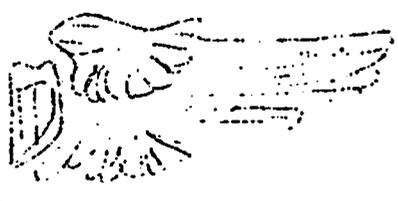
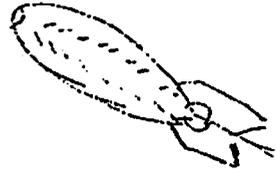


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CO-PILOT

LT. VAN GEORGE

CREW - - ON FURLOUGH

S/SGT. ROSKOVICH

NEW FLIGHT SCHEDULE - - - -

This week has brought many changes and a new flight schedule. There are now threethrough flight periods and a 30 hour break every six days. The situation has improved a lot and Major Wilson promises many more improvements in the near future. The combat meetings are held at 7:30 every morning and the men are to be there at that time. Lets get on the ball fellows and save our ship E.O.'s and ourselves a lot headaches and be there on time.

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In this space we wish to welcome all the new members to our squadron and also to the best squadron on the field. Lack of space does not permit us to mention their names, but we wish you all a happy stay as long as you all are with us.

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FLASH FLASH FLASH

Well gang, at last it looks as if our long lost B-17-E's will be in soon. The new parking regulations and the men are awaiting their arrival with eager and anxious looks on their faces. More flying and work will be done in the near future so hang on fellows and hope that the new ship do come in soon.

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FAMOUS LAST WORDS-----

This happened to Lt. Salada's crew and deserves the front page. It seems as if one of his gunners was supposed to firing at a tow target but was firing at the ship that was towing the target. This gunner asked "Whats that thing behind the ship?" It's lucky that this gunner was a poor shot and couldn't hit the ship. I wonder what this crew will do in combat???

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HAVE YOU WRITTEN HOME LATELY ? ? ?

DISAPPOINTMENT OF SQUADRON

Failure of squadron insignia to come through from Wash. D.C. Lt. Van George says the hell with Washington and he will have a new insignia out in a few days.

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Last week a cross-country trip was undertaken to Okla. and Los Angeles and back to Wendover. The trip was very successful for Cap't. McKay was dropped off at L.A. and was married. We wish the happy couple the best of luck and our sincere wishes for a happy married life.

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THE OLD SWIMMING HOLE

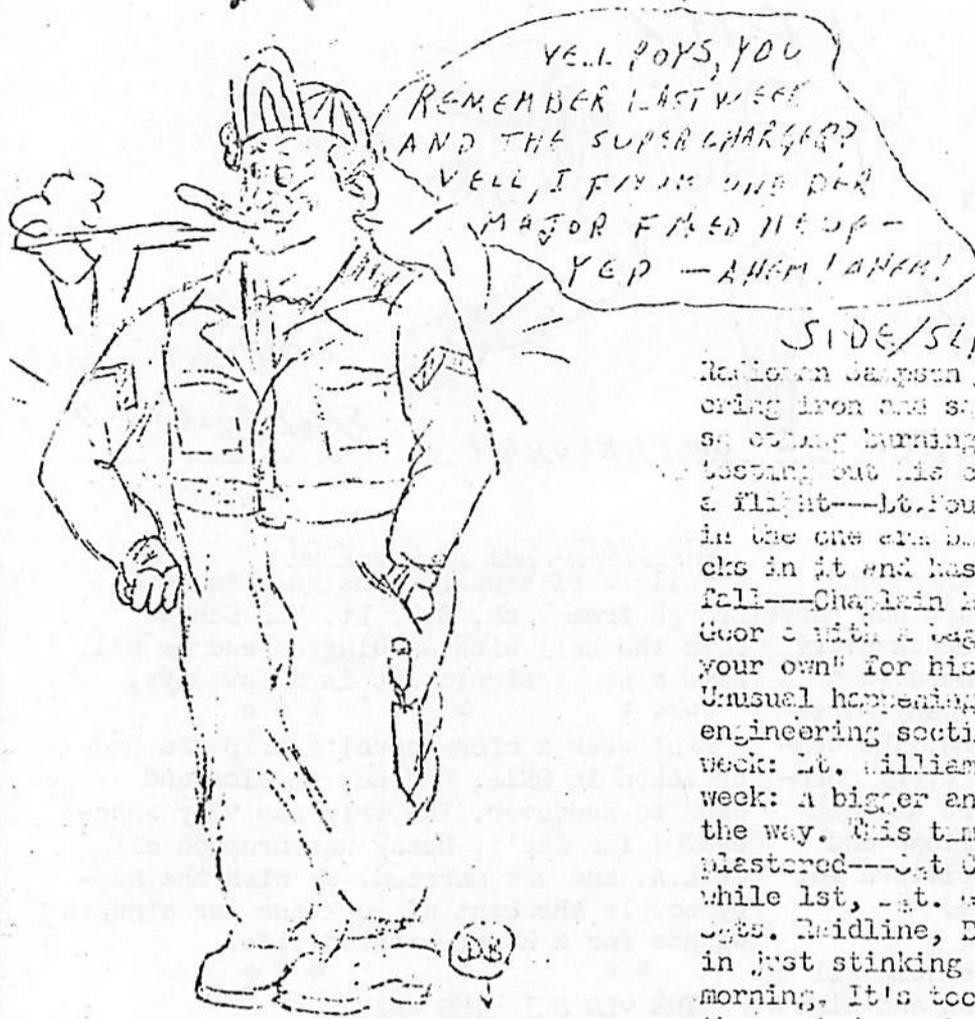
Another first rate topic is the swimming hole out in this god-forsaken country. Yes, that's right, we do have a place to swim. For the benefit of those that haven't heard you can go swimming every night at 5:30 or 6:00 o'clock. Really men, this is the first fresh water swimming hole that anyone of us have seen, and it's the tops. There is plenty room for everybody and we all like to swim or make an attempt at it. So lets get together and have a heck of a good time. Remember-- you don't need a swimming suit to go swimming. Just use the old birthday suit and enjoy yourselves

A few of the officers have tried it too, and it would be a good idea for a lot, or the rest of the officers to come too. IT'S OPEN TO EVERYBODY. BE IN FRONT OF THE MOTOR POOL AT 5:30 TONITE-----

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THIS THING CALLED PAYDAY

Once again the men of the 423rd were being generous enough to contribute to the squadron fund. Gambling was the main feature and it lasted till the wee hours of the morning. Every once in awhile a certain Lt. would walk and get the usual 10% cut. Everything went along swell and the men deserve credit for holding themselves up so well.(continued on page 2)



### SIDE SLIP - STATSTICKS

Rafferty Simpson standing on a hot soldering iron and saying "you fellows smell so strong burning"??--rip-cord Hibbett testing out his chute before going up on a flight--Lt. Foule working well interest in the one and a half. He put over 30 bucks in it and has yet to see the cherries fall--Chaplain School presenting Lt. Van Goor with a bag of bull Durham "roll your own" for his part in the paper--Unusual happening--the water bag in the engineering section--Busiest man of the week: Lt. Williams--Choicest rumor of the week: a bigger and better beer bust is on the way. This time you guys can really get plastered--Cpt. Clausen doing a swell job while 1st, Sgt. Bates is on furlough--Sgts. Reidline, Bright and Bentworth coming in just stinking at the wee hours of the morning. It's too bad, but drinking cokes the next day make you guys look bad--Coat Morris standing short on the meat one day in the mess hall. Don't stand short, Coat!--Sgt. Bassett getting a little too much to drink, then getting off the bed because it spun too much--Pvt. Schaak coming back from pass and the contented and happy look on his face, but a sunburn on his a--- Lt. Williams trying to find someone to fly the old B-18--

(continued from page one) A lot of beer was consumed and a few headaches were developed, but all in all it proved to be one of the best days of the month. The men are now awaiting the next trip to the pay window and are itching to get their furlough money. Here's hoping that they have a good time and lots of fun.

### SPECIAL FEATURE SPECIAL FEATURE

In this column we wish to bring to our readers who is perhaps the only "BAT-MAN" that is alive today. He is Sgt. Walter C. Morgan, Gunner for crew number 9. Sgt. Morgan has made over 275 jumps with his homemade wings and is still alive to tell about it. Bat-man Morgan leaps from 10,000 feet and then opens his chute a few hundred feet off the ground. His closest call was one second from death and he still dreams about it. He leaped from the plane and came down like a bird for several thousand feet and when only two hundred feet from the ground he frantically tore his chute open. His face still bears the scars of these numerous dare devil jumps. Besides making these dangerous jumps, he also takes part in auto races, motorcycle races and motor drome riding. In the shows that he has taken part in he has also made head-on collisions, roll overs and everything that goes in the auto shows. He started this dangerous but quiet life as he calls it in 1935, at the age of twenty. He is probably the only man on this field or in the army that could give the men the best tip on parachute jumping. If any man would like to know the art of delayed jumping or anything else, that about planes, auto racing or bat-wings, just come around and I'm sure his experiences could thrill all of you. Lack of space does not permit us to write everything we would like, but I'm sure his many thrills could fill a number of books. Sgt. Morgan says he would be glad to jump any day in the week for the fellows in the army would allow.

BOOK LEARNING

"Do you really love me?"

"Yes."

"How much?"

"Well, here's my check book. Just look over the stubs."

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Artist---I'd like to hire this torrid dancer to pose for my next painting.

Girl---I thought you were an animal painter.

Artist---I am, and she's the just the one to bring out the beast in me.

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"Darling, as I kissed you then, love was born."

"Thats fine, dear, but wipe the birthmark off your lips."

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"Sir, I have neither pencil nor paper."

"What would you think of a soldier who went to battle without rifle or ammunition?"

"Sir, I would think he was an officer."

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Co-ed---Your boyfriend is said to be very talented in the athletic field.

Chum---Yes, we park there every night.

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First Sharecropper- Heh, there's mice running around in the kitchen.

Second Sharecropper-Well, shot the door and let 'em starve to death.

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She-I dreamed last night that you were chasing me all around my apartment. Then suddenly the dream turned into a nightmare.

He- Why did that happen, I wonder?

She-You caught me.

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Angry motorist-Some of you people walk as if you owned the street.

Pedestrian--And some of you motorists ride as if you owned the car.

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Don't you wish you were Robert Taylor Heck-

led the girlfriend? To which the boyfriend been to church lately?? And don't forget quipped, I'll say, Just look at the tailorte do your Xmas shopping early.

made skirts."

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You should'nt refuse your poor husband affection when he wants it.

"I don't refuse him---my maid does."

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Guy--Darling! My kisses have the same effect as lightning.

Gal--Then stop thundering and strike someplace.

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How would you like me to meet you in my dream tonight, asked the girl of the boy? And the boy replied, "half-way"

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If a girl expects to win a husband she ought to exhibit a generous nature--or else how generous nature was to her.

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So when the umpire tried to kiss you in your room last night you pulled away?

"Yes, over to the davenport"

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Girl-- Do you always burn my letters?

Soldier--Say, I don't have too, They're so hot they burn themselves.

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Main complaint of the week--Lack of coke's in the machines, and the P.X. employees taking off on the FOURTH when the rest of us had to work.

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A word from Chaplain McLeod--Have you

led the girlfriend? To which the boyfriend been to church lately?? And don't forget quipped, I'll say, Just look at the tailorte do your Xmas shopping early.

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A word of thanks to Lts. Allen and Poulan

To Lt. Allen for the use of his trucks for us fellows to go swimming and to Lt. Poulan for his influence and thinking of his men on the line. These are the kind of officers we have in the 423rd and enjoy and appreciate it. Thanks a lot

lieutenants for your swell cooperation.

# Sports

ATTENTION ---General of the 2nd. Air Force Command---It seems that the morale of the 306th Bomb. Group is lagging, due to two squadrons in this group. The 368th is already completely demoralized, and it seems that the 367th is suffering the same fate. The officers of the 367th challenged our officers to a baseball game and were given a lesson in the art of playing the old american game. Final score 14-5.

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Also I want to repeat to the fellows of the 423rd; There has been a lack of cooperation in the athletic field. We have a lot of equipment in the supply and everyone is welcome to them. Just go in and check this stuff out and start some competition among ourselves. If the other squadrons are afraid to challenge us, then we will have to do the job ourselves. So come out and lets get this thing going.

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In the next few days we will try and remedy the situation of sports. If some of the officers would like we could use some help and in this way the men could get acquainted with the different men, old and new of this squadron.

Note to all combat crews, engineering and maintenance men--- If there are any questions on the use of oxygen and equipment see Lt Watson, Unit Oxygen Officer. I'm sure there a number of questions that you would like to have answered.

Rawest Joke Heard on the Radio---  
Bob Hope--I remember the first time I learned to swim. My father and mother threw me over the bridge--- They were trying to find the easy way out.

Cpl.--I went up 15,000 ft. today.  
Cowboy--Thats nothing , I went higher than that with both feet on the ground.

Cpl.--Where was that?  
Cowboy-- Pikes Peak.

Cpl. It isn't that high, because I was up there in '29.

Cowboy-- Well, it's growed a hell of a lot since then.

Most men want a girl who's like an electric iron. A little warming up and then the pressing begins. -----

In this issue we are presenting one of the 423rd flying officers and a swell sport at that. He is none other than Lt. Leahy. grin and all. He was born in Bennington, Vermont on June 26, 1912 and christered John Thomas Leahy. He attended St. Francis Academy and High school in Vermont. In the summer when school was out he did lifeguard duty and planned his future on the beaches. (Hell, with women around, anyone can plan) Later he attended Fordham University and it was there that he recieved his B.A. Among his many hobbies are women, food and more women. For sports he likes football, basket-ball base ball and swimming. Before joining the army he had about 10 minutes of flying time to his credit. He joined in July 16, '41. He first attended Parks Air College, St. Louis and graduated from Kelly. When he has any spare time off Lt. Leahy likes to read philosophy and does some serious thinking. As yet he claims there isn't a one and only, but we suspect that this is what he thinks about a great deal. If you men see a likable fellow with a broad grin on his face in operations, go over and get acquainted. You can't help liking him-----

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A very nice thought hits your reporter when he happened to think of the frequent visits of the officers wives to our mess hall. It sure makes the men feel good to know that the ladies like the food and don't mind coming in and puting the old home touch on the dinner scene. So, in this column I take pleasure in thanking all of you for visiting us. Please come again soon----

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Well, the men on DS have finally come back to strengtaen up the line. Gladys, we're back men for we're set for a good time.

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What is happening to Jonesy should'nt happen to a dog. He is kept tied up to the mess hall day and night and he really lives a dogslife. I think we should do something about it, so we'll appoint Lt. Youngs, our mess officer to be the guardian. I'm sure Lt. Youngs doesn't mind for he takes his duties in stride. P.S. Lt. Allen also likes dogs, so now Jonesy will have a couple of real pals.