



# Donald Spitzer

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**000: INTRODUCTION**

*This interview is being conducted on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, at Niles Public Library in Niles, Illinois. My name is Kate Wolicki. I am speaking with Mr. Donald Spitzer. Mr. Spitzer was born on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1920, in Chicago and now lives in Niles, Illinois. Mr. Spitzer learned of the Veterans History Project—oh, I forgot to ask, where did you learn of it?*

There was a-- something in the Senior Center.

*Yeah, from the poster in the Niles Senior Center.*

Yeah.

*He has kindly consented to be interviewed for the project. Here is his story.*

**009: ENTERED THE SERVICE**

*So, we usually start at the beginning chronologically, but don't feel tied to it. So, I always start by asking when you entered the Service. Do you remember?*

*You can cheat and look at the discharge papers too.*

I know I enlisted in January of '42.

*And how come?*

The war was on. I enlisted--I wanted to be a cadet, a flyer, so let's see, yeah, January 6<sup>th</sup>—19, no, that was when I was discharged, 18<sup>th</sup> of March '42.

*Was when you were official?*

When I enlisted and I left-- when did I leave, oh?

*Oh, you have a paper.*

No, no, it's not here. This is my overseas thing.

*It's not that important. You don't have to be exact. January*

It was about April or May. I'm not sure exactly.

*Where were you-- you were living in Chicago before that?*

Oh, yeah.

*Did you live at home with your parents or did you--*

Yes.

*And what you were doing? What work did you do before then?*

What was I doing? I don't think I worked at that time-- I was an order picker for Montgomery Ward on Chicago Avenue.

***024: AFTER SERVICE***

*So you*

And then I went in Service. I came back, and I worked as, let's see, first in a men's store after I came back, and then I worked in another men's store for a number of years on Lawrence Avenue, if you know where that is. And then I got married, 1950, and I worked for-- I was an accountant. I worked for Mount Sinai Hospital as an accountant. I went into public accounting, and then I started working for the government. I worked in the IRS for twenty-five years.

*Wow.*

And I used to do a lot of public relations work for them.

*They could use you now, I think.*

Well, I had my radio show for five years. I did a lot of coordinating of careers for the government, all the agencies that represented this, and we gave talks to the high schools and grammar schools in Chicago.

*That's amazing.*

And I retired in 1987, long time ago.

***040: "I WANTED TO FLY"***

*Yeah. So, you chose the Air Force, or was it the Army Air Force, or is it*

Army Air Force. US Air Force now.

*Was there a reason you did that?*

Well, I wanted to fly.

*So, did you get to fly?*

Well, I got about a hundred hours of flying and then I was eliminated from the program. And the reason why is because, in California, for two weeks, we did not fly. It was foggy every morning, so we didn't have any flying. And I lost my touch of the plane, that's all. That's all I can attribute it to.

*Yeah.*

And then I went to-- I was stationed in Hobbs, New Mexico, and then sent overseas.

*So, when you first enlisted-- when you were first inducted, what was it like when you first started out? Do you remember?*

Well, we had to go to-- we went from Chicago, of course, to Santa Ana, California. And I went through a basic training course. I think it was eight weeks, something like that. And then we went into cadets-- started flying, and I know I started flying here-- started flying July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1942.

*Did you-- had you ever flown before? Had you ever been in a plane before?*

Well, yeah, been in a plane, but not flying.

*Well, a lot of people hadn't been in a plane. How did you get from Chicago to Santa Ana?*

By train.

*By train? Was it a nice train or a crowded train?*

It was a passenger train, yeah.

*Some guys tell me, you know, they had a big luxury train. Sometimes, they were on a train, it was like just packed full of people.*

No, it was a passenger train because this was early in the war, you know. This was about April or May of 1942.

*Yeah. That's early. So, were there a lot of people, well, there were other guys, other new cadets?*

Oh, yeah.

*Did you meet a lot of people?*

Oh, yeah.

*Were they from all over or were they mostly*

All over

*from Chicago?*

No. Well, the ones that I started off with were from Chicago and I think these fellows were mostly from Chicago. This was in Santa Ana, in Santa Ana, May 1942, and these were from Chicago.

*So, were they people-- did you meet people--*

I never knew them.

*Yeah. They were just other people.*

Yeah. Just people who did the same as I did. We signed up for cadets, and that's where we went, Santa Ana, California.

*So, how did your family feel about you going into Service?*

Well, how would you feel if your son or daughter went into Service? They weren't happy about it, but it was a civic thing to do, you know. We had to do it.

*Were there a lot of people going that early, do you think?*

Not many enlisted. Here this is all--

*Thanks.*

There was something up on top there.

*We're just writing your name.*

I-something here.

*Well, I could make up a name for you.*

No.

*But we could put in your own.*

Okay.

*That works.*

And this is yours, I'm sure.

*That's mine. Sorry about that.*

**080: BASIC TRAINING**

No. We --I decided that the war was important. And not many people enlisted, believe me. They were all conscripted, drafted, to go into—that's why they had no choice. I wanted a choice.

*That's what a lot of guys have said. A lot of people I talked to who were in the Navy said, you know, they enlisted because they wanted to be in the Navy. They didn't want to be in the Army.*

Yeah, you see the one on the serial number indicates that you're enlisted.

*Oh, I didn't know that.*

The three is, I believe, was drafted.

*So you-- what did you learn in basic training?*

How to be a soldier, how to shoot a gun.

*Did you think it was going to be useful later?*

Well, no, but it was, you know, necessary for at least to get soldiering, the activities of a soldier, and that's often-- all that kind of stuff, and camaraderie, more or less, to learn more about the fellows that you were with and where they ended up. And, as I said, most of them were killed in training, or I lost track of them during the war. But I survived.

*You said there was somebody that-- you said you had a picture of some guys that were killed during training.*

Yeah, there were-- both of them were.

*Was that common that people got killed while they were training?*

No, no, they-- Yeah, these guys, this is 1944, no, it couldn't have been.

*Maybe it's just marked that way on the back of the picture.*

No, because '44, I was overseas.

*Yeah, so then after your basic training, where did you-- you were in Santa Ana to learn to fly?*

No, Santa Ana was just basic training.

*Oh, okay.*

**108: LEARNING TO FLY**

And then I went to Santa Maria, California.

*Oh, that's why-- had my saints mixed up.*

Yeah, and I was there for about, well, from July 30<sup>th</sup> to September 26.

*And you were [in] a Stearman, you said.*

Stearman. Yeah. That's-- We flew open cockpit, two passenger, with the helmets, and the goggles, and all kinds of stuff. And my instructor taught me combat maneuvers. He showed me how to get on the ground from about 10,000 feet up in about 10 seconds, just zoom down.

*Wow.*

And when I first went up where they showed me that we were going to have loop to loops today, I didn't eat breakfast or lunch, but I didn't throw up—I never threw up.

*And it worked*

And it was fun. And the instructors, as I say, taught me all kinds of maneuvers for

*When you were in*

Upside down, and loop to loops. And I enjoyed it.

But then the next plane was a closed cockpit with two people in it, one low wing, what they call a monoplane. And I couldn't control it too much. One fellow almost killed me, though, and he had previous instruction. He was a flight, not instructor, but he had flight training. And it was what we call a buddy system where he would take the plane off and land it. And when I was up there, I'd have a, well, a screen around me, and I'd fly just on. And when he came in--

*That must have been scary.*

No.

*No?*

No, it was--

*You felt like you knew what you were doing.*

Yeah, it was interesting. But he, coming down, this kind of plane, if you came up too high, landed, you had to come out this way, and then go down—well, he came in too high, and one of

the wings ripped, dropped. And if it hits the wing, you're gone. And, luckily, somehow or other, he was able to straighten it out before-- and I told the instructor about that. And he took him up for a flight training and, you know, they eliminated him because he could not-- he didn't have depth perception, even though he had flown before.

*Did they do a lot of medical testing to see what you could-- to see how well you could see and that?*

Oh, yeah, always, and we also had the training-- trainers where you go into a cockpit on the ground and you fly just by using visual contact, very interesting.

*It sounds like it.*

Yeah, and I learned a lot there.

*Was it hard going from being-- I mean, you were a grown man, was it hard going from being, you know, rather independent to having to follow orders?*

No.

### ***158: AIR CONTROL***

*It didn't bother you.*

No. No, when I was in Hobbs, New Mexico, I did a lot of air control. I-- the flights coming in, I managed the planes-- telling them where to land and what runway and all that stuff.

*That's supposed to be a very stressful job. Is it?*

It is, but I managed.

*So, then, when you-- so you were eliminated--*

From flying.

*From flying.*

And went to Hobbs, New Mexico.

*And then what did you do?*

Well, that's what I say, I did air control

*Air traffic*

and just general things until I was shipped out.



*So, where did you end up when you were shipped out?*

Well, that's when I ended up in China and India.

*Oh, tell me about it.*

Well, this is these-- here I left Hobbs, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1943. I went to Chicago. They gave you a pass, you know, a--

*So, did you get to visit your family?*

Yeah.

*Was it nice?*

Well

*Or was it harder because you got to see them?*

Well, it wasn't hard, but you were happy to see your family, you know, before going overseas. You don't know what's going to happen.

*Yeah.*

### ***177: GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, DOING NOTHING***

So, I left Chicago. I went to Greensboro, North Carolina. Then I left-- I was there from May to August.

*What were you doing there?*

Just nothing.

*Nothing?*

Nothing. Just waiting for overseas assignment.

*Wow. So what did you do all day when you were doing nothing? Do you remember? Did you visit Greensboro or?*

Yeah, we went traveling around there, and we did a lot of sports. We played baseball, and football, and what not. And then I went to Newport News, Virginia, on August 21<sup>st</sup> and I was there for eight days, and got on the troop transport at about 9:30 at night,

### ***187: HUNGRY AND HEADING OVERSEAS***

*Wow*

August 29<sup>th</sup>. We left the U.S. in the morning. We arrived at Panama, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, about four days, and I went ashore, and I brought boxes of candy at the PX there because I knew that they didn't feed you very well, you know, because I knew already what I needed. But when I was next to the mess hall, several of us would—I'd go in, put Kleenex in my pockets, line them, and go in, and take cans of food. I remember, particularly, little hotdogs, things like that that you could eat, you know. And I had my pockets lined, and we fed ourselves very well. And in order to go in there, you had to put your watch in a lapel, so they knew you're on what they call KP, Kitchen Police.

*Right.*

So we'd do that, and walk in, and scavenge around, and then walk out, take the-- that's all.

*And you never got in trouble for doing that, huh?*

No, they never caught us. Let's put it that way. Okay, then, we arrived in Panama, as I say, I brought candy, boxes of candy. I had some money at the time.

*Was it from somebody else, or did you have money because they actually paid you?*

They paid. They had it. Yeah, I had some. It wasn't expensive, you know, because you're in a PX, which is the Army store, more or less.

And then we went through the Canal on September 4<sup>th</sup>. On September 6<sup>th</sup>, crossed the equator. I'm now a shellback, they call it.

*Did they do-- was there any ceremony when you crossed the equator?*

Yes. Oh, yeah.

*What was it like, do you remember?*

It was-- they had a pool on the thing, and they put a board across it, and you had to walk across the board. Several, you know, represented it. I didn't do it. And a lot of them fell in.

And September 12<sup>th</sup>, very rough seas.

*Ooh.*

And extremely rough seas.

*Was it bad?*

Yeah.

*Had you been on a ship before, when you went?*

No. I tell you, I never got sick!

*No?*

But a lot of people did. They were in the latrine throwing up, or on the side of the ship throwing up, or what not. But when we left the U.S. from the Canal, we had escorts because there were 15,000 troops on board.

*Wow!*

We had heavy cruiser, we had an aircraft carrier, we had four destroyers, and a light cruiser escorting us. It was very interesting. And then they said our next stop would be Melbourne, Australia. And then we crossed the International Date Line, and I lost a day.

*Oh. That's terrible.*

Well, so what. I got it back later.

And then we sighted New Zealand, and I changed time for the eighth time. Arrived at Melbourne, Australia, we only got on shore, changed time again for the ninth time. And I started taking Atabrine, which was for malaria.

*Because you were going to India.*

Yeah.

And crossed the 180<sup>th</sup> meridian and, now, I'm in the Order of the Golden Dragon.

*So it was another one, huh?*

***249: ...IN BOMBAY, WE HAD SOME EXPERIENCES! COBRAS, CHICKEN AND HYENAS***

I forgot—I've got those papers showing-- I have them in a different place. I forgot to bring them. Arrived at Bombay, India, on October 4<sup>th</sup>, yeah, no, the 7<sup>th</sup>, and arrived at Lake Beale 126 miles north of Bombay. That's when I won 1200 rupees in a crap game. Left Lake Beale for Calcutta: destination Kunming, China. We left on a train. The train was so bad. There were no seats. There were benches, and we were so afraid of getting malaria that we slept with like a netting around us.

*Uh huh, mosquito.*

And we had to sleep on the benches, and they were slat benches.

*Oh.*

No blankets. Nothing.

*Was it hot in India?*

Yeah.

*And you were there for a couple weeks it looks like?*

Yeah, Bombay.

*Did you get to see any of India?*

When we were in Bombay, we had some experiences! There's a lot of snakes in India, and we had cots with, you know, and they had mattresses. They had-- the cots had straps, and then we had a mattress, a very thin mattress on it. And one of the fellows, one night, his mattress got soaked or something, and he didn't have a mattress. So, he had to sleep just on the slats. And we found he was harboring-- a snake came up underneath and bit him! And we had to examine him to see if it was a poisonous snake. Luckily, it wasn't! But we used to walk around the camp in Bombay, India, with boots up to here, and I carried a flashlight, and a bamboo rod.

*For what?*

Well, we'd be coming along and, all of a sudden, in front of us, a cobra would stick its head out. The flashlight blinded them. You take the bamboo rod and you whacked them, killed them before he got to you! So, that was-- I was one of the only ones that had flashlights, so I was the leader of it.

*So, where did you get the flashlight from?*

Well, I carried it with me, and there was another incident. We were sleeping one night, and we had been to town and brought some chicken. And we ate it in the tent and left the bones in the package on a small table there. And we hear crack, crack, crack, crack, and I took my flashlight and shined it. There was a hyena!

*Ooh!*

Eating the bones of the chicken. And we chased it away! We had a lot of

*Did it take the chicken with it?*

Oh, yeah, it finished, probably, I don't know. We heard cracking. You know, he was crunching the bones, but we chased him away. But we had a lot of experiences like that.

*That's amazing!*

Yeah.

*That's absolutely amazing. So had you-- when you enlisted because you were going to be a cadet*

*a cadet, did you think you were going to get to go to so many places?*

I had no idea. I didn't know where I was going to, you know, end up in. And I wanted to be a combat pilot, though, because when my instructors showed me all these moves in learning how to fly, I enjoyed it.

*Yeah.*

So I-- that's what my intention was.

*Had you ever been before anywhere away from Chicago?*

Oh, yeah. New York, and California, and traveled around, you know, but nothing--

*Nothing far away.*

No, not overseas.

Then we went to Calcutta by train, as I say. I think it was about three or four days. It was terrible. We had rations, you know, the packaged meals to eat there.

*And you didn't have any little cans of hotdogs with you.*

No.

*No. Terrible.*

I still had some candy left, but it melted.

*Oh, no.*

I don't think I had any candy because we, on the ship, we ate everything in sight.

*You said on the-- was that on the troop ship that you were on bunks that were five high?*

Five high, and I was on the bottom bunk, thank goodness. But, as I say, it was right next to the mess hall, and every morning when I woke up, all these fellows were sitting on my bunk waiting for the mess hall to open up!

*Did you not wake up until they sat down or did-- or were you that tired?*

Oh, I slept through most of that until I woke up. And there, they are sitting there, you know, they didn't care whether I was sleeping or not. But we were always, usually first in the mess hall when we, you know, for different meals because we were right there.

### **320: ON THE WAY TO CHINA**

Let's see, then, destination: Kunming, China.

*Wow.*

We arrived at a camp thirty-five miles outside of Calcutta. I visited Calcutta.

*Was it different than Bombay?*

Oh yeah.

*Yeah?*

Calcutta was filthy.

*Yeah?*

Yeah, Bombay was—well, we didn't really get into Bombay because we were a hundred, about twenty-six miles north of Bombay I think that's where-- 126 miles north of Bombay.

*Oh, really far.*

So, I never got to Bombay.

*But Calcutta was dirty, huh?*

When we left and went to Bombay for the train, then we arrived at a camp thirty-five miles outside of Calcutta. I visited Calcutta and we left for the Hump, which was the mountains between India and China. We camped overnight at the railroad station by train. Then I went-- arrived at Hump Control and then we flew over the Hump on a C-47, which was a troop transport.

*Was it big? What was it like?*

There's seats all around, no, seats, you know, rows of seats, but it like a bench all the way around. We sat on there, and they flew us over-- that was it. And then I was assigned to the intelligence office of the Flying Tigers, the 51<sup>st</sup> Fighter Group.

***334: INTELLIGENCE OFFICE OF THE FLYING TIGERS, 51<sup>st</sup> FIGHTER GROUP***

*So, what did that mean?*

Well, you know what the Flying Tigers were?

*Yeah.*

Okay, they were

*But you can tell the Library of Congress.*

Huh?

*I said you can tell the Library of Congress, though.*

Well, they know. But, no, they were volunteer fighters, flight pilots, volunteer pilots, they were from Canada, U.S., England, all these, and then they had--I have books on the Flying Tigers. My son-in-law gave me a couple of books on them.

*So, what did you do then?*

Well, it was intelligence.

*Yeah.*

We briefed the pilots, the ones that they had, we had different planes, mostly P-40s with the tiger heads or sharks' heads on the-- painted on, if you remember, pictures of them. And I would brief them, or we, the group, you know, on what they would come across. We had pictures, photographs, and where to go, what height to fly in, for surprising them, and drop bombs on the Jap planes, or some supplies that they had in fields that the Japanese were. And then, when they came back, they had photos of what damage they had done, and we'd process those and forwarded them to our intelligence in China.

*How did you-- how were you able to share that information? How did you-- you forwarded them. Did you send copies by courier or did you use codes or?*

Generally, by courier, yeah, because there were no computers to send it, you know, no email.

*No fax machines.*

No, it was mostly by -- and General Chennault was in charge of the U.S. troops in China. And I saw him a couple of times too.

*Really?*

**377: "THE JAPS BOMBED US AT NIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE"**

But okay then, from on December 24<sup>th</sup>, New Year's Eve, Christmas Eve, the Japs bombed us at night on Christmas Eve.

*Wow.*

We had a place to go to keep away from the bombs. And in China, they bury their dead on the flat ground and put mounds of earth around it, above it, and dogs would go in to burrow into it to take the bones out. There were no coffins, and they'd pull the bones out, and eat them. You know, they didn't care. And we had our safe place, they dug trenches in and around these graves, so the graves were up there. We were down below, and we'd jump into these trenches to get away from the bombs. And a lot of times, crunch, crunch, we'd be jumping on bones of people.

*Yeah.*

So, we got used to it.

*Were you in a building when you were in China? Were you staying in a building?*

Oh, yeah, we had a

*Because you weren't in tents anymore.*

No, we weren't in tents. They had permanent places for us.

*Unless there were bombs, in which case you got to go in the trenches there.*

Yeah, so-- but that was interesting there.

*It must have been very frightening.*

It was frightening to be bombed, yeah, but they usually bombed the air field, and they weren't very accurate, thank goodness! But many nights, we were alerted to the fact that bombers were on the way, or at least fighter planes from the Japanese. And we learned a lot to stay out of the way. Then, January 28<sup>th</sup>, I was transferred to a finance office because the fellow in charge of my group of intelligence, he wanted a friend of his who he went to school with in his squadron. So, I got kicked out, and they sent me to a finance office, which I didn't like at all. So, I complained, and they transferred me to a different, a bomb squadron. They had a big show on March 10<sup>th</sup> celebrating the second anniversary of the 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force.



*What kind of a show?*

Well entertainers, and what not. I don't remember who.

*Was it exciting? Was it--*

What?

*Was it exciting, was it a neat show, or was it kind of*

No, it was interesting. Any show was interesting at the time, you know, we didn't get any-- the only time, the only thing, we did see movies at night. And that's when we went with the flashlights and the bamboo rods to where the movies were shown and get snakes out of the way!

*Yeah.*

Oh, it was really-- we saw a lot of cobras, but they didn't do any damage, thank goodness.

*So you're still in China when you were transferred*

Oh, yeah

*to the finance office.*

Yeah.

And then this was March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, January 28<sup>th</sup>, was when I was transferred there, and I was there until April 6<sup>th</sup>. I complained that this fellow got me out. I didn't want to be in finance, so I complained. And they switched me to this what they call the 308 bomb squadron. It was in Tandou.

#### ***435: 308th BOMB SQUADRON, INTELLIGENCE: CHINA & INDIA***

*What were you doing there with them?*

Actually, I was in intelligence there, too, in the bomb-- this was B-24s, and I left for Tandou, arrived, I left then, I was assigned to one of the squadrons of that-- I was there for, well, about nine days, and most of these were-- then I was told, June 4<sup>th</sup>, I was told we were going to Rupsi, India, which was the other part of the Hump. They had fuel transport planes, B-24s, were fitted to transport gasoline from India into China, or China, yeah, from India to China. And this was India. Rupsi was in India. "I have won \$160 this month playing."

*So you know that you spent a lot of your time playing cards, or were you*

No, no, craps.

*Oh, playing craps.*

Yeah.

*You didn't even need cards for that. That's a lot easier.*

No.

*You just can throw the dice.*

That's right.

*Did you keep your own dice or did you share?*

Oh, we switched. I had some dice, but everybody had dice there, you know. Oh, when I was in China, I had a-- I should have brought that. I have my name in Chinese.

*Oh, really?*

What they call a chop. And it was a square, marble thing that you put on an inkpad and put your-- that's your personalized-- your name in Chinese.

*How neat.*

I forgot about that. Okay, and then June, I was in Rupsi,-- and August 15<sup>th</sup>, the war was over-- "sweating out here", and then "I won 200 dollars so far this month", "ten days at Khasi Hill". It was a resort, more or less. They had games, and horseback riding, and all kinds of things at Khasi Hill. It was a rest camp.

*Yeah, now where is that?*

That was in India.

*In India, how neat.*

#### ***496: THE WAR WAS OVER, BACK HOME WITH TROUBLE & LUXURY***

And I arrived in India, November 1<sup>st</sup>, and we went from there to Chhattisgarh, which was in India, and I was processed to go back on the transport. And we got on the Marine Devil, but this is an interesting thing, they had certain points that you were given for being overseas, and being in certain combat units, and they had-- this ship had already sailed. And when we got there we had so many more points than those on the ship had, they called the ship back.

*Oh.*

And they refused to get off, and they had to go down there, and put tear gas in there to get them out. So, they got them off the ship, and we got on the ship, our group there, because we had so many more points.

*Right.*

To go back, and that was on November 21<sup>st</sup>, and we stopped at Manila. I got to go on shore in Manila.

*So, what was that like, you were so close to home?*

Well, no, Manila.

*Well, you were on your way, you were going home.*

And then I crossed the International Date Line.

*Once again.*

And we had Thursday twice. I gained back the day that I lost!

*So, did you have to eat the same thing in the cafeteria, because it was Thursday twice?*

No. And it was, I know, it was forty-two days going from Newport News, Virginia, through the Canal around Australia to Bombay, India. Coming back, it was about thirty days. I was on a Merchant Marine transport. And I got special treatment. I had flags and different things from when I was in intelligence, you know, and I gave to the people in the ship, and I had clothes, sheets, blankets.

*Luxury.*

Yeah. Nobody had them, but I did. And because I gave that, they would let me come to the mess hall about 11:30 at night. And they would cook up meals, steak and eggs, and bacon, and all that kind of stuff. I got fed very well, because I had all this stuff that I gave them. I was part of the crew. And then I would sleep most of the day and then go back down at night with the fellows on the troop transport on the Merchant Marine, so it was quite an interesting experience there. And finally arrived at Tacoma, Washington, stayed there for four days, and it was terrible weather at that time, December! And then I took the train to Fort Sheridan. I arrived there. It took us three days by train. And then I was discharged on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, 1946.

*Wow, and home, too.*

That's what I have here. That's all, brother. I got out!

*That's amazing.*

So, that's an experience.

*So, how did you stay in touch with your family that whole time? Were you able to?*

### **580: THE MAIL**

By mail, airmail usually, and it was the only way. So, I'd write them maybe once, twice a week, something like that, and I'd get some mail occasionally because we had what we called APOs, Army Post Office numbers, they would address them, and, sometimes, the mail would be two, three weeks after. You know, it came to the area. They had to get the mail to where you were, so we knew where the post office box was where we were. But we never, of course, could tell them where we were. They wouldn't-- that was a no-no. They would scratch it out. They would open all the mail. They would screen-- censored any mail.

*So, they censored the mail that you sent out? Did they censor the mail that people were sending in to you?*

Well, no, not necessarily, because they couldn't tell you anything.

*There is a really funny story that Richard Feynman tells in one of his books, maybe Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman, where he talks, he was working at Los Alamos, and he talks about sending a letter to his wife and they cut all the pieces*

Yeah, cut it up, yeah

*because it revealed too much.*

Yeah.

*So, when you weren't on duty, you were in so many different places when you weren't on duty, did you get*

Yeah, I had different jobs doing mostly intelligence work, but when I was in Rupsi, India, we were, as I say, the planes were taking off from India to fly over the Hump to China for fuel, aviation fuel, and that's what we were there for to start B-24s, to process them, and get them filled with the gas, fly over the Hump to land in Kunming, China, and to use it for the combat planes. But I didn't-- I don't remember doing too much.

*No?*

### **622: SQUADRON BASEBALL GAMES**

No. We did have-- there was one other incident, we had squadron baseball games. They were 12 inch teams.

### **629: SIDE CHANGES**

*Go ahead-- while you were in India--*

When we got to India waiting to get on the ship, I was talking to one of the fellows and he was a semi-pro softball pitcher, semi-pro.

*Wow.*

No less! So I got him and a couple of other fellows together and we actually asked other teams if they wanted to play us. And we'd bet. And he was so good, we won every game. We made money that way. But he was good!

*You weren't solely reliant on craps then. That's good!*

No, no.

*So what did you do with your money after you won it?*

I'd send it home.

*That's nice.*

Yeah.

*Not too much candy to buy.*

No, not too much to buy, but I did bring a lot of silks home.

*Wow.*

And just recently when I was getting out of my house into where I am now, a condo, I sold some of the silks.

*Wow.*

### **643: BOMB DROP PHOTOS**

In fact, a lot of my stuff. There's a place called the Final Approach in Glenview. It's an Air Force, something like a, museum type, and I sold them a lot of stuff. And he's made a-- I have to go there and see what he did, because it was a lot of my stuff. I had bomb photos showing the planes dropping

*Oh, wow.*

the bombs on Japanese. There was Hong Kong, different places like trains, and what not of the Japanese, that were—so, all of this is part of my experiences.

*That's amazing. So, I asked all those questions.*

Okay, what else you got?

*Well, you were, so, you were in the Service when the war ended?*

Yeah.

*In the*

I was overseas at that time.

**657: "EVERYTHING WAS HUSH-HUSH"THE END OF THE WAR**

*Yeah, you were, so did you know about Hiroshima and Nagasaki or did you just know*

Oh, no, we got all the intelligence.

*Right.*

Particularly --

*Because you were in intelligence.*

We got all the information.

*So, did you know in advance or did you know*

No, no.

*You just found out--*

Everything was hush, hush. Nobody knew in advance, because everything was very secretive there. So, when we found out that the war was over, of course, we were very exhilarated going home, you know, alive, which was to us very important.

*It is important to most people.*

Yeah, oh yeah, but--

**663: HOLIDAYS,**

**673: CIGARETTES AS MONEY**

*Oh, I know what I forgot. Did you celebrate any holidays? Do you remember what you did for holidays?*

Thanksgiving, primarily. They served a turkey, you know, a regular Thanksgiving meal. Christmas was not too important. You had no gifts to give or receive. And most of the holidays, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, you know, just another day, considering you couldn't celebrate it as such. But we had where we lived, we were in China, we had-- houseboys took care of everything, laundry and everything. Oh, another thing, I never smoked, and the PX there, they would sell you cigarettes. I think it was two and a half dollars a carton at the time. And, so, I would buy some of the cigarettes. And the houseboy-- I would put them under my pillow, the cartons, and the houseboy would take them, and he'd give me about ten dollars for each one, so I'd make money

*Wow*

that way, too. Because I never smoked. And I would trade cigarettes with some of the fellows for candies and what not. So, we were able to-- I was able to do that, too, so--

*Did you*

Yeah, you know, thinking.

#### **680: THE DOCTOR, MEDICINE**

*Yeah. Did you ever have to go to the doctor or anything? Were you ever--*

Well, yes, one time I remember, we had just arrived at someplace, and we had mess kits opened up, canteens, and we couldn't find—usually, they had boiling hot water to wash them in order to sterilize them.

*Right.*

We couldn't find any at this one place. And we were hungry, so we just took our mess kits and they plopped the food in it. We ate it. The next day, I was sick! I was throwing up for about two days. I had to go to the hospital, but they gave you medicine. A couple of days, it subsided. It was a bacterial, you know, infection. But that was about the only time I was in a hospital as such.

But I do remember when we first got in the Service, they gave you shots. And a lot of the fellows were very skeptical about getting shots. They'd be standing in line and passing out, anticipating. But we got all kinds of different shots.

But we were taking Atabrine, which is for malaria, and you would turn yellowish. Your skin would get yellow from the Atabrine. And, finally, when we were on the way back, we stopped taking it. And then it disappeared, the yellowish. And then you would know whether you had malaria, because it stopped it, if you did have it. And, fortunately, I did not have it.

*That's good.*

Because it was very prevalent in India.

Yeah.

Malaria. The mosquito.

So, what else?

*What else. I always ask people this: Whether you had any religious services while you were in the Service or you talked to the chaplains or anything?*

Well, no, I'm Jewish, so there's not much. The chaplains there are very seldom rabbis or anything like that, so---. I'm not that very religious, anyway, but I never really, I never observed services of the Jewish religion in Service.

*That's interesting. Did you feel --did you, did anybody pay attention, did you feel like it was any different to be Jewish in the Service versus being Catholic or...?*

No, no, nothing. Nobody paid any attention to what your religion was whether it was Catholic, or Jewish, or anything else.

*That's very interesting. It's very interesting that when I talk to people there are different responses to the question.*

Yeah.

*It's always neat to hear. My mother is a chaplain, so I always ask.*

Oh.

*I always want to know.*

Uh huh.

### **716: SHIPBOARD RECREATION**

*And did you have-- you were on a troop ship and we are in the library, so I have to ask if there were ever any books to read?*

I had books with me, yeah.

Yeah.

Yeah. A little paperback thing. And I had a chess set, a very small-- in fact, I still have it. It was about this big.

*That's tiny.*



And it opened up, and I played chess with people.

*When you weren't shooting craps.*

Yeah, when I wasn't.

*And you played baseball.*

Well, on the ship it was--

*You couldn't play baseball.*

No, couldn't play baseball, but I played chess a lot, and I'd read a lot on the ship, because we were on it twenty-four hours a day.

*Yeah.*

And it was boring, and, at night, you couldn't be on deck, because they were afraid that you'd-- some people would light a cigarette or something. And, at sea, you could see that for miles. And we were-- we had troop transports-- all these ships escorting us. We did have one experience where they thought that they saw a submarine somewhere near us. So, all these destroyers would go scooting towards where they think they saw the sub. And we never had really any experience, any threats, at that time, luckily. But there was always a possibility, because that would be a big blow.

*Yeah.*

15,000

*15,000 guys.*

Yeah, at one time.

*So, did you meet a lot of people on the troop ship from other places, or did you hang with your own crowd?*

Yeah, we had lots of conversations with different people. And, of course, we had a group that we kept, and we went in to get the foods, and I supplied them with the candy bars that I brought, yeah, and I'd trade them for different things. And it was a experience of a lifetime.

*Yeah.*

It had to be--

*I always wondered, because most of the people I interview are from Chicago, and I always wonder if they met people from small places*

Oh, yeah.

*who maybe never saw 15,000 people in one place before. And it's very--*

Oh yeah. It's a melting pot of everybody in the Service, you know, and occasionally you'd meet people from Chicago. And it was interesting to find out where they lived, and where you lived, and all things like that.

*About your neighborhood.*

Yeah.

#### **745: AFTER DISCHARGE**

*And so what did you do right after you were discharged, do you remember?*

Right after. Yeah, I went to work. I went to work in a men's store in the Loop. A friend of mine managed it, and I worked there because, well, I was interested in fashions, men's fashions. I dressed, oh, as you can see.

*Very nice.*

All coordinated. And then I went into accounting after that.

*That's what you said, even though you hated being in that finance office.*

Yeah, yeah. But then I went into accounting. I worked for a public accounting firm. They sent me to New Orleans, of all places. I was there for about two or three weeks with them. And we audited a big department store down there. And I would, of course, live down there. And I was still single--No, come to think of it, at that time, no, when I worked in public accounting--I was in a men's store, and then I got married, and I worked in a men's store for a short time, and then I went into public accounting. And I worked for this big firm that sent me to New Orleans.

And then I worked for a very small accounting firm. I was the only employee. And there was the-- my boss and his uncle ran the place. And I did everything. In fact, my boss got mononucleosis, whatever, and he couldn't do anything for about a month or two. So, I did everything. I ran the accounting company. I remember staying up one night, all night, to do an audit of a company that needed particular balance sheets, and what not, to get a loan. And I worked all night long doing this. And I brought it to this fellow's uncle about 7 o'clock in the morning. And then I went home and went to sleep. But I did it.

*Yeah.*

**776: THE IRS**

And then I found that I wanted to get into the government. So then I applied for IRS because of my accounting background. And, at first, I didn't-- I wasn't called. And then I found one of the fellows that I knew who lived next to me in Niles also worked for IRS. And he told me what to do to get my resume more or less up to date. And I did it. And I was accepted. And I came in at a very high class, more or less, because of my background and experience. So, my IRS experiences were very, very interesting. I did very little individual returns. I did mostly large corporations, so everybody I talked to was, "Oh, IRS, no good! No good! Oh!"

My wife and I did a lot of traveling. We have been on 57 cruises.

*Oh, my goodness.*

And we would go on two and three a year. We started cruising in 1974 or 5. And my daughters were out of high school. They were-- one was married or getting married. In fact, they got married in 1972. And in '74 we started traveling, and, as I say, 57 cruises.

*Wow. Did you ever go back to where you had been during the war?*

. No. No.

*Wasn't interesting.*

I didn't want to go back there.

*Yeah.*

Not really.

*Not even Australia?*

Well, Australia, we went to, sure. But we flew to Sydney. In fact, my daughter is a travel agent, and she kept telling us all about different-- she called us one day, and she said, "This is a trip you have to go on!" We fly to Australia, from Chicago, of course. We get on a ship for nine days, Princess Cruise, come back to Sydney, stay in Sydney in a hotel for four days, and then fly home.

*Wow.*

The entire trip was 17 hundred dollars a person. That isn't

*A deal for that one! That's great.*

Yeah.

**808: FRIEND FROM SERVICE**

*So, did you stay in contact with anybody you met in the Service? Did you have anybody*

In Service? The only one is this one fellow, Pete [Clamente], who lives in Florida. I just got a card from him congratulating me on my 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which would have been August 26<sup>th</sup>, and I immediately wrote him, and I told him, I said, your card was very welcome, but my wife passed away in March, and we never reached our 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In fact, I even sent him some of the pictures. He's on some of these, and I sent him some pictures from back then.

*So did you join any veterans' organizations?*

Any what?

*Any veterans' organizations. Like the VFW, American Legion.*

No, I didn't feel like going into the American Legion or anything like that.

*We always ask.*

I know. It just didn't interest me. But I do a lot of volunteer work for the Niles Senior Center. I've been doing it for fifteen years now. I coordinate and call people for carbon monoxide testing, where we send the inspectors out. Because it almost killed us.

*Oh, my goodness.*

One of the times we had just put a new furnace in and they had what they call a damper, which is supposed to automatically open

*Right*

and create—anyway, I was working at that time. It was about 1985, '86, and I came home, and my wife said, "I feel so sluggish today." But we always sleep with the windows open at night, so then I said, "Well, we have to go away more," you know, to get—so, finally, my wife was playing cards with some women, and they said that the Village checks for carbon monoxide. And we called-- she called the Village and gave them our symptoms. They sent somebody out right away.

*Oh, wow.*

And they found that there was a-- this damper never opened up. It kept closed, so there was carbon monoxide in the house, but because we slept with the windows open--

*Right*

So they immediately called the furnace people. And they came and took the damper out. And they sent us to the hospital. We had oxygen for an hour or so. And that's why I decided to volunteer for carbon monoxide, because I knew the effects. And I was getting, you know,

*Right*

you get a little dizzy. And it could kill you, obviously. A lot of people have died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

*Yeah, they don't know that it's happening.*

No.

### **853: LEARNED TO SPEAK CHINESE, "IT WAS HELPFUL"**

*So did you-- how did serving in the military and your experiences, did that affect your life? How did it? What do you think?*

No, when I got out of Service, I forgot all about Service. I didn't want to be reminded, more or less.

I was happy to get out alive and forget about anything that really occurred there, although I have all the memories. In fact, I even learned Chinese on the ship going there. We knew we were going to China.

*Yeah.*

Or India and China. So, we didn't know were we going to stay in India or go to China, so I took some classes in Chinese, in Mandarin Chinese, and I have all my notes yet. You can speak Mandarin Chinese phonetically and write it. Cantonese, you can't. It's a sing-song language. You can't. In fact, at this point, I still remember the numbers in Chinese after all these years, because there are only ten numbers in Chinese, in Mandarin. You have one to ten, eleven is ten plus one, twenty are two tens, things like that.

*Oh, wow.*

And I still remember it's Yi, Er, San, Si, Wu, Liu, Qi, Ba, Jiu, Shi --that's one to ten in Chinese-- after sixty some odd years.

*It's still there.*

Yeah.

*Did you ever use it when you were in China?*

Oh, yeah.

*Yeah.*

I used it quite a bit.

*How come?*

Because we were in China.

*Yeah, but what did you do?*

Well, we would bargain with the natives. He'd say, "How much in yen?" And we'd say in Chinese, I'd say, "Too much," and he

*Did it work?*

It worked. He said, "You speak Chinese?" You know, and they would give it to the price we wanted.

*Uh huh.*

So it was helpful. I even learned some Hindi, not much, though, because, in Hindi, in India, they have a lot of-- in India-- they have a lot of beggars. And all the beggars say is "Baksheesh," which means "give me something for which you will get nothing in return."

*Yeah.*

That's what it means. It's a beggars' term. And the kids would all come up, "Baksheesh, Sahib, Baksheesh." We'd give them a lot of candies and, you know, gum, whatever we had.

But it was an experience that is way, way back.

*Yeah.*

And this was in 1942, and 3, and 4, and I was out in 1945.

*Yeah, you were--*

'46 rather.

*You were in for a long time.*

Yeah.

*Almost four years.*

Yeah. Because I enlisted, as I say, in March, and I stayed in my job for about two months. In April, or May, is when we were sworn in. We were sworn in—actually, I was being paid after I enlisted.

*Oh, wow.*

But they said, you wait until you are called, so I waited for a month or two, and then I was called.

*Very interesting.*

Went on the train to California for training.

#### **894: FATHER IN WWI, MORE AIRPLANES & FLYING**

*Now, you were in the Second World War. Did you have any relatives who were in the First World War or have any*

My father was. And he was-- my parents were both born in Vienna. And they both came here early. And my father came at about the age of eighteen, and he became a citizen. And he worked in World War I as an airplane mechanic.

*Oh, wow.*

Because he was mechanically trained. And he worked for Nash automobile. You remember Nash, yeah?

*I'm a car girl, yeah.*

Oh. Before it disappeared but-- he worked, he was a manager of the service. And I worked several summers for Nash in the parts department, and what not, and

*So that's why you wanted to be a flyer, though, seriously?*

No, I never wanted to be a mechanic.

*No, no, but just to have-- just to think about airplanes.*

No, no, I was just interested in airplanes, and I thought it would be an unusual experience. And it was, because I enjoyed flying. In fact, my son-in-law had an airplane, and he took us up in it, but he wouldn't let me assume the controls.

*Did you ever think about going-- deciding to fly again?*

No.

No.

No. Once I was eliminated, that was it. Yeah.

*Was there anything we missed? Anything you want to add?*

No, I don't think so. I got everything, didn't we?

*You told me a lot. I don't know. I'm sure there's a lot still left in there. I mean, you got all those numbers, so--*

No, there's-- my experiences have been varied and unusual.

*Right.*

And I've enjoyed it and, you know, talking about the cruises.

We had-- my wife had some medical problems. She had a heart condition. She had diabetes and she was starting to get a little forgetful. And she passed away in March. She, in February, she fell down four stairs in our house.

*Oh, my goodness.*

Hit her head on the bottom stair, and she was in the hospital for seventeen days, and never regained consciousness. We just had to let go of all lifesaving activities. She passed away. I had her cremated. And my daughters have been very, very helpful, they, one of them lives in Bloomington and one in Bartlett, and their husbands.

And I have one, fourteen, he is going to be fifteen this month, grandson, and he's bigger than I am now.

*So, do you tell him your stories about being in the war?*

Oh, yeah, I've been telling him those stories, and he looked at this-- and very unusual.

And my daughter set up a computer now in the house. My wife would never let me have a computer.

*What did she think you were going to do with it?*

Play games, which I do! I play a lot of slots on the computer, and I send emails, and my daughters are -- one is an expert in computers. She works on it all day. The other is a travel agent who-- and my grandson knows computers backwards and forwards. They all have their email addresses. And my two son-in-laws know computers back and forth. And my one son-in-law, the



husband of my daughter who is a travel agent, is very mechanically inclined. And he came over to the house and he set up my TVs and the computer. And I have cable in all the rooms.

And they've been very, very helpful since my wife passed away and they come over every week or two. I take them out for dinner.

And I was able to sell my house in three days.

*Wow.*

That's how my real estate agent, it was a friend of my daughter, the travel agent, and she helped me set the program up, and she also helped me get my condo. So, I sold my house in three days at the top dollar.

*Yeah.*

And I bought the condo, and I love it.

*Yeah?*

It's right in Niles. I didn't want to leave Niles.

*You don't have to mow the lawn.*

No.

*You don't have to shovel the snow.*

No, no shoveling snow. That's what it is. And, as I say, the people, a lot of people in the condo, I know. One of the fellows is on my bowling team, and he is one of the officers of the condo, and several of the other officers are related to the people that my daughter knows. So, it's unusual to have all the people there.

I play bridge at the Senior Center. I bowl at the Senior Center.

*Well, you never run out of stuff to do.*

No, not at the Senior Center. I've gone to a number of barbecues, and jazz fests, and music things through the Senior Center. And I help with the bridge. I'm one of the people in charge of it on Tuesdays. And we do mailing at the Senior Center.

*So you do everything.*

Yeah. And the men's club, I belong to. And I just signed up for computer classes, so--

*That's a good thing to sign up for.*

Oh, yeah.

*The ones at the Senior Center?*

At the Senior Center, yeah.

*Those are good classes.*

Yeah.

*People come in all the time.*

Yeah, because I have to learn. I know quite a bit about the computer. But I'm going to the pre-introduction to the computer and then after that to the computer, next phase.

*Yes, sometimes, it helps just to hear all the words.*

Oh, yeah. I took some of the computer books out of here, and some of the videos, and it didn't help.

*No, they go out of date*

Unless you know

**985: END**



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U. S. COURT HOUSE, ROOM 283  
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Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified to report to this Board at the time and on the date indicated below for final interview, mental examination, and to arrange for date of departure to the Gulf Coast Training Center, Kelly Field, Texas. Failure to report promptly or advising this Board may prevent you from receiving such an appointment.

It is requested that if you have in your possession the Enlistment Record, W.D., A.G.O. Form 22 or Form 21, that you present the form at this time. Also if you have had previous service of any type (National Guard - U. S. Army - Marines - Navy) that you present your discharge certificate.

This order is not to be construed as indicating the date you will be required to leave but merely the date but merely the date arrangements will be made for your departure.

Date to report - FEB 7 1942

Time = 8:00 A.M.

Very truly yours,

*Frederick H. Chetalin*

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Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,  
President of the Board.

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MAR 14 1942

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TO: Mr. Donald F. Spitzer  
4738 No. Albany Ave.,  
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2. You are not to bring your hand luggage, as you will not depart for the Reception Center that day. However, you will take the oath of enlistment and be placed on furlough and will receive final instructions as to the date of your departure.

3. Failure to report promptly as stated will mean that another Cadet will be given your place on the list.

DATE TO REPORT: MAR 18 1942

TIME: 8 A.M.

*Fredrick H. Ghetlain*

FREDERICK H. GHETLAIN,  
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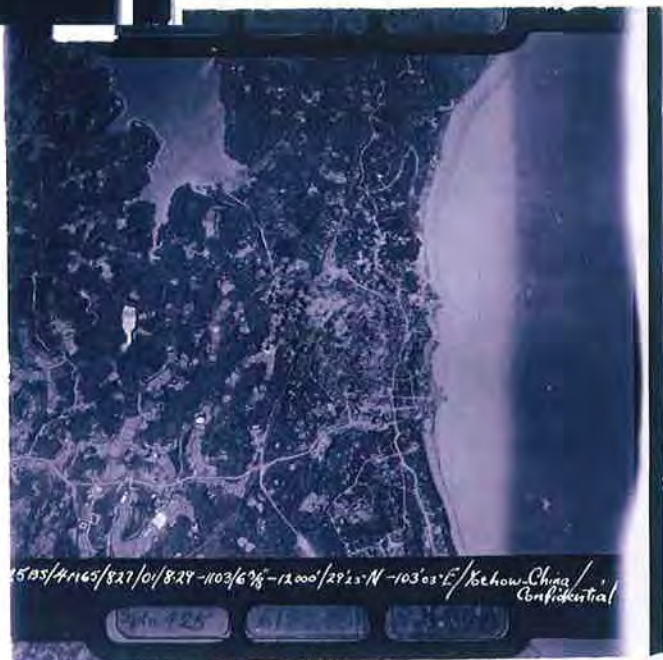
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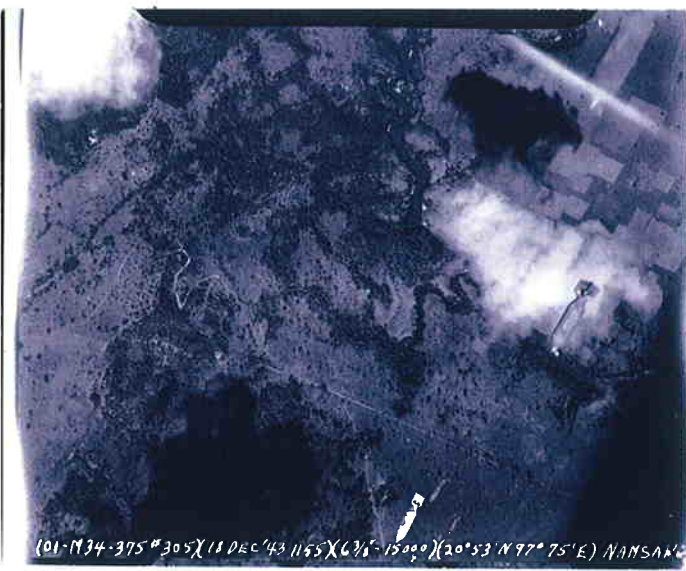
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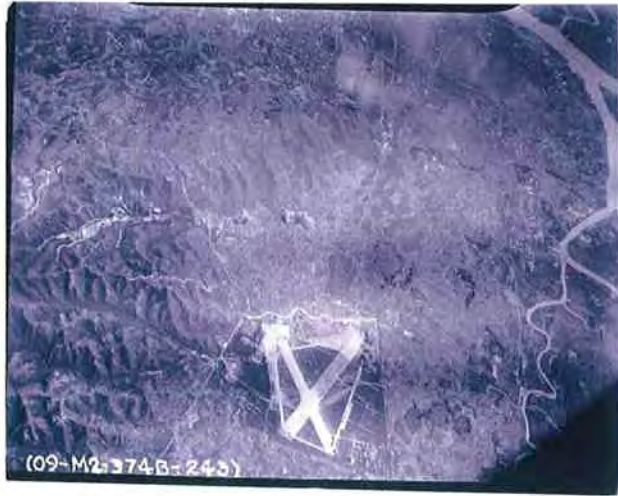


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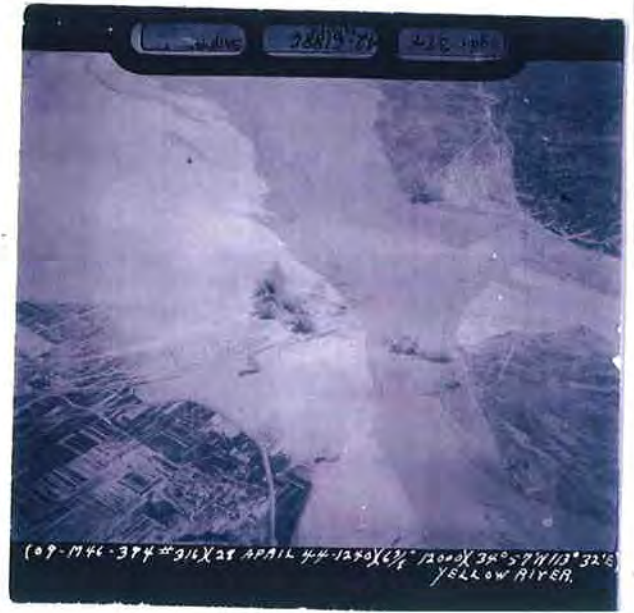


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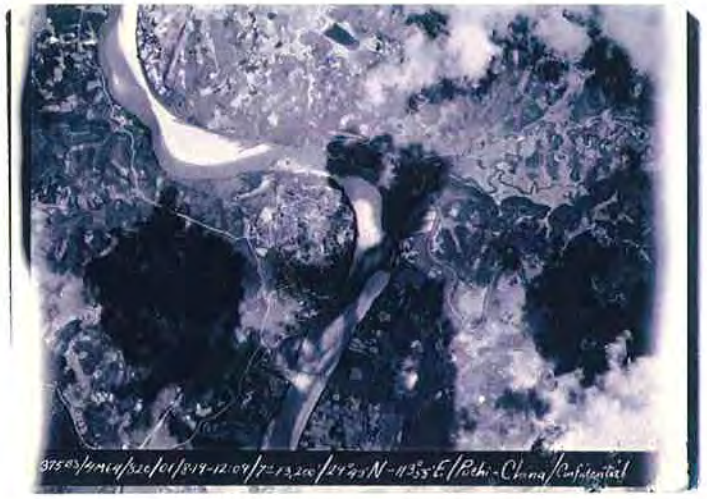




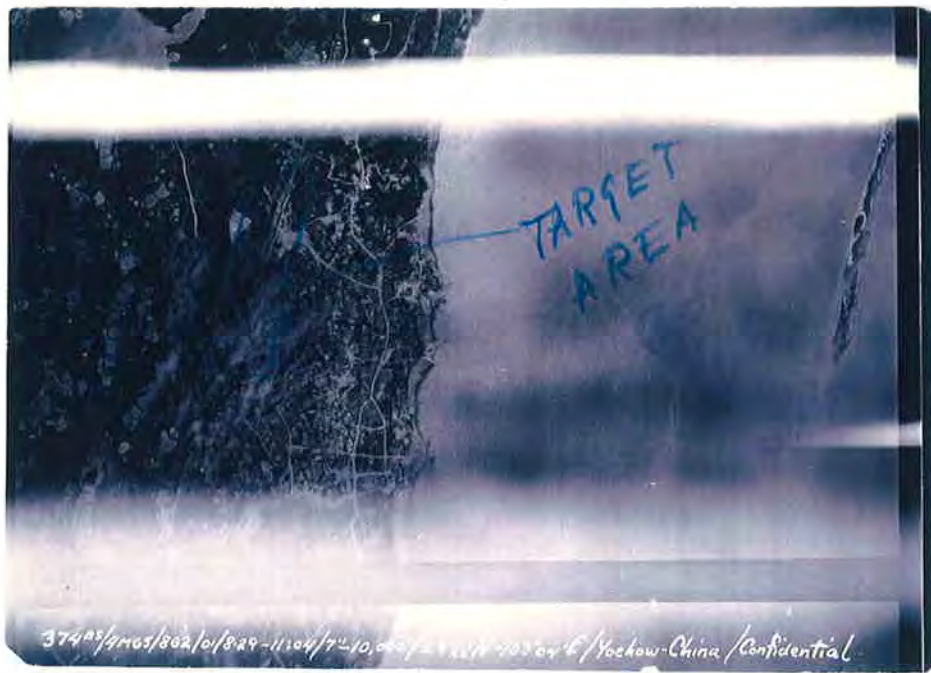
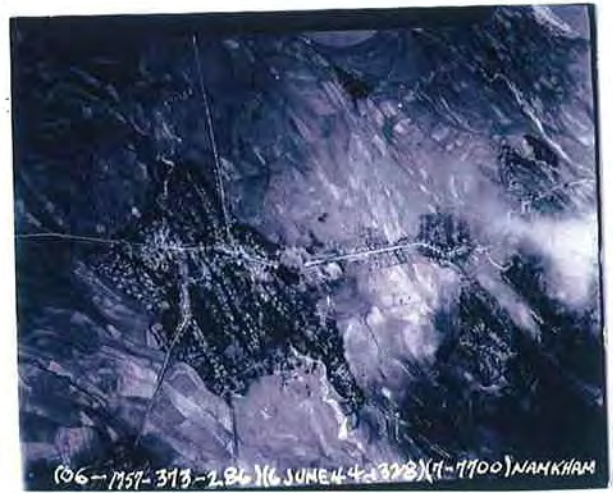
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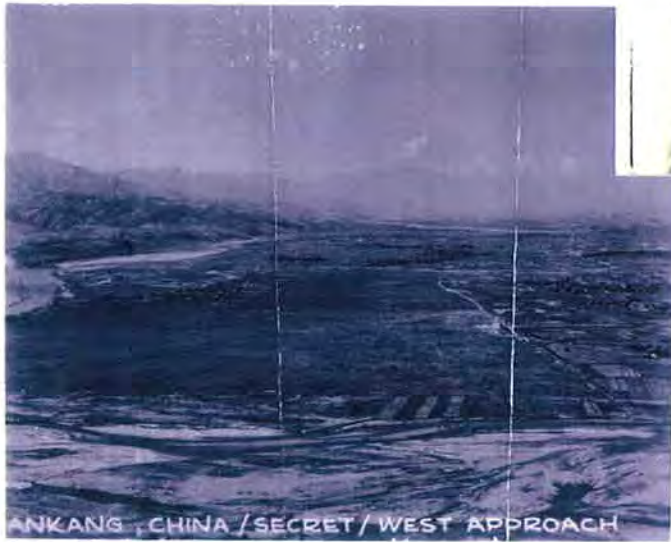




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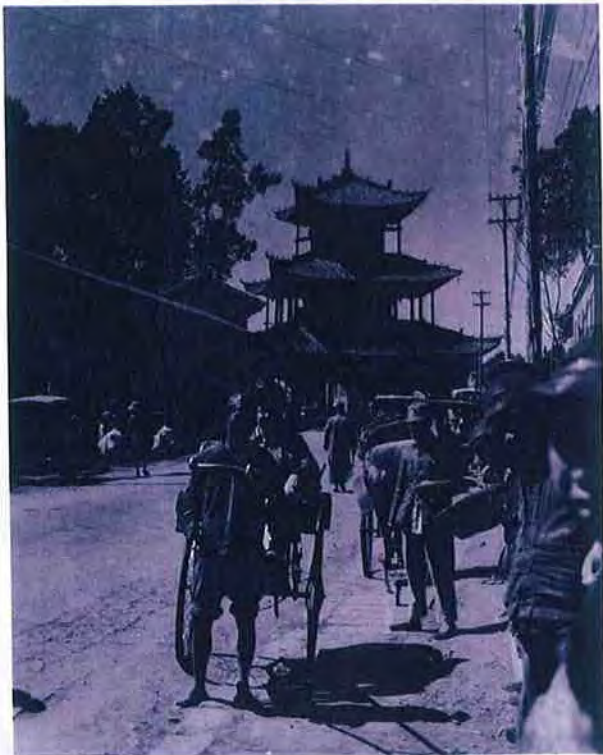
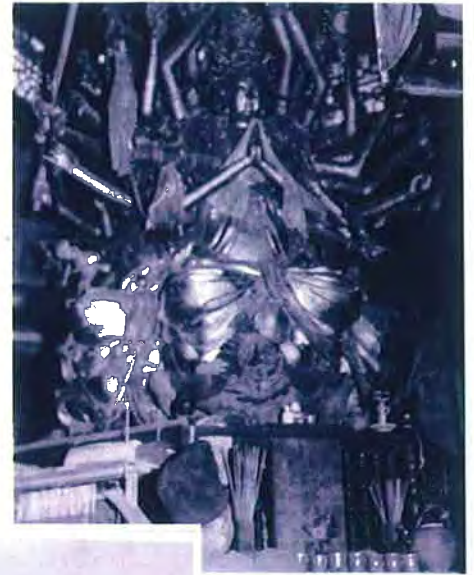


ANKANG, CHINA / SECRET / WEST APPROACH



SWINING, CHINA - APPROACH TO N.W. / SECRET







Threshing Wheat in Kunming



Houseboat Party





Airfield—  
handmade





Road near Kunming, China







# Army of the United States



## Honorable Discharge

*This is to certify that*

DONALD F SPITZER

CPL 308TH BOMB GROUP (H)

Army of the United States

*is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military  
service of the United States of America.*

*This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honor  
and Faithful Service to this country.*

Given at SEPARATION CENTER  
FORT SHERIDAN, ILLINOIS

Date JANUARY 1946

*M. A. Fink*

M. A. FINK  
MAJ - 71



**ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION**  
HONORABLE DISCHARGE

1. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME & MIDDLE INITIAL <b>SPITZER DONALD F</b>		2. GRADE <b>CPL</b>		3. CODE OF SERVICE <b>AAF</b>		4. SERVICE NUMBER <b>100</b>	
5. ORGANIZATION <b>ALBANY AVE CHICAGO ILL</b>		6. DATE OF SEPARATION <b>JAN 46</b>		7. PLACE OF SEPARATION <b>FORT SHERIDAN ILLINOIS</b>			
8. ADDRESS FROM WHICH SEPARATION CHECK WILL BE SENT <b>ALBANY AVE CHICAGO ILL</b>		9. DATE OF BIRTH <b>27 NOV 1920</b>		10. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>CHICAGO ILL</b>			
11. ADDRESS FROM WHICH SEPARATION CHECK WILL BE SENT <b>SEE 9</b>		12. GRADE FIRST <b>GREY</b>		13. GRADE SECOND <b>BROWN</b>		14. SERVICE NUMBER <b>5-11 155</b>	
15. GRADE (OTHER THAN FIRST) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		16. SPECIAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		17. U.S. SERVICE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		18. OTHER SERVICE <b>CLERK TYPIST 1-37.34</b>	

**MILITARY HISTORY**

19. DATE OF INDUCTION <b>MAR 42</b>		20. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE <b>CHICAGO ILL</b>	
21. RELATIVE RANK <b>SEE 9</b>		22. SERVICE NUMBER AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE <b>SEE 9</b>	
23. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND GRADE <b>CLERK TYPIST 405</b>			
24. THEATERS AND CAMPAIGNS <b>WESTERN PACIFIC SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES LUZON INDIA BURMA CHINA DEFENSE CHINA OFFENSIVE AIR OFFENSIVE JAPAN</b>			
25. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS <b>VICTORY MEDAL AMERICAN THEATER RIBBON ASIATIC-PACIFIC THEATER RIBBON WITH 1 SILVER BATTLE STAR WITH 2 BRONZE BATTLE STARS PHILIPPINE LIBERATION RIBBON 2 OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS 1 SERVICE STRIPE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL</b>			
26. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES <b>NONE</b>			

27. DATE OF SEPARATION <b>APR 45</b>		28. DATE OF REENTRY <b>APR 45</b>		29. DATE OF REENTRY <b>JUN 44</b>		30. DATE OF SEPARATION <b>30 AUG 44</b>		31. DATE OF REENTRY <b>PTO</b>		32. DATE OF SEPARATION <b>7 OCT 44</b>	
33. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE <b>2</b>		34. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE <b>5</b>		35. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE <b>24</b>		36. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE <b>1</b>		37. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE <b>3</b>		38. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE <b>25</b>	
39. GRADE <b>CPL</b>		40. GRADE <b>30 AUG 44</b>		41. GRADE <b>23 NOV 45</b>		42. GRADE <b>USA</b>		43. GRADE <b>PTO</b>		44. GRADE <b>24 DEC 45</b>	

45. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES  
**NONE**

46. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES  
**CONVY OF GOVT RR 1 1 DEMOBILIZATION AR 615-365 15 DEC 44**

47. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES  
**NONE**

48. PAY DATA  
**VO 26728**

49. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES <b>4</b>		50. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES <b>9</b>		51. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES <b>78</b>		52. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES <b>300</b>		53. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES <b>1700</b>		54. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES <b>150.00</b>		55. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES <b>1.30</b>		56. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES <b>4407.72</b>		57. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES <b>LELAND E RICE CAPT</b>	
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58. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES  
**INSURANCE NOTICE**

59. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES <b>31 JAN 46</b>		60. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES <b>20 FEB 46</b>		61. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES <b>15.60</b>	
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62. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES  
**LAPEL BUTTON ISSUED ASR SCORE 2 SEPT 45 89**

63. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES  
**CHINESE WAR MEMORIAL MEDAL DIST UNIT BADGE 1ST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER**

64. SERVICE NUMBER IN ARMED FORCES  
**IN A CROSS CAPT IN**

Left Hobbs May 23  
 Left Chi May 30  
 arrived Greensboro May 31  
 Left Greensboro, N.C. Aug 20  
 arrived Camp Patrick Henry, Newport News, VA  
 Aug 21

Left CPN Aug 29  
 Got on boat - transport USS General ~~Daly~~  
 at Mitchell  
 at 2128 EWT  
 Aug 29

Left US at 0730 Aug 30  
 arrived Panama Sept 3 - went ashore  
 thru canal on Sept 4  
 Sept 6 - crossed the Equator - am now a  
 Shellback  
 Sept 17 - very rough seas  
 Sept 18 - extremely "  
 " 18 - notified next stop Melbourne, Australia

Sept 17 2400 - <sup>changed time for 7th time</sup> crossed International date  
 line - skip Monday Sept 18 -  
 it is now Tuesday Sept 19 -  
 Sept 20 - sighted New Zealand  
 Sept 21 - changed time for 8th time  
 Sept 23 - arrived Melbourne, Australia  
 Sept 24 - left Melbourne for India  
 Sept 26 - changed time for 9th time  
 Sept 27 - started taking atabrine  
 crossed the 180th meridian <sup>am now in the</sup>  
<sup>order of Holden</sup>  
 Oct 1 - arrived at Bombay, India  
 Oct 8 - arrived Lake Beale - 126 mi. no. of Bombay  
 Oct 9 - changed \$61.00 to 201 Rupees + 9 annas  
 Oct 22 - won 1,200 Rupees in a crap game  
 Oct 31 - left Lake Beale for Calcutta -  
 destination Kunning, China  
 Nov. 3 arrived camp 35 mi outside Calcutta  
 Nov. 7 visited Calcutta  
 " 9 left camp Kancharapara for the Hump  
 " 10 camped overnight at R.R. Station by train  
 " 12 arrived at Hump Control Field at Chab...



Nov. 12 arrived Kunming by C-47 <sup>APO 677</sup>  
 " 20 assigned S-2 office, 51st Fighter Group.  
 Dec 24 Japs bombed at night - Ymas Cove  
 Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 8000m.  
 Jan 28 transferred to Finance Office, Hqs. Gdn.  
 Mar 10 Big show celebrating 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of 68<sup>th</sup> Service Group.  
 Mar 24 saw Generalissimo Chiang Kai shek  
 April 2<sup>nd</sup> with friends in Kunming  
 April 6 Orders assigning me to 308<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp (H)  
 Chengtu APO 210  
 April 2-14 waiting trans.  
 April 14 Left for Chengtu at 2125 by C-47  
 April 15 arrived Hsinching (APO 210 A-1) 0025  
 April 15 Left A-1 by B-24 for Kwanghan (A-3).  
 April 15 assigned to S-2 374<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gdn. 308<sup>th</sup>  
 Bomb Gp. APO 210 Box 3.  
 May 6 - saw first "Bugs Bunny" cartoon overseas "Old Grey Hair"  
 June 4 - Told we are going to Rupsi, India 8955-2608  
 June 7 - Have won \$400.00 this month  
 June 27 - Left Kwanghan for Rupsi, India at 0545.  
 Aug 15 - War is over, sweetening out home.  
 30 - won \$200.00 Sept this month (670 Rupees)  
 Sept 1 - 10 days at Khasi Hill, Shillong Rest Camp  
 Oct 30 - Left Rupsi at 2115 for first step home  
 Nov 1 - arrived Dudkhundi for further staging.

Nov 15 Left Dudkhundi for Kanchrapara  
 16 arrived Kanchrapara  
 18 alerted + processed for Uncle Sugar  
 20 to camp Hialeah - Calcutta  
 21 on the boat USS Marine Devil at 2230  
 23 out of the Hoogly River  
 Dec 2 Manila for refueling  
 3 Left Manila for last leg of trip  
 13 Thursday - crossed International Date  
 Line - Thursday for 2 days.  
 20 Docked at Tacoma, Wash. 9221 miles  
 24 Debarked to Fort Lewis  
 31 train to Ft. Sheridan  
 Jan 4<sup>th</sup> - 1946 arrived Ft. Sheridan  
 6 - Out - That's all Brothers

SERVICE CLUB  
 U.S. ARMY

AVIATION CADET EXAMINING BOARD NO 3  
U. S. COURT HOUSE, ROOM 283  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified to report to this Board at the time and on the date indicated below for final interview, mental examination, and to arrange for date of departure to the Gulf Coast Training Center, Kelly Field, Texas. Failure to report promptly or advising this Board may prevent you from receiving such an appointment.

It is requested that if you have in your possession the Enlistment Record, W.D., A.G.O. Form 22 or Form 21, that you present the form at this time. Also if you have had previous service of any type (National Guard - U. S. Army - Marines - Navy) that you present your discharge certificate.

This order is not to be construed as indicating the date you will be required to leave but merely the date but merely the date arrangements will be made for your departure.

Date to report - FEB 7 1942

Time

= 8:00 A.M.

Very truly yours,

*Frederick H. Chetalin*

FREDERICK H. CHETALIN,  
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,  
President of the Board.









OK-- SO IT AIN'T REAL MONEY! WHAT D'YA THINK WE ARE? COUNTERFEITERS? WE JUST WANT YOU TO IMAGINE YOU HAVE SOME OF THAT GOOD OL' U.S. CURRENCY IN YOUR HANDS.

REMEMBER THOSE GREENBACK CERTIFICATES WITH WASHINGTON'S PICTURE ON THEM? WELL, YANK, THEM ARE THE THINGS THAT'LL MAKE THE WORLD GO 'ROUND. ANYBODY WHO HAS A FAT PILE OF THEM STOWED AWAY IN HIS CELLAR SOMEWHERE CAN TAKE OFF NOW 'CAUSE WE'RE NOT TALKING TO HIM.

WE'RE INTERESTED IN GUYS WHO ARE WONDERING: "HOW IN HELL AM I GONNA DIG UP ENOUGH CABBAGE TO DO THE STUFF I WANT TO DO AFTER THE BRAWL IS OVER?"

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WELL, BROTHER, ROLL UP A WINDOW AND SET DOWN... LISTEN TO THIS:—

YOUR OLD UNCLE SAM HAS SEVERAL MONEY-SAVING IDEAS TUCKED AWAY IN HIS PEPPERMINT-STICK HAT WHICH'RE SURE TO TICKLE YOUR GIZZARD. ONE OF THESE IS WAR BOND INVESTMENTS. ALL RIGHT, WE KNOW YOOZE PROBABLY THINKING: "DAMMIT, I'M DOIN' MY SHARE." SURE YOU ARE. AND SO'S EVERYONE ELSE. BUT LET'S FORGET THAT PATRIOTISM STUFF FOR A WHILE AND THINK OF YOUR LIL'OL' SELF. FOR EVERY 3 BUCKS YOU PUT INTO WAR BONDS YOU'LL GET BACK 4. THAT, MON AMI, IS A GOOD DEAL. YOU CAN BUY BONDS FOR CASH WHENEVER YOU LIKE OR MAKE IT A REGULAR THING BY TAKING OUT A "CLASS B" PAY ALLOTMENT.



HE'S BEEN RIDING AROUND LIKE THAT EVER SINCE HE TOOK OUT A "CLASS B" ALLOTMENT."



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NOW GETTING AWAY FROM THAT "ME, MYSELF + I" KICK, HOW ABOUT YOUR ONE + ONLY PIN-UP GIRL AND COMPANY WHO'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN "CIVVIES" AGAIN? ARE THEY PROTECTED IN THE EVENT THAT YOUR NUMBER COMES UP + YOU DON'T EVER RETURN? WE KNOW IT'S GRUE-SOME TO THINK OF AND LET'S HOPE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN



IN WHICH CASE ANY NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE COULD BE CONVERTED INTO "ORDINARY LIFE" OR "20 OR 30 PAYMENT LIFE." \$10,000 IS WHAT UNCLE SAM FORKS OVER IF YOU QUIT LIVING. USING BIG WORDS IT'S: "MAXIMUM PROTECTION FOR MINIMUM PREMIUM." THAT, TOO, BUD, IS A GOOD DEAL.

OF COURSE THERE'RE SOME GI'S WHO CAN'T BE BOTHERED INVESTING IN THINGS. WELL, WHO THE DEVIL CARES? MAN, IT'S YOUR DOUGH. YOU EARNED IT, SO DO WITH IT WHAT YOU WANT.



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THESE ARE ONLY SUGGESTIONS. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEND SOME MONEY HOME OR ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE U.S. THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO IT FOR YOU WITHIN 15 DAYS BY "PTT" AND THEY DON'T SOAK YOU A CENT FOR THE SERVICE. "PTT" IS A NICKNAME FOR "PERSONAL TRANSFER TRANSMISSION." WAR BONDS MAY BE BOUGHT THIS WAY TOO. BEST PART ABOUT IT, IT'S SAFE AND FAST AS A P.T. BOAT.



YOU MAY THINK THIS CARTOON IS SLIGHTLY EXAGGERATED. WHO EVER HEARD OF A BANK IN THE MIDDLE OF A BATTLEFIELD? WELL, THAT'S ABOUT WHAT "SOLDIER'S DEPOSITS" ADDS UP TO. YEAH, YOU DEPOSIT ANY AMOUNT YOU'D LIKE

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WITH YOUR C.O. AND MAKE WITHDRAWALS LIKE ANY ORDINARY BANK ACCOUNT. IF YOU HAVE 5 BUCKS IN YOUR ACCOUNT FOR LONGER THAN 6 MONTHS YOU GET 4% YEARLY INTEREST.

THEN HERE'S A DEAL FOR THE GUY WHO WANTS TO SAVE HIS GREENBACKS IN HIS HOMETOWN BANK OR HIS MOTHER'S COOKIE JAR. IT'S CALLED A "CLASS E" ALLOTMENT. SO MUCH MONEY (WHATEVER AMOUNT YOU SAY) IS AUTOMATICALLY TAKEN OUT OF YOUR PAY EACH MONTH BEFORE YOU GET IT. AND SENT TO WHOMEVER YOU DESIGNATE. YOUR COMPANY CLERK IS THE JOE WHO CAN FIX YOU UP WITH A "CLASS B" ALLOTMENT, OR "CLASS B" OR "LIFE INSURANCE" OR "PTT."



STILL ANOTHER WAY OF SENDING SOME FINANCE TO THAT BABE OR BUDDY BACK HOME WHO'LL KEEP IT FOR YOU IS BY MONEY ORDER.

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FOR A SLIGHT FEE YOUR APO'LL TAKE CARE OF THE DETAILS.

SO THERE YOU HAVE IT, SOJER. YOU AND YOUR PISTOL PACKIN' MAMMA ARE GONNA BE MIGHTY GLAD SOME DAY THAT YOU USED THE OLD BEAN AND SAVED...



- HERE THEY ARE AGAIN:
- WAR BONDS
  - LIFE INSURANCE
  - PTT
  - SOLDIER'S DEPOSIT
  - CLASS "E" ALLOTMENT
  - MONEY ORDERS

YOUR COMPANY CLERK'LL GIVE YA THE FULL DOPE.

LET NOBODY BE A SAD SACK (WHETHER YOU'RE A DOUGHBOY OR W) WE'RE IN THE KNOW WE'LL SAVE OUR DOUGH AND HAVE

GREENBACKS WHEN WE GET BACK!





US ARMY RECRUITING AND INDUCTION STATION,  
515 South Franklin Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

May 17, 1942.

R E S T R I C T E D

OFFICIAL ORDERS)

E X T R A C T

NO. 115 )

1. Under authority contained in Letter, Headquarters Sixth Corps Area, File AG 513-1 (R&I) Subject: "Shipment of Aviation Cadets" dated May 11, 1942, the following named enlisted men, Air Corps Unassigned, are hereby appointed Aviation Cadets and will proceed without delay to Santa Ana, California, reporting upon arrival thereat to the Commanding Officer, Air Force Classification Center for further disposition:

Angele Adams, 16,058,786.	William E. Anderson, 16,058,682.
Alfred A. Arnold, 16,058,683.	Leslie S. Bain, 16,058,734.
Albert J. Bauer, 16,058,787.	William F. Belton, 16,058,684.
Maurits C. Blomberg, 16,058,735.	Richard H. Branston, 16,058,736.
Norman M. Brooks, 16,058,685.	Robert D. Brown, 16,058,737.
Eugene J. Burkart, 16,058,738.	John F. Byrne, 16,058,739.
Benjamin H. Cole, 16,058,687.	Benjamin A. Compton, 16,058,740.
William Coppinger, 16,058,688.	Sherry Dare, 16,058,689.
John R. Devitte, 16,058,690.	Robert C. Drebelbis, 16,077,907.
Wallace A. Dressler, 16,058,729.	Nathan R. Gerowitz, 16,058,691.
Irving W. Grandner, Jr., 16,058,692.	Robert V. Green, 16,058,693.
William L. Hansen, 16,058,694.	James Jacobs, 16,058,695.
Vernel E. Johnson, 16,058,696.	William A. Johnston, 16,058,697.
Harold L. Klagstad, 16,058,698.	Charles K. Kornblum, 16,058,699.
Irving Kraut, 16,058,700.	James F. Lallak, 16,058,701.
Harold C. Lamberson, 16,058,702.	Howard B. Leibundguth, 16,058,703.
Gilbert A. LeKander, 16,058,704.	Clifford Leonard, 16,058,705.
Harold R. Levant, 16,058,686.	Anson D. Longaker, 16,058,707.
Robert E. Moon, 16,058,708.	George G. Munding, 16,058,714.
Robert E. Murphy, 16,058,709.	Charles B. Myers, 16,058,710.
Carl F. Nohl, 16,058,711.	Thomas J. Orzada, 16,058,712.
Gorgas R. Paulsen, 16,058,713.	Justus N. Pearson, 16,058,714.
Arthur H. Pisahl, 16,058,576.	Robert J. Pulling, 16,058,706.
James T. Raftery, 16,058,715.	Frank Reay, 16,058,716.
Henry Richmond, 16,058,717.	Robert C. Saxton, 16,058,719.
William G. Scavone, 16,058,720.	Seymour Seltzer, 16,058,661.
Alfred P. Shallcross, III, 16,058,671.	Michael E. Shields, 16,058,721.
Clinton R. Sidman, 16,058,722.	William H. Simcox, 16,058,672.
Charles L. Small, 16,058,723.	Roland C. Smith, Jr. 16,058,607.
Gordon T. Spinhirne, 16,058,609.	Donald F. Spitzer,

The Quartermaster Corps will furnish the necessary transportation. It being impracticable for the Government to furnish rations in kind, meals for men traveling by rail will be furnished on party meal tickets under the provisions of AR 30-2215, Paragraph 2, for such meals as the length of the journey may require at a rate not to exceed \$1.00 per meal per man when meals are served in dining cars and not to exceed \$0.75 per meal per man when served elsewhere. The travel directed is necessary in the military service. FD 31 P-02 A 0425-23.

OFFICIAL:

*Edward F. Shaifer*  
EDWARD F. SHAIFFER,  
Lt. Col. Cavalry,  
Rctg & Ind Officer.

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Last rationed to include supper May 17, 1942.  
Will leave station at 6:00 PM May 17, 1942.

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## CHINESE

YAO<sup>4</sup> - (you) to want

YU<sup>3</sup> - (you) to have

MEI<sup>2</sup> - (may) have not

MEI<sup>2</sup> YU<sup>3</sup> - Don't have

SHEN<sup>2</sup> MA<sup>4</sup> - (shunna) - what

KEI<sup>3</sup> - (gay) K' = K K = G

PU<sup>4</sup> KEI<sup>3</sup> - won't give

SHO<sup>1</sup> - (shore) to speak

HUA<sup>4</sup> - (huwa) language

SHO<sup>1</sup> HUA<sup>4</sup> - speech

WO<sup>3</sup> SHO<sup>1</sup> HUA<sup>4</sup> - I am talking

TUNG<sup>3</sup> - (long) to understand

TUNG<sup>3</sup> PU<sup>4</sup> TUNG<sup>3</sup> - do you understand

HAO<sup>3</sup> - (how) - good

HAO<sup>3</sup> PU<sup>4</sup> HAO<sup>3</sup> - is it good

NIN<sup>2</sup> - (neen) you (polite).

NIN<sup>2</sup> HAO<sup>3</sup> - how are you

CHING<sup>2</sup> - (jing) please!

HSIEH<sup>4</sup> - (sieh) thanks

HSIEH<sup>4</sup> HSIEH<sup>4</sup> - thank you

NENG<sup>3</sup> - (nung) can

NENG<sup>3</sup> PU<sup>4</sup> NENG<sup>3</sup> - can you

YU<sup>3</sup> MEI<sup>2</sup> YU<sup>3</sup> - do you have it

KEI<sup>3</sup> PU<sup>4</sup> KEI<sup>3</sup> - will you give it

NI<sup>3</sup> YAO<sup>4</sup> SHEN<sup>2</sup> MA<sup>4</sup> - what do you want

## Chinese

WO<sup>3</sup> - I or me (woaw)

NI<sup>3</sup> - (nee) ~~the~~ you I = E

T'A' - (tah) he, she, it

MEN<sup>2</sup> - (mun) plural

WO<sup>3</sup>MEN<sup>2</sup> - we

T'A'MEN<sup>2</sup> - they

TI' - possessive T = D

WO<sup>3</sup>TI' - mine

WO<sup>3</sup>MEN<sup>2</sup>TI' - ours

T'A'MEN<sup>2</sup>TI' - theirs

SHU' - (shoe) - book

CH' IEN<sup>2</sup> - money CH' = chao CH = J

PI<sup>3</sup> - (bee) pen or pencil P = B P' = P

CHI<sup>3</sup> - (jer) paper

CHE<sup>4</sup> - (ja) this

NA<sup>3</sup> - what or which

NA<sup>4</sup> - that

CH' IEN' - lead

SHUI<sup>2</sup> - (shway) U = W I = a (able)

SHIH<sup>4</sup> - (sure) is, am, are

BU<sup>4</sup> - (boo) not

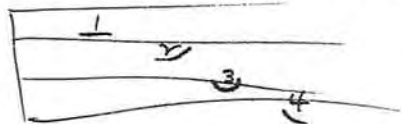
WO<sup>3</sup>TI' SHU' - my book

NI<sup>3</sup>MEN<sup>2</sup>TI' CH' IEN<sup>2</sup> - your money

T'A'MEN<sup>2</sup>TI' PI<sup>3</sup> - their pencil

SHUI<sup>2</sup>TI' CH' IEN<sup>2</sup> - whose money

SHIH<sup>4</sup> BU<sup>4</sup> SHIH<sup>4</sup> - is not, is it, isn't it.





R E S T R I C T E D  
 HEADQUARTERS  
 HOBBS ARMY AIR FIELD  
 3017TH AAF BASE UNIT (Pilot School Spec 4E)  
 HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

20 May 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 18 )

1. Under auth Par 13 d AR 210-10 and pursuant to provisions of WD AGO Memo #W100-2-43 25 Feb 43 asgmt of Civ War Housing Family Type Unit #26 (4 room unfurn) is made to CLABERON L BURKE Civ Employee HAAF effective 21 May 44.

2. MAJ ALBERT E WAITE 0198003 AC (2136) is reld of dy as Asst Comdt of Stu (Unit 0 non tact) (2136) (add dy).

3. 2ND LT ISAAH J SHAIN 0586913 AC (2520) is reld of dy as Asst Adj (2110) Sec A (princ dy) and asgd Sec C as Asst Supply O (4000) (princ dy) and Asst Adj (2110) Sec C (add dy).

4. So much of Par 31 SO 1 this Hq cs as pertains to fol EM Sec C is amended as indicated.

			<u>as reads</u>	<u>is amended to read</u>
S/SGT ELMO W YODER	18121585	ARO	1-31	1-18
S/SGT NORMAN F YOUNG	36218641	SAE	1-31	1-16
S/SGT MARVIN R COBB	19097354	RO	1-31	1-7
S/SGT WILLIAM F HARMON	14054017	AE	1-31	1-16
S/SGT ELDWYN E HUSE	19170127	AE	1-31	1-10
SGT JOHN O SIKES, JR	18121977	ARO	1-31	1-15
SGT EDWARD F DARCY	32094645	RO	1-31	1-7
CPL BENTLEY W FLINTOFF	19022446	RO	1-31	1-7
PFC HARVEY T CAREY	17154298	RO	1-31	1-7
PFC CHADBOURNE H COOLE	17154297	RO	1-31	1-7
PFC SEBASTIAN R LOPEZ	19084699	RO	1-31	1-7
PFC WILLIAM W WHITE	19141394	RO	1-31	1-7
PFC GEORGE W STEVENSON	19141358	RO	1-31	1-7
PFC MAURICE W YOUNG	15329997	SRO	1-31	1-7
PVT RALPH WIDMAN, JR	18034007	ARO	1-31	1-7
PVT JAMES D BERRY	19148117	RO	1-31	1-7
PVT EDWARD E HOGAN	32447839	RO	1-31	1-10

is amended to add

S/SGT MARVIN F ADELHART	19169344	SAE	1-31
S/SGT EDWARD M BURLISON	18048764	AE	1-31
S/SGT WILLIAM E CARSE	19135695	AE	1-31
S/SGT OLIVER G FRANKLIN	18121580	SAE	1-31
S/SGT JOSEPH R GLACKIN	33079954	AE	1-31
S/SGT COSIMO CANCELLA	19140588	SAE	5-31
S/SGT NELSON T SPLNCR	7033274	SAE	1-31
S/SGT RUSKIN R JEMSVOLD	39172049	AE	1-31
S/SGT JOSEPH MOVESIAN	13038358	SAE	1-31
S/SGT JACK O SUNDBERG	19171584	AE	1-31
SGT WILLYS J ALLISON	19028066	SAE	1-31
SGT HARRY R BROWN	38271139	SAE	1-31
SGT ARNOLD HANSEN	19170092	SAE	1-31

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Par 4 SO 18 Hq HAAF 3017TH AAFBU (Pilot Sch Spec 4E) 20 May 44, contd

SGT ROBERT H MARTIN	19139722	SAE	1-31
SGT JACK T SCHLISSMANN	37280150	AE	1-31
SGT EINAR R SUNDIN	17155686	AE	1-31
SGT WILLIAM C YAGGI	33233908	SAE	1-31
SGT ROBERT A HOLLAND	19146783	SAE	3-31
CPL LEONARD C BEAN	19141257	SAE	1-31
CPL RAYMOND L GESTRING	19138684	SAE	1-31
CPL BERNARD E KOHLMAN	19148047	SAE	1-31
CPL RALPH P RUGGERI	11004112	SAE	1-31
CPL EDWARD P TRUIT	33236650	SAE	1-31
CPL EDWARD L JOHNSON	37206296	SAE	1-31
PFC WILLIAM BREMNER	19146646	SAE	3-31
PFC SAM A FARHAT	19174949	SAE	3-31
PVT CARL J BRATTAIN	19146970	SAE	1-31
SGT CHARLES E CARTER	19146813	SAE	1-31
SGT HOMER E JONES	39533637	AE	1-31
SGT OLIVER T LEWIS	18157274	AE	1-31
SGT WALTER J MACIOLEK	31174058	SAE	1-31
SGT BERNARD M SWENSON	19112848	AE	1-31
CPL ALBERT C H DITTMER	37256096	AE	1-31
CPL PAUL W GERLOFF	37265422	SAE	1-31
CPL GEORGE D GOODE	38207937	SAE	1-31
CPL HARLY T GRAGG	19169630	SAE	1-31
CPL THEODORE L WESTOVER	19170135	SAE	1-31
CPL JACK E WILDRICK	17070886	AE	1-31
PFC FORREST C BEERS	33481603	SAE	1-31
PVT JOHN L BURTON	13064986	SAE	1-31
CPL LAWRENCE A ROY	31217225	SAE	3-31
CPL CHARLES D FARLEY	36246319	SAE	1-31
PFC LEROY LANDRUM	18117541	SAE	1-31
SGT JOSEPH L BALONEK	15069566	AE	1-31
SGT DALE W MOORE	39075130	SAE	1-31
CPL ROBERT J KRAMER	36279901	SAE	1-31
PFC BOBBY L MALONE	38436798	SRO	1-31
PVT GANES GLEASON	37199826	SAE	1-31
PVT SOLON E THORNTON	14061504	SAE	1-31
CPL JOHN C ANDERSON	35415421	SAE	10-31
PFC JAMES L BYERS	34596643	SAE	10-31
PFC MYRON J PICK	19148154	SAE	12-31
PVT WILLER G McDONALD, JR	18116656	SAE	10-31
CPL HUBERT BOWMAN	35359899	SAE	16-31
CPL JOSEPH HORNICK	32331496	SAE	1-31
CPL ANTHONY MATTESI	32443894	SAE	1-31
PFC LEONARD W BILES	32730504	SAE	1-31
PFC JOHN E KOLODZEJ	32392780	RO	1-31
PFC CLARENCE F LEE	39198274	SAE	1-31
SGT PAUL C DITTRICH	17030484	AE	1-31

is amended to delete:

PVT GOSTA B SUNDBERG	32427737	ARO	1-31
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5. 2ND LT MORTON J COOPER 0586592 AC is aptd Asst ar Bond O (add dy) vice  
 CAPT BERNARD D DOYLE 0910860 AC, reld.

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Par 6 SO 18 Hq HAAF 3017TH AAFBU (Pilot Sch Spec 4E) 20 May 44, contd

6. The fol O's, WP Dallas Tex on temp dy approx one (1) days rptg to Auditorium (2nd floor) of the Dallas Power and Light Co Bldg Dallas Tex, purpose of attending conference of War Bond O's beginning 0930 and ending 1700 26 May 44. Upon completion of temp dy O's will return to proper sta.

2ND LT GURNEY BRECKENFELD 01845515 AC 2ND LT MORTON J COOPER 0586592 AC

TDN TO will furn nec T. 1-5250 P 432-02 A 212/40425. (Auth: Messageform Hq AAFWFTC AGA 27E File 210.63 17 May 44.)

7. Emergency lv, under exceptional circumstances is granted 1ST LT PAUL W PENNOCK 02044811 AC for a period of ten (10) days effective o/a 21 May 44. Address on lv, 439 S 12th St, Salina Kansas. (Auth: AR 605-115.)

8. Lv, under exceptional circumstances is granted 1ST LT WILLIAM W SAMS 0725363 AC for a period of eleven (11) days effective o/a 23 May 44. Address on lv, 649 S 9th St, Salina Kansas. (Auth: AR 605-115.)

9. Lv, under exceptional circumstances is granted 1ST LT ROBERT L LITCHFIELD 0727894 AC for a period of eleven (11) days effective o/a 23 May 44. Address on lv 806 Poplar St Atlantic Iowa. (Auth: AR 605-115.)

10. Having rptd this date per Par 5 SO 101 Hq 3rd Wea Sq AAF San Antonio Tex 12 May 44 on temp dy, 2ND LT CHARLES H CHEYNEY 0869202 AC is atchd to Sec B for dy as Wea O. O is asgd BQQ Bldg W Qrs 4. (Auth: Par 13 (1) (b) AR 210-10.)

11. Lv, under exceptional circumstances is granted 1ST LT PAUL A STEEL 0443047 AC for a period of eleven (11) days effective o/a 23 May 44. Address on lv c/o J Robert Steel RR #3 Chillicothe Ohio. (Auth: AR 605-115.)

12. The fol EM, Sec A, are trfd in gr to Sec as indicated: (Auth: AR 615-200).

CPL (055 S) JAMES J JOST	16069556	Sec C
CPL (055 S) PAUL G YAZZOLINO	19135607	Sec C
CPL (055 S) FRANK J ANDRZEJEWSKI	16069540	Sec B

13. The fol EM, Sec C, are trfd in gr to Sec A for B-29 OLT. (Auth: AR 615-200).

T/SGT (750 SS) D W ASLIN	18018620	Flight Engr
M/SGT (752 S) KEITH L MELADY	6669197	Ground Crew Tng.

14. Lv, under exceptional circumstances is granted 1ST LT ALBERT C WALLACE 0735845 AC for a period of ten (10) days effective o/a 22 May 44. Address on lv, 212 E Calif Ave, Urbana Ill. (Auth: AR 605-115.)

15. Having rptd this date per Par 31 SO 15 Hq SA AAB 3032d AAFBU (Pre Flt Sch) Santa Ana Calif 17 May 44, the fol EW are asgd Sec A and atchd to Sec D for rat, qr and adm.

PVT (945 SS) SELMA R HADDAD	A815505	PVT (845 SS) CONCETTA M PAGANO	A221657
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16. Having rptd this date per Par 1 SO 140 Hq Luke Fld Phoenix Ariz 19 May 44 the fol EM (PVTs, 521 SS) are asgd Sec F:



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McKINLEY CAREY	35107108	JESSE BARNES	37624562
ERNEST D ALEXANDER	35883661	CLIFFORD W BASFIELD	36787759
JAMES ARTIS	34662113	MOSES BEAUFORD	34908139
MITCHELL E AVERHART	35933666	GEORGE H BENNETT	34931439
ALBERT BAILEY	38542928	ROOSEVELT BLACK	34908723
WINFRED L BANKS	36466560	JOSEPH A BANNISTER	42032034
MACK H BROCKER, JR	33796603	THOMAS C BROWNLEY	33735629

17. Par 14 SO 12 this Hq cs is amended to delete SGT (747 S) MELVIN R MALMOE 19145518 Sec C, and substitute therefore 'PFC (747 S) ROBERT L BUCK 19148091'. (Re: EM on DS Boeing Aircraft Corp Seattle Wash.)

18. The fol EM., Sec as indicated, are trfd in present gr and WP BTC #10 Greensboro N C rptg to CO thereat not later than 31 May 44 for asgmt to Project ITEM 0531. EM qualified for overseas dy in accord WFTC Memo 35-O-6B. Clothing and equip accord Par 4 Ltr Hq AAFWFTC File 421(EM) Sub: Chart- Clothing and Indiv equip 19 Apr 44. Each EM atzd four (4) days delay enroute prior to rptg Greensboro N C but rptg date remains 31 May 44. Dependents will not accompany or join EM and TPA is not atzd.

SGT (502 SS) FRANK P BLAZUNAS	14057315	Sec C
SGT (511 SS) GARY Van DYKE	32276009	Sec C
CPL (060 S) JOHN F SCIABBARRASI	16147155	Sec A
CPL (502 S) DONALD F SPITZER		U Hq
PFC (060 S) CECIL W RIGDON	34409929	Sec A
PFC (060 S) DAVID E DAVENPORT	17160609	Sec A
PVT (502 S) GORDON F MOFFITT	12092883	Sec A
PVT (945 S) ROBERT E HONNOLL, JR	34348915	Sec A

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In accordance with AR 30-2215 the QMC will issue twelve (12) meal tickets to eight (8) persons each for three and one-third (3 1/3) days travel.

TDN TO will furn nec T. 1-5250 P 431-02, 03 A 212/40425. FD at destination will pay three (3¢) cents per mile for T not furn by Govt, in accord with Par 10 AR 35-4540 as changed. (Auth: TWX CG AAFTC 20E 16297 (D 2018) and TWX Hq AAFWFTC AGA 29E 1515 17 May 44.)

19: The fol EM, Sec as indicated, are trfd in present gr and WP BTC #10 Greensboro N C rptg thereat to CO not later than 2 June 44 for asgmt to Project BAKER 0602. EM qualified for overseas dy in accord WFTC Memo 35-O-6B. Clothing and equip accord Par 4 Ltr Hq AAFWFTC File 421(EM) Sub: Chart-Clothing and Indiv equip 19 Apr 44. Each EM atzd five (5) days delay enroute prior to rptg Greensboro N C but rptg date remains 2 June 44. Dependents will not accompany or join EM and TPA is not atzd.

1ST SGT (585 S) ROBERT D MOORE	12015839	Sec I
S/SGT (502 S) EDMUND B KATZ	31167801	Sec C
S/SGT (825 S) JOSEPH C BELTRAMO	36131731	Sec E
SGT (050 S) OLIN L HENDRICKSON	35379647	Sec C
SGT (050 S) CLARENCE W UHRAMMER	37121574	Sec B
SGT (060 S) GABRIEL M BACA	38121754	Sec A
SGT (301 S) MAURICE M MEEK	17060508	Sec A

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Par 19 SO 18 Hq HAAF 3017TH AAFBU (Pilot Sch Spec 4E) 20 May 44, contd.

CPL (060 S) TEMAN A DENNEY	34260747	Sec A
CPL (677 SS) GEORGE E WESTON	19113924	Sec A
PFC (590 SS) PAUL P WASIK	38244134	Sec A
PVT (590 SS) MALCOLM W PICKARD, SR	39395094	Sec A
PFC (014 SS) GENE E BURTON	18192688	Sec A
PFC (060 SS) JULIAN C WELLS	14141780	Sec A

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1ST SGT (585 S) EARL L MACKIE	18049650	U Hq
CPL (060 S) STANFORD N PEGG	37228531	Sec A
CPL (677 SS) BILLIE R RIGGS	19145361	Sec A
PVT (590 SS) PETER WESLER	17155058	Sec A

Impracticable for the Govt to furn CFR.

In accordance with AR 30-2215 the QMC will issue twelve (12) meal tickets to thirteen (13) persons each for three and one-third (3 1/3) days travel.

TDN TO will furn nec T. 1-5250 P 431-02, 03 A 212/40425. PD at destination will pay three (3¢) cents per mile for T not furn by Govt in accord with Par 10 AR 35-4540 as changed. (Auth: TWX CG AAFTC 20E 16401 (D 2095) and TWX Hq AAFVFTC AGA 29E 1731 18 May 44.)

20. Par 31 SO 17 this Hq cs is amended to add 'SGT BUTIS and PVT THALER are atzd fifteen (15) days delay enroute upon completion of course and prior to return to proper sta.'. (EM on DS to Paterson N J.)

21. Par 32 SO 17 this Hq cs is amended to add 'SGT MILMOE, SGT SMITH and SGT TAYLOR are atzd fifteen (15) days delay enroute upon completion of course and prior to return to proper sta. (EM on DS to Seattle Wash.)

22. Lv, under exceptional circumstances is granted 2ND LT FLOYD M MAUPIN 0677089 AC for a period of nine (9) days effective o/a 23 May 44. Address on lv, 1412 N Okmulgee, Okmulgee Okla, ph 2942 J. (Auth: AR 605-115.)

By order of Colonel BAILEY:

OFFICIAL:

*D. W. Liscom*

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1st Lt, Air Corps,  
Asst Adjutant.

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20 October 1944

AG 4110.99 AC (DEFGA)

SUBJECT: Indoctrination, for return to U.S.

TO E All Units.

1. In compliance with current policies for rotation of armed forces overseas, it is directed that, in order to maintain the high standard of character of the American soldier and to prevent any dishonor to reflect on the uniform, all individuals eligible for return to the U.S. under current directives will undergo an indoctrination course of demilitarization prior to approval of his application for return.

2. The following points will be emphasized in the subject indoctrination course.

a. In America there is a remarkable number of beautiful girls. These young girls have not been liberated and many are gainfully employed as stenographers, sales girls, and beauty operators or welders. Contrary to current practices, they should not be approached with "How Much?". A proper greeting is "Isn't it a lovely day?" or "Have you ever been in Chicago?". Then say, "How Much?".

b. A guest in a private home is usually awakened in the morning by a light tapping on his door and an invitation to join the host at breakfast. It is proper to say, "I'll be there shortly." Do NOT say, "Blow it out your       !!!"

c. A typical American breakfast consists of such strange foods as cantaloupes, fresh eggs, milk, ham, etc. These are highly palatable and though strange in appearance, are extremely tasty. Butter, made from cream, is often served. If you wish some butter, you turn to the person nearest it and say quietly, "Please pass the butter". You DO NOT say, "Throw me the goddam grease."

d. Very natural urges are apt to occur ~~when in a crowd. If it is found~~ necessary to defecate, one does not grab a shovel in one hand and paper in the other and run for the garden. At least 90% of American homes have one room called the "Bathroom", i.e., a room that, in most cases, contains bathtub, wash basin, medicine cabinet, and a toilet. It is the latter that you will use in this case. Instructors should make sure that all personnel understand the operation of a toilet, particularly the lever or button arrangement that serves to prepare the device for re-use.

e. In the event the helmet is retained by the individual, he will refrain from using it as a chair, wash bowl, foot bath or bathtub. All these devices are furnished in the average American home. It is not considered good practice to squat Indian fashion in a corner in the event all chairs are occupied. The host will usually provide suitable seats.

f. Belching or passing wind in company is strictly frowned upon. If you should forget about it, however, and belch in the presence of others, a proper remark is "Excuse me." DO NOT say, "It must be that lousy chow we've been getting."

g. American dinners, in most cases, consist of several items, each served in a separate dish. The common practice of mixing various items, such as corned-beef and pudding, or lima beans and peaches to make it more palatable, will be refrained from. In time the "Separate Dish" system will become enjoyable.

h. Americans have a strange taste for stimulants. The drinks in common usage in the Orient, such as underripe wine, alcohol and grapefruit juice, or vodka (so-called because it is distilled by a Russian) and "C" ration lemon powder (called jing-bao - meaning "air raid juice") are not ordinarily acceptable in civilian circles. These drinks should be served only to those who are definitely not within the inner circle of friends. A suitable use for such drinks is for serving to one's landlord in order to ~~be~~ break an undesirable lease.

i. The returning soldier is apt to often find his opinions differ from those of his civilian associates. One should call upon his reserve of etiquette and correct his acquaintances with such remarks as "I believe you have made a mistake", or, "I am afraid you are in error on that." DO NOT say, "Brother, You're really F        D UP!" This is considered impolite.



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SPECIAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER.....87 )

HQ CHINA ASC,  
APO 627, N.Y.C.,  
6 April 1945.

1. Par 2 SO 80 this Hq, as is amended to include "reld from atchd to 90th Adrm Sq". (Re: Trf of Cpl Bluestein)
2. COL JOHN S GULLET 011537 (1013) AC having been asgd this Hq for further asgmt and dy per par 10 SO 91 Hq 14th AF 3 April 45 is asgd to the China ASC (Det Hq & Hq Sq 14th AF) and will remain on SD with the China Sup & Maint Groupment. No tvl involved. (EDCMR 8 April 45)
3. With the concurrence of the CG 14th AF Col Donald F Spitzer 16058610 (405) is reld from asgd to the Hq 3 Hq Sq 58th Air Sv Gp and from atchd to the 1151st QM Co and is trfd in gr to the 308th Bomb Gr (H) and WP from APO 627 to APO 210 by first available mil acft, rail and/or govt mtr tvl reporting upon arrival to the CO 308th Bomb Gp (H) thereat for further asgmt and dy.  
Per diem of \$7.00 is auth for tvl by air in accordance with Cir 356 WD 1944. For tvl by other means than air the PD will pay in adv in accordance with AR 35-4520 the prescribed mon alws in lieu of rat a/r \$3.00 per day for 7 days to 1 person and qrs a/r \$2.00 per day for 7 days to 1 person and the QM will issue 3 days emerg rat. Final adjustment of mon alws and rat will be made at the compl of the journey. TDN PCS 78-207 P 431-02 A 212/50425. (EDCMR 16 April 45)
4. With the concurrence of the CG 14th AF Cpl Harvey C Smith 31312243 (237) is reld from asgd to the 8th Adrm Sq and is trfd in gr to the 1712th Sig Sv Bn (Avn) and WP from APO 210 to APO 627 by first available mil acft reporting upon arrival to the CO 1712th Sig Sv Bn (Avn) thereat for dy.  
Per diem of \$7.00 is auth for tvl by air in accordance with Cir 356 WD 1944. TDN PCS 78-207 P 431-02 A 212/50425. (EDCMR 20 April 45)
5. Pfc Wallace C Murdough Jr 31012365 (055) is reld from asgd to the 315th Air Sv Gp and is trfd in gr to the China ASC (Det Hq & Hq Sq 14th AF) remaining on DS with Engr Dist #4. No tvl involved. (EDCMR 16 April 45)
6. The fol named O orgns and sta indicated are atchd to the 14th Air Sv Gp and will remain on dy at their present sta. No tvl involved. (EDCMR 16 April 45)

	<u>Orgn</u>	<u>Station</u>
MAJ IRVIN A JOHNSON	0347370 (2120) AC Hq CASC	Chihkiang
MAJ JOHN RICHARDSON	0137991 (2162) AC Hq CASC	Luliang
MAJ DAVID F STONE	0901909 (2162) AC Hq 14th AF	Chanyi
CAPT ALFRED H RIFKIN	0498935 (3100) MC Hq CASC	Lao Whang Ping
CAPT MARVIN L RUDNICK	0573209 (2136) AC Hq CASC	Luliang
CAPT M D NELSON JR	0292167 (2120) AC Hq CASC	Chihkiang
CAPT CHARLES R TAAFFE	0576450 (2158) AC Hq CASC	Luliang
1 ST LT IRWIN W MOHR	01280792 (6200) FD Hq CASC	Tushan

7. The fol named O are reld from asgd to the orgns indicated and are asgd to the 14th Air Sv Gp for further asgmt remaining on dy at sta indicated.

		<u>Reld from</u>	<u>Station</u>
1ST LT MARTIN S BIBBER	0855137 (0200) AC	15th Awys Det	Chanyi
1ST LT DONALD H OLMSTED	0575804 (2110) AC	90th Adrm Sq	Chanyi
2ND LT OSCAR B BELL	0915121 (5000) AC	Hq CASC	Chanyi

No tvl involved. (EDCMR 16 April 45)

7. By order of Colonel TALBOT:

OFFICIAL:

*R. H. Morris*  
R. H. MORRIS,  
Lt. Colonel, A.G.D.,  
Ass't Adjutant General.

ROBERT A. HOWARD, JR.,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS 374TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF  
OFFICE of the COMMANDING OFFICER  
A.P.O. 431, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

15 August 1945

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation for Award of the Congressional Medal of Pen-Pushers.

**TO :** Commanding Officer, 308th Bombardment Group (H) AAF, APO 431, c/o Postmaster, New York City, New York.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular No. 55, Hq, U. S. Army Forces, C.B.I., APO 885, dated 29 May 1944, it is strongly recommended that the Congressional Medal of Pen-Pushers be awarded to Major Richard M. Becker, O-00000, Air Corps, for extremely extraordinary activities in the U. S. Armed Forces.

2. Information required in Par 6 of Memorandum 135-3, Hq, 14th Air Force, dated 25 June 1944, as follows:

- a. Award Recommended - Congressional Medal of Pen-Pushers.
- b. Draft of citation-

Major Richard M. Becker, O-00000, Air Corps, exhausted himself by extraordinary activity in direct support of AAF Manual No. 1, Subject: Red Tape, during the period from 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945 and for probably an indefinite period to come. As adjutant in a heavy gas-hauling group, he performed with consistent skill and God knows how much effort to keep all squadrons bulging with every type, sort, nature and character of paper work. In addition, by paper he was able to bind, fasten, trip, stumble, tie, gag, choke, muffle, muzzle, suffocate and stymie all normal orderly room and squadron functions thus instilling in the personnel of each squadron the desire to sign secret parts of mass Hari-Kari which is such an enviable tradition of the Japanese Army. In addition he has accomplished a true service by turning all previously non-toe-attractive-orderly room personnel into ancient, antiquated, aged, white haired, feeble minded, broken bodied individuals. Age makes beauty, you know, won't their wives be pleased. By his day and candle light efforts his office has been able, during this period, to make the enviable record of having produced more paper work than the Pentagon Building and the 2nd Judicial Circuit Court of Appeals, New York City, combined, for the same period. Yank magazine has paid tribute to this man in an article saying Rupsi AAF Base Unit is now the envy of Langley, Mitchell and Bolling Fields for its efficiency, military atmosphere and West Point discipline. Major Becker's intrepid spirit and cool pen reflects the highest credit to himself and are in keeping with the fine traditions of the Army Air Forces.

c. NAME RICHARD M. BECKER  
RANK Major  
ASN O-00000  
BRANCH Air Corps  
DATE OF BIRTH Turn of the Century

d. STATUS AND RANK Group Adjutant - Major

e. OTHER AWARDS OR DECORATIONS RECEIVED  
SINCE 7 December 1941

Distinguished "Reply By Indorsement" Cross,  
GO# 21, Valley Forge; Legion of Paper Work,  
GO#33, 19 July 1945, Hq, United Paper Mills,  
Inc.

f. STATEMENT OF SERVICE

"I certify that the entire service of Major Becker since entering the U. S. military Service has been RED-HOT." ( )

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h. Institution from which inducted

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RAYMOND B. MacDONALD  
Major, Air Corps  
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS FOURTEENTH AIR FORCE  
A.P.O. 287, C/O POSTMASTER  
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

15 August 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 114)

E X T R A C T

1. Under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 333, dated 22 December 1943, the following named organization is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy:

**308TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)**

Between 24 May 1944 and 28 April 1945 this group preyed relentlessly on the Japanese sea shipping lanes between the Japanese homeland and her conquests throughout southern Asia and adjacent insular territories. During most of this period, this group was the only organization among all the Allied forces in a position to conduct interdiction operations against this vital supply line. Operating from bases in China, the group swept the east and south China seas, the straits of Formosa and Gulf of Tonking through all kinds of weather, sinking and damaging nearly three-quarters of a million tons of vital Japanese shipping. They sank 107 merchant vessels and sank 12 enemy naval vessels, including three cruisers and seven destroyers. They probably sank 29 vessels and damaged 48, for a total of 427,252 tons of shipping sunk, 102,765 tons probably sunk and 137,045 tons damaged. Pressed by the constant need for economy of operations from air-supplied China, the group forsook the usual high altitude style of bombing to attain accuracy and minimum expenditure of bombs. Heroically and deliberately the combat crews developed and employed low altitude tactics that brought their slow, heavy bombers down to within 400 feet of their targets during attacks. This exposed their aircraft to murderous fire from the armed merchantmen and naval vessels they attacked. On a number of occasions, the crews carried out attacks at 400 feet over entire convoys of eight to twelve armed merchantmen and naval ships. Throughout the cited period the group was forced to fly much of its own gasoline and bombs over the "Hump" (Himalaya mountains) into China, and in the same period was forced to evacuate from three bases before the advance of enemy ground forces. For several months the Group launched its sea search missions from a base behind enemy lines in east China. The phenomenal achievements of the 308TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) in its interdiction of these vital enemy shipping lanes are the result of extraordinary heroism, gallantry, determination and esprit de corps demonstrated by the members of this organization. Their attainments are consonant with the finest traditions of the American military service.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL STONE:

CLAYTON B. MAASSEN  
Colonel, U.S.C.  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



HEADQUARTERS 308TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF  
Office of the Commanding Officer  
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New York City, New York

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31 August 1945

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SUBJECT: Battle Participation Credit.

TO : To Whom It may Concern.

1. Personnel of this organization have been authorized battle participation credit for two campaigns and are entitled to wear two bronze battle stars on the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. The first star, for the China Campaign, was authorized by General Orders No. 9, Fourteenth Air Force, dated 27 January 1944, and the second, for the India-Burma Campaign, was authorized by General Orders No. 97, Fourteenth Air Force, dated 1 August 1945.

2. This headquarters has recently forwarded requests to higher headquarters for the following four additional battle stars. These requests have been approved by Fourteenth Air Force and by China Theater:

- a. Western Pacific Campaign.
- b. Air Offensive, Japan.
- c. Southern Philippines Campaign.
- d. Luzon Campaign.

For the Commanding Officer:

*Richard M. Becker*

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RICHARD M. BECKER  
Major, Air Corps  
Adjutant

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was assigned to and served honorably with the 308th Bombardment Group during all (part) of the period from 17 October 1944 to 28 April 1945.

2. During the period 17 October 1944 to 28 April 1945 this Group was engaged in extensive operations over waters adjacent to the Philippine Islands from Formosa on the north to Saigon and Cape St Jacques on the south. More than a hundred anti-shipping strikes and long range reconnaissance missions were flown by the Group over those waters during the period in question, and the Group sank 150,250 tons, probably sank 62,850 tons and damaged 1110,900 tons of enemy merchant shipping. In addition to the merchant shipping listed above the Group during the same period also sank seven naval vessels, including two cruisers, three destroyers, one troop transport, and one submarine chaser. All of the foregoing operations were over the routes to and from the Philippines, over adjacent waters thereto, and were in direct support of the Philippine Campaign. On a large percentage of those missions, enemy ground, air, or naval fire was actually encountered and a substantial number of casualties were sustained by the Group during the operations.

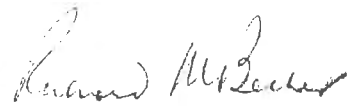
3. War Department Circular No 136, dated 7 May 1945, authorizes the Philippine Liberation Ribbon to personnel who participated in combat during the campaign and states:

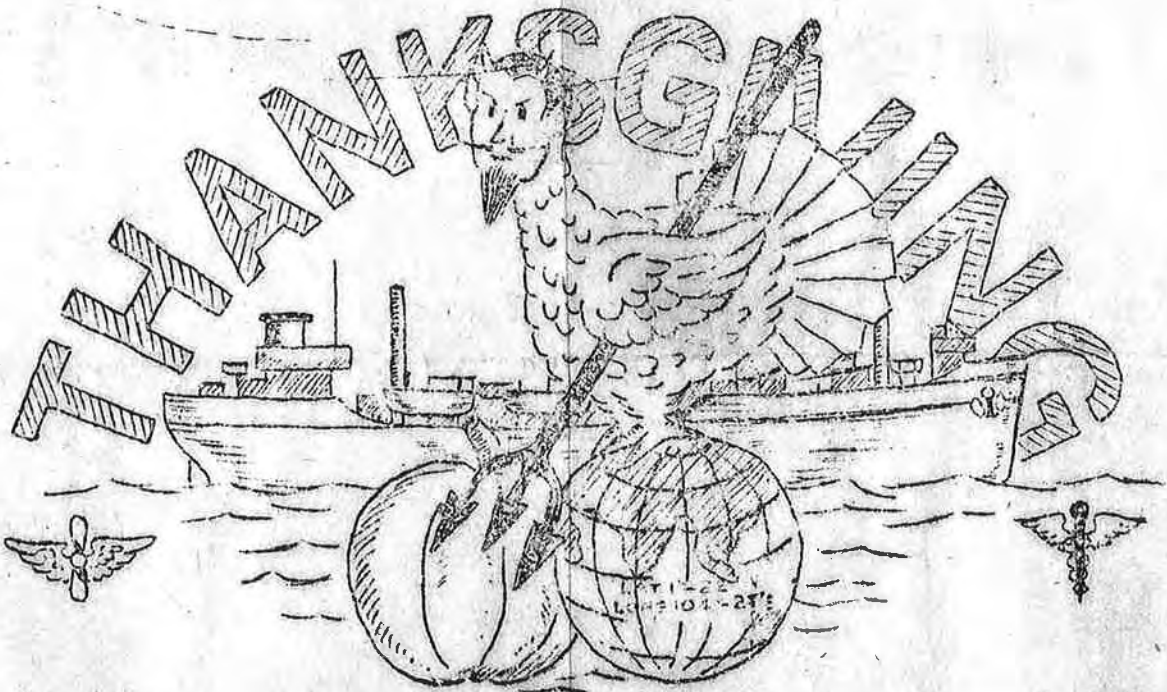
"An individual will be considered as having participated in combat if- - - -"

(b) He was a member of and present with a unit actually under enemy fire or air attack".

4. In view of the foregoing fact it is believed that the member of this organization named above is entitled to the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, but since there is some uncertainty as to whether this is the meaning of War Department Circular 136, the entry has not been made on his records.

For the Commanding Officer:

  
RICHARD M. BECKER  
Major, Air Corps  
Adjutant



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CREAM OF TOMATO



ROAST TURKEY, DRESSING, GILLET GRAVY

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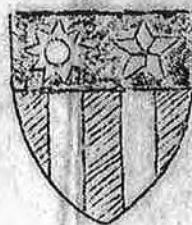
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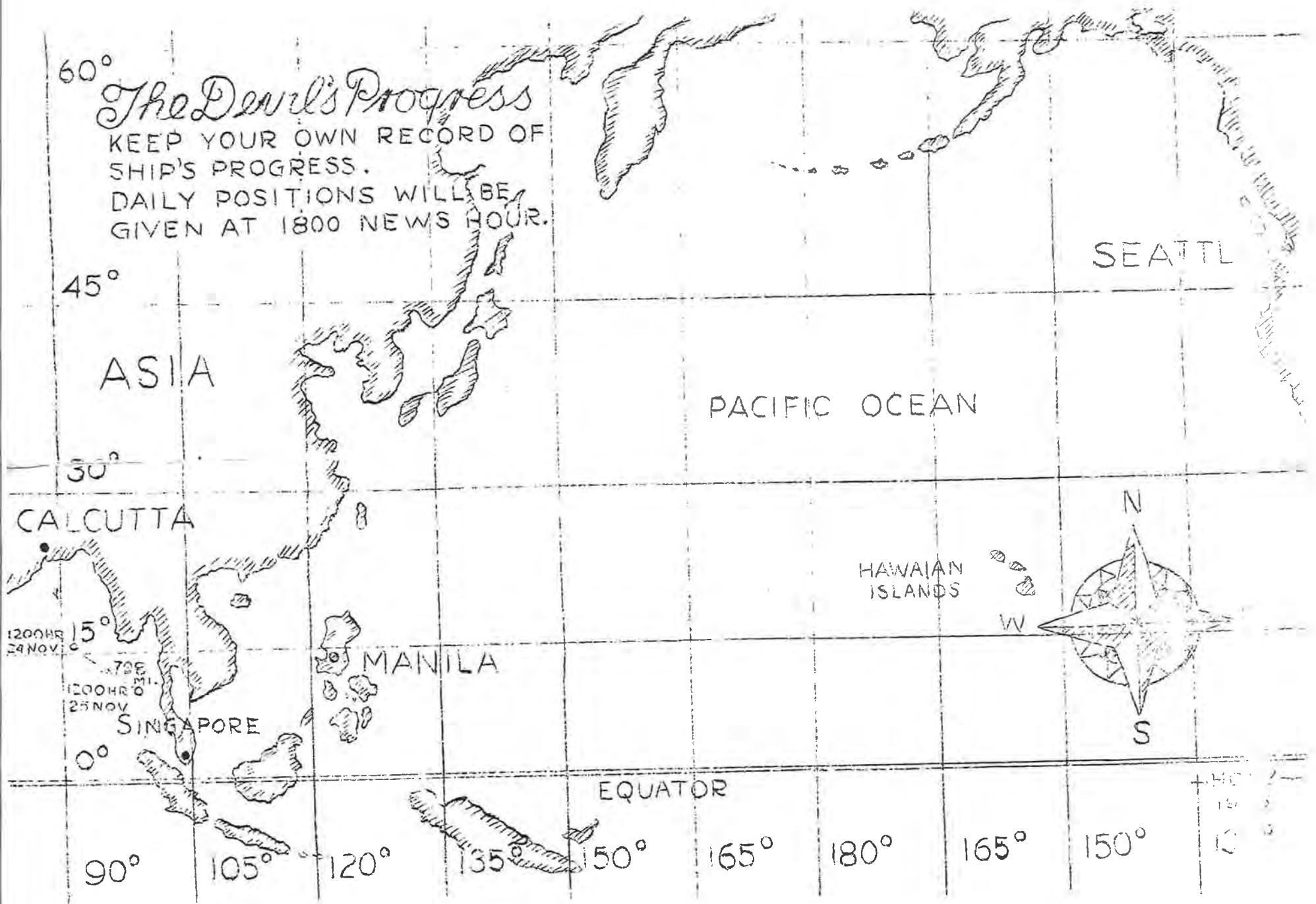
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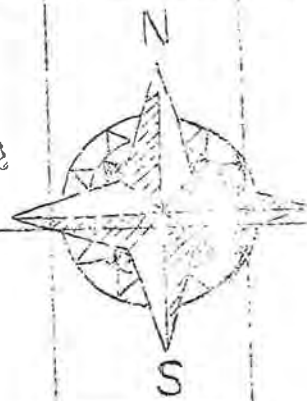
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LEA

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I, Donald F. Spitzer, being of age and of sound and disposing mind and memory, declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills and codicils.

I hereby appoint Ethel Spitzer; my Mother executrix of my estate, to serve without bond and to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses.

I give to Ethel Spitzer, my Mother, residing at Albany, Chicago, Illinois, all my property, whether the same be real, personal, tangible, or intangible, wheresoever situated.

Should the above named beneficiary predecease me, I give all my property, real and/or personal, to Frank Spitzer (father)

I specifically make provision for no other person, and should anyone successfully contest this, my last Will and Testament, I hereby leave such person or persons the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00)

Executed this 8 day of Feb., in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-four.

Executed and signed by Donald F. Spitzer, in our presence, by him declared to be his last Will and Testament this 8 day of Feb, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-four; in testimony whereof, at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, we do now sign as witnesses the day and year aforesaid:

A. Feichtmeier  
R. N. Strasser  
D. H. Petrella

Chowchella Calif  
Gary Indiana  
San Antonio, Texas

EXECUTED AND ATTESTED AT HOBBS ARMY AIR FIELD, HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

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GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, Donald F. Spitzer of the City/Town of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, now in active military service of the United States and stationed at H.A.A.F., Hobbs, New Mexico, being desirous of appointing an attorney-in-fact, to act for me on my behalf on all matters in which I may have an interest, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Ethel Spitzer, my mother of the City/Town of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power to pledge, mortgage, or execute deeds of trust for, sell, transfer, assign, exchange, or otherwise dispose of any or all of my property, real or personal, under such terms or conditions as she may deem proper, and to execute and deliver good and sufficient instruments for the accomplishment thereof; to collect, sue upon, compromise or otherwise adjust any claim, debt, bequest, devise, or inheritance in which I now, or hereafter may have an interest, including authority expressly given herein to execute vouchers in my behalf for any and all allowances and reimbursements properly payable to me by the United States, including but not restricted to allowances and reimbursements for transportation of dependents, or for shipment of household effects as authorized by law and Army Regulations, and to receive, indorse, and collect the proceeds of checks payable to the order of the undersigned drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, and to give full discharge therefor; to pay, compromise, or otherwise discharge and secure releases from any obligation or claim against me; to deposit in my name and for my account with any bank, banker, or trust company, any check, including the aforementioned checks drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, which may come to her hands as such attorney, and all money, bills of exchange, drafts, promissory notes, and other securities for money payable to or belonging to me, and for that purpose to sign my name and indorse the same for deposit or collection, and from time to time to withdraw any and all moneys deposited with the aforementioned depositories, or any other depository, now or hereafter having moneys belonging to me, and for that purpose to draw checks in my name.

FURTHER, I do authorize my aforesaid attorney-in-fact to perform all necessary acts in the execution of the aforesaid authorizations, and I do hereby expressly declare that the powers herein granted to my aforesaid attorney-in-fact shall not be construed as limited to those matters hereinbefore specifically set forth, but rather shall be construed to broadly include and embrace full and unlimited power and authority to do and perform on my behalf and in my place and stead and with equal validity, any and all other lawful acts or things which I could do if personally present; hereby ratifying and confirming whatsoever my said attorney-in-fact shall and may do, by virtue hereof, in the premises.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8 day of Feb, one thousand nine hundred forty-four.

WITNESSED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)  
A. F. Smith, residing at Chowchilla, Calif  
P. H. Strasser, residing at Gary, Indiana  
L. H. Pustella, residing at San Antonio, Texas

STATE OF NEW MEXICO } ss:  
 COUNTY OF LMA

On this 8 day of Feb, one thousand nine hundred forty-four, before me personally appeared Donald F. Spitzer known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above instrument, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his own free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal this 8 day of Feb, One thousand nine hundred forty-four.

James Lee Brand  
 Notary Public in and for the County of Lea, State of New Mexico.

My commission expires July 28, 1945

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