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CLASS 53-B

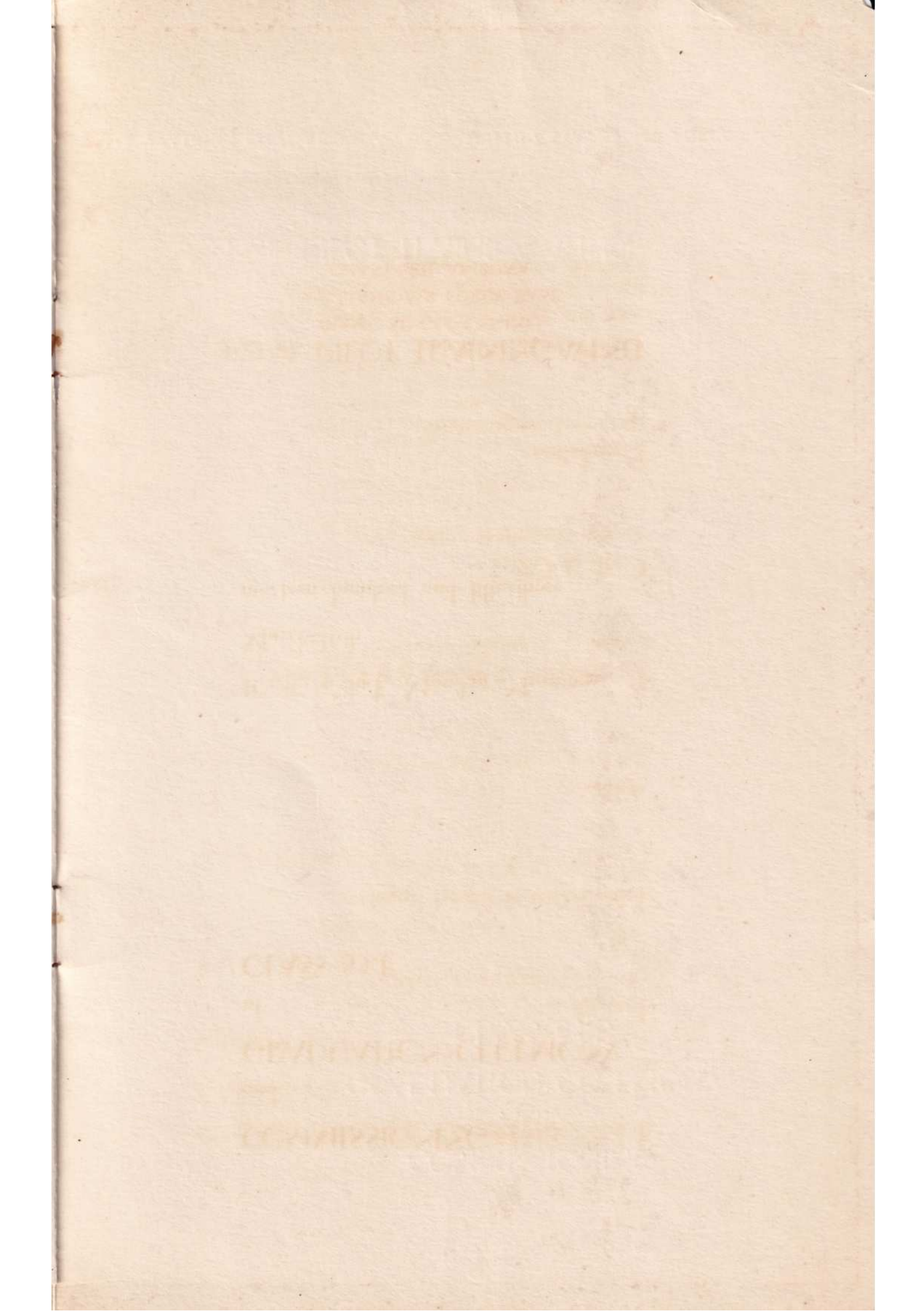


3525th PILOT TRAINING WING
(BASIC SINGLE ENGINE)

WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA

AIR TRAINING COMMAND

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



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of
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at
10:30 o'clock, Monday Morning
March 16th
nineteen hundred and fifty-three

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CHANDLER, ARIZONA

PROGRAM

Invocation

CHAPLAIN GLENN A. GURLEY

Introduction of Guest Speaker

COLONEL JAMES D. MAYDEN

Address

EUGENE C. PULLIAM

Presentation of Wings and Diplomas

COLONEL JAMES D. MAYDEN

Oath of Office

MAJOR GEORGE W. FRANKLIN

Benediction

MELVIN J. ADDINGTON

The National Anthems

THE WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE BAND
DENMARK, NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM,
FRANCE, UNITED STATES

UNITED STATES STUDENT OFFICERS

CLASS 53-B

First Lieutenant

ROBERT C. CLARKE

Second Lieutenants

HENRY F. CARTER

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PRESTON T. MADDOCKS

ROBERT W. SEWALL

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JOHN BAKALIS

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JOHN H. BICKERS

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JOHN L. BLUM

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RICHARD V. CURRY
ALAN W. DARBY
ALBERT D. DAVIES
ROBERT J. DEPEW
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HENRY C. DILLENBECK
PETER F. DOLAN
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HARVEY J. EIKENBARY
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JOHN W. GORDON
NORMAN C. HAGENBUCH, JR.
GORDON W. HARVEY
JAMES C. HOPPER
JOHN C. KALLENBERG
JAMES K. KINDIG
ROBERT E. KLINE
KARL L. KOSKI
ROBERT M. KRONEBUSCH
HENRY G. LAMB
RONALD J. LEGNER
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CHARLES R. MADDEN
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VIRGIL R. VanHAAFTEN
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JACOBUS KLEIN

DANISH STUDENTS

Sergeant

MORTEN F. JORGENSEN

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Commanding General
Air Training Command

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH P. McNAUGHTON
Vice Commanding General
Air Training Command

MAJOR GENERAL GABRIEL P. DISOSWAY
Commanding General
Flying Training Air Force

COLONEL JAMES D. MAYDEN
Commanding Officer
Williams Air Force Base

COLONEL CHARLES E. PARSONS, JR.
Commanding Officer
3525th Pilot Training Group (Csc SE)

MAJOR BRUCE W. CARR
Commanding Officer
3526th Pilot Training Squadron

MAJOR BENTON H. COCHRANE
Commanding Officer
3525th Student Squadron (Bsc. SE)

CAPTAIN HARRY M. CHAPMAN
Group Operations Officer
3525th Pilot Training Group (Bsc. SE)

CAPTAIN HOLLIS R. MOOMAW
Director of Academics
3525th Pilot Training Group (Bsc. SE)

WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE

WELCOME to Williams Air Force Base, a member of the Flying Training Air Force and the Air Training Command. The primary mission of the base is to develop Air Force officers who are qualified as jet fighter pilots.

Williams Air Force Base is located thirty miles southeast of Phoenix, capital city of Arizona, in the famous "Valley of the Sun."

Colonel James D. Mayden has been Commanding Officer since March of 1951. During World War II he served as Group Commander for the 352nd Fighter Group in Europe. He flew 75 combat missions and is an ace with six enemy aircraft destroyed.

The base is named in honor of Lieutenant Charles L. Williams, Arizona-born flier, who lost his life in an airplane accident near Honolulu on July 6, 1927. In 1941, ground was broken for the field which was to bear his name.

By December 7, 1941, Williams Air Force Base was in full operation. The first class of pilots graduated in April, 1942, and since then thousands of young men have received their final pilot training here.

Late in 1942, this field became the only school in the world training cadets in the famed P-38 "Lightning."

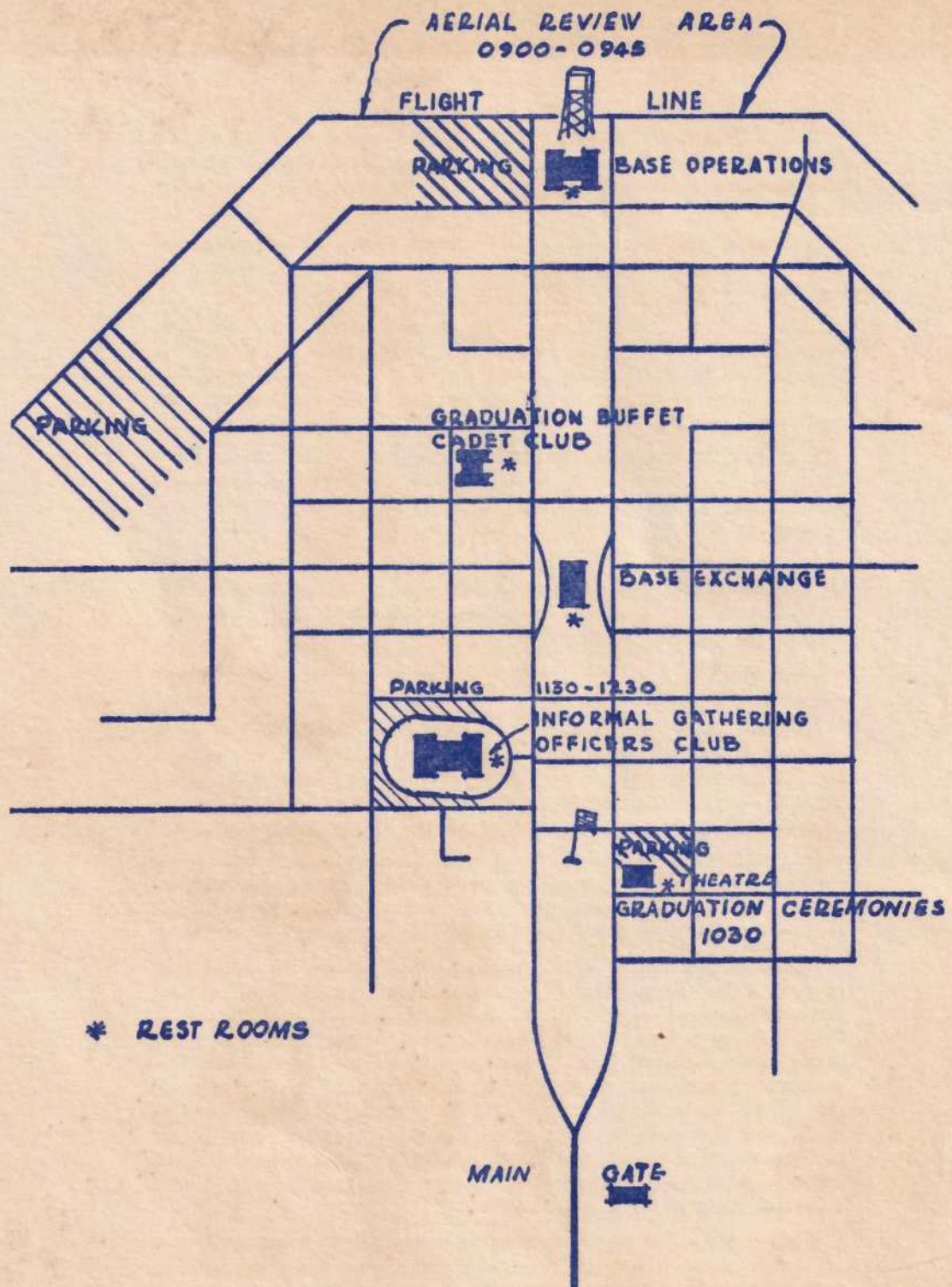
In December 1944, training of officer students in the B-17 "Flying Fortress" was begun. During the four months as a B-17 Transition School, Williams Air Force Base established the enviable record of more than 35,000 hours flown by its "Forts" without one major accident or injury to personnel.

In April 1945, Williams Air Force Base became a school for instrument bombing specialists, with B-24 "Liberators" replacing the B-17's. In November 1945, a Fighter Gunnery School was moved here with the F-47 and F-51 "Mustang" being used.

Early in 1946 the F-80 "Shooting Star" made its debut and in July a Jet Transition Program was inaugurated. The first postwar graduation of flying cadets took place on March 25, 1947. Among the cadets graduating with the American Students were trainees from China and the South American Republics. Since that date the "Fighter School" has graduated jet pilots from Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Netherlands and Norway. Cadets from Portugal are the latest group to begin training at the base. Allied students are trained under the Mutual Defense Assistance Program of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Today, with the Air Force an independent, but integral part of our National Security Program, even greater responsibilities are delegated to this school. The modern trend toward jet type aircraft has emphasized the importance of the mission of the nation's first jet fighter school—to train the "Best Jet Fighter Pilots in the world."

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AIR REVIEW

The air review has become a traditional graduation day occasion. It features the Acrojets, the epitomy of precision jet acrobatic formation flying. The team is lead by Maj. Bruce W. Carr accompanied by his talented wingmen; Capt. Harry M. Chapman, 1st Lt. John B. Dawson, Maj. Eldon A. Klapal flying the slot position and Maj. Hugh C. Slater flying as alternate.