

The TRUTH About LOUIE

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LOUIS PAUL ISSOGLIO was born in 1913, a native Californian of Italian parentage, in Lincoln Heights, Los Angeles, Calif. His birthplace was also the place he went to high school and got his first real job at seventeen as a structural steel worker on the new General Hospital.

At nineteen, in 1932, he was working on Boulder Dam as a structural steel worker, no small indication of his maturity and general hardihood.

In *Fortune Magazine* of September 1, 1933, his picture was published as typical of the worker on the Dam.

Fortune was mistaken, as magazines often are, in its estimate in this instance of Louis, because he proved to be no average worker. To quote from its description of the average worker—

"He is sentimental, literate; he does not believe he will be anything better than he is and isn't trying regardless of the school books, the adage to 'make your spare time pay' and the example of Abe Lincoln."

Louis certainly made a liar out of whoever wrote that article because, in late 1933, he joined the Marine Corps and became an airplane mechanic. In 1934 he was temporarily detached to the Navy Advanced Technical Aircraft Engineering School for one year, thus pulling a modernized version of Abe Lincoln, since it isn't the average enlisted man who is sent to a government technical training school at government expense.

When Louis finished this training, he made several cruises among which was one crossing the equator on the Naval Aircraft Carrier *Lexington* and on which occasion he was duly initiated into the order of "Shellbacks." Louis was an aerial gunner during



this period attached variously to the *Lexington* and *Saratoga* and on these ships "made" Honolulu, Manila, Panama and Shanghai, to speak in service jargon.

Out of the Marine Corps, Louis went to work for Douglas Aircraft in 1937 where he worked on the B-18 and B-18A as inspector for their hydraulic fuel systems.

From Douglas, Louis went to Lockheed in '38 where he was final assembly and flight inspector.

In '39 Vultee had Louis in charge of Experimental Tooling Liaison—and in '40 he went to Aircraft Accessories as Inspector in charge of Final Assembly.

Shortly after coming to Adel in '41, Louis became father to the tune of Louis Paul III.

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