

War Stories (cont.)

Had good time at 6th. Came back and Johnston was throwing a party. Bed at 10:30.

Saturday, Feb 12. Up at 08:00, ate eggs. Spent all morning visiting 5, Brandt, Ferguson, Christofero. Spurlock. They went to Chinese restaurant for chicken and I ate canned beef patties with Don and Ronny. Took sunbath, read and played chess all afternoon. Fried fish for supper. Had first show in this area in three months. Bad generator fixed. Bed at 10:00.

Sunday, Feb 13. Up at 08:00 and ate hot cakes. Don and I played a few games of chess and read a recent newspaper. Played volley ball all afternoon.. Had fried chicken, good, for supper fixed the "tinny" sound in the phonograph.. Went to S.O.S to see "Claudia." Bed 9:10. Was on schedule for today or tomorrow.

Monday, Feb 14. Up 08:00 and played chess all day. Sweated out the schedule and sure enough it came out with Don and me on it. We left the barracks at 20:00 and Brigida and I waited 'till 22:00. I finally got off at 23:30. Had winds of 260 mph between Ft. Hertz and Tali. Stayed in Kunming until 5:45 AM. Ate eggs and saw the "chops" I had ordered. Will get them in a week.

Tuesday, Feb 15. Started back at 05:45. Had stayed up all night. Trip back on north route was beautiful. Clear. See for miles. Almost lost right engine. Slept most of the day. Ate supper with the guys and then we all went to a show at S.O.S. Saw "Bomber Moon," with Geo. Montgomery and Annabella.. Had a long session with Spurlock, Brandt, Johnston and Ronny. All except Ronny and me were drunk. Finally, bed at 11:30.

Wednesday, Feb 16. Up at 08:00. Ate egg omelet. Ronny and I cleaned house and made the room more livable this morning. Took nap in afternoon and finally my Feb. 1st laundry came back. Showered, shaved, and for a change put on clean clothes. Ate some boned chicken the War Dep't put out in tin cans. Pretty good. Don and I looked over the new Officer's Club. Pretty nice. Played cribbage with Scroogie.

Thursday, Feb 17. Up 8:15 and we just did make breakfast. Last night Burton In 682 got lost, bad winds, and went down in the Hukawng Valley.

Several others got lost but managed to regain their bearings and get back. Gruber and Jones got back after 35 days out near Lanping. Krikorian and Miller back after being down behind Jap line. Missionaries helped and L-5s flew them out. Poppell still missing after 7 days. Saw show at S.O.S, "Wintertime." with Sonja Heine. Bed 9:30. On schedule.

Friday, Feb 18. Up at 8:00 and ate. Spent day sweating out the schedule. Read a little, played a little volley ball, beat Scroogi three games straight at cribbage. Name was on schedule for tomorrow but was called out 8:30PM which gives an all night trip, and with passengers yet. Got ready and Don and I were down at operations by 9:00PM. No bed tonight.

Saturday, Feb 19. Got off at 11:30 last night and had quite a lot of drift to Tali. Made fair time, had poor approach and landing at Kunming. Getting rusty. Ate some eggs. Layed around an hour and headed home at 05:00. Dawn was over Yunannyi at 05:45.and nice clear trip all the way. Home at 08:30. Slept entire day and am still tired. Had corned willy for supper and it was terrible. Bed at 8:30 PM:

Sunday, Feb 20. Up 8:15. Shaved and showered before church. It was a good session and I enjoyed it a lot. Was on C-47 standby but got no trip. Spent afternoon in #5. reading and gabbing. Am on schedule for tomorrow. Went to polo grounds tonight to see a show from Karachi. Melvyn Douglas was head of it. It was really good, band and singer. Made soup, Ronny, Pratt, B.L.Johnston. Bed 10:30.

Monday, Feb. 21. Up 8:15 Up 8:15. Ate and played Don some chess and also tried to teach some cribbage. We had a pilot meeting. Pretty dull. Went to a show at 3rd area. Fred Astaire and Joan Leslie in "Sky is the limit." Good. Am on the schedule and will probably go out tomorrow. Nolan and Gilmar had a drinking party with Johnston. Took them home at midnight. Bed at 12:30.

Tuesday, Feb 22. Up at 08:00. Ronny got back last night about 2:00AM. And is still asleep. Got my call and am taking check with Bomar. Nice trip, clear, good landings, Nice trip back, too. Left at noon and got back at 7:30PM.

Wednesday, Feb 23. Up 08:30 and ate. Tried to find Don but he and Brigida had gone on a trip