

## Unknown Artist "Air Corps Lament"

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AIR CORPS LAMENT

Mine eyes have seen the days of men who ruled the fighting sky

With hearts that laughed at death and lived for nothing but to fly

But now those hearts are grounded and those days are long gone by

The force is shot to hell!

cho: Glory . . . flying regulations

Have them read at every station

Crucify the man who breaks one

The force is shot to hell!

My bones have felt their pounding throb. a hundred thousand strong

A mighty airborne legion sent to right the deadly wrong But now it's only memory, it only lives in song

The force Is shot to hell!

I have seen them in their T-bolts when their eyes were dancing flame

I've seen their screaming power dives that blasted Goering's name

But now they fly like sissies and they hang their heads in shame

Their spirit's shot to hell!

They flew B-26's through a living hell of flak

And bloody, dying pilots gave their lives to bring them back

But now they all play ping pong in the operations shack Their technique's gone to hell!

Yes, the lordly Flying Fortress and the Liberator too Once wrote the doom of Germany with contrails in the blue

But now the skies are empty and our planes are wet with dew

And we can't fly for hell!

One day I buzzed an airfield with another happy chap We flew a hot formation with his wingtip in my lap But there's a new directive and we'll have no more of THAT!

Or you both will burn in Hell!

Hap Arnold built a fighting team that sang a fighting song

About the wild blue yonder in the days when men were strong

But now we're closely supervised for fear we may do

The force is shot to hell!

final cho: Glory! No more regulations!

Rip them down at every station!

Ground the guy that tries to make one!

And LET US FLY LIKE HELL!

From There I Was...Flat On My Back, Bob Stevens

tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic

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