

REVIEWS

THE LIVES OF A BENGAL LANCER

By Francis Yeats-Brown

"The Lives of a Bengal Lancer" is really an unusual book. In its sense as a biography, it is thrillingly alive; as a tale of travel and lands far away, it is entrancing in its vividness and reality; as a story of adventure and action, it is in a class of its own.

To indicate how an author could treat his subject matter in such a varied manner and still enhance it with the most desirable features of each classification is perhaps best done by an analysis of his method. Yeats-Brown has the power of complete absorption and concentration. When it's polo or pig-sticking, it's that — with plenty of quotation marks, dashes, sharp-bitten words, flying dust, written to the cadence of the beat of horses' hoofs. When it's fighting in the Indian hills or the Arabian desert, it's that — yelling men, crash of gunfire, killing, maiming, terror. When it's time to tell of his prison life in Constantinople, we get it — stark misery, privation, disease, filth, heart-rendering agonies. And finally, when he tells us of his quest for the meaning of the mystic faith of Yoga, we are led slowly and calmly, step-by-step just as he was, into the realm of the imagination.

So you see the reason for the title, "Lives of a Bengal Lancer." Lives they were, all of them interesting. To me, the most entrancing of them was the last; that of a hard-riding English Major as an Indian mystic. Sounds a bit cock-eyed, doesn't it? Then blame your reviewer for his inability to provide the background that in the book itself makes the apparent incongruity a quite natural step, brought about by strange conditions working on an intelligent and sensitive mind. The author offers as an excuse or apology his desire for recording a Hindu philosophy which the people of all the world need, but from his forceful, really inspired "recording" we see that there is something more. Without doubt it is reverence, convincing and beautiful. He makes us see that it should be.

Yoga, the orderly process of self-realization from without, is no danger new to the western world since the advent of psychoanalysis. This faith, practiced for thousands of years in India, has as its object a mental outreaching to attain the qualities of forbearance, courage, concentration, self-control, and faith. We may be befuddled by the expressions of ideas in the Indian manner, by "individual souls communing with the cosmos," "the writhing self the reflection of the true Self," "the confident serenity of Unity." We may

NEW BOOKS

Lives of a Bengal Lancer
F. C. Yeats-Brown

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John Mcsefield

They Climbed the Alps
Edwin Muller

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Under the North Pole
G. H. Wilkins

Social Orchestra To Begin Practice

Another of the musical organizations breaks into full swing when Stresses and Strains holds its first meeting and practice for the year tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Assembly Hall. Although many of last year's men will be back, there are vacancies to be filled due to graduation. First year men and new students who play instruments are urged to attend and try for a position in the orchestra. For further particulars, new men may consult Andy Weston, Jimmy Clear, Dave Cornwell and Stan Grundstrom.

The annual battle between the lawyers and engineers at the University of Missouri is called a football game to prevent intervention.

be amused by the physical exercises attendant upon its practice: standing on one's head, rapid and deep breathing until the pulse rises above 140, shakings and writhings. But the aims we certainly can appreciate; there is nothing far-fetched or impractical about them.

"The Lives of a Bengal Lancer" is the sort of thing we all like to read. You may go through it in an hour or two and enjoy some exciting adventure but if you take a few days to do the job a little more carefully, there is going to be one more enthusiastic admirer of this book. As you wish.

Morton Fagen.

P. C. HUNTLY NOW CONDUCTING TEST UPON AUTO TIRES

Professor P. C. Huntly has been busily engaged for the last three months on a tire test at Akron.

The test has been running since the 30th of July. There are six automobiles making the test, namely, a Lincoln, a large Nash, large Chrysler, Hupmobile, small Chrysler, and a small Nash. The cars are run twenty-four hours a day and each car carries a set of five tires, each of a different make. The tests will be conducted until three sets of tires or fifteen tires per car have been worn out.

The 385 miles used as testing ground is in the near vicinity of Akron, Ohio, where driving conditions are found that are on the average found anywhere, both in road conditions and in traffic. There are about twenty-three men working on these tests. Twelve of these men are drivers, who work in twelve hour shifts.

In addition to the road tests, there are also laboratory tests being made on one-hundred sixty tires. These tires are put under complete physical and chemical tests in the laboratory.

Next week the fleet of cars will move on to Phoenix, Arizona where the tests will be continued during the winter months. The course traversed in Arizona will be from Phoenix to

FRATERNITY NOTES

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

Brother "Mac" Larkin, '31, was seriously injured in an automobile accident a week ago. He has the wish of a speedy recovery from every Phi Kap as well as former classmates and instructors.

Brother "Walt" King has left Chicago with his bride of a few months to take a position in Nebraska.

TRIANGLE

Last Saturday saw the holding of the annual Firemans' Ball at the Illinois chapter of Triangle. Several of the fellows went down to attend the affair and reported having a fine time, which also included a football game.

Friday night a smoker and get-together was held at the house. Nearly the whole chapter attended and an enjoyable evening was spent playing cards, pool, and telling stories.

SIGMA ALPHA MU

Sigma Epsilon of Sigma Alpha Mu takes pleasure in announcing the pledging of the following men:

Bernard Abrams, C.E., '35.
Irving Addis, Arch., '35.
Stanley Bernstein, C.E., '35.
Melvin Grossman, Arch., '35.
Isadore Shapiro, Arch., '35.

DELTA TAU DELTA

Last Friday evening, Norman MacLeod, president of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, was at the house for dinner and the evening.

Gamma Beta Chapter takes pleasure in announcing the pledging of Ray Kellogg, Arch '35.

We are glad to announce that Robert Cheatham, a Chi Psi architect from North Carolina, is now living at the house.

BETA PSI

Now that rushing is over and conditions are returning to normal, old Demon Homework again rules supreme. In spite of his return, the ping-pong table is in constant use, and we expect to issue a challenge to all houses as soon as the team is organized.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the pledging of R. H. Wittekindt, Ch. E. '35.

Washington State College is said to report that college yells and cigarettes are bringing about a definite lowering of girls' voices.

Sophomore Chemical Alarms Classmates

There wasn't enough excitement in the lives of the sophomore chemicals. Things were going along too smoothly for their buoyant nature. The result—a piping hot fire.

It was shortly after 3 P. M. last Tuesday when Dan Mullane, the first aspirant for a Schmier Chemiker award, started the commotion. The alarm was given with a loud cry of "fire", that penetrated the entire fourth floor. Captain Frank Cerman led his trusty squad to the scene of action and subdued the mighty flames single-handed.

The only casualty of the afternoon was the slightly burned forearm of the aforementioned Mullane, also a broken Ginsky tube which has a price of \$5.00 on its head.

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