DANGEROUSLY DARTING FROM THRILL TO THRILL, PILOT OFFICER CLAUDE WEAVER OF THE R.C.A.F. LEARNED HOW TO STARE DEATH STRAIGHT IN THE FACE—AND TURN AWAY SMILING!

ON FEBRUARY 13, 1941, CLAUDE WEAVER ENLISTED IN THE R.C.A.F. FROM OKLAHOMA CITY, EH? YOU CAME A LONG WAY TO ENLIST IN THE WAR, WEAVER!

YES, SIR, AND I CAME AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!

TEN MONTHS LATER, IN ENGLAND...

YOU ARE TO BE ASSIGNED TO A SPITFIRE, WEAVER, GOOD LUCK!

THANK YOU, SIR. THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.

SOON AFTER, IN THE MEDITERRANEAN THEATER...

SO THIS IS JERRY! WELL, HERE'S MY CALLING CARD.
He quickly established himself as a high-ranking ace, with nine 'sures'. Then...

Chalk up number ten with this one!

But, during a dog fight over Malta...

I'd better get out fast. Here's hoping for a happy landing!

Looks like number eleven will have to wait till I get a new plane.

I feel kind of wobbly. Guess I'll head for the infirmary.

Later that day...

You've got a bad case of jaundice, nurse. Have pilot officer Weaver assigned to an isolation ward.

You can't do that to me, Doc! I'm just starting to go to work on the Jerries!

Upon recovery, Weaver was assigned to the attack on Sicily.

I'll bet it feels good to be getting back into action again, Weaver!

And how! My trigger finger's been itching for another crack at those Nazis!

Late July, 1943, over Sicily a Messerschmitt got on his tail.

Wow! My planes on fire!
WEEVER WAS TAKEN TO A PRISON CAMP.

THE CHOW’S NOTHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT. WHAT ARE THE CHANCES FOR AN ESCAPE?

THIS CAMP’S A TOUGH NUT TO CRACK, BUT I’M WITH YOU.

AFTER THREE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS...

NOW’S OUR CHANCE. LET’S GO.

WE’D BETTER STEP ON IT. THOSE GUARDS’LL MISS US ON THE MORNING CHECK-UP!

THEY WON’T CATCH US THIS TIME. ALL WE NEED IS A DONKEY, A DISGUISE, AND A COMPASS—and I KNOW WHERE TO GET THEM.

WE HAVE ONLY ONE MULE—BUT YOU GENTLEMEN CAN HAVE HIM.

THAT’S THE SPIRIT! TRY TO DIG US UP A COUPLE OF STICKS AND THOSE FUNNY LITTLE CAPS THEY WEAR AROUND HERE.
SURE WAS NICE OF THEM TO HELP US OUT THIS WAY!

YEAH, MOST OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO BE ON OUR SIDE IN THIS WAR. ILL GET THEY WILL BE, SOMEDAY.

AFTER TEN DAYS OF HARDSHIPS AND NEAR STARVATION...

HI THERE, SOLDIER! WHICH WAY IS THE NEAREST MESS HALL?

MESS HALL? YOU BOLES LOOK AS IF YOU NEED A HOSPITAL!

WHEN DO YOU SUPPOSE WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE, WEAVER?

I'M READY TO GET BACK AT JERRY RIGHT NOW!

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