

Flying Tiger

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BURBANK OFFICES

The Swallows of Capistrano may make all the headlines by their migration on March 19th each year, but The Flying Tigers Executive Offices had their own migration this year, one day later, on March 20th, when they abandoned their winter quarters "over on the Circle" and moved into the offices formerly occupied by the A.T.C. Phone numbers and address will remain the same, but for visiting personnel there will no longer be the problem of transportation to "the other side of the field".

Operations and Dispatch are quartered in the quonset hut where loading and unloading is handled.

The employees of the Flying Tiger Line will be sorry to learn of the resignation of Fred Miller, who has been with the Company since its inauguration in 1945. In leaving the company to devote his time to a business venture in which he is vitally interested, he has left a message which he requested be sent through the medium of the NEWSLETTER.

"To All Employees of The Flying Tiger Line"

It is with sincere regret that I announce my resignation as Vice-President of Sales and Member of the Board of Directors of The Flying Tiger Line, effective March 22nd.

My original assignment with the company was for a period of one year during which time I was to devote my time and energy to developing airfreight volume. With the inauguration of C-54 service freight has built up to amazing proportions and many of the largest shippers in the country are utilizing Flying Tiger services exclusively. It indeed gives me a measure of satisfaction that the Company is now on its firmest foot-

In parting I would like to thank each employee for contributing to the growth of the line. Remember that it is only through the constant efforts of each department that the whole of "good customer service" is maintained. I also wish to congratulate the members of the Sales Department on the ever-increasing freight volume and to extend to them my thanks for their loyalty and cooperation.

As in the past I shall continue to keep a deep interest in the future of the company.

Sincerely,

S/Fred A Miller

CALIFORNIA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

George Cussen has accepted an invitation to serve on the Air Cargo Project Committee of the California Aeronautics Commission. He will represent the air cargo interests of the Flying Tigers.

The Project Committee has been formed to undertake the coordination of all agencies interested in air cargo development and for the general advancement of air transportation in California. The President's Air Policy Commission recognizes that the development of air cargo is related to National Defense and the building of adequate and efficient cargo liners and the testing of these in peacetime is of vital importance to our national security and welfare.

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CALIFORNIA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

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The California Aeronautics Commission is undertaking a thorough study and analysis of the problems involved in the development of air cargo in California. The Project Committee has been formed to assist in the elimination of obstacles to early achievement of a vigorous air cargo transport system. It is believed that the State's resources and facilities will be placed behind the findings of the Committee.

SALES DEPARTMENT BU

An encouraging note is sounded with the report of a decided improvement in freight volume during the first three weeks of March. Combined stations showed an increase of 188,934 ton miles carried over the same period for last month.

While this increase is encouraging it is still the immediate objective to increase the volume to put two schedules a day into operation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Requests for speakers from The Flying Tigers are coming into the office in increasing numbers. The past week has resulted in four assignments for the Lions and 20-30 Clubs to be filled by George Cussen, Robert Woodworth, Len Kimball and Blair Smith. These educational talks are enlightening the many people who are becoming aircargowise.

CLEVELAND

Don R. McKay, appointed Harold C. Thompson as City Manager for the Tigers in Cleveland and opened offices at 1103 Standard Building. Mr. Thompson has 20 years experience in freight transportation in the Cleveland area and is well qualified to represent the Company in that City.

Page 2 ELUSIVE ELECTRICIAN

Over in Engine Build-up Geraldine Buchanan, the other member of FTL's over-all team, was run to earth and in between fixing electrical harnesses it was learned that she acquired her fondness for fixing things around airplanes while serving with the Civil Air Patrol where she received training as engine and aircraft electrician.

During the hectic days of 1941-43 Geraldine was in CAP communications and also flew as observer on Pacific Coast Patrols. Enlisting in the W.A.C. in 1943 she was assigned as Technical Adviser to the Pacific Order of Battle (Air) in Washington with the rating of Technical Sargeant.

Although she has piloted Cubs and Fairchilds and has achieved a certain distinction by being the only woman mechanic with the Flying Tigers she still has to learn to cook.

MAINTENANCE

The adventures of "Sky Tiger" o83 can now be told. It appears that a small underground creek that runs under the runway at Santa Maria Airport had excavated a sizeable hole under the pavement where Captain Doug Robins was running up the engines prior to take-off. With the few feet of apparently solid paving rendered definitely unairplaneworthy o83 sank through the top crust to the creek bed below coming to rest on two props. Quick action on the part of the crew, Doug Robins and C.W. Hicks, resulted in a minimum of damage to the airplane.

Buck Buchanan rushed two complete propellers, and miscellaneous gear, including 6 inflation bags, loaned to the Tigers by Lockheed Aircraft (for information as to the use of this last equipment see Aviation Maintenance Magazine March 1948) to raise the ship out of the hole. 48 hours later o83 was ferried, gear down, by Captain Cliff Groh and First Officer Ed McDermot with Al Goldberg as Flight Engineer, back to Burbank. With Bucks crew right on the job it is anticipated that o83 will be on the regular run again tonight.

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The Indamera Corporation has purchased 4 surplus DC-3's from the Company, three of which are to be "plushed". Al Goldberg reports the re-hiring of 35 former Tiger A & E men to do the job.

PERSONALS

It was with regret that the Company heard of the death of Wiley A Garber in the Army plane crash last March 21st at Woodland, Washington. Mr Garber was associated with Colonel Thornquist of the A.T.C. from March 1947 to February 1948 and had been at Fairfield only 2 weeks prior to the crash.

A new little Tigerette, Cathy Sue Grace, winged into the home port of Paul Grace, Chief of Inspection, on March 12th.

CHICAGO

Possibly on the theory that if you catch them young you can train them right Bob Anderson is sponsoring a troop of Boy Scouts in Chicago, known as the Flying Tiger Troop, and in this connection has obtained some very nice publicity including an 8" x 10" picture in the Chicago Daily News, showing his troop beside one of the "Sky Tigers".

SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Sales Office now boasts a "staff" in the person of Mrs. Vivian Sussdorff, who performs the duties of Secretary for both the Tigers and Travel Time, with which company we also share offices.

NEW YORK

George Dart has been appointed New York Sales Manager and took over his duties upon resignation of Ed. Jenkins. Mr Dart brings to The Tigers the benefit of 18 years experience in the transportation business in New York State.

BLUE CROSS INSURANCE

As yet, we do not have the required 75% of employees signed up for Blue Cross Hospitalization and Surgical Insurance.

If you have not sent in your application card to PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT BU, please do so AT ONCE.

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