

U. S. ARMY "PUDDLE JUMPER" PILOT PUTS FINGER OF DEATH ON COMMUNISTS

Fort Sill, Okla.—A daring Army aviator who put the finger of death on hundreds of North Korean and Chinese Communist soldiers in Korea now is teaching other Army fliers at the Army Aviation School the tricks of the trade.

The pilot, Captain Thomas P. Rozga, 30, of Milwaukee, Wis., flew a little unarmed L-19 "Bird Dog" on more than 400 missions over the front lines in Korea to direct murderous artillery fire on enemy positions with pinpoint accuracy.

Rozga, who has flown more than 3,700 hours during his 11 years in the Army, was one of the first Army aviators sent to Korea following the Communist invasion. He was with the First Cavalry Division in Japan and on July 3, 1950, left with that unit for the combat zone.

During the first 60 days of combat, he flew more than 90 missions and engineered one of the biggest kills of the enemy. With the Reds driving hard for Pusan, the American and South Korean units were depending heavily on artillery and fighter planes to slow the enemy advance. Rozga was sent on a reconnaissance mission, and he had been in the air only a few minutes before he spotted brown-clad Communist troops swarming south.

"I radioed their position back to division artillery," he said, "and the barrage began almost instantly. The results were wonderful and what the Reds were left began to run for a nearby hill.

"The artillery was giving them a fit, but there were so many Reds it just wasn't enough and it began to look like a lot of them were going to live through it.

"We asked the Air Force for some help in the form of fighter planes, and I stuck around to make sure they got the right hill. When I saw them coming, I made a couple of passes at the enemy position to identify it to the pilots. Then I got out of the way and watched them spread napalm over the hill.

"After the artillery and the fighter planes got through, there wasn't much left of them."

Only once was Rozga's plane hit by enemy fire. That was near Pyongyang in the fall of 1950, when a close burst damaged the craft's tail assembly. But the gun that fired on him thus signed the death warrant of its crew. The weapon was out of range of Army artillery, so again Rozga called on the Air Force and in a few minutes had the pleasure of watching three fighter planes destroy the enemy position.

Rozga holds the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal with 17 Oak Leaf Clusters (each representing 35 missions), the Presidential Unit Citation, the Korea Presidential Unit Citation, and the Navy Unit Citation.

"As a rule when we get upstairs," Rozga said, "we can't get the Red anti-aircraft guns to open up. They know we'll spot them and it's just a question of minutes before they're under fire.

"Those clucks who opened up on us obviously were new in the business, and there's nothing like experience to live a long time."

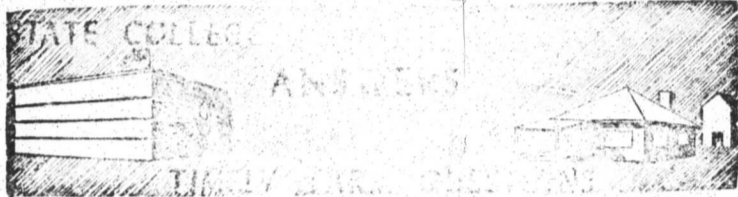
If you would marry suitably, marry your equal. —Ovid.

John Deere Day Thursday, February 25



Choosing the guest of honor for the Mapleton centennial celebration provides occasion for all kinds of conflict in the picture "Mr. Christmas," feature presentation of the forthcoming John Deere Day.

"Mr. Christmas," a full-length, full-color entertainment feature, will highlight the John Deere program planned for farmers and their families by Hobbs Implement Company, local John Deere dealer. The program will be held Thursday night, February 25, in the Edenton Elementary School auditorium at 8 o'clock.



Hobbs Implement Co. Observes John Deere Day On February 25th

Free Attendance Prize Will Be Awarded at Entertainment

Hobbs Implement Company will stage John Deere Day Thursday, February 25, when "Mr. Christmas," a full-length, full-color entertainment feature will highlight a program free to farmers and their families in the Elementary School auditorium beginning at 8 o'clock. Fine color films will be shown during the program.

The picture, "Mr. Christmas," filmed specially for John Deere Day, is the story of a small community's centennial celebration and how it affects the lives of the people who live there.

Erville Alderson as Abilene Dean heads a cast of outstanding Hollywood players that includes B. G. Norman, Barbara Woodell, Lloyd Corrigan, Minor Watson, Chic Chandler, Milburn Stone, Kirby Grant and Emory Parnell.

"Mr. Christmas," is filmed in beautiful color and the story runs the gamut of emotions from the touching to the tickling, and promises the audience many moments of suspense. Other films included on the program are "The Job Ahead," telling of the task that faces agriculture as a result of population increases and what's being done about it; "The Safety Pin," with those John Deere favorites, the Gordon family; "Oddities in Farming," dealing with the unusual in farm machinery and farming practices; and "What's New" for 1954, consisting of a parade of new John Deere machines which will be available for the coming year.

The program is free for farmers and their families but admission will be by ticket only. Farmers who have not as yet received tickets by mail or who require more, are invited to stop at Hobbs Implement Company and ask for them.

"Friendship Night" Observed By Eastern Star Monday Night

Edenton's Eastern Star Chapter observed "Friendship Night" in the Court House Monday night, when a goodly number of Eastern Star members from this section attended. Among the guests were Miss Annie Laura Mullens of South Mills, district deputy grand matron, and Robert Spence, district deputy grand patron.

All of the visitors were given a warm welcome by Mrs. Rachel Edwards, worthy matron, and a number of the guests made interesting remarks.

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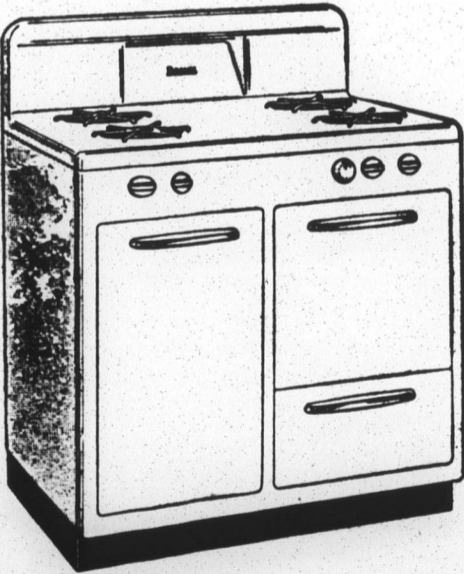
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