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With this issue of the Battalion, the reporters, proof readers and editors put the covers on the typewriters until next semester. With the exception of one or two reporters, the entire staff leaves within the week for some form of service with Uncle Sam's fighting forces, but we leave with the consolation that the words we have printed will be forever kept in the archives of A. & M. College and that they form a living history of A.&M.

The Battalion will go on. It will not be completely manned by students as has been the case in the past, but it will continue to be the official newspaper of the college and its students. After the war is over, and so many of the Aggie traditions that have fallen by the wayside since Pearl Harbor, will come back, and with them will come the old Batt. It will be welcome.

The Editors of the Battalion would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the corps for their wholehearted cooperation in understanding the difficulties with which they have had to contend in putting out a newspaper thrice weekly this past semester. Many times stories have appeared which were later contradicted. That was due to lack

Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

It is possible that some young man at A. and M., who are entering the service of their Country, will be traveling by train for the first time in their lives. In that case the following advice will prove helpful:

Under present conditions it is wise to call the ticket office well in advance of your departure and make a reservation for a berth. When you arrive at a large station, you may carry your own bags if you like, but if you need help, a redcap will be on hand. He should be tipped fifteen cents for one bag, twenty-five for two, etc.

When traveling on a pullman during the day, the person who has the lower berth is entitled to the seat which faces forward.

At night when you wish to retire, you should ask the other person if he minds if you have the berth made up.

While you are in the wash room, take up as little space as possible, and leave it neat. If you prefer to undress there instead of in the cramped quarters of the berth, a dark robe should be worn over your pajamas when you walk back through the car.

The porter will shine your shoes if you leave the munder the lower berth or hand them to him from the upper.

The observation car is for the use of pullman or parlor car passengers.

After the waiter announces that dinner is served, you may go into the dining car where the steward will seat you. If it is crowded, you will have to share a table with someone else. When a man and woman are together, the woman faces forward and the man rides backward, unless they are seated side by side, in which case the man takes the aisle seat. When you have seen the menu, write your order on the accompanying card. The waiter should be tipped ten per cent of the check. You need not tip the steward.

At the end of your journey, tip the pullman porter fifty cents or more if the trip has been a long one.

of an adequate staff to check on all stories before they were printed.

The Batt has been accused of starting rumors about just everything under the sun. Nothing has been printed in the newspaper that didn't have a written basis for belief. It is the job of a newspaper to report what has been happening or what is scheduled to happen, and not to make wild guesses about the future.

The editors have sincerely tried to live up to that rule.—TBJ.

BACKWASH

JOHN HOLMAN, Battalion Editor

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence" — Webster

Basic...

"According to usually reliable sources" juniors who go into basic training in the near future will stay there five weeks before going to OCS. Some authorities, however, insist that as soon as we leave Aggie land this time, you are strictly on your own—no more suck from the ROTC or the A. & M. C. of T.

More Basic...

Stories are drifting back about the way Aggie ERCers and Texas university ERC boys are behaving. They are fighting so much and so often in one camp, the officers make the Aggies sing "The Eyes of Texas" at supper and the Teasippers "The Spirit of Aggie Land". After supper, they all convene just outside the mess hall for a gang fight. The Aggies were leading by about three rounds at the last report.

Backwashing...

Wonder who is going to tell the new fish about TSCW... wonder who is going to tell them about anything for that matter. Then there is the newspaper correspondent in North Africa who hasn't had a bath in three months and says he feels fine... a negro soldier speaks of the African desert as "miles and miles of miles and miles."

ERC...

Local yokels in the Hoboken Home Guard, otherwise known as the Enlisted Reserve Corps, were more than delighted to find out what was going to happen to them. They weren't half as tickled, however, about getting the orders straightened out as they were about getting a week or two vacation before reporting. They laughed at us before, now we laugh at them. A speaking of laughing, one little devil found another little devil splitting his sides with glee. Said the first little devil to the

laughing little devil, "What are you laughing about?" Said Two to One: "I just locked a lady in a room with a thousand hats and no mirror!" (Stinks, doesn't it? —Ed. Note) (Yeah—Asst. Ed. Note) (But it fills up space — Author).

Sweepings...

A Houston judge says it's too easy to get married in Texas... He's never been to A. & M. Same fellow says the average age of persons seeking divorce is 30 for the wife, 35 for the men... aren't we fighting for freedom?

News Note...

Dallas—Clarence Lewis, Negro, was stabbed to death by his wife because, so she tells police, he didn't bring home any meat for supper.

Ad in Dallas paper: FOUND: Lady's purse in my car while parked. Owner can have same by describing property and paying for this ad. If owner can explain satisfactorily to my wife how purse got into my car, will pay for ad myself.

Wanger...

Uncle Walter will get out of the doghouse with his Friday night extravaganza. You ought to see the list of entertainers coming up here—and the salaries they are to draw from Mr. Universal Pictures for their show here. Plenty to do Friday night, but what about Saturday. Most of us will still be here.

Thirty...

This is the last issue of the Battalion for this semester. The present staff, in the four months we've had the paper and magazine, have tried to do our best. You, the Corps, have been very well about not kicking too much when you didn't get your paper or when you did get it, found nothing of interest in it. We've had but a handful of reporters, but those of

The Lowdown on... Campus Distractions

By Tom Journey

By Ben Fortson
Showing today, Friday and Saturday at the Campus is WINGS AND THE WOMAN, the impressive biography of England's famous aviatrix, Amy Johnson.

Herbert Wilcox, one of RKO's top-notch directors, produced the show and the part of Amy is skillfully portrayed by lovely Anna Neagle. The supporting cast includes Robert Newton, Edward Chapman and Charles Carson.

The whole story is based on the life of Miss Johnson and her many preceadental flights and adventures are sketched vividly. Her romance, marriage, and divorce, to rival flier Jim Mollison, the playboy of the air, played by Robert Newton, is also depicted. At the beginning of the war, Anna enlists in the Women's Division of England's Air Transport Auxiliary, and meets her death piloting a bomber.

This show has a true historical background and should prove interesting to all.

The Lowdown: A good story with only fair acting. Incidentally, this "Wings in Swing" band, playing for the Final Ball here Friday night, is tops in the opinion of this columnist and of all others who have heard the band. Instead of getting one big name band for the dance, Universal got us a band with the top players of more than a few of these top-notch bands combined into a really swell organization. The lowdown on the Final Ball is definitely—wonderful.

Ida Lupino comes through with another top bit of acting in THE HARD WAY showing at Guion Hall today and tomorrow.

Supported by a fine cast including Joan Leslie and Dennis Morgan, Miss Lupino uses her many talents in playing the part of stage actress who devotes her life

us who have been down here every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoon have done our best. Good luck to next semester's staff—if there is one.

Betty Batt's Origin...

Backwash found out yesterday something that had been puzzling it for a long time. To wit, how does magazine staff artist Bob Simpson conceive the pulchritudinous, luscious bits of femininity that appear in every issue of the Batt Mag? Now it can be told.

Bob's roommate is long and lanky Batt sportsman Hank Avery, so for a long time he tried to draw his girls by using Hank as a "model" and filling in the "features," but his gals just didn't have the oomph. So, Artist Simpson went on the lookout for a new "inspiration." His dream was answered finally after a long quest by Longhorn Associate Editor Harry Saunders. After a long talk with Bob, we finally wormed the following out of him:

"I just get Harry to pose in the way I want the figure of the girl to be. Harry's proportions are pretty good, so he usually works out fine. After sketching in most of the body lines and legs, I add the distinguishing effeminate features and usually come out with a pretty cute girl. Of course I have to kinda fudge on the figure a little, even though Harry's is pretty, good, it doesn't have that 'allure' that really makes a girl attractive to men."

Now we've heard everything.

The Daily Blast...

The good University has a student daily newspaper which tries very earnestly to outdo big city dailies. Well, one of their most "notorious" dirt-columns is one called "Small Talk" by Mary Brinkerhoff. The Tuesday, May 18 "Small Talk" has the following to say about the Battalion and Aggie land:

"The Battalion has done it again.

"The official mouthpiece of that good, clean, earthy element of our population known as the student body of Texas A. & M. College is in the habit of sticking its journalistic neck out and of slugging the air with both fists. Usually the neck is craned and the fists are aimed in the direction of the Forty Acres. Seldom have the Forty Acres picked the fight; we don't have to. Quarrels are usually begun by people suffering from hidden inferiority complexes... blah... blah... blah... But this isn't all. Somewhere in the dark mazes of Battalion thinking, war spirit became confused with school spirit, a thing which the simple (See BACKWASH, Page 4)

to furthering the career of her younger sister. She runs away from her husband and a life of squalor in a Pennsylvania steel town and, taking her little sister to New York, she manages, by resorting to cheating and every sort of artifice, to push her to the top of the theatrical world, only to lose out to Cupid.

This is a highly dramatic story but has its lighter spots and will be entertaining to most.

The lowdown: A good story with fine acting.

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AIRCREW TRAINING SCHOOL NEWS

Rudder Dust

What a meeting we had last Tuesday night! Rufus, as an other member of the detachment, was much impressed by the rapid strides the military band under the able direction of Arnold Klein-smith.

With the strains of King Cotton, Stars & Stripes Forever, and Under the Double Eagle resounding throughout the Assembly Hall, a most stirring and inspirational meeting was held. The renditions were played surprisingly well and with a true military touch. For a unit with just a few minutes rehearsal beforehand, it undoubtedly will be an exceptional band.

After the military band and Richard Jenkins, who lead us in spirited singing of songs, had relinquished the limelight, Johnny Bunch, our hot piano virtuoso, delighted the whole detachment with his distinctive style of boogie-woogie. Why, with Johnny alone the morale of the whole Army would be the highest yet!

Captain Hill, our Commanding Officer, spoke briefly on the seriousness of physical conditioning in connection with flying. He also stated that all flying students should be in their rooms by 20:30 Sunday night regardless of their passes. Captain Hill concluded his talk by introducing Lt. Tom Edwards, a flying officer from Bryan field who gave us valuable hints regarding our academic studies and their application to Army flying. In concluding he stressed the fact that liquor and flying don't mix.

Lt. Kelley pleased all concerned when he stated that the Twilight League would begin next week.

With more meetings like this one Rufus thinks the detachment will see marked improvement in its achievements.

Duty, Honor, Country

"Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Speaker, members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

So began that mighty address by our president after that sudden and deliberate attack by the Empire of Japan.

We all know now the fullness of their purpose and the extent of the belligerent activities.

As the wires hummed and the air-waves carried their history-making messages through space, it was always a story of dastardly attacks—

"Japanese forces attacked Kong-kong last night."

"Last night Japanese forces attacked Guam."

"Wake Island was attacked by the Japanese last night."

Yes, men, we saw our duty in a light never before realized. Those already in the armed forces were hurriedly mobilized and fitted for overseas combat. Thousands enlisted immediately in the arms of the service that they preferred. Others, eager to do their part to preserve the honor of their country, clamored for information regarding defense industries to which they might be best fitted.

Your Duty, Honor and Country was never more put to the acid test than it is now. Never slacken your pace! Never slight even the most infinitesimal part of your physical or mental training that might make you just enough superior to the German or the Jap with whom you will struggle, to decide the balance in your favor.

Our leaders have sworn that this war will be carried to its ultimate and final victory despite all costs and sacrifices. We know that it will be won by determined and courageous men who will strive to attain this goal disregarding any and all obstacles that stand in their way. May you be able to say, "I was on the victorious team when the battle was won!"

We, of the Army Air Corps have a special task for us, in that our

OBSERVATIONS BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER

By the Commanding Officer

The Air Corps is always concerned with the housing and general condition in which its troops live. The barracks should be conveniently located to the facilities used by the Air Corps, such as the class-rooms and the mess-hall.

Shortly the Air Corps troops will occupy the dormitories known as the Law and Puryear buildings, across the street from the YMCA. These barracks will be painted and cleaned for the occupancy of the men now living in Foster, Goodwin, and Mitchell Halls.

The progress of the troops in military training and academic work is satisfactory. However, improvement can be made in these various phases of training, in order that this detachment may produce students with a rating of superior.

It is contemplated that on the 28th of this month a Wing Dance will be given, and that twice each month thereafter there will be a similar social affair. With the formation of the Band and Orchestra this Detachment can easily become the outstanding detachment of the whole college training program. But each officer, enlisted man, and student will have to make a little more effort to achieve this end, and as members of the Army Air Corps they will make this effort.

type of warfare and the medium through which we carry on the battle to the enemy, is comparatively in its infancy.

Our people were not as air-minded as some of our not-to-be-taken-too-lightly enemies, and that in itself is an obstacle to be overcome by the youth that is now sprouting its wings.

Men, you have a good cause, you have a united people and a strong army—you must and will bring the victory and win the peace that follows.

In the words of Abraham Lincoln: "Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."

GLEANINGS Squadron 1

By James H. Kizziar

After a busy week-end of traveling from coast to coast and the Gulf to the Canadian border Squadron 1 is still in one piece. Everyone seems to be lacking sleep—no one can escape Morpheus.

Roaming around the top floor of Mitchell Hall we find "Lefty" McMillan practicing on his "gob stick" (clarinet) for our newly organized Air Corps Band. Although it took us a full hour the other night to unwind the thing from around his neck it still seems to play the same. See Lefty, never play "Texas Fight" on Aggie territory.

Our basketball team is shaping into form very fast. Watch out, Squadrons 3 and 4, the boys of number 1 claim they're going to show you how to play basketball. As an example we have a boy named Furman who starred at Oregon State.

Here's one that will go down in the books. A certain party (military secret) in a certain flight of Squadron 1 went to retreat fully dressed—except his tie. The funny thing about it was that he got away with it! That shows to go—er—goes to show you that sometimes the best student officers make slips in not catching the culprits. I'll bet they were just hungry—eh, boys?

This reporter heard a tall tale about a certain Jack Johnson who likes to take a chair into the show-er wit him so that he can take a bath sitting down. That road run isn't tough on you, is it Jack?

Recent talk about the big "jam session" that was supposed to be on the 22nd and changed to the 28th has caused quite a bit of trouble around Mitchell Hall. James Joslin, one of the many, asked his choice up for the 22nd and hasn't changed it yet. Have a swell time Jos, and get her to stay over until the next week. Here's hoping you good luck, anyway!

Bill Hale, a scholastic student, finishes his lessons hours in advance and would like company. Boys, when you have a few hours to spare, drop in and let him help you with your homework.

A&M Consolidated Aircraft School Will Be In Houston

A. & M. College, in cooperation with Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, Fort Worth, will offer a course in pre-factory aircraft drafting and pay students accepted \$100 per month while learning, it was announced by W. E. Street, head of the department of engineering drawing. The course is open to both men and women.

The course will be given in Houston and will begin May 21, continuing for a period of 12 weeks. Classes will meet eight hours daily, five days weekly, and successful completion will give students employment at the rate of \$149 monthly for the first 12 weeks and an automatic increase to \$169 monthly thereafter.

The course is to be given under the Engineering, Science, Management War Training program in cooperation with the U. S. Office of Education. Each employee will be subject to a physical examination. Educational requirements are high school graduation and age requirements are 19 to 43 for women and the minimum age for men is 16. Men of military service age should have classification of 3A, 1C or lower.

Full information may be obtained by letter to the Engineering Drawing Department, A. & M. College, College Station.

Press Club Feasts; F. C. Bolton Presents Awards to Members

The Press Club held their annual meeting and banquet last night in the banquet room of Sbis Hall during which keys and other awards were presented to members of the various college publications in honor of the work they have done during the past year on the publications.

F. C. Bolton, Dean of the College, presented the awards.

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