

MEDITATIONS
By The Editor

On December 1, 1943 Meditations considered offering an award to the man in service from Schleicher County who wrote this department the most letters during a 12-month period of time. But upon re-considering the thought we decided to implore through this column that service men write us, and we had never mentioned our plan, as it might only have resulted in a "contest." No one knew of our final decision to present a gift to the man in service who wrote us the most letters during the year.

We have checked, this one year later, and find that Ed DeLong, serving in the Seabees in Iceland until recent months when he came home and is now stationed at Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I. has written more communications to us than any other individual service man. His "appreciation" gift will be mailed today, Friday.

Thanks, Seabee, for your thought of us so often and our efforts to keep in contact with the men from this county.

Many, many of the men who have come home from "over" have made it a point to call at the Success office while here and get a first-hand view of the "guy behind" the effort of this publication.

We have, in each instance, thoroughly enjoyed these calls. We have seen them go, and regretted their leaving almost as much as their kinsfolk. When all of these fellows come back again we hope it will be to stay next time for keeps.

Schleicher county can well be proud of her men in service. They have exhibited gallantry, and heroism and intelligence along with the best in the country.

There is our good friend Wesley McAlpine, who floated on a raft for so long, who came home and while here paid this department several pleasant visits. We learned to love "Wes" and the morning he started to leave it was plenty hard to sa, "So long for a while." Lt. Edward F. Meador, who has been around "plenty" is another local whom it had never been our privilege to meet until he returned recently, is another one of those kind of fellows that you just grow attached to and learn to admire beyond description. Marine Sgt. Louis E. Kerr, about the time he got to town came in and made us feel like we had contributed something to the war effort. He, too, is another one of the veterans of this war who saw much service in combat "across". Seaman Ray Jones, is another that we had never met until he came back to the States and home. He called around soon after arriving. There are others who always come around when they are home, but most of them we had previously met.

If we were permitted to have access to an Aladdin wishing lamp the wish would be "that every man might return home overnight to never have to leave again until he so desired."

Mrs. Jess Bradshaw Receives Burns

Mrs. Jess Bradshaw is recovering at her home here from burns about the face when an oil heater exploded at her home Thursday of last week, when it in some manner became congested and caused the explosion.

The burns were reported as painful but not serious.



who's new this week

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith are the parents of a daughter born at 2:45 a. m. Thursday morning of this week. Helen Gertrude weighed 7 pounds and is doing well.

The Smiths have two other children.

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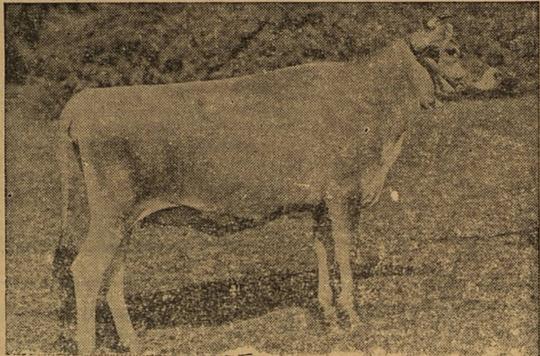
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Jim Simpson Seaman First Class has notified his wife, Mrs. Lizzie Mae Simpson of this city, that he has reached the States safe.

Seaman Simpson entered the service in 1942, and has been serving with a Pontoon Assembly Detachment in the Pacific.

Yearling Brings All-Time High of \$4,000



SPRINGFIELD, OHIO — Draconis Willonyx Nancy, above, became the highest priced Jersey yearling of all time when she was bought for \$4,000 by Borden's Spring Day Farm here, at the Sale of Stars conducted by the American Jersey Cattle Club. Nancy was given to the club by J. W. Ridgway of San Antonio, Texas. Her stablemate from Heep Farm in Texas sold for \$6,250. The 52 head sold at Sale of Stars averaged \$1,287 and netted the building fund for the new Jersey Club headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, a total of \$66,925.

Honor Roll Will Carry Names Of Schleicher County Service Men

BOND SALES GAIN OVER \$20,000 HERE

Some \$50,321 dollars in bonds have been sold during the Sixth War Loan Drive through business on Wednesday of this week.

It is expected that the next week will see heavy buying of bonds by sos-residents, who will support the county with purchases that should boost the sales to a limited extent, and first of month pay days will tend to increase the local workers' purchase.

At a meeting of representatives from the various civic organizations of the town with the American Legion it has been definitely decided to erect an honor roll that will bear the name of every man in service from the county.

Plans for the honor roll are now in the hands of the National Ronzite Industries, Chicago, Ill., and although the size and type have been decided upon, complete details are not available at this time, according to a statement by Post Commander, Clyde R. Keeney.

A move was recently urged that a suitable and "living memorial" be erected for every man in service. This is being considered and, according to committees attending the called Legion meet recently, this matter will be taken up later on, as the local Legion has pledged their support to help in the memorial project following completion of the honor roll.

Physical description of the honor roll has not been announced by those proposing the roll of names, but no doubt will be released soon.

SUGGESTIONS FOR GIFTS TO SERVICE MEN ARE NAMED

Foods are discouraged as gifts to the hospital patients. The deadline date is Dec. 10, and the gifts and price are to be determined by the donor. The donor is to determine whether one expensive gift or several small gifts should be purchased. Gift wrap and enclose card if you desire.

FOR G. I. JOE
BOOKS: All kinds except war stories and no maps please. Pocket size books are best.

STATIONERY AND GAMES:
Games, playing cards, checker boards, chess set, cribbage sets, folding writing pads, air-mail stationery (a few air-mail stamps) fountain pen, pencils, pencil sharpeners, address books, picture folders and stands.

TOILETRIES: Good quality razor blades, toilet kits, hair conditioners, pocket combs, foot powders, lotions, shaving soaps, cleansing tissues, bath towels.

THINGS TO WEAR: Sleeveless sweaters, Tee shirts, nice handkerchiefs, billfolds, good quality socks, bedroom slippers.

FOR THE SMOKER: Pipes, tobacco, lighters, cigarettes, cigars pipe cleaners, tobacco pouches, knives, identification bracelets, good sun glasses, wash clothes.

FOR G. I. JANE
BOOKS: Same as for G. I. Joe.
STATIONERY AND GAMES: Same as for G. I. Joe—add fancy letter paper.

TOILETRIES: Hair combs, brushes, nice soaps, dusting and face powder, cologne, lipstick rouge, deodorants, good sun glasses, cleansing tissues, nail polish, polish remover, manicure sets, compacts, permanent wave sets, pancake make-up, make-up mirrors, bath towels, wash clothes.

NOTIONS: Bobby pins, hair pins, hair nets, clothes pins, skirt hangers, khaki zippers, elastic by the yard, safty pins, cellophane bags, yarn, sewing equipment.

THINGS TO WEAR: Scarfs, chamois gloves, bandanas, bed sox, nice handkerchiefs, bedroom slippers.

Boxes have been placed in Long's and the Ratliff Stores where gifts will be picked up and mailed

Mrs. Florence Huffman of Riverside, Calif., arrived here Wednesday to be at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Weidenmann, who is ill at home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Humphrey and family spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Rochelle with Mrs. Humphrey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilson.

NEW PLAN SPEEDS PRISONER'S MAIL

Families and friends of newly captured American prisoners of war in Germany can write to them immediately upon notification of their imprisonment, according to a recent release by the Red Cross.

Under a new plan announced by the Army Provost Marshal General, mail will now be forwarded through the International Red Cross in Switzerland, he said. Previously mail could not be accepted by the post office for prisoners until their permanent prison camp addresses were received. This usually was two or three months after the notification of capture.

Letters can now be sent as soon as a man is reported prisoner, provided that they contain the full name and address of the prisoner identifying him as a United States prisoner of war in Germany and are sent in care of the International Red Cross Directory Service, Geneva, Switzerland.

Packages cannot be sent until notification of the prisoner's permanent location is received, it was pointed out in the information. Official prisoner of war packages mailing labels will then be supplied by the Provost Marshal's office allowing one parcel to be sent every two months.

Bradley Brothers Met In Rome Recently

M/Sgt. F. M. Bradley, Jr., and S/Sgt. Robert K. Bradley, sons of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bradley recently met in Rome while passing through. Neither knew that the other was there. "Pancho" walked into a Cafe and just happened to see Bob sitting at a table.

Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, Tom Bradley, is attending an Electrician Mate's School in Camp Peary, Va.

From Randolph Field Public relations Office, comes word that Second Lieutenant Earl E. Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roy Bryant, Eldorado, has reported to Central Instructors School for a four-week postgraduate course in specialized aerial instruction.

Four Report For Physical Induction

Three locals and one resident, Amos Shiver, from Concho county left Wednesday noon to report for physical inductions into the armed forces.

The three locals reporting were Luke (Bubba) Thompson, Billy Jack Ottaberry and Jennings Bryan Dacy.

Cagers Begin Work: Oglesby, Breedlove Out With Injuries

Coach Ernest Sutherland states this week that his basketballers are now working out for winter season and that it is planned to hold a tournament in Eldorado in January following matched games to be played this month.

The football season took its toll of available men out of the last few games of the season, and consequently it will tend to somewhat slow the basketball squad selection up.

Bobby Oglesby, senior, is out of a cast following a cracked ankle but getting around with a decided limp and has not come out for the basketball squad. Bill Breedlove, sophomore is out on doctor's orders that were confirmed Wednesday of this week. He is suffering a knee injury which went into a brace this week to avoid possible permanent injury. He is definitely out until at least spring practice according to the physician.

Gets Conduct Medal

According to a notice from an Eighth Air Force Fighter Station in England, the Good Conduct Medal has been awarded to Corp. Irvin W. (Bill) Sweatt, for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and faithful performance of duty.

Corp. Sweatt is a clerk in the technical supply section of the 58 Fighter Group. His duties consist of keeping records of supplies received and issued out to air corps personnel.

Prior to entering the service he operated a dry-cleaning establishment at Big Lake. His wife, Mrs. Gladys P. Sweatt, resides there.

Corp. Sweatt is a son of Mrs. Allie Sweatt and a brother of Sheriff E. H. Sweatt of this city.

Special Services To Start At Presbyterian Church Next Sunday

One week of special services will begin at the morning worship hour Sunday at the Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. John A. Carriker.

A full schedule of the daily topics are to be found in a display elsewhere in this issue of the Success.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Baugh had as guests in their ranch home on the Thanksgiving holidays her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McRas and her grandmother, Mrs. John Kruapa of San Antonio.

Methodists Hold Services In Repaired Building Last Sunday

Although many details are incomplete in final rebuilding, refinishing and refurbishing of the building as a whole, the Methodists of this community were worshipping in their sanctuary last Sunday morning for the first time in several months following a fire that did a large amount of damage to the building and its equipment.

The auditorium was very comfortable last Sunday, however, and its appearance is even more attractive than original many persons have expressed their opinions as believing. The interior finish is of a much lighter shade and the new fluorescent lighting makes it almost the same as daylight at the night hours.

Guests of the church at the evening hour Sunday were the Presbyterian congregation, along with their pastor, Rev. John A. Carriker, who delivered the evening message.

The Methodist group will hold quarterly conference next Friday evening at the church at 8 p. m.

Graveside Services Held For Former Resident Here

Graveside services for T. G. Chaney, 77, former resident here, were held in the Eldorado Cemetery at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Chaney died at 5:30 p.m. Monday at their residence two miles north of San Angelo. Johnson's Funeral Home was in charge.

Burial was beside the grave of his wife who died in 1926.

Mr. Chaney came to Schleicher county in 1894 and located on what is now the Blaylock ranch, where he and his wife reared their family. Following his wife's death, he sold out his interests and moved to San Angelo where he made his home until death.

Survivors include two sons, Sam of Mertzton, and E.A. of San Angelo; two daughters, Mrs. H. J. Lane of Abilene and Mrs. Robert Calcott of Rankin; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Meador recently heard from their son, Billy Frank, who is in Dutch, New Guinea, saying that he had received a gun they had sent to him and that he had been wild hog hunting—didn't get a hog, but saw lots of wild chickens and many colorful birds.

One-Act Comedy Presented At PTA Meeting Tuesday

"Henry's Mail Order Bride," a one act comedy was presented by the Senior class under the direction of Mrs. Carrol Ratliff, sponsor, when the Parents Teachers held their regular meeting Tuesday evening of last week in the high school auditorium. Members of the cast included Joe T. Logan, Paul Page, Donald Gholston, George Finley, Katherine Davis and Claralloyd Oschntr.

Mrs. James Page played piano selections during the intermission.

Mrs. S. D. Harper, president, had charge of the business session when it was voted to finish paying for the choral robes for the high school choral club, and to pay a bill of \$38.85 for materials used in building the concession stand at the ball park. Proceeds from the concession are used in financing the football banquet each year.

Mrs. Ervin Mund, member of the Memorial committee from the association, gave her report of the recent meeting of the community representatives. Other members representing the P. T. A. are Mrs. Payne Robinson and Mrs. John Williams.

The secretary announced that the sixth grade and the sophomore class won the attendance award for last month, and that the second grade won the prize for having the most attractive initiation.

Mrs. Arthur Mund announced that the American Legion and Auxiliary were sponsoring "A gift for a Yank that Gave", and asked that those desiring to send packages to service men in hospitals leave them at the designed stores where they would be wrapped and mailed by members of the sponsoring organizations.

Refreshments of cocoa and cookies were served to approximately 50 guests.

Miss Jonnie Lee Word is spending the week end Thanksgiving holidays here with her uncle, W. R. (Bill) Word, and her grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Word, and Mrs. Mattie Bruton. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Word of San Angelo, and is attending school at Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene.

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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Success will be gladly corrected upon same being brought to the attention of the publisher.

An Opportunity For Youth

Miss Mollie Turner of the Eldorado school of music has been notified by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, that an offer of great interest to music students has been made by Rollins College Conservatory of Music, of Winter Park, Florida. Two honor scholarships in music leading to B.M. degree, including tuition, room and board, are open to College freshmen who are high school graduates.

Also, one full Scholarship in Syracuse, New York University, and partial scholarships in Illinois Wesleyan University, Blooming-Wesleyan University, Blooming-Miami, Florida.

The requirements:
1. High academic excellence.
2. High degree of musical proficiency in piano.
3. Applicants must be pupils of members of the National Guild of Piano Teachers.

Walter Charbury, head of the Piano Department of Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., and faculty member of the Guild has also announced that Mr. and Mrs. Carlo, late of Southern Methodist University have been added to the faction, Ill., and at Miami University,

The business session was called to order at 3 o'clock by the president.

The minutes and the treasurer's report was read and approved.

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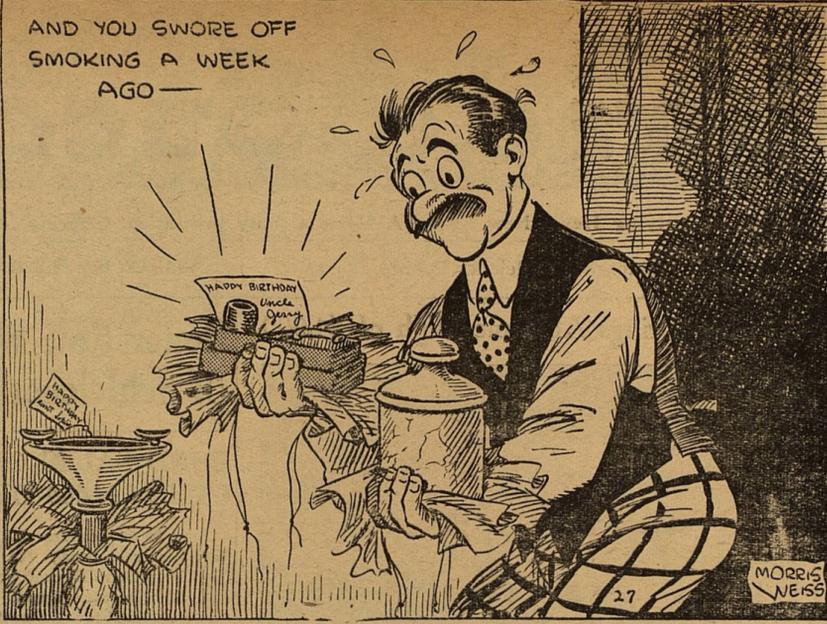
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WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS

by JAMES PRESTON

The consensus in the capital is that Congress will remain independent, not subject to New Deal control during the next two years. It is pointed out that approximately 113 members of the South Democratic group can be counted upon to join the 180 House Republicans to oppose any "New Dealish" domestic measures, furnishing a possible 293 out of 435 members to line up against such legislation.

To slightly lesser degree, about the same situation prevails in the Senate. The Senate make-up now: 57 Democrats, 36 Republicans, and one Progressive, with two seats still in doubt. The situation in

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both chambers is interpreted to mean that Congress will have the power to block undesired legislation, but probably will lack strength to enact any legislation over a presidential veto.

Veteran observers question the CIO claims regarding the effectiveness of the union's part in the recent campaign. These observers say that it is obvious that the CIO cannot claim credit for the defeat of 45 House members it claims to have unseated. CIO also claims credit for 14 victories in the Senate campaign, but informed opinion is that the winning Senators would have been re-elected without CIO support.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mms. C. E. Corbell, E. M. Roberts, J. I. Padgett, Roy McGinnes, Farmer Cest, Odie Harris and Miss Virginia Ryan. Mrs. McGinnes was a new member and Mrs. West a visitor.

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Sgt. Manuel Miller Writes Friends

Mr. and Mr. W. F. Meador recently had a communication from Sgt. Manuel Miller, who formerly was employed here by the Shell Pipeline four years ago, and who was well known.

Sergeant Miller has participated in the invasion of Leyte, and says, "the mud is terrible; but the natives don't seem to mind it, and everybody keeps right on fighting."

He relates that, water buffalo are the chief animals. They are

I Give You Texas

By BOYCE HOUSE

At least this war has produced one good result: when you buy a new shirt, it is held together by bits of gummed paper instead of by innumerable pins. The only way to find all the invisible pins was to put the shirt on—and get scratched in three or four places

All of us talk sentimentally of "the little red schoolhouse." As a matter of fact, I don't know of a single such schoolhouse in the State though I have seen countless little white schoolhouses.

Likewise we speak of the "blue-backed speller" but the one that I studied—and that was almost 40 years ago—had a red back.

It takes more than a ton of gasoline to "deliver" a ton of bombs—Over half of all supplies shipped to the front is petroleum in one form or the other.

Since 1942, the output of 100 octane aviation gas has increased eightfold and it requires almost twice as much crude oil to produce a gallon of 100 octane gas as it does to produce a gallon of regular

In one hour a Flying Fortress consumes enough gasoline to last the average motorest six months.

These are some of the facts pointed out by District 3 product conservation subcommittee for the Petroleum War industry in its campaign to acquaint the public with the need for conserving gasoline and to eliminate the black market. The committee declares: "Fighting forces must come first and will get what they need. As a than it wants: and the biggest part of the home front allotment must go to essential needs—farms, trucks, busses, industry, doctors. Needs of his group are imperative: they are the supply line to victory.

The Temple Telegram culled these gems from relief workers' case reports in Texas:

"Man has ulsters."
"These people are extremely cultured. Something should be done about their conditions."
"Milk needed by baby and father unable to supply it."
"Man hit by automobile—speaks broken English."

The Farmer and His Tractor

II. Avoiding Tractor Troubles

By A. P. Peck
Managing Editor, Scientific American

How much time do you devote each week to the care of your tractor? In your busy season do you just run it into the barn, shut it off, and then start it up again when needed, without thought to adequate maintenance until trouble develops? If you do this, you are cheating yourself out of some of the top power that a

cared-for tractor can deliver, as well as hastening the day when your tractor will give up the ghost for good.

First of all, you should make it a point to know as much as possible about your tractor and how to care for it. As pointed out in the first article of this series, your manufacturer's instruction book should be carefully read and its words heeded. In these troublous days, your tractor dealer cannot always be depended upon to have labor available for repair work, nor parts for replacement. And if your tractor breaks down at an important time you may just be out of luck.

Here are some of the things that you can do to keep your tractor operating at top efficiency; two or three hours a week will be ample to cover them all and will pay ample dividends:

Always use clean fuel of the correct type for your tractor and keep the carburetor properly adjusted. Incidentally, if your tractor is of the low-compression type and needs overhauling, talk to your dealer about converting it to the modern high-compression type so that you can get more power from your gasoline—as well as more economical operation.

Be sure that your magneto parts are always clean and that the connections

are tight. At the same time check the spark plugs and clean them if necessary.

Check the valves weekly for clearance and keep them adjusted exactly as specified by the instruction book.

If you have ignition trouble and are sure that it is in the magneto, do not take it apart. Remove the entire unit and take it to a competent service man.

See what your instruction book has to say about the engine lubricating system, the air cleaner, and the cooling system, and service them exactly as instructed. The same thing applies to the oil filter.

Check the transmission lubricant at least twice a year and grease or oil all other parts of the tractor in accordance with the directions in the instruction book.

Be sure that your clutch is always correctly adjusted. If it tends to grab or slip, investigate immediately.

Never try to change the adjustment of the governor in an attempt to make the engine speed up.

Keep all tires properly inflated at all times.

Cleanliness is a must with all tractors. Never allow your tractor to become caked with mud or grease. Protect it from the weather as much as possible, keeping it under cover at all times when not in actual use.

You will find that strict observance of these few simple rules will amply repay you in long service and peak power from your tractor.

(Number 3 of this series will be devoted to a discussion of tractor fuels.)

used for every task imaginable all over the island.

"There is definitely a cotton shortage," he says. "Cotton material is worth about 100 pecos a yard."

The chief comment which Sergeant Miller made concerning the Japs is: "that there are just too darn many of them."

News of service men? Call 77.

"Easy Come... Easy Go" means DANGER AHEAD

Let's get one thing straight. There is real danger to you and your family—and to your country—in the belief that it is all right for you to spend everything you made last week because another fat pay envelope will come to you this week.

Lots of people felt that way in the last war, too. And they had rough jolts—to put it mildly. Readjustment always follows wars. Factories will have to be closed for retooling. Business will have to shift from a wartime to a peacetime basis. And no matter how much of an attempt is made to cushion the change, millions of persons may find that, temporarily at least, pay envelopes aren't coming in so regularly and so fat.

Take a pencil and figure out your total income, your necessary spending. What remains is your savable income, your future spending fund. That's the way to plan your spending and your saving. For the present, buy only what you need. Invest in War Bonds and hold them to maturity. Save a good part of your income week after week. Build up a reserve. Build it confidently knowing that it is going to help take care of you in the readjustment period which is bound to come.

Then you can face the future with confidence.

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Distribution for the present will be made from drug stores and newsstands, unless your agent can arrange otherwise.

We realize, with deep regret, that some of our old-time readers are not able to get copies of The News. We trust they will understand and bear with us while we're making every effort to restore service.

In the meantime, although many patrons will not have The News delivered to them temporarily, their names are still on The Dallas News' Big Book and we look forward to serving them again.

Thank you.

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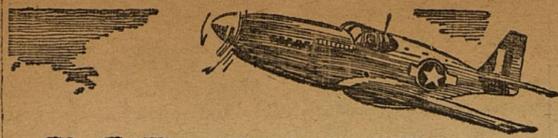
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GOD IS MY CO-PILOT

By **Col. Robert L. Scott** WNU RELEASE

CHAPTER VIII

Well, the Air Base General had to ask us to carry out the mission, and to ease the monotony we were glad to comply. Taking the bomb-bay tanks from the ship, we loaded with five-hundred-pound bombs and off we went, eight hundred miles into the Arabian Sea, looking for a Jap naval force composed of three warships, five destroyers, five cruisers, and two aircraft carriers—with our one bomber. Due to the low weather we had to fly beneath the cloud base at seven thousand feet. Reaching our patrol area, we searched until it was necessary to return to base for fuel. I have often wondered what we would have done had we had the fortune or misfortune to find that task force—if it existed. After all, from seven thousand feet we could have done very little damage with a single ship. Somehow I'm glad we did not engage the enemy—I always hated to be a clay pigeon, and though the future looked dark, there were interesting days ahead.

Slowly, though, through days in which some of the others took their ships to bomb Rangoon and the Andaman Islands, and finally when Haynes returned from Delhi, the realization sank in that our mission was cancelled. I have never seen thirteen crews of bombers carrying so many broken hearts. Morale dropped like a stone. On April 21, when the base took our ships, I think we would have been justified in getting stinking drunk.

New orders came for Colonel Haynes and most of us in the ill-fated "dream mission" to report to a remote base in eastern Assam, on the India-Burma border, to run the A. B. C. Ferrying Command. This Assam-Burma-China transport command was for the purpose of carrying supplies to China and Burma, to make up as much as possible for the fall of the Burma road.

When Colonel Haynes and I arrived in Assam we both considered ourselves "shanghaied." I could tell, as we faced each other across the breakfast table that first morning, that we both knew that things were going to be bad. Our status had changed from participating in what we considered the "greatest mission in the world," to the insignificant task of running a ferry command from India to Burma. Once again combat duty seemed far away.

All around us now were the tea gardens of Assam. Our landing field

was an RAF base. Our homes were mud and bamboo huts called "bashaas." Through the jungle that surrounded our base, wild animals roamed; every night we could hear the jackals scream. We knew that cobras were everywhere. On flights over the Brahmaputra River, I would see rhinos, elephants and other animals which made me realize vividly that we were far from civilization. Our base was situated in a horseshoe formed by the Himalaya Mountains to the North and West and by the Naga Hills to the East and Southwest. The altitude of our field was 600 feet above sea level, and all around us in three directions rose mountains—the lower Himalayas being 25,500 feet, just 150 miles to the North. These great peaks reached their ceiling, of course, at Mt. Everest, 29,002 feet above sea level—the highest mountain in the world. This was 300 miles from us.

Our first job was to begin the construction of other fields in the area—this was to permit us to have more than one base from which to work. For our job was that of being ferry pilots for both the Chinese Army and General Chennault's AVG down in Burma. We were to carry high octane gas, ammunition, and food into Burma, and later into China. We were soon to find ourselves returning from Burma with our ships completely filled and overflowing with wounded British soldiers. Col. C. V. Haynes was boss; he was Commanding Officer of the A. B. C. Ferrying Command, and I was his Executive Officer.

We began our work the day after we arrived in Assam. This was April 21. We had thirteen transports manned by the Army and Pan-American pilots. Our job in flying supplies into Burma was a tough one with unarmed transports, for by this time the Japanese had crossed the Sittang and the Irrawaddy and had taken Rangoon. They now had columns moving towards Mandalay. Their Air Force was all over Central Burma, and the only thing that stood between them and the capture of all of Burma was the few American pilots of the First American Volunteer Group who had been forced now to base at Lashio. These were truly the dark days of Burma.

On April 24, Colonel Haynes and Colonel Cooper transported a load of ammunition and aviation fuel to Lashio for the Flying Tigers, and on their way back an enemy fighter

plane made an attack on their transport. Recognizing the ship as an enemy Zero, Haynes and Cooper left the flying of the plane to the co-pilot and went back into the fuselage, to ward off the attack as best they could with Tommy Guns. Don Old, the co-pilot, dove the transport until they were actually skimming over the jungle trees. These evasive tactics kept the Jap ship from coming up under the vulnerable transport. Just one of the Jap tracers in that Douglas would have set it afire.

As the Jap dived towards them, Cooper and Haynes and their crew chief, Sergeant Bonner, fired magazine after magazine at the Jap. This either discouraged him or the

enemy ship lost the transport in a turn, for they got away. But even considering the bravery of these flyers in using their meager armament against a fighter ship, it is a poor policy to shoot Zeros with Tommy guns; 45-caliber ammunition is not very effective against aircraft, but, as usual in a case like this, if you have only a pop-gun to point at the enemy, it helps the morale.

Most of our pilots had been chosen from the crews of the thirteen ships of our original mission. Even with the loss in morale they had suffered when the attack on Tokyo was called off, they were still the best transport pilots I had ever seen.

Colonel Haynes was a veteran bigship pilot, and for the last ten years he had worked in four-engine bombers. The records that he had set with the giant B-15 will inspire the Air Force forever. Here was a big, cheerful master pilot who never asked another man to do a job he wouldn't do himself. We of the A. B. C. Ferrying Command looked upon him as the best, and Haynes will always stand out in my mind as one of the greatest officers of our army. This jovial veteran was ready to do anything to help win the war, but we all knew he preferred to kill Japs rather than rustle freight across to Burma. I lived with Colonel Haynes on one of the tea plantations in Assam, where we were billeted with a Scotsman, Josh Reynolds of Sealkotte Tea Estate.

Major Joplin, whom we called "Jop," was another of our pilots. This man claimed that he had been born in a DC-2 and weaned in a C-47. One of the Pan-American pilots had made a forced landing with one of the transports, putting it down with the wheels up in a rice



Col. Meriam C. Cooper watches sky for return of U. S. planes.

paddy near the Brahmaputra. Jop took a crew to the transport, took the bent propellers off and roughly straightened them. With his crew and some volunteer natives, he dug holes under the folded-up landing-gear and then let the gear down until it was fully extended, with the wheels down, to the bottom of the holes. Now he placed heavy timbers from the wheels to the surface of the rice paddy, putting them in at a small angle to form an inclined plane. Next he had about a hundred natives pull on ropes that were tied to the wheels, and dragged the Douglas transport up the inclined plane until it rested on the more or less level ground of the rice pad-

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ly. Then Jop demonstrated that he could justify all his claims of having been born in a Douglas transport. He gave the ship the guns, and in a flurry of mud and water and rice stalks, bounced it from the leyd and flew it home to base.

All the pilots were good, and they were eager. The weather never became too bad or the trip too dangerous for men like Tex Carleton, Bob Sexton, or the others to get through. The enlisted men were the best. There in Assam they fought a constant battle against boredom, malaria, and every form of tropical disease. They ate and slept in the nud, and didn't grumble more than the average soldier gripes about the native food. The stringy buffalo meat was fairly tough; the mouthful used to get bigger and bigger as you chewed it.

Even with the hardships we enjoyed the assignment—for after all, Burma was just over the Naga Hills and they said a war was going on over there. Down in his heart, each man really wanted to do something to stop the Japs from their rapid movement to the North through Burma. But we had no fighters and no bombers. I often heard of plots among the crewmen for going back to Karachi and stealing the thirteen four-engine bombers, but of course they were just soldier rumors. The small amount of good that we figured we were doing by flying ammunition, aviation gasoline, and bombs to the AVG was barely enough to keep our morale above the sinking point. Personally I made a trip almost every day over into Lashio and Loiwing, and some days I went on farther East to Kunning, China.

One day, during the last of April, two Chinese pilots landed with two P-43A's. These were good, fast-climbing little fighter ships, the forerunner of the "Thunderbolts." But their fuel tanks had developed leaks, and when you added to that the fact that the turbo was underneath the rear of the fuselage, the greatest fire hazard in the world was born. So far had their ill fame spread that the ships were grounded until the faults could be remedied. So the Chinese left the P-43A's with us and went on back to China. Colonel Haynes and I fell heir to the two little fighters.

Sergeant Bonner worked diligently with everything from chewing gum to cement and finally repaired the leaks, at least to a point where they didn't catch fire right away on the take-off, as some of them had done. I took one of these ships and decided to use it to protect the ferry route. Even one lone fighter

that could fire back at the Japs would be a good morale element for the crews of the unarmed transports.

The job of being a ferry pilot had to go on nevertheless. As the leaks developed again in the tanks of the P-43's, I went back to flying the Douglas transports into Burma and China. One day while I was acting as co-pilot for Colonel Haynes, we loaded two disassembled Ryan Trainers in the C-47 and headed for Kunning. Besides this cargo we had some ammunition and food for the AVG at Loiwing, especially a bottle of Scotch whiskey to be left as a present for General Chennault.

We landed at Loiwing and delivered the designated cargo. The air raid alert came just as we were talking with the General. He didn't even change expression, but calmly said, "Guess we're going to have some Japs—you-all had better get those transports off the field." The Flying Tigers were already taking off, their shark-painted noses gleaming in the sun. Lord, but my mouth watered as I saw them—I'd have given anything to trade my Colonel's eagles and that "delivery wagon" that I flew for the gold bars of a second Lieutenant and one of those shark-nosed pieces of dynamite!

But we started the Douglas up and took off for China with the cargo of trainers. Even as we cleared the field and climbed towards the Salween, I heard the call "Tally-Ho" from the AVG, and then others more like "Here come the sons of bitches." A few seconds later the Jap bombers arrived over the field at Loiwing and we knew all the transports couldn't have gotten off. The AVG radio man, "Micky" Mihalco, called, "They're bombing hell out of the field." Then, in lighter vein, he said the Japs were falling like leaves—or he hoped they were Japs, for he could see many smokes from burning planes. Every now then we could hear one of the

AVG say to some unlucky Jap, "Your mother was a turtle—your father was a snake,"—and then the rattle of fifty-caliber guns over the radio.

We stayed low in the gorge of the Salween until we got to the old bridge near Paoshan, then turned East for Yunnanyi. Behind us the Japs damaged the tail of one of our transports with a bomb, and also blew up the bottle of Scotch that I had brought General Chennault—it had been left in one of the jeeps that was hit. But they had paid heavily for the transport tail and the quart of whiskey. I believe that even the Woman's Christian Temperance Union would have approved of the trade—for the AVG had shot down thirteen of the Zeros and bombers, while as usual they lost none.

At Kunning, with the surprised Chinese looking on, we unloaded the two small training planes from the fuselage of the big Douglas. Then, after something to eat, when I had just about arranged with the AVG squadron commander to go along with them on the morning raid into Indo-China, we received a radiogram that changed all plans.

Colonel Haynes and I were ordered to leave immediately for Shwebo, Burma, down on the Mandalay-Rangoon Railway, and evacuated. (Continued on Page 4)

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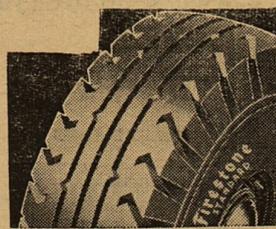
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Five members and one guest were present.

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We flew through black storms all the way to the Mekong; then, turning South, we found better weather, even if we were getting into Japanese-controlled skies. We landed at Myitkyina and while servicing (so that we would have plenty of fuel to take General Stilwell anywhere he wanted to go), we learned from a British pilot that we would find a small field to the Southeast of the town that was our destination.

Flying as low as we could without hitting the tops of the jungle trees, we followed the Myitkyina-Mandalay railroad to the South. We knew that all the British had evacuated the area about Shwebo except for a small detachment left with the wounded; so we were expecting trouble. I know that neither of us had ever before been so careful at watching the skies. I had my ever-ready movie camera right by my side, but in the excitement I forgot to take pictures as we flew over the burning towns of central Burma. Long afterwards, Colonel Haynes told everyone that I had missed the best pictures in the world, but I imagine he would have dumped me out of the ship if I had raised that movie camera instead of diligently watching the skies.

All the country ahead of us was marked with columns of black smoke, rising straight into the clear sky. We looked for hostile ships until our eyes ached—or for any ship at all, for we knew it would be a Jap, ours being the only Allied plane in the air. We had been flying those unarmed transports so long that both of us had become used to it. Behind us in the empty cargo space I could see the crew chief and the radio operator searching the skies on both sides, with their inadequate Tommy guns at "ready" position.

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Mrs. Page, program leader, gave "Planning for Britain". Mrs. E. C. Hill rendered a discussion on "England Looks Beyond the Blitz".

During the business session it was voted to donate \$5 to the Christmas Cheer fund and also to donate \$5 toward a fund being contributed toward beautification of McCloskey Hospital grounds at Temple.

Appeal was made to members to turn in worn clothing to be given a Mexican woman, a protegee of the club.

Emphasis was placed upon the request for members to bring toys and clothing to the next meeting, which will be held Dec. 12. Since Christmas time is near these articles are needed to be prepared for giving at Christmastime.

Those present for the meeting included: Mms. E. C. Hill, L. D. Ochsner, W. N. Ramsay, C. A. Reynolds, T. P. Robinson, J. E. Tisdale, V. G. Tisdale, Jack Welch, John A. Carriker, Keno Ogden, S. D. Harper, C. M. McWhorter, W. T. Whitten, Bert Page and Miss Tom Pearl Smith.

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The Rev. Finis Williams, pastor of the Park Heights Baptist Church, San Angelo entertained with a vocal selection, "Tell IT Again."

Mrs. E. E. Bradford, president of the Concho Valley W.M.U. Association, introduced Mrs. L.W. Woods, corresponding secretary and treasurer of the Association, and the guest speaker, Miss Lung, who bought a very interesting and inspiring message.

Following the address, a social hour was enjoyed with entertainment consisting of several songs by the Intermediate and Juniors. Refreshments were served.

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