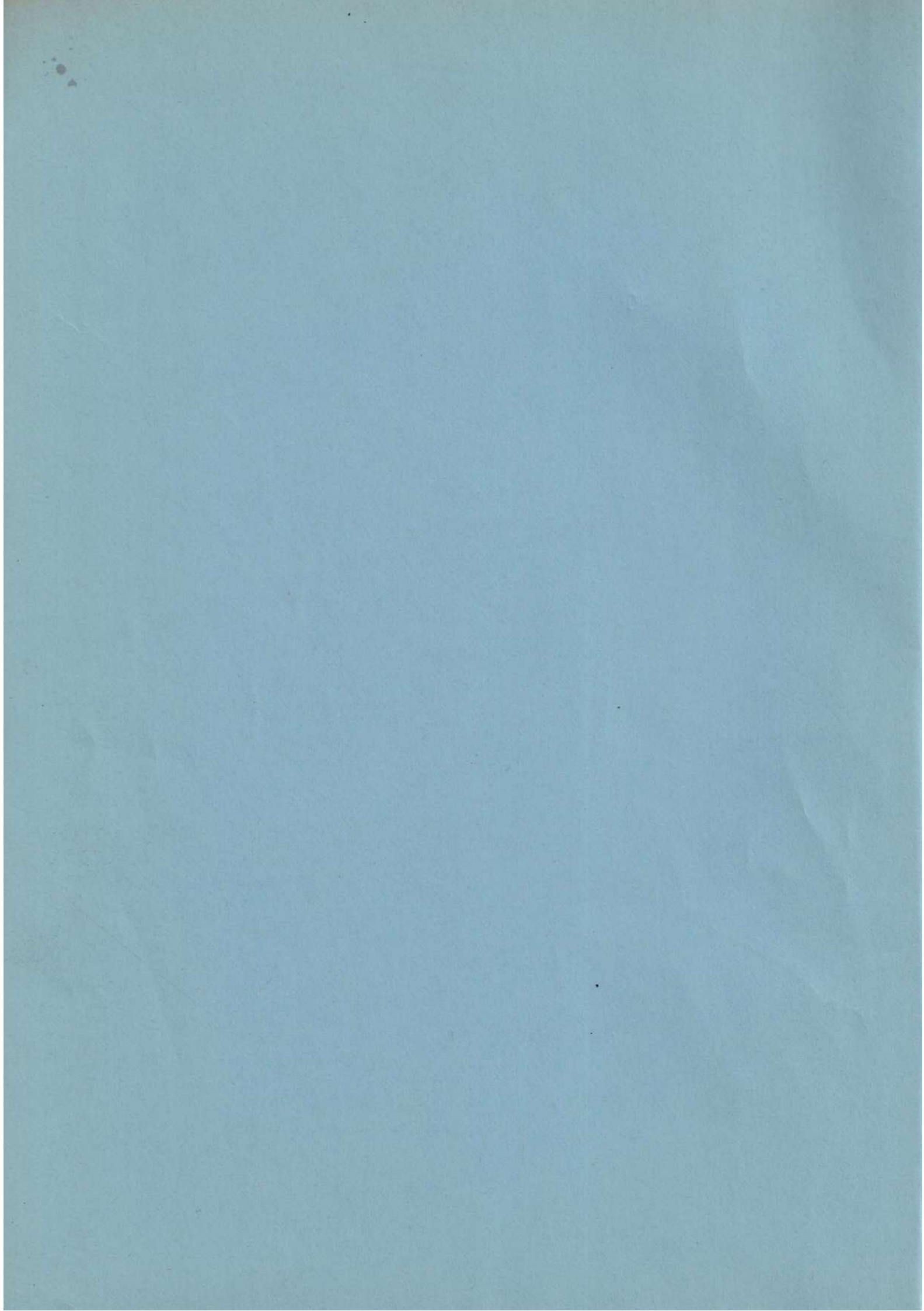
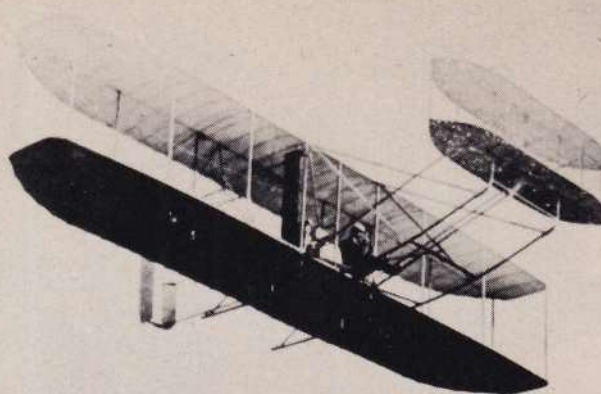


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fifty-two years ago over the wind-swept slopes of kitty hawk, a frail bi-plane carried an air pioneer a mere 40 yards. the wrights, with their eyes on the sky, met the challenge of flight.

today's airmen, steeped in the same tradition, travel at sonic speeds throughout the globe. yesterday's people of distant foreign lands have become the next-door neighbors of america. the earth has shrunk, but the frontier of the sky remains limitless.

flyng training air force takes this nation's young air pioneers and qualifies them to meet the challenge of this last frontier -- we say to them, "join us in this great fraternity of the sky."





The modern jet aircraft is the result of the vision of our air pioneers. Far-sighted young men, engaged in the business of flying these jets today, foresee even greater air progress in the future.

These young men come to us from all phases of our American life: our colleges, our high schools, our military academies. Flying Training Air Force is charged with the responsibility of molding them into skilled pilots and observers. In addition to these demanding tasks, these young men must learn to measure up to the exacting standards of an Air Force officer. Their technical skills and their ability to lead make the strong air arm this nation relies on.

This booklet is designed to give you information on the Command, the type of planes you will fly, the training programs offered and what you can expect to find at each of the communities where our bases are located.

It is my sincere hope that your decision will be to join this great flying fraternity -- you are at the crossroads -- choose wisely.

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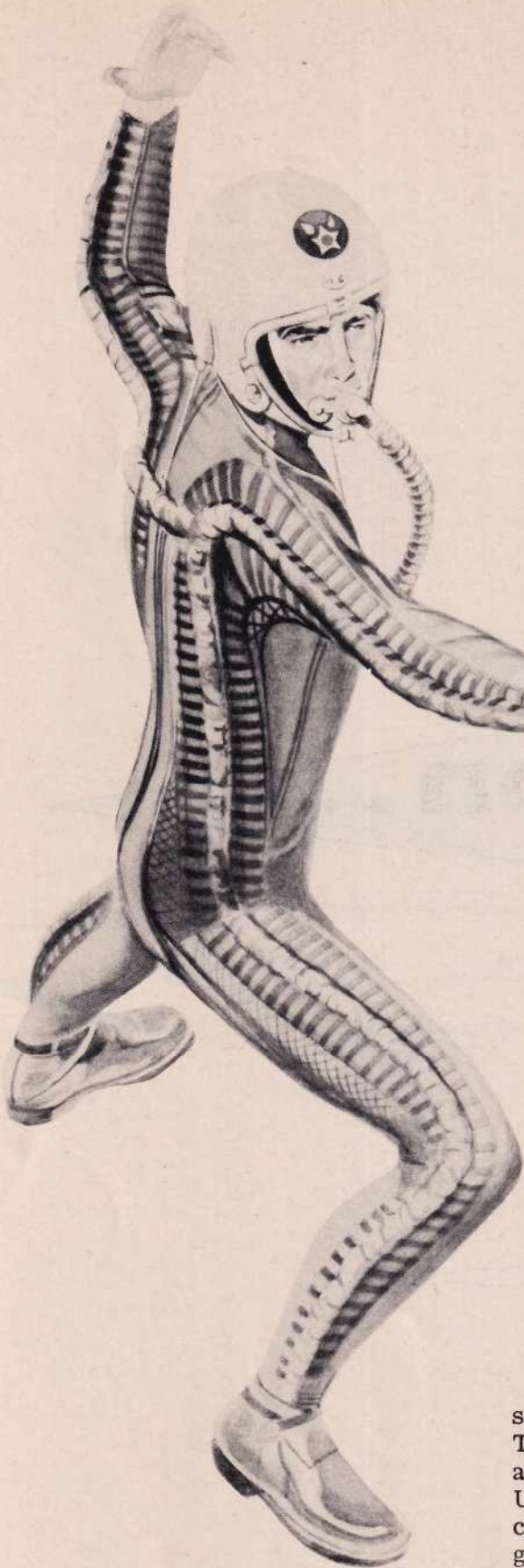
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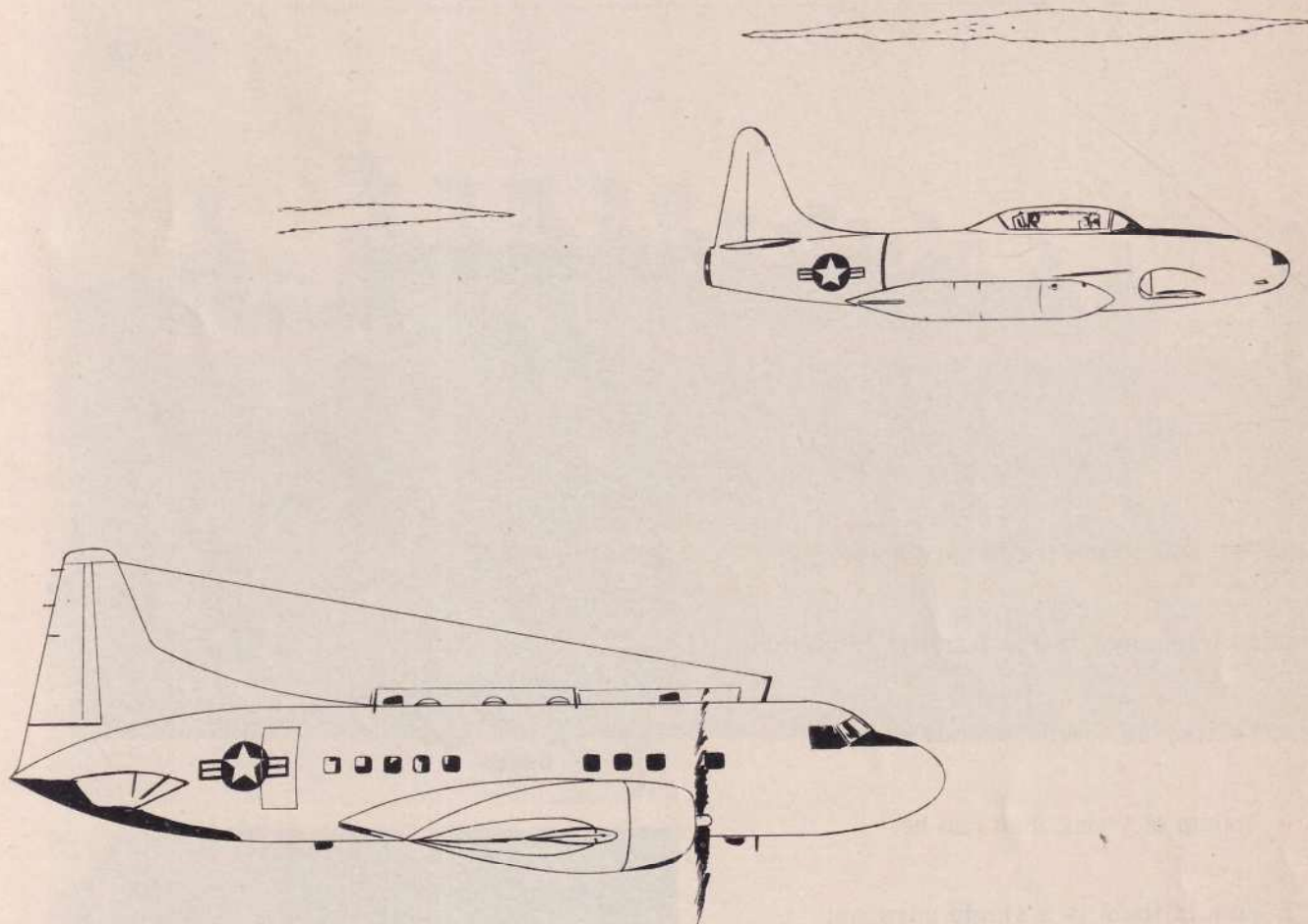


en Garde!

--One of the most striking qualities of Air Force personnel is its readiness to meet whatever tasks arise. The Far East Air Force transformed itself overnight from a slow-paced occupation force to the combat sword of the United Nations over Korea. All of us can be ready. We can be well-trained, well-informed, clear-headed, in good physical condition, masters of our duties. Such readiness must be maintained, for someday a bigger gong than Korea may suddenly ring out a dread alarm, calling Air Force personnel and all Americans to the trial of the ages.



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.....TO SUPPLY AMERICA'S AIR ARM
WITH THE BEST TRAINED PILOTS AND
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primary pilot training

t-34

t-28

...they're new to the training program
swedes and irishmen, tall and short, from farm
and factory as heterogeneous as any
group of young men can be.
but in each of them is a single purpose:
to pick up the vision of the wrights
and the hap arnolds and the
eddie rickenbackers
and to fly...





...they are aviation cadets just out of lackland air force base's rigid pre-flight training, or they are young second lieutenants fresh out of afrotc units at colleges and universities across the country; and they are graduates of the military and naval academies at west point and annapolis.

ahead of them are weeks of intensive, unexcelled training. the first leg of that training is primary where the t-34 is the first plane to take the fledglings off the ground. civilians, under contract with the air force, operate flytaf's nine primary schools.

in 24 short weeks, with every minute of their time eaten by the training program, they will have mastered the t-34 and the t-28 as well.

bainbridge air base

BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

In the lumber country of southern Georgia is Bainbridge Air Base where about 1200 persons are engaged in the first step of training men to fly.

The city of 12,000 has limited housing facilities. House rentals are difficult to find, but some furnished apartments are available. Rents range from \$50 to \$80 monthly, excluding utilities. Cadets and single student officers are housed on base.

Base dispensary handles dependent care by appointment only, except in cases of emergency. Obstetrical patients are referred either to local physicians or to Turner Air Force Base.

The base lies in an excellent hunting and fishing area.



....eeeeasy

Recreational facilities on base include a gymnasium, volleyball courts, golf course, tennis courts, baseball diamond, theater, Officers' Open Mess and Cadet Open Mess and swimming pools.

The base maintains a boat club on nearby Flint River. In addition to canoes, rowboats and motors, there is a lounge, terrace, and barbecue pit and picnic tables.

...dining hall



...flight line





...the ramp

Six miles from the winter resort area of Winter Haven, Florida is Bartow Air Base, presently training only student officers.

Availability of off-base housing is contingent upon the season. From December until March, rents are slightly higher, but adequate housing, three and four room apartments, can be found for \$50 to \$75 monthly during the summer.

Base facilities include the theater, gymnasium, tennis and volleyball courts, officers club

bartow air base

BARTOW, FLORIDA

and the recreational area on Lake Cannon in Winter Haven. The area is equipped for boating, fishing, swimming, water skiing, barbecues and dancing.

The area is noted for the number of clean fresh-water lakes. Winter Haven alone boasts more than one hundred lakes and is the home of the famous Cyprus Gardens. Water sports and good fishing prevail the year around.

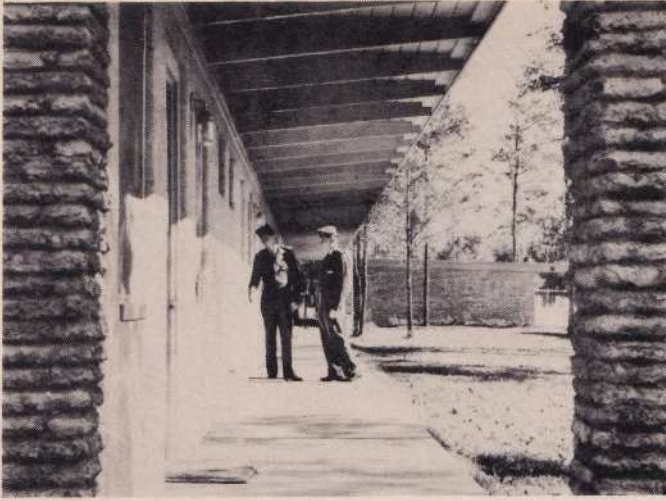
The greater Tampa area, 45 miles from the base, has a metropolitan population of more than 250,000. The popular winter vacation lands of St. Petersburg and the gulf beaches are 20 miles beyond Tampa. The Atlantic coast is only three hours by automobile and offers year-round fishing and boating. The Miami area can be reached in one half day either by train or automobile.

...beach

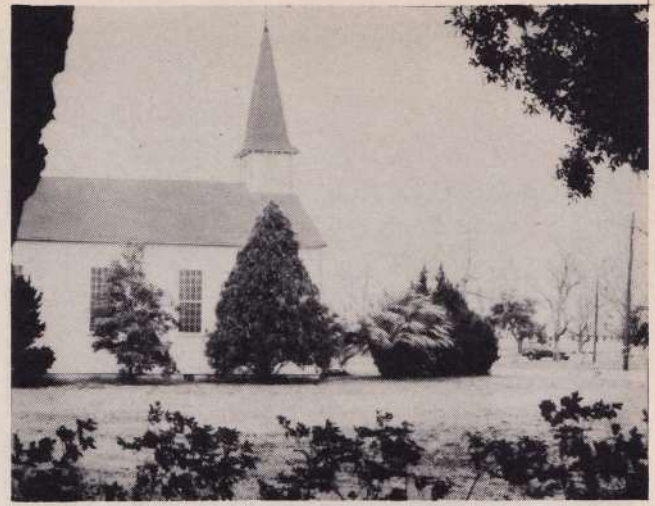


...and recreation





...for rest



...for worship

A camouflage base during the war, Graham Air Base today is a tropical area, a 15-minute bus ride from Marianna, Florida, an agricultural center with a population of about 7,500. There are nine churches in Marianna, a modern hospital, junior college, and many service organizations are represented. Two popular cities within driving distance are Panama City and Tallahassee.

Twenty-six ranch style buildings house cadets and single student officers. Each student enjoys a private entrance to his air-conditioned room from a covered walkway the length of the building. These modern structures are among the USAF's finest in student accommodations. The base has no housing for married students, but there is an on-base trailer park complete with laundry facilities.

Rental units in nearby Marianna average \$65 and \$75 for one or two-bedroom furnished apartments. For the same units unfurnished, rents run from \$45 and \$55. Current building should ease the shortage.

For off-duty hours on Graham Air Base, there are: an air-conditioned base theater, two swimming pools, Cadet and Consolidated Clubs, bowling alley, gymnasium, baseball diamond, four tennis courts, basketball and volleyball courts, a nine-hole golf course and practice putting greens, and two well-equipped hobby shops. Off-base recreational facilities are excellent.

A modern base dispensary provides outpatient medical care for dependents. Hospitalization cases are handled at Tyndall AFB in nearby Panama City.

Student Officer wives also will find a hearty welcome to an active base Women's Club, a shaded, fenced-in playground beside a swimming pool, a morning nursery school, and a beauty shop in the Canteen.

graham air base

MARIANNA, FLORIDA

...for play



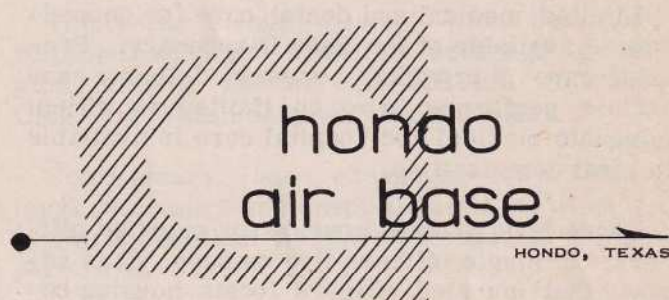
Reactivated in June 1951, Hondo Air Base has rehabilitated wooden buildings with asphalt tile floors and asbestos shingle siding for cadet barracks and bachelor officers' quarters. A public housing unit just off the base has 110 two-bedroom units for \$58 monthly unfurnished, and \$66 furnished. In Hondo, two miles from the base, some rental units are available at \$60 to \$75 monthly, but these are limited.

For local relaxation in and around Hondo, swimming, hunting, fishing, and camping facilities are available as well as two theaters, including a drive-in. Deer, turkey, quail, javelina, dove, and squirrel make Hondo and the surrounding hill country a hunter's mecca. Locally, there are service organizations such as VFW, American Legion, Lions Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, and PTA.

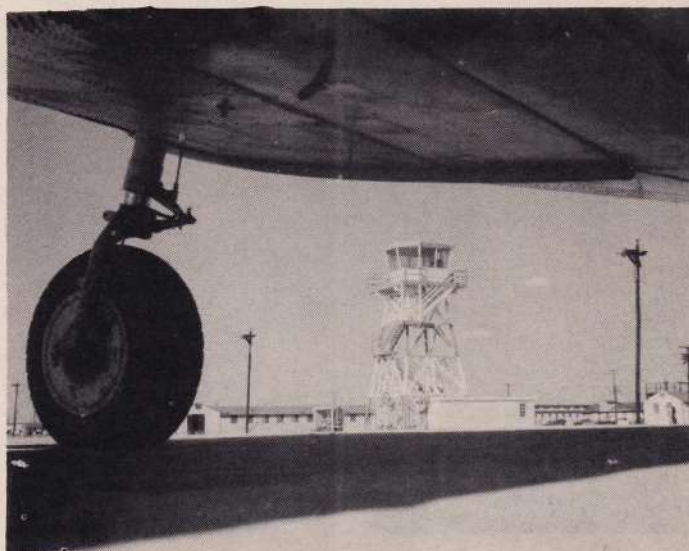
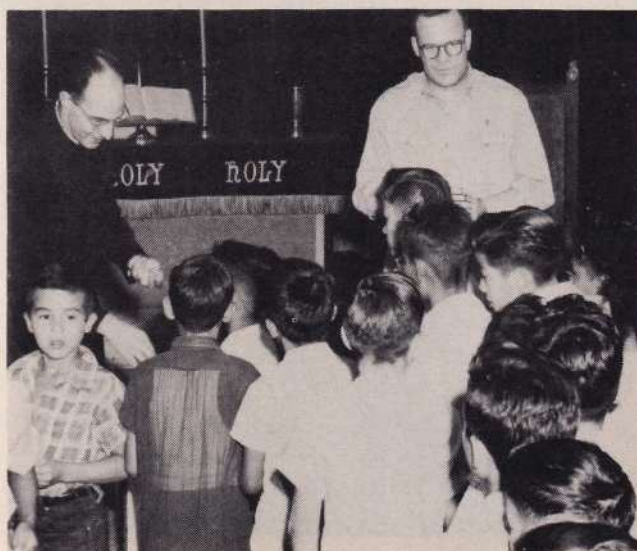
Hondo is easy travel distance from the dude ranch country of Bandera, to the north; and a few hours' drive to the south are the border towns of Ciudad Acuna, Piedras Negras and Nuevo Laredo, in colorful Old Mexico.

In addition to the Hondo Air Base Consolidated Club for officers, and the Cadet Club, there is: a base theater, tennis courts, hobby shop, swimming pool, a new gymnasium, and, completed in June 1955, a nine-hole golf course. Student officers' wives join permanent party and civilian wives in an active program centering around the Hondo Air Base Club.

Medical services and dependents' care not available at Hondo are provided at nearby Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.



...from the altar ...from the apron



malden air base

MALDEN, MISSOURI

Amid picturesque plantations styled after the "Old South," in Missouri's fertile agricultural area, is Malden Air Base.

Service and civilian organizations in Malden include the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lions Club, Rotary Club, and Chamber of Commerce. Churches of 11 denominations are established in Malden.

Lake Wappapello, a U. S. Army Engineers installation, is about 45 miles from the base and has facilities for fishing, boating, and swimming.

The Clark National Forest in the Ozark foothills area, about 50 miles west of the base, lies in a rich hunting and fishing area.

Limited medical and dental care for dependents is available at the Base Dispensary. Prenatal care is provided; however, delivery cannot be performed due to limited facilities. Adequate medical and hospital care is available in local communities.

There is no on-base housing for married officers; but single officers live on base. It is advised that married officers locate housing before the arrival of their dependents. Officers may contact the Base Housing Office to learn of the housing situation. Housing averages \$65 per month, whether furnished or unfurnished

...to there



...from here

apartments or houses. Apartments range from \$40 to \$75 and houses from \$50 to \$85.

Recreational facilities on the base include a swimming pool, tennis courts, and gymnasium. Golfing is available at the nearby Malden Country Club. Golfing equipment, out-board motors, and fishing tackle are available from base special services. The base theater, chapel, Officers Club, Cadet Club, and all academic classrooms are air-conditioned.

Other facilities include a non-profit post store, the flight line canteen, a laundry and dry cleaning service.

...and back



marana air base

MARANA, ARIZONA

Statistically, Arizona is the nation's sunniest, hottest and driest state. As a rule, though, the climate is pretty mild. Sunshine averages 84%, about a dozen inches of rain falls, and the mercury pants up above the 100 mark perhaps 50 days a year. The low average noon-time humidity of 30% takes most of the unpleasantness out of the heat. And don't forget that in arid climates, it gets cold at night! Base uniform regulations change to meet the conditions, so be sure and bring the full prescribed uniforms -- you'll need them all at Marana Air Base.

...from padres to pilots



...keep 'em flyin'

Thirty-one 10-man concrete-block barracks, administration and academic buildings, a hospital, chapel, theater, and beautiful Officers' Club, are within easy walking distance.

Commissary, base exchange, Red Cross, legal assistance and hospital facilities at nearby Davis-Monthan AFB are extended to Marana personnel.

Wives who make full use of the Officers' Wives Club will find it an invaluable source of information, social contacts, and help in adjusting to service life.

Nearby Tucson offers many recreational and educational features for the student officer.

Housing for married officers is considered good, but in the fall and winter months is near-critical. Davis-Monthan AFB is close by and Tucson is very much a resort city. If you arrive in the fall or winter, you will find rents somewhat higher than in spring and summer. There is no on-base housing for married officers.

moore air base

MISSION, TEXAS

In the heart of Texas' rich citrus fruit country, Moore Air Base is new to Flying Training Air Force. It was activated early in 1955 as one of the country's nine civilian contract schools.

Dependents' on-base housing is presently limited to permanent party and single student officers. Housing in the three neighboring cities of Mission, McAllen and Edinburg average from \$35 to \$60 for one-bedroom unfurnished apartments and from \$50 to \$90 monthly furnished. Availability of housing in the tri-city area is very good.

Medical facilities at Moore are modern and up-to-date. Unusual cases are referred to Harlingen or Lackland Air Force Bases. Modern civilian hospitals are located in each of the three cities near Moore.



...dot...dash...dot...

Nearby Laguna Madre, Port Isabel, Boca Chica and Falcon Lake are rich hunting and fishing areas.

Each city near Moore has veteran and non-veteran organizations for the servicemen and wives.

Base recreational facilities include the new Officers' Lounge, swimming pool, tennis courts, theater and gymnasium.

...quarters



...church





...for flying



...for worship



...for peace

spence air base

MOULTRIE, GEORGIA

...for play



In Georgia's cotton belt, near the city of Moultrie, is Spence Air Base, home of the 3302d Pilot Training Group.

Most service organizations are represented in the town of about 15,000 and at the nearby country club, officers and cadets may obtain special rates.

Moultrie was declared a critical housing area in 1951; but home construction is now high. Average monthly rentals run from \$60 to \$95 for one and two bedroom homes and apartments, furnished and unfurnished. There are no on-base housing facilities for families. There are two BOQ barracks for single officers.

Facilities on-base include: a theater, chapel, nursery, cadet club, two swimming pools, golf driving range, tennis courts, basketball courts, hobby shops for ceramics, woodworking, photography, model building, and automobile work.

Officers use the Spence Club, which is a combined military-civilian setup.

A base dispensary offers dental service and limited medical care for military and dependents. Major medical dependent care is provided at neighboring Moody Air Force Base.

stallings air base

KINSTON,
NORTH CAROLINA

Near Kinston, North Carolina, "the world's foremost tobacco center," lies Stallings Air Base.

On-base housing is limited to single officers and cadets. Off-base housing is fair. Two and three bedroom unfurnished houses rent from \$60 to \$80 monthly. Unfurnished and furnished apartments average \$50 to \$75 monthly.

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...ready to fly

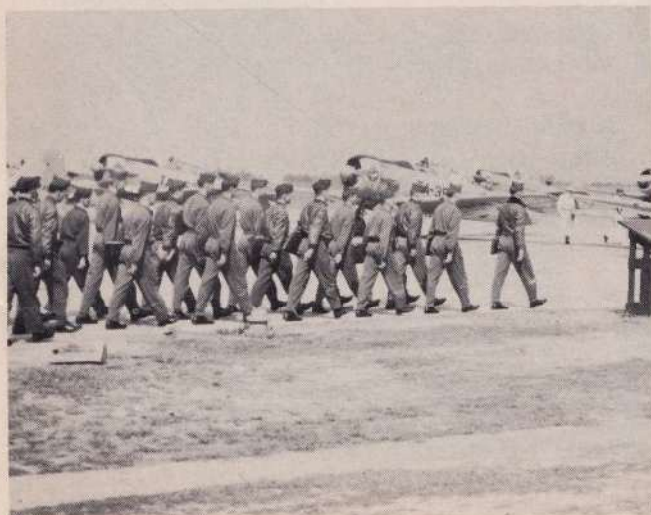
... "don't worry"



Limited dependent medical care is provided. Major surgery and obstetrical care are available at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Camp Lejune, North Carolina.

Base recreational facilities include two clubs, three hobby shops, two tennis courts, one handball court and two softball diamonds. A new base theater is being built.

A full time recreational program is operated in the city. The Kinston Country Club has an 18-hole golf course and military personnel may play for a greens fee. There are 10 active civic and service organizations in town, all of which encourage military to join.



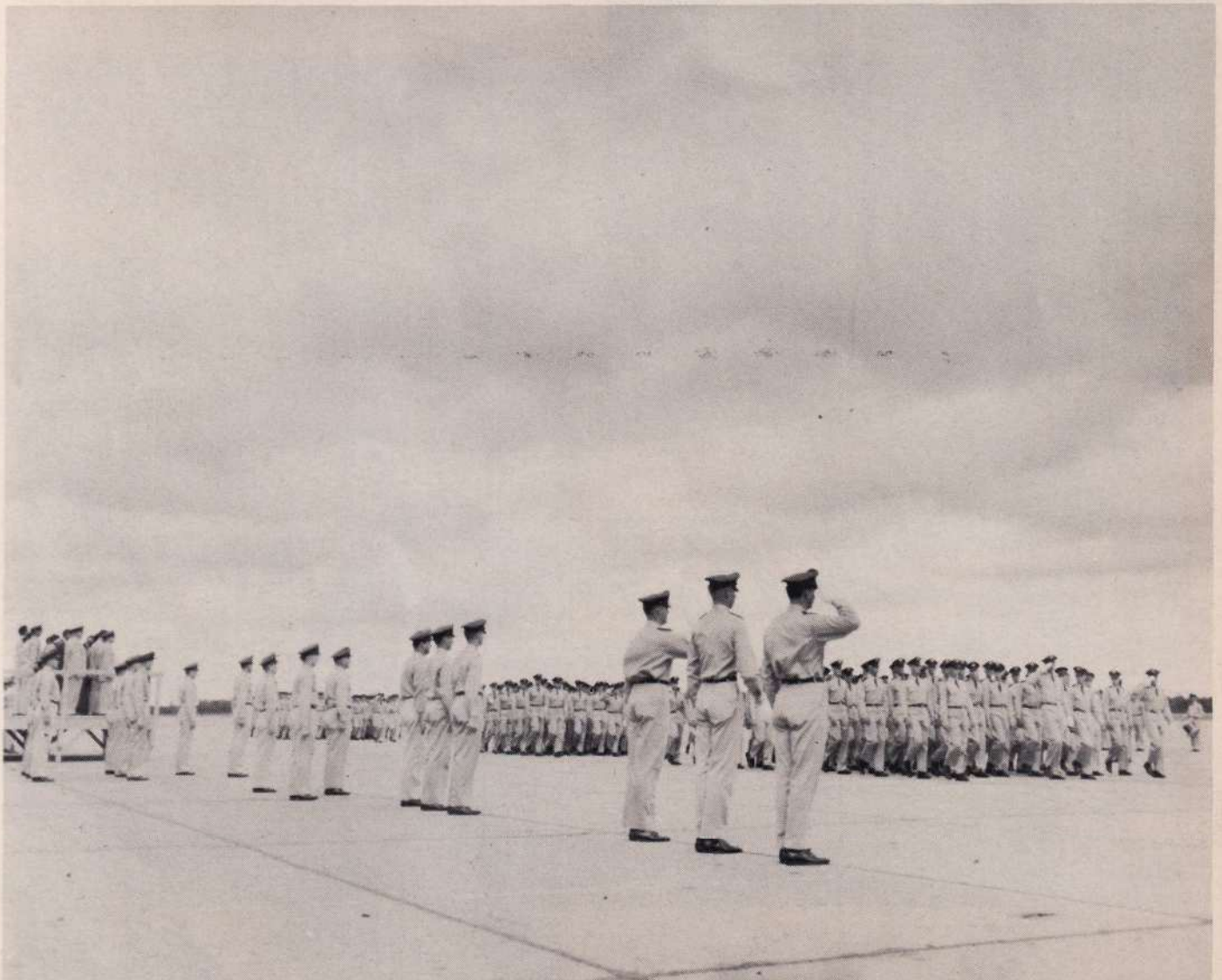
they can't believe it's been 24 weeks since they entered training. in that short time they've gained new knowledge, mastered the air force's light planes; and with happy confidence they look forward to the last step toward those precious silver wings.

the day comes crystal clear and with the day the exaltation which is a part of important times.

when the students assemble for the last time at primary training they do it knowing they have come another space in their all-important training. and as they march in their final formation, their pride is shown in their precision and exactness.

in a day or so they'll have left their primary base. they'll be on their way to basic training, the final hurdle before the wings. but regardless of where they go, these young men will not soon forget the thrill of that

big graduation day review





basic pilot

programs

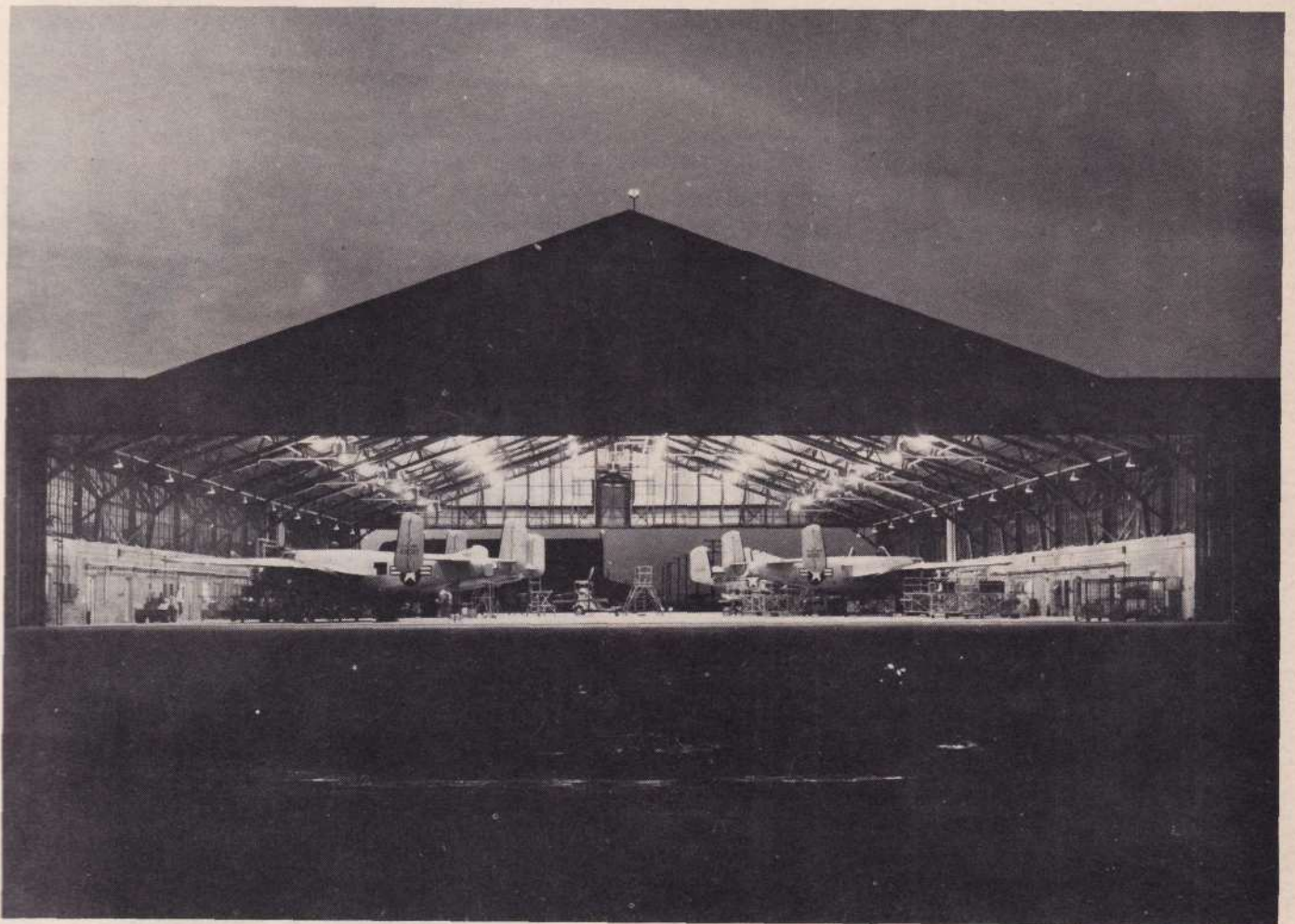


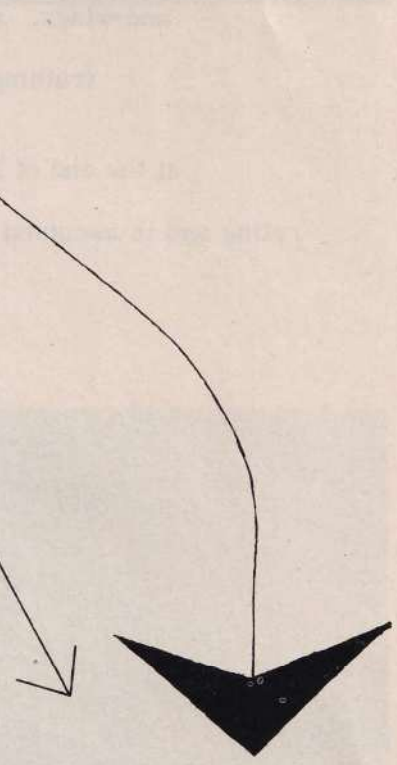
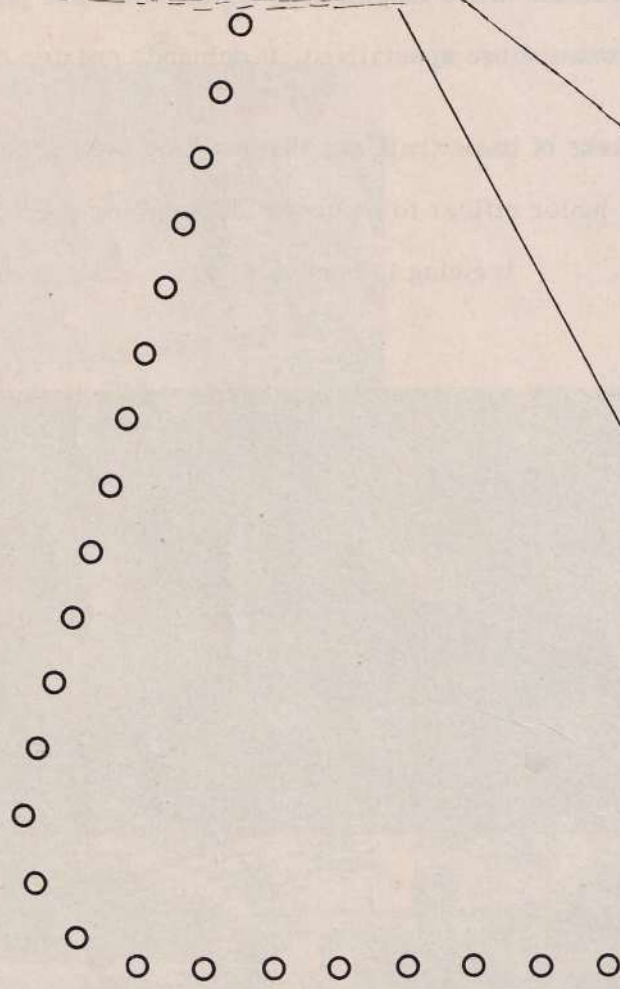
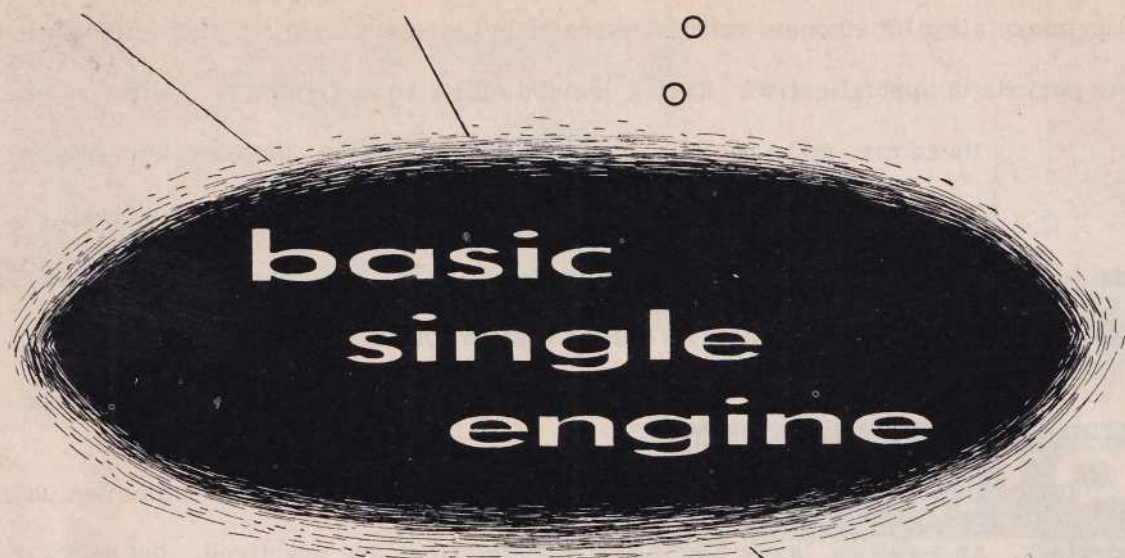
through primary all pilot students receive essentially the same training. but afterwards they begin their periods of specialization. having decided either to be fighter or bomber pilots

these men go to one of two kinds of bases: basic single engine or basic multi-engine. at basic single-engine bases they complete their training in the t-33 jet. basic multi-engine students fly the b-25, a medium bomber famous for its use during the world war ii carrier-based raid on tokyo. in the future a jet multi-engine trainer is planned.

by the time students enter basic training, they are close to their commissions and wings. as a result, fewer disciplinary restrictions are practiced. but as their training becomes more specialized, it demands greater efforts on their parts.

at the end of 20 weeks of basic training, the qualified pilot receives his aeronautical rating and is assigned as a junior officer to an operational unit or goes on for more advanced training in combat aircraft at air training command bases.





t-33



...and this button

The city of Bryan, in central Texas, is noted for its friendliness, quiet dignity and its 32 churches.

There is a fine spirit of cooperation between the base and townspeople. Off-duty hours can be spent at the new USO in Bryan. Many spectator sporting events are available at the nearby Texas A&M College.

bryan air force base

BRYAN, TEXAS

Base recreational facilities are excellent: Service Club, swimming pool, NCO Mess, Officers' and Cadets' Clubs, a golf driving range, a well-equipped gym, and a bowling alley is under construction. There are tennis courts, baseball fields, a football field and rifle range.

On-base housing is limited to five units for key officers. Off-base housing of all types is adequate and is in the \$65 to \$100 price range. Personnel arriving in the summer months when A&M College enrollment is reduced have a much better choice of homes. Single officers are quartered on the base.

Besides the base hospital where personnel and dependents receive excellent care, there are two hospitals in Bryan.

Approximately 100 miles from Bryan AFB are several cities of some size. Within a two to three hour drive one may visit Houston, Austin, Waco, and less than 150 miles distance are San Antonio, Dallas, and Fort Worth.

...mdap students ...familiarization



greenville

air force base

GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Maintaining about 400 pilot training students, Greenville Air Force Base lies in the rich sprawling Mississippi Delta about six miles from the city of 42,000.

On-base housing is limited to key permanent party personnel and quarters for single student officers. Off-base housing is limited with rents ranging from \$45 for unfurnished apartments to \$90 for two-bedroom furnished houses.

Medical care for dependents is provided.

Base recreational facilities include a swimming pool, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, nine-hole golf courses, theater, library and hobby shops.

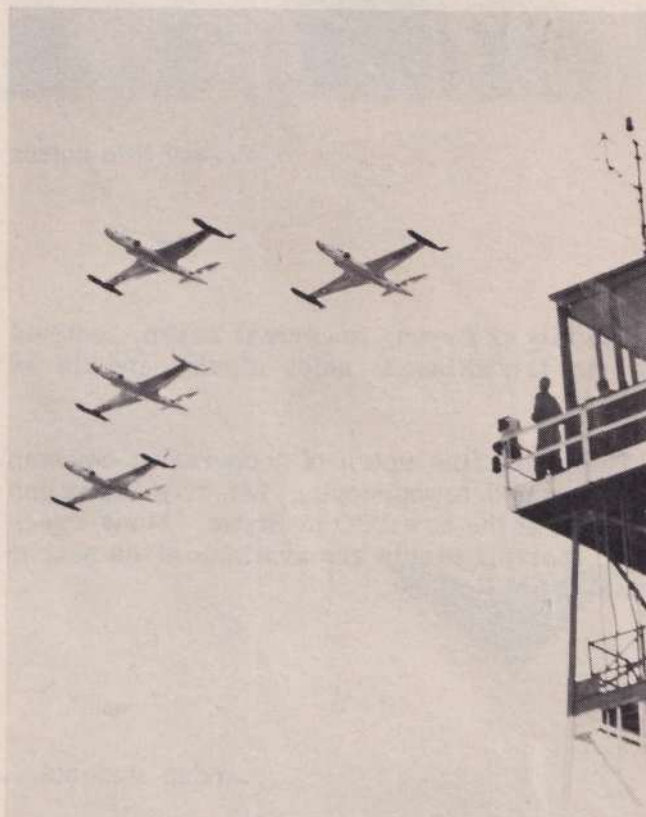
Greenville itself is a rapidly growing community. From a small town whose principal source of livelihood was the production and marketing of cotton, Greenville has become the state's third largest city in an area balancing diversified agricultural pursuits with new and thriving small industries.

In the city of Greenville are three movie theaters, one drive-in theater, five public parks, an 18-hole golf course, and baseball diamonds. Fishing, boating, and swimming are popular off-base activities.

Greenville is the county seat of Washington County. From a small town whose principal source of livelihood was the production and marketing of cotton, Greenville has become the third largest city in the State of Mississippi and is the center of an area balancing diversified agricultural pursuits with new and thriving small industries. In addition to cotton and livestock, Greenville is the home of several large manufacturing plants.

...fly-by

...preflight check



Laredo air force base LAREDO, TEXAS

Laredo Air Force Base is about three miles from the Rio Grande, the international border between the United States and the Republic of Mexico.

Housing vacancies on or off-base are listed at the Base Housing Office. Unmarried student officers may secure single or double rooms in the Bachelor Officers' Quarters for \$6 a month. There are no on-base accommodations for married student officers. Two nearby off-base housing developments rent homes to married student officers, permanent party personnel, and civilians employed on the installation, on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. Present off-base housing is scarce.

A group of 98 two-bedroom unfurnished houses across the road from the main gate rent for \$65 and \$70 per month, excluding utilities. Another group of 102 unfurnished duplex houses, two and three bedroom, is about one-half mile from the base. They rent for \$66.50 and \$75 a month without utilities. Waiting period for these is four to six weeks.

Medical care for dependents is limited to outpatient treatment. Hospitalization of dependents must be at their own expense in the local civilian hospital or at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. A new 50-bed hospital, now under construction, will provide hospitalization for dependents. Dependent dental care is limited to emergencies only.

Laredo is a port of entry into Mexico. Just across the river border lies the sister city of Nuevo Laredo with its curio shops, night clubs, bull fights, and other tourist attractions.

On-base recreational facilities at Laredo include a pool, two asphalt tennis courts, a gymnasium, skeet range, hobby shop, rifle range, a golf driving range, theater, Officers' Open Mess, a commissary and base exchange. The hobby shop is equipped for automotive repair, handicraft and photography enthusiasts. On-base services include the service station and laundry facilities.

...voice training



.... mock up



Laughlin

air force base

DEL RIO, TEXAS

Laughlin Air Force Base is located six miles east of Del Rio, Texas. The base was built during World War II to train medium bomber crews, and is named after Lt. Jack T. Laughlin, a Del Rio pilot who was shot down over Java in 1942.

The City of Del Rio is a community of about 17,000 on the Rio Grande River across from Ciudad Acuna, Mexico. The climate is generally hot and dry. Rainfall is extremely light. Summer temperatures often are more than 100 degrees while winter temperatures are mild.

Recreational facilities in Del Rio include five movie theaters (two indoor), a bowling center, inter-scholastic sporting events, golf course and roller skating rink. Fishing in nearby streams is relatively good, and hunting leases on nearby ranches can be obtained during game season.

Housing in Del Rio is extremely difficult to obtain and rents are high. Personnel are cautioned to obtain housing before bringing their families to Del Rio.

Housing on-base is limited to quarters for single airmen and officers and homes for five staff officers. The base has two trailer courts;

one is available to personnel for privately-owned trailers. The other trailer park is administered by the Public Housing Administration with rentals at \$46 and \$50 monthly.

The base offers limited recreational and dependent facilities. Two swimming pools are open during the summer season. Other facilities include Officers' and NCO clubs, a Service Club, theater, library, BX, commissary, auto repair and hobby shop. Religious facilities are provided at the Base Chapel. A new gymnasium is available for indoor sports.

Approximately 25 miles from Laughlin Air Force Base is the Lake Walk Military Resort, a government-owned waterfront site. At the resort, free of charge to Air Force personnel, are motor boating, swimming, picnic areas and a comfortable recreation hall.

Medical facilities are available to dependents, according to the current staff strength in the hospital and dental clinic. Medical services include complete obstetrical, and some out-patient and in-patient treatment.

The City of Acuna, Mexico, is just across the border from Del Rio.



webb air force base

BIG SPRING, TEXAS

In sparsely populated west Texas, about a mile from Big Spring, is Webb Air Force Base. It is in an area of extensive oil, cotton and cattle enterprises.

Since its reactivation in 1951, Webb has trained more than 2,000 jet pilots. Presently, only student officers are trained at Webb.

Single students are quartered on-base in two-man air-conditioned rooms. There are no on-base housing facilities for married students and housing in the surrounding area is limited.

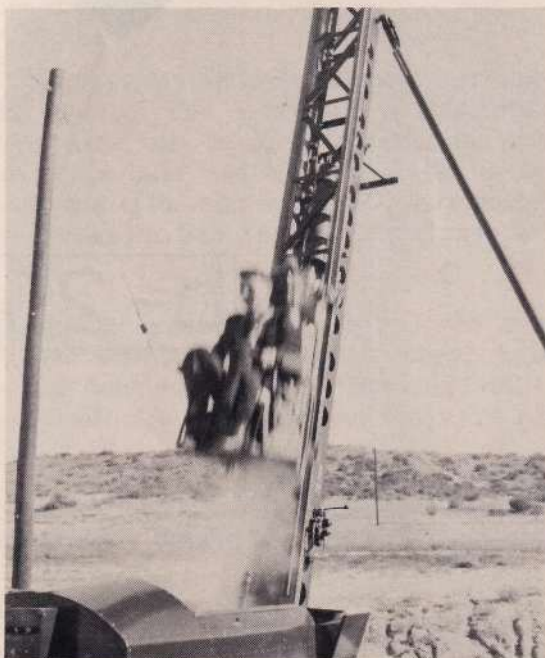
After four years of building, the base boasts first-class recreational facilities: a new chapel,

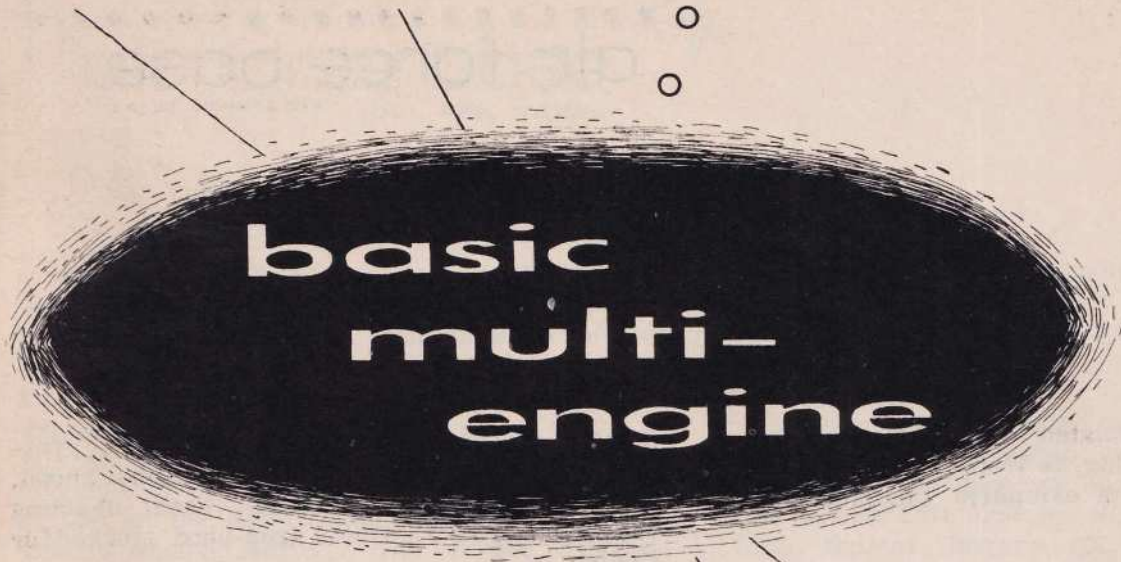
theater, bowling alley, swimming pool, gymnasium, auto and woodworking hobby shops, library, golf driving range, skeet shooting range and a recreational area pond stocked for fishing.

Small game hunting within a radius of 50 miles is good. Deer may be found about 100 miles south, and Lake J. B. Thomas, 30 miles north, offers excellent boating and fishing facilities.

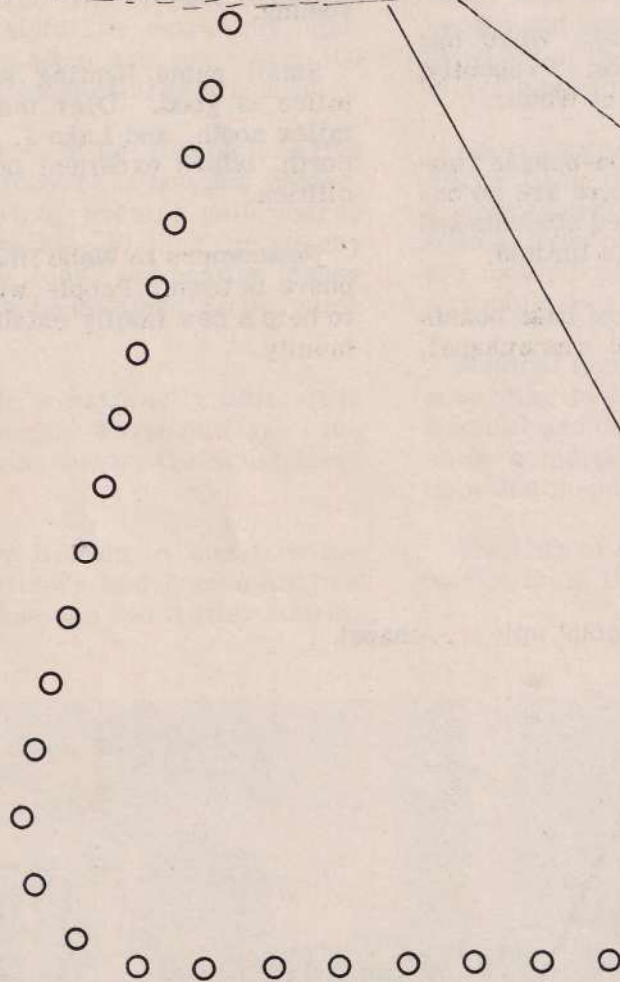
Newcomers to Webb find a hospitable atmosphere in town. People will go out of their way to help a new family establish itself in the community.

...goin' up! ...chapel





**basic
multi-
engine**



b-25

goodfellow air force base

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

...back from the blue



There is a saying in San Angelo that "nobody's a stranger." The newcomer to Goodfellow Air Force Base will be quick to notice the friendliness of the base and its personnel, as well as the people of the community. Relations between the citizens of San Angelo and the base are excellent.

With the exception of one hundred units for enlisted men and bachelor officers, there are no base housing facilities. Housing facilities in San Angelo are very good and rents are reasonable.

The base hospital provides top medical care for military people and their dependents. An

...in the cockpit



outpatient clinic is available to the dependents on a regular daily basis with emergency cases cared for during the night and on holidays by the regular hospital staff. Dependents are treated in the dental clinic only on an emergency basis.

Recreational facilities on-base and in the San Angelo area are abundant.

In addition to the Chamber of Commerce, San Angelo has the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Rotary International, Knights of the Round Table, Optimist Club, Exchange Club, two American Legion Posts, DAV organization, Elks Lodge, Masons, and VFW Post.

reese air force base

LUBBOCK, TEXAS



... ops

Reese Air Force Base, named in honor of First Lieutenant Augustus F. Reese, Jr. of Shallowater, Texas, is 12 miles from Lubbock -- a city of 117,000 in west Texas' cotton and oil area.

Adjacent to the base is a housing unit of 478 homes and a new elementary school, which cares for pupils through the sixth grade. Older children are taken by bus to nearby Frenship School. Two bedroom duplexes in Reese Village range from \$70.50 to \$84.50, plus utilities. Availability of housing is above average.

Medical care for dependents is provided at the base hospital.

At Reese are officer and cadet open messes, cafeteria and snack bar, commissary, library, gymnasium and base hobby shop. On-base is a nursery and kindergarten.

Many recreational areas are within easy driving distance, with the famous Carlsbad Caverns, 200 miles away, one of the most popular. McKenzie State Park and Buffalo Lake, near Lubbock, are popular areas for Reese during their leisure. The Meadowbrook Municipal Golf Course is open to Air Force personnel at modest rates.

... quarters



... control



... night flight



Vance air force base

ENID, OKLAHOMA

...ready to go
...planning to go



Three miles south of Enid, Oklahoma, in an agricultural-industrial community often called the wheat capital of the southwest is Vance Air Force Base where more than 80 multi-engine pilots are graduated monthly.

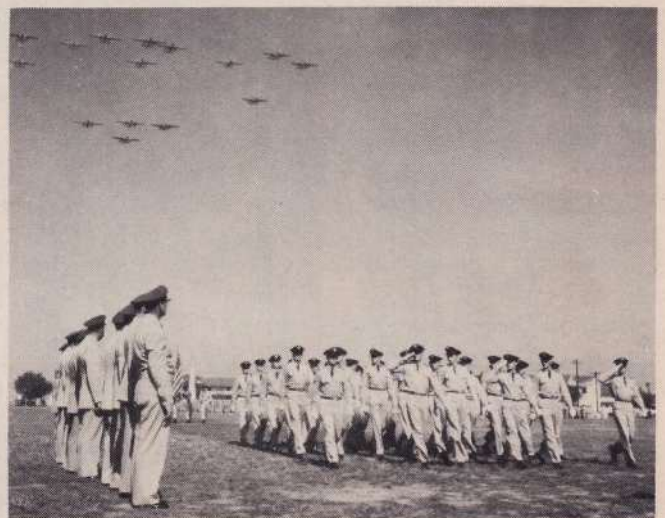
Although there is no on-base housing for families, furnished and unfurnished houses and apartments are available in Enid at reasonable rates. Housing is rated good here.

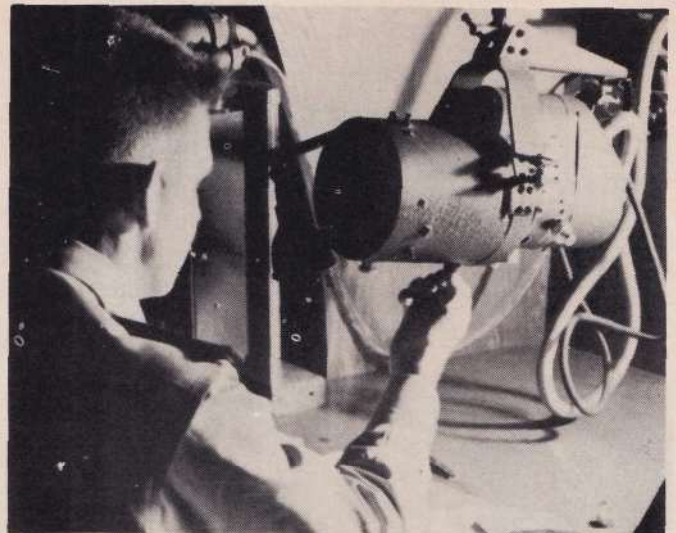
In the city are three golf courses, 11 parks, three municipal tennis courts, four swimming pools, seven softball diamonds, a skating rink, two bowling alleys and seven motion picture theaters. Swimming, boating and fishing facilities are available at nearby Great Salt Plains Lake, Lake Canton, Lake Carl Blackwell and Roman Nose Park.

On base are tennis courts, a bowling alley, theater, gymnasium, two hobby shops, library, swimming pools, softball diamond, baseball and football fields and an ultra-modern service club.

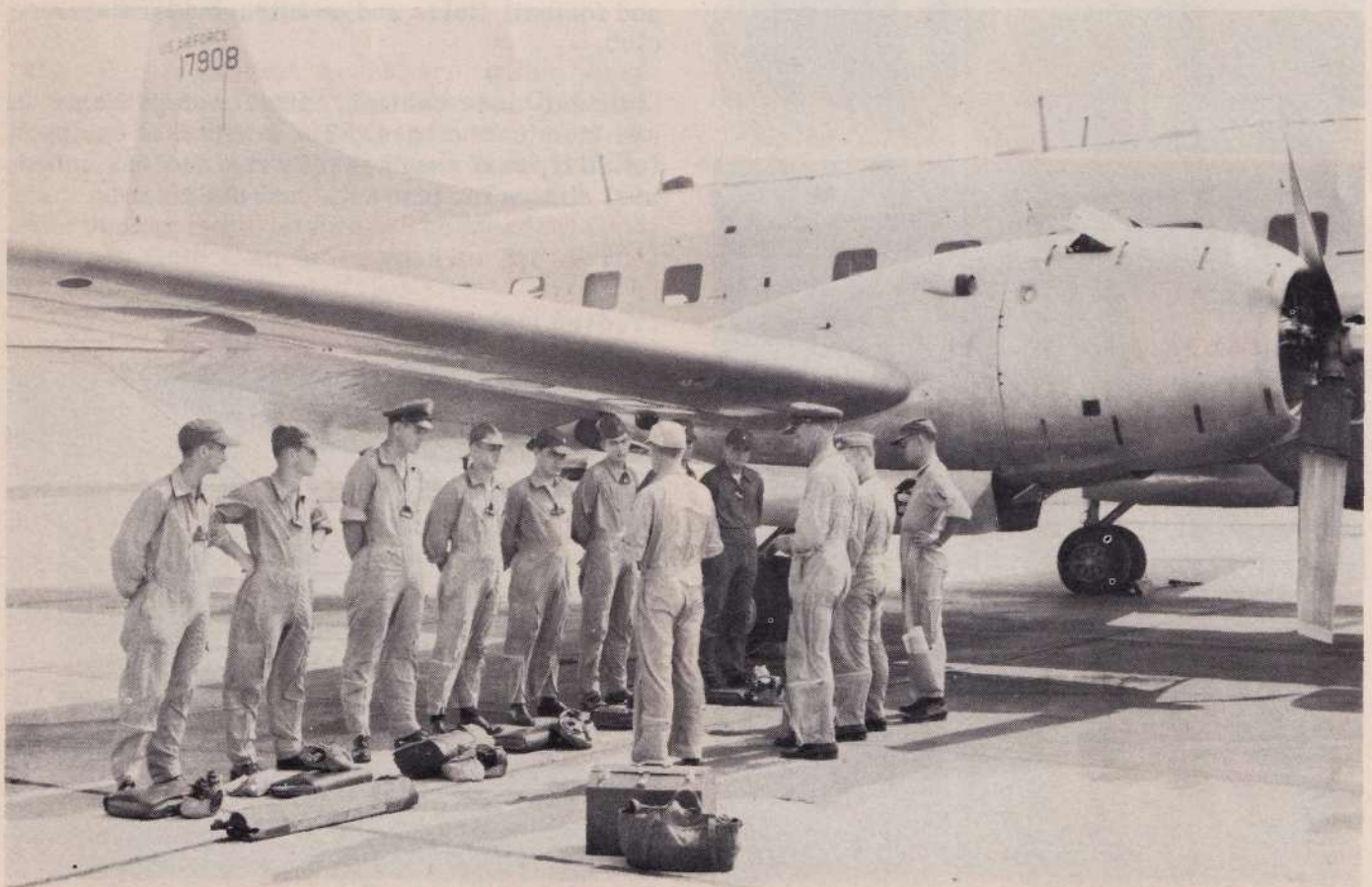
Dental and medical care for dependents is available on the base. The hospital is equipped for all types of medical services and has scheduled clinics for pre-natal and child care.

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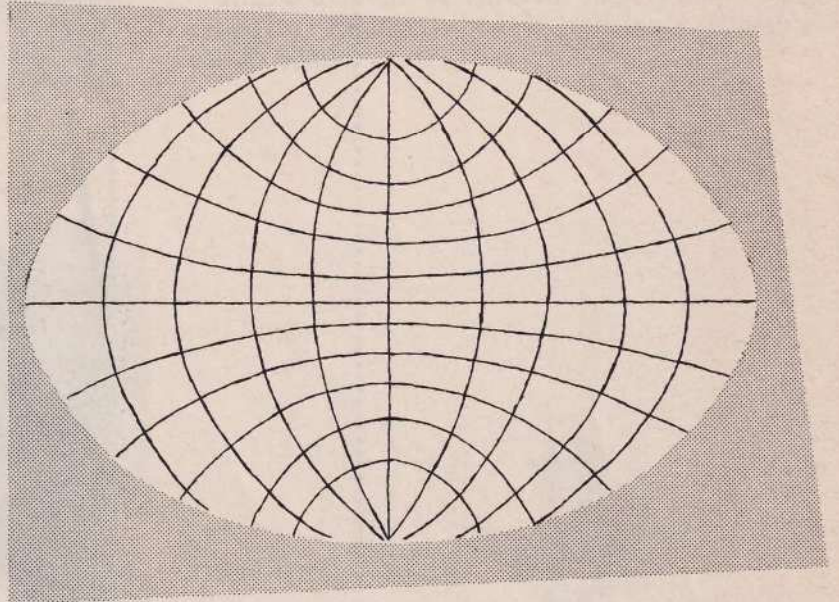


aircraft observer training

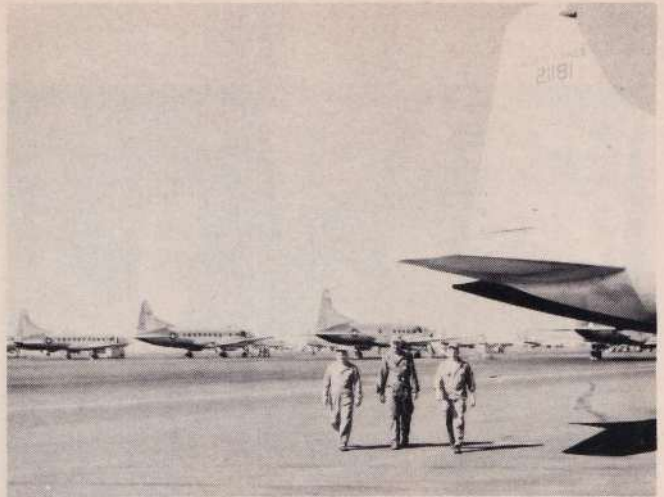


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programs



training the aircraft observer is the second major responsibility of the flying training air force. observer cadets and student officers like their pilot counterparts begin their pre-flight training at lackland air force base and go on to primary-basic. after primary-basic, they are awarded their observer wings and second lieutenant's commission and are transferred to air force operational units. after a year's service as an observer, they may return to school for advanced courses in such specialized fields as bombardment, advanced navigation, radar interception, reconnaissance or electronic counter measures. pre-flight equips the observer trainee for his role as an air force officer. it gives him air force tradition and history, military courtesy and administration. primary-basic qualifies aviation cadets and non-rated officers in the fundamentals of electronics, dead-reckoning and radar navigation. officer training is given to develop leadership qualities, a high sense of honor and duty and the willingness to accept his future responsibilities. advanced training prepares students to perform the highly skilled duties in bombardment, reconnaissance or radar interceptor-type aircraft.



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ellington air force base

HOUSTON, TEXAS

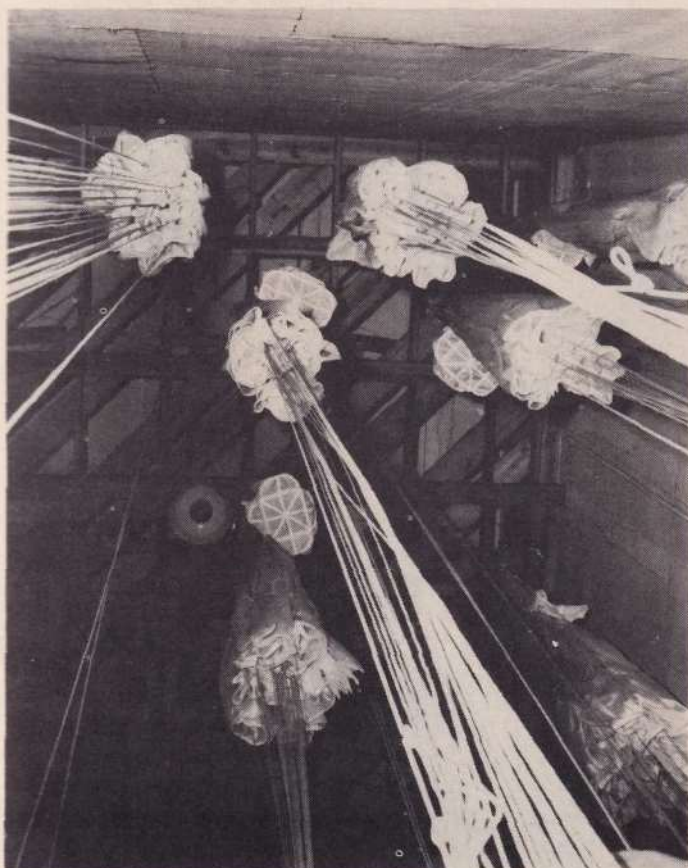
Seventeen miles from Houston, one of the fastest growing and most progressive cities in the South, in the heart of the rich coastal plains, is Ellington Air Force Base.

In the metropolitan area of nearly one million, housing is unusually good. Rentals in all

price brackets exist. On-base family housing is limited to five homes for key personnel.

Limited medical care for dependents is provided at Ellington with regularly scheduled clinic hours.

...parachutes and pups



Ellington has four clubs, two swimming pools, a theater, gymnasium, golf range, several tennis courts, baseball diamonds, handball courts and hobby shops. EAFB also has two libraries.

There are many points of historical interest in Houston, and recreational and social facilities are in abundance. Some of them: the Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Natural

History, Herman Park, Municipal Zoo, five swimming pools, numerous parks and tennis courts.

Surf fishing is good the entire 32 miles of nearby Galveston Island beach. The bayous, bays and reef that extend into the Gulf of Mexico are easily accessible. Boats are available for deep-sea fishing. Public beaches afford accommodations for surf bathing and swimming.

harlingen air force base

HARLINGEN, TEXAS

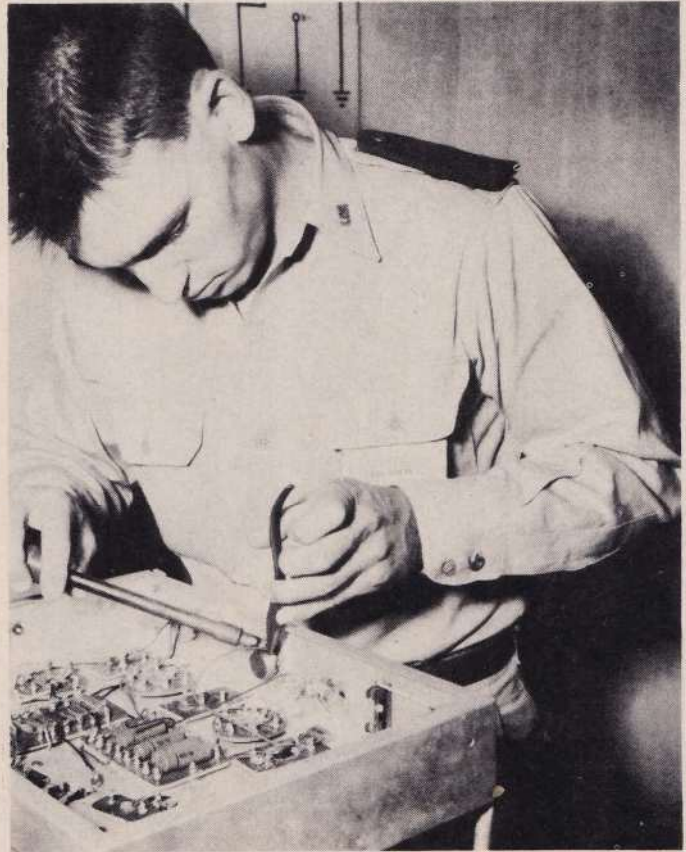
Harlingen Air Force Base is about 30 miles from Old Mexico in the middle of the semi-tropical Lower Rio Grande valley. Reactivated in 1952, it is still engaged in an extensive building program.

Cadets are housed in two and three-man rooms. There is no on-base housing for single or married officers; but housing conditions in Harlingen are good. Two and three bedroom houses, furnished and unfurnished, rent from

...through the dome



...carefully, carefully



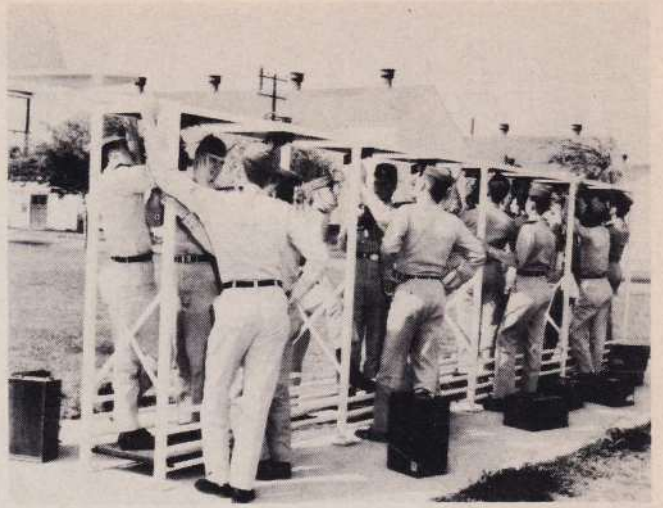
\$65 to \$125 monthly. Furnished and unfurnished apartments range from \$45 to \$60 monthly.

Medical care for dependents is limited. It is expected that when the new hospital is completed, more adequate dependent care will be provided.

On-base facilities include a swimming pool, hobby shop, library, and theater. Personnel Services conducts many base recreational programs.

Civilian service organizations include the Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, American Legion, VFW, Elks, Knights of Columbus and Masonic Lodge.

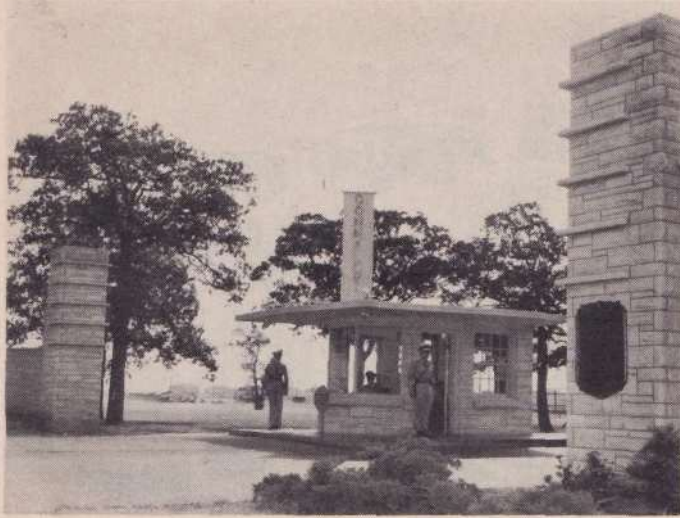
Most sports and recreation activities are available in and near Harlingen. Port Isabel and Padre Island are a salt water fisherman's paradise. Duck, dove, and deer hunting in season is very good.



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connally air force base

WACO, TEXAS



The city of Waco, "The Hub of Texas," is a combination agricultural and industrial center with a metropolitan population of 115,000. Seven miles north of Waco is James Connally Air Force Base.

On-base housing includes a number of new and modern BOQ's and a Wherry housing project of 500 units of two and three bedroom duplexes and three bedroom singles. Student officers may obtain housing in the airmen's area of Wherry housing when airmen applications have been depleted. Rentals in the airmen's area vary from \$58 to \$72 per month.

...practice
...and reward



...main gate
...flying gear

Off-base housing facilities range from good to excellent. Two bedroom houses are plentiful, with rents ranging from \$60 to \$80 per month. Three bedroom houses, although not too plentiful, are available at prices ranging from \$85 to \$125 per month. Apartments, furnished and unfurnished, are available.

Medical facilities on the base are excellent. The 3565th USAF Hospital offers military dependent care including pre-natal, obstetrical, and gynecological clinics with post-natal and pediatric care.

Base recreational facilities include two swimming pools, a golf driving range, tennis courts, softball fields, a baseball diamond, and a fully equipped gymnasium. There is also an Officers' Club, NCO Club, and a new Service Club. Numerous hobby clubs are active. Woodworking and photo hobby shops are available to all personnel.



mather

air force base

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Climate and recreational facilities have combined to make Mather an ideal base of the Flying Training Air Force. Eleven miles east of Sacramento, the area offers the finest facilities for summer and winter sports.

Lake Tahoe and the beauty of the Sierras lie a short distance to the east. Skiing, swimming, hunting, fishing, hiking, boating and of course, gold and uranium prospecting are prominent pastimes. For those with cosmopolitan tastes, San Francisco is within driving distance.

The climate in and around Sacramento is moderate the year round. The mean annual temperature is 60.4 degrees and the average rainfall is 18.05 inches.



...plotting
...planning

...over the pole

Housing both on base and in the Sacramento area is excellent. Mather Heights, a Wherry project, rents two bedroom unfurnished homes for \$77. Reasonably priced furnished and unfurnished apartments and houses are plentiful.

Mather boasts fine hospital facilities and dependent medical care is very good. A dependents' assistance office has been set up on base to handle all dependents' problems. The program was patterned after that of the Strategic Air Command.

The base itself offers numerous recreational facilities. Two swimming pools, tennis courts, handball courts, a golf driving range, gymnasium, hobby shops, a new service club and a new Officer's Club under construction are available.

Sacramento State College and Sacramento Jr. College offer on-base and off-base courses, as does Folsom High School.

Bus transportation to and from the base is adequate, but share-a-ride stations do a brisk business, too.

An indication of how much the area is regarded by service people can be seen by the high average of retired and discharged veterans who have settled in Sacramento. Relations between the servicemen in the area and the surrounding communities are exceptionally fine. Active participation by local civic groups and the base in solving mutual problems keeps the community spirit at a high level.



specialized training

- helicopter
- liaison
- pilot instructor school



craig and gary air force bases are the two "specials in the flying training air force. craig is the home of the program which provides qualified men to act as instructors of primary and basic pilot training. only military pilots attend the basic course; but both military and civilian pilots are taught primary flight instruction at craig. also included at craig are a jet indoctrination school where staff officers from major air commands acquire training in jet aircraft, and flytaf's supervisor training school. gary air force base is the home of the air force's helicopter training program. both air force and army field forces rated pilots are given primary helicopter training. also, army and air force enlisted personnel are trained in helicopter mechanics.

craig air force base

SELMA, ALABAMA

Five miles from Selma, Alabama, in the heart of the state's cotton growing area, is Craig Air Force Base.

Selma is an agricultural community with wide paved streets, well-kept residences and magnificent, century-old oaks.

The civic-minded community has many service organizations, which take an active interest in the air base.

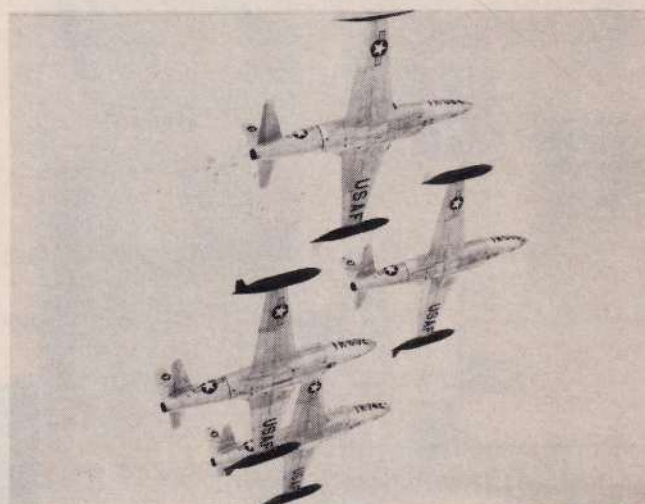
Craig AFB is a town in itself where nearly every want may be accomplished without leaving the premises. Recreational facilities include swimming pools, a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, hobby shop, gymnasium, and a large lake where fishing and boating may be enjoyed. Recently a Rod and Gun Club was organized on base.

Housing facilities on base for married officers are limited, a waiting period of one to four months often being necessary.

Housing in Selma is available and adequate for Craig's overflow. A furnished two bedroom home in town can be rented from \$65 to \$85 a month.

Medical facilities at Craig can provide accommodation for the care of the common cold to major surgical operations. Dependents are cared for on a limited basis.

...be precise



gary air force base

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

Gary Air Force Base, where less distance is covered in more flying time than any other base in the Command, is the central Texas home of Air Force and Army helicopter training.

On-base housing is limited presently to permanent party married personnel. Current building programs will make more on-base housing available. Rentals in the neighboring San Marcos area are limited.

Almost complete medical treatment facilities are available for military personnel and their dependents.

On-base recreation includes two clubs, bowling alley, swimming pool, hobby shops, gymnasium, picnic area, tennis courts, skeet range and a golf driving range.

Off-base recreational facilities are limited. But in the hill country near San Marcos are several guest ranches; and within a fifty mile radius are San Antonio and Austin where diversified recreational facilities are found.

...egg beaters
...and skeeters





crossing the threshold to where



not even the sky's the limit



the student crossing the threshold of an air force flying school enters into a world of continuous learning. he starts at once preparing for the dual role of an air force officer and a rated pilot or observer. the silver wings of his rating is the badge of a skilled technician. he has flown the sleek jet and has met the challenge of the sky; but the training must go on. the exacting business of flying demands the mastery of this skill. failure to learn the lessons well could mean an aircraft lost, a mission turned back, a cause defeated.

this young man wears another badge -- the bars of a junior officer. this is his badge of responsibility. the responsibility to learn, to prepare, to progress, to train for higher levels of leadership. training never ceases for the wearer of air force blue. every officer is, in a sense, always a cadet.

he is always learning -- always meeting a goal which demands more skill, more knowledge, more understanding. whether he be a gold barred lieutenant or a silver starred general, the training must go on.

officer development is the constant theme and as he progresses up the ladder of air force responsibility and leadership, he will come to know that on this great team not even the sky's the limit. he has learned to fly. he has learned to lead. he has answered a great call, and has filled a need --

but the training goes on. he flies to new horizons daily.

training prospectus

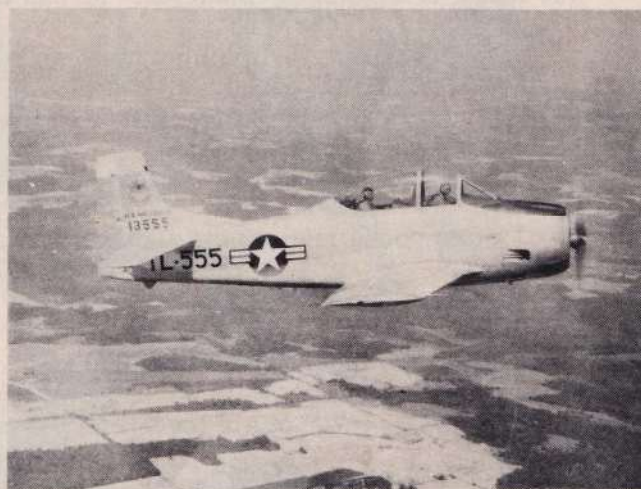
primary pilot training

in primary pilot training the t-34 and the t-28 are combined in the 24-week schedule during which men first fly. about 130 hours of flying time is required. in the classroom, student officers and cadets get instruction in all phases of flying from weather and navigation to oral and visual codes. equally important to pilot training are the hours the cadet and student officer spend preparing for officer responsibilities. in a few months, they will both wear the silver wings of the air force pilot. the 170 hours of military training a cadet receives must prepare him for the dual role of a pilot and an officer. an officer development training program of 170 hours is given to the student officer. this includes visits to operating units of the base and is designed

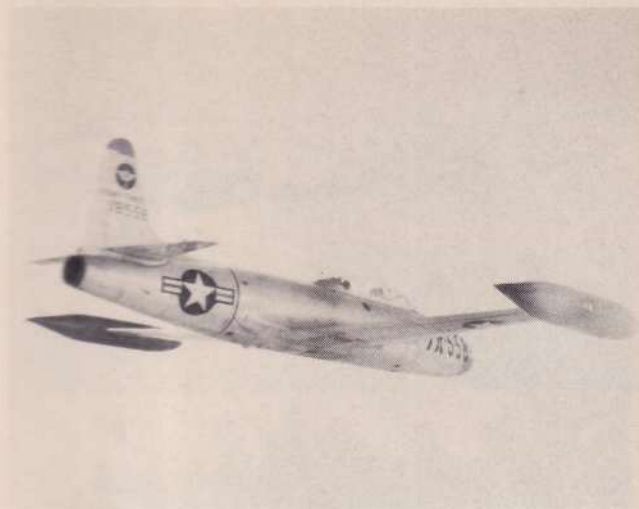
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to instill in him his responsibilities and to prepare him for the many officer tasks to come. comprehensive examinations come near the end of the 24 weeks after which the students wing their way to basic for single engine jet or multi-engine training



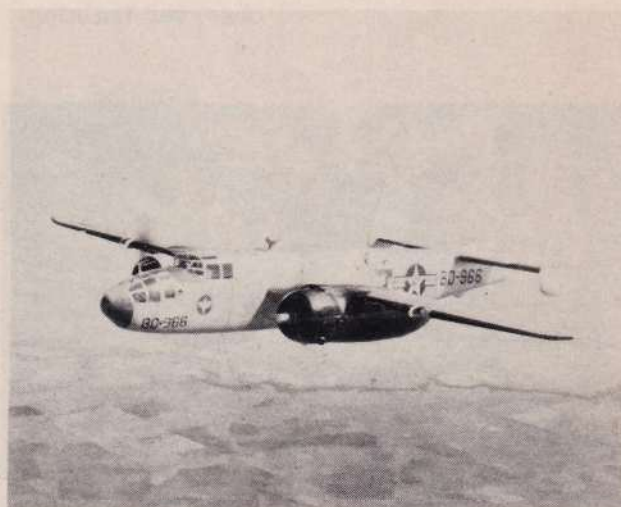
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multi-engine pilot training

basic multi-engine students begin flying in the b-25 twin-engine "mitchell" bomber used by general jimmy doolittle for his history-making raid on japan during world war ii. about 110 hours of flying will complete this phase. the equally important military training and officer development programs again include close to 230 hours of academic training including special weapons, weather, radio, navigation and allied subjects. advanced flying training in the latest operational equipment is available for those electing to continue in their air force career for four years. present plans call for all jet training program in basic in the near future.

single-engine pilot training

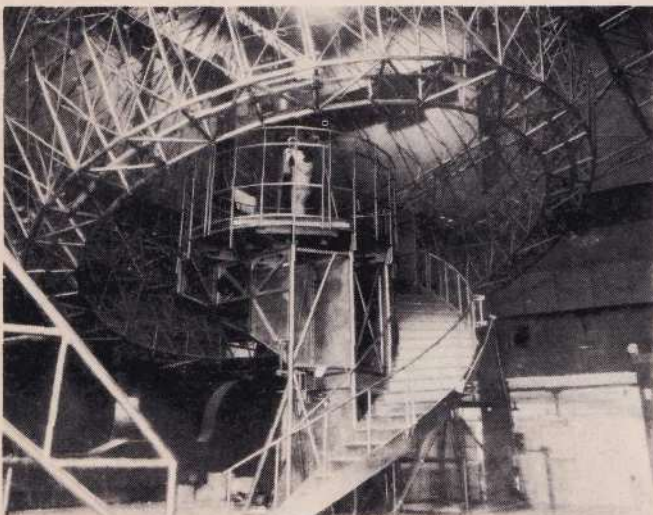
an all-jet T-33 program of about 120 flying hours including formation, instruments and acrobatics is given in the 20-week single engine program for primary pilot training graduates. integrated into the busy flying schedule are 200 hours of academics in navigation, physiological training and other related fields. the important training to prepare the cadet and student officer for air force officer leadership again includes about 230 hours of military training for the cadet and 230 hours of officer development training for the student officer. many hours are spent in "off duty" reading to prepare the student for his professional military career. the 20 weeks completed and examinations finished, the silver wings and gold bars are awarded. those who sign for four years go on to more advanced training in combat aircraft at other training command bases.



...b-25

primary-basic aircraft observer training

during the 42 week aircraft observer course student officers and aviation cadets complete more than 250 flying hours in the b-25 and the t-29 "flying classroom." about 400 hours of officer training and more than 850 hours of academics supplement flying time to prepare a student for his future as a rated air force officer. student officers learn to assume responsibility so that even as students, they are applying the qualities required of them as officers. cadets will soon put on the gold bars of a junior officer and the silver wings of their rating. their officer training is designed to prepare them for their two-fold responsibilities. in academics, students study dead reckoning, electronics and allied subjects. graduates normally are assigned to operational units or combat crew training schools for one year before becoming eligible for advanced aircraft observer training.



.... celestial dome



...t-29 "flying classroom"

advanced aircraft observer training experienced graduates of primary-basic observer training enter special fields of advanced training in courses ranging from 16 to 30 weeks. in this training are special courses on strategic bombardment, strategic reconnaissance, tactical reconnaissance, radar maintenance, radar interception and aircraft performance engineering. flying time varies in these courses from about 100 to 200 hours; academics from 300 to 950 hours. graduates of these specialized courses go either to crew training air force for training as a crew member or directly to air force operational units.



.... instruction

besides a 10-week course in helicopter training for air force pilots, flytaf trains army helicopter pilots in programs of 7 to 17 weeks. the air force program is for rated pilots from operational units and recent basic pilot graduates. they fly about 70 hours in the h-13 and h-19, and have about 150 academic hours before graduating. following this course, helicopter pilots are assigned to operational units such as air rescue service and troop carrier.

special training programs

in three courses ranging from 30 training days to 8 weeks, air force flight instructors are trained at flytaf's school at craig air force base. civilian instructors from primary schools undergo an 8-week course which includes 70 flying hours in either the t-34 or t-28. after graduation they return to primary schools as instructors. rated air force pilots enter basic single engine or basic multi-engine instructor programs. bse is a course of 48 training days including about 85 hours flying time in the t-33. bme instructor trainees fly 60 hours in conventional aircraft. graduates of both courses are assigned to basic schools as flying instructors.

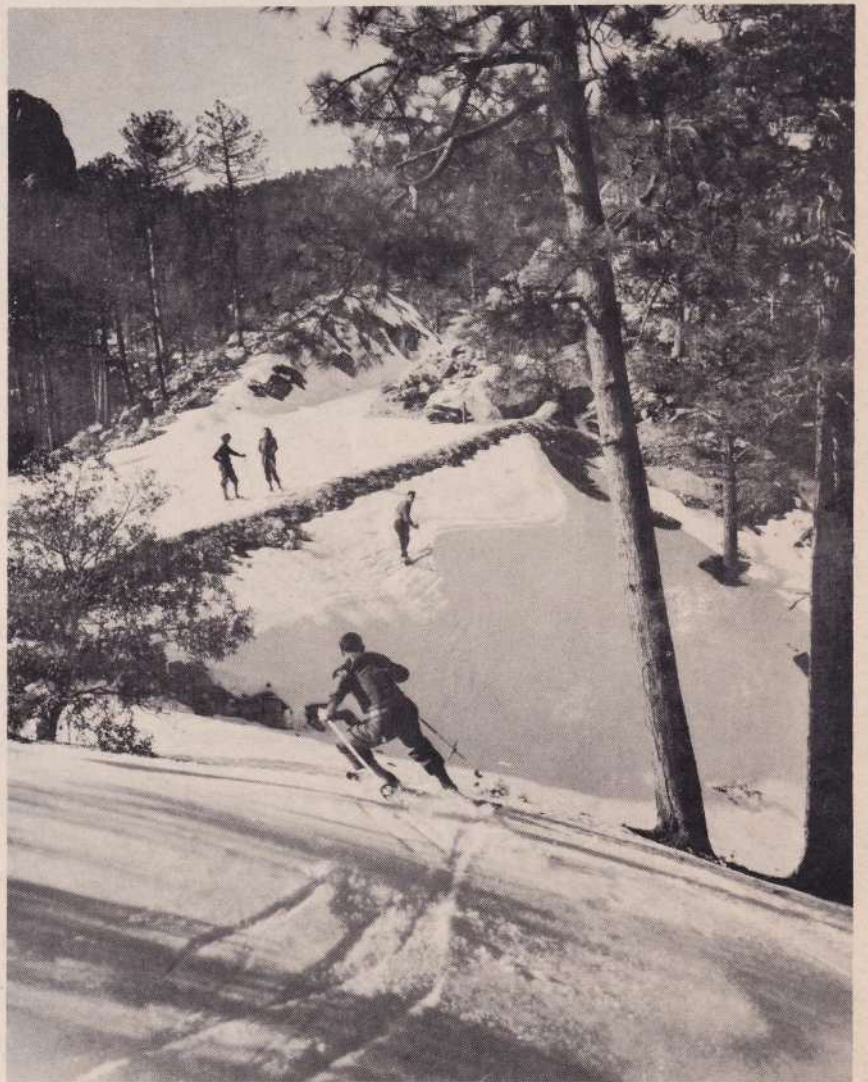
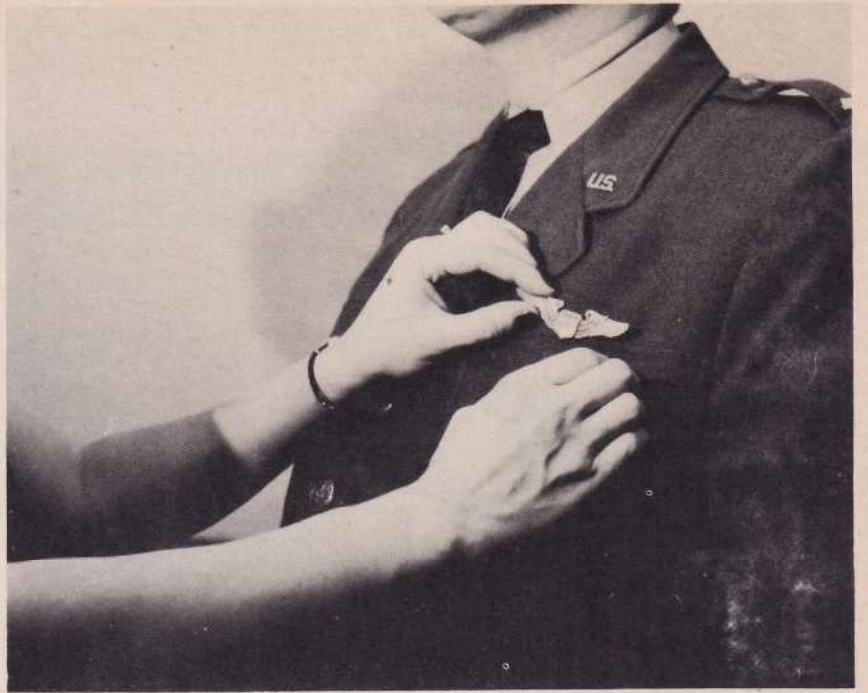
.... bananas



... a special kind ...

an air force wife is a special kind
of woman -- a pioneer in her own way--
crossing new frontiers with her
husband, learning from the experiences
of travel and new challenges.
while her husband is a student, she will spend
much time in lonely waiting, and
as the demands of learning to fly wear at
him, the student officer's
wife is there to help him through
these difficult times. pilot and officer
training take his time greedily so that she is
often alone; but in a little while,
he will have won his wings and together
they will travel to distant places
and enjoy an exciting life
together. as her officer husband
progresses in his career and assumes more
responsibility, she too will
progress and join hands with
air force wives throughout the
world and feel a part of this
great team.





... of woman ...



Three For Peace

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
Thro' the great spaces of the sky;
Be with them traversing the air
In dark'ning storms or sunshine fair.
Control their minds with instinct fit
What time, adventuring, they quit
The firm security of land;
Grant steadfast eye and skillful hand.
Lord, guard the men who fly
Aloft in solitudes of space,
Uphold them with thy saving grace.
O God, protect the men that fly
Thro' lonely ways beneath the sky.

Amen.

flying training air force bases



the twenty three flying training air force bases spread throughout ten states from california to florida constitute the largest known flying training school in the world.

legend:

- △ nine primary pilot training schools (civilian contract)
- five basic single engine pilot training bases
- ⊗ three multi-engine pilot training bases
- ⊙ four aircraft observer training bases
- ◇ two specialized training bases

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