

# FLYING WITH SHAFFER

TOURING THE FRONT

LETTERS FROM A DAUPHIN BOY TO HIS MOTHER

Somewhere in France, April 27, 1918.

Dear Mother: Am writing this at Bouzy, which name I wouldn't like you to pronounce. Might make you sound drunk. As for why we are here, thereby hangs a tale. Orders came from headquarters that we were to do no more flying until we received our new machines, which have two guns on and since they would not be ready for eight or ten days we were sent out on a personally conducted tour of the front, three men to a party, and one auto to a party—so here we are at our first stopping place. When we started we had visions of going in the trenches and seeing all such interesting things, so you can imagine our disgust when we were left sitting around this place two days without doing a thing. The commandant of the escadrille was very nice though, and thoroughly explained to us how "regiole" (directing artillery by airplane) work was done.

These planes are biplane (two men machines) and since the observer carries a gun, we were much interested to know how and at what angles he could shoot. Having discovered, however, that it is rather difficult to shoot at an attacking plane, we stuck close to the ground, bringing a Boche biplane down hereafter without much danger to ourselves. There are three Americans here who are training to be observers and their tales of how the French pilots take them 100 meters over the trenches and how close the shrapnel comes is very amusing. Learning that we flew "chanuse" planes, they wanted to know if shrapnel reached us. 5,000 meters. We remarked that it did, and they were some surprised, being under the mistaken notion that their range was not so great.

The Flood Was Nothing Speaking about the 40-day flood, I have not seen the sun for thirty days and to-day is the "meme chase." It don't rain, you know, just low-hanging clouds and fog which prevents flying and don't serve to improve the spirits. Yesterday, despite the lowering effect of the sky, things began to happen, for we were given an auto and a lieutenant for guide and started out to view Rheims, visit batteries and go in the trenches. For the latter we wore gas masks. That sure was some interesting trip, and I understand now why it is so difficult to find roads which are marked on maps, for every road is "camouflaged," and that very cleverly. We had some chauffeur, too, whom, judging from the way he took sharp turns on each wheel, must have driven a taxi in Paris. Speaking about the dangers of aviation, it had nothing on that ride. After passing through some of our towns, camps and some times a beautiful chateau, we came to Rheims. Hundreds of times have I flown over this city at different altitudes, but never had a chance to see how much damage actually was done.

Now I was actually in the town on foot. It seemed entirely deserted and I don't wonder, for the way most of it was knocked about was a crime. All around the cathedral nothing remained but piles of debris and shreds of buildings, and the surprising part of it was that the cathedral had escaped so lightly, for there seemed to be very little damage done. I confess there was a time long ago when I sneered at the value of one old cathedral, and why such an awful row was being made about its destruction, but having seen it, I see the reason thereof.

The Cathedral For even to my unlearned mind it was a wonder to behold as the architecture is beautiful and how they ever made or hoisted the numerous statuary in place is a mystery. Walking around the central part of the town we noticed the opera theater with nothing standing but the pillars, the bank, ditto, post office—in fact, everything within a radius of the cathedral was simply knocked flat. The lieutenant told us 20,000 shells were thrown in here on one day, so we could see why so much fell over.

Next we visited a battery. There were two, one a false one to fool the enemy and the other actually with the guns. And the false one was so well made it even fooled our lieutenant as for the actual battery. After seeing how they "camouflaged" I don't wonder if the Boche gunners who make it so unhealthy for me. It was right beside a road, but even then, I didn't see it until it was shown to me. We were then shown the different caliber guns and how they worked, but unfortunately none were fired for our benefit, and you should see where the men live—in a cave 25 feet under the ground. I looked down the hole which was their front door and thanked my stars again that I was an aviator, for it looked like the entrance to a coal mine. And yet, this branch of service is supposed to be the softest in the army—excepting, of course, the aviators. We next visited

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## Descendant of "Old Put" Downs Thirteen Germans



SERGEANT DAVID E. PUTNAM

Sergeant David E. Putnam, descendant of General Israel Putnam, "Old Put," who went to France from New Bedford, Mass., and joined the French flying service, has brought down his thirteen German airplane. His latest exploit was winging five in one day, only three of which have so far been officially admitted. Sergeant Putnam has been rooming with Shaffer who is now a corporal and being mentioned for similar rank.

Ited a fort, formerly a castle built in 1840, which sure would have tickled Donald, with its honest to goodness drawbridge and moat all around it. Built of stone two feet thick with slits here and there for machine guns and cannons it presented a most formidable appearance. Looking through strong glasses we could see the hazy atmosphere, and that was as close to the lines as we ever got, about three kilometers. Nevertheless, it was instructive as well as interesting and after noting the booby lines and trenches even that far back of the lines, I have no desire to have my engine stop nearby. After landing in some of those fields there would be as much left of my machine as Rheims. Oh, I forget to say we were shown an instrument which photographed sounds. It was a very delicate instrument, and photographed the explosions of shells which same photos, by the aid of angles and maps and innumerable intricate figures, show where the Boche gun was located that fired the shells. Truly, a most extraordinary invention, seeming more like magic than actual work of man. One sure has to hand it to the French! The Boche may be scientific, but the French can't be more than one jump behind, and sometimes one ahead.

One Thing Missing As I said before, everything happened in one day, so after we had eaten supper, we went to see a show given by a company of 25 actors, with orchestra of eight pieces, (piano included) and a real stage. This company had a military standing and travels up and down the front cheering up the Pollus as they go. Even I, who can't understand French, was much amused and their music was excellent. The only thing missing was the women. Not knowing how big a part women play in the life of a Frenchman, you can't understand how we did it. There were some skinny-legged men dressed up as representatives of the angelic tribe, whose appearance and bare-kneed antics drew the attention of the audience. If unappreciated actors were to bring their talents here they would grieve, no more, for not only was the audience large, but appreciative also. The hangar was simply a sea of light blue hats, with here and there a sprinkling of steel helmeted men who had just happened by. There being no admission fee, they naturally walked in. Trust those actors to make something out of it though, for they sold programs at one franc apiece (the usual Custom in French theaters), and they sold a lot of them too. I would have sent one home but this reproduction on the front page might shock you, since the lady was just about to go swimming and was dressed accordingly.

This afternoon we will have movies by the same company, and the manager assured us there were some American films among them also. Here's hoping, anyway, that they have some pretty women acting therein.

The only sad part about leaving our escadrille was the letters and I suppose by this time a number are awaiting us. Just now we are trying to dope out some plan to get back there for this mail before we go to the next place. Oh, yes, we have two more escadrilles to call on and if they have cooks as good as this one, yours truly is going to look like our little (?) nurse, Ruthie when he gets back to his escadrille. Last night we actually had cornstarch, night before last, had a pudding, while at dinner was a mixture of rice and caramel, truly a dish fit for kings—and all this is miles back of the lines. I've visited this is quite to my taste. If the other escadrilles are as interesting a time we can look back on this personally conducted tour as a landmark in our experiences.

According to the papers I read that America has forbidden anything to be sent to her soldiers unless asked for, or absolutely necessary. You know how necessary candy, cake and sugar are to me, (as I don't smoke), so send along. I stop now, not because there is nothing more to write, but because I have the backache and writer's cramp—besides, it is time I get out of bed, since this was written sitting cross-legged therein, but this is Sunday, and there being no church, as well as breakfast, one might as well sleep.

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