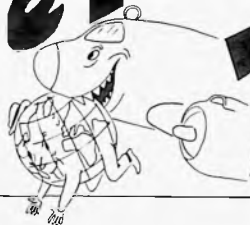


# Tiger King



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## Tigers Transport Strange Cargo

Everything from Hirohito's celebrated white horse to cellophane packed sardines and Elsie the Cow has been transported by Flying Tigers in domestic operations, it was recalled today in a resume of achievements depicting the amazingly rapid expansion of the company during its brief span of existence.

### ANYTHING, ANYWHERE, ANY TIME!

Pioneers in the field of "air-freighting," the company has already proven that no assignment in the sky is impossible to complete - no mission too difficult to accomplish!

### STRANGE CARGO

Perhaps, one of the most unusual "loads" was transported last fall when ELSIE THE COW was sent on a one month's tour by the Borden Company in a specially equipped Flying Tiger plane containing all the comforts of a Park Avenue boudoir.

Elsie retired to the privacy of the plane after each personal appearance and relaxed amid a fancy array of miladys hats and shoes and other items dear to a girl's heart including several in-

timate poses of her husband, ELMER!

Listed among the more recent orders were one thousand pounds of Krick weather reports shipped to Chicago on April 23; thousands of tons of merchandise and fixtures for Cleveland department stores, and a quantity of machinery shipped from Dayton for the Purux Company.

In addition to the above, five chartered planes carrying 110 leave-bound sailors took off from San Diego on April 15 for Chicago and Washington, D.C. Two more planes have also been chartered and will depart from San Diego on May 6 with 66 sailors on leave to eastern points.

A return trip for the latter group is scheduled for May 25 and May 26 with the Tigers. Arrangements to transport the boys were completed before they left Honolulu for the mainland and home.

## HAAS LOANED TO SWITZERLAND

That the Flying Tiger Line is now furnishing navigators to foreign governments, was revealed today in an exclusive story released by Chief Navigator Walter Hadel.

Pressed into temporary service for Switzerland is Navigator C. E. Haas who left yesterday in a new DC 4 from the Douglas Aircraft Company in Santa Monica for the purpose of surveying the North Atlantic air routes that Swissair, the government airlines, will fly on commercial operations between Zurich and New York City, Hadel stated.

Haas, who has six thousand hours of flight navigation to his credit, said to be one of the

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## TIGERS ESTABLISH RECORD!

In figures released today by officers of the company, it was revealed that since starting the ATC contract on January 15, this year, the Flying Tiger Line has flown more than two million, seven hundred thousand miles. In piling up this amazing mileage figure, the Tigers carried more than nine million tons of cargo which represented a total of fifteen thousand hours in flying time!

# Tiger Rag

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## WE DARE YOU TO!

Five Tiger Rag suggestion boxes are conveniently located in the Personnel and Administration Buildings, and the Domestic and ATC Hangars for use by all company employees.

THE FACT THAT ALL KEYS TO THE SUGGESTION BOXES HAVE BEEN MISPLACED - TEMPORARILY, WE HOPE, IS AN EMBARRASSING ONE TO SAY THE LEAST!

Nevertheless, considering that the missing keys may be recovered during a future excavation, we urge all employees to contribute their share in the way of suggestions for improving the Tiger Rag - your house organ.

For instance, do you like to read symposiums? If so, on what kind of subjects - your name 'em. Do you go for corny jokes or do you like the sophisticated kind?

Do you like racey cartoons or do you prefer regular pictures of persons and events? In other words, what is your reading pleasure? - - - GIVE!

## FIRST TRIP TO TOKYO

Seeing Tokyo for the first time was the thrill Navigator W. D. Brower had after getting his route check on the 24th of last month, came rumor reported.

## NEW TIGER EXECUTIVES

Edmund Kelly, well known pioneer in aviation circles, has been appointed general sales manager for the New York office.

M. L. Nicholson, former chief pilot for ATC, is the new superintendent of operations with headquarters in New York City, it was announced today.

## "WHAT A GAL" CORNELL

Gertrude H. Cornell, 25 year old attractive brunette secretary to Hickam's Station Manager, John M. Hann, and his assistant, J. Ament, has the enviable distinction of being the only girl employed by the Flying Tigers outside the country.

Flight crew personnel who visited the Burbank office between schedules recently, said Miss Cornell's attachment in Hickam made that over-seas station their favorite stop-over.

The congenial secretary is a native of Huntington, West Virginia. She became affiliated with the organization a little more than two months ago when she visited Hickam on a vacation and liked the atmosphere so well she decided to stay and go to work for the Tigers.

## A NEW FLYING TIGER

Visitors to the Accounting Department on April 8 were amazed to see all the girls smoking big black cigars and the boys eating chocolates donated by B. C. Green, credit and collection supervisor, in celebration of the birth of a bouncing seven pound future football star by the name of Bruce. Congratulations!

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Which two persons who work around the ATC Hangar are known as LAUREL AND HARDY? The answer will be disclosed in the May 16 issue of Tiger Rag - watch for it!

## THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY!

Each edition of Tiger Rag will feature a symposium of six opinions based on an amusing or educational question of popular interest.

The following answers were expressed on this issue's question which was suggested by Lenore Melideo of the Chief Flight Engineer's office:

"What would you do if suddenly handed one million dollars?"

**Emma Culty, 19, Personnel secretary:** "I'd buy a home and a big motor car, and then I'd go out and celebrate in a big way - after that, I would invest the balance and try to make it last as long as possible."

**Terry Smith, 20, secretary in Chief Pilot's office:** "Who wants a million dollars? - it would be a headache to have to handle all that dough!"

**Betty Lou Mooney, 19, secretary in Chief Flight Engineer's office:** "I'd embark on a world cruise with Paris my main point of interest; I would plan my trip so that I could travel part way by airplane and the rest via ocean liner."

**Richard North, 28, Chief Pilot's office:** "I'd give away my two old Cadillacs, and buy a brand new one. With the rest of the money, I'd purchase stock in the Flying Tiger Line."

**Eugene G. Head, 42, Superintendent Building Equipment:** "After I recovered from the initial shock, I'd put one half the money into charity-Children's Homes and the Salvation Army, for instance!"

**Lloyd Sherman, 25, Engineer:** "After buying a satisfying array of luxuries, I'd build the very finest photographic studio in the world!"

## PITTIS ALSO LOANED TO SWISS

An eleventh hour news tip today disclosed the fact that another FTL navigator, Robert E. Pettis, will leave May 6 to aid Swiss Government in establishing North Atlantic air routes.

Pettis, who has been appointed navigation instructor for Switzerland, will leave Santa Monica in a new DC 4.

A graduate of Harvard University where he majored in history and literature, Pettis served as political analyst in the Intelligence Department in Washington, D.C., following the war. He joined the organization on January 11, this year.

## THE BIRD'S FLYING LOW

It is rumored that Warren Slater, popular Flying Tiger navigator, and his Missus, are expecting an early visit from the bird who delivers precious bundles.

Whether the "bundle" is of the pink or the blue variety is of no particular consequence, the prospective Mom and Pop, who reside in Seal Beach, declared.

## TODAY'S THE DAY!

Today is the twentieth birthday of Emma Cully, Flying Tiger personnel clerk.

Bewildered male applicants received an extra smile from the young lady as she contemplated her first visit to Slapsy Maxie's Supper Club, wearing her first orchid given to her by her favorite young man.

## MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Even though she refused to divulge her age, Frances Gireaud, domestic operations detail clerk, did confess to celebrating her natal day on April 11th.

An evening of dinner and dancing at most of the popular night spots with a group of favorite friends, made the occasion an unforgettable one, Frances raved.

## "PASSPORT GENEVA"

Dame Rumor reports the job of issuing passports to be the most coveted position in the Personnel office - considering the sight of an ever increasing stream of good-looking pilots and first officers, etc., beating a path to the desk of lucky Geneva Schindele, attractive clerk assigned to the task.

Time was when the four other felines employed in the Personnel office thought all the whistling and wolf calls were aimed at them. Instead, however, investigation of the matter proved it is the lovely Miss Schindele who is receiving all the attention.

How about changing jobs with some of the rest of us Geneva? After all, we like 'em tall, dark, and handsome too!!!

## THIS WOLF CAN'T HOWL

Navigator R. W. Storey is reported recovering from a severe case of tonsillitis in Honolulu - which is a much better place to have the disease than perhaps Siberia.

Chief Walter Hadel's man was forced down when he became too ill to carry on, and Navigator John Grove was quickly dispatched as a replacement.



Tiger Rose, beloved feline pet of the ATC Hangar, is shown mothering her litter of five kittens which were born a little over three weeks ago. They have all been adopted by Hangar personnel.



The president of the company, Robert Prescott, and the president of the Flying Tiger Bowling League, Bill LeRocker, chief flight clerk with offices in the Personnel Building, are shown bowling with members of the League at the North Hollywood Bowling Alley.

## NEW BOWLING TEAM ADDED

Rivelly among members of the FTL Bowling League attained a new peak last night as the League completed its sixth week of competition, it was reported today by Marion Jensen, secretary.

Two new teams, Timber Wolves and Ground Loopers, captained by Gregory Brown and Merve Klemme, both of ATC, joined the League, and Bill LeRocker, president, predicted keener competition in the weeks to come. On the first night of bowling, Brown established a new high score of 212.

Harry Grant, manager of the North Hollywood Bowling Alley where the League meets each Thursday night at 8:45 p.m., was given a vote of appreciation last night for his cooperation in assisting the bowlers to organize.

**CORRECTION:** In the last issue of Tiger Rag, the league was erroneously quoted as NOT being company sanctioned. The item should have stated that the League IS company sanctioned but NOT sanctioned by the ABC.

## HAAS LOANED TO SWITZERLAND

highest in the country, has been granted a 30 day leave of absence. Our own navigation office will assist in laying out the new routes.

A graduate of Southwestern University where he studied law, Haas worked for Consolidated in San Diego from 1941 until 1942, with Consairway at Fairfield from 1942 until 1946 and with Pacific Overseas Airlines in Europe until February, this year, when he enlisted with the Flying Tigers.

Married and a resident of Los Angeles, he has an enviable record of achievement with eight years of Marine navigation and six years in air navigation, according to his chief.

## NAGS TO RIDE IN CONESTOGAS

A Flying Tiger Conestoga plane has been completely re-outfitted as a horse ship and is now ready for charter.

Up until recently, the animals were transported by the DC 3 ships only.

## DO YOU WANT THE TIGER RAG?

If you are interested in having this publication continued, please sign your name and clock number on the line below.

If you are not interested, no remarks are necessary. A lack of response will mean discontinuance of the house organ with this edition.

If you do sign, please put the coupon in an envelope addressed to the Personnel office.

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Clock No. \_\_\_\_\_

## THANK YOU, MR. JENKINS

We were delighted to hear from Ed Jenkins in answer to our request that he serve as correspondent for the New York office.

Quoting Mr. Jenkins: "Due to the huge personnel here in New York consisting of myself; Ted Kelley, Sales Manager of the Eastern Division; Helen Winand, Secretary for the office; Elmer Possinger, in charge of maintenance at Teterbore, and the four New York based crews, we have not been able to plan any social functions or sports events. However, aside from the facetiousness, we will be glad to forward any news items we feel worthy of your paper."

We say, "Thank you very much, Mr. Jenkins!"

## ARMY NEWS AND VIEWS

The Army now has three teams in the Flying Tiger Bowling League and the boys are really shaping up fine, according to our new Army correspondents, PFC Emery and Zaccagnini.

Try-outs for a soft ball team, suggested by Captain Melendez, are scheduled for an early date.

Four new officers and seven new enlisted men have been assigned to duties here and will be invited to join in all Army sports activities.

## NEW CHART NOW AT HICKAM

The new chart for over-water operations between Guam and Tokyo, which was prepared by the FTL Navigation Office under the direction of Walter Hadel, is now at Hickam Field where it is being considered by the Pacific Division.

Representing the first over-ocean chart prepared by the company, it will supplement the Army Air Forces navigation log charts, currently in use by Pacific Operations navigators, Hadel announced.

## KANSAS CITY NEWS TIPS

By Margaret Dorrance

Former domestic flight personnel will be interested in learning that Jack Stilbert and Don Clark have been checked out as captains.

Harold Kilian returned to Kansas City after his last New York flight looking much as if he had been bitten by an airplane.

We discovered that the New York company-owned Jeep in which he had been riding, was struck by an auto. The result of the impact bounced Harold off the windshield and out the door. He made a rapid recovery after 36 stitches were taken.

## KLAYTON KIDD RESIGNS

Klayton Kidd, popular assistant chief flight engineer, has resigned his position in order to resume his former duties with TWA.

The entire personnel of Charles Frederick's office paid tribute to the valuable work Kidd accomplished in operations since he joined the company in December of last year and expressed regret at his leaving.

## TRANSPORTATION SOUGHT

Emma Cuiilty of the Personnel Department needs a ride to work from the vicinity of her home near San Fernando Road and Mc Clary Street, San Fernando.

Miss Cuiilty, who works from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, may be contacted by telephone at the Personnel office. Off the record, she said she preferred riding with a tall dark and handsome male who has no attachments.

## FIGURINES HIS HOBBY

George Flock, employee of the Paint and Fabric Shop in the ATC Hangar, manufactures figurines as a hobby. Those interested in purchasing some of the items to use as gifts may place their orders with George now.