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## Situation Well in Hand At Weihsien Camp

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WEIHSIEN, JAPANESE - OCCUPIED CHINA, Aug. 28.—We landed yesterday at this Japanese-held city, where 1500 American and British prisoners are held, to find the situation well in the hands of eight American paratroopers dropped here 10 days ago.

We had come to watch B-29s from Guam drop supplies but the B-29s were late and we had to land to preserve gas. The paratroopers had spelled out "okay to land" with parachute silk so we put down this B-17, formerly Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's private Flying Fortress, "Boops."

Some 50 Chinese crowded around our plane immediately and then at least 200 ran out onto the field to touch the sides of the Fortress, examine the wheels and propellers and exchange grins with the crew. We gave some of the coolies cigarets, and Staff Sgt. Robert Heston, South Bend, Ind., traded his GI hat for one of the coolies' domed straw hats.

A couple of the eight "occupation" paratroopers walked up to say "hello." They told us the prisoners at the Weihsien camp had been treated better by the Japs during the last six months but still were badly underfed. But for that matter, the paratroopers said, the Japanese and the Chinese around here were badly underfed.

The paratroopers said the field was surrounded by 200 Japanese soldiers, but we didn't see any.

On the way here we flew over Shanghai, which had the appearance of a city just waiting to be liberated. Even at 7 a.m., when our pilot, Col. John K. Brown, Jr., San Antonio, Tex., took us over at about 1300 feet, we could see people waving at us. American, British and Chinese flags were flying from roofs and windows.