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February 12, 1942.

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[[5 Column Table]]
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Mch 2|1|30|Solo|To Huntington, W Va.|
Mch 2|0|30|Solo|To Charleston, W Va.|
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Mch 3|2|0|Solo|To Bolling Field|
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