# Lowell Smith's Boyhood Pranks and Early Life Fitted Him tor Courageous Nerve-Racking Task of Piloting Flagship on Historic Air Voyage

Commander of World Flight Shocked Rangers in Sierras When, as Fire Patrol Pilot, He Climbed Out on His Speeding Ship's Wing to Adjust Radio and Re-Establish Communication.

(Continued From Page One.) Angeles and landed a job as a me molished and did not burst into chanic in an automobile repair shop, flames. but soon gave it up to join Villa's Bystanders ran over, expecting to army in Mexico.

cinating character, a genuine ideal to hear "Smitty's" voice coming from ist fighting for the peons. Villa's under the debris assuring them that army, according to Lowell Smith, had he wasn't even scratched, but would the best morale, the best esprit de be deeply indebted to them if they corps, that he has ever seen before would lift the plane off his neck.

Villa had an air service consisting continental reliability and endurance of three planes piloted by three Amer- contest from San Francisco to New ican soldiers of fortune. Lowell York and return. On this flight he Smith was the engineering officer at broke one record when he reached tached to the squadron. But when Chicago as the first person ever to one plane collided with an adobe hut arrive in the Windy City from San and the second was riddled with bull Francisco by air. But an unfortunate lets and the third took a nose dive accident happened to him in Buffalo, into the ground, Villa's air service where his much beloved Bluebird was vanished into thin air and Smith destroyed by fire while he was absent came north and went to work on the from the flying field.
"Betty O'Neal," a silver mine at Battle mountain, Nevada.

war, he went to San Francisco, angled fame came when he conceived the his way into the air service, took a seemingly mad idea of refueling from special course in aeronautics at the one plane to another in midair with assigned first to Rockwell field, near San Diego, and then to Kelly field in Texas.

As everybody knows, it is an exceedingly dangerous thing for two air-

wouldn't let him go to France, but 70 to 150 miles an hour. And if so kept him as an instructor. When he eventually did arrange to get overseas he arrived too late and merely stayed in England for a short course in handling Handley-Page bombing

Led Forest Fire Patrol.

Returning to America he was put in charge of the airplane forest fire patrol work in California, Washington and Oregon. In the dry season in these states when fierce fires constantly menace the timber lands Lowell Smith and the men of his squadron day after day cruised up and down the backbone of the Sierras and Cascades. It was only once in a blue moon that they ever saw a spot even half large enough to come down on in case of a forced landing. Below them were jagged peaks and

cliffs. On either side of the mountains were the forests of giant trees that they were guarding.

But only once in his four years of forest fire patroling did any member of his squadron have a forced landing. There were no fatalities. In the course of a single year he and his fellow pilots spotted 600 fires and flashed the news by radio to the forest

of nonchalance and daring. that time he had had a perfect record for radio communication between his plane and the ground. This day he happened to have a forest ranger along as passenger. Suddenly the



Lieut Lowell Smith

pilot of another plane in the squadron saw Smith's ship go through a series of eratic maneuvers. Something had gone wrong with the radio ap paratus and Smith, turning the con trol of the plane over to the ranger, who had never flown before in his life, climbed far out on the wing, kicked the guard from the generator propeller, and clambered back into the cockpit again just in time to keep the

Photo shows Jasper Smith, father of Lieut. Lowel Smith (commander of the 'round-the-world flight) as he gave a speech of welcome to the airmen on their arrival at San Diego, Cal., Oc-

ship from going into a tailspin in the trembling hands of the terrified

Saved Government Millions. "Had to keep up communication," was "Silent" Smith's laconic exclamaation when they got down.

Under Smith's leadership this aerial forest fire patrol saved the govern ment many millions of dollars' worth of the most valuable timber in America and gave Smith his first import ant training in cross-country flying and navigation, a training that later enabled him to accomplish the seemingly impossible when he led a squad ron of world cruisers across strange continents, for thousands of miles over billowy cloud-seas where n plane had passed before, and all the way round the globe without once

getting off the course. Milk of Magnesia prescribed by physi-On another occasion a wing, probably due to some hidden fault in con- cians for 50 years. Protect your do struction, crumpled up on him while tor and yourself by avoiding imitain the air over the city of Portland. tions of the genuine "Phillips." He was not flying very high, so when | 25-cent bottles, also 50-cent bottles, one plane hit the ground, although it contain directions-any drug store.

smashed up, it was not entirely de-

find Smith either dead or seriously He found the bandit general a fas- injured. But they were nonplussed In 1919 he took part in the trans-

Refueled Planes in Midair.

In 1917, when America entered the However, his first real claim to

He showed such a natural aptitude Both are usually hurtling through for flying that for a long time they the air at a speed of anywhere from



Father of Lieutenant Smith Addresses Fliers at San Diego.

It was while in command of this is almost certain to result. fire patrol that "Silent" Smith gave Secondly, it seemed absurd to most engine. Sixteen different times conone of his most famous exhibitions people to think of two planes flying tact was established between Smith

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## Smith Greets Parents on Return



ROUND-THE-WORLD FL IERS REACH SAN DIEGO. The round-the-world fliers reach ed Rockwell field, San Diego, where their machines were put through me chanical tests prior to the hopoff six months ago, on September 22, This picture shows Lieut. Lowell Smith, commander of the flight, greeted by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Smith, just after their arrival at Rockwell field,

at high speed and attempting to keep and Richter and a refueling plane together long enough for any appre- From 50 to 100 gallons of gas were lable quantity of gas and oil to be transferred nearly every time. catch a rope ladder and change get feed for the birds."

But, as usual, Smith had thought he matter out before he said anything about it, and knew whereof ne spoke. He and his fellow pilot, Lieut. John Paul Richter, remained aloft in their De Haviland all through the day from dawn to dark, all through that night and even through the sec

Never once during all this time did either of them have a moment's chance to sleep. They were fed, watered, oiled, and gasolined by means of a little hose dangling from another plane. The first time they attempted to make contact with the hose sheer luck saved them from going up in

Richter caught the nozzle in hi hand and accidentally turned it too quickly, with the result that he was drenched by a stream of gasoline. happens to touch the other a tragedy But Dame Fortune smiled upon them that day and not a drop landed on the

transferred. Airmen had discovered The aviators indicated when they 50 gallons a minute. The full moon that it was a mighty risky and dif- were hungry by rubbing their stom- was just going down behind the ficult thing for two planes even to achs and opening their mouths so mountains of British Columbia when keep one above the other long enough that a pilot of another plane flying they started the fight, and as they to enable one harebrained birdman to near by saw them and descended "to approached the desert of northern

wrench until the sputter was elim-

the Tiajuana river, when a hard blow from Smith's wrench again cleared the dirt and with the throttle wide open they ascended to safety and town, nor other landmark to guide ontinued their gruelling flight.

world records for distance, speed, and their cockpits far below they saw the knew that they could rely absolutely They remained in midair, shack of the Indian guide, traveling at an average speed of 88.50 They actually covered twice the disflight of Alcock and Brown.

Shortly after this Smith and Richter ained more fame on their "dawn to dusk" flight, from Canada to the Mexican border. This also was a nonstop refueling affair. For 12 hours they sat in their cockpits as they flew 1,280 miles over Washington, Oregon, and California at an average speed of better than 100 miles an

Supply planes met them at Eugene and Sacramento. Through an inch and a half refueling hose they refilled their gas tanks at the rate of Mexico that same old full moon was All during the night they had fog there to greet them and cast a bril-

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scending for supplies. sode in Smith's meteoric flying career prior to the world flight was in 1922, when he set out with a squadron of clanes from San Diego in search of colonel Marshall and Lieutenant Webber, who had mysteriously disapto add to their difficulties, and twice peared while flying above the desert before dawn they narrowly escaped en route to Huhuachuca, Ariz., and disaster. The first time the motor whose charred remains eventually began to sputter Smith's trained ear were found in the Cuyamaca mountold him there was dirt in the feed tains.

pipe. Picking up his spotlight, he Smith's objective on this desert smashed it against the pipe in an flight was the hut of an old Indian attempt to jar the dirt loose, and then guide. Nothing much was known he kept tapping the pipe with a about the Indian except that he lived "somewhere about 110 miles southwest of Nogales." With the vaguest Early the next morning the drain possible description of the country to on the feed pipe again clogged and guide him, "Silent" Smith led the the plane dropped 800 feet and came way from San Diego across barren within a few yards of plunging into mountains and desert valleys off to the uninhabited southwest

Indian Hut Sighted.

Rarely in the history of cross-coun- gaged in such hazardous enterpri equal this, except on the recent world hardships and dangers so easy to face

niles an hour, for thirty-six hours. try flying has there been a feat to there is nothing that makes all t ance of the non-stop transatlantic flight, when "Silent" Smith led his as implicit faith in one's leader squadron of world cruisers through History tells us that Daniel Boon

off the Siberian coast.



There was neither railroad, river, quick to think, but slow to speak. In many ways this young Califorhim, yet at the end of an hour and nia-bred descendant of Daniel Boone It was one of the most sensational a half Smith's plane made a sudden made the ideal leader for the world and dramatic flights in the history of dive and when the airmen followed flight. On all matters pertaining to aviation. They established eight and looked over the metal edges of aerial navigation his fellow airmen upon his judgment. And to men engaged in such hazardous enterprise

liant light over the flying field at fog and uncharted seas to the islands in addition to being a great hunter "Silent" Smith is a tall, dark com- id explorer, was "mild mannered

ing way of looking through you. air, is likewise all of these, Perhaps the most illuminating epi- About his lips there lurks a whimsi- Fascinating and thrilling though the career of "Silent" Smith has been. the adventures of Erik Nelson, the

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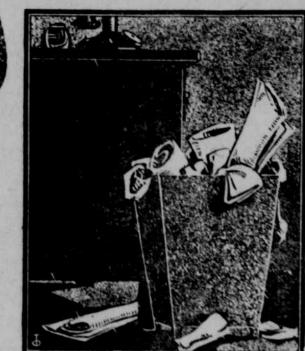
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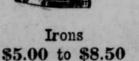
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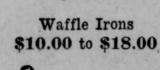
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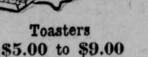














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