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NOTE: This manuscript was found among the ruins of a civilization existing around the year 8000 A.D. The monumental excavations to which it refers have been completely obliterated. For this reason, it is particularly interesting to historians of the present day, as no further works on the subject can be found. The exact site of the excavations is not certain, but it is believed to be somewhere on the continental shelf of the island now known as Africa.

Perhaps one of the finest examples of this desert architecture which still stands today is the great pyramid of Killer Kane. Rising out of the sands some thirty miles southeast of the city of Tobruk, Libya, it stands as a landmark for all private and commercial air traffic crossing the Great Western Desert.

It was begun in 1943 A.D. and completed some thirty years later. The idea for the huge pyramid was conceived by the great Killer Kane as a sort of O.T.U. program for his band of Second Lieutenants, a race of white nomads which is now extinct. It is said that the great Leader believed that the men in his band required some sort of work to occupy their minds while they were not participating in one of their frequent aerial engagements, for which the white men of that era were so famous.

This magnificent structure was built entirely of shell fragments taken from the wings and fuselages of B-24s, as the small war machines of that age were called. The labor used in the building was entirely manual and supplied by Second Lieutenants, the humblest of his subjects.

Historians who have examined manuscripts and writings taken from the excavations, report the following findings:

There seems to have been a legend among the Second Lieutenants that after participating in several thousand of their aerial battles, a group of men known as replacements (a person or persons of similar training for a similar purpose) would come and work in their place. (No basis for this belief was found by the Historians) They also believed that they would be sent to a mythical land called "America". To these men "America" was a sort of paradise of happy hunting ground, although just what they were supposed to hunt is still obscure. It is said that they sometimes went into the nearby city of Cairo to do their hunting, but either never found what they were hunting for, or were not satisfied when they found it.

Thousands of tiny vari-colored ribbons known as DFCs have been found among the ruins. The warriors believed that they could use these to help lure their game or prey when they reached the happy hunting ground. Some of the braves carrying their ribbons made expeditions to nearby Cairo to test their effectiveness, but finding the natives there wearing them for costume decorations, they soon returned and stored them in the Pyramid for use in “American”.

(Tourist visiting the Great Pyramid of Killer Kane are warned not to mistake ribbons which as being sold by the natives as genuine DFCs taken from the excavations, as all of the original DFCs worn by the Second Lieutenants are in museums.)

Workmen digging among the ruins recently unearthed a long cylindrical box bearing the strange inscription, “Spam”. One worker accidentally drove his pick into the thin casing and was overcome by some foul odor. Whether this was the remains of one of the Second Lieutenants, or an ancient gas bomb has not yet been determined, but chemists are making a thorough analysis. Its possibility of being a gas bomb has been discounted in most circles because no form of detonator could be found. If, however, it proves to be then remains of one of the Second Lieutenants, scientists may learn much in the art of embalming as the substance is well preserved.

Among the things most interesting to historians are the various trinkets found within the vaults. By far the most numerous of these are the small silver bars which hundreds have been found. A few pieces of silver in the form of double bars and one or two golden oak leaves have also been found. These are believed to have belonged to another tribe known as “Captains” and “Majors”. Authorities believe that these Tokens represented the dreams of the Second Lieutenants but do not think that another tribe actually existed. At any rate, no signs of their civilization or culture have yet been unearthed.

The summit of the huge pyramid is topped by a giant spread eagle, the significance of which is still in question. As no fact in this respect has been established, it is the purpose of this book to present both schools of thought to the reader. Some historians believe that the great eagle represents the dreams of the Mighty Kane, who held complete sovereignty over all his subjects. Others believe that an eagle flying across the great strip of nothing which is the Western Desert, stopped to rest atop the huge monument, and gazing down, was petrified at what he saw.