his own. Took whatever was available out of pool. Did have a C-47. Not very fast. But he used for short hops. Remembers first trip to California with General Marshall. To March Field. Kenney in charge there. Didn't know Gen Marshall was there. Gen M summoned him to operations office. Said he wanted to see fighters take off. Held watch on intervals. Men who were late were relieved by Kenney. We went to several factories on that trip.

My first job at Pearl Harbor time was to get anti-aircraft from Boston to San Francisco. DeWitt called every few minutes. Finally quit calling Bedell and began to call me. We followed progress of train across the country. Had a hot box in the middle of the country. A comedy/.

/Frank says the game of VMI's for which he got tickets for Gen M was with Maryland in fall of 1940/.

Recalls that on that trip, Gen Marshall said he wanted to have some people for dinner. Private dining room. I said what do you want. He left to do. You would try to have everything the way he wanted it and luck would be against you. 12-15 men in suite. Headwaiter set up table. He took one look and saw shrimp. He turned and said "don't ever put shrimp in front of me as long as you live."

I didn't go on London trip spring of 1942. I went on July trip to London. Went in Boeing stratoliner. The first to have bunks. Suspended from steel piping. No place to sit. Remembers Hopkins turning green; deadly ill; was vomiting or taking pills whole way. Bedell also ill.

Thinks they spent night at Chequers. Valet (Sawyer drunk). (Sawyers drunk at Bragg. We slipped him aboard plane and locked him in bathroom. Churchill wanted something and we finally had to tell him/.

Marshall had King, Arnold (don't think so), Hopkins, Early on this trip to London.

On trip to Algiers, time of the famous photo, Lew Parker flew plane. Munson at that time hadn't flown anything but C-47. Later he flew.

Ward asked for reserve officer. Burrus in G-3 named me; John Magruder in G-2 named Merrill.