

happy chattering passengers seated around a small fire they had started on the floor of the plane. They like their rice cooked.

They also liked to gamble. Many veteran C-47 jockeys swears that the winners on occasion picked up the loser and tossed him out the plane door amid general Chinese laughter. It was certainly a sure way to get out of the army.

And that brings us to our tall story, probably dreamed up by a tired co-pilot bumping "the hump."

Heavy Load

A plane heavily loaded with Chinese soldiers was flying over rugged mountainous terrain. Suddenly the plane developed trouble. The mountains began to get closer. The ship was losing altitude.

"We've got to get rid of some weight fast or we'll crash," the pilot told his crew. "There isn't a place to land."

"There's no freight to chuck

lowed his example. *Off* came their trousers. They tied the knots and lined up in front of the door.

But still none would go first. No—their ancient courtesy decreed that the American visitor should have the honor of preceding.

"Hell again," said the frustrated sergeant. "I knew this would happen."

But the plane was almost scraping the peaks. He had to act.

"Follow me!" he shouted, and holding his pants overhead leaped out. As soon as he disappeared from their sight he pulled the ripcord of his parachute—his own ticket to safety.

One by one the docile passengers—true to his orders—jumped out after him, each clinging to his knotted pants.

The lightened plane rose and went on. And the passengers? No complaints have been heard from them. At least they got out of the Chinese army. Or so goes the tale as I heard it.

FINDING THE "TIME"
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11 (AP)—Henry Blunt lost his \$30 watch last June 16. The other day, sloshing through five inches of snow, he kicked at a bright object—then picked it up.

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