

If a Buddy Meet a Buddy

By JEANNE WILTSHIRE

Fifty combat missions is the mark recently passed by Capt. Erle G. Swanson, jr. at a B-25 Mitchell bomber base on Corsica where he is flying as a pilot, it was announced by the 12th air force.

Capt. Swanson was a student at the U. of O., as have been so many outstanding service men, before his entry into the service. His group recently came back from its 650th combat mission in the Mediterranean area, and the Mitchell bombers, to celebrate, had left the enemy target a mass of devastation and ruin. He wears the distinguished flying cross for extraordinary achievement in serial flight when a formation of his unit's Mitchell bombers attacked

an enemy troop concentration at Pico, Italy.

Major Andrew D. Norris, jr., former student here, has been assigned by Major Gen. C. L. Chennault as commanding officer of a troop carrier squadron in the transport service of the 14th air force. Major Norris has been on assignments that have taken him from Alaska to North Africa. After he arrived in China, in June 1944, he became a transport pilot, flying personnel and supplies over a wide area of free China and sometimes over enemy-held territory.

First Lt. Ralph W. Eichenberger, former U. of O. student, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to his air medal, it was recently an-

nounced by the commanding general, 8th air force. He is the navigator of a B-17 Flying Fortress, and is a veteran of many of the 8th air force's huge daylight precision bombing assaults against the Nazis.

Capt. William R. Young, former U. of O. student, now wears the third oak leaf cluster to the distinguished unit badge, now that his unit, the 27th fighter group, a veteran P-47 Thunderbolt air support outfit, has become the first AAF unit in the Mediterranean theater to be cited four times in war department general orders. This citation covers the day of the Salerno invasion, September 10, 1943. His group has been previously cited for its gallantry in action

on Bataan and Java and in the skies over Australia in the early days of the war with Japan.

Lt. Frank Levings, graduate of the U. of O., is assigned to the air transport group in a unit of air service command in France. His job is to fly supplies and equipment to front line fighting troops smashing into Germany. Piloting a giant C-47 Douglas transport plane he has carried vital material needed by the United States armies.

On return trips he has converted his plane into a "mercy ship" and has helped to evacuate hundreds of American battle casualties to base hospitals in England. He has been in the U. S. air force since 1942, and in July, 1943, he went

overseas and made 14 trans-oceanic flights to the states as well as several flights to Italy and North Africa.

Lt. Ray E. Wells, former student, was recently awarded the distinguished flying cross "for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the Mediterranean theater of operations." He is a pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber group in the 15th air force and has flown on many bombing missions against Nazi installations in Germany, southern Europe and the Balkans.

Also recently a winner of the distinguished flying cross was Lt. Raymond C. Wolf, former student, who was cited for "courage, determination and superior professional skill."

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Dear Duck in Uniform. . .

It is a melancholy and disturbing thing to sit down and write a letter to someone who has been gone a long time . . . melancholy because the entire subject of one's thoughts are recollections and remembrances of things irrevocably past which once seemed peculiarly distinctive and permanent for us, and disturbing only because the realization is there that two and three years lie between the writing and the subject matter.

These qualities are all here in this editorial which is an open letter to you students who have laid aside, some forever, others only temporarily, the uniform of the campus. From the classroom you have stepped into horizons much broader and of more significance for you than we, who still are just as you left us, can ever hope to understand. We are all wrapped up in the prospect of 9:30 desserts, Coed Capers, Junior Weekend, and other campus topics, and like everyone else manage to discern our own way close at hand but others only at a distance. So if you sometimes, while glancing over the stray Emeralds that manage to reach you, feel a slight wonder at our interest in trivialities only remember that we are constantly occupied with being average college students and that the work with which you are concerned is for us only a distant though insistent subject for campus discussion.

Yet, we have not altogether been unaffected by the war. We are in the midst of struggling with a war situation at home and have tried to understand the necessity and extreme importance that each student take upon himself some responsibility towards the national war effort. Apart from the purely personal impression which your absence has made upon the campus—the registration is around 1700 in comparison with prewar total of 3000—we have also had to forego events which were very close to us, as they were once to you.

Among these was Dad's Day which was recently ruled out by University officials in order to cut down on congested travelling conditions. Although it had meant a lot to us we were able to realize that you were the ones most immediately affected by your decision, and that if you were to travel with the least possible difficulties we had to keep our dads at home.

Spring vacation may receive the same ruling. There is a great deal of talk around the campus over it and indications seem to point towards its cancellation.

As you can see, we are struggling with our own problems which on a smaller scale somewhat reflect the conditions with which you are occupied. Our conception of the war is probably very dim in comparison with yours but we are concerned with new and strange difficulties which seldom occur to college students and we are solving them as well as we know how. Our strongest wish is that you approve that solution.

Ho-Hum

By ORIN WEIR

First comes a suggestion from the Alpha Chis that Milt "I knew Sage" Sparkes drive his automobile around the block once or twice with his dates before heading for his Hendricks haven.

Poor Donald Turner is at this time quite disturbed over the news of one Jim Reed returning to the campus—and Janet Roberts, Kappa. It takes a lot of nerve on Jim's part even if Janet does have his Beta pin, eh Don?

A campaign for suggestions for six more contests is at this time being presented so each and every ASUO student body member will have a title of some sort.

Now comes the long story of the much publicized Donald Dyer who Saturday night at the Persian room tried to empty every coke bottle so Hal Bailey would not be led astray. The climax came with Don's date for that evening, Dorothy Maddox proving she could drive the lad's car home.

Congratulations to the mighty Gamma Phi girls who take pride in announcing that they now have over their allotment of men although it took several high school youngsters of the masculine gender to make up the deficit. Oh well, things are tough all over.

Bob "I'm jinxed" Prowell complains of all his women supposedly becoming quite ill just prior to date time. Must be his pleasing personality.

Lois McConkey still claims they were for use in the recent Coed Capers, but many are still pondering our the thought of Chick Cecchini's long red woolies in the girls' laundry.

At this time may we personally pay our respects to one Sally Timmens without whom we would probably be unable to fill the space of a column. As for now it looks as if the girl is in the best of humor after announcing a wee tidbit to her best of friends and all the other students that stroll up and down Thirteenth street which concerned a romantic Sgt. Eachern who, incidentally, seems to be the only one not in the know of the entire goings on. Oh well, he may learn all about what he's really like someday.

A very unhappy group of girls are two members of the original four horsemen, namely Marilyn Williams and Phyllis Brugman, who entrusted their hearts to one Peter "Mine, all mine" Walsh who in turn broke the trust they reposed in him after gazing at a stunning Theta lassie who is beckoned by the monicker of Charlotte Gething. Isn't there some law that will stop the boy?

Tsk, tsk, the Wally Johnson, Eloise Mulhausen, Buck Shott situation is growing more and more acute as the Theta house dance approaches. It should prove very amoozin'.

Air Alert

By SHUBERT FENDRICK

Niles Trammell, president of NBC, speaking on New Horizons of Radio Broadcasting, declared that television is the most effective means of mass communication ever created.

He said, "Once it is introduced in the United States on a national scale, television will provide employment for many thousands of men and women and for many millions of dollars

of capital. Both as a service to the public and as an avenue of employment, the significance of television is enhanced by the fact that it does not displace or replace older services or jobs. It is unique and different from anything else in existence."

You won't need to dress for this premier. Just relax into an easy chair and flip on your static box Sunday at 5:30, when Eddie Bracken's new show makes its debut over NBC. With Eddie will be William Demarest, who played with the young comedian in "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek" and "Hail, the Conquering Hero," the pictures that zoomed Eddie to fame. Leigh Harling will conduct the orchestra for the program.

The Electric Hour this week will have Rece Saxon, talented young contralto, as the guest of Nelson Eddy, Shirley Dinsdale, and Judy Splinters. Nelson Eddy, with a 12-voice male chorus, will open the show with the stirring title song from "Rose Marie." Rece will sing Noel Coward's "Zigeuner" and join Eddy for a duet of Friml's "Love Me Tonight" from "The Vagabond King." Nelson Eddy will also sing a number of other songs over this

STARS IN OWN SHOW

Eddie Bracken's new NBC show makes its debut Sun., Feb. 4, at 5:30 p.m. (PWT).



program Sunday, 1:30 to 2, over CBS.

The Richfield Reporter has signed off nearly 2000 of their Sunday through Friday 10 NBC news broadcasts with clever mons mots, for example:

"Remember . . . a war bond is the PRESENT of the FUTURE."
"Remember . . . PFC also means—Patriotism, Fortitude, Courage."
"Remember . . . the average man will never admit it."

Here is next week's schedule for "The Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands" heard Monday through Saturday from 6:30 to 6:55 over the Blue network: Monday, Feb. 5—Tommy Dorsey; Tuesday, Feb. 6—Vincent Lopez; Wednesday, Feb. 7—Tommy Tucker; Thursday, Feb. 8—Ted Lewis; Friday, Feb. 9—to be selected; Saturday, Feb. 10—Jimmy Dorsey.



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