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Three-War Veteran Picks Motorboats as His Hobby

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JACK BROWN won't say danger is his business but what would you say of a man who's been through three wars, then flirts with death as a hobby?

Jack Brown flew 85 missions for the U.S. Eighth Air Force out of England during World War II, came back to the States to pick up a degree in mining engineering from Stanford university in 1951, went back to the business of war in a place called Korea and is back from a place called Vietnam.

IN BETWEEN, Jack Brown took to the business of motorboat racing and three years ago had another brush with death when his boat became airborne in a race at Madison, Ind., and disintegrated. Brown was pulled out of the water with a couple of busted ribs and a broken leg and spent three months in the hospital.

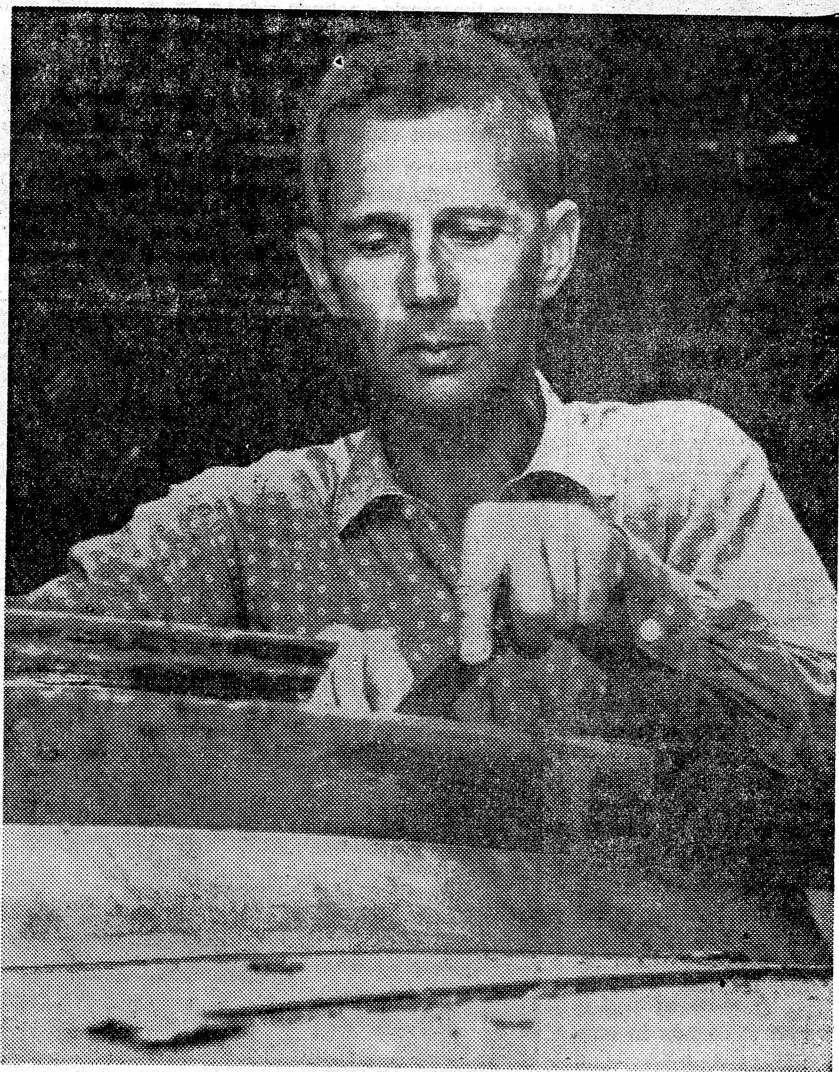
But he was back in a boat four months later at Miami, Fla.—“just to get the feel of things, you might say”—and is readying a craft for the American Power Boat association's Eastern divisional championships over the lake at Eastwood park here July 9-10.

THE 42-YEAR-OLD Air Force major, a native of Seattle, is in the process of purchasing a house in Dayton after being assigned as a liaison officer between the Tactical Air command and the Aeronautical Systems division at Wright-Pat.

Brown had many brushes with death during the years he was flying combat planes and on one of the 100 missions over Korea his plane was shot down on our side of the Yalu river boundary.

Only slightly injured, Maj. Brown was rescued by helicopter within an hour and was awarded the Purple Heart. Other awards include the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 21 clusters.

MAJ. BROWN ALSO has “tons of trophies” for his five years in motorboat racing, usually in somebody else's



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Air Force Liaison Officer at Home in Boat as Well as in Plane

boat; and is trying to get his Mustang 266 craft ready for the divisional championships.

The best way to test a boat is in actual competition, so Maj. Brown hopes to have the Mustang ready for a race in Ypsilar

He estimates his boat was doing about 140 miles an hour when it became airborne in Madison, Ind., in 1963. The guy doesn't mind going fast, whether it's in the air or on the water but would like to stick around to reti