

**PROP WASH**  
Squadron II

Stump, Max E.

The change of officers in Squadron II effects the following men. Harold Brink is now group adjutant, Jack Wright was advanced to squadron adjutant, and Buford Witt is Flight C's new sergeant.

Our first daily open rank inspection was held Thursday and the officer's comments were very favorable. All flights looked good. Take care of the few things that were mentioned that needed to be corrected and keep the squadron in tip-top shape for all formations.

Everyone has passed the half way mark of their flying instruction and most of the first check flights are over. "Just call me tail-gunner" is the frequent remark but don't let that worry you. We have a week to go and in that time a lot can be done before the final check ride.

Flight I had a rare experience and a pleasant surprise as they entered the room Monday to take the C. A. R. quiz. There stood a pretty bit of the feminine half of the world to conduct the test. After the bewildered and curious looks came off the faces of the students they proceeded to do justice to the exam. More than once someone asked, "Are you going to be our permanent instructor?"

Raymond Cronquist designed and adorned himself with an extra special edition of the identification plate which is worn on our shirts. The size is five by eight. "With this card", he says, "you can't go wrong".

**Hedge Hopping**  
Squadron IV

A trio of very disappointed young men last Sunday evening were Mistern Burgner, Higginbottom and King. The story goes something like this; as these young men were strolling down the street, they were accosted by three

**ACTD NEWS**

**RUDDER DUST**

By A/S Jack E. Shaw

**GRALLA GROWLS**

One of our erstwhile reporters was quizzing an equally erstwhile individual, namely Sergeant (da bum!) Gralla, trying to get some hot news about that extended order ace, Sergeant Paris. Well, anyhow Sergeant Gralla told him, "Yeah, he says nasty words!"

**SWING BAND**

Wednesday evening saw the small but determined group of fellows assemble after regular band rehearsal for their parts in the new swing outfit. Most of the men have had previous professional experience and those that haven't, seem to be good "paper" men which means a lot on fresh copy. Over 50 orchestrations have been procured and they're all hits with plenty of the "solid stuff." Arrangers such as Carmichael, Mason, Mercer and Artie Shaw's arrangements are featured in conjunction with "Today's Tunes." The rhythm section shines brightly with Frank (Krupa) Callahan on the skins, David C Campbell on the swing guitar, Bob Compton tickling the ivories and Otha K. McCain with eight years of dance band work to his credit, is working on the dog house. Tapping out the "first four" is David Onstead who plays a wicked slip-horn after the band gets the beat, Watch for Dave in "Sentimental Over You." Really ridin' on that "gob stick," is Jimmie Oliver (the Shiek) accompanied by Bob Lamb on the blast horn.

Watch the next edition for a complete list of the band members!

**DRIFTING**

By A/S Fred J. Rosenthal

**THE BOY NEXT DOOR**  
Missing in action, thus we read in the paper of today; He used to be the boy next door Who shared in our childhood play.

And little did we comprehend As we heard that laughter ring, How quickly the youth and fun would pass. . . Of all the future would bring.

A gallant flyer. . . O, so young, Missing in action, they say; The loving hearts who bravely wait,

Please comfort them, God, we pray, **JEST IN PASSING**  
The Duce will always have one claim to fame—a bust in his lifetime.

Hitler's annual summer offensive against Russia again appears to be bogging down.  
The poorest specimens of fish are the sel-fish.

**PUZZLED**

After spending six months in an army camp gathering material for a book, Uncle Looie can't decide which would be the more interesting topic—the private life of a general or the general life of a private.

**THOUGHT PROVOKERS**

Flames in the fireplace.  
Rain on the roof.  
An easy chair.  
Home—when away from it.  
A full moon.  
The girl you left behind.

**AMUSING MUSING**

A news item mentions a 20 year litigation over a chimney location. My aunt says she has been trying unsuccessfully longer than that to relocate the smoking chimney she is compelled to live with, but he won't budge from the living room.

**DAFFYNITIONS**

Conceit: Girl with a wooden leg wearing an ankle bracelet. So help me, I saw it.

**Aggie of '40 Named As Post Engineer**

Captain Fred C. Sandlin of the Corps of Engineers has been named post engineer of the Marfa AAF Advanced Flying School, it was announced by the school's Commanding Officer, Col. George Hartman. Capt. Sandlin reported to the Marfa Air School on July 26, succeeding Capt. Calvin G. Miller.

The 26-year old new post engineer is a graduate of San Angelo High School and received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from A. & M. in 1940. Before entering the Corps of Engineers in January, 1941, he was an engineer at Beaumont with the state highway department.

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**Spotlight on Sports**  
By BILL PLATT

This week on the sports front the activities have been rolling along and the enlarged athletic program is getting well underway.

Volley-ball was the main issue of the week. Squadrons II and III tangled on Tuesday and Thursday evening with the former coming out on top in the series with three games out of five. On Tuesday evening Squadron III took two out of three games but Thursday evening Squadron II racked up two games in a row. Squadron II won their games by 21-7, 15-8, and 15-6. Squadron III took their two wins by the scores of 21-11 and 21-19. Next week will see more competition in the volley-ball league.

The men who have been clipping off fast time on the long road runs are going to have a chance to show their skill Tuesday afternoon at 4 p. m. Each Squadron has picked at least twenty men to represent them and the intersquadron meet between Squadron II, III, and IV should be something to come out and watch. The cross country runners will start at the northeast corner of the drill field. They will run to the creamery and do the regular 1.6 mile run that is done in P. E. and then finish at the starting point. Each of the Squadrons should have some speedy runners and the event will be decided by the total score the teams compile. Squadron II has captured all the meets held in P. E. classes but they will have to go some to take the crown Tuesday.

Gordon C. Cuneo of Squadron II ran the 1.6 miles in 8:08 in P. E. and that is the second fastest time for the course by either the Aggies or the Air Corps. The best time for the course is only one second better than Cuneo's and it is held by a Squadron V man who shipped recently. Winifred Davies and Willard Sollers, also of Squadron II have very good time with an 8:20 to their credit for the 1.6 miles and will be near the top at the finish.

This afternoon Squadron IV has their golf competition at the Bryan Country Club and they are scheduled to tee off at 2 p. m. The newest Squadron has a large number of entries and among them a number of fine golfers. One of the best is probably Kenneth Pfeiffe. The lad has a hat full of medals and has won a couple of open tournaments on the West coast. He has already pared the course and is expected to dome some fancy shooting this afternoon. Next week end, if plans are not changed, the grand finale will take place with Squadron II, III, and IV taking part.

Squadron II now has their tennis team picked and are ready to take on some competition. The Detachment has some fine players and some good matches should be had. The main difficulty involved is that many of the men do not have their rackets here but enough do have to provide some fast entertainment for tennis fans. James Crandall, Frank Farr, Bill Chestnut, Stanley Dame, Alvin Dallad, and Frank Lane compose the Squadron II team.

**VOLLEY-BALL LEAGUE**

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Squadron II	3	2	.600
Squadron III	2	3	.400
Squadron IV	0	0	.000

**Aero Antics**

By Alan E. Goldsmith

The hard-hitting Aircoobra—Jap and Nazi airmen and ground units are faced with the deadly ire power when they meet up with the present U. S. and Russian piloted Bell P-39 Airacobras, in action in Russia, Africa and the Southwest Pacific.

In the wings are four .30 calibre guns, toed-in to concentrate fire on an arbitrary target point ahead of about 250 yards. In the nose and synchronized to fire through the prop, are two .50 calibre guns. Extending through the hollow prop hub is a 37mm. cannon, the heaviest carried by any single-engine fighter in the world. It fires both armor-piercing and high explosive projectiles. The cannon, like the "fifties", is free firing and the pilot may open up on his target from as far away or as close as he desires.

Competition for the Gremlins! News comes from the San Angelo Army Air Base, Texas, of the birth of the Bombi AAF counterparts of the famous RAF Gremlins. Bombi and Brothers are explained to students at San Angela in a publication entitled, "Cadet Bombardier."

According to this manual, Bombi are different from Gremlins in that they are qualified bombardiers and understand the complicated mechanism of the secret bomb-sight. They can ride a falling bomb to a standstill. They can make a bomb turn handsprings, an to the despair of the bombardier, land it far from the target. Like all aviation groups, the Bombi are divided into air crews and ground crews. A prime function of the ground crews is to move the target as soon as the cadet bombardier has released his bombs. Groups of the little demons can push a two-hundred foot target as much as fifty yards in the few seconds between the time the bombs are released and the time they hit the spot where the exact center of the target was at the moment the cadet let his bomb go.

**Ceiling Zero**  
A/S George A. Martin

I am attempting to take over for George A. Martin, whose wife is coming to College Station tonight. As in the case of most good newspapermen, George did not have his copy ready tonight, and was caught by the old deadline jitters. So, here goes.

Lieutenant Richard Ryan of the U. S. Air Corps wrote in the June issue of "Flying" what it was like to take a "wash ride" during his Cadet Training period. Lt. Ryan says in the training of Army fliers, there are three main causes of failures. It is on these that eliminations are based. If the Cadet is unable to co-ordinate properly, if he is dangerous to himself and to others while flying, or if he lacks proper judgment, he then obviously hasn't the qualities so necessary to be one of Uncle Sam's pilots.

Therefore, it is the task of Army check-riders to find those who have these qualities and to eliminate all others. Harsh words and a stern manner are devices often used to determine whether or not the Cadet will become easily rattled. Distressing factors are injected into rides to test the student's judgment. From such conditions a rather complete analysis of a Cadet may be made.

Worrying and working like all the other Cadets, Lt. Ryan says he tried not to notice the dismal shakes of his instructor's head, nor his side remarks from the instructor, as "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why didn't I stick with my violin lessons?"

Finally the big day for the check-ride comes. The Cadet's heart is pounding rapidly. After reporting to the wrong ship on the line, he runs to his scheduled plane, where the checker is waiting impatiently.

The student begins to follow through the orders of his instructor, and commences to perform lazy-eights, dives, spins, take-offs, landings, chandelles and so on. The former near state of paralysis having left the Cadet, he began to think of himself not so badly after all.

Then the axe begins to fall. After a perfect performance of the Cadet, the checking officer may say, "Well, when are you going to begin?"—Oh insult, insult! Then it comes over the ear phones again, "Whatever you are doing, might be perfect as far as I know, but when are you going to start those maneuvers?"

A forced landing is another bug-a-boo to the cadet, who doesn't know when the switch is going to be cut or where it's coming.

More cutting remarks the checker may make are: "Shall we just sit this one out?" "Please mister, if you don't mind, just wait until we reach the runway before you take off", or, "for the money I get, I do this!!"

Finally the check ride, often referred to as the "wash ride" is over and the Cadet wonders what Infantry Division he will be sent to.

The instructor jumps out of the plane and says, "I think it was so bad that I'd make you give me another ride, only I'm too young to die!" At this point he hoists his parachute over his shoulders and stomps off, muttering to himself about the awful things he has to do in order to make a living. The Cadet's face lights up with joy. It's the Lieutenant's way of telling him that he passed and everything is Okay. Oh joy!

Curriculum requirements for history majors at Hunter college have been revised to provide greater flexibility in choice of courses as well as to give training in independent research.

**Walton Whispers**  
By Mat & Charlie

Here we are again ready to give you a play-by-play description of the inside facts of Walton. Not everything which happens in the dorm is printed, because we do not learn the facts; however, with the aid of a few reporters, we will try to please our readers. We would appreciate any more gossip.

Join J-ramp's New Order whose platform is, "eat, sleep, and be merry". Marriage eliminates membership in the party. Jimmy Kirk for president!

It seems like all the stars of the Aggie eleven are from Walton. We have such famous gridsters as Billy Gunn, Ben Reynolds, L. C. DuPuy, Bill Kirk, and Joe Atlas. "Fifteen" for all the men who are out to beat the tell out of T. U. in '43!

There was a review put on by the corps Thursday night for the benefit of the second platoon of the first company. Some late-comers sneaked out to formation, and by order of the assistant commandant, the whole platoon straggled in behind the corps.

Randal Kent, ex-H-ramp, joined the A-12 to get away from this Brazos Concentration Camp. He just blew in rigged up in a zoot-suit and suspenders among the 600 high school "Harrys".

Bob Layton got slightly wet last Thursday night when a cavalry senior detailed two of his underclassmen Carey Clark and Tip Paterson to throw "Dusty" in the shower. The result was an extreme case of the "botts" for Layton.

Jack Owen has several interests in Bryan which hold his undivided attention during the week-ends. Anyone needing a date for the Soph Ball see him, as he has three extras. He hit the jackpot and doesn't know which one to chose.

Burl Ervin reports that his roommate Johnny Cornish has women on his mind when he sleeps. The last few nights Johnny has been heard dreaming aloud about the fairer sex. What he says is unprintable, but anyway a man can dream, can't he?

There is one consolation about coming to the end of this column; you don't have to wade through this stale bull for two whole mornings. We promise something better next Tuesday after "your trully's" trip. Wanted: One ride to Houston leaving immediately.

LISTEN TO  
**WTAW**  
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Saturday, August 7—  
6:02-6:14:40 a.m. Texas Farm and Home Program—TQN  
Extension—Dr. W. A. Boney  
Treasury—Jack Criswell  
11:25 a.m. Today's Summary on the Home Front  
11:30 a.m. Your Neighbor, Mexico—Dr. Al B. Nelson  
11:40 a.m. Dramatized News Event  
11:45 a.m. News Summary—Dr. Ralph Steen  
11:55 a.m. News—Interviews  
12:00 a.m. Sign-Off  
Sunday, August 8—  
8:30 a.m. Music by Master Composers  
9:10 a.m. Let's Go to Church  
9:15 a.m. Hymns of All Churches  
9:30 a.m. Sign-Off

Monday, August 9  
6:02-6:14:40 a.m. Texas Farm and Home Program—TQN  
Horticulture—J. F. Rosborough  
Animal Husbandry—Roy W. Snyder  
11:25 a.m. Today's Summary on the Home Front  
11:30 a.m. School of Engineering—ASTP  
11:40 a.m. Science News of the Week  
11:45 a.m. Singing Cadets  
11:55 a.m. News—Interviews  
12:00 a.m. Sign-Off

**Leggett Laments**

Ross Rucker

Bet you think I'm a persistent cuss but as long as you show the slightest actions that you can bear this column it will continue to be here.

ALAS, and one of the 8th Company boys came thru with the first bit of assistance I've received. Streetman is the lad to thank and his insight on 7th Company was made to order. The copy lifting appears amid the scramble be- (See LEGGETT, Page 4)

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