

Forget How Things Were Done Before the War. Eliminate RED TAPE. We must learn with the Germans, "that the War Won't Wait." Delay is the Kaiser's Ally.

These words endorsed by President Wilson are conspicuously posted at Air Service headquarters in Paris.



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YES SIREE! WE GET THE GOLD SERVICE CHEVRONS

Six Months Service Overseas Entitles A.E.F. Men to Gold Stripe

After considerable deliberation by the military authorities in command of the American armies it has been decided to use the service chevron system to denote the amount of service American soldiers have seen.

You can figure your service overseas as having dated from time of sailing from the United States and six months from that date you are entitled to wear the gold insignia.

Wearers of the chevron have been much in prominence since the first bulletin was posted making the allowance. The stripe can only be worn when official authority is given and then only the Quartermaster issue is to be used.

For those who will pass less than six months in the theatre of operations there is another service chevron of blue cloth exactly like the gold one.

HOORAY! WEATHER MAN SAYS NO RAIN TO MAR FIELD DAY

Promises Clear Weather, So Big Day Will Not be Postponed

Of course we know the weather man never makes any mistakes. Oh, no! So if his word to the *Plane News* reporter is of any value, there will be no rain this Sunday to put a crimp in the proposed field day.

He promises nothing but sun and warmth and a clear blue sky, so all you athletes take another hitch in your trouser straps and get the mud clogs off those field shoes, the events will be held.

Lt. Nelson requests that all squadrons who have entered report to him in formation, headed by an officer, at 1:45 Sunday afternoon on the 'Y' field across the main road.

CHECKER CHAMPION ON POST

Gene A. Robinson, 640th, on field 8, is undisputed checker champion of the post, and claims the championship of the A. E. F.

By surviving the eliminations of a tournament just finished, in which some 25 men took part, he still remains champion.

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE OPENS

The post volley ball league starts Wednesday at 7 p. m. with games between 642 vs 13 and 802 vs 32. All entries must be made before then.

FINEST 'Y' HUT IN FRANCE CEREMONIOUSLY OPENED

New Building Turned Over for Use of Mumps Squadrons

Last Saturday night marked the opening of the finest U. S. 'Y' hut in France. It is located at the upper end of field I and is for the exclusive use of mumps squadrons.

Expert artists decorated the walls and at one end of the building a large art panel is hung while on the walls there are several smaller oils.

Lt. vonEzdorf had the band working to perfection at the opening and a large crowd swarmed in to get the first real peek when the doors were officially opened.

U. S. PRESS SHOWERS UNDUE CRITICISM ON AIR SERVICE

2½ Year Old Madaline Caulier Plane News Staff Mascot

Madaline is the youngest of a family of five, all refugees from Armentieres. The father contracted pneumonia at the front. He never recovered his strength and died several months ago. The mother made a valiant effort to keep her family together.

A photograph of our new little 'Demoiselle' appears in this week's *Stars and Stripes*.

LACK OF STUDY SHOWN BY CRITICS

Aviation Casualties Not Due to Poor Command or Careless Methods

The American press has attempted to point out to the government that the loss of young American student pilots in training the past year has not been justifiable, which calls for a "military" explanation of matters that perhaps the press have not considered, or more likely are entirely ignorant about.

The *Literary Digest* says: "Nearly every day brings the news of the death of one or more of our army aviators in collision or other accidents at army training fields here or in France. Our editors find this news most distressing."

Recent records show that somewhere in the neighborhood of sixty loyal men made the supreme sacrifice in the last year while in training, and the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* has endeavored to account for these fatalities as having been caused by the "cramped" space the men have had to fly in. It believes that the accidents are inexcusable. It is moved to ask whether "the supervision of our aviation camps is in the hands of officers who know their business." It thinks that somebody has been "negligent in permitting unskilled and untried men to fly near one another." It feels that the death of so many young aviators cannot be tolerated, and concludes: "Officers who have not learned to respect the motto 'make haste slowly' should be declared unfit to superintend the training of aviators."

Had the press stopped to study the situation they would discover that only a small percentage of the fatalities have been caused by collision, and that the other causes were of various natures which are beyond any government control. They would have also discovered that the majority of instruction centers have outlying fields where men in the various stages in training are confined.

The officers in charge are as competent as can be had. Many are West Point men of long military training and nearly all have taken flying and have become expert aviators themselves. They know, if anybody ever will, the dangers of flying

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THE CRUSHING BLOW

Miss Givenwilson Donates Violin

Those who can recall the days of the winning of the homeless concertina by Parascandola will remember what an excitement it was to decide who the owner would be.

Now a violin is to be given to the best player who will step up on the stage and do his "fiddlin'" for the benefit of everyone. The crowd is to be the judge.

Miss Givenwilson is donating the instrument from among her personal belongings. Sometime next week a vaudeville show is to be produced at which the free-for-all will take place.

CAPTAIN PULLIAN SHOWS PROGRESS OF AVIATION

Illustrating with a series of screen slides, Captain Pullian, of the 21st Squadron, gave a very interesting lecture on the progress that has been made with balloons and the heavier-than-air machines since inception, at the 'Y' Thursday night.

The theme brought out the records of old aviators who gave their lives in developing that which is now such a vital factor in the present war, and will be of such commercial value in the future.

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EDITORIAL

Plane News suggests a new slogan for the Air Service: **All for one aim, one aim for all.**

Success can only be won by everybody working for the one object.—“Win the war” and the above slogan typifies the vital thing that we are here for. No matter what our job is, it is an important link in the chain of organization and co-ordination without which we would be going around in circles. Don't forget that the heads of the Air Service have a definite program laid out and those of us who have been here longest have seen it gradually take form.

It would have been impossible to have made the strides apparent on all sides if any part of the organization failed to do their bit. With this in mind do your job cheerfully and be content in the thought that your work, while a small part of the whole is vital, whether you are a cook, truck driver, clerk or laborer.

CABLE or MAIL your money to the U. S. A. thru Wells Fargo & Co. or deposit with us at the nearest **Société Générale WELLS FARGO & Co.** 4 Rue Scribe, PARIS Full particulars at Y. M. C. A.

Shinn and Rogers Wrestle Tuesday

Cook Shinn, 10th, will defend the post heavyweight wrestling championship when he meets Sgt. Rogers, 13th, Tuesday evening.

Several boxing events will complete the evening. Any amateur boxers or wrestlers desiring to be matched in short bouts call *Plane News*.

WANTS

LOST—Black Pocketbook. Reward for return to barrack 9 office.

LOST—Pocketbook; contents 291 francs, name of owner and notes. Finder return to *Plane News* and receive reward.

WANT—Mandolin in good condition. Sgt. Hale, 35th, field 2.

LOST—Black Bill-fold containing 127 dollars and about 175 francs. Return to office, barracks 9; reward.

LOST—Enroute to or in town. Small Black Purse containing 500 francs. Liberal reward if returned to *Plane News*.

LOST—Fountain Pen loaned at 'Y'. Will be please return to *Plane News*.

LOST—Campaign Badge with two ribbons. Return to *Plane News*.

U. S. PRESS SHOWERS

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and the necessary precautions to take.

“Tight places” are bound to confront every pilot in the course of his training and are the finest ‘examples’ in the world if the aviator is able to navigate the danger with success, for it gives him the needed confidence for similar experiences in the future. Safe flying is largely a matter of intuition, which sense can only be acquired through constant practice of long duration.

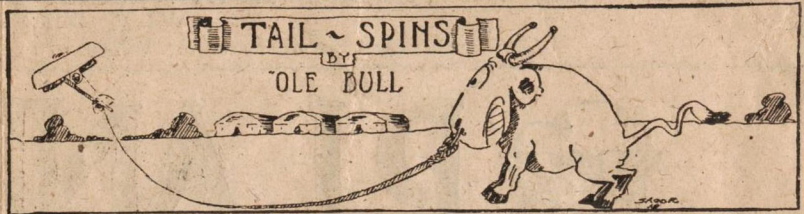
The training of an aviator, from the beginning, assumes practically the same dangers as actual service in the air at the front, which is not the case in the training of any other branch in the service. Therefore it is little wonder that the loss of a few men in training should stir the public to believing that carelessness has had its part in causing the losses.

The machine a pilot begins on is safer than each succeeding machine he is taught to handle and it is significant to note just what training will do for the flyer. For instance, the casualties for the most part come when the pilot is operating the largest and safest planes. Few casualties are recorded of the lighter and faster types which are exceedingly hard to handle and susceptible to the least wrong move on the part of the pilot.

Considering that in practice there is practically the same danger element as there is in flying at the front, the percentage of casualties is very low in comparison to the great number of flyers in training. Were the actual figures made known of just what is being accomplished in daily flights, landings, mileage and acrobatics, surprising facts would be revealed as to just how wonderful a progress is being made in American aviation with such little loss.

The air route to victory is considered to be possible, indeed the probable route by which America will be able to launch its greatest strike and hasten the termination of the war. To prepare this route is necessitating the aid of the country's greatest inventive genius, a large portion of its higher skilled labor, and the best educated and most able bodied young men for pilots. The plan is requisitioning the finest America has in brains and skill and, like all great war aggression, is only made possible with human sacrifice so that the end may be accomplished with little delay.

Press criticism of such sacrifices in the Air Service is decidedly detrimental and can cause no gain for the allies. Airmen are far too valuable to chance losing by careless methods and careless methods do not exist in America's aviation.



“CHESTY”

Two kids were discussing the relative qualities of their families. Johnny said: “My father was in the great war and has a wooden leg.” “Oh, that's nothing,” piped the smaller of the two; “my sister has a cedar chest.”

MORE GOOD LUCK

Men of the A. E. F. have seen for themselves that there can be no more “Corn Willy” served in the army. The last animated weekly showed Armour's plant burning and the crowd went wild.

Lieut. E. E. Piper, formerly one of the editors of the *Portland Oregonian*, at present attached to the 10th Aero Squadron, is giving the flying officers at field 8 a splendid mess. A good editor should be able to give good pie at any time.

SINCERE WISHES FOR YOU

May you never have a bunkie with a rude and raucous snore,
 May no geezer ever dare to call you “Sammy” any more.
 May you have a grand sufficiency of furloughs, fags and chow,
 And escape fatigue and juggins if they catch you in a row.
 If you think of other things you want, I've wished them from the start
 And every wish for you, old top, is started from the heart.
 —Anonymous from Air Service Headquarters.

Heaven: The place where Buck Privates go to receive a reward for their sufferings on earth.

Have you noticed the *new* motorcycle drivers? We have!

Captain Porter, our genial Quartermaster, informs us that we are again on full beef rations. “Thanks for them kind words, Captain.”

Cadet Stone is about to get married! Don't believe it? Well, then, see him personally, or perhaps Lieut. Cooper can ease your mind on the matter.

SWIVEL CHAIR CAVALARY

A number of representatives were in the cloak room of the House last week. Said one of them: “Why do all these young ordnance officers in Washington wear spurs?” Uncle Joe Cannon, who had just come in, rolled his cigar to the other side of his mouth and said: “That's to keep their heels from slipping off the desk.”—*Washington Post*.

RECEIPT FOR LOVE CAKE

Hold hands not too tight; whites of four eyes; two lips pressed; one deep sigh; one full moon; one shady lane; one bench for two; let one arm arm go to waist; put in cool pots; don't stir.—*Creator unknown*.

CAPT. WOOLLEY THANKS FIELD FOR TOBACCO DONATION

“On behalf of myself and the men of my squadron I wish to thank you for securing the supply of cigarettes and tobacco sent us. I also, through you, wish to thank each and everyone who so cheerfully donated this supply.”

These words came from Captain Woolley, commander of the 465th Aero Squadron, who received the tobacco donated by the men on this field.

SPRUCE FOR PLANES ASSURED

The spruce division of the Signal Corps, under command of Col. Brice P. Disque, headquarters Portland, Ore., started its new mill in operation Feb. 8th. The mill, which is the largest ever built for cutting timber, was erected and in operation within one month and a half.

The government requires ten million feet of spruce per month to manufacture planes and this enormous quantity is now assured.

CADET MINSTRELS SHOW AT FIELD SEVEN

The Cadet Minstrels staged a second performance of their famous show at Field 7 Y. M. C. A. last Saturday night. A big crowd saw the show and were wildly enthusiastic over it.

The third performance is being given at the nearby base hospital tonight.

DON'T FORGET MOTHER'S DAY

May 12th is Mother's Day. Nothing would please her more than a letter from you, but you must write it now.

Mother's Day will be celebrated by special services at the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday, May 12. Our English speaking Allies will celebrate the occasion and the French are also joining.

It is significant that the festival of Joan of Arc falls on the same date. Madame Poincare, wife of the president of the French Republic, will write a letter to our mothers in the homeland, and Cardinal Amette, of Paris, is planning fitting use of the occasion in his churches.