

*This is the meeting place of the WAR BIRDS flying club.
Each month news of the organization and members will be discussed.*

THE COCKPIT
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SQUADRONS RIGHT!

CUTE heading, what? The Adjutant thought that one up alone. The foot sloggers have their "Squads Right," haven't they? Sure. And are they any better than the rudder trampers? Huh, I should kiss a pig at high noon.

Anyhoo—we've got things to talk about. Plenty to talk about. You have been writing in pretty strong about last month's announcement which offered the "courtesy of the field" at Casey Jones' School to officers of the WAR BIRDS. Most of you wanted to know when such courtesies would be extended in other states. Pin the ears back. Gentlemen. Attend 1

There's a break for members of 43 Squadron in the Smoky City area (Oops. Pardon the dear old Adjutant all to Hades. That slipped out. I know. I know. Pittsburgh is no longer smoky. Sorreh.)

The Pittsburgh-Butler Airport Inc., at Butler, Pa., announced through Mr. F.R. Crawford that it will be glad to extend courtesy of the drome to commissioned officers of WAR BIRDS who present their identification cards. Pittsburgh-Butler operate an A-1 flying school at their airport which is located between Pittsburgh and Butler. All of the repair work for the Pennsylvania Air Lines is performed there and the shops are well worth a good trip.

You'll be welcome at Pittsburgh-Butler, WAR BIRDS, but treat your hosts as you want to be treated if you go. We're all proud of the invitation and the C.O. has asked me to request a report from any individual WAR BIRD or any Post taking advantage of Mr. Crawford's invitation. Write in and let us know what you saw and how you liked it.

And thank you, Mr. Crawford.

CALIFORNIANS—SQUADRON NUMBER 20, ATTENTION!

The Ryan School of Aeronautics, Ltd., at Lindbergh Field, San Diego, Calif., sends us an invitation through Mr. Earl D. Prudden, vice president.

Commissioned WAR BIRDS who do not forget to bring their identification cards, says Mr. Prudden, will be extended the courtesy of the field and shown through one of the finest schools in the U.S.; a government approved transport school, the very name of which conjures up memories of a high water mark in aviation history. "Lindbergh and Ryan." Roll those names around on your tongue. Yep. In case you've forgotten—heh heh—the lad Lindbergh is the one who took the ham sandwiches to Paris. And the Ryan is the ship that took them both.

Thank you, Mr. Prudden. Our gang appreciates your courtesy.

And if you missed last month's meeting, Kaydets, you should be ashamed, mortified and darn near court-martialed. We had a choice invitation spread over the columns from The Casey Jones School of Aeronautics at Newark, N. J. Through Mr. R. Whatham, vice president, members of the WAR BIRDS were invited to visit the field of the man who made Issoudan famous; Casey Jones, himself.

We thanked Mr. Whatham and we thank him again.

Now there you are; three outstanding schools of aeronautics have invited us to drop in and look around. It is the start of the big parade. More and more announcements will follow in future issues of the magazine. The Skipper has a lot up his sleeve that he hasn't whispered about yet.

You are all reminded, though, that there are lapel Wings insignias available for commissioned members who have not yet ordered them. Fifteen cents the shot. Also that there are a few copies left of the WAR BIRDS library volumes on War Planes, Archy, Plane Facts and Synthetic Acts. Five cents each.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find the dope on the Words A-Wing group. There is much also on War Bird Posts. The C.O. says that he would be inclined to confer a nice decoration on the lad who not only organizes a Post, but who has initiative to get the details about it in his local paper. There's a thought for you.

PUT-PUT-BUMP—A BACKFIRE!

NOW, just one more thing before we throw the switch and trundle the old cloud scraper into the hangar.

Do you birds have stuff you want to trade? If so, we are willing to consider a special part of the department for bringing those buzzards together who want to swap.

What we will do is this: We will print your name and address with a list of what you want to trade and what you want to trade for. Then, if what you have to swap attracts the interest of a brother War Bird, he can write direct to you and the whole thing can be handled between the two of you without going through this office.

That is just one of the services we are giving you as a member of the organization. If you weren't a member such an ad printed in the book would cost you from ten bucks up. Whatdoyouthinkofthat?

This is not going to be a department for live stock, though. Cooties, rabbits and other pets are barred. We prefer that you list items connected with flying, such as pictures, model planes and plans, war relics and such stuff. If your collecting hobby consists of other things send us the list. We may print it anyway. BE SURE and address mail containing trading lists as follows: The Swap Sergeant, WAR BIRDS Magazine, 149 Madison Ave., New York City.

Keep Your Props Turning,
YOUR FAITHFUL ADJUTANT.

DRAGGING THE DROME HOW TO GET IN AND STAY IN

WHO ARE WE—The WAR BIRDS is an organization devoted to the ideal of perpetuating the spirit that sent men into the skies of war and into far peace-time frontiers. It is an organization for those who are interested in the air and in the ships that traverse the air lanes. It is an organization founded on the belief that the deeds of 1917 and 1918 would be equalled today (or yesterday, or tomorrow) if the accident of Time had not selected one generation for pioneering, one for heroism—and another to stand by. It is an organization dedicated to the belief that man does not fail opportunity so often as opportunity fails man. In the WAR BIRDS, we strive to catch the spirit of the past and to preserve that spirit for the future. We have no dues and no assessments. We believe that every man who wins a commission has earned the respect of his comrades who wear the WAR BIRDS wings. Commissions are not given away; they must be won. Only by earning his commission can a cadet prove his right to carry on the inspirational torch of yesterday's deeds. The spirit of the Air is badly served by a man who does not understand that spirit. There are no coupon-clipper aces in the WAR BIRDS. If you're entitled to a commission, you get it—you don't have to buy it. If you're not entitled to it, you can't buy it.

HOW TO WIN YOUR COMMISSION—Send your name and address to The Adjutant, WAR BIRDS, 149 Madison Avenue, New York City. Tell him that you would like to take the examination and demonstrate your fitness to become a member. He will arrange for your examination and, if you qualify, he will mail you your commission as an officer.

PROMOTIONS — Officers can qualify for decorations and for added rank by exceptional services in organizing posts, signing and instructing new members, sending in suggestions for betterment of the magazine or organization—and in many other ways. The Honors List and Citations appear regularly in WAR

BIRDS.

WINGS—A beautiful set of lapel wings is available to members who have won commissions. The wings are sent out by the Adjutant's office upon receipt of fifteen cents handling and mailing charge.

LIBRARY—The WAR BIRDS have published four informative booklets for the instruction of cadets and the general information of members. The titles are "War Planes" (Over 130 planes treated), "Archy" (a study of anti-aircraft with data on planes from a gunner's notebook), "Plane Facts" (a booklet dealing with many of the little known facts of aerial warfare) and "Synthetic Aces" (a discussion of the fake aces with hints on how to recognize the genuine ace).

These booklets are available at five cents each and you do not have to have a commission to buy them. Cadets are advised to get them before taking their examinations as they cover the field well and help a cadet's general fund of information.

SQUADRONS—Every cadet who qualifies and receives a commission is assigned to a squadron and the numeral of his squadron is written on his identification card. In addition to squadron organization, many WAR BIRDS are organizing Posts and holding meetings.

PRIVILEGES—Many privileges, discounts, invitations, free picture distributions, etc., are planned for officers of the WAR BIRDS; but when any special offer is announced, it will apply only to those officers who are commissioned before a certain zero day. It is advisable to act promptly.

FINALE—The above is a quick look over the field. Run your wheels in, Kaydet, and let the Adjutant have your application. You will find an application blank at the end of this department. Send it to the C.O. He will send you your examination.

Faithfully,
THE C.O.

NEW POSTS

The name of the organizer appears first, followed by such pertinent data as we have on hand.

GEORGE HURST, 431 West Hendricks St., Shelbyville, Ind. Ten members. This was the first WAR BIRDS Post and is a live one.

JOHN E. MILLS, Box 614—Amityville, Long Island. Eight members. Known as "The Eight Comets." All models builders. Post building up. Expect twenty members.

JOHN H. POMERING—92 Pasadena Street, Beltzhoover Station, Pittsburgh, Pa. Five members. Applications expected will bring total to 16. Post not named.

LEWIS A. DAYTON, JR.—Kelly Field, Texas. Six members. To be known as "Seventh War Birds Pursuit Squadron." This is an interesting Post. All members are sons of Army flyers and organized along military lines as a unit: C.O., adjutant, engineering officer, supply officer, mess officer and communications officer appointed.

JAMES LOUGHRIDGE—414 Leopard St., Dunkirk, N. Y. Post being organized. No details available.

G. VON TRABBOLD—Box 261-A, Laurel Springs, N. J. Post being organized. Insignia adopted; fox head with N. J. and the numeral 5 worked into design. Post name "Flying Fox Squadron."

TED WILSON—Box 123, Lake Forest, 111. The two Wilson brothers organizing a Post with details unavailable.

ROBERT GEE—5550 W. Cortland St., Chicago, 111. Seven members signed up with more in prospect.

Regular meetings being held.

STEVE KOVACH—2406 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. 22 members. Have bulletin board and museum. Post named the “W.E. Barrett and Grin.” Insignia of the Winged Cat with a can on his tail. (The trick is in the pronunciation — (“We bear it and grin”). Meetings every Saturday.

WILLIAM OLIVER—357 No. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Post being organized and cooperation solicited from the H. S. Aero Club.

DONALD LAVIS-WHITBY, Ontario, Canada. Post being organized. No data.

CHARLES GREW—642 Longside Street, Winnipeg, Man, Canada. Six members. Post not named. Ages of members, 12 to 18.

D. HUDSON—405 Scarboro Road, Toronto, Ont., Canada. Six members. Known as “The Ghosts.” Insignia: Skeleton holding bloody sickle.

HERBERT BROOKS—Anchorage, Kentucky. A two man start on a Post in a town of 500 inhabitants. No name yet.

RICHARD MILAN—66 Decker Street, Port Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y. Five members so far. Known as the “Flying Arrows.”

HARRY FETTER — 1162 V a n h o o k Street, Camden, N. J. Post being organized, but no details available.

JOHN GAUTIER—367 Liege St., Montreal, Canada. Post being organized. Details not reported.

HENRY HANSON—Station “A” Faribault, Minn. Wants to be a one man Post with the “Lone Eagle” tag. He says that he’s the one in his section and that there aren’t any more.

MONSIEUR X—1301-12th Ave., San Francisco, Calif. This brother wrote an interesting letter in to us and reported a four man post. Passed along a few good criticisms ... and forgot to sign his letter. He gets the Sublime Order of the Sawdust as a decoration for unmilitary forgetfulness; but we’d like to hear from him. (Note— He didn’t even sign it “Monsieur X.” That was the Adjutant’s idea).

Now, that’s a nice line-up. Get busy, you lads, and make it a lot for the next issue. Fill out the coupon—and that goes for the boys listed above as well as the newcomers. Then get your squadron Post certified and registered at H.Q. Give us meeting dates and any other interesting facts about your group.

A possible development of this Post idea is that WAR BIRDS writers living in or near a town where there is a Post will be asked to drop in for a meeting and give a talk. We have a lot of writers and some of them might stop on trips through your section. Get registered and give visitors a chance.

WORDS A-WING

For a young division, this *groupe de penmanship* is off to a flying start. It seems that we have a good many pencil pilots in our midst; more than we can take care of this month. We’ll have more space for word whirlers in the next issue, so send the names along. And don’t forget—the cost of inserting your name in this column is merely your promise to answer mail. Answer it—even if you have to use penny post-cards. Enuf! Here’s the line-up of lads who crave mail.

JOHN GAUTHIER—367 Liege Street, Montreal, P. Q., Canada. John is particularly anxious to hear from members of Squadron 50 and from German members. He wrote us a swell typewritten letter that was easy on the eyes. He’s in favor of ladies being admitted to the WAR BIRDS.

D. HUDSON (What does the “D” stand for? Daniel, maybe?), of 405 Scarboro Road, Toronto, Ont., Canada, is another Canuck craving correspondence. He’s one of the lads who voted “No!” to the idea of letting ladies

in the WAR BIRDS. Winged Women, be careful o' this Canuck. He don't like you.

RICHARD MILAN—66 Decker Avenue, Port Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y., is also anxious for mail and he doesn't go for the idea of women in the club, either. He thinks that it would make a sissy organization out of it to throw down the bars. Richard uses stationery that has a gray border and the adjutant—who is near-sighted and won't admit it—nearly passed out when the letter came in. He thought that the border was black and that maybe his rich uncle had died. Tut, tut, Richard. . . .

CHARLES GALLION—836 Connecticut St., Gary, Ind., did what we asked you all to do when he sent in his request for mail; he sent along a description. He's 17, five feet five, dark hair, dark blue eyes. He goes in for all sports, builds airplane models and thinks we ought to let the ladies in the outfit. There he is. Look him over. . . .

DAN MCGUIRE — 915 Huntington Ave., Jonesboro, Ark., favors admitting the ladies, too, and advances reasons; bearing down heaviest on the part played by nurses in a war. (And Dan knows about that. His dad, who died in 1928, was a vet of the Spanish-American fracas and was prevented from taking part in the big show of '17 by war disability). Dan is 14 years old and particularly interested in hearing from members in his own state.

FRED MORGAN, who writes from The Broadway, Long Beach, L. I., is particularly interested in corresponding with New York members. Fred does a nice job of sketching and has worked out a nice Blue Eagle insignia. But he hasn't got an outfit together that can use it.

LESLIE WOODS, JR.—223 Rice Street, Little Rock, Ark., is a scrap book fan who would like to hear from members, particularly those with the same hobby, and from Arkansas members. He is in favor of admitting the ladies, opposed to lettering on the covers of the magazine, and believes that we should have a scrap book department in the magazine.

ARTHUR LANTNER—67 Putnam Street, Providence, Rhode Island, is anxious to hear from model builders. He has a long list of carefully drawn and traced plans which he will trade. He is also interested in pictures of planes.

GEORGE VELDBOOM — Sioux City, Iowa, is anxious to hear from members. George thinks that we ought to publish the low down on one war time plane each month. (You should have been around a few years back, George. We were the first magazine to do that little thing and we published the dope on all of them. Maybe the skipper will revive the idea some day.)

WILLIAM AND IVER LEHTININ—533 E. 139th St., New York City, want mail. It doesn't make much difference which one you write to, so pick the name that appeals to you most and write to both of them. They are picture collectors and would like to arrange a few trades.

J. S. MEEK—3227 Volta Place, N.W., Washington, D.C., wants particularly to correspond with members who speak or write German and with members in Washington, D.C. He is studying German and would like to see stories on the German side of the war.

ALFRED JOHN SCHETTLER—New Boston, Mich., wants to organize a mail post of WAR BIRDS in each state and each foreign country; an idea which rates him a mention in the citations.

MAX A. TWISS—Fort Ontario, Oswego, N. Y., is in the service and requests that correspondents refrain from using his WAR BIRDS rank in writing to him; the Army mightn't like it. Max is particularly interested in hearing from Squadron No. 1 members. He has his application in for a transfer to the Air Corps.

MIKE CUMBO—69 Efner Street, Buffalo, N. Y., is also trying to get into the Army air corps, although he has only civilian status at present. He expects to make the grade this summer. He is particularly interested in having Buffalo WAR BIRDS get in touch with him.

WALTER ROOD—R.F.D. 165, Canajoharie, N. Y., wants to hear from WAR BIRDS anywhere as he is not

situated where he can organize a squadron. He is taking flying instruction and is a member of a drum corps.

WILLIAM DOOHAN—5731 McMahon Ave., Gtn., Philadelphia, Pa., wants letters and is especially interested in model building. He has several good ideas but says nothing about any organization work for his post. He has a sense of humor.

JOHN FAZIO—511 Ash St., Syracuse, N. Y., lives in an “ostrich” community. Only one of his friends is interested in aviation. John would like to correspond with other air-minded chaps all over the world. He would like to get in touch with other WAR BIRDS in Syracuse.

ROY FRIDAY—1110 35th Street, Rock Island, 111., wants to get in touch with other tri-city members. He is organizing a post (Sure, Roy, you count the commander in when giving the total membership) and is willing to welcome traveling WAR BIRDS.

GORDON MCLENDON—Idabel, Okla., is in the midst of organizing a post, all the fellows not having yet passed their examination as we go to press. There is a prospect of ten members. Would like to hear from WAR BIRDS everywhere.

PVT. WILLIAM BRIDENBACKER—Co. “C”, 18th Infantry, Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, N. Y., wants mail from fellow WAR BIRDS. Bill joined up with the regular army shortly after he became a member of WAR BIRDS. . He has his eye on the flying exams at Randolph Field and hopes to get into the air service through his infantry enlistment. Don’t address him as “Second Lieut.” Those army regulars would ride him ragged.

DONALD E. CHAPMAN, JR.—360 Diamond St., San Francisco, Calif., swings a mean pen and is interested in drawing, especially drawing airplanes.

Paul Price—Kentwood, La., thinks we should have a WAR BIRDS song, at least a motto. He is not alone in that idea, as several others have suggested it too. Sure, why not a song! We are wide open. Send them in. In the meantime, Paul wants letters.

WALTER RUNSMITH—914 Pine St., Freeland, Pa., is straining at his chocks to answer WAR BIRDS letters. Also, he’d like to contact other WAR BIRDS in his home town. He writes a good letter.

ROBERT TABARONI—26 East Avenue, Whitman, Mass., is another who would like to go the letter writers one better and organize a correspondence post for those members who are unable to belong to a local organization. Globe Circlets would be a good moniker for this outfit. May they prosper.

HARRY BROWN—1132 Fteley Ave., New York City, wants to hear from other members or those interested in joining and who live close enough to him for regular meetings. Also, he will answer letters.

RAYMOND DUFFY—Company 882, C.C.C., Taylor, Texas, has designed and built three gliders and was president of the Michigan City (Ind.) Glider Association. Duffy’s home is San Antonio and he is interested in forming a flying chapter in or near that city. He would like very much to get the WAR BIRDS of this locality on a flying basis at rock-bottom cost.

HENRY WAGNER—64 Marshall St., Watertown, Mass., wants letters from everywhere, providing they are from brother WAR BIRDS. Is especially anxious to hear from fellows in foreign countries.

T. D. STOCKWELL, JR.—Route No. 2, Baton Rouge, La., wants to hear from other WAR BIRDS or cadets in his locality. Will answer all letters or pay personal visit.

ROBERT L. MEADE, JR.—1406 Ave K, Galveston, Texas, sends along a fine post of eleven men and all the data is drawn up in a military manner. He has evidently formed a live organization. His letters to those who write him should be interesting and valuable.

ARNOLD NICHOLS—11 Bliss Street, Worcester, Mass., has a sister who would like to join. He doesn’t say she should or shouldn’t. He just says: “What do the other member say?” He’ll be glad to get letters.

E. F. LINGSCHEID—516 19th St., Pacific Grove, Calif., would like to hear from close-by members so that they might get together and form a local unit. He will write or visit.

ROBERT WILLIAMS—606 So. Court St., Bowling Green, Mo., wants to hear from members everywhere and has a start in a squadron with three members.

ROBERT MILLER—3028 Nebraska St., Sioux City, Ia., wants to hear from Iowa WAR BIRDS, especially those close enough to Sioux City so that they can get together. He will also answer all letters.

DANIEL KING—1101 Second Ave., Schenectady, N. Y., will swap information and letters with fellow members until his tailspins, or so he says.

MANFRED SOTKA—71 Furnace St., Little Falls, New York, is all in favor of letting Germans join WAR BIRDS. He would like to hear from some in either German or English.

ALAN R. UPTON—P.O.B. 63, Warm Springs, Calif., can aid WAR BIRDS members to obtain the use of planes and equipment.

And then there are the buzzards that we listed last month. In case you missed them—

EDWIN DWYER—344 West Main Street, Tilton, N. H.

R. L. GARRETT—Kalispell, Montana (Montana members preferred.)

JIM O'KEEFE—519 Second Avenue, South, Great Falls, Mont.

G. DONALD FERRIS—903 Washington Street, Traverse, Mich.

DELORES BOSANKO — 3286 Stuart Street, Denver, Colorado.

RAYMOND L. MARTIN—Unionville, Virginia.

That's all. The stamps are in your hands. Feed ink, Peelots, and fly that mail.

HONOR CITATIONS

CLARENCE KYNOCK, 2nd Lieut., 27 Sq.—Suggestion regarding a trading post in WAR BIRDS. (This will start with the next issue. WAR BIRDS are urged to send in their ads. Tell what you want and what's you've got to swap. No charge to commissioned officers.)

STANLEY WOKOUN, 2nd Lieut., 11 Sq.—For beautifully done sketch of proposed Buckeye Insignia.

JOHN VAN EVERY, 50 Sq.—Suggestion regarding the limitation of stories and increase in number of articles; particularly data on engines with illustrations and pictures of pilots with short biographies. (How about it, WAR BIRDS? Do you want more stories? More articles? Are we right now, or should we change the recipe? Let us know.)

OSCAR ABATE, 2nd Lieut., 1 Sq.—Suggestion of booklet for WAR BIRDS library giving details on how to fly, etc. Also a suggestion on publishing model plans. (Note—no booklets will be added to the library unless there is a real demand for them. What is your idea?)

JOSEPH STEARNS, 2nd Lieut., Sq. 3— Suggests articles, stories, discussion on possible future war and where it will be— and how will it be fought in the air. (Should we take space in the book for this, gentlemen?)

ALFRED JOHN SCHETTLER, 2nd Lieut., 23 Sq.—For a very valuable suggestion of interest to all members living in towns too small to support a WAR BIRDS Post. Lieut. Schettler is trying to organize an International Post of the WAR BIRDS with the U. S. Mail as his medium. He suggests a drawing of the Globe with wings

as insignia and urges unattached WAR BIRDS to join up. (The idea sounds great. How about it?)

IKE L. KIBBE, 2nd Lieut., 37 Sq.—For an interesting set of suggestions; that we have a department correcting misinformation that creeps into stories and articles, a department that could also be used for presenting odd bits of information on motors, etc. (Being considered very seriously, Lieut.) He also suggests booklets for the library on “Rigging,” “Airplane Engines,” “Aerial Maneuvers” and “Great Aces of the World War.” (How about it?)

LAURENCE BRISSETTE, 2nd Lieut., 27 Sq.—For his interesting insignia of “The Flying Codfish” for Massachusetts and his suggestion for an article on pilot superstitions and for booklets on Machine Guns and War Planes grouped by makers; one booklet covering Sopwith, etc. (Being considered. What do the rest of you think?)

THOMAS RAMSEY, 2nd Lieut., 43 Sq. —For suggestion that we include modern ships, modern stories, articles on present day aircraft, etc. (An interesting suggestion mainly because it is good debate material. Should WAR BIRDS be just that —an air war book—or should it cover the entire field of air? Votes, gentlemen.)

MARY A. GRAEF, 1728 North 13th St., Philadelphia, Pa.—A very interesting suggestion that, in the event that girls are barred from the WAR BIRDS, some provision be made for a girls’ squadron or a girls’ auxiliary so that air minded girls can have some rallying point. Miss Graef has Written to Miss Bosanko, of Denver, who started a debate in our organization some months back, and Miss Bosanko agrees with her enthusiastically. (Now there’s a proposition put squarely up to you WAR BIRDS. Do the girls come in and belong to the squadrons we already have—or shall we create a special squadron and give it to them—or shall we bar them entirely? There have been a number of letters written in, but not nearly as many as on the subject of admitting German members. So far, the voting is very close with maybe a slight edge in favor of refusing membership to girls and making the organization stag. Miss Graef has made a fair proposition. What say?)

M. POGORZELSKI, 2nd Lieut., 3 Sq.— A suggestion that we publish articles or booklets giving detailed information and drawings on machine guns and engines— with the idea of helping the model builders and also adding to the general information of members.

G. HERBERT EMIN, Jr., 2nd Lieut., 34 Sq.—A suggestion for a booklet on modern fighting planes of the U.S.A.

JOHN SHAUGHNESSY, 2nd Lieut., 23 Sq.—For an excellent sketch of a Wolverine insignia and a suggestion on War Plane section.

STEVE KOVACH, 2nd Lieut., 11 Sq— Double citation for excellent organization work on his Post. 22 members. Meetings every Saturday from 6 till 9. Museum in meeting quarters with world war prop, models of fighting planes, back numbers of WAR BIRDS and War Aces (one time news-stand mate of WAR BIRDS and since merged with it), photographs, etc.

RAY NESSLER, 2nd Lieut., 11 Sq.—For his terrifying sketch of a winged skull (you should have heard the Adjutant scream!). Lieut. Nessler has worked in the legend “Flying Death of Ohio.” It’s all very Dracula, but a nice piece of work.

CLARENCE G. KINN, 2nd Lieut., 34 Sq.—For his suggestion that we carry a synopsis of past activity in the WAR BIRDS for the benefit of new readers who want to get in step.

ROBERT L. MEADE, JR., 2nd Lieut., 37 Sq.—For his suggestion that we publish booklets on Airplane engines, Airplane instruments, Airplane Dictionary. He believes that we should put out four booklets each month.

ALLAN E. HINCKLEY, 2nd Lieut., 3 Sq.—For suggesting to the members that they name their Posts after fallen airmen of the war; particularly if some noted ace or famous flyer hails from their locality.

BUGLES! That's all this trip. Don't sulk, you lads who didn't hear your names called. A lot of citations have been approved but they didn't get into print yet because of space limitations. We have a number of fine sketches and good suggestions on tap. A citation is not a promotion or a decoration, but it puts a man in line . . . and it's a help.

Note all of the suggestions for booklets in the above. Let us know which ones you like personally. We'll publish only those for which there is a real demand as the price is so low that WAR BIRDS doesn't break even on the booklets; they are published at a loss as a service for members. Naturally, we'll limit future publication to those that you all want. Let us have your vote on the other topics, too.

THE C.O.