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# FLIGHT RECORD

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## RECORD SOLO FLIGHT

### PRESENTING CAPTAIN A. N. HEXTER

#### A Warrior Tried and True

Captain A. N. Hexter, the 40th C.T.D. commandant at Wofford, received the Purple Heart and the Silver Star as a flyer during World War I, a Flight Record reporter learned from a recent interview.

Born in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1896, he was attending the University of Illinois in 1916 when the Mexican Border Incident broke out. He joined the Illinois National Guard Cavalry at Springfield, and was stationed at Brownsville, Texas, doing Border Patrol duty. Our Captain was only 19 years old during this period.

After being mustered out of service at the end of hostilities, he applied for admission to the 1st Officers Training Camp, and was sent to Oglethorpe, Georgia. While there, he received training in Infantry and Artillery tactics.

Foreseeing the importance of airpower even then, he transferred to the Air Corps and was sent to Georgia Tech for ground training. From there he went to France for flight training, landing on the way at Liverpool on his 21st birthday.

Cadet Hexter and 4,999 other cadets soon found that there were as yet insufficient facilities in France for training them to become pilots. Since he was eager for action, he volunteered for bombing duty and became a member of the

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### AIR STUDENTS INAUGURATE NEWSPAPER

In room 106 of the Administration Building the newspaper of the 40th College Training Detachment was born, and this is the first issue. It is the hope of the staff that it will be a memorable date, and that the men who serve on the paper in the future will remember this issue and think of the problems which accompanied its organization.

The staff of the newspaper was selected from men who were interested enough in a Detachment paper to volunteer their services. The elections to various offices on the paper were accomplished by the men themselves, depending largely upon their experience in newspaper work. However, these men are just like any other men at Wofford.

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### GRADUATION BALL

If you wondered what the long line was doing at the tailor shop the other night, you should get your answer in full tonight over at the Wofford gym.

It's a combination hello and goodbye jamboree that has been lined up for the lads and their lassies tonight, and from the eager looks on all our faces, dancing space will be at a premium.

It's goodbye to Quintile E, who next week will move another step closer to becoming full-fledged members of the wing and bar set.

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## FOR THE NEW MEN

About three o'clock on the afternoon of a recent Saturday, curious students of the Wofford College Aircrew Training Detachment lined College Place to watch a long file of men in OD uniforms march past. The marching men comprised the new quintile to enter Wofford College for training. They are Squadron "A" - after next week they will be known as Squadron "B".

Among the new men to come to Wofford were several soldiers with ribbons and medals on their chests, and stripes of rank on their sleeves. Almost without exception, the new squadron is from the New England section. The previous service men had been stationed in that same area and so were joined with the rest of the contingent before coming to Wofford. The entire quintile assembled at a Basic Training Center, where they were given a few fundamentals of the Army life before being sent on to Wofford College.

All of the new men are entering rapidly into the scheme of things at Wofford. They are picking up the songs of the Air Corps, the "peeling off" demonstrations at calisthenics, and what is more important, they already possess the spirit which is typical of the 40th CTD.

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## DAME RUMOR

Absolute knowledge I have none,  
But my Aunt's washerwoman's sister's son

Heard a policeman on his beat  
Say to the laborer on the street,  
That he had a letter, just last week,  
Written in the finest Greek,  
From a Chinese coolie in Timbuctoo  
Who said that the negroes in Cuba

knew  
Of a colored man in a Texas town,  
Who got it straight from a circus clown,  
That a man in the Klondike heard the news

From a couple of South American Jews  
About someone named Smith in Borneo  
Whose native sweetheart claims to know

A swell society female fake  
Whose mother-in-law will undertake  
To prove that her second husband's sister's niece  
Has stated in a printed piece  
That she has a son who has a friend  
Who knows when the war is going to end!

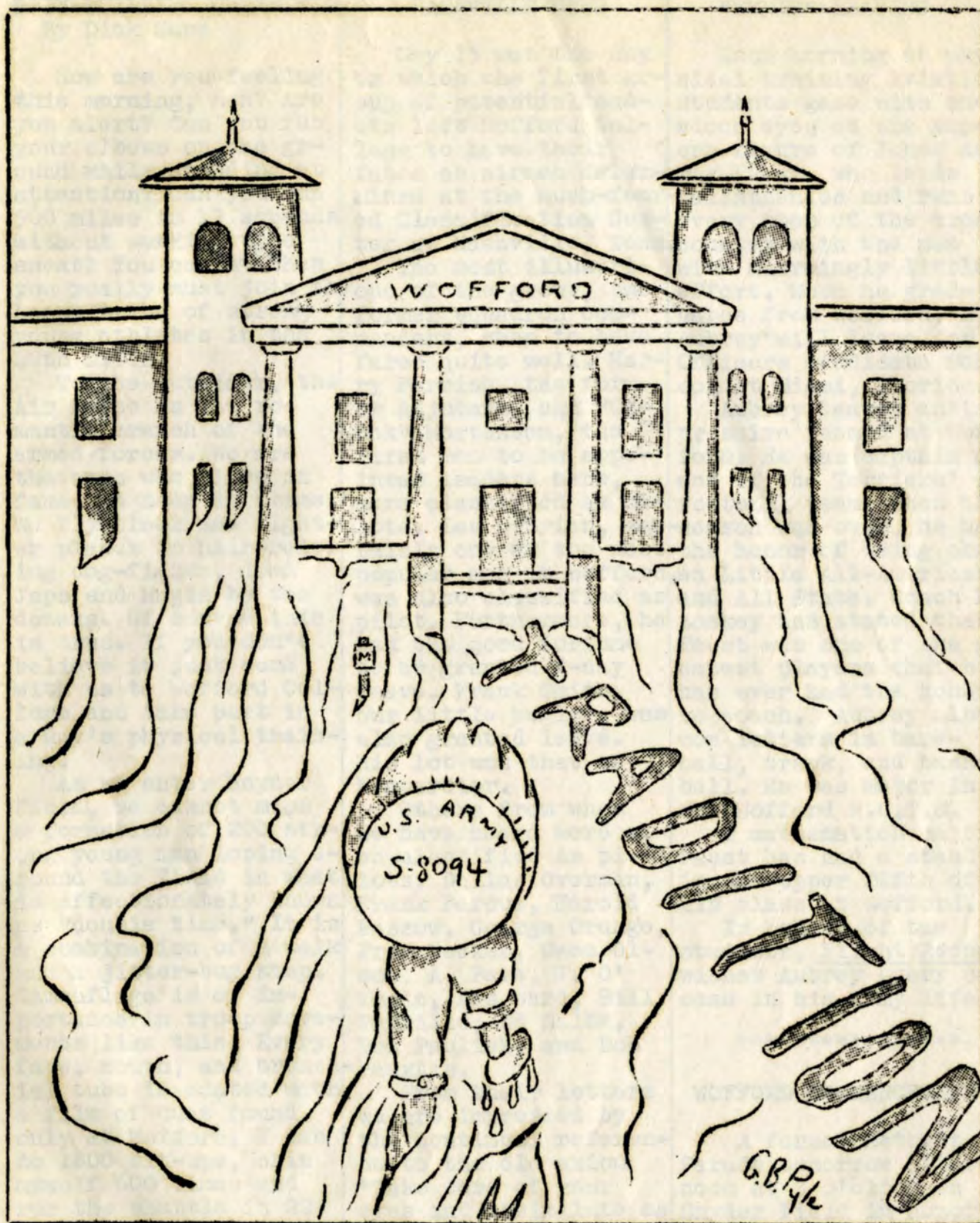
Let's look him up.

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## MUCH APPRECIATED COMPLIMENT

A tired group of Aviation Students returned from the scene of the gay Textile Celebration at Duncan Field last Monday expecting week-end restriction. However, our greeting by the C.O. was very much to the contrary. Captain Hexter complimented our conduct of the day saying that "We looked like soldiers and acted like soldiers". Furthermore, he stressed that our singing was "on the beam". This, our first public appearance, is only the beginning, men, so let's show our appreciation to the C.O. by staying "on the beam" and that we are no less than accomplished soldiers.





LET'S LIVE UP TO IT, BOYS!



## BODY-BUILDING UNLIMITED

By Dick Sand

How are you feeling this morning, men? Are you alert? Can you rub your elbows on the ground while standing at attention? Can you run 500 miles in 13 seconds without working up a sweat? You can't? Then you really must join the happy tribe of strong young athletes in the 40th C.T.D.

To the outsider, the Air Force is the romantic branch of the armed forces. We are the ones who "live in fame, go down in flame." We fly sleek new fighter planes in hair-raising dog-fights, down Japs and Nagis by the dozens. Of course this is true. If you don't believe it just come with us to Wofford College and take part in a day's physical training.

As we enter Snyder Field, we cannot miss a formation of 200 strong young men loping around the field in what is affectionately known as "double time." It is a combination of a walk and a jitter-bug step. Camouflage is of importance in troop movements like this. Every face, mouth, and bronchial tube is coated with a film of dust found only at Wofford. I can do 1800 sit-ups, chin myself 600 times and run the shuttle in 22 seconds, but do I know anything about aerobics? No!

Please send all my mail to the Infirmary.

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## NASHVILLE NEWS

May 15 was the day on which the first group of potential cadets left Wofford College to have their fates as airmen determined at the much-fear-ed Classification Center at Nashville, Tenn.

The most illustrious of the group, two former squadron commanders, seem to have fared quite well. Harry Parrish, the former Adjutant, and "Chuck" Mortensen, the first men to be appointed leaders here, were classified as pilots. Lee O'Brien, certainly one of the most popular men at Wofford, was also classified as pilot. Furthermore, he had the good fortune to be granted 8-day leave. Frank Smith, our little bugler, was also granted leave. His lot was that of bombardier.

Others from whom we have heard were also classified as pilots: Dallas Overman, Frank Pardue, Harold Passow, George Orange, Fred Becker, Owen Olson, A. Pate, J. O' Toole, Les Ward, Bill Parrillo, Ed Saltz, Don Paulick, and Bob Pauxtis.

From their letters we are impressed by the continual reference to the old axiom "Take care of your eyes and assimilate as much as possible from your Aviation Student training."

Best of luck, men, and may you successfully win those much-coveted Silver Wings.

## "EENIE" LEAVING

Each morning at physical training Aviation Students gaze with envious eyes at the superb figure of James Aubrey Faust, who leads calisthenics and runs every step of the cross-country with the men with alarmingly little effort. When he graduates from Wofford, "Big Aubrey" will leave for Officers Candidate School at Miami, Florida.

Aubrey leaves an impressive record at Wofford. He was captain and end of the Terriers' football team. When the season was over, he had the honor of being chosen Little All-American and All State. Coach Petoskey has stated that Faust was one of the greatest players that he has ever had the honor to coach. Aubrey also won letters in baseball, track, and basketball. He was Major in the Wofford R.O.T.C.

A mathematics major, Faust has had a standing in the upper fifth of his class at Wofford.

In behalf of the students, Flight Record wishes Aubrey every success in his Army life.

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## WOFFORD COMMENCEMENT

A formal Retreat Parade tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock on Snyder Field in honor of the Wofford Graduating Class will mark the beginning of the annual Commencement program. ROTC Commissions will be presented in a Chapel ceremony afterward.



## DANCE (Cont'd)

Yet at the same time it's a real welcome to the "Damn Yanks" who recently trekked to Wofford from the Northern wilderness. As a special attraction for both groups, Wofford will be honored by the presence of a bevy of student nurses who promise to have the newcomers converted to Southern hospitality before the second hop around Coach Petoskey's indoor chamber of horrors. Although none of the famed Zoot suits will be worn, our boys promise to be mighty sharp in their tapered sun hats and G I crew cuts. Needless to say, the student nurses who have taken pity on our womenless plight, along with the famed Spartanburg good-lookers, will be a welcome sight to the rookies who are just getting out of quarantine. Many of the veterans of the school have already sent out their invitations to the one and only, and not even the most bashful soldier (yes, there are such) should have no trouble in finding a partner for the evening. The Camp Croft band will do the kind of solid sending that gives wings even to G I bro-gans.

The time is 8 P.M. Let no man cry, "Halt, enough."

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What is puppy love?  
The beginning of a dog's life!

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## FLASH!

Congratulations to Lt. and Mrs. McCue on the birth of a daughter, Carolyn Willingham, yesterday at 11 A.M. in Spartanburg.

It is reported that mother, child and father are doing well!

CAPTAIN HEXTER  
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first class of American flyers to be taught bombing.

Graduating from the Clermont-Ferand bombing school at Cazeaux, France he joined the 96th Day Bombing Sqdn, the 4th American sqdn to reach the front.

Cadet Hexter made his first raid on German-held territory while still a cadet. Later the same day, he received his commission, and served seven months in active combat without leave.

Captain Hexter's outfit had the highest casualty list of any American Air Force Unit. Captain Hexter himself was wounded. He and another in his squadron, a pilot, were the only ones to serve continually active on flying duty from the beginning of combat operations until the Armistice.

On his return to the U. S. he was assigned to the Victory Loan Speaking Bureau in N.Y. City and was then sent to a government hospital for the rehabilitation of disable airmen.

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GI BARBER SHOP OPENS  
With All The Trimmings

Our little midweek excursions into town for our weekly haircuts have been, shall we say, "nipped in the bud", with the opening of our own "tonsorial parlor." We welcome this addition to our already well organized Post Exchange.

The prices are very reasonable and the hours are as follows:  
Mon.&Tue: 5 P.M.-8 P.M.  
Wed.Thu.Fri.: 9 A.M.-8 PM

Saturday: 6 A.M.-10 AM

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SOLO FLIGHT  
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They have to stand inspections, clean up their rooms, and do guard duty, among other things. They are representative of Wofford men, for, primarily, this is a newspaper for the men, about them, and about the things in which they are interested. The success of this newspaper depends upon you of the 40th Training Detachment, because it is for you that the paper was established.

This, our first issue, has had many limitations, mainly those of time and finance. It is intended that the newspaper be printed later, instead of mimeographed. This will give more variation.

No man stays at Wofford more than five months. The life of a successful newspaper is infinite. Consequently, it is obvious that the

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## CAPT. HEXTER (cont'd.)

Shortly after the war he worked in the newspaper and advertising field, but real estate is now his line. He was married in 1926 and has three sons; George 15, Ben 10, and Richard 6, the former two now attending Military School at Riverside Academy at Gainesville, Ga.

The Captain brought out one interesting point in regard to his sons at Riverside. "My sons run 5 1/2 miles, double time, two or three times a week," said Capt. Hexter, "why can't our boys run 7 miles before they graduate?"

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positions on the newspaper will be handed down from one quintile to another as the top quintiles move along to further training. This situation indicates that new men will be needed continually, especially from the groups coming in. In all fairness we hope to have equal representation from all classes and in that way to give you the newspaper you desire.

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## NOTICES

Through proof error, the names of A/S P.K. McNamara and A/S Jack Salsum were omitted from the masthead.

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Due to a paper shortage this issue of the FLIGHT RECORD is limited to six pages.

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## GIGS AND GAGS

We hear that Selevan is doing over 100 sit-ups per night and is ready to prove it anytime anyone doubts it....Some of the "gig happy" boys around the campus seem to be learning the hard way, by getting gigged themselves....Squadron "A", attention! Rumors have it that we will have all Spertenburg to ourselves this week-end with most of Camp Croft quarantined. Lots of luck, bellows.... Who is this victory girl who so graciously gave about thirty of the boys her address? Beware boys! They have "common law marriage" in South Carolina.... We hear that R.L. Ogle tree went on sick-call one day to ask Lt. McCue- "How can I get a normal voice?" Too bad Rebel. Better luck next time....After spending a weekend with his wife, Sherman gets all mixed up on his schedule, he halted a detail at the gym when there wasn't any P.T. that hour....A daily occurrence in a certain class:- Severino, will you please pull down the window from the top? "Oh my, me again."....During the last fire drill, a Quintile "A" man was found in his room desperately trying to put on his trousers. In a sleepy voice he murmured- "Gee, it's early to be getting up....The "Major" was seen in his new staff car, riding down the street, a "bicycle".

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## BITS OF WIT

The difference between a bachelor woman and a spinster is that a bachelor woman has never been married, and a spinster has never been married----or anything.

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Said the real estate man to the young married couple: "Get a lot while you're young."

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A midshipman wandered into a tennis tournament one day, and sat down on a bench. "Whose game?" he asked. A shy young thing sitting next to him looked up hopefully. "I am," she replied.

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It's all right to tell a girl she has pretty legs, but don't compliment her too highly.

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I think your baby resembles your husband. Heavens, I hope not, we adopted it.

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Two very cute nurses slipping in late met two internes: "Shh, we're coming in after hours" Two internes: "That's okay, we're going out after ours."

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She: Stop! He: I won't. She: (sighing with relief) Well, at least I did my duty.

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Taken from a Freshman paper: A morality play is one in which the characters are goblins, ghosts, virgins and other supernatural characters.

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