

**RUDDER DUST**

By A/S Jack E. Shaw

**FLOOR SHOW**

Those present at the Sunday evening meal in the dining hall were really busy trying to swallow gulps of food between acts of the floor show put on by waiters number one, two, three and four. Number one came blissfully upon the scene of tragedy and threw his tray of delicacies far into one corner of the mess hall and in quick succession came numbers two and three, each slipping on the same banana peel. By this time, food was piled high and cries of the maimed and wounded could be heard through the tumult. Waiters held the crowd back who by this time had scented the odor of food while another little man in a white jacket kicked the offensive peeling off to one side. Number four saw the fate of his buddies and warily circled the hash pile, coming up a side aisle but alas, he trod on the afore-kicked banana husk sending his ration of creamed spinach and potato salad to the heavens. Words of condolence or a line of sympathy might help those now recovering in the infirmary.

**LETTER FROM COOTER**

Following is a letter from one of Squadron Five's editorialistic men to Lt. Jack Norris. This is Mr. Cooter's report from the (See **RUDDER DUST**, Page 4)

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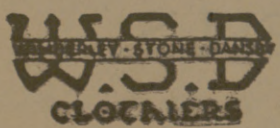
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**AIR CORPS REVIEW**—Pictured above is a portion of the Air Crew Training Detachment stationed here on the campus of A. & M. College, made during a recent review of the detachment. Note echelons of planes flying over-head.

**Bonds Away**

By A/S Jack E. Shaw

The attack is on! American soldiers are gaining ground rapidly in enemy territory.

The Allies have taken the offensive, from Oran to Bizerte, from Tunis to Pantellaria, from Sicily to Rome. From Guadalcanal to New Georgia. The toll is men and ships and planes and guns and bombs and bullets.

We are buying that gained ground dearly.

The soldiers and sailors, marines and commandos, pilots, bombardiers and navigators are paying for it. We at home must pay too.

It's up to us to get the best out of our training in every phase of its wide scope. We must lend our every effort to making ourselves a superior Air Corps fighting men whether it be one of the big "three" or slinging lead at the enemy from the turrets of a super B-17.

The folks at home must back the attack with bonds and we must do our part too!

**GOOD LICKS AT AXIS**

At Gallup, New Mexico, a customer stopped at a War Bond booth.

"I'll buy all the 25 cent stamps you can lick in ten minutes," he challenged the salesgirl.

He had to pay her \$48.75!!

**MAJOR INVESTMENT**

On the eve of his departure to new assignment, Major Harry S. Fullwood of the Real Estate, Repairs and Utilities Division, stopped in the Agent Finance Office, Headquarters Eight Service Command, Dallas, to become its first customer under the new setup for selling War Bonds for cash to Headquarters personnel over and above their monthly pay allotments for bonds. The major investment in a one-thousand dollar bond, "BANK VERSE"

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**Aero Antics**

By Alan E. Goldsmith

Here is one about a tough streak of lightning:

A collision of a USAAF P-38 Lightning and a Japanese Zero fighter in an aerial battle over New Guinea resulted in destruction of the enemy plane and but little damage to the American fighter.

"Our right wing tips hit, spinning the Zero around so that its prop struck the trailing edge of my wing," the pilot of the P-38, Lt. Kenneth C. Sparks, Air Corps, of Blackwell, Oklahoma, reported. "He went down smoking and I kept on going."

The "Forts" can take it too. After being seriously wounded and his plane severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire, First Lieutenant Bennett H. Grimm, USAAF, made the bomb run and destroyed an enemy merchant ship in the Mediterranean on January 23, 1943.

Shortly after the ship was hit, a crash landing was made in the sea without further injury to Lt. Grimm or his crew.

The name of "Biscuit Bombers" has been accorded to planes of the Troop Carrier Command, USAAF, by American troops in some isolated sections of the New Guinea area. These planes frequently have dropped food and other supplies by parachute to ground troops.

You might be interested to know the official names given to new ships turned out by Beechcraft; the AT-10, named the Wichita, and the AT-11 (Navy SNB-1), named the Kansas.

15 years ago in aviation—War Department authorized flights by two PW-9 pursuits during which landing field sites in Panama were studied.—The Bureau of Aeronautics of the Navy was conducting a series of experiments to test the practicability of equipping dirigibles as airplane carriers.—Four amphibians, equipped with machine guns, and a tri-motored Kokker were sent to Nicaragua by the Marines. The amphibians were used for "patrol work."

**Title Contest**

Announcing a title contest open to all of the men in the 308th College Training Detachment except those on the staff of the ACTD News.

The contest is for the purpose of finding a new name for our paper. Think of something that has to do with the Air Corps, our detachment or aviation in general. Make your entries short, preferably not over three words. The closing date of the contest is Saturday the eighth.

Write your suggestion on a piece of paper along with your name and squadron number and drop it into one of the "Title Contest" boxes you will see near our orderly room.

The number of suggestions is limited to three per person and the prize to the winning title will be announced in the next edition of the Battalion.

**PROP WASH**

Squadron II

Rene Chapot tried to add a little variety to his landings the other day. As he was coming into position his instructor told him to close the throttle. By mistake Rene turned the switch off! "We had better (See **PROP WASH**, Page 4)

Gantz Had a wife who rifled his pants; But lately his slacks Concealed no greenbacks— The rascal bought bonds in advance!"

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**Spotlight on Sports**

By BILL PLATT

Squadron I added another feather in their sporting cap before they shipped by downing a softball team from Bryan Field by a 10-5 count Friday afternoon. The game was halted during the first half of the sixth frame because of rain, but it had progressed enough to award it the 308th C. T. D. representatives.

The contest was scheduled for early in the week but rain had forced postponement and it was believed that the contest could not be played until sometime this week. The weather cleared and the playing field dried off and since Squadron I was to leave Saturday the game was arranged for 3:30 p. m. Friday afternoon.

Bryan Field was the first team to score and they drove across two runs in their half of the second inning to take an early 2-0 lead. In the last half of the second frame the 308th C. T. D. representatives lit the fuse on a barrage of hits and jumped on the Bryan Field hurler for four runs and a lead they never relinquished.

Squadron I added a trio of runs in the third inning, a single counter in the fourth inning and two more in the fifth. Bryan Field had managed to count three more times during the third, fourth, and fifth innings but were behind 10-5 (See **SPOTLIGHT**, Page 4)

**Ceiling Zero**

A/S George A. Martin

**PRIVATE LIVES**

"You'd better start dressing," his mother called up the stairway. "The graduation dance begins at eight o'clock and you've only forty minutes to bathe, get dressed and call for Nancy."

In three minutes the youngster was downstairs. "O. K." he said. "I'm ready."

"Why, Frank," his mother remonstrated. "Aren't you going to take a bath?"

"Aw, Mom," was the reply. "It ain't formal."

**SKUNKS**

Bright and early one morning Jeanne and Ken dashed out to work in the family Victory Garden. Nestling among the carrots and tomatoes they found a surprise, six baby skunks. Neighbors suggested that upon maturity the skunks be named Hitler, Goering, Goebbels, Himmler, Hirohito and Quisling. Apologies to the skunks.

**SECRET WEAPONS**

Few persons know that beer kegs were an inglorious "secret weapon" which protected the U. S. Navy during the critical days of World War I.

The submarine was a new menace then. New ways had to be devised to cope with it. Major General Gardner, then a young officer was hastily recalled from his honeymoon to devise the protection of all American ports with booms and submarine nets.

General Gardner realized there was no time to waste. Within a week he wanted to construct his first net, a ten-mile underwater contraption of wires, cables, and floats which would guard the entrance to Chesapeake Bay between Capes Charles and Henry.

From all over the country, General Gardner commandeered steel wire and rope. In thirty different places from thirty manufacturers, he amassed his wiring material, shipping it to his center of operations. He absorbed half the output of all the chain manufacturers in the country for three months.

Within a few days he had constructed 600-foot sections of 12-foot square netting which would almost scrape bottom to thwart the subs. Each link in his mooring chains weighed 75 pounds, and the end-floats supporting his net had to be big as locomotives. There was the rub. How could you possibly float such a monstrosity?

He had hoped to use gasoline drums, but in all New York, there were only about 400 of them. The manufacturers told him it would be months before they could supply him.

Then he remembered a familiar sight in the New York of that day—the thousands of kegs of beer loaded on horse-drawn beer wagons that were always rumbling through the streets. So he used beer kegs, 7,000 of them. The job was completed in five days.

**JUST OPEN AGGIELANES**

— BOWLING — North Gate

**Circling the Field**

Squadron III

Aviation Students Oscar L. Price and Percy Prior have a good joke on their roommate A/S Ralph Radowick in room 259. It seems the three use an ingenious system to prevent themselves from getting their week old sheets mixed up with the clean sheets issued on Wednesdays. They mark the older sheet with a "B", meaning "bottom", leaving the clean one unmarked until the next week. It so happened Mr. Radowick marked both sheets last week with a "B"—hence he was in a dilemma last Wednesday.

A/S Peter Garaffo was happily married Saturday afternoon to his boyhood sweet-heart from Chicago,

Miss Violet Gerber. Peter and Miss Gerber make a splendid couple and we wish them all the success and happiness in the world.

There's a famous saying which states; "a man believes in heredity until his son acts like a fool."

Aviation Students John W. Hammett, Jr. and Paul A. Harris went fishing over the weekend and had such good luck, they marked the bottom of their boat with a large "X" so they could tell where the good fishing spot was the next time! But to top this, Mr. Harris (See **CIRCLING**, Page 4)

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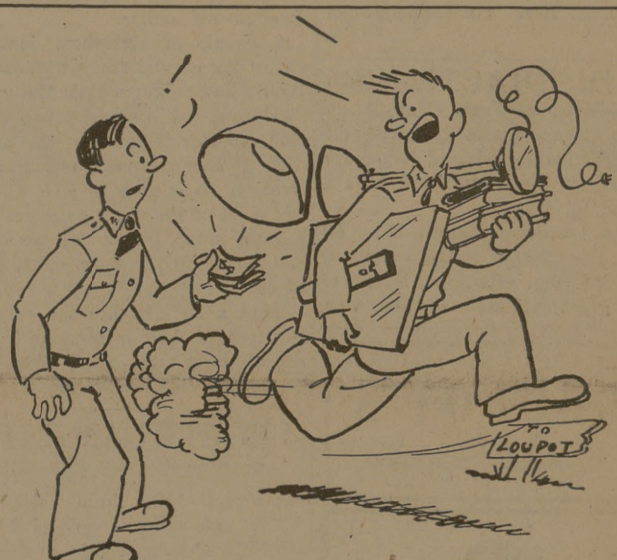
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