

HART THROBS

I was just over in A ramp, but it was a little damp there so I blew, but quick! Whenever I want something to write about, I just step over to A ramp, and I either get news or get killed!

Better late than never, I always say—what do you always say? At any rate, I wish to let all know that we have a new pap in the squadron. Namely, "Strick" Strickland, who is the father of a brand new baby girl. Congratulations, "Daddy."

The latest belly ache seems to be a little trouble with passes. I am not uninitiated, but that's "woah." Sherman was right. But remember, they are trying to be as fair as possible to us.

There seem to be quite a few casualties due to the methods used in basketball. Bob "Crit" Crittenden suffered a sprained ankle, and was taken to the hospital today. There's more than one way to get out of drill. Also injured in today's battle was "Woman Killer" Broyles, who got something in his eye—a finger. Here's hoping you guys get well soon.

Looks as if we have neighbors—the infantry and the ack-ack boys who have just moved into Foster "Bat-house". Those poor guys.

From the looks of it, somebody is going to have a heap big watermelon feast tonight. I saw some of the lads carrying that tasty fruit of various sizes into their respective ramps. Think I'll drop around.

Cpl. Tyler threatens to annihilate those guys who keep picking up his "limosine" (he calls it) and hiding it from him.

What happened to "Blondie" Steger the other day in study hall? He was sitting there studying (?), and all of a sudden he rose nearly to the ceiling uttering a blood curdling scream. What happened, chum?

No matter what the situation is—good or bad—in this case bad, you'll always find one guy that likes it. Immediately after P. E., "Bojo" Rogers, of all things, likes to drill. Ah, well—what's the use.

Well, fellas, I'm blowing this joint, I've got a math test tomorrow. Be seen' ya.

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ACTD NEWS

RUDDER DUST

By A/S Jack E. Shaw

Foster Hall is again being inhabited by the army but this time by men selected to take the Army Specialized Training Program. They hail from homes located in every part of the country. One man comes from the rugged coast of Maine while his buddy's home state is Pennsylvania—he admits that Pittsburgh is smoky. Maybe we could use some of that smoke for clouds! The group at Foster come mainly from the 97th Division at Camp Swift and from Camp Hulien, all located 'Deep in the Heart of.'

Yeah, uncle Zeke's is a roamin' around again and he happened in on my friend and yours, John (Stinky) Ogle who was writing a letter to his one and only. He looks up with a dazed expression and says, "Say ol' boy, how do you spell license?" Wonder if it's 'dog,' 'fishing' or 'marriage'?

One more comes from the Martin boys over in Squadron Two. It seems that Loren is positively set to take that fatal step, but on second thought it might not be so fatal either—at least judging by that pretty little miss.

Zeke was almost blinded by the glare from all of those shiny brass whistles that about every other student officer of the "Snappy Two" wears. You can't miss hearing the whistles over near Puryear. What do you fellows use—liquid Glo-Coat, I'll bet!

Just another kind thought and congratulations to the Men's Choral group who has been practicing religiously over in the Y. M. C. A. chapel. Pianist Robert Comp-ton reports that the library of selections now includes some from the Fred Waring's Pennsylvania's outfit. The fellows are really good and you can look forward to a pleasant surprise at their first performance.

Replacing Lieutenant Kelly who was transferred to another post, Lieutenant Troy Pickens took over the "Master of Ceremonies" job at our last assembly meeting with great ease and aplomb. Although the hall was a wee bit stuffy because of a failure in the "air-conditioning," Captain Hill's unflinching wit provided a splendid 'weather beater.' I know that we all worked hard to make last week's review the best ever offered by the detachment, so why not "take a pul-enty deep seat in the saddle" and make it the first in a series of many!

Always a source of awe and amazement is that eternal shine on band leader Leo Fedigan's brogans. When 'yours truly' tried to find out his secret, he just sat there and kept drinking his milk! They say if you feed him enough 'cow' he might possibly slip you his formula—that is, if you can get that much!

Some one told uncle Zeke that Messrs. Witt and Wright of ramp 6 in Puryear, are seriously considering joining the "WAGS". However, only if they need some A-Number-One Police Dogs.

PROP WASH

Squadron II

Thursday evening was banner night for softball practice. Over twice the number of men usually out were on the field and raring to go. There are plenty of aspirants for the positions. Two teams are going to be formed so it appears that everyone who is willing to get out and hustle will get to play. You might be thinking of an appropriate name for each team. By the latter part of next week both teams will be in action to uphold the name of Squadron II. Let's get in there and scrap!

At last! We have something to report other than weddings. Not that they aren't news, but today there is a mark on the other side of the ledger. Larry McKee received word from his home in Joplin, Missouri that he is the father of a first rate baby boy. Mr. McKee hasn't decided yet whether he wants his son to join the Air Corps.

Jimmy Oliver, a clarinetist in the band, is back with us following his emergency furlough. We are glad to have him back and hear that things at home are OK.

George Wallingford has asked (See PROP WASH, Page 4)

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WEDDING BELLS

A/S Fred B. Wiegman of Squadron I has become the target of one of Dan Cupid's arrows. All his friends are invited to attend the festivities of this occasion. The ceremony will be held at the North Gate Methodist Church Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

DEADLINE LOOMS ON INSURANCE MINUS PHYSICAL

Midnight August 10 is the deadline! Before that date all students stationed at 308th College Training Detachment have an unusual opportunity—a chance they could get nowhere in a far less hazardous civilian life—that of buying life insurance without a physical examination.

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The fact that more than 90 per cent of the military personnel within the Eighth Service Command carry National Service Life Insurance proves its desirability and value.

See your Life Insurance Officer for details, today!

Spotlight on Sports

By BILL PLATT

Plans are going rapidly forward for the formation of a larger softball league in the Detachment. The playoff in the four team league that has just gotten started will be played Monday evening. The new league will consist of two teams from each Squadron. This will give more men a chance to play softball and also will create more interest in the league. Further plans will be released in the next issue.

Squadron I and Squadron V are roosting atop the Bomber league at the present time and they will battle on Monday evening for the championship. The league was short-lived but the new organization will be fore interesting for everyone. The last evening of play before the new league starts will also see Squadron II and Squadron III playing off a tie that they are in at the present time for second place in the standing.

Softball seems to be gaining interest in the Detachment and in a very short time enthusiasm should be running high and some fast softball and good entertainment will be provided by the league.

From the looks of the activity on the drill field on Thursday evening not one of the Squadrons will have any trouble getting together two teams. Every American boy has played softball or baseball sometime during his life and whether or not you have exceptional skill in the game you now have a chance to complete in the sport. The Squadron managers will be glad to see everyone that wishes to participate report for practice and if you are a fan here is a splendid opportunity to play.

Every man in the Detachment who is interested in golf is going to have an opportunity to take part in a tournament coming up soon. The plans have been cooked up by Squadron II's athletic officer, Edward O. Martin, and under the supervision of Lt. Segrest, new officer in charge of Physical Education, a detachment tournament is being worked out. Squadron II kicks the lid off the new sport Saturday afternoon when 24 members of their Squadron tangle in a Blind Bogey playoff. The Squadron champs will be determined and the top four men will represent the Squadron in the Detachment playoff. The golfers are to tee off at 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. Plans are going forward to have the other Squadrons hold tournaments the following weekend and when each group has its top four men seeded the grand finale will take place. A beautiful trophy is (See SPOTLIGHT, Page 4)

DRIFTING

By A/S Fred J. Rosenthal

First Flight

Your letter came today; you're all aglow, You've made your first flight now at last, it seems, Your pen rushed thru the very words you wrote Of this fulfillment of your boyish dreams; The lift you felt when rising from the earth, Your spirit, too, soared thru the heaven's blue, "I can't explain it, Mom," you say to me, "It's like another life, some chapter wholly new."

Yes, son, I too, am thinking now Of "first flights" made by you and all the rest— Mothers of sons and daughters know full well The feeling when their babes first leave home nests; The first time fledglings shyly try their wings— First premonition that too soon home ties must part, Yes, son, I know and understand too well What first flight means to every mother's heart!

—from a mother's letter to one of the boys that are now flying.

Questions That Require No Answer

Why does the bugle have to blow so early in the morning? You believe me, don't you? Will you accept my check? Help! Help! It's Terrible! Why don't those slack sporting women profit from the experience of us men? We found out long ago that wearing our breeches too tight can result only in a tragic bending. Good Starts Toward Bad Finish O, Sweetheart, not for anything in the world would I...

Revised Quotation

Absence makes the heart go wander. This Changing World A young man now calls his girl to his apartment to show her his induction notice.

TURRET TIPS

Squadron I

Although it isn't exactly military, they say that the rowdy boys of academic flight 12 were "crabbing" into the wind while marching back from class the other afternoon. That's one way of keeping from being blown off your course, eh, what, Mr. Porrier?

Charles Wright of the "Composite" flight says, when he heads for the flying field that he gets the same empty and upset feeling in his viscera that he gets when he is called upon to make a speech in English class.

Hanger talk of late has touched upon those swell landings the boys have been making while still forty feet off the ground. Tell us about it, Mr. Tanner.

Chief griper and reformer of Squadron one, Jim Terrell, now would like to point out the fact that civilians have been issued extra rations of sugar recently and that we are now being cut so that there will be no sugar available to go with the supper cereals. So don't pass the "Wheaties" this way, men.

When Robert Vallier, instructed by Mr. Jordan, was told to jump the other afternoon, he immediately pulled his ripcord and then struggled to get out of the plane. How about that, Bob?

Random ramblings... Nominated as outstanding volley ball player of the squadron is Mearl Winkel as named by his roomy, Bill Williams... Gullible Don Hartsough is still worrying about those letters that are on the way to the home folks... about those vices which he has taken up of late... Mr. Lesartre of Flight 13 is convinced that he will make a great navigator, and "hot-pilot". Imbernone heartily agrees with him... Randy Beard is still wondering if they are going to start a Wing bridge tournament, it would be so much less strenuous than the road-runs... You knew of course that anyone can play bridge, but it takes a cannibal to throw up a hand.

Here's a plea for Flight C. With that sun still beating down on the roof of Mitchell hall, the temperature on the third floor has been soaring to record heights. Robert

LOSS OF PRIVILEGES

A/S George A. Martin

The Post Office Department has ruled that the free mail privilege is applicable only to personal letter mail in its usual and generally accepted form, including messages on post cards, sent by the members of the armed forces. The privilege does not apply to correspondence from wives or other relatives nor to any matter sent to the personnel of the military or naval forces by persons who are not members of such forces.

The name of the sender, his grade or rating, the designation of the service to which he belongs, and the word "Free" MUST BE IN THE HANDWRITING OF THE SENDER.

Your attention has been called to the fact that some service men still indulge in the practice of putting their return address on envelopes, writing the word free on them and then sending them to their wives or sweethearts for them to use for their own personal correspondence. This practice must stop or service men will have the privilege of free mail taken away from them. When you stop and realize how much you save in postage each month you can understand how much it would mean to you to have to buy your own stamps. We feel sure that your family or relatives can afford to spend the small sum of three cents when they write to you, and that they need not stoop to the practice of taking advantage of something that is not rightfully theirs. The next time the wife asks you to send out her greeting cards this way remember what you have at stake and advise her to buy stamps.

The free mail privilege does not apply to any invitations or wedding announcements or any like matter. It is not to be used for Air Mail, newspapers, books, magazines, or circular letters. No parcels, packages, or merchandise of any kind may be sent postage free, but must bear the prescribed amount of postage.

To preserve the privilege of free mail learn to use it properly and remember you have the right to prevent its abuse by anyone. Al-

Walton, Bob Wagner, and George Walker, along with the rest of the boys, look with covetous eye on the empty basement rooms.

GREMLIN GAB

By Alan E. Goldsmith

Since some of the sections have been having their supervised study periods in the College Library, there has been an outburst of reading going on. You can even find the boys reading stuff from Psychology to Gynecology.

What are the mattresses doing on the roof of Hart Hall? It seems that they have been there for some time, exposed to the sun and the sudden outbursts of rain.

Hearty slaps on the back to the bandsmen who were hard at work on the drill field as this issue goes to press. It takes determination to put in the extra time that they do during the C.Q. period.

Sights worth seeing: The non-coms and officers taking their calisthenics just like the rest of us. It's not as easy as it looks under the Texas sun.

Pet Peeves of the H.Q. C. Q.: The boys who always want permission to go over to the "Y" to make 'an urgent phone call'... When do I get my chow?... My bedroom feels like a boiler room...

We like the streamlined type—the kind that have no resistance if you give them enough hot air.

His mom had told him his wedding night would be the most beautiful in all his life, so he sat up all night looking out the window. (See GREMLIN GABS, Page 4)

(More Air Crew News Follows)

ways address your letters in your own handwriting and be sure to put your full return address on it. The word free must be in your own writing and at no time will a letter be accepted if it is printed. The practice of "dressing up" your letters with fancy printing must be stopped if we are to preserve the privilege of FREE MAIL.

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