NATION'S CIVILIAN TRAINING EXPERTS GATHER FOR THREE-DAY CONFERENCE HERE

Duncan Field is host this week to the War Department's top-flight civilian training experts visiting the San Antonio Air Depot to attend a Conference on Civilian Training.

Both military and civilian personnel of the Office of the Secretary of War and The War Department, as well as the nation's many air depots participated in the conference.

Lt. Col. Delmar H. Dunton, Commanding officer, and Major A. T. Economy, civilian training officer, officially welcomed the conference in the lounge of the golf course on Wednesday morning.

The first talk was given by William H. Kushnick, Director of Civilian Training for the office of the Secretary of War, Earl Brooks, Coordinator of Civilian Training presided in the absence of Col. James D. Givens, Assistant Chief of Staff, Training and Operations, who was unable to attend.

Other high-ranking civilian training experts who addressed the sessions of the conference included Lawrence A. Appley, Expert Consultant to the Secretary of War; L. S. Hawkins, Director of Defense Training, Office of Education; Major C. C. Minty, Training Officer, Ordan Air Depot; George S. Sanders, Coordinator of Civilian Training; Col. N. A. Burnell, Director of Defense Training, War Production Board; Howard B. Gundersen, Director of National Defense Training; Major O. B. Myers, Training Officer, Middleton Air Depot; Major Thomas L. Chrisman, Training Officer, Fairfield Air Depot; Major Robert P. Farrington, Training Officer, Sacramento Air Depot; Major Edgar A. Gilbert, Training Officer, Mobile Air Depot, and Major Economy.

All phases of depot administration, training, and supply were discussed before the more than 50 experts who attended the conferences. Outstanding visitors included Col. Frank M. Kennedy, Spokane Air Depot, Spokane, Wash., and Col. William A. Turnbull, former San Antonio Air Depot supply officer, and now commanding officer of the Oklahoma City Air Depot.

The chief problem faced by the conferences is that of training almost 200,000 civilian workers for the Air Corps' many depots, as well as for nearly 300 sub-depots.

Another problem, given A-1-priority by Major General Henry J. F. Miller, Chief of the Air Service Command, is that of training skilled soldiers for work with Air Depot Groups. It is expected to train 48,000 soldiers for this work.

Duncan Field and the San Antonio Air Depot are an integral part of the Air Service Command's long-range program, and the conference held here is expected to aid in reaching a solution to many problems facing the depot.

PROMOTIONS RECEIVED BY C. O. AND EXECUTIVE

The "Lieutenant" was dropped yesterday from the titles of Duncan Field's commanding officer and executive officer, when, according to Air Corps orders, both were promoted to full colonelcy.

According to custom, Captain Russell I. Oppenheim, adjutant, pinned the eagles of rank upon the shoulders of Col. Dunton, while Lt. Morris Martin, assistant adjutant, pinned on Col. Horton's insignia.

Col. Dunton became commanding officer of the San Antonio Air Depot on January 15, succeeding Col. Clements Mc Mullen. He had just completed a tour of duty at an Air Corps base in Puerto Rico.

Col. Horton recently was named depot executive officer, having served as Chief of the Sub-Depot Section for several months. He was succeeded by Lt. Col. T. W. Scott, formerly of Brooks Field.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The FLYING TIMES

“Attention, Ohio Soldiers... Are you one of those boys who “ain’t got nobody” to write to you. If you are, do you want to be “adopted?” If you want someone to “adopt” you, to write to you, to send you all the home-town news, drop a post card addressed to:

Miss Catherine M. Carter, 5360 Cartagian Avenue, Norwood, Ohio.

No matter where in Ohio you are from, your request will be forwarded to someone in that vicinity so that your news will be from your home town. If you know anyone who is not receiving news from home send him his name and address to the person whose name is listed above.

(Editor's note: This motto was suggested by Ira B. Laughlin of the Depot Engineering Office. It is inscribed on the walls of the Rockefeller Center in New York.)

“The abundance of the earth has given America the Promise of unlimited Possibility. Out of the Earth... out of the Hopes of People... out of the Toil and Fortitude and Faith in Themselves... have come the Freedom of the Individual and the Strength of the Nation.”

“RATS” Have Ears and Carry TALES

DONT TALK

New Series Instituted
For Enlisted Men

A new series of orientation lectures for enlisted men has been announced by Lt. George E. Calloway, Education and Recreation Officer.

Designed to familiarize the men of the armed forces with the background of the war, and the historical forces behind it, the lectures will be a repitition of a previous series just completed. Soldiers who did not attend the first series will hear the current lectures.

Material used in the lectures has been prepared by Harvard University in conjunction with a number of other sources. Latest news maps from the New York Times also are used.

The full course of 15 lectures is as follows:

1. Discussion of the objectives of the course from Munich to the collapse of Poland.
2. The fall of Denmark and Norway.
3. The fall of Holland, Belgium and France.
4. The Battle of Britain.
5. The Battle of the Atlantic.
6. The War on the Mediterranean.
7. The War in the Balkans.
8. The Russo-German War.

No doubt, many times during the past few weeks, you have observed strange green and red lights flashing from a small knob precariously perched on a hangar roof.

What seemed strange at first, has now become an essential part of Daily Duncan Field existence, for that knob is now known to all of you as “Duncan Tower.”

Operating as a separate unit in itself, the tower staff (formerly from Kelly and Brooks Field Towers) is under the direct supervision of T-Sgt. Charles M. Toon, (lately with radio station W. Y. G., at Kelly) who is assisted by S/Sgt. Francis G. Jelecki.

The 3rd Communications region, as you no doubt know, covers quite a large section of our country, and we are fortunate in having, right here at Duncan, the commander of this entire region, Lt. Col. N. D. Frost, not only is Col. Frost a top ranking communications officer, but an excellent pilot as well.

12. Latin America Facing a World at War.
15. Summary.
AMONG THE ENLISTED MEN

Thirteen is the lucky number for Charles Ehming, who's now a corporal. Ehming made his corporalcy on the 13th, was transferred from the 12th to the 13th Air Depot Group on the 13th of March, and became the 13th non-commissioned officer in his squadron. Incidentally, Bob Stevens, Chief booster for the 12th and formerly of the 13th, gave Ehming his (Stevens' girl friend's) girl friend's name and address recently. Now Ehming has a picture and what leg art it is.

Stevens is doing o. k. by himself. He's dating beauticians and nurses right and left, but he's been charge of quarters since lawd knows when. What's matter, Reagen? W. C., incidentally, has been riding gals a la jeepo and sleepin' while the rest of the world moves.

Alex Horvay is an acting supply sergeant. More jawbones include Francis McKeon, an acting corporal; Ray Lumson, recently graduated from guard to sergeant; and Stevie. Lumson, of course, was seen lunching with the gal in the P. X.

Is that wind blowing? Hya, Harry Bartman. To Staff Serg-

R. M. Duty, senior employee, receives pin from Col. Dunton.

Civilian employees of the San Antonio Air Depot are being presented with service pins designating their length of service with the depot. Although he only received a 20-year pin, the highest, Robert M. Duty, Assistant Chief Clerk at Duncan Field Headquarters, has served longer than any other man at the San Antonio Air Depot.

Duty received his pin from Lt. Col. Delmar H. Dunton, post commander, last week.

The pins are being awarded for five, 10, 15, and 20 years of service at the depot.

Duty's service with S. A. A. D. dates back to October 15, 1917, when the depot was known as the aviation general supply depot, and was situated in a warehouse on South Flores Street. It was operated by the aviation section of the Signal Corps.

Sometime later, the depot was moved temporarily to Fort Sam Houston, and a short time afterward to Tips Hardware Store on Commerce Street.

Duty continued to work at the depot as it moved from place to place.

In May, 1918, the main office of what was then designated as the San Antonio Intermediate Air Depot was opened at Duncan Field, then called Kelly Field No. 1. A short time later, the "intermediate" was dropped, and the San Antonio Air Depot made its appearance.

Major Lewis L. Mundell, seated, and an assistant, T/Sgt. Arthur T. Erickson, study the latest weather map which this department has made out for Duncan Field's pilots.

Cook Probert J. Cook is back from Alabama looking hale and hearty. He's a real Southerner, once followed the sawdust trail cooking for a circus.

Ted Tryba, faithful as always, writes that Earl Protzel gets a cake every week. Ted says, "The guy who lost his wallet and $5 in cash, please form a line to the right of Ehming." Steve McPhail sez, "With the government buying all those pillows, down must be up."
Transport Squadron Soldiers Load Sky Freighters

The task of loading airplanes as well as maintaining them often falls to soldiers. Above, left to right, Cpl. DeBase Hallmark, T/Sgt. E. S. Kelley, and Pvt. E. J. Behringer prepare a load for one of the Third Transport Squadron's airplanes.

KELLY FIELD CHAPEL

New Chapel, Protestant Services—Sunday School and Bible Class—9:45 A.M.; Evening—6:30 P.M.

Old Chapel, Catholic Services—Saturday confession will be heard from 6 to 8 P.M.

Sunday masses—7 A.M.; 9 A.M.; 11 A.M.

Father Brinker will hear confessions any time during the week.

NEW BOOKS

A SUBTREASURY OF AMERICAN HUMOR. By E. B. White and Katharine S. White. Just what it says, edited by former "New Yorker" "Talk of the Town" editor, and his wife. If the Whites wrote it, you can be sure it's good.

DRAGON SEED. By Pearl S. Buck. The impact of the Japanese invasion on a Chinese family.


It's Second Lieutenant Rinehart now. Master Sergeant Howard E. Rinehart, former sergeant major of the Eighth Air Depot Group, received his appointment as a second lieutenant in the Air Corps last week, and assumed his duties at Randolph Field on Monday.

Lt. Rinehart has been in the army for 15 years, having served for two years at Kelly Field, 13 years at Fort Sam Houston with the Air Corps Detachment of the Eighth Corps Area. He came to Duncan Field on January 26 of this year.

As sergeant Major of the Eighth Air Depot Group, Lt. Rinehart served under Capt. George T. Luck. Lt. Rinehart is 33 years old, and lives at 419 Greer Avenue, San Antonio. He is a native of Louisiana.

Bureau Established For Lost Articles

An experimental "lost and found" bureau will be established at the Branch Post Exchange in the Military Area. Capt. H. S. Carlson, Duncan Field Post Exchange Officer, announced last week.

Persons finding clothing or other items are requested to turn them in to the Branch Exchange. Articled turned in to the lost and found bureau will be kept there until identified by their owners.

Each week The FLYING TIMES will list the principal articles on hand in the lost and found bureau. Persons who have lost articles may get them back after identifying them.