

Flying With Shaffer

NO LUCK WITH DRACHENS

LETTERS FROM A DAUPHIN COUNTY BOY TO HIS MOTHER

Escadrille Spad 88,
Sector Postal 193,
G. C. 22,
Aug. 25, 1918.

Dear Mother:

I don't seem to have any luck at all in finding for "drachens" by my lonesome, for yesterday made the second time my motor played no false, only this time I was very low and could do nothing but come down on what ever was under me, which, by the way, was far from ideal.

It had rained early in the morning and the low hanging clouds made it impossible to fly with my hope of finding anything to shoot at. But in the afternoon the sun began to shine through in places and the clouds began to disperse, so I decided to have another try at the balloons. I found though when I got in the air that the clouds were still pretty low (1,000 meters) and it was impossible to see very far ahead. This necessitated my flying at the low altitude of 800 meters, a most risky procedure in the country I was flying over which consists mostly of hills, valleys, barberries, roads and shell holes. The latter were the most numerous, for you know the country around Soissons has been much fought over, but I

have grown used to betting on my motor, so kept ambling along keeping a close watch on my map. As I drew near the front I passed over a French balloon. I knew it was French because I was still in our lines and it had the red white and blue insignia on it.

Booster Ties to Parachute.

But to make sure I passed fairly close overhead. Whatever the observer in the basket may have thought, for he pointed on the wings, I don't know. But believe me, he lost no time in idle speculation, promptly jumping with his parachute. As then I began to wonder whether the joke wouldn't be carried still further and French straps would break around me. But happily I went on my way much amused at the quickness with which the observer deserted his basket, and it was rather interesting to watch also, as he came slowly down via the parachute, making a very soft landing. Immediately afterwards they began hauling down the balloon.

On to Soissons.

I tied me up on to the lines then, for my presence seemed to be causing a lot of annoyance in that vicinity. The lines follow a small river hereabouts, and it was this stream that I was hunting, after some difficulty. I finally found it and began following along its course to Soissons. I didn't follow far tho, for either I lost the river or it ran out of water, for no glistening water could I see. Feeling a little better, I came and land in Germany by mistake, I swung around, passed by the French balloon, which by this time was lolling on the ground, found a railroad I knew, and began following it to Soissons, for by this time I had given up all hopes of finding a Boche balloon in the air, as the clouds were too low. Therefore, I decided to put in some time learning the country. It was with this idea that I was headed for Soissons, following a big road and checking off as I went along, with smaller roads, creeks and forests to be sure I was correct. I had just come in sight of Soissons when my motor began to vibrate very badly. "There goes a spark plug," thinks I, and turned right about face for home. And then she vibrated some more, so much so it seems the wings would be shaken off. "Another spark plug," was my immediate thought, and shut the motor nearly off to see what effect that would have.

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slightly began to cite instances of just such an accident—with a tragic ending. Cheerful wasn't it?

Paries vous Yankese?

According to them, I was indeed lucky to escape with nothing lost but the propeller, as in many cases the flying propeller struck a wing, came off and then everything came down in a heap. One Frenchman said he had seen five Americans killed too Verdun in just that way. How much of this talk was true I had no way of knowing, but I began to wonder if I had not heard of it. And do you know, I had not spoken two words before some Frenchman said in excellent English "You're an American, aren't you?" I admitted the honor and then wanted to know where he had learned my language. It seemed he had lived in San Francisco a number of years. From his conversation tho, he must have passed thru Utah too, because he had acquired a Mormon viewpoint somewhere. He admitted he had two wives already—one in Belgium and one now in Paris, and if they moved him to another country, say Italy, he might acquire another one, as it was easier to marry another than pay the expenses of carrying the one he already had with him. He was on his feet by the "foot express" for me, or should I say free actor? for me, and discovered another Frenchman who talked English I felt my Mormon interpreter.

This second Frenchman was in charge of the telephone bureau there, which was very fortunate for me as it made communication with my escadrille very easy.

Fans in French.

Sometimes, you know, when we go "en panne" we are far from telephone communication and then we have to go by the "foot express" to hunt one, as the escadrille must be informed as quickly as possible where their plane has landed, whether his plane is damaged and whether he is hurt. He is not broken anything in landing, so of course had not been hurt, and soon had the escadrille on the wire. They promised to send a car for me right away. Meanwhile, all I could do was wait, and there being nothing to do or see of importance I spent some time talking French with the English speaking Frenchman. Its markable how little the infantry know of their own air service, and I was asked innumerable questions such as "Did the plane hold two people, when only one cockpit was in evidence, and did I shoot the two guns fixed on the motor as well as the one on the fuselage?" and "Did the plane have a propeller without the propeller and part of the motor, and not breaking anything on landing at that time?" I said that the plane was covered with shell holes, they thought that was wonderful, one admirer even going so far as to say I should have a Croix de Guerre for it, which made laugh at that was all in the day's work. So I told him, but that was stretching it a little, because I'd had to come down in a place like that. My luck would not hold that long.

Among Hun Prisoners

Having landed fairly close to those tents I spoke of I wanted to know what species of soldiers inhabited them, and had the surprise of my life on being told they were German prisoners. Never having seen this Kultur animal before I wanted to have a look, and with the English-speaking Mormon as guide got a real close one. He explained the things I wanted to know about them, but I won't put it down for fear the censor will ruin the letter, as a letter just came from someone saying that the censor had begun working on one of my letters.

When I had tried looking at the prisoners and hearing of their habits, I walked back to the small village nearby. There was not much left of the town. It was simply knocked flat.

Some Shell Fire

My car had not arrived yet and as it was growing dark the Frenchmen kindly offered me some supper. Ten minutes later I was in bed, and with one blanket for comfort and flies for companions I tried to sleep, but the flies were too inquisitive and would not allow it. Honestly, I never saw so many flies! I thought there were a lot here, but it was not a start to what were in that small room. I said they were inquisitive but after several minutes I changed my mind. I was wrong, they were practising landings on my nose, and considering how smooth and shiny the surface of that organ is they were making many bad ones. Many were shot the "piste" and landed in my eye, or rolled down the side of my nose and into my mouth. "What with my face being used for such a grand scale aviation meet, you can believe I got little sleep. Finally gave it up. Anyway, many interesting things were happening just then because the French were making an attack and the big guns were singing quite a tune. Every once in a while the whistle of a Boche shell could be heard as he came tearing over and exploded some distance away. And do you know, those Frenchmen could tell by the sound of the explosion just what kind of a shell it was. I remember one com-

ing over and exploding with a very distinct roar. The Frenchmen immediately exclaimed "gas shell". Oh no, I was not in any danger, for these shells were landing several miles away. Pretty soon several Boches came over on their way to Paris, and we were treated to another "Fourth of July" celebration as the "Archives" began making it hot for them.

Home on Flat Tire

Around 11:30 p. m. a motorcycle with a side car arrived for me, and I began my long journey to the home room. For two hours I rode in that bumpy chariot and the latter part of the journey was made on a flat tire, but it was indeed a beautiful ride, as the moon was out full, and bathed the worn torn country in its soft light made it appear indeed beautiful.

Flew another plane on a 6,000 meter patrol today. Did not see a plane, but nearly froze my nose and both hands and got a terrific headache.

WALTER.

Chopping Off Heads Not Executioner's Regular Job

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