

THRILLING ANTICS OF AVIATORS PORVE ITS YOUNG MAN'S GAME

Soldier Returning From Trip Over German Lines Carries Himself Like School Kid.

PADRE JOINS IN HILARITY

War Correspondent Gives Some of His Impressions After Visit to Battle Front.

By William Philip Simms
With the British Armies in the Field, July 3.—(U. P.)—(By Mail)—
"The air game is a young man's game." Axiom of every European army.

Today I stood on a British aerodrome just behind the lines watching the practice flights of the youngsters stationed there when a speck in the eastern sky caused someone to remark: "Here comes a bird! It's Pat. Watch him."

I watched. At 150 miles an hour the speck came at us. Suddenly, at a height of about a mile the machine slowly turned over sideways, then plunged earthward upside-down.

Spectators Are Thrilled
"He's done himself in!" someone exclaimed.

It certainly looked so. Pat's machine, the engine stopped, was plunging earthward, perpendicularly, spinning round and round on its own axis. Then, suddenly, it straightened out flat, went a hundred yards and shot up into the air, again perpendicularly. Slowly, gracefully the aeroplane turned over on its back, again upside-down, looped the loop twice, flew on straight, rolled over and over, plunged sideways, went into another nosedive first with a right hand spin then a left hand one, and so on until he had everyone gasping for breath.

Finally the machine came down and lit on the field. Out of the pilot's seat climbed a hooded, goggles being which, with one quick jerk tore his goggles from head and face and beheld: A kid, a boy, a stripling just turned 20.

It was Pat, star pilot, Boche killer, blushing and smiling like a sweet girl graduate. He wasn't swanking, nor swaggering, but behaving exactly like any kid home from school after algebra and football. For him it was just the way he looked—like a kid who has done a little mathematics and considerable football—hair tumbled, face red and glowing eyes sparkling.

Off Duty, He's Singing
"Nobody asked him if there had been anything doing over the line, not any more than one brother asks another that question when they meet at home after office hours. But, as you shall see, it had been what you or I would call a rather busy day. However, I did not find that out until later—the next day, in fact, when I read the air reports."

An hour after Pat had come down I saw him again. This time he was washed and combed and had on his slacks—which is English army stuff for trousers—instead of his breeches and leggings. He was in the R. F. C. reading room, a room in a shack and next door to the dining room. He and another kid—a major if you please—in an air pilot's uniform were singing:

Hallelujah! I'm a bum!
Hallelujah! Bum again!
Hallelujah! Give us a handout
To save us from sin."

Just Kids Having Fun
This verse was sung in a deep bass, to the well known revivalist tune, then as the next lines were reached, the bass changed into the high falsetto.

PORTLAND SURGEONS ARE CALLED TO FORT RILEY, KANSAS



Left to right—Dr. Daniel Grant (Hushnell photo); Dr. J. E. Kane; Dr. D. L. Palmer (Moffett studio); Dr. J. R. Weatherbee (Grove photo).

Obeying war department orders, by which they report for duty at the officers' training camp, Fort Riley, Kan., five Portland surgeons and one surgeon from Anacortes, Wash., left Portland last night. The men are: First Lieutenant J. E. Kane, J. R. Weatherbee, D. L. Palmer, Daniel Grant and

of the farmer's wife as she stands on the back porch:

"Oh, why don't you work As other men do?"

And then the bass again, imitating the hum:

"How the hell can I work When there's no work to do?"

There was nothing evil, nothing sacrilegious about it. Nothing more devilish than healthy boys, with bright, clean minds. There were just kids having fun.

Outside on a court leveled and laid out in what was recently a corn field, four more kids were playing tennis across a net of wire originally intended to keep trenches from caving in. Near this was another court, a badminton one, and here four more headless boche killers were raucously feather globules about like mad. All day they had been fighting in the air, miles above the earth, waylaid, stalking Prussian airmen in the clouds—these school kids—and now they were having a bit of relaxation before dinner. More kids still were grouped about a tent on the edge of the badminton court and a hilarious contest was going on seeing who could climb over the roof of the tent in quickest time. The winner was the padre, the airman's chaplain—bully good man that he is—who came sliding down the near side of the steep tent roof crying as he came:

"Here comes a perfectly good parson!"

Fighting Record Thrills
And the kids about him laughed like kids will at a Punch and Judy show, over the antics of their padre who influences them like a real father.

The next day I read the air reports. I found all these kids had been in a big fight that very day. Thirty-nine of them had fought over 60 German airmen and had bested them. They had sent seven enemy machines crashing through the clouds to the ground, bombed two railway stations, given the range for any number of direct hits on Prussian artillery, dived at and silenced a number of anti-aircraft guns which were hampering them in their work.

And Pat?

Pat had attacked four German Albatross machines single handed and scattered them, all save one which he riddled with his bullets and flung head over heels three miles to the earth where it smashed and glared and glowed until it was cinders, its pilot and observing officer perishing in the crash.

And then, Pat, attacked in his turn

by 10 enemy machines as he flew alone three miles above the ground, escaped by a "nose spin," a literal drop out of the blue such as I had seen him do that afternoon over the aerodrome.

Two Thoughts Uppermost
When I read these reports two thoughts chased themselves round and round in my head. One was:

"The air game is a young man's game,"

And the other was in the guise of a haunting tune:

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The laughter of Pat, the boy Boche killer, as he came back in deep, burlesque tones imitating the bums a reply to the farmer's wife, was part of the music:

"How the hell can I work When there's no work to do?"

Illinois Troops Not To Ride in Tourists.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 4.—Illinois "Sammys," when they leave for Texas, probably near the last of August, will travel in day coaches and not go in style in tourist sleepers.

This announcement has been made by the war department, it being stated that a shortage of coaches would make it impossible to furnish sleepers for all troops without much delay in the movement of the state guard taken into federal service from their home stations to their southern concentration camps. Sleepers, it is said, will not even be provided for the officers.

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The four men are John W. Bally, Petersburg; Guy Masterson, arrested here Friday when he wanted to register; Oliver Burchi, Kincaid, and Martin Anton, Taylorville. Acting on orders from the United States marshal's office the men were offered freedom if they would enlist. They accepted.

Joe Thomas of Jerseyville, Ill., was brought to Springfield, charged with dodging the draft and offering to shoot any federal officer who came after him. One United States marshal placed him under arrest without any shooting.

VARIED COLLECTION OF MEDALS OF SOLDIERS IN NATIONAL MUSEUM

Widow of American Volunteer Gives Assortment of 212 Decorations to U. S.

Washington, Aug. 3.—The conferring of decorations and medals for distinguished conduct in times of war has been well-nigh universal since the beginning of organized warfare. This is well illustrated by a remarkable collection of decorations and medals conferred by some 35 nations for various war services, recently received by the United States National Museum from Mrs. Boggs, widow of the Lieut. Thomas Kelly Boggs. Lieut. Boggs, who assembled this collection of 212 medals and decorations, was himself the holder of five badges representing his military service during the Civil war and membership in patriotic societies.

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SECRET AGENTS FIND GERMAN SPY SYSTEM BUSY IN GOTHENBURG

Waters Surrounding British Isles and North Sea Are Mapped for Submarines.

Stockholm, July 11.—(By Mail)—(U. P.)—Allied secret service and intelligence officers, with the co-operation of the police of the Scandinavian countries, have recently succeeded in unearthing and dispersing a large and well organized German submarine intelligence office headquarters in Gothenburg, Sweden.

In their investigations the officers discovered a naval intelligence map of the waters surrounding the British Isles and the North Sea. The water area on the map was divided into small squares, each one numbered. An elaborate code was also found for use in conjunction with this map.

Messages based on this code, although apparently reading like private mercantile telegrams and cablegrams, could in reality be deciphered into accurate descriptions of allied warships or of belligerent or neutral merchantmen. From the spy headquarters in Gothenburg, agents were sent to Scandinavian ports and attempts were made, Sweden, successful or not, to get them into England. These agents were supplied with the code and map mentioned and were reporting to headquarters on the sailings of German submarines at sea, probably by wireless stations hidden along the coast.

Navy Yard Workers Sans Dinner Pails

Vallejo, Cal., Aug. 4.—The dinner bucket, traditional emblem of the workingman since time began, has reached the end of its career at Mare Island, where 4000 are employed in the navy yards.

From now on the men there who cannot find a hot lunch, will have to carry their meals in paper bags or in their pockets. It is believed that the edict abolishing the lunch box is another of the precautions taken since the fatal magazine explosion, minimizing the chances of spies carrying infernal machines.

Heroes of 1776 Lie In Unmarked Plots

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 4.—Some where in the graveyard of historic Old Christ church are resting the unidentified remains of three signers of the Declaration of Independence. These men, Joseph Hewes, of North Carolina, and Francis Hopkinson and George Ross, of Pennsylvania, died in the darkest part of the struggle for independence.



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