

AIRCREW TRAINING SCHOOL NEWS

RUDDER DUST

After a week's leave while the Battalion rested during the lapse between semesters, the A.C.T.D. staff is back with the news.

The Headliner of all is the loss of Squadron Four, Sergeant Gralla's pride and joy. Already word has reached us that our boys are at the classification center and doing all the good.

Jack A. Abadie, ex-Squadron Five editor, wrote to his former roommates, telling of seeing Tom Dellinger, our late Editor-in-Chief. Hope both of the boys get all that's coming to them.

The much heralded "relief" is here at last. Squadron Five has just completed a week of concentrated study that was the new schedule. It was a very streamlined course of study with no gaps in between subjects. What a week!

Rufus, for one, was well pleased when he received his copy of the new schedule. That was the first time his name has ever been spelled correctly by the staff.

Our military band is not just a wishful dream; it is an established fact. We were proud as peacocks that first day we marched to mess after retreat, to the spirited beat of the band. We cheered lustily as the detachment slowed down to double time on approaching the mess hall entrance. Yes sir, that band is the apple of the detachments eye.

"A friend in need is a friend indeed."

That was quite a noble gesture Squadron Three made for Fred W. Bohn, whose finance passed away. Just before Mr. Bohn left for Cleveland, Ohio, Squadron Three presented him with \$100.00. That is the true spirit of the Air Forces.

Duty, Honor, Country

By

Alvin B. Cooter

During my absence from the news staff the past two weeks, I have had the pleasure of seeing actual moving photographs of the

Japanese thrust into China. These films were taken by a civilian who was in the attacked territory at the time.

There were many scenes that impressed me greatly, but I will only tell you of the few that were, in my estimation, the most impressive.

At the first of the War between Japan and China the Japanese bombed the Southwest Shanghai Railroad. This act killed six thousand women and children. Six thousand mangled, twisted, and burned bodies of people who were waiting for a train that would take them to safety. This station had no air protection, no anti-aircraft to give it the required protection it needed, and the Japanese knew this well. Blood flowed through the gutters like a scarlet stream, bodies lay over each other lifeless, like stacked cords of wood. There was no need for this dastardly slaughter, but it made no difference to our enemy.

Another scene, crucifixion. A Chinese man was nailed to a cross. A spike was driven through each hand and foot. This man hung on the cross dying, but that was not enough, he was then burned at the stake—still conscious. He knew, or was supposed to know, something that the Japs wanted, but he would not tell or could not tell. This is the enemy we are at war with!

Two hundred women and young girls were marched into the barracks of Japanese. The Hell these poor women went through could not be put in words. This foul doing was for the purpose of satisfying the desires of our barbaric enemy.

It has been proven many times over that the Nipponese stop at nothing! from the murdering of helpless people to the raping of young girls. This is the type of un-Godly thing that must never come to our country. This is what we are fighting for; fighting to prevent, so that the dead women are not our mothers, and the raped girls are not our wives and sweethearts. After seeing this film I realized the importance of the work I am doing. I am sure if you had seen it, you would have the same determination to succeed in your training; to avenge your

friends and countrymen that died at the hands of the Japanese for no reason at all but to satisfy the blood-thirsty desires of their dwarfed minds.

GLEANINGS

Squadron I

Tommy Simpson and Billy Cock-

burn really believe in getting home fast and in a military manner. From what we hear Gulf Coast sent an AT-11 up here to fly them down to Randolph. They also came back in the same ship in 55 minutes flat.

Jim Welch, from Montana made

the highest grade on an English test out of hundreds of aviation students. It was a perfect score.

Virgil Vaughum, the quiet and courteous type, has received more letters in a day than many students received in a month. Who are they Virgil?

It looks like squadron one is living up to its co-name of "on the ball," at least on the basket ball court. As we all know, squadron three was literally liquidated by our boys with a score of 26 to 12.

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