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That's the Spirit



» ART CHEN, American-born Chinese flying with the Chinese Air Force, had taken on three Japanese pursuit planes, and shot down one when he ran out of ammunition. Deliberately ramming another, he bailed out, landing safely near the wreck. He carried the one undamaged machine gun eight miles to his base where he met General Claire Chennault. Chen held out his gun. "Sir," he said, "may I have another airplane for my machine gun?"

— Robert B. Hotz, *With General Chennault* (Coward-McCann)

» DURING the Buna campaign, one of our men, not bothering to tell anybody when he was shot in the foot, limped back several miles to a field hospital, carrying the bullet which had gone through his shoe, heel and ankle. A doctor, investigating this miracle, asked if it hadn't hurt. The private replied no, not too much, except when he stopped to rest. "So I kept going," he added.

— Warrant Officer E. J. Kahn, Jr., in *Infantry Journal*

» AT A rest home in England, where American bomber crews are taken to recover from "battle nerves," a gunner explained: "On my first mission a shell exploded right behind me. I lifted my arm and the blood poured out of my glove. So I disconnected my electric-heated flying suit and let the temperature down below zero. That stopped the bleeding, and I could keep on firing."

— Corey Ford and Alastair MacBain in *Collier's*

» THE BOMBER had been almost ripped apart by German cannon. The ball turret gunner was badly wounded and stuck in the blister on the under side of the fuselage. Crewmen worked frantically to extricate the youngster but there was nothing they could do. They began to jump.

The terror-stricken lad screamed in fear, as he saw what was happening. The last man to jump heard the remaining crewman, a gunner, say, "Take it easy, kid, we'll take this ride together."

— Jack Tait in *N. Y. Herald Tribune*



Ultimates



» RECENTLY the clerk of the Yuma, Arizona, Superior Court received a request from a Los Angeles man for a certified copy of a marriage license issued in 1939 to himself and "a lady whose name I have forgotten."

— Bob T. Orr in *Your Life*

» IN Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Deputy Sheriff Cliff Johnson responded to a call at 6 a.m., hurried out to a narrow country road, broke it up between a couple of motorists who had been refusing for 12 hours to back up for each other.

— *Time*

» THE HANDS of Joan Crawford's newest watch can't move. They're fixed at the hour when she first met her latest husband.

— *The American Horologist*

» NERVOUS Motorist Batista Linco of Lambertville, New Jersey, explained he had been driving on 224 consecutive learner's permits over the past 25 years because he had flunked his first driver's test, had been unsure of himself ever since.

— *Time*

» A MAN from Hollywood, California, has just married for the seventh time. To his present wife's displeasure, he has busts of the first six wives in the dining room.

— Fred Sparks in *Parade*

MODEST MAIDENS



"My boy friend sent it from Australia."

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