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## How the First Ride Feels

Lieut. Arthur Duffey, present physical director of Payne Field, describes most vividly in a letter to the Boston Post the feelings a man experiences in his first ride in an airplane. Extracts of Lieut. Duffey's letter as printed in the Boston paper follow:

"This life is simply one thrill after another. No one on the outside, or in civil life, knows what aviation means, and what some of these American boys are up against. It certainly is an eye-opener. The American aviators deserve just as much credit as any man in the trenches. And I know what I am talking about. Over in the trenches they are dodging the missiles of the Germans, but these boys are risking their necks every day they go up into the air.

"When I entered the service I did not think that I would have to fly, but I do. I am now an adept at the game and think nothing of going up. However, you can imagine my consternation when I was handed my first assignment and the flight surgeon said to me: 'Duffey, how is your nerve?'

"I told him I thought it was all right and he promptly replied:

"Good. I'm glad you're here. Tomorrow we are having a cross-country flight to Tupelo. I will not be able to go, but you can. Go over and see that the boys do not eat their heads off."

"Of course it flabbergasted me for the moment. But when I looked around and saw all kinds of grit and gameness staring me in the face, I would not be a quitter for a minute.

#### First Air Trip

"Well, anyway, the next day at 10 o'clock we were all assembled at the hangars of the flying field. It made me think of an intercollegiate cross-country championship. Motors were sputtering all around me. Wings and wires were being tested. One after another the boys were pulling down their helmets and placing their goggles. Never did any bunch of athletes set out more willingly and confidently to their task.

"Finally my 'ship' was ready. I climbed aboard with Lieutenant Stewart. I was strapped to the seat tightly, my hands on the side like a regular aviator. The propeller was set in motion and my trusty gave her the gun and we were off. Naturally, I felt a little squeamish. It was the first time I ever saw a machine close up. And such a mechanical contrivance! Going along the ground was nothing unlike riding in an auto; but as the 'ship' got up momentum, like a bird we gradually rose from the ground and encircled the field. We were about 1000 feet in the air when we set out for Tupelo.

"Some have been through the game and know. I remember a friend telling me that the sensation was akin to the first drink. Well, it has been such a long time since the first one I have forgotten the incident. But let me tell you that running 100 yards in 9.3-5 seconds; skirting the end of a football team for a touchdown, or putting over the 'k. o.' in the fight game all have their thrills, but nothing in comparison to the first ride in an air-ship.

#### Must Know Business

"Finally we were to a height of 5000 feet in the air, and fell in squadron formation. This is the most difficult part of flying for there are ships above and below. Some are within 30 feet distance so you can imagine how a pilot has to be on the qui vive. Of course I was a little apprehensive on the trip. It was decidedly bumpy in the air and the good ship would sink and then stick her nose up and climb higher and higher. If you can imagine numerous ships over Washington street in battle formation you have an idea of our squadron as it approached Tupelo. Coming to the little town we broke up our formation and one by one the ships spiralled down to the landing field. Just how one feels at a height of 5000 feet and looking down at the country below is hard to describe. To the novice, natu-

rally, the first thought that flashes through the mind is: 'Supposing something should happen to the machine.' But soon this feeling is overcome and one is taken up with the beautiful view below. Huge trees appear like bushes. All the lines of the different farms are easily discernible and one seems to see very clearly in all directions. It makes one feel how infinitesimal one is in the great world.

"But the real thrill of the flying game is felt going down. As the 'ship' starts to nose down before the start of the spiral it is the same sensation as the drop of the chutes at any beach. But as the spiral starts all one can do is sit back and hold fast and wait for something to happen. It is almost indescribable, and what a relief when the machine lands gently on the ground before an amazed crowd."

#### REASONS I DID NOT LIKE MY FUNERAL

The white lily in my hand—I have always disliked the odor of lilies.

The suspicion that my hair had not been parted in the right place.

The draught from the open window.

The candles—I hate dim lights in a big room.

The smell of crape and of new gloves.

The conversations, carried on in whispers, as if there had been a sudden epidemic of laryngitis in the room.

The officious family friend who stopped the hurdy-gurdy on the sidewalk, right in the middle of my favorite fox-trot.

The creaking camp chairs and their irresistible association with Coney Island steamers.

The mixture of roses and peonies—a most unfortunate combination of colors.

The many mourners whose sackcloth and ashes were, I suspected, only triumphs of camouflage.

The rubber-heeled undertaker who behaved as if he had invented Death and was trying to be modest about it.

The funeral fan who boasted that mine was the fifth that week.

The presence of my good old friend, Harry—who wished to be on the golf links just as ardently as I did.

The old uncle who insisted upon detailing unpleasant and uncensored anecdotes of my boyhood.

The intimate friend who took a succession of visitors aside and confided, in foreboding undertones, that I hadn't left a nickel.

The woman I didn't in the least remember who hysterically asserted that she had been the one love of my life.

The sight-seeing profession of servants.

The longing for a cigarette.

The consensus of opinion that I looked so natural—and with a lily in my hand!

The falsetto minister who had a passion for clearing his throat.

The amateur quartette who got hopelessly off the key in "Jerusalem the Golden."

The rude way in which so many comparative strangers stood and stared at me.—Ex.

#### The American "Aces"

Maj. Raoul Lufberry (killed May 19, 1918)—18 planes.

Sergt. David E. Putnam, Brookline, Mass.—13 planes.

Lieut. Frank L. Baylies, Bedford, Mass.—12 planes.

Maj. William Thaw, Pittsburgh, Pa.—5 planes.

Lieut. Douglass Campbell, Pasadena, Calif.—5 planes.

Lieut. Robert Magoun, Boston, Mass.—5 planes.

Adjt. Edwin C. Parsons, Springfield, Mass.—5 planes.

Lieut. H. Clay Ferguson, (wounded Mar. 12, 1918)—5 planes.

Lieut. Paul Frank Baer, Mobile, Ala.—5 planes.

Corp. David McK. Peterson, Honesdale, Pa.—5 planes.

Lieut. Edward Rickenbacker, New York City—5 planes.

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