

Jungle Jumper Takes Off



Search and Rescue squadron's "jumping shavetail," Lt. William F. Diebold, is ready to leave on another mission into Hump jungle. His only peeve was the photographer's request to look towards the camera and smile just as he was leaving the plane and before opening the 'chute.

'Jumping Shavetail' Is Vet In Search, Rescue Work

1333rd BU, ASSAM - An army job doesn't seem so bad when it involves hunting, fishing and swimming, but Lt. William F. Diebold, intelligence officer attached to the Search and Rescue squadron, does these because of necessity. After many jumps into the jungles and long weeks of hiking with a 60-pound pack on his back, the 26 year-old lieutenant has become a jungle veteran.

His first jump occurred within an hour after he arrived at this base for assignment to the squadron, when he participated in the thrilling rescue of Lt. Greenlow M. Collins, a P-51 pilot who went down in one of the Hump's most treacherous areas - the valley of the Gedu. Since then, the "jumping shavetail" has taken part in many other rescues and has compiled a score of adventures which would put a pulp-fiction writer to shame.

Colors for Raft-mate

Snakes often have played their part in providing hair-raising incidents. Once while the lieutenant was leading a group of hillfolk along a jungle path, he barely missed stepping on a krait, one of the most dangerous snakes known. The snake struck the third member of the party, who died within a few moments.

Another time, while Lt. Diebold was alone, paddling down a jungle stream on a raft, a cobra dropped on the raft from a tree overhead. The lieutenant jumped into the water, swam under the raft and came up on the opposite side, only to find himself face to face with the snake again. For an hour and a half he matched wits with the cobra, until he finally managed to ease it off the raft and continue on his way.

On the lighter side, Lt. Diebold relates his experience with a tribe of hillfolk. The village head-man took a liking to him and called all the villagers to meet him. The

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chorus of villagers chimed in with "Ee-Ei-Ee-Ei-Oh."

"shavetail," whose sense of humor rates second only to his love of adventure, taught them the lyrics of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" - and the

Friend of Tribesmen

By displaying courtesy and thoughtfulness, he has established himself as a friend to jungle tribesmen of the Hump country. On one occasion, one of his village guides, who had been carrying a 100-pound pack of supplies, was overcome by malaria. Lt. Diebold stopped the procession, gave him atabrine and covered him with his own GI blankets.

The "jumping shavetail" still likes to be referred to as such, though he came out of the jungle one day recently and learned he could change the color of his bars from gold to silver. He received the Soldier's medal last month.

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Refuse to Theorize

Police declined to theorize
whether Miss Bauerdorf, daughter
of George J. Bauerdorf, former
Wall Street financier, had been
slain, pending the outcome of the
autopsy.

"I hope we'll be able to determine
exactly what caused her death at
the autopsy," Inspector William J.

home in Reno, Nev., where he has
extensive oil holdings, was away
on a trip and was not available
for comment.

Police said Miss Bauerdorf's bed-
room was disarranged but there was
no evidence of an intruder.

Blood Spots Found

The body was clad only in pajama
tops. The trousers were on the bed.

Described as Happy

Miss Bauerdorf was described by
Mrs. Rose Gilbert, secretary of her
father's local office, as a "happy
and free girl who had many boy
friends."

Inspector Penpraze said neighbors
told him she had been seen fre-
quently in the company of servicemen.

River Pollution Problem Faces City

Raessing Addresses Sewage Federation

Pittsburgh soon must decide what
to do about river pollution, Public
Works Director Frank M. Raessing
said yesterday, after attending the
opening session of the three-day
convention of the Federation of
Sewage Works Associations at the
William Penn Hotel.

"Pennsylvania still has a law on
the books which obligates the city
to construct a sewage disposal plant
to remove pollution from local rivers," Mr. Raessing said.

Construction has been blocked
because of the expense, which has
been estimated as high as \$5 mil-
lion dollars, he stated, adding:
"This is something the newspapers
will have to take sides on sooner
or later."

Dr. A. H. Stewart, state health
secretary, addressed the group,
urging immediate planning for
post-war safeguards against stream
pollution.

The Pennsylvania Sewage Works
Association is holding its 17th an-
nual conference here in conjunc-
tion with the 50th meeting of the
national group.

Aimee's Death Laid to Sedative

OAKLAND, Cal., Oct. 13 (UP)—
A formal pathologist's report to the
Alameda County coroner's jury said
today Aimee Sample McPherson,
Los Angeles evangelist, died of
shock and respiratory failure "due
to an overdose" of a sedative.

A half-filled bottle of sedative
tablets was found in the hotel room
where the evangelist died Sept. 21.

Dr. May Ruth Holdt presented
the findings of laboratory tests on
Mrs. McPherson's vital organs and
stomach contents. She said 1.05
grams of the sedative were found
in the body.

"This was enough to have a seri-
ous effect on a well person, as well
as on a person in her condition,"
Dr. Holdt said.

Planes and Barrage Down Flying Bombs

LONDON, Oct. 13 (UP)—A num-
ber of flying bombs were launched
against Southern England and the
London area from the North Sea
during the night but many of them
were destroyed by fighters and a
heavy barrage off the east coast.

One spectacular kill was made
when three fighters simultaneously
attacked a robot after it boomed
over an east coast town en route
to London and knocked it down in
open country where only damage
was to a few farm buildings.

Fox Chapel Officer Rescues Pilot After 45 Days in Jungle

Lt. Diebold Finds Author of Strange Note Swollen with Insect Bites, Waiting To Be Saved

A Fox Chapel glider pilot has dived into "hell" to
bring back the first American rescued from a Burma
jungle.

The exploit, which took 28-year-old Lt. William F.
Diebold from Sept. 4 to Sept. 13
to save the life of Lt. Greenlaw M.
Collins of New Orleans, began
when a native runner came to an
American camp and handed an
intelligence officer a note headed:
"Somewhere in Hell."

Pilot Wants Shoes

The note said:
"I am the pilot who crashed. . . .
I need a pair of GI shoes, quinine,
socks, cloth, soda for boils and for
infectious sores on my limbs off. I'd
like to borrow a blanket if you can
spare one. Cold. Cigarettes would be
nice. I'm ashamed for asking for
so much. Thanks for whatever you
can do."

The note sent two rescue parties
into a treacherous North Burma
jungle bordering the famous hump
of China, a labyrinthine denar-
ness from which no American ever
had escaped.

Air Paria Lands

While one rescue party traveled
by water and land, another set out
by air, but ahead of it was a
single plane from which Lt. Die-
bold parachuted into the jungle
carrying a walkie-talkie.
He found Lt. Collins in the green
mass, called the air party to the
spot, and had medical personnel
jump to the aid of the sick and
injured officer. They also brought
him that long awaited cigaret.

45 Days in Jungle

Lt. Collins had parachuted, with-
out weapons or provisions, into the
jungle on July 28, after his fighter
plane had gone into a spin.
His note had reached Army offi-
cials Sept. 4, and on Sept. 13 he
was carried from "somewhere in
Hell" to the safety of semi-civiliza-
tion.
After wandering 45 days in the
jungle, he emerged as a living
skeleton. He had resorted to eat-
ing leeches and had been eaten by
parasitic insects. But for the dar-
ing feat and amazing luck of Lt.
Diebold, he would have had almost
no chance of escape.

Has Young Daughter

Lt. Diebold is a son of Mr. and
Mrs. A. J. Diebold of Field Club Rd.
Fox Chapel, and was associated with
his father in the Forrest Lumber Co.
His wife, the former Peggy Latta,
lives with her parents, who divide
their time between Albany, N. Y.,
and their summer home on North
Drive, Fox Chapel Heights.
They have one daughter, Suzanne
Diebold, three years old.



LT. WILLIAM F. DIEBOLD
He dived into hell.

4 Draft Objectors Held For Grand Jury Action

Four conscientious objectors were
held for Federal Grand Jury action
after a hearing before a U. S. Com-
missioner today on charges that they
refused to work at conscientious
objectors' camp No. 16 at Kane, Pa.

In the first hearing of its kind
here the four men admitted that
they refused to do work at the
camp since last June because they
wanted their cases referred back to
their draft boards for reclassification.
They said that they were
improperly classified and should
have been given a 4-D, a minister's
classification. Instead of a con-
scientious objector's 4-E classifica-
tion.

They are:

Robert Leo Hoyle, 30, Copake,
N. Y.; Robert Lee Martin, 30, Bris-
tol, Va.; William J. Boylan, 23,
Newark, O., and Homer Luke
Daniel, 44, Negro, Lockland, O.
Daniel said that he should have
been released from the camp be-
cause of over-age.
Bond was set at \$200 each.