TAKE OFF

December "43"
317th C. J. D.
Montana State University
Missoula, Montana
To the Future "Misters"
of Squadron Two

We, the present "Misters" of Squadron Two, had quite a record to equal when we came to Montana State University. When we were assigned to this squadron, we had no idea of the splendid achievements made by the former Squadrons Two. They not only had performed well, winning parades, achieving remarkably high grades in their scholastic work, showing themselves to be well disciplined by their manner on and off the campus, but also at Santa Ana, where they were allowed to pick their own Primary School. Of all the aviation students that are sent there, none can equal the extraordinary accomplishments obtained by the past Squadrons Two sent from Montana State University, Missoula, Montana.

Future Misters of Squadrons Two, the goal is before you. You are eager to wear the wings of might and power of so great a nation—a nation which is training you for the task of helping to set the world aright.

Realizing that the future Misters of Squadron Two will display as much cooperation, honor, ambition and fortitude as they have in the past, we, the present Squadron Two, respectfully and whole-heartedly make this dedication to you.

A/S ARTHUR G. BOHMAN
Squadron 2 has always been a good Squadron and you have carried on its traditions in a commendable manner. You have been gentlemen and soldiers and have demonstrated that you have the stuff in you to become officers. We have done our best to make you the best darned officers on earth. That is what the Air Corps wants—the best officers who, in addition, are the best Aircrew men. You are going on to learn more about being officers and Aircrew members. You are ready for it. Stay on the ball and be eager, and the Good Luck I am wishing you will be yours.

GEORGE E. HEIKES, JR.
Major, Air Corps
Commanding.
It is indeed gratifying to note the progress that you men have made during your comparatively short stay at the 317th College Training Detachment. Keep up the fine spirit that you now have and your willingness to cooperate and function as a team. These qualities, together with unbounded ambition, should enable you to attain your goal.

VICTOR E. SCHEMBER
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant.

You have successfully completed your first phase of Aircrew training. Apply yourselves to your future training as you have here, and nothing will keep you from your goal—those silver wings.

Good luck to each of you.

GEEDIE L. SIMMONS
1st Lt., Air Corps
Commandant of Students

CAPTAIN VICTOR E. SCHEMBER
Adjutant 317th C. T. D.

LIEUTENANT GEEDIE L. SIMMONS
Commandant of Students 317th C. T. D.
To most of you the 317th College Training Detachment will soon be only a memory, but it should be a happy one in spite of a thirty-day restriction. Where else in the Army will you find a beautiful campus, wonderful food and quarters, and scores of lovely co-eds eager to entertain you?

But, these things are secondary to the real purpose of the training you received here. You have had a balance of physical, academic and military training which should send you to Classification and Pre-Flight with an excellent foundation. While it may have seemed rugged at times, the dividend which good training pays will be gratifying.

The 317th College Training Detachment has the record of training the finest squadrons ever to reach Santa Ana, and I am sure Squadron Two will not be an exception to that standard.

ROBERT P. McIVER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Commanding

Not being especially gifted with the art of oratory nor adept at flowery phrases I’ll attempt to be as brief and G. I. as possible.

We here have done our utmost to start you off correctly and to our knowledge have done so with your fine cooperation. Now that you are “On the Ball”—Stay there, and one day soon you’ll be important cogs in the finest fighting team the world has ever known—
The United States Army Air Force.

Good luck, fellows.

S/Sgt. HARRY CHARM.
The Squadron
I am very grateful to Squadron Two for its full cooperation the first few weeks we were at the 317th C. T. D. We all worked together. Due to that fact I was very lucky and was moved up from Squadron Commander to Group Adjutant. If the squadron continues in the manner which they have gone and are going, I'm sure every one of them will make fine officers and gentlemen of the air.

When the time comes for us to move to Santa Ana it is my desire that all of you remember the things we've tried to stress so that Santa Ana will not be too difficult.

To remain with Squadron Two is my hope when we leave and whoever may be picked for leaders at the next post will appreciate our cooperation as we cadet officers have appreciated yours here during the past months.

A/S CLARENCE T. RITTER
Group Adjutant

At ease, Misters! By order of Mr. Krumweide. I'd like to wish every Mister in Squadron Two the best of luck-n-everything. They told me I had to write a hundred words for the yearbook; right now I'm up to forty-five. Count 'em.

Working with the Misters of Squadron Two has been swell. I hope the rest of my Army life will be the same. Sixty-eight words, thirty-two to go.

We've had some swell times along with some tough ones, like the two days following our play. We'll never forget them or Montana State University.

Well, Misters, I see a little powder on the page so I'd better blow. Best of luck to all.

A/S LAWRENCE M. KRUNWEIDE
Squadron Commander

To the "Misters" of Squadron Two:

I want to thank all of you for the splendid cooperation that you have given the other student officers and myself. We have a swell squadron and it has been made possible only through your efforts. If everyone keeps up the good work it won't be long before we'll be helping to win the war.

I've enjoyed my stay at M. S. U. and I hope that you all feel the same about it.

Good luck, "Misters,"

CLYDE R. DAVIS
Squadron Adjutant

To the Men of Squadron Two:

Well, fellows, or should I say "Misters," I have enjoyed working with you and I have greatly appreciated your splendid attitude toward the Squadron and all it stands for.

There are many of you with whom I took "Basic" and whom I know very well, while I am only now becoming really acquainted with the rest of you. In spite of this, I have a certain feeling of pride when I think of the strides you have made toward becoming stalwart "Officers of the Air" in the short time we have been together.

With this in mind, I want to wish each and every one of you the success that will certainly be yours as long as you maintain this attitude.

Your friend and Student First Sergeant,

A/S JOHN H. ELROD
A/S DONALD W. BYERS  
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