

723rd Notes

A little nosing around the Squadron this week, bending an ear here and there, reveals that: "Ace" Schwartz, mechanic extraordinary, is allowing his enthusiasm for the current Russian offensive to get the better of him. Wishful-thinking Mike is asking isn't it true that the Great Bear has given Jerry 300 hours to get out of the war or else, and if so, why 300? "If I were Hitler right now, it wouldn't take me that long to make up my mind."--- That Sgt. Toliver's hound is getting to big to handle--- that Lt. Johnnie Walters, our Squadron Navigator, and 50-missioner, recently guided his ship back from Ploesti, with such split-second timing that as the Pilot, Captain Tom Miller, brought the Lib down on the runway, all four engines quit simultaneously. They had been forced to turn back alone because of low fuel supply. The headings that Lt. Walters ordered, were perfectly calculated with respect to the diminishing fuel, and at the same time, avoid every single flak instalation along the way..

..... The main reason T/Sgt Korky Dulgerian didn't give the boys a show all during the Sunday night boxing season, was that he had broken his hand on K. O. Morgans head just before entering the Army, and it still wasn't in perfect shape.

In case you didn't know, Korky, who recently left for the states after finishing fifty, was anout standing contender for the welterweight championship of the world....., Sgt. Mortimer Metchik, visiting Pompeii last week, was impressed by the uninhibited realism of the Ancient Romans. Instead of using red lights to indicate a house of prostitution, the Romans used the male sex organs on the door post. Peddlars outside the ruins, sell bronze replicas in

the form charms, bracelets and watch fobs..... The female situation at Rome must be terrific. We saw some snaps of Lt. Templin in the Eternal City surrounded by eight shapely blonds and brunettes, and walking down Via Roma with three on each arm..... Captain Jones known to his intimates as John Paul) has acquired the reputation of never being more than thirty seconds late for briefing..... Cpl. Frank Jeff Aghetta believes in making Radar as simble a subject as possible, so he's painted almost life-size figures of luscious nudes all over the walls of the Group Radar building. One babe is projected on the scope of a jammer, and is appropriately known to the boys in the section as Miss Jammer. "My only purpose in drawing these nudes is that in the form I put them, they make good instruction aids," Jeff insists. Incidentally, Jeff has no rivals to the title of "Shortest Man in the Sqradron."

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721st Notes

Have you noticed how few of our original men remain? The fact is brought to mind very vividly each time we stand in the chow line or sit in our day-room. We can't keep from expressing an occasional regret when we think back to the men that we once knew.

What has happened to the Squadron History that got off to such a fine start when we first got here? After a few weeks of picture taking and fanfare we discovered that no one has the answer. The photo department has many very fine pictures of crews, men, planes, men at work, sections, formations, targets, planes releasing bombs, and flak bursting that they would be willing to submit to an editor for the pur-

pose of publication. We would all be very happy to contribute our share to off-set the expense of having the material sent to the states for printing. Surely we have been here long enough to have that done already. Most of us want a memo that we can take with us after receiving a discharge and it is a shame to forget the matter after so much has been done to lay the foundation.

Last week three members of our squadron had the distinct pleasure of spending a day at Pompeii. From all reports, men, you will be missing a chance of a lifetime if you fail to take advantage of an early visit. You will find there ruins, relics, and monuments that produced the seeds for the degradation of the Roman empire. Sensuality and lust have never since in the annals of life enjoyed such complete social appeal and approval.

Last pay-day the Public Relations Department distributed questionnaires to every member of the squadron. These will be used to send short stories to the newspapers at home to tell your neighbors and family what you are doing. Pictures will be taken of the men to accompany the stories. Those who have failed to fill these questionnaires out still have an opportunity to do so. Those who do not will have nothing sent home and will not be elegeble to receive photos.

We are still looking for information on brothers who have met in this theater, friends from the same town, etc. If you make it known to the Public Relations representative you can get a picture taken for your own use as for your local paper. Let's get on the ball!