

Aero Antics

By Alan E. Goldsmith

Let's take a look way back to June, 1918 and see what the Allied Air Forces were doing:

"June 6, 1943 — According to a communique from the British War Office, the Allies were stated to have gained aerial superiority on the Western front. It was claimed that Allied aircraft were able to operate virtually without opposition from the Central Powers."

"June 13, 1918 — British bombers attacked the German cities of Treves, Dilligen, and Briery, dropping eighty bombs. Albattross scouts attacked, but the Americans fought them off and returned to their base without loss of men or machines."

"June 19, 1918 — The first escadrille of American airmen trained in Italian aviation fields started for the Italian front, accompanied by Congressman LaGuardia. It was reported that the group would see immediate action."

It is interesting to learn that P-38's are being used as fighter trainers by crowding the student in behind the pilot. This is a great help to the new pilot as he comes fresh from an advanced trainer—in this country it's the North American AT-9 and steps into the cockpit of a hot ship and he's on his own.

Ceiling Zero

A/S George A. Martin

Sky Heroes

Col. Bernt Balchen

Grim story of the rescue of seven airmen from the Greenland ice cap after five months of persistent attempts to save them, during which five men died, was recently revealed by the War Dept. The final rescue was made possible by Col. Bernt Balchen who already had two previous rescues from the ice cap to his credit.

Meanwhile Sgt. Tetley and Lt. Max Demorest set out with two motor sledges from a weather station not many miles away. Then, when less than 100 yards away from the downed craft, Lt. Demorest disappeared with his sled into a crevasse and all rescue attempts failed.

ACTD NEWS

RUDDER DUST

By A/S Jack E. Shaw

SWING GROUP "CLICKIN"

Every night for the past week, saw the determined (not small any more) bunch of music makers in the assembly hall, hitting the hot ones. To those that heard the first notes at the first rehearsal—well, that's come and gone and the improvement is terrific!

Those bouncin' beavers of the band are: TRUMPETS: Bob Lamb, Jack Shaw, M. C. Gnaegy, D. H. Mead. REEDS: Jimmie Oliver, J. M. Mischel. DRUMS: Frank Callahan. BASS FIDDLE: Otha McCain. PIANO: Bob Compton. GUITARS: Dave Campbell, O. L. Woodall.

TROMBONES: D. F. Onstead, M. A. Tilbury, A. A. Thompson. VOCALISTS: Johnny Ogle. Most popular with the outfit at the present time is "You'll Never Know", "Lost My Sugar In Salt Lake City" and three "boogy" hits that you all will be soon hearing. "Back Beat Boogie" sounds good doesn't it?

Sergeant Paris intimates that if there is an old ladies' home in the vicinity, Corporal Dueterberg will find it—this after he met the gal that the Cpl. suggested for a date. The "sarge" says that he likes his dancing partners to have their own teeth.

Don't forget to get a date for the forthcoming Wing Ball. There will be plenty of dancing and refreshments and fun for all. Remember the date—Saturday night, August 14.—Sbisa Hall — 20:30. Bring a doll to the ball.

DRIFTING

By A/S Fred J. Rosenthal

For Dad

When I was home, dad, now that I think about it, We never, you and I, said what we thought, Men folks, it seems are won't to hide their feelings— To show emotion's not a strong man's lot;

And so it is, dad, out of this far vastness, I send this message to you there back home, All the thousand things you've thought and felt about me Are etched upon my mind as in some tome;

And now somehow I feel all free to speak them, Now that we're all these worlds and seas apart, Tho by miles you're farther off than ever, You've never been so close to your son's heart!

Add Smiles As stubborn as a berry up a soda straw.

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LT. COL. DAVID L. HILL TO GET BRITISH AWARD

Lt. Col. David Lee Hill, brother of Captain Sam B. Hill who is the commanding officer here at the 308th, will be presented the Distinguished Flying Cross on behalf of King George VI by the British ambassador, Lord Halifax. The presentation will take place Saturday afternoon at the British embassy in Washington, D. C., according to an Associated Press dispatch.

PROP WASH

Squadron II

The enthusiasm shown by this squadron for the ball game with Bryan Field Tuesday afternoon was fine and the cheering crowd really added color to the ball game. Our thanks to the score-keeper James Wallis and to George Davis and Lynn Dal Porto who did a fine job of officiating.

George Wallingford, Flight C's romantic Lt., has enjoyed spending his free time the past few days visiting with his parents who reside in Oklahoma. They seem to enjoy watching the routine of living that we have.

When Frederick Rosenthal said that he wished that the runways were made wider some of us can fully sympathize with him. As the story goes Fred managed to utilize most of the takeoff strip and part of the taxi area too—He made it though. A better one yet is the spin he started in which he didn't want to go the same way that the ship was going but he quickly consented. How about an explanation of this one Fred?

"I don't know why I can't do those landings," remarked Kenneth Schroppel after another flying session. "The book says it will come to me all at once. Sure wish it would hurry and happen!" The football is getting plenty of use the evenings as the boys from the Rose Bowl state limber up their arms and legs on the pigskin. John Hagopian, Paul Gervasoni, Burt Goebel, Rene Chapot, and Leo Gruiddl form the nucleus of these energetic gridiron players.

Spotlight on Sports

By BILL PLATT

Today has plenty of sports activity with the softball All-Stars at Bryan Field, a two mile cross country run at 7 p. m. for the Detachment, and Squadron III and IV going against each other at 6:30 p. m. in both volley ball and softball.

The 308th All-Star softball team captured another game from the Bryan Field team Tuesday afternoon by the score of 9-5. This was the second in a series of games between 308th and Bryan Field and it was the second time the Aviation Students have emerged victorious. The first game was played more than a week ago and that contest the 308th won 10-5. The All-Stars go to Bryan Field this afternoon for the third game of the series.

Bryan Field got into an early lead but strong hitting attack soon put the All-Stars in front. The first inning Bryan Field chased across three runs before the 308th hurler, Neal Sorenson, could get the situation under control. Bradon, the first batter for Bryan drew a walk, and then a pair of doubles by Cox and Overton shot the visitors to a 3-0 lead after their first time at the plate. The All-Stars manufactured two runs in their first time at bat as Stump and Fallon led off with walks and John Marnett shot a ringing double to left to score both Stump and Fallon.

Bryan Field went down in order in their half of the second and Platt of the Stars started a seven run rally for the 308th with a single out over second base. Elek followed with a hit but Hill and Sorenson were put out and the rally looked to be over before it had started.

However things had just started and a string of four singles and a home run exploded from the All-Stars bats to drive across seven runs. Max Stump, Gene Fallon, John Marnett, and Jack Wright collected successive singles and then Bill McCloud, burley lad from Squadron III, slapped out a home run with two men on the bases to end the rally perfectly. At the end of the second frame the score was in favor of the 308th 9-3.

After two were out in the first half of the fifth frame, Bryan Field managed to push across a brace of runs on three straight singles by Vallis, Brandon and Cox. The score was 9-5 when the side was finally retired and remained that way through the rest of the game.

Neal Sorenson pitched most of the way for the winners and did a fine job after a shaky start in the first frame. Bill McCloud took over in the last inning and set the side down in order.

Squadron II took a commanding lead in the Volley ball league Tuesday night when their team took three straight games from Squadron IV. The first game the Squadron IV team got off to a fast start and were out in front 15-6 before Squadron II got rolling and overtook them and captured the match.

Circling the Field

Squadron III

In a recent History test, A/S Herbert Roshkind was asked, "What and where is Corfu?" He answered on his paper, "it's a location somewhere either in the Eastern or Western Hemisphere."

Mr. Roshkind received full credit for his answer but the teacher added a note to his paper saying, "You may have well as said it was Shangri-la."

A/S Richard Burrier is to be congratulated for the 100% he received in a History test recently. A/S Paul Harris must have designs on being a Bombardier, for the other night he was bombing moving targets on the ground from a height of three floors up in his perch atop Bizzell Hall. However, one "target" didn't get the jest of Mr. Harris' "damp humor" so paid him a visit and practiced his "Boxer's-shuffle-3-4" for a while with Mr. Harris for the punishing bag. All kidding aside, Mr. Harris was just washing his sox in his waste-basket on the window sill and smokin, "Texas twisted roll-your-owns" when a little of his wash water "slipped" out of the window.

News notes: — During a recent talk, Captain Hill referred to cigarettes as "snuff sticks" —A/S George A. Martin who is a professional "diaper changer", was giving lessons Sunday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. Building to several wives of the Air Corps men. His model for the demonstration was his five-months-old daughter.

Last week I took a survey of the entire Squadron to find the numbers of men who have earned their wings, those who have attended College, (especially A. & M.) and those with the rank of Private 1st Class or above. Here are the amazing results of the "ismertup" poll. Those who have attended the Colleges of the Nation (Liberal Arts, Technical, or Business, night and day included) number seventy-three. Three of these men were former Aggies. There are fifty-five (See CIRCLING, page 2)

Hedge Hopping

Squadron IV

Gentlemen of squadron 4, the wing ball is coming off Saturday, and we have all been looking forward to that great day. Men, this dance is for your entertainment, therefore the relative success, from your viewpoint, depends on how fast you jump in and take over one (or two, three or four) of the many luscious damsels which will be there (loose). The committee in charge of arranging the details for the shindig has been working its fingers to the bone to make this a huge success, so the load will be promptly thrown onto your collective backs come 'Sattiday night'. A new band has been obtained, and from all reports it is really a knocked-out outfit. Feelers have been spread all over the country, thus the girl situation has been alleviated if not eliminated. Also the decorations committee hasn't done badly, having procured a lot of props from a Houston department store. The boys taking care of the room arrangements are cuddlin' that ole beam and will have the rooms ready early in the afternoon.

Now that you understand how these affairs are planned, there remains only one thing for each and every man to do. That is, see that every single girl goes away from Texas A. & M. crying.



DR. N. B. McNUTT

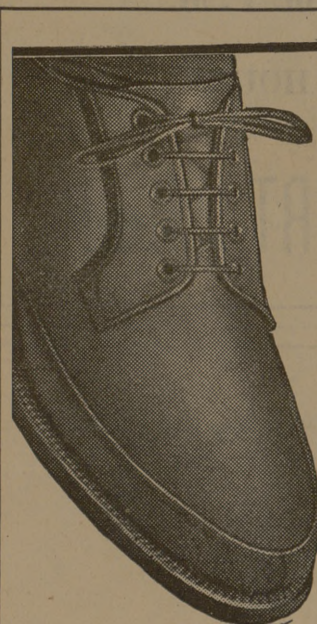
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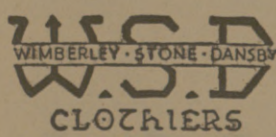
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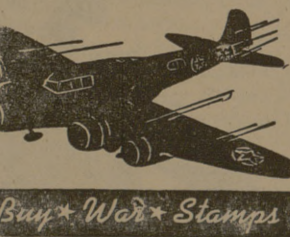
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JUST AN M. E.

by M. Kaff

We have been sort of dormant for a bit these past few days, what with Thermodynamics and those same Infernal Combustion Machines keeping us extra warm. Then too, we started on the O. C. (Obstacle Course—NOT Officers Candidacy) on Monday, and that takes a lot out of the most rugged of us. Somehow we do not seem to be getting any younger, and though our lives may be sharply interrupted by our Army careers, time goes right on and the years keep flying by. Each day though, is a day nearer to the end of the war. We certainly hope that we survive and go on to bigger and better courses, of which we shall probably know less and less.

As if it were not bad enough after two years to still have right face, left face, and about face all week, we also have to put up with Stoneface, Pruneface, Mushface, and Moonface on Sundays. Sure

wish I would be followed around by a pair of shapely stockings and dainty little red shoes. "Bye Now!"

THE EXPERT

By Brad

I am reading in the Houston Post an article which makes me very worried as it is telling me that my very dear friends in civilian life "are not going to have enough to eat" and it continues by proving that we are sure to starve because an EXPERT called Louis Bromfield writes in the Reader's Digest that "We aren't going to have enough to eat."

Now I am much surprised at this because I also read this article and become very sad indeed as I am not the kind of fellow who likes to go out Saturday nights and find dead people everywhere because there is not enough to eat and I am just ready to give up grabbing second helping in the (See ENGINEERS, Page 4)

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Personalities

Paying tribute to a job well done this column will devote its personality space in the next three weeks to short life stories of the men who will be graduating at the end of this semester—they are: Ballard, D. C., Barron, C. N., Chastain, C. B., Detjen, E. Y., Dobson, G. W., Donelson, S. B., Elia, C., Johnson, S. N., Kaltwasser, A. C., Munson, A. H., Phillips, H. M., Thomas, J. H., and Thomas, W. K. David C. (Doc) Ballard: When graduation night finally arrives, and Uncle Sam is handing out his degrees and commissions, David C. Ballard can say that alphabetically he was the first to receive his degree under the new Army Program.

"Doc" claims Haskell, Texas, to be his home, and if records mean anything Haskell must turn out quite some athletes and scholars. In high school "Doc" lettered three years in basket ball, three years in track, and two years in football. His scholastic record here at A. & M. is as good as any. He is gradu-

ating with his class which is plenty good for the Veterinary School.

Down around September, 1939, he was just plain "Fish" Ballard, a member of "M" Company, Infantry. He spent 3 years in R. O. T. C. and then with war clouds darkening the sky he applied for and received his Medical Administrative Reserve 2nd Lieutenant's Commission. After a year and a day as a reserve lieutenant he became Private D. C. Ballard under the Army Specialized Training Program. Today "Doc" has that first stripe.

Platoon Gossip

First Platoon — Needle-eye sketch: T. O. "Mac" McMillian . . . "Mac" was captain of the Inf. Res. Has. in '38. In '37 he represented the 8th Corp Area in the National Rifles Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. At this match he received many honors among which was an instructor's rating in rifle marksmanship.

When he graduated from A. & M. the first time in '38, he received (See VETS, Page 4)

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