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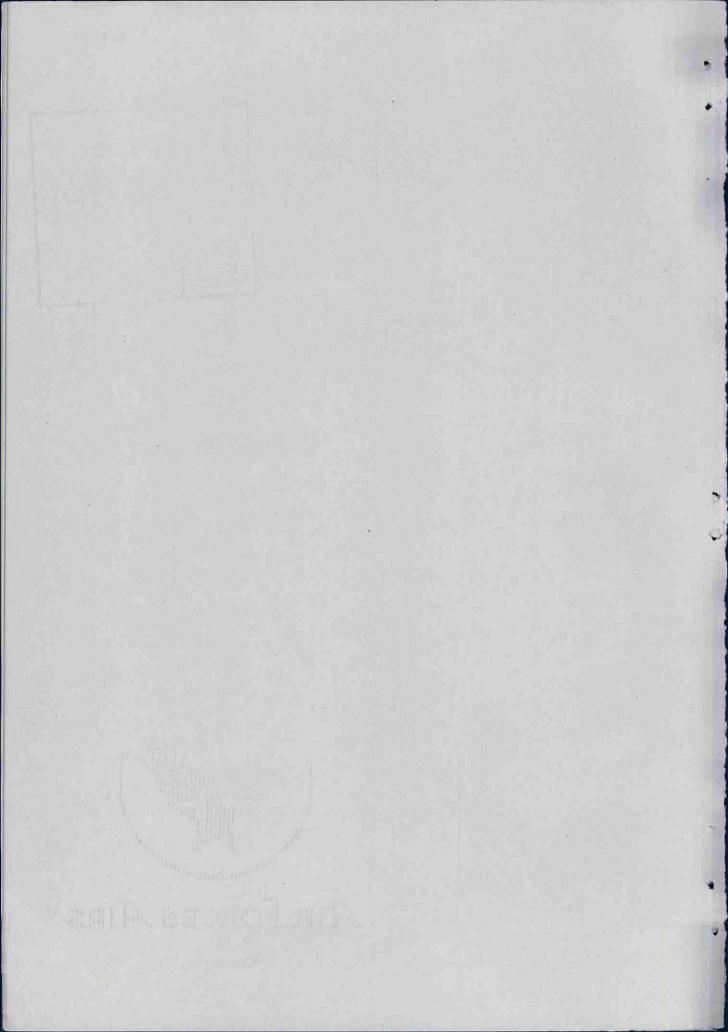


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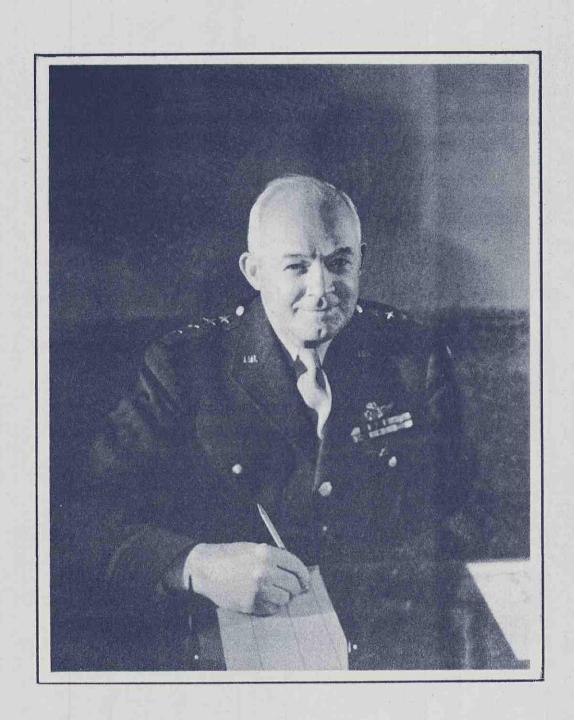
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These are the songs of the Army Air Forces. Some are sentimental and reverent; others humorous and pointless. They are as heterogeneous as the men who sing them, but they have one thing in common: all of them have sprung from the hearts of an untrammeled people who are free to sing as they choose, who have a song for everything—from the "Top-Kick" who gets them up at five-thirty, to the God whom they trust to see them victoriously through the war.

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WAR DEPARTMENT COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON

All of us in the Air Forces, I know, are happy to have this first "Air Forces Airs" book. Some of the early songs of the Corps might have been forgotten if it had not been for this collection.

Our thanks are due those who have made a record of what airmen have been singing. It will bring back good memories to some of us, and provide for the others - the new young flyers - a lusty enjoyment.

My best wishes go with this book.

H. H. ARNOLD
General, U. S. Army,
Commanding General, Army Air Forces.



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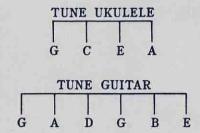
HE TOLD 'EM

Air Forces soldiers at Miami Beach have become nationally famous for the way they sing at the top of their voices as they march through the streets. Recently, though, a few late-sleeping residents made written complaints about the way the singing was disturbing their slumber.

This is the answer they got from Col. Ralph M. Parker, commander of the Miami Beach Air Base:

"The singing will continue.

"Moreover—please arise at the first sound of military activity each morning and get down on your knees with all the members of your household who are disturbed thereby, and offer thanks to God Almighty, with me and all the rest of us, that those are American soldiers singing American songs, and not Germans or Japanese singing victory songs in American streets."

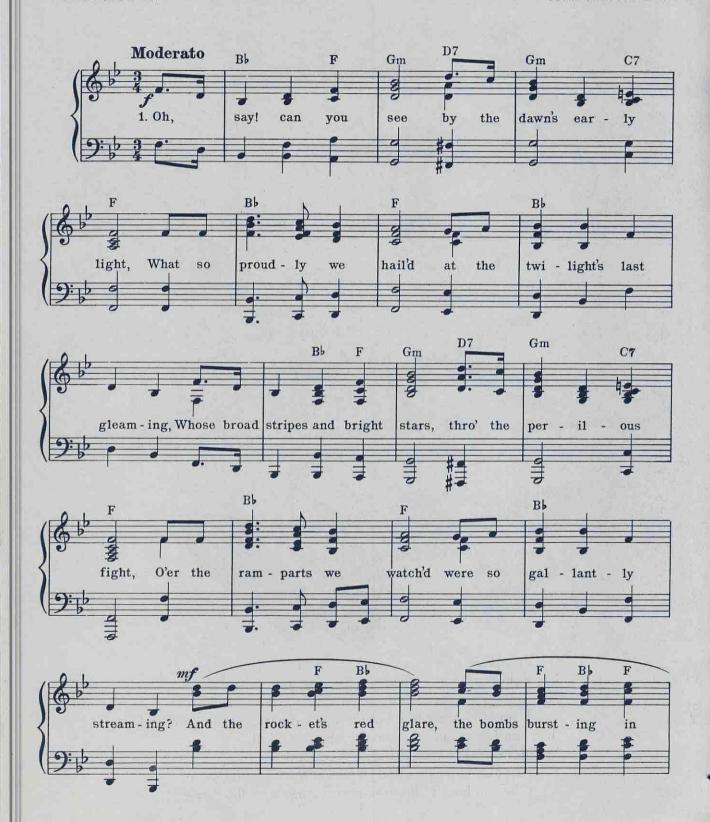




THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

Attributed to JOHN STAFFORD SMITH





- 2. On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep, Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes, What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep, 'As it fitfully blows half conceals, half discloses? Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam, In full glory reflected now shines on the stream; 'Tis the Star Spangled Banner, O long may it wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!
- 3. Oh, thus be it ever when free men shall stand
 Between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation!
 Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
 Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!
 Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
 And this be our motto, "In God is our trust."

 And the Star Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave,
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

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- Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
 Climbing high into the sun;
 Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
 At 'em boys, give 'er the gun!
 Down we dive spouting our flame from under
 Off with one helluva roar!
 We live in fame or go down in flame,
 Nothing'll stop the Air Corps now.
- Minds of men fashioned a crate of thunder,
 Sent it high into the blue;
 Hands of men blasted the world asunder,
 How they lived God only knew!
 Souls of men dreaming of skies to conquer
 Gave us wings ever to soar.
 With scouts before and bombers galore,
 Nothing'll stop the Army Air Corps!

L'ARMEE DE L'AIR CORPS

Paroles et musique de ROBERT CRAWFORD Traduction par Caro Baldwin

(FRENCH)

En avant—montant vers les nuages,
Arborant les trois couleurs.
Les voilà! Il leur faut du courage
Allons y, avec fureur!
Aviateurs, oiseaux de la revanche,
Aigles de la Liberté.
Nous approchons! Faites attention! (Hé!)
On n'arrête pas l'Armée de l'Air Corps!

(PHONETIC FRENCH)

Ahn ah vahng, mawntahng vayr lay new ahjuh
Arbawrahng lay trwahkoolur
Lay vwahlah! Eel lur fo dew koorahjuh
Ahlawnzee Ahvek fewrur

Ah vyah tur, wahzo duh lah ruhvahnshuh
Aygluh duh lah lee bayrtay

Noo zahpraw shawng! Fet zahtahnsyawng (Ay!)
Awng nahret pah larmay duhlayr kawr.



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THE AIR COMMANDOS



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THE BOMBARDIER SONG

Music by Words by RICHARD RODGERS LORENZ HART Tempo di marcia A7 A7 mp 1it tle lot, "Give us Said the Bom - bar-dier to the Pi A7 E9 Em7 **B**7 Em **B7** Em - tor,"Won't you slide - lot said to the Nav - i - ga ga - tor he looked a - round and side?"_ said to the en-gin-The hands are dir-ty, your pants are dir-ty, You're dir-ty be-hind the ear," Said the "Your

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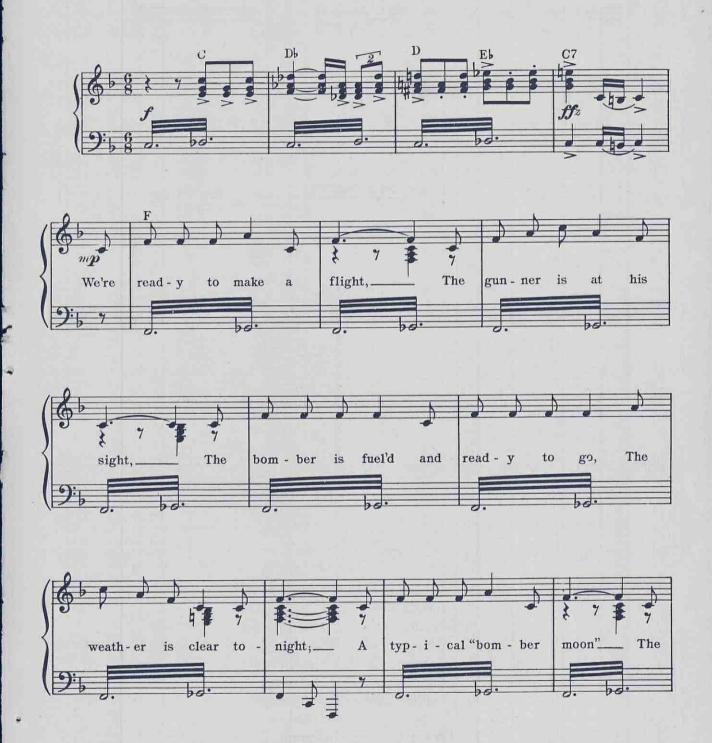


Said the Bombardier to the Pilot,
 "Give us the pretty crate,
 And five degrees to the right will make it,
 Just as sure as fate."
 The ship belonged to the Bombardier
 Who opened his little bay,
 He saw the target, the lovely target,
 And suddenly "Bombs away,"
 Said the Bombardier to the Pilot,
 "Call it a day" and then,
 The Pilot said to the Radioman,
 "Say, we've done it again."
 REFRAIN.

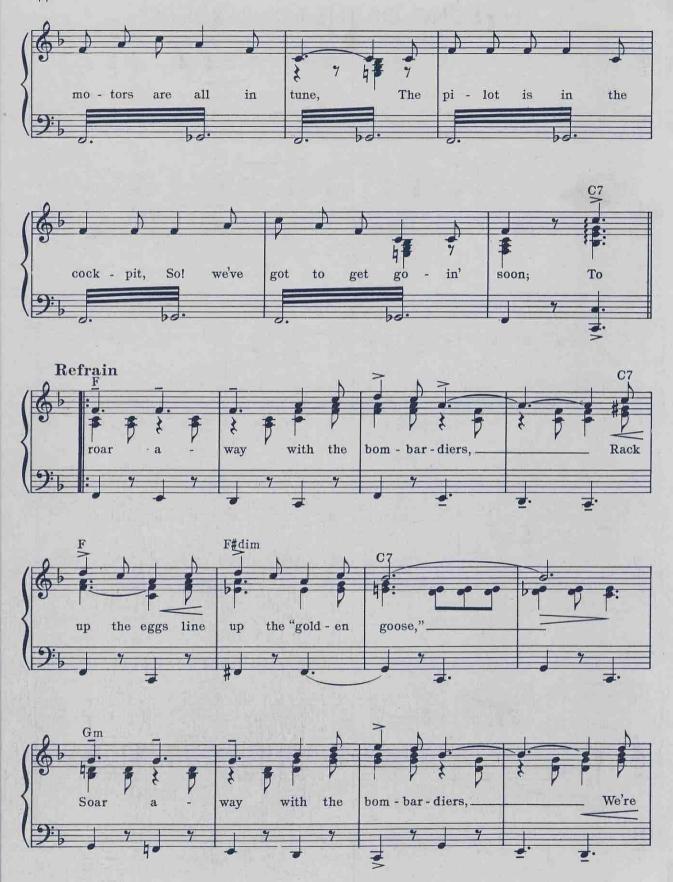
THE SONG OF THE BOMBARDIERS

Lyric by JACK SCHOLL A.S.C.A.P. From The R.K.O. Picture "BOMBARDIERS"

Music by M. K. JEROME A.S.C.A.P.



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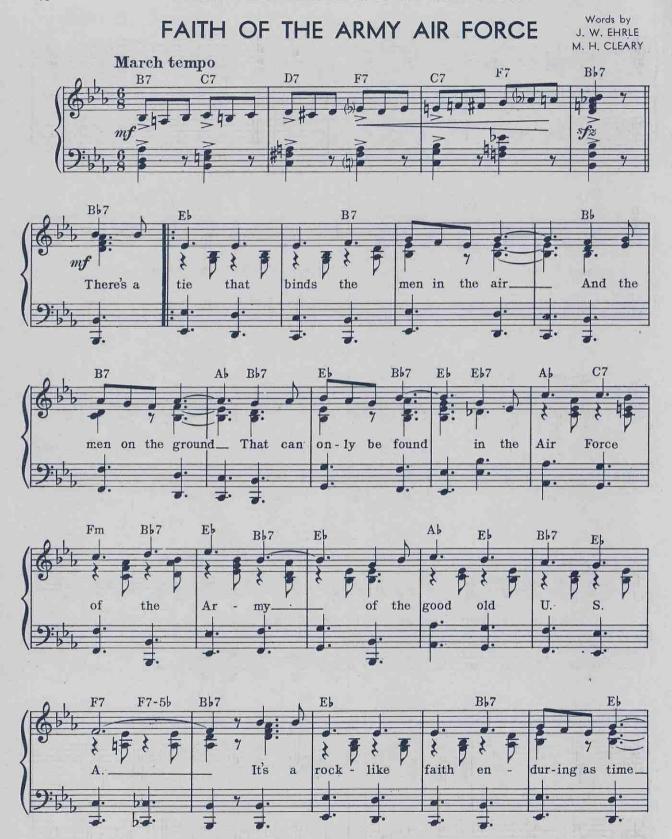




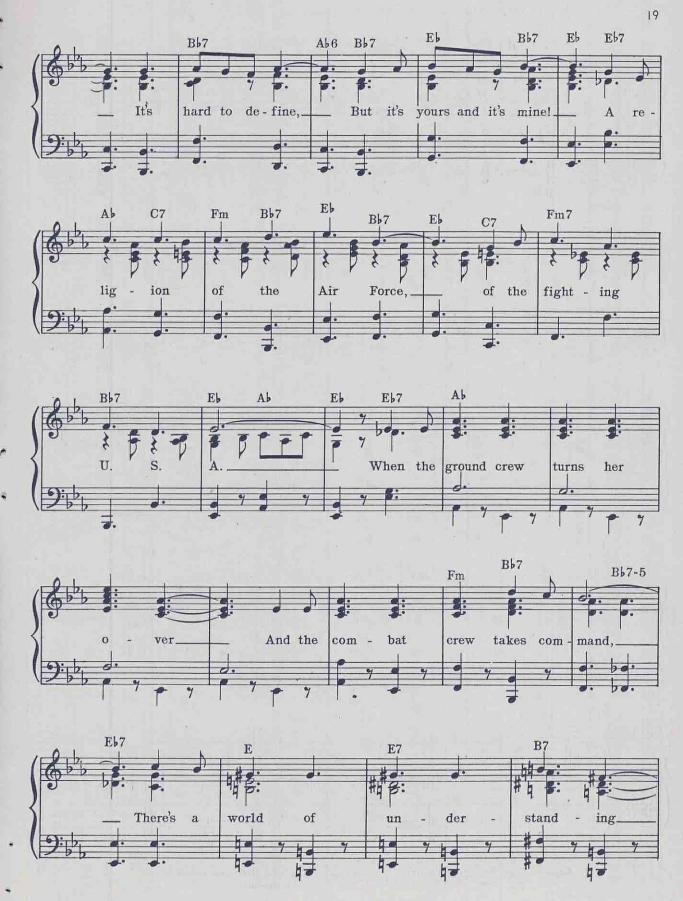


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FIGHT! ARMY MEN FIGHT!



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GIVE 'ER THE GUN, BOYS!

Words and Music by C. B. LOBER





- 2. The bombs hang in their shackles tight, Give 'er the gun, boys, give 'er the gun. We've all had practice with the sight, Give 'er the gun, boys, give 'er the gun. Engines warmed and crew all ready On our course we'll hold 'er steady And upon the target rain Destruction from the sky, HI: Then return, our duty done, Give 'er the gun, boys, give 'er the gun.
- 3. The aerial camera lens is clean,
 Give 'er the gun, boys, give 'er the gun.
 There's film in each magazine,
 Give 'er the gun, boys, give 'er the gun.
 Pyrotechnic signals burning,
 Radio the ether churning,
 Giving all the dope to Corps
 To help it win the fray, HEH.
 Snap a shot while still there's sun
 Give 'er the gun, boys, give 'er the gun.
- 4. Or will troubles all around,
 Give 'er the gun, boys, give 'er the gun.
 If fog is right down on the ground,
 Give 'er the gun, boys, give 'er the gun.
 Rise above the things that bind us;
 Let our country always find us
 Up, and flying on our way
 If skies are blue or grey, HEH;
 Never quit till duty's done,
 Give 'er the gun, boys, give 'er the gun.

THE FORMATION

(1921)

Words and Music by H. S. HANSELL, JR.



THE OLD BOMBARDMENT GROUP

(1921)



THE GROUND CREW

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GLIDE, GLIDER, GLIDE

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GUNNERS OF THE AIR

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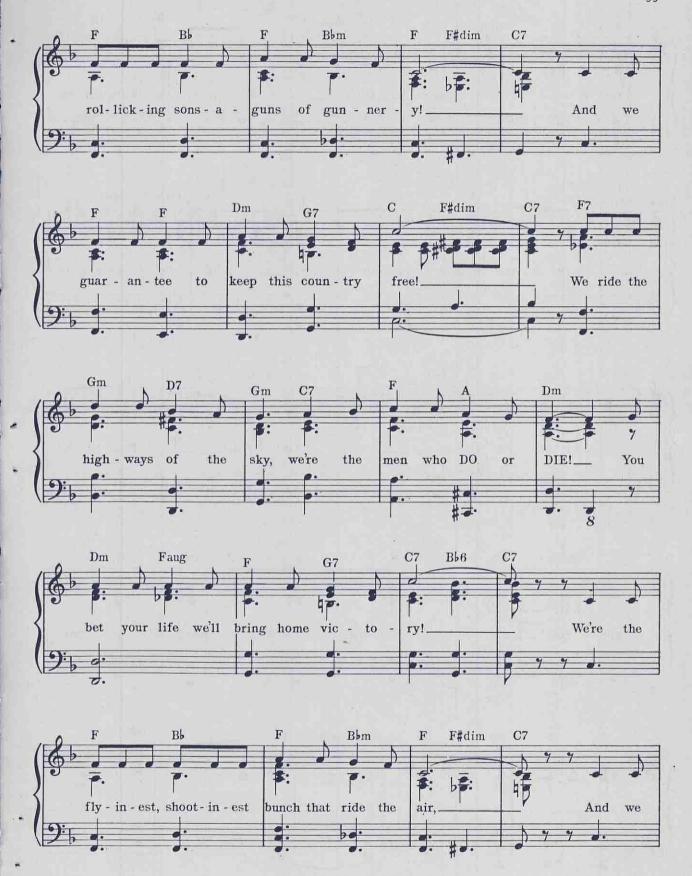
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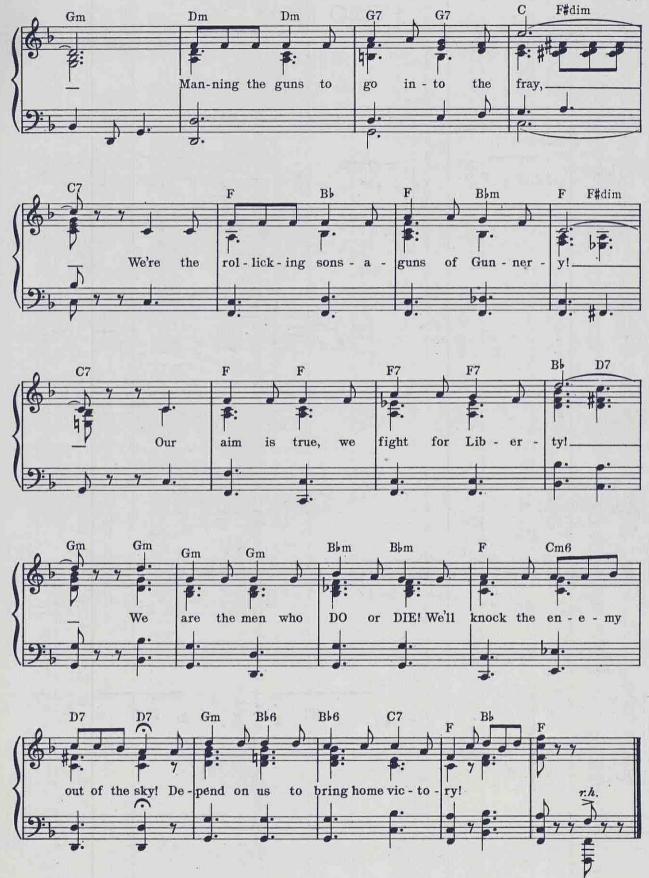
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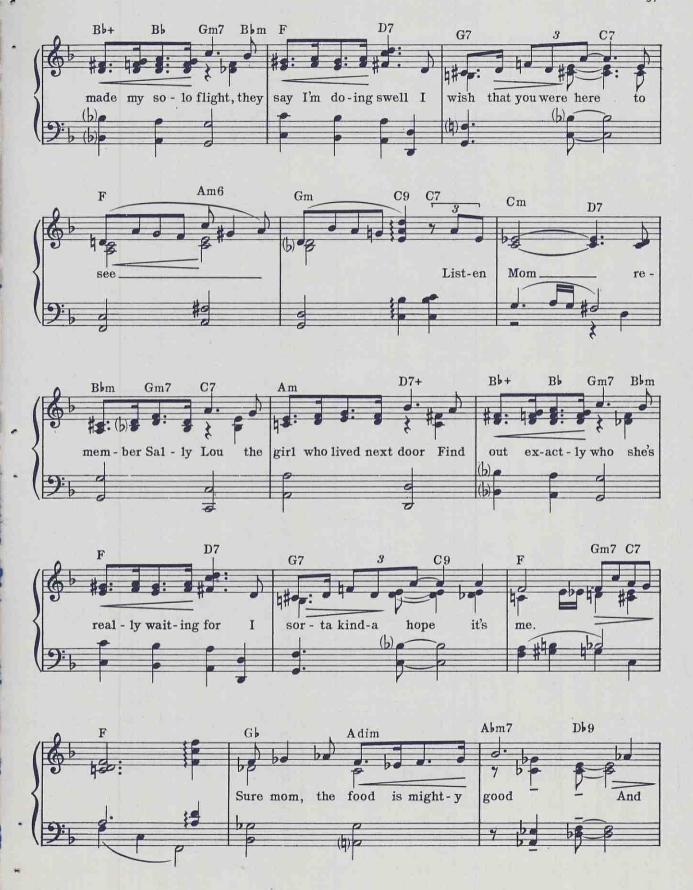


HELLO MOM

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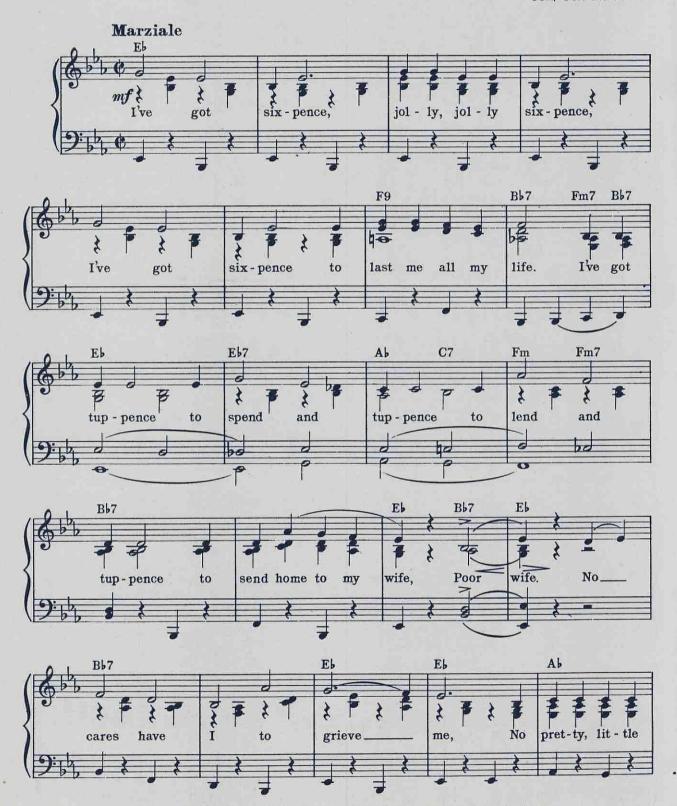
HOORAY FOR JIMMY



I'VE GOT SIXPENCE

BRITISH AIR CADET VERSION

Word and Music BOX, COX and HALL



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I'VE GOT SIXPENCE

- 2. I've got four-pence, jolly, jolly four-pence, I've got four pence to last me all my life.

 I've got tup-pence to spend

 And tup-pence to lend

 And no pence to send home to my wife,

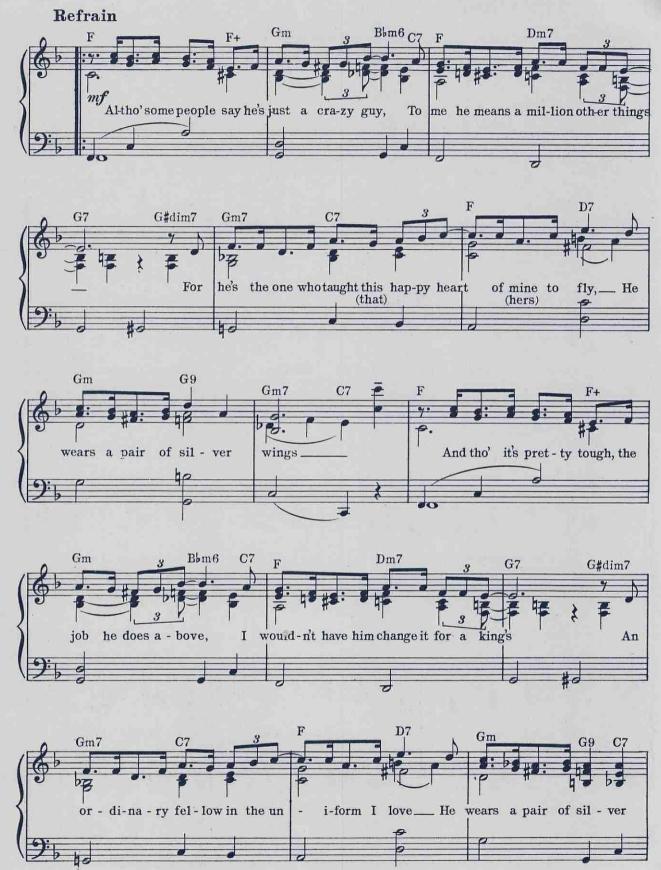
 Poor wife.

 No cares have I to grieve me, etc.
- I've got tup-pence, jolly, jolly tup-pence, I've got tup-pence to last me all my life. I've got tup-pence to spend And no pence to lend
 And no pence to send home to my wife, Poor wife.
- 4. I've got no-pence, jolly, jolly no-pence, I've got no-pence to last me all my life. I've got no-pence to spend And no pence to lend And no pence to send home to my wife, Poor wife.

HE WEARS A PAIR OF SILVER WINGS

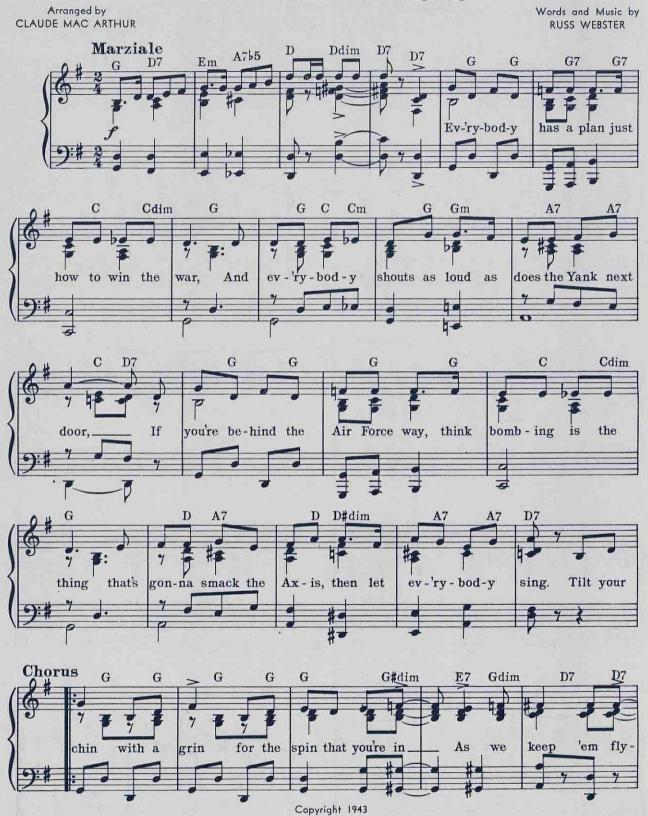
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WE GONNA KEEP 'EM FLYING ALONG



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The Pilot sings:

2. Hy'a Lil, Hy'a Lou, you can bet we'll be true, As we Keep 'Em Flying Along.

So long, Joy, so long, Jane, don't let love ever wane, As we Keep 'Em Flying Along.

Tho' wings and rings we wear, the gals may adore, We'll tell them No, No, No; there ain't any more.

Until we're coming back for the things we're all fighting for, We're gonna Keep 'Em Flying Along.

The Engineer sings:

3. Flying high in the sky, hear the bombardier's cry As he Keeps 'Em Flying Along.

Dropping bombs in the laps of the nazis and japs As he Keeps 'Em Flying Along.

It's Hirohito's teeth we're hammering loose,

There'll be a spree when we have cooked Hitler's goose, So spin the tach at its top, because we're not gonna stop,

We're gonna Keep 'Em Flying Along.

The K.P. sings:

4. 'Tis some swell army soup that cooks stir with a stoop In a tube sunk deep in the ground.

Tho' there's never a bean anywhere to be seen, Nor is cel'ry there to be found,

Yet it has vitamins from roaches to bugs,

Plus what the cook can sweep from headquarters rugs.

It's not as bad as they say, it's just the old Army way, They've gotta Keep 'Em Frying Along.

The Supply Sergeant sings:

5. Tho' your blouse is too tight yet it sags to the right Where your collar's bulged in the back,

Tho' your pants (like a sail that is draped to your tail)
Make a sight like beans in a sack,

There'll be a gal on Main Street surer than hell, Who'll love you just as much as if you look swell.

It's not the cut of your coat, it's just the purr in your throat That's gonna Keep 'Em Crying Along.

The Defense Worker sings:

Ev'ry bond that you buy is a bomb in the eye Of some nip in Tokyo town.

Ev'ry hour that you work as a welder or clerk Is a tug to tear Hitler down.

Whenever airplanes cease to roll off the line, Not Uncle Sam but Schickelgruber says "Fine."

It's shirking work that is why another yankee must die, When you could Keep Him Flying Along.

The WAC sings:

7. If he drives in the dark to the edge of the park You can bet a dime he's a wolf.

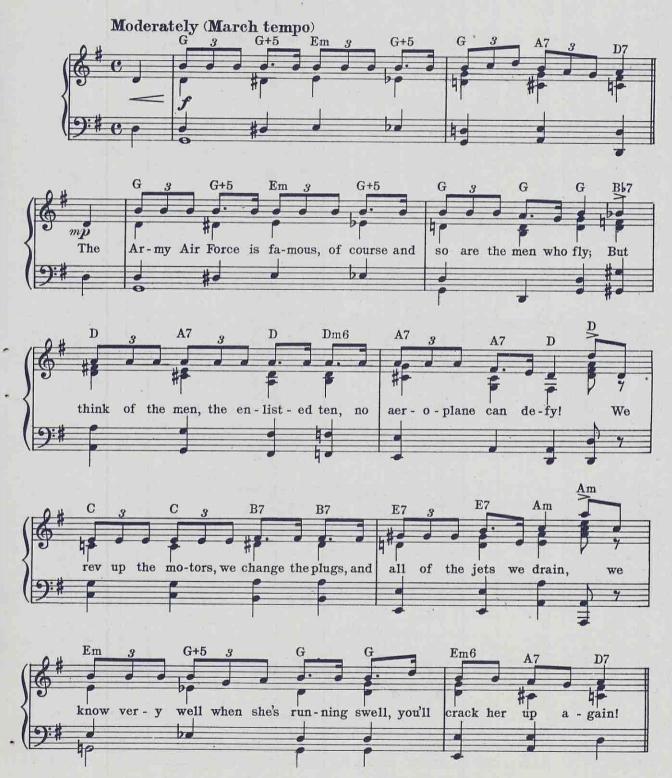
If he says you're a dream, either scurry or scream, For your score's the same, he's a wolf.

But if he makes your heart start thumpin' at times, You might as well face hell (buy stamps with your dimes);

Compared to you he's an elf, because the wolf is yourself; You'd better Keep Him Flying Along.

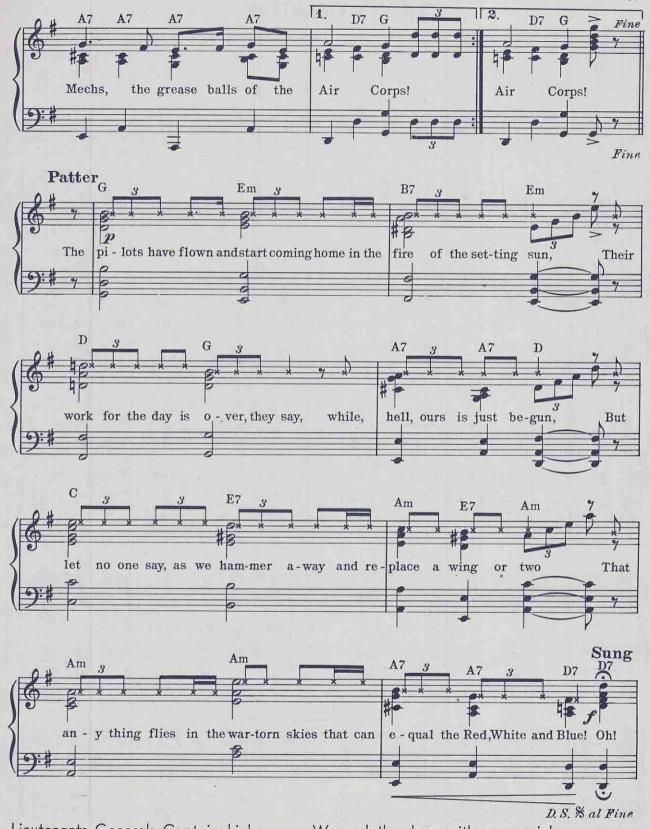
MECHS OF THE AIR CORPS

Words and Music by BOB CRAWFORD



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Lieutenants, Generals, Captains high, Say! Just how far do you think you'd fly? But for us, the greaseballs of the Air Corps!

We wash the planes with many a sigh, But still thank God that cows don't fly, We're the Mechs, the greaseballs of the Air Corps!

THE NAVIGATOR

Words and Music by TOM CHILDS AND DANNY ROTH



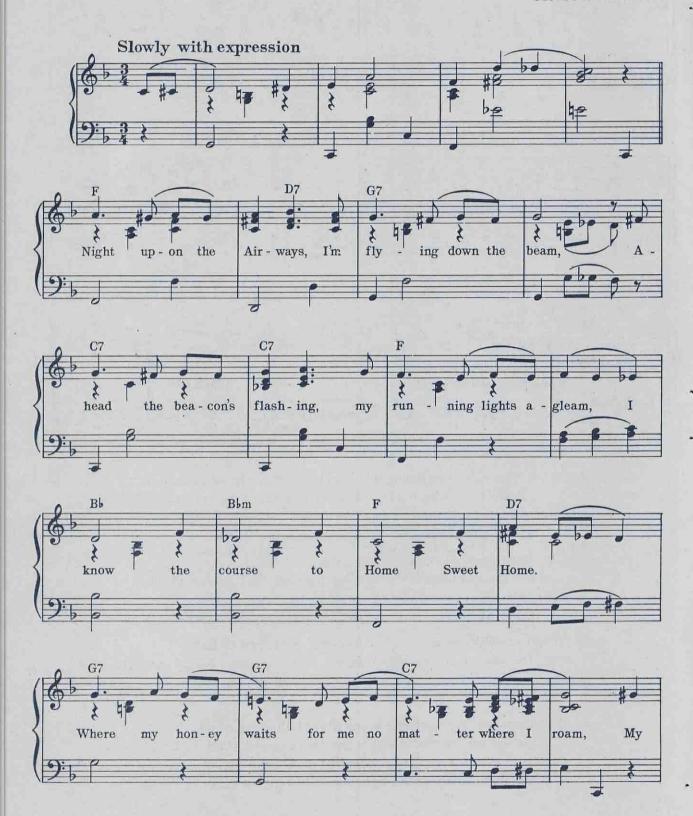
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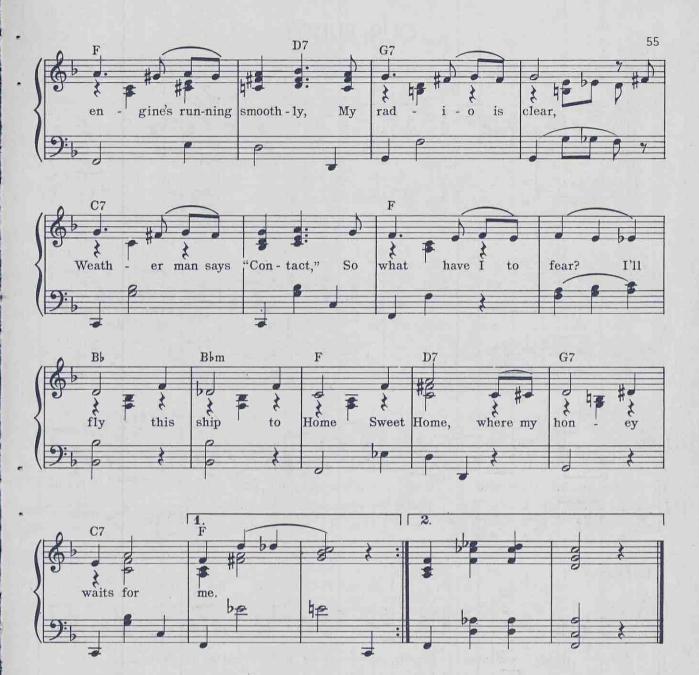
- 2. When they can't see down below and they don't know what to do, He will look up to the heavens and he'll shoot a star or two, With a speed line and a course line he will get himself a fix, For he's the navigator, with his little bag of tricks.
- Oh, there's variation, deviation, calibration too,
 But the compensatin' errors are the ones that see him through,
 His computor is the instrument on which he stakes his life,
 Don't ask for his computor, for he'd sooner lend his wife.
- 4. When you start evasive action to avoid the bursts of flak, The gunner works without a care, he knows who'll bring him back, The pilot will cavort about and dodge around the sky. But there is only one, they know, on whom they can rely.
- 5. If you want to know just where you are, at any time at all, He will take out his dividers and he'll show he's "on the ball," He hasn't time for smoking, relaxation is taboo— He never takes a nap, because he has a job to do.

NIGHT ON THE AIRWAYS

Words and Music by GEORGE P. TOURTELLOT



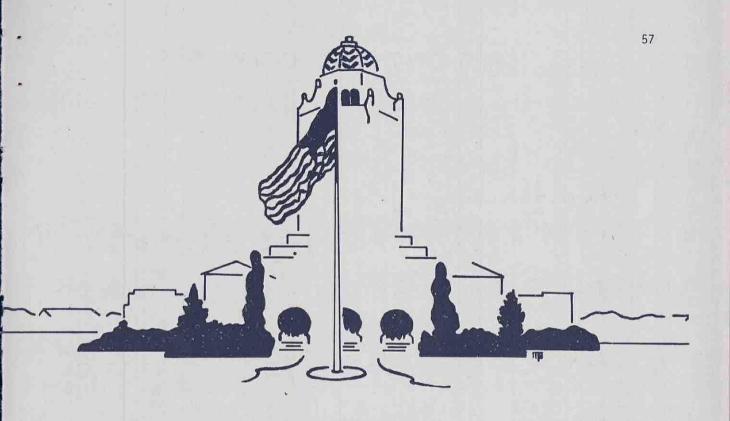
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2. There's the old home station, It's down there just ahead, Double beam aflashing, And boundary lights of red, Runway, green light, lighted the Radio man's a calling and It sure sounds good to me, Put your gear down, Fellow, Use all the flap you need, Flood lights on the runway, Now keep your flying speed, I'll glide her in to Home Sweet Home, Where my honey waits for me.



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SONS OF RANDOLPH

Sons of Randolph soaring,
With your motors roaring,
Challenge fate with mockery.
Through the heavens hurling,
Streaming comets swirling,
Starward fling your courses free,
Upward! Upward! Route the mighty Thor!
Onward! Onward! You power birds of war!
Down the wind's blaspheming,
Dive, your engines screaming,
Ride the wings of destiny.

MELODY "SONG OF THE VAGABONDS"

SPIRIT OF THE AIR CORPS

(from Paramount Picture "I Wanted Wings")

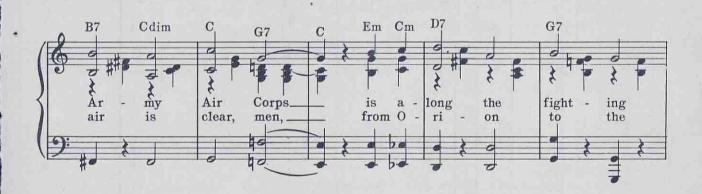
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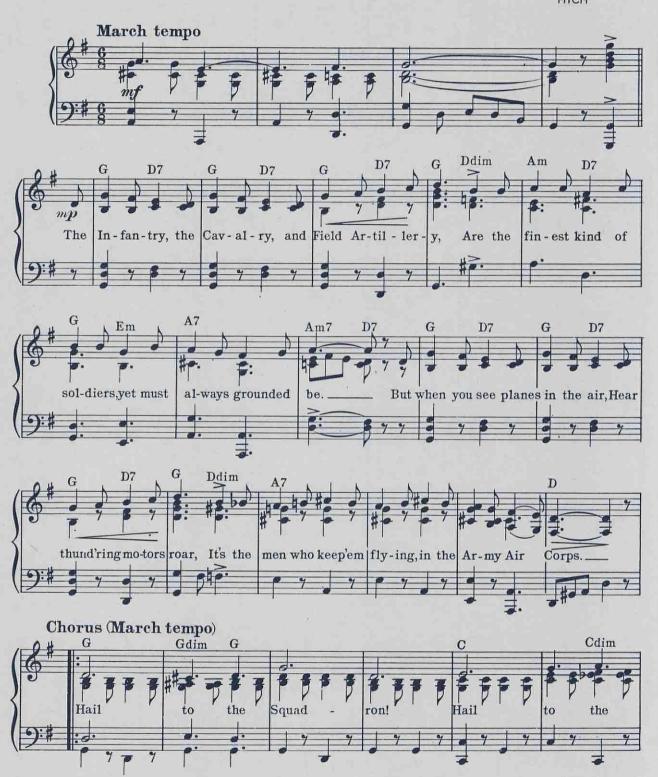






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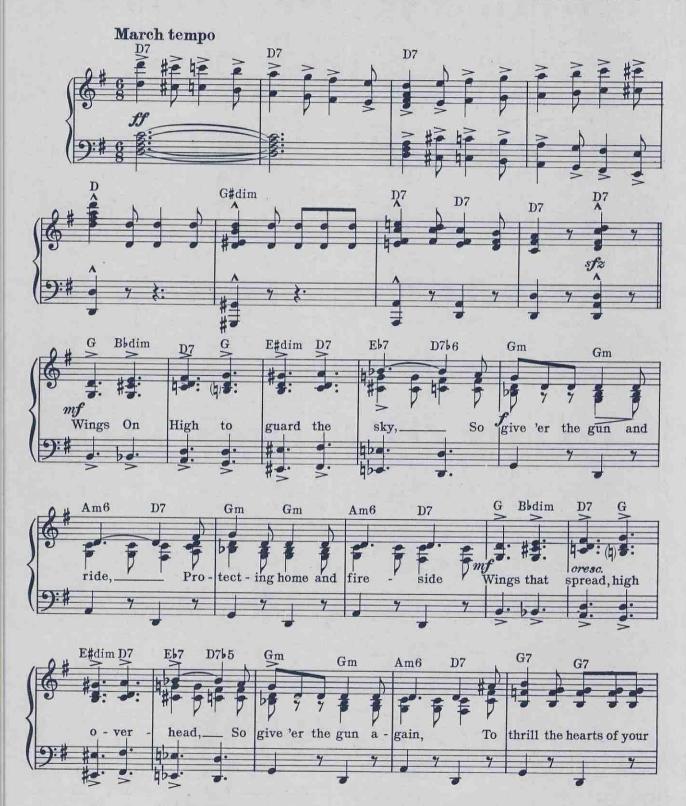
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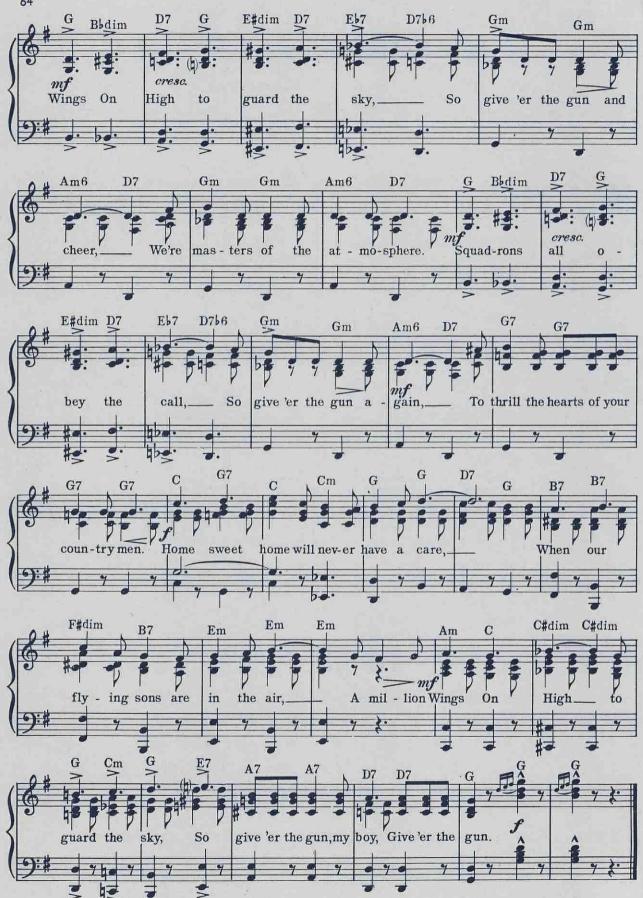
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MEN OF THE AIR CORPS

Arranged by CLAUDE MAC ARTHUR

Words and Music by RUSS WEBSTER



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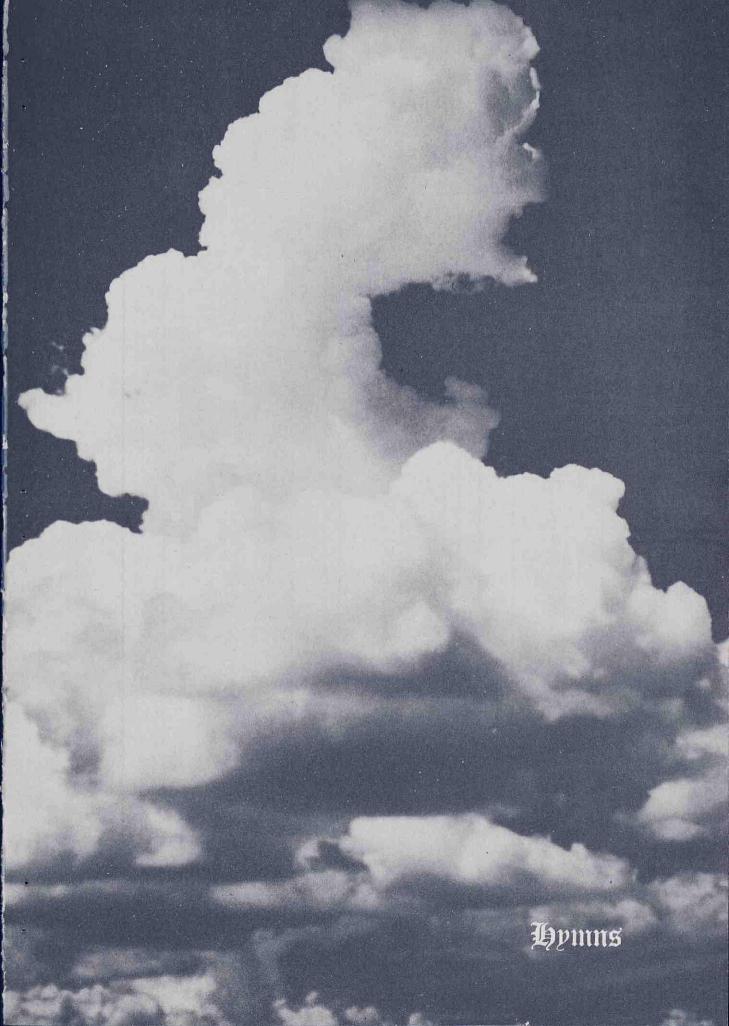






Paradiddle





GOD OF THE SEA AND SKY

From Landauer Collection Institute of Aeronautical Sciences Words by ROXANE SEABURY WRIGHT

- God of the sea and sky,
 To thee aloud we cry,
 Hear thou and save.
 When danger hovers near,
 All those we hold so dear,
 Who fly and know no fear,
 O'er land and wave.
- God of the sea and sky,
 Turn thou a loving eye,
 On those who dare.
 Guard thou all those we love
 Soaring thru realms above
 Brave as the wind-blown dove,
 Men of the Air.

- God of the sea and sky,
 Be near all those who fly.
 For them we pray.
 Whether o'er land or sea,
 Watch them unceasingly,
 This be our prayer to thee,
 Keep them alway.
- 4. God of the sea and sky
 We offer thanks to thee
 For all thy care.
 Pitying the sparrow's fall,
 Keep safe our bird-men all,
 Father, on thee we call,
 God of the air.

Sung to "Come Thou Almighty King," or "America" (P. 6, Army Song Book)

AN AIRMAN'S HYMN

From Hickam Field Song Book

From 18th Pursuit Group Song Book

- When the last long flight is over,
 And the happy landing's past,
 And my altimeter tells me
 That the crack-up's come at last,
 I'll swing her nose to the ceiling,
 And I'll give my crate the gun.
 I'll open her up, and let her zoom
 For the airport at the sun.
- And the great God of flying men
 Will smile at me sort of slow
 As I store my crate in the hangar
 On the field where fliers go.
 Then I'll look upon His face,
 The Almighty flying Boss,
 Whose wingspread fills the heavens
 From Orion to the Cross.

GOD, GUIDE THOSE WHO FLY

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HIGH FLIGHT

Words by
JOHN GILLESPIE MAGEE, JR.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;

Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things

You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there

I've chased the shouting wind along and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, up the long delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
Where never lark, or even eagle, flew;
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod

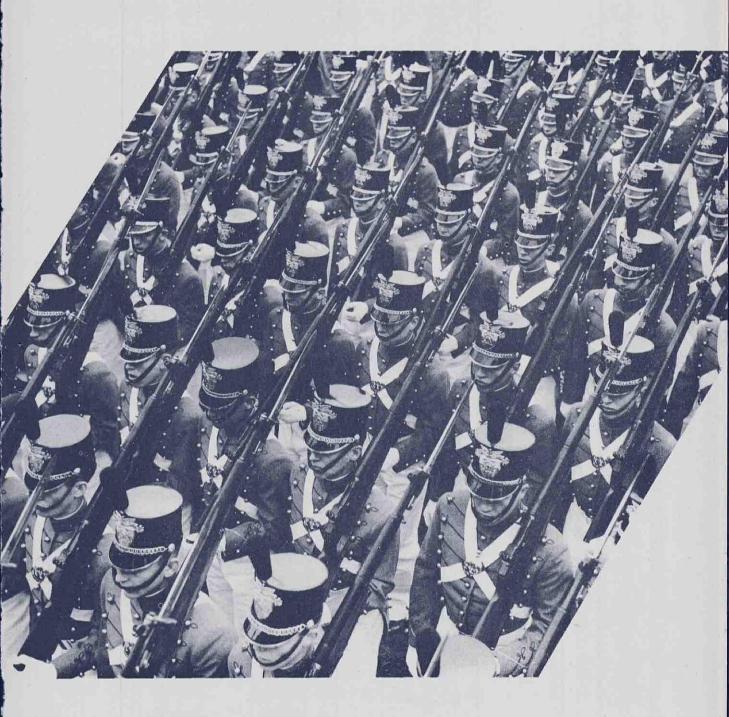
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

HYMN FOR THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCES

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DEAN AUSTIN PARDUE

- Almighty Father who dost stand
 Among the men who fight by land;
 Release the souls of those who die,
 Forgive each penetential cry;
 Bind up the wounds of all who bleed
 And bless each sacrificial deed.
- O Christ Who on the sea dost ride
 With every swell and wave and tide;
 Be near our sailors and command
 The ships that sail for freedom's land;
 When under fire, when storm doth rage.
 Do Thou their hurts and harm assuage.
- Spirit above all clouds on high,
 Thou ruler of all things that fly;
 Be with our men who soar with Thee
 In mortal combat to be free;
 Protect each flyer who ascends,
 O grant him life that never ends.

WEST POINT



INTERLUDE



THE CORPS

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- 1. The Corps! The Corps! The Corps!
 The Corps bareheaded salute it,
 With eyes up thanking our God
 That we of the Corps are treading
 Where they of the Corps have trod.
 They are here in ghostly assemblage,
 The men of the Corps long dead,
 And our hearts are standing attention
 While we wait for their passing tread.
- 2. We sons of today, we salute you, You, sons of an earlier day, We follow close order, behind you Where you have pointed the way;⁻ The long gray line of us stretches Thro' the years of a century told, And the last man feels to his marrow The grip of your far off hold.
- 3. Grip hands with us now though we see not, Grip hands with us, strengthen our hearts, As the long line stiffens and straightens With the thrill that your presence imparts. Grip hands tho' it be from the shadows While we swear, as you did of yore Or living or dying to honor The Corps! And The Corps! And The Corps!

—HERBERT S. SHIPMAN Former Chaplain, U.S.M.A.

Gadet + Prayer



God, our Father, Thou Searcher of Men's Hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. May our religion be filled with gladness and may our worship of Thee be natural.

Strengthen and increase our admiration for honest dealing and clean thinking, and suffer not our hatred of hypocrisy and pretence ever to diminish Encourage us in

our endeavor to live above the common level of life. Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half, truth when the whole can be won.

Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy.

Quard us against flippancy and irreverence in the sacred things of life. Grant us new ties of friendship and new opportunities of service. Kindle our hearts in fellowship with those of a cheerful countenance, and soften our hearts

with sympathy for those who sorrow and suffer.
May we find genuine pleasure in clean and wholesome mirth, and feel inherent disgust for all course-minded humor.

Help us, in our work, and in our play, to keep ourselves physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight, that we may the better maintain the honor of the Corps untarnished and unsullied and acquit ourselves like men in our effort to realize the ideals of West Point in doing our duty to Thee and to our Country.
All of which we ask in the name of the Great

Friend and Master of men.

Amen_

WINGS OF WEST POINT

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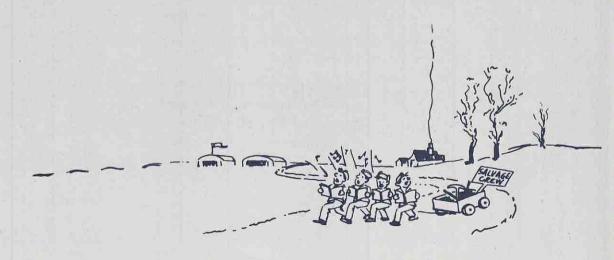


LIGHT HEARTED SONGS OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

In this latter section of The Song Book is presented a group of songs which might be described as humorously macabre. In them pilots try to follow railroad tracks through tunnels with the result that they follow—their ancestors abruptly into the hereafter; in them pilots lay dying with cylinders imbedded in their kidneys and connecting rods in their heads; in them such characters as "the wild-eyed cadet" are cheerfully waved into the Great Beyond while some other flyer, ecstatically expiring beside a Belgian Water Tank, dreams of Heaven where "whiskey grows on telephone poles."

"Dittys" like these have always been traditional in—
the Air Corps. They will seem morbid only to groundlings who simply don't understand the Air Corps
and Air Forces. They should not, perhaps, be sung in
the presence of mothers, unless, of course, the mothers
themselves know how to sing "Clementine," which is
not at all unlikely.

St. Clair McKelway



A HANDSOME YOUNG AIRMAN LAY DYING

(Wrap Me Up In My Tarpaulin Jacket)







"Take the cylinders out of my kidneys,
 The connecting rod out of my brain
 The crankshaft from under my backbone
 And assemble the engine again."

ONLY SISSIES NEED ENGINES

(Wrap Me Up In My Tarpaulin Jacket) (Glider Verses, 1942)

- Now only Sissies need engines,
 A real man needs only the air,
 Now soaring on high like an eagle,
 We glide with never a care.
- You can have your high-powered "cyclones,"
 And your liquid cooled "Allisons," too,
 But give me a handful of thermals,
 And a quick thunderstorm or two.
- A bomber needs two miles to land in,
 A glider needs sixty-five feet,
 And a fighting plane lands at two hundred,
 A glider lands slowly and sweet.
- 4. Now, I've got no use for a motor, A true one may seldom be found, For they're temp'ramental and vicious, They lo-ve to just "let you down."
- Oh! Give me a fast gliding glider,
 With wings long and graceful and thin,
 Set me loose in the air over Dover,
 And we'll win in the streets of Berlin.
- We'll go in some dark, moonless evening,
 With jeeps and a six-by-six truck,
 Close in with some sixty Commandos,
 And aided by God and good luck.
- 7. Now after we capture Herr Hitler,
 And have Goering sewed up in a sack,
 There's only one question un-answered,
 "How in hell are we gonna get back!"

(ED. NOTE) These verses were written to Capt. William Lazarus by his class when he made the remark that "Only Sissies Need Motors."

BESIDE A BELGIAN WATER TANK



"We are going to a better land, where everything is bright,
Where Whiskey grows on telephone poles, play poker every night.
We'll never have to work at all, just sit around and sing,
We'll have "beaucoup" wild women—Oh, Death where is thy sting?"

1917 version—2nd Air Service. Other versions in "Sound Off" Dolph.

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OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE

Arranged by ESTHER S. CASE



- Old soldiers never die Never die, never die Old soldiers, never die They just fade away.
- Old sailors never buy
 Never buy, never buy
 Old sailors never buy
 They just sail away.
- Old pilots never fly
 Never fly, never fly
 Old pilots never fly
 They just draw their pay.
- This fog will never lift
 Never lift, never lift
 This fog will never lift
 Grounded now are we.

COME ON AND JOIN THE AIR CORPS

Arranged by ESTHER S, CASE Words by ROLAND BIRNN



Words by permission of Roland Birnn.

Our pilots do a lot of stunts
 And do them well, of course;
 And if you think that isn't hard,
 Just try to loop a horse.
 Our air mechanics have more brains
 Than generals of the line,
 But don't get sore, just join the corps,
 And you will never mind.

CHORUS:

Never mind, never mind; Come on and join the Air Corps, And you will never mind.

Come on and get promoted
 As high as you desire,
 You're riding on the gravy train
 When you're an army flyer.
 But just when you're about to be
 A general, you find
 That your motors cough and your wings fall off
 But you will never mind.

CHORUS.

4. You're flying O'er the ocean
And then from where you sit,
You see your prop come to a stop.
Your engine it has quit.
You cannot swim, the ship won't float,
The shore is miles behind,
Oh, what a dish for the crabs and fish,
But you will never mind.

CHORUS.

5. You're flying on cross-country,
The fog comes all around;
There's ice at fifteen hundred feet
And snowdrifts on the ground.
You curse the day you learned to fly
With care your face is lined,
But you use your dome and bring her home,
And then you never mind.

CHORUS.

6. Come on and join the Air Corps And think your skill is good, Until you start blind flying tricks, Beneath a canvas hood. You fly her toward the mountains With a lookout man behind, He gives a shout and bails right out, But you will never mind.

CHORUS.

7. They send you down to — Field
And keep you there for years,
And if you try to bellyache
They pin back both your ears.
Oh, — Field's a lousy place
As you will quickly find.
But I don't care, I'm leaving there,
And so I never mind.
CHORUS.

8. Come on and join the Air Corps
And never take a dare,
If someone bets there's any stunt
You can't do in the air.
Just show the boys how hot you are,
And while they stand behind,
You just be bold, while they grow old,
And they will never mind.
CHORUS.

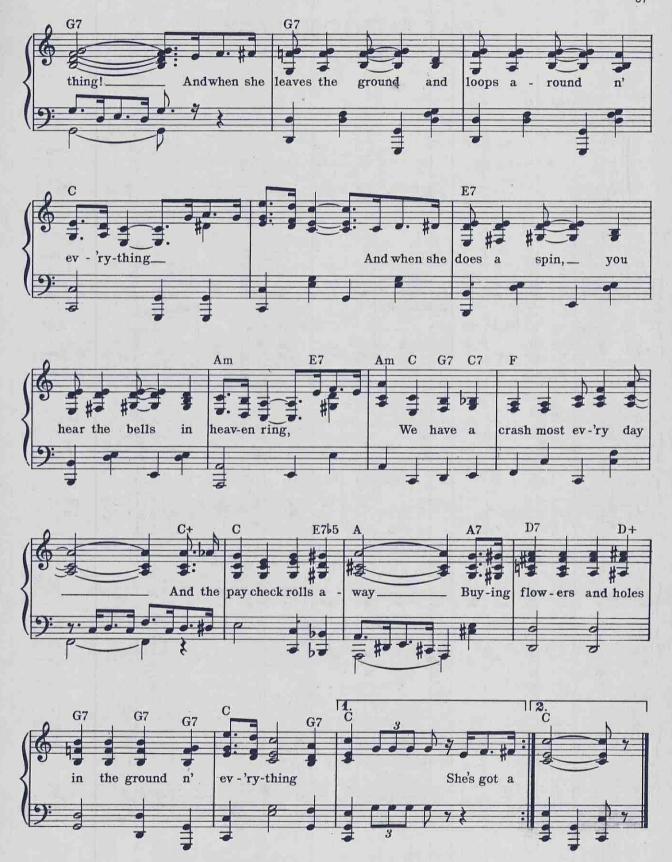
SHE'S GOT A PAIR OF WINGS

Tune: N'Everything

Music by DeSYLVA KAHN and JOLSON



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THAT TATTOOED LADY

Tune: Just Try to Picture Me Down Home in Tennessee

Music by WALTER DONALDSON



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WE'VE GOT A DINKY STOVE

Tune: N'Everything from Second Army Air Service Book published by G.H.Q. at Toul 1919

We've got a dinky stove that smokes and smokes n'everything.

We've got a guy that snores (I hope he chokes) n'everything Y'oughter hear us cough and sneeze

When the walls let in the breeze,

Most any hour an icy shower

Drips on our bunks n'everything.

We've got a floor that's full of cracks and nails n'everything.

We've got a mascot mut that howls and wails n'everything.

And if I ever leave this life,

I'm going straight home to my wife,

Where we'll have a lot of heat and rugs and tubs n'everything.

THE TROOP SHIP-BLESS 'EM ALL

BRITISH AIR CADET SONG





GOOD OLD ARMY STEW

Words by permission of David R. McLean Tune: Bell Bottom Trousers



A cannibal I met on the isle of Icky Poo,
 Said "Come home for supper, the meat course will be you!"
 I went into his kitchen and showed him what to do,
 And now the guy eats nothing but good old Army Stew.

CHORUS

Singing of soap chips, dish rags, sealing wax and glue— You will find them all in a dish of Army Stew.

- The captain of a whaler that sailed the Arctic Sea,
 Harpooned the biggest whaler in all his memory;
 It was easy to explain just why it grew and grew,
 For when they cut it open it was full of Army Stew.
 CHORUS
- 4. I was stranded in the desert in an old B-17, We didn't have a drop of either oil or gasoline, In less than an hour we were flying straight and true, Because we filled the gas tank with good old Army Stew. CHORUS
- 5. Now far across the sea where the rationing is tough, They are up all the cattle and didn't have enough, Then the mess sergeant went on a visit to the Zoo, And that is how the lion got into the Army Stew. CHORUS
- 6. We were gunning for a Jap on a flight to Tokio, The bombardier got set, took his aim and let 'em go, That Jap dodged the bombs, and he dodged the bullets to, But we hit him in the puss with a dish of Army Stew. CHORUS
- 7. Benito is a bum who lives in Italy,
 He has the only Navy that never puts to sea,
 When Hitler says "Heil!" Mussolini says "me, too,"
 But he would trade it all for a dish of Army Stew.
 CHORUS
- 8. Now Hitler's secret weapon is wrapped in mystery, He isn't sure himself what the silly thing can be, But our secret weapon is a mighty secret too, It's the recipe for making a dish of Army Stew. CHORUS

WE LOOP IN THE PURPLE TWILIGHT

Tune: Stand to Your Glasses

Arranged by ESTHER S. CASE



With flaming guns and cannon,
 With wings of wood and steel;
 For mortal stakes we gamble
 With cards that are stacked for the deal.

STAND TO YOUR GLASSES

Tune: We Loop in the Purple Twilight

We stand 'neath resounding rafters
 The walls around are bare;
 They echo back our laughter,
 Seems that all the dead are there.

CHORUS.

Stand to your glasses steady,

This world is a world of lies.

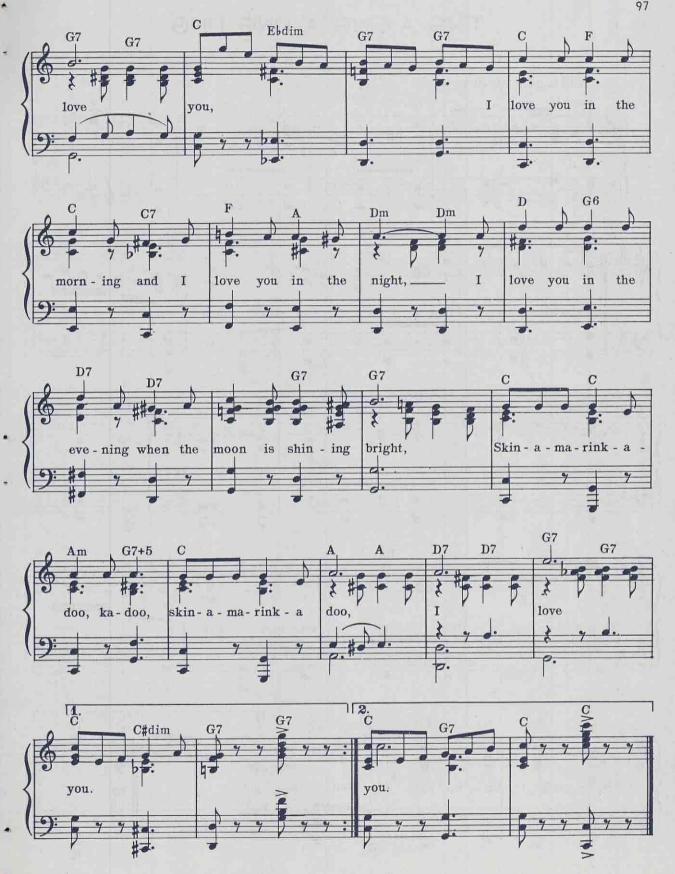
Here's a health to the dead already,

Hurrah for the next man to die.

Denied by the land that bore us,
 Betrayed by the ones we held dear,
 The good have all gone before us,
 And only the dull are still here.
 CHORUS.

SKIN A MARINK A DOO KA DOO





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LYRICS OF FAMILIAR TUNES



ALOUETTE

1st Verse-Leader . A la tete Alouette, jonti Alouette All . . . A la tete Alouette, jonti boomeray Leader . Alouette Leader . Just a boomeray la tete Oh . . . All . . . Alouette All . . . Just a boomeray la tete Leader . A la tete 5th Verse-All . . . A la tete Alouette, jonti Alouette Leader . Alouette Alouette, jonti boomeray All . . . Alouette Oh . . . Leader . Just a boomer rum and coke 2nd Verse-All . . . Just a boomer rum and coke Alouette, jonti Alouette Leader . Rum and coke Alouette, jonti boomeray All . . . Rum and coke Leader. Just a boomer open post Leader . Pretty blonde All . . . Just a boomer open post All . . . Pretty blonde Leader . Open post Leader . Plenty dough All . . . Open post All . . . Plenty dough Leader . A la tete Leader . Open post All . . . A la tete All . . . Open post Leader . Alouette Leader . A la tete Oh . . . All . . . Alouette All . . . A la tete 3rd Verse-Leader . Alouette Alouette, jonti Alouette All . . . Alouette Oh . . . Alouette, jonti boomeray 6th Verse-Leader . Just a boomer plenty dough Alouette, jonti Alouette All . . . Just a boomer plenty dough Alouette, jonti boomeray Leader . Plenty dough Leader . Just a boomer achin' head All . . . Plenty dough All . . . Just a boomer achin' head Leader . Open post All . . . Open post Leader . Achin' head Leader . A la tete All . . . Achin' head All . . . A la tete Leader . Rum and coke Leader . Alouette All . . . Rum and coke All . . . Alouette Oh . . . Leader . Pretty blonde All . . . Pretty blonde 4th Verse-Alouette, jonti Alouette Leader . Plenty dough All . . . Plenty dough Alouette, jonti boomeray Leader . Open post Leader . Just a boomer pretty blonde All . . . Open post All . . . Just a boomer pretty blonde Leader . A la tete Leader . Pretty blonde All . . . A la tete All . . . Pretty blonde Leader . Alouette Leader . Plenty dough All . . . Alouette All . . . Plenty dough All . . . Oh . . . Alouette, jonti Alouette Leader . Open post Alouette, jonti boomeray All . . . Open post

HI, HI, UP SHE RISES

Tune: Ten Little Indians

What you gonna do with a drunken sailor,
 What you gonna do with a drunken sailor,
 What you gonna do with a drunken sailor,
 Early in the morning.
 Put him in the brig 'til he gets sober,
 Put him in the brig 'til he gets sober,
 Put him in the brig 'til he gets sober,
 Put him in the brig 'til he gets sober,
 Early in the morning.

CHORUS:

Hi, Hi, up she rises, Hi, Hi, up she rises, Hi, Hi, up she rises, Early in the morning.

What you gonna do with a drunken pilot,
 What you gonna do with a drunken pilot,
 What you gonna do with a drunken pilot,
 Early in the morning.
 Put him in the nose of a B-4 Bomber,
 Put him in the nose of a B-4 Bomber,
 Put him in the nose of a B-4 Bomber,
 Put him in the morning.
 CHORUS.

Order of Daedalians Book "Songs of the Army Flyers" 1937

SING HALLELUJAH FOR MANEUVERS

Tune: Hallelujah from "Hit the Deck"

Sing Hallelujah for maneuvers,
For maneuvers we're on our way.
Now, don't be grieving 'cause we're leaving,
We'll be back the first of May.
Good times lie before us,
Not that you bore us,
Let's get away!
Sing Hallelujah for maneuvers,
For maneuvers we're on our way.

DAEDALIANS BOOK From "Songs of the Army Flyers" 1937

I AM A KIWI NOW

Tune: The Old Gray Mare Army Song Book, p. 69

I don't have to walk like the Infantry Ride like the cavalry, Shoot like artillery, And I don't have to fly over Germany, I am a Kiwi now.

Definition of Kiwi:

1. Zoological: An Australian bird, "sans wings," species rare.
2. Aeronautical: An A.E.F. ground ace, species "tres common."

From: "Ye Air Service Hymnal"

2nd Army Air Service Book

Toul, France, 1919

Definition of a Daedalians." Order of the Daedalians."

Those who earned their wings during the last war, World War I.

Their Motto is' "Volabmus Volamus."

M.A.: Military Aviator. Those who learned to fly before 1917.

J.M.A.: Junior Military Aviator. Hhose who learned to fly during World War I.

MOTHER TAKE DOWN YOUR SERVICE FLAG

Tune: Oh Boy, Oh Joy, Where Do We Go From Here

- Mother, take down your service flag,
 - Your son's in the S.O.S.

He's S.O.L. but what the hell, He never suffered less.

He may be thin, but that's from gin,

Or else I miss my guess.

So, mother, take down your service flag, Your son's in the S.O.S.

2. Mother, put out your golden star,

Your son's going up in a Sop

The wings are weak, the ship's a freak, She's got a rickety prop.

The Motor's junk, the pilot's drunk, He's sure to take a flop.

So, mother, put out your golden star, Your Son's going up in the Sop.

From "Ye Air Service Hymnal" 1919

BESIDE THE BREWERY AT ST. MIHIEL

Tune: Beside a Belgian Water Tank

Beside the Brewery at St. Mihiel, one bleak November day,
Beneath a busted D.H. 4, a brave young pilot lay.
His arms and legs were shattered, the tank had conked his head,
We all knew he was going west, but ere he died, he said:

CHORUS:

Oh, I'm going to a better land,
They souse there every night;
Where cocktails grow on crab-apple trees,
And everyone stays tight.
Where bugles never blow at all,
Where no one winds the clocks,
And drops of Johnnie Walker
Come trickling down the rocks.

2. The brave young lad was councing off, but as he passed away We saw his lips were moving, "My friends, it was this way: The God damned motor wouldn't hit, the struts were far too few, A tractor hit the gas tank and the flamin' juice came through.

CHORUS:

Oh, I'm going to a better land,
Where motors always run,
Where house-wives hand out juleps
And pilots grow a bun.
Where they've got no Sops, no Spads, no Sals,
And not a bluddy, flamin' four,
And absinthe frappes, cool and stout
Are served at every store.

From "Songs My Mother Never Taught Me"

MEMORIES

Tune: "I Love You Truly" Words by G. L. Wertenbaker, 1940

- Over the clouds, lads;
 Come, we will go.
 We have the spirit;
 We'll show the foe.
- Some will return, And only they can tell, Which went to Heaven And which went to Hell.

WRECK OF THE OLD 97

Tune: "Old 97"

There were ninety-seven airplanes warming up on the apron,
 And they didn't have room for more.
 The first ninety-six were of new construction,
 But the last was a D-H four.

 She was old and decrepit and the fuselage was rotten, And the wings were warped and bent.
 And she sagged in the middle like a cow in pasture, A cow that was quite content.

She was old 97, and she had a fine record,
 But she hadn't been flown that year.
 And she creaked and groaned when they started her engine
 For she knew that her time was near.

4. A second lieutenant wandered into the office, And he asked for a ship or two. And they said, "Young man, we are very short of airplanes, But we'll see what we can do.

5. "Now the first 47 are reserved for majors, And the Captains have the next 49. But there's one more ship on the end of the apron, The last ship upon the line."

6. He was headed for Dayton, and from there to Columbus, And he had to make that flight, So he said, "O.K., if you'll give me a clearance, I will get there some time tonight."

7. Oh, he flew over Birmingham and north Alabama, And the ceiling began to fall, And the clouds closed down on the tops of the mountains, And he couldn't see the ground at all.

He turned to the left and ran into a snowstorm,
 And he turned back to the right.
 And he turned around, the fog was behind him,
 And the mountains were all in sight.

He flew through rain and he flew through the snowstorm
 Till the light began to fail.
 Then he found a railroad that was going in his direction,

en he tound a railroad that was going in his direction

And he said, "I'll get there by rail."

10. He flew down the valley and he dodged through the mountains, And he kept that road in sight, Till the rails disappeared through a tunnel in the mountains, And he ended his last long flight.

- 11. There was old 97 with her nose in the mountain And her wheels upon the track, And the throttle was bent in the forward position, But the engine was facing back.
- 12. Now La-dies, listen, and heed my warnin'
 From this time now and on,
 Never say harsh words to your aviator husband,
 He may leave you and ne'er return.
 H. S. (POSSUM) HANSELL, JR., 1923

MY WILD-EYED CADET

Tune: My Wild Irish Rose Army Song Book, p. 65

My wild-eyed cadet
He ain't seen nothing yet,
He noses her down
When close to the ground
My wild-eyed cadet.
He slips in his banks
If he lives we'll all give thanks.
I hear drums beating low
And men marching slow
Behind my wild-eyed cadet.

18TH INTERCEPTOR GROUP

Tune: Away, Away With Sword and Drum Words by P. Smith

Oh, the pilot of the Golden Bug
Is in his cockpit safe and snug,
Is everything all okey-doke?
No, there he goes to earth in smoke.

CHORUS:

Away, away with sword and drum
Here they come full of rum
Looking for something to put on the bum
The 18th Interceptor Group.

HE FLEW THROUGH THE AIR IN A P-39

Tune: Man on the Flying Trapeze Army Song Book, p. 57

He flew through the air in a P-39
And swooped down to read every Burma Shave sign
On Sunday he shouted, "I'm still doing fine"
But on Monday he vanished away.
They found part of a wing down in Roswell
And at Kirtland they picked up his prop
There were bits of his engine in Phoenix
But our hero, he never did stop.
He flys through the air on his snowy white wings
He plays on the harp, and he wistfully sings
"On Sunday I did some impossible things
And on Monday I vanished away."

A POOR AVIATOR LAY DYING

Tune: A Handsome Young Airman Lay Dying

- A poor aviator lay dying,
 At the end of a bright summer's day.
 His comrades had gathered about him
 To carry his fragments away.
- The airplane was piled on his wishbone,
 His Hotchkiss was wrapped 'round his head;
 He wore a sparkplug on each elbow,
 'Twas plain he would shortly be dead.
- He spit out a valve and a gasket,
 And stirred in the sump where he lay,
 And then to his wondering comrades,
 Those brave parting words he did say:
- 4. "Take the magneto out of my stomach, And the butterfly valve off my neck, Extract from my liver the crankshaft, There are lots of gods parts in this wreck.
- Take the manifold out of my larynx,
 And the cylinders out of my brain,
 Take the piston rods out of my kidneys,
 And assemble the engine again."

From "Songs My Mother Never Taught Me"

ROUND HER LEG SHE WORE A PURPLE GARTER

Tune: Round Her Neck She Wore a Yellow Ribbon Army Song Book, p. 37

Round her leg she wore a purple garter

She wore it in the springtime and in the month of May—
HEY-HEY!

And when I asked why the hell she wore it,

She wore it for her lover who was down at O.C.S.

O.C.S., Miami Beach!
O.C.S., Miami Beach!
She wore it for her lover who was down at O.C.S.

- 2. Upon the shelf she kept a whisky bottle

 She kept it in the springtime . . . etc.
- 3. Around the block she pushed a baby carriage . . .
- 4. Behind the door her father kept a shotgun . . .

I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THE RAILROAD

(Dinah Version)

I've been working on the railroad all the live, long day.
I've been working on the railroad just to pass the time away.

Can't you hear the whistle blowing? Rise up so early in the morn.

Don't you hear the Captain shouting; "Dinah, blow your horn"

Dinah, won't you blow, Dinah, won't you blow, Dinah, won't you blow on your old Hi Ho?

Dinah, won't you blow, Dinah, won't you blow, Dinah, won't you blow your horn?

Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah, Someone's in the kitchen I know, Ho Ho Ho, Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah, Strumming on the old banjo.

Singing:

Fee Fi Fiddle I O, Fee Fi Fiddle I O Ho Ho, Fee Fi Fiddle I O, Strumming on the old banjo.

TRAMP, TRAMP, TRAMP

Tramp, Tramp, the girls are marching
Marching everywhere we go
First we march and then we drill
If that won't kill you Phys Ed will.
Listen boys, oh listen, to our tale of woe.

Moan, Moan, Moan, I want a Major Major, Colonel, or cadet I want a man who's strong and tall Who won't mind this zoot suit at all But I haven't seen a man in this place yet.

Ground school classes in the morning.

All our simple minds we strain,

Ornithopter, Helicopter, Autogyro, Airplane.

All the things we try to crowd into our brain.

Look boys, look! the girls are flying.

Perfect form in every way

Womanhood we will redeem

Boys we're really on the beam

And we'll show you how to fly the Army way!

319th Army Air Force Training Detachment

Sweetwater, Texas

THE FIRST PURSUIT

Tune: "I'm a Rambling Wreck"

When I was but a little lad,
My mother, she said to me,
"Listen to me, my son, my lad,
And you will eventually see.
Stay away from those Bombardment Groups
The Observation, too.
Just strap a P-I on your back;
It's the First Pursuit for you."

Nose down, wide out,
Pull her up in a zoom.
We'll get on your tail;
You'll fall down and go boom.

I like my women wicked
And I'll take my whiskey clear.
I'm a member of the First Pursuit,
And a hell of a guy for beer.

Contributed by R. M. RAMEY 18th Pursuit Group, 1940

A SERGEANT'S SMILE

Tune: There Are Such Things Army Hit Kit, March 1943

A Sergeant's smile . . . there are such things
O. D.'s with style . . . there are such things

Someone to whisper, "Buddy, you can sleep all day"
"Just wake up once a month to pick up your pay"

A four day pass . . . there are such things Self-shining brass . . . and beds with springs

The Army's on a picnic, and they're giving yard-birds wings Oh, don't you wish there really were such things.

Parady-FRANK LOESSER

CADENCE SONG

Tune: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

All we do is count the cadence,
 All we do is count the cadence,
 All we do is count the cadence,
 For the section up ahead is OUT OF STEP.

Hrump—two—three—four.
Hrump—two—three—four.
Hrump—two—three—four.

 Now that we have counted cadence, Now that we have counted cadence, Now that we have counted cadence, The section up ahead is back in step.

K-K-K-K.P.

Tune: K-K-K-Katy Army Song Book, p. 53

K-K-K-R.
Beautiful K. P.
You're the only j-j-j-job that I adore
And when the moon shines
Over the mess hall
I'll be mopping up the k-k-k-kitchen floor.

Parody—FRANK LOESSER

ENVOY

Your judgment is flawless, sir, I'll say;
You skimmed the cream of the lot, no doubt;
I'll ballyhoo strong for the book—but say—
Why the hell did you leave me out?
—C. W. W.

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