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Army Air Forces Basic Flying School



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Gunter Field was the first basic flying school activated in the Southeast Army Air Forces Training Center. The field, coming into being on August 27, 1940, was named in honor of William Adams Gunter, Mayor of Montgomery, Alabama, for 27 years. It was through his patriotism and interest in military aviation that the municipal airport was turned over to the Army Air Forces for use as a military post.

The first class of aviation cadets reported for basic training on November 28, 1940, Five weeks after this first class, the second class began their training in the basic phases of flying. Ever since that time, at five week intervals, aviation cadets have entered Gunter's gates, received their training, and graduated into advanced flying schools, from there to win their wings.



On the following pages you will see Gunter Field as it appears today . . . its men, its planes, its buildings. You will see pilots and cadets in the skies, men preparing for combat. You will see mechanics, the men behind the man in the sky. You will see soldiers at work, at play, living in their Army home, fulfilling their patriotic duty, preparing themselves and others for battle in the clouds.

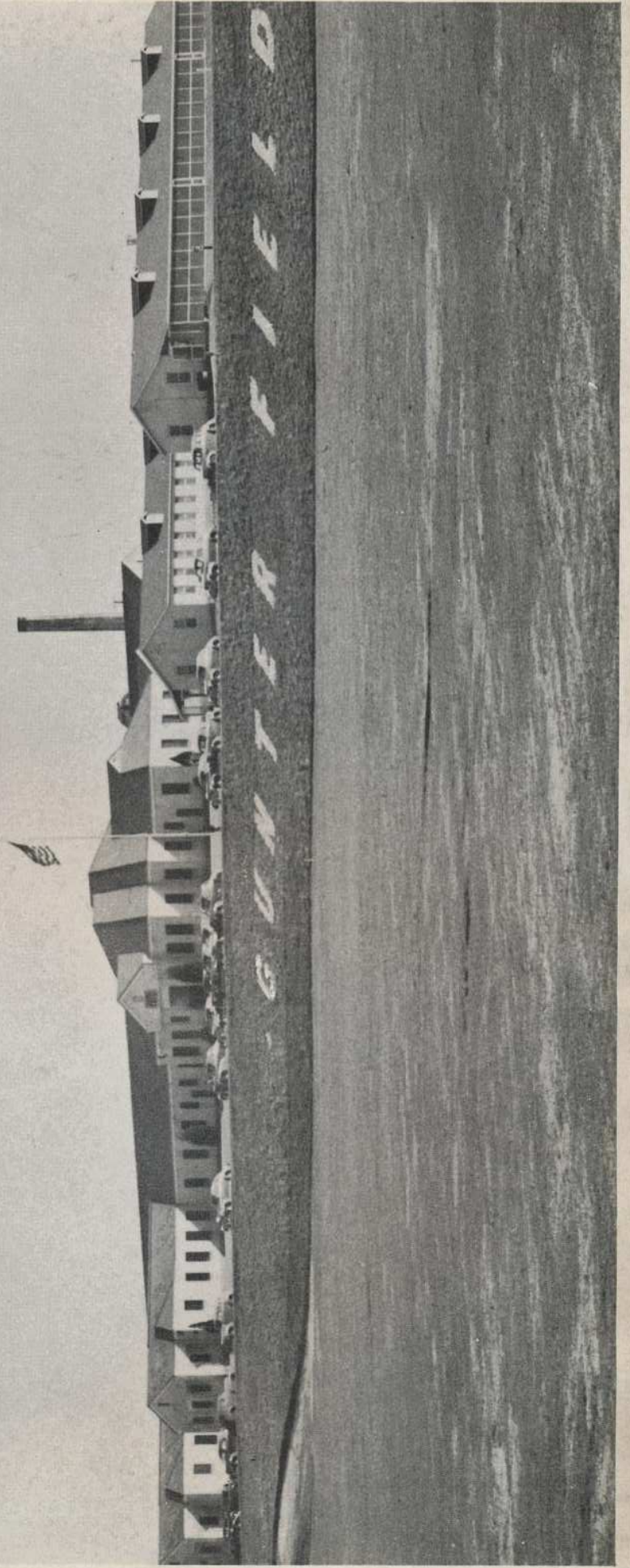




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Commanding Officer
S.E.A.F.T.C.



COLONEL A. HORNSBY
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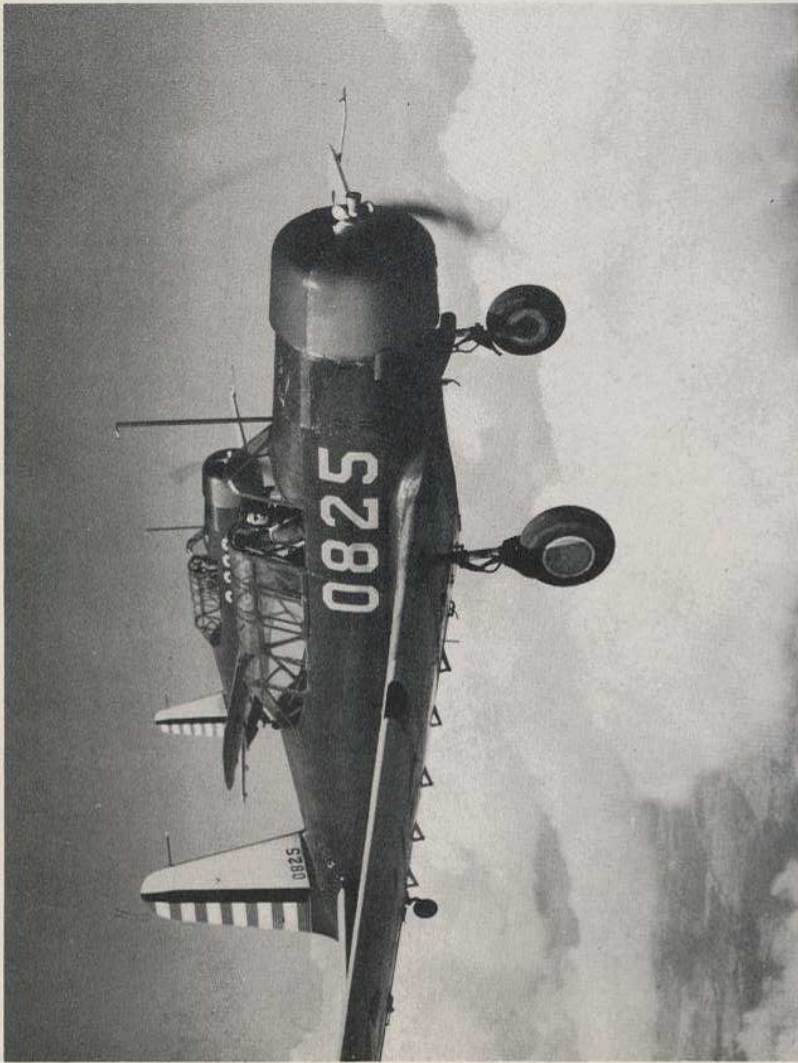




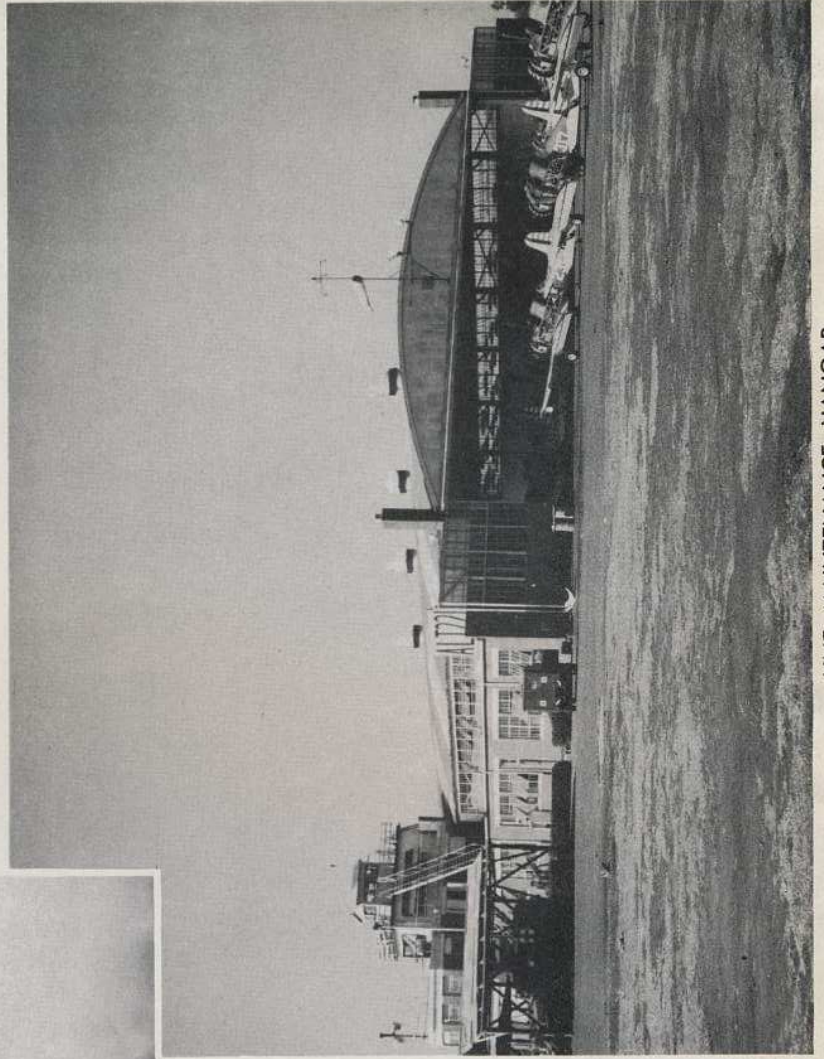
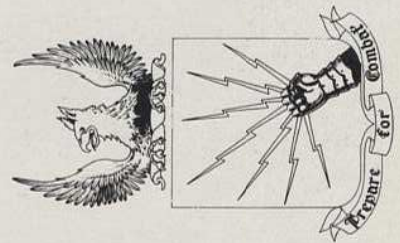
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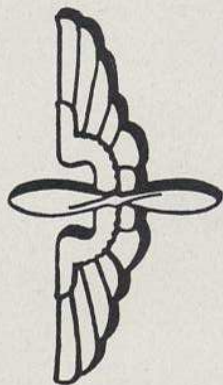
BASIC TRAINING WINGS



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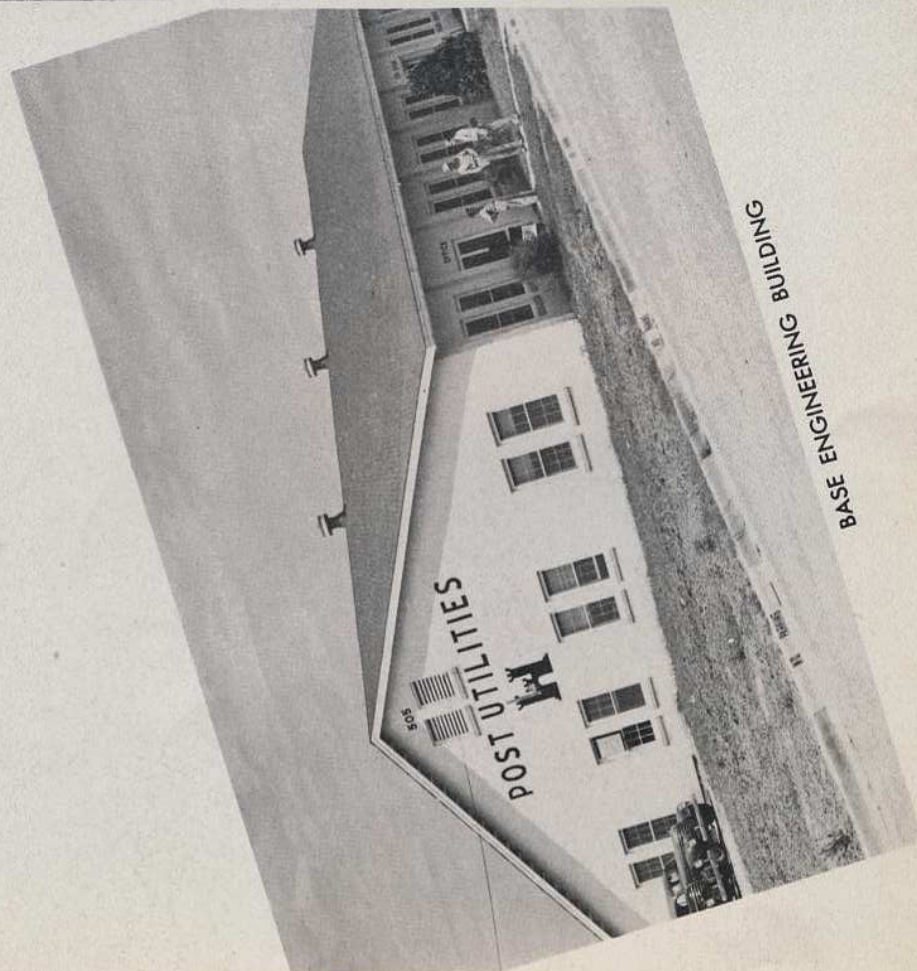


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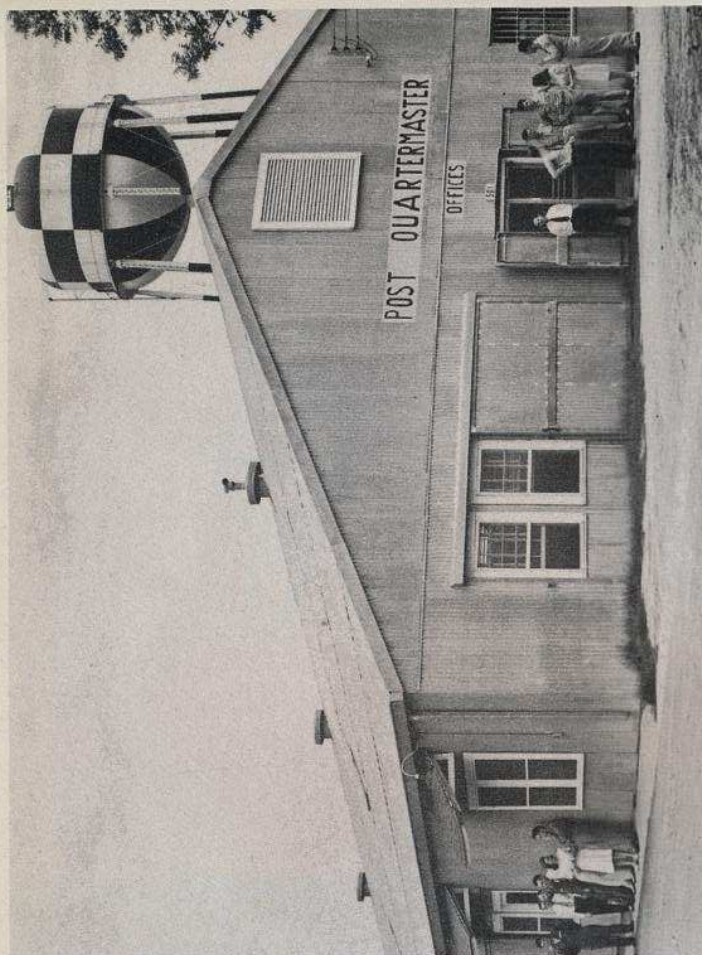


IN FOR THE NIGHT

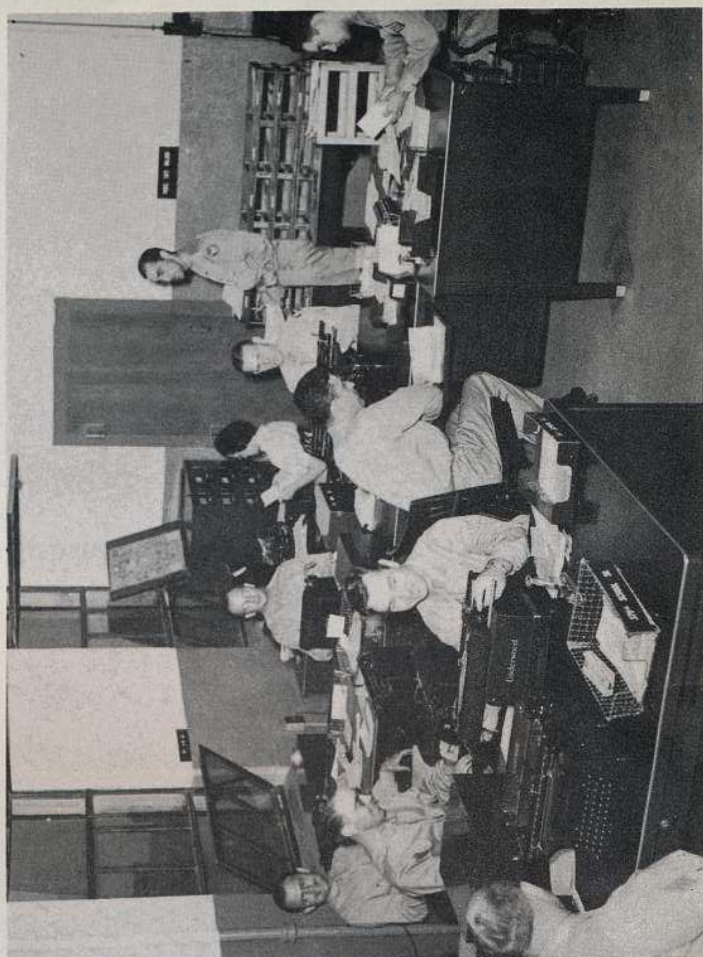
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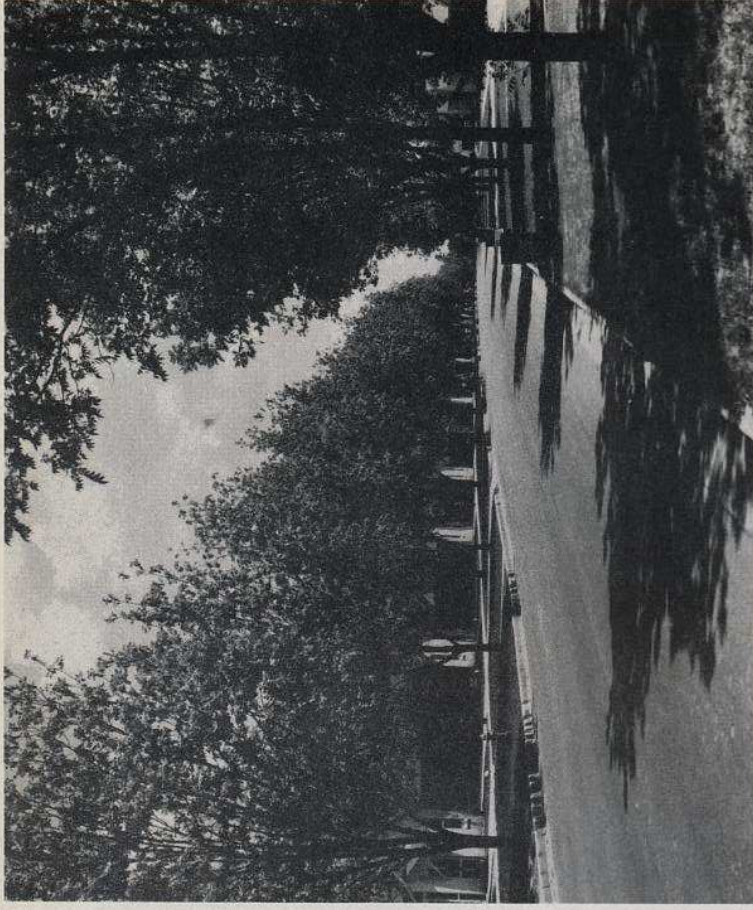
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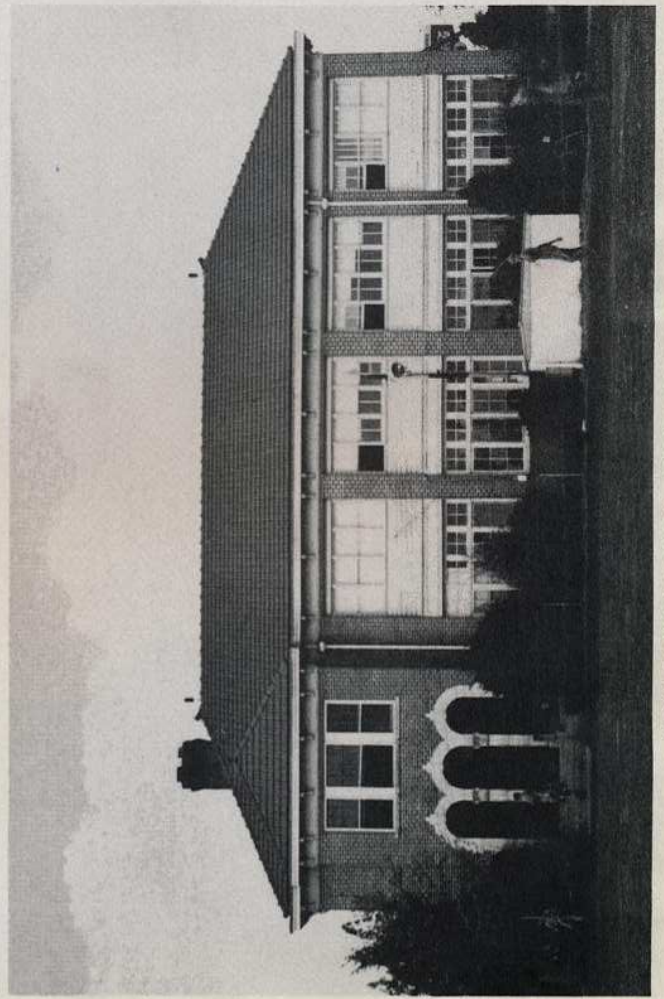
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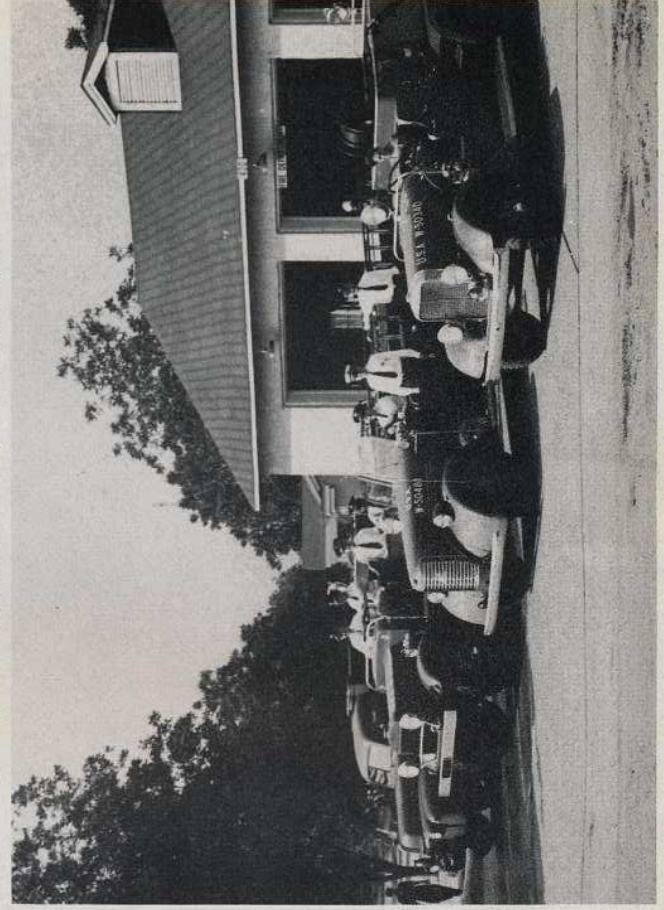
MAIN GATE GUARD



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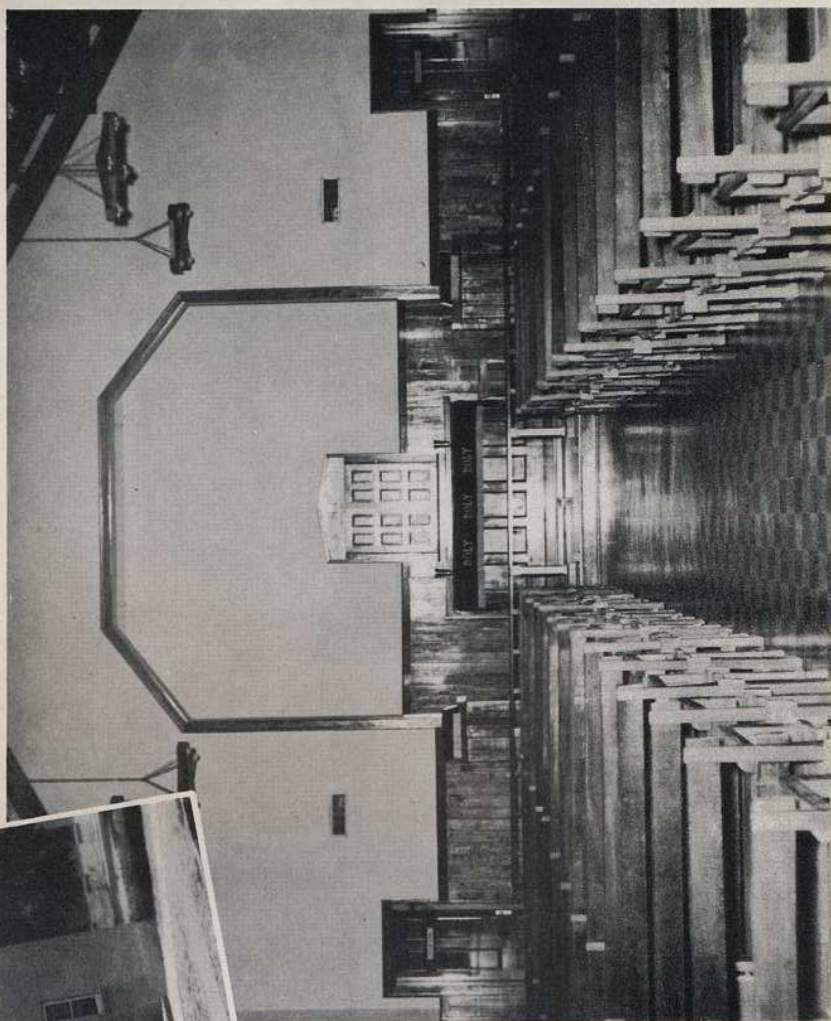


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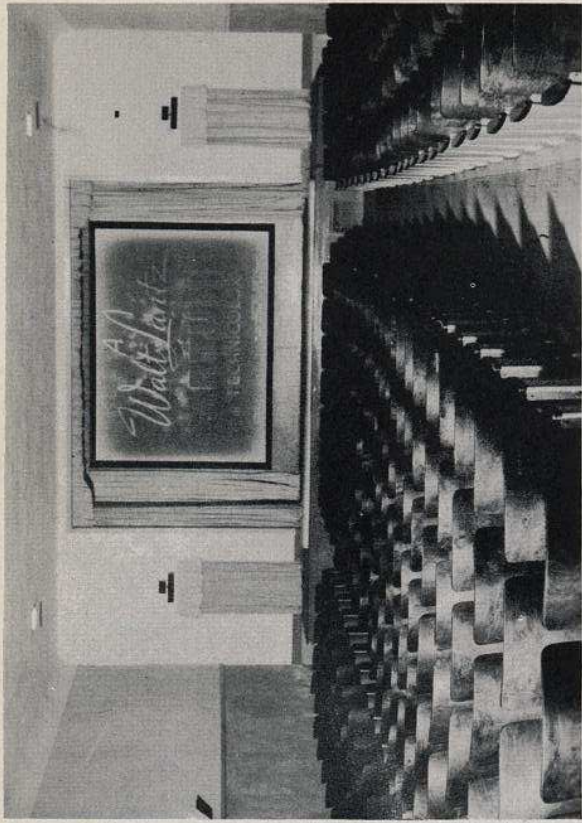


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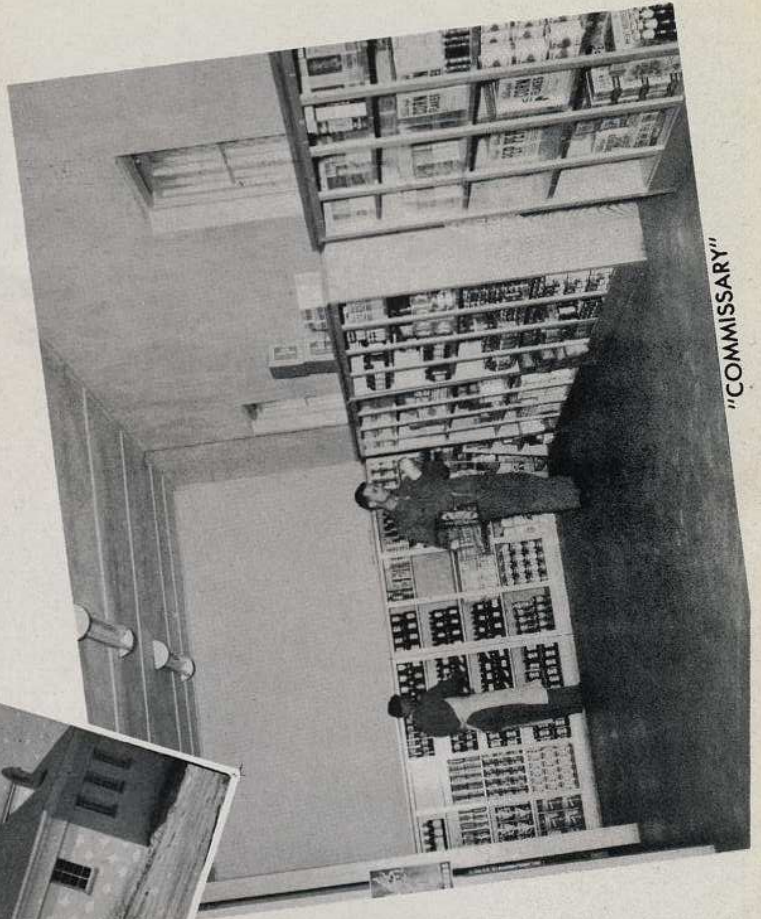
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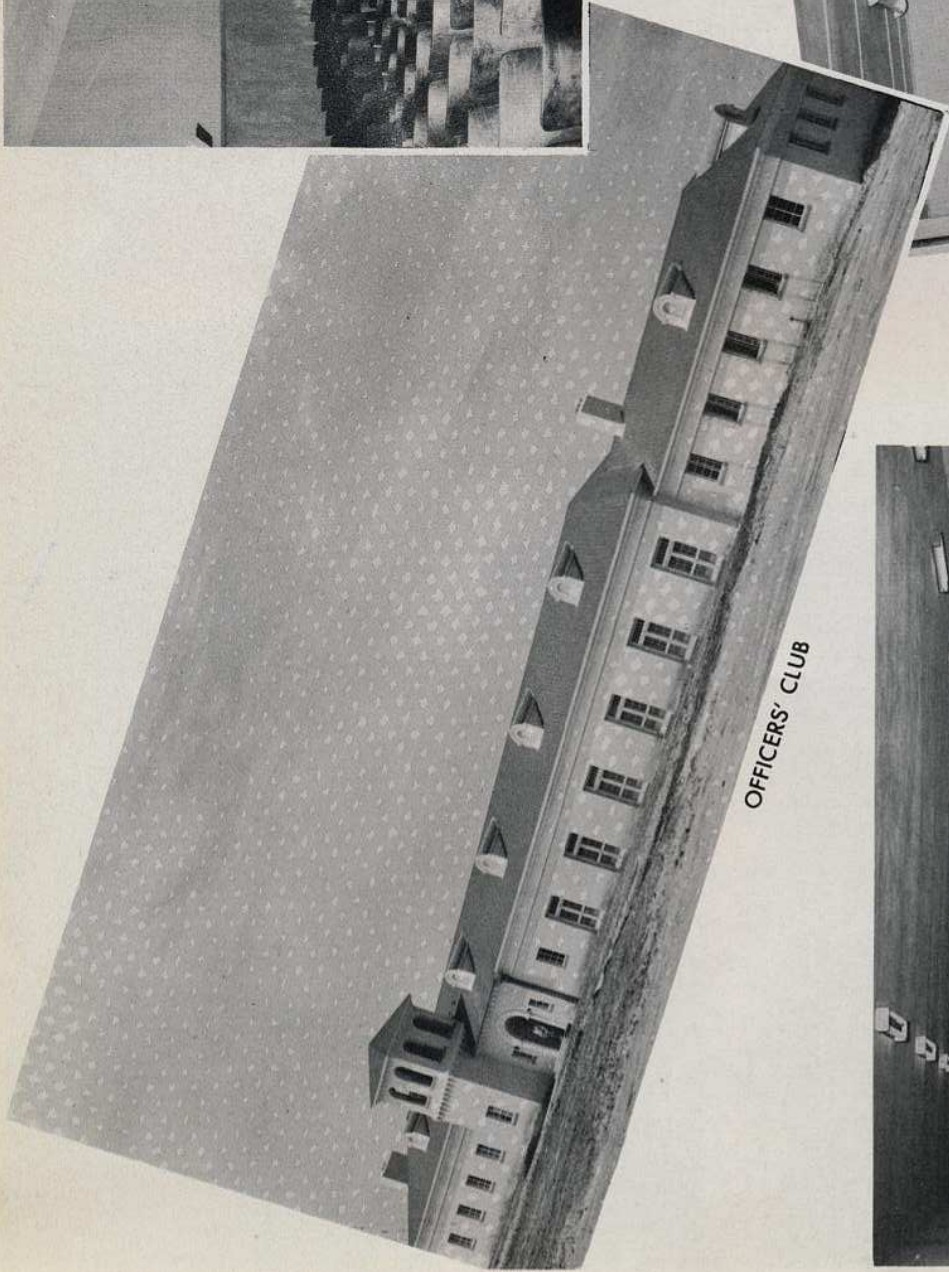
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POST THEATER



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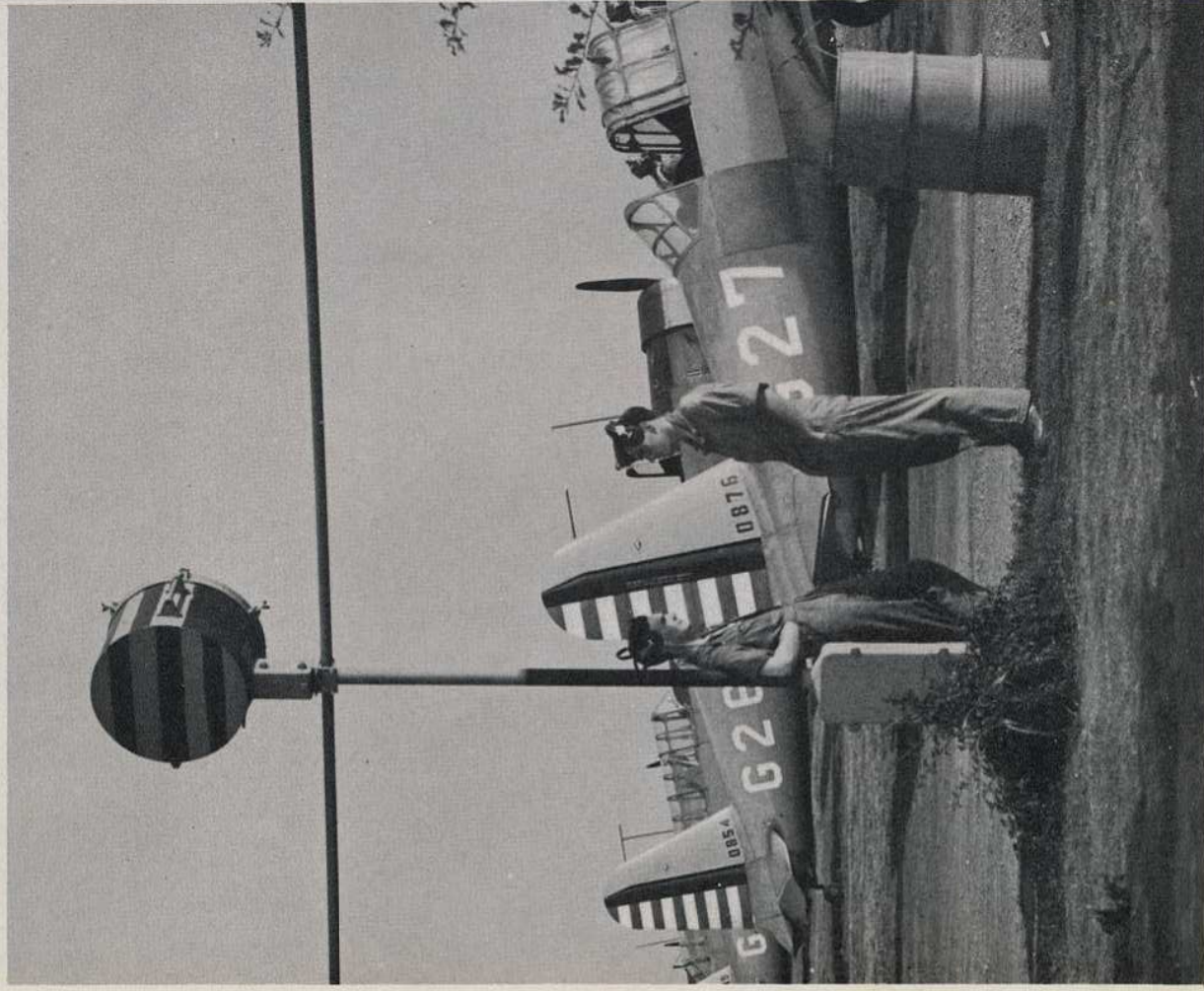


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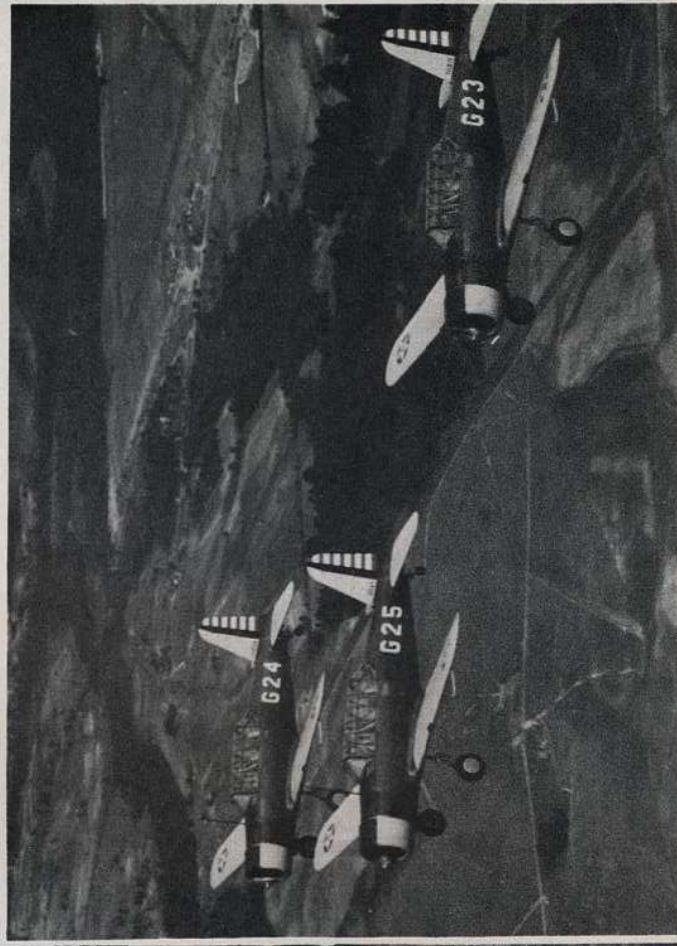


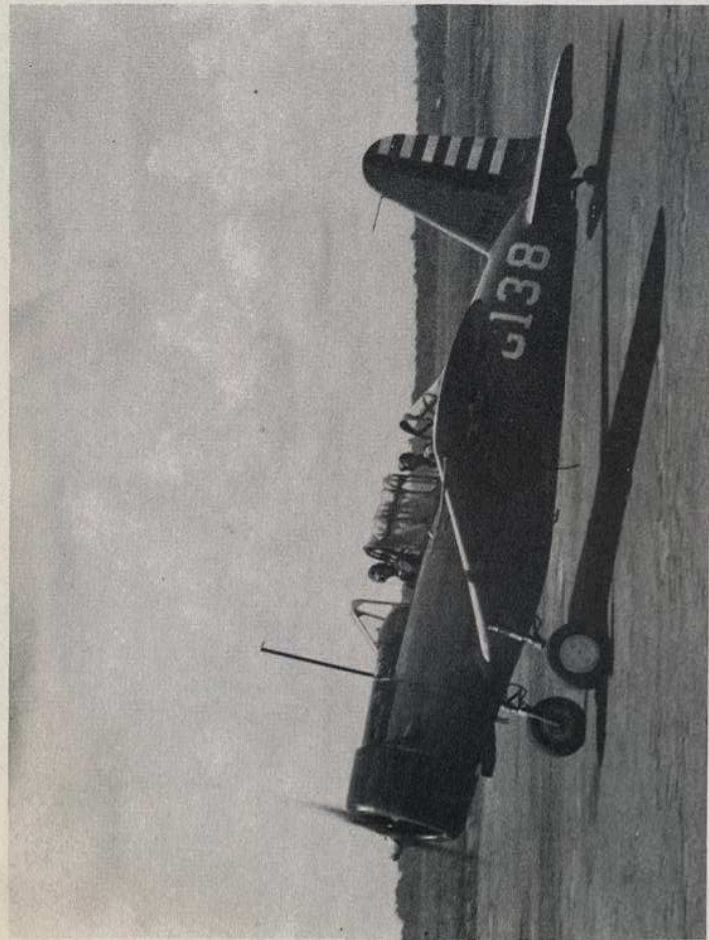
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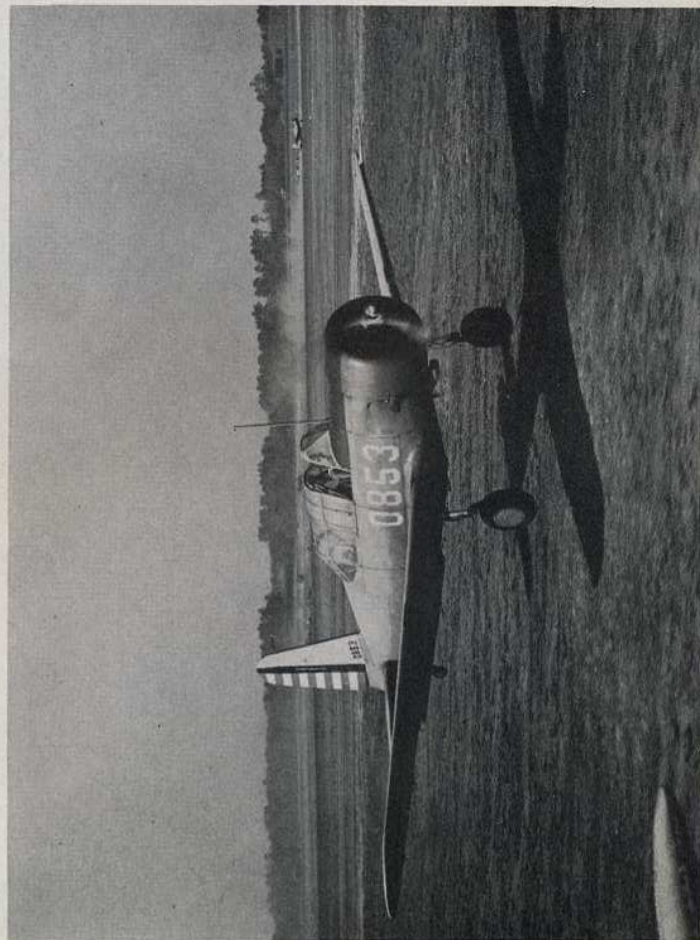




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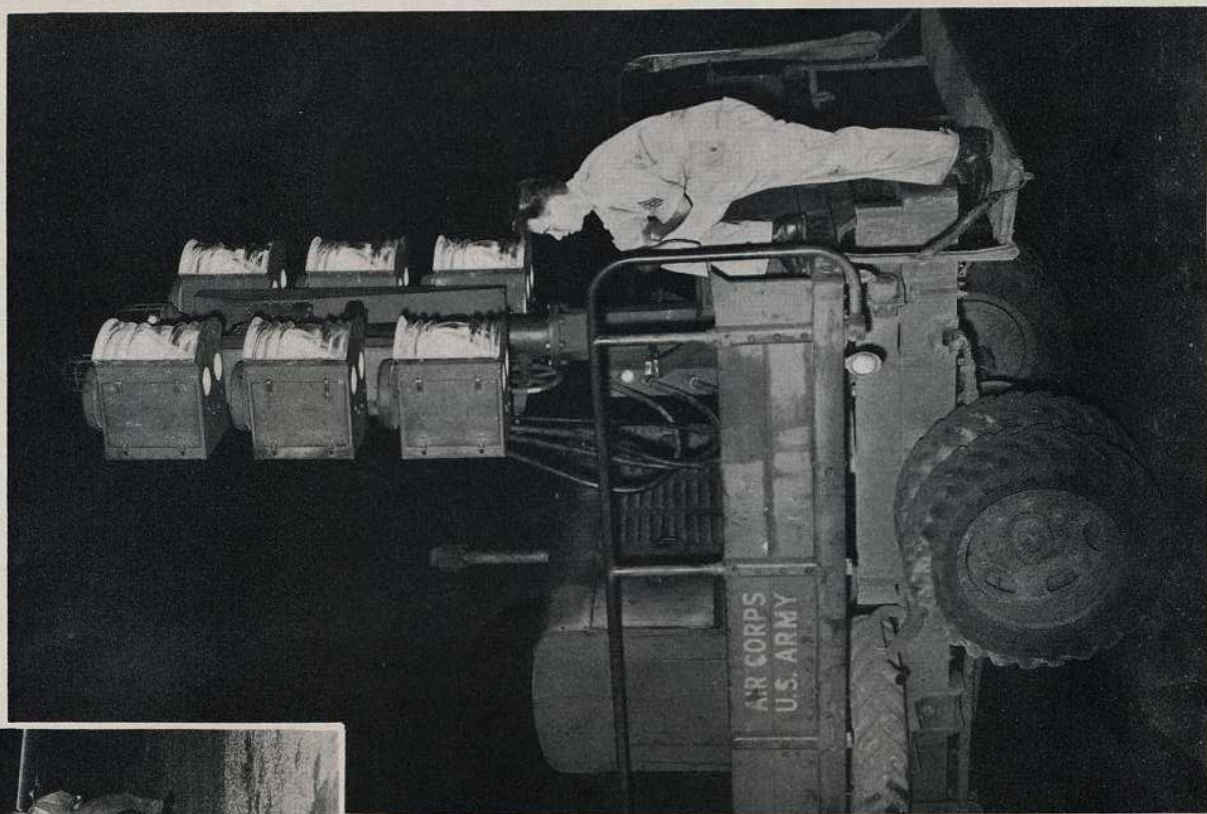
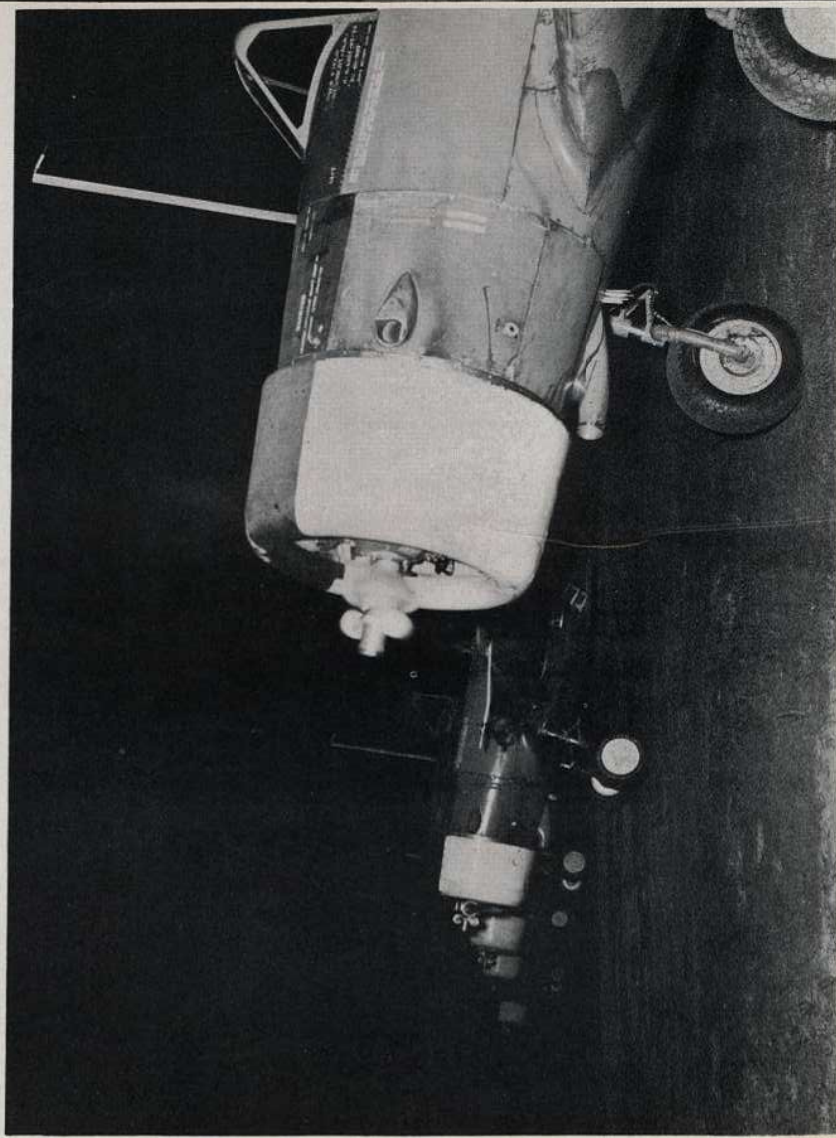
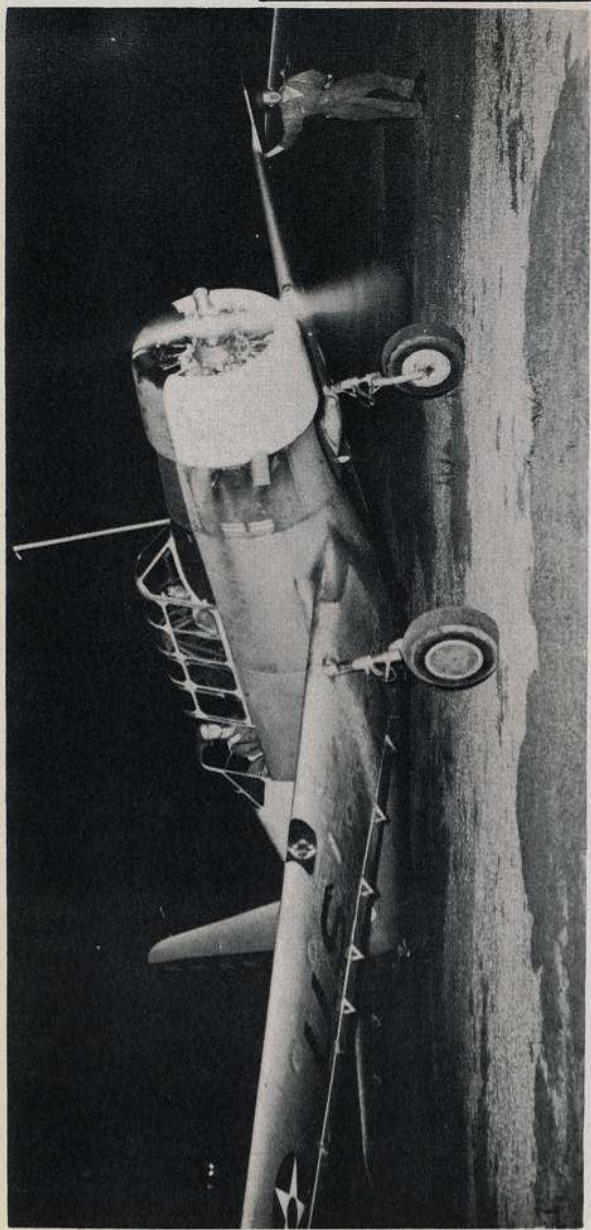


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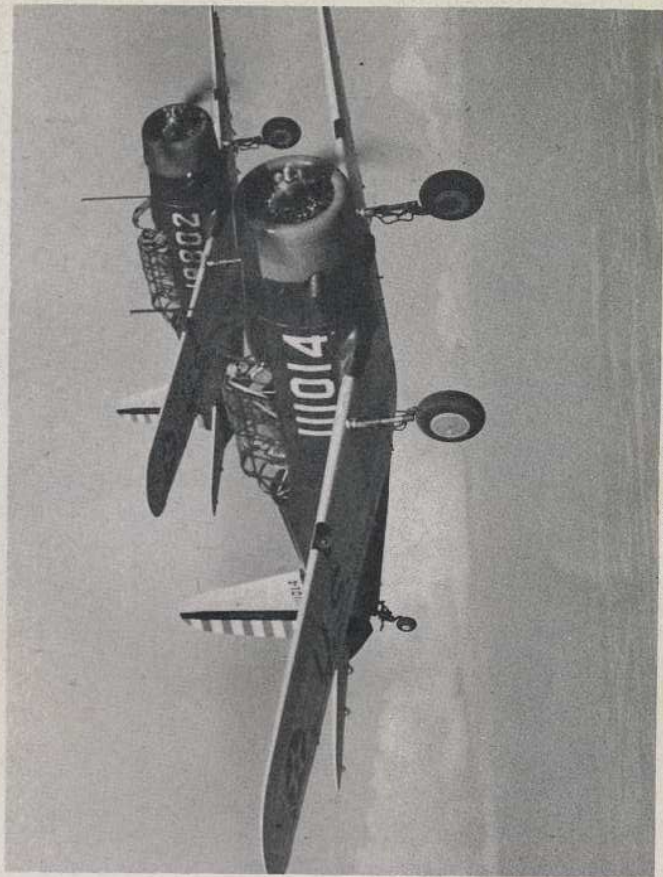
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PRIMARY TRAINER



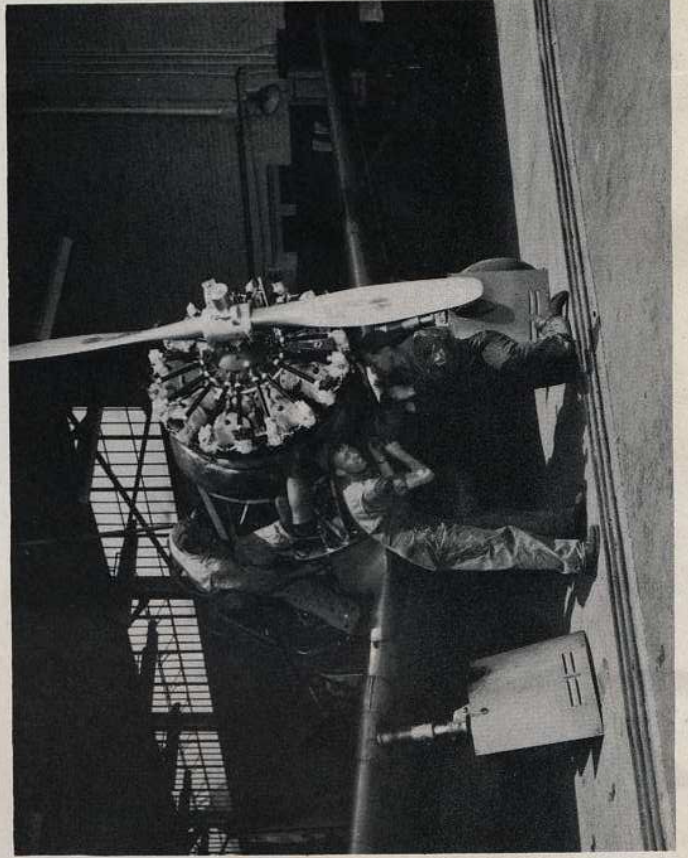
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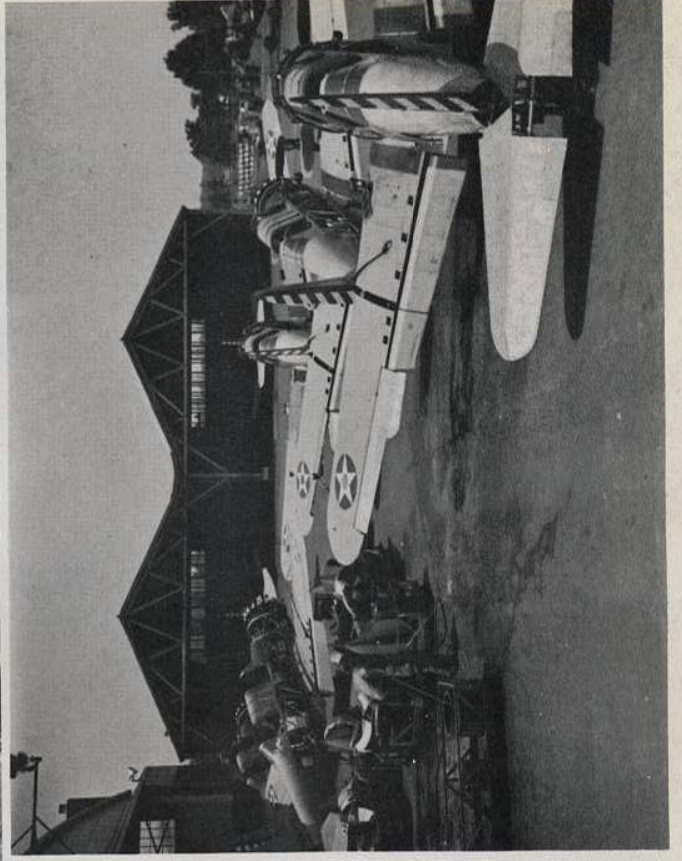
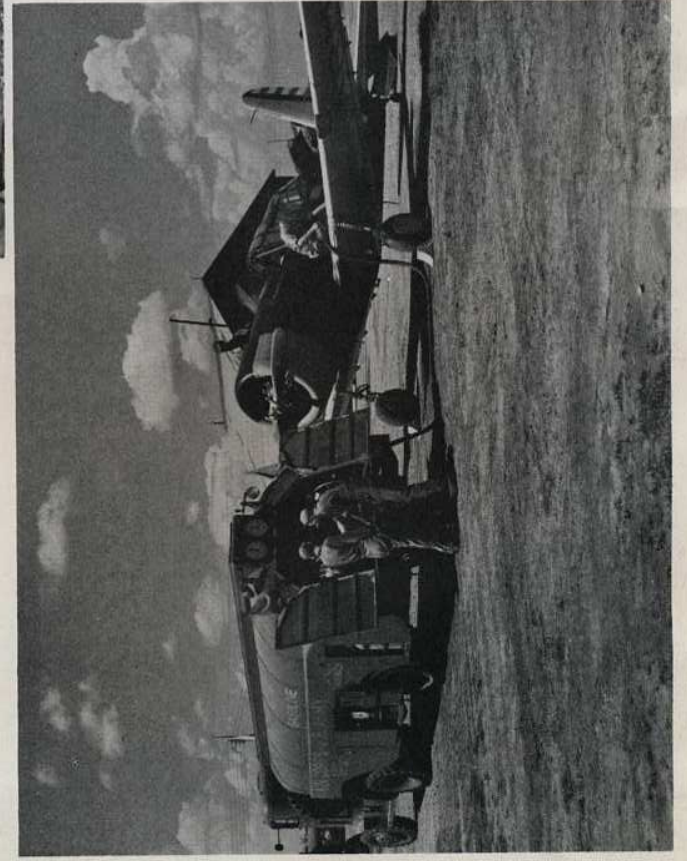
AT REST

"TRAINERS"

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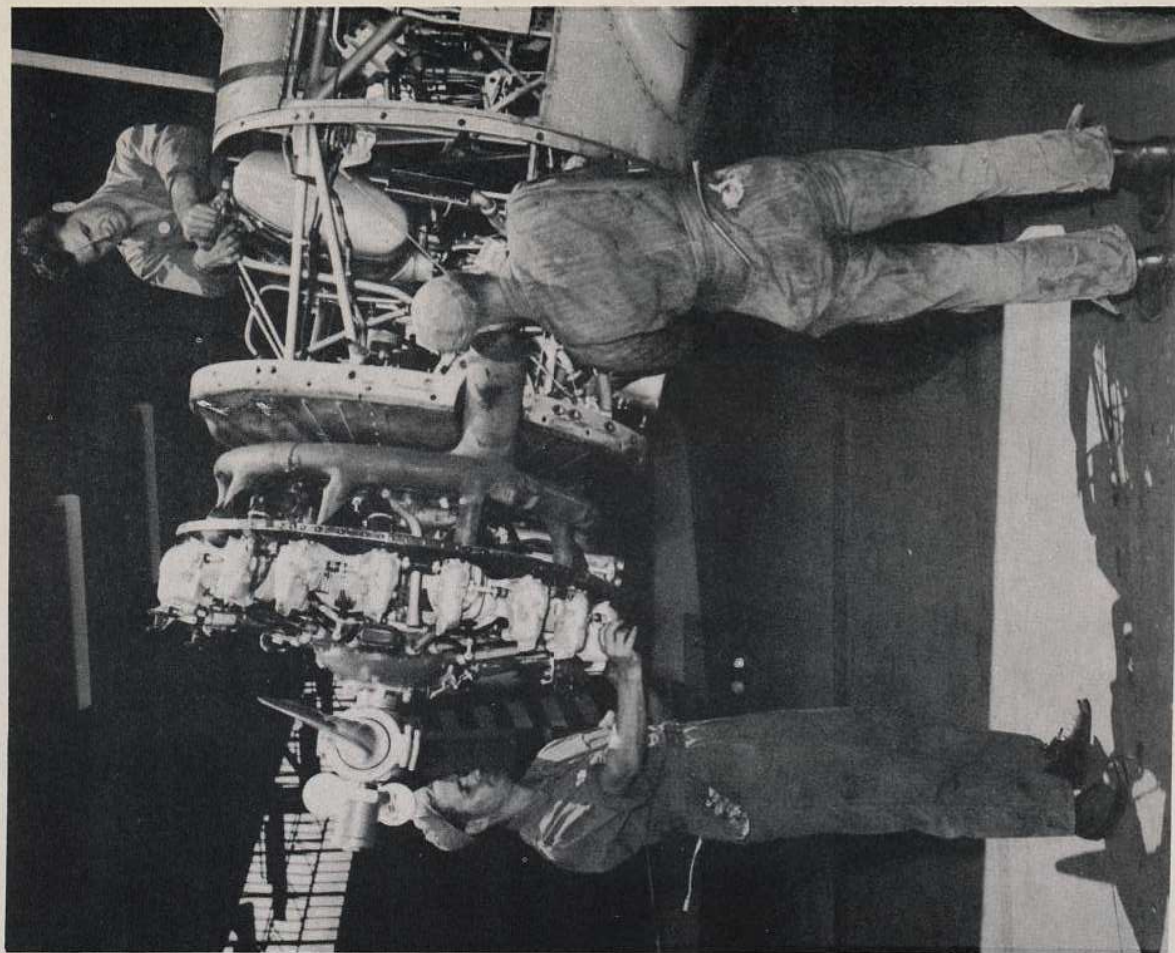
BEHIND
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"ONE IN THE AIR —



"POWER BEHIND



— THREE ON THE
GROUND —



AND THE FLAGS"

INSTRUCTION



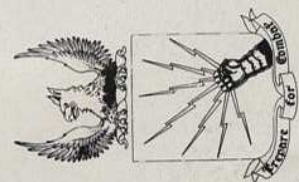
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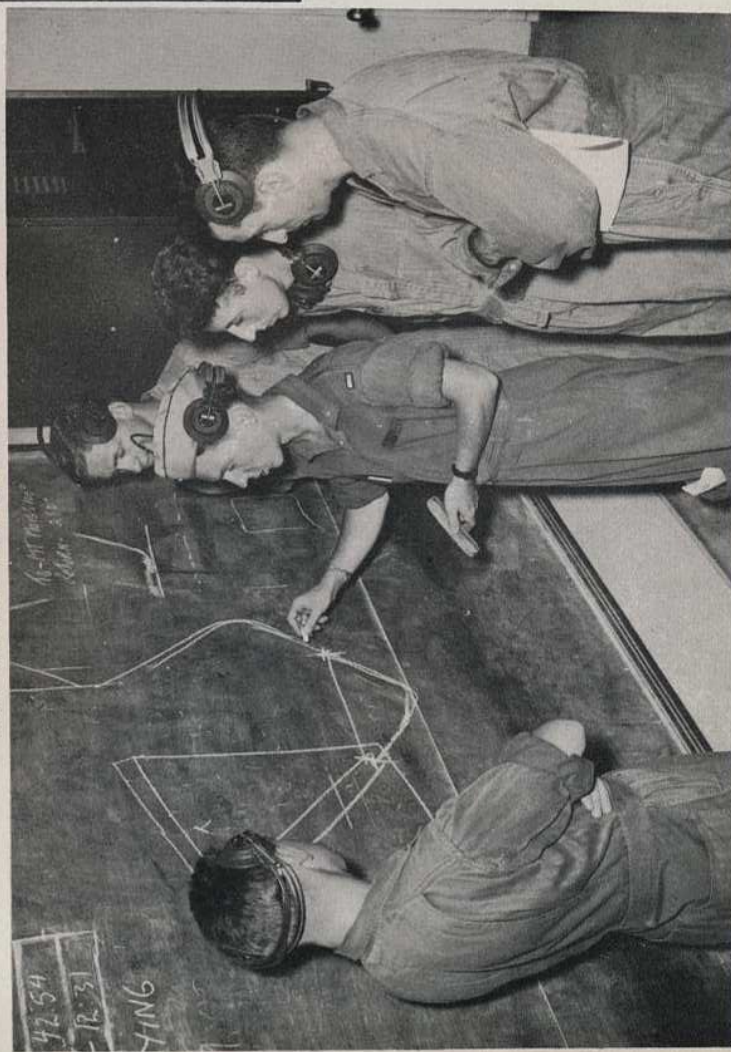




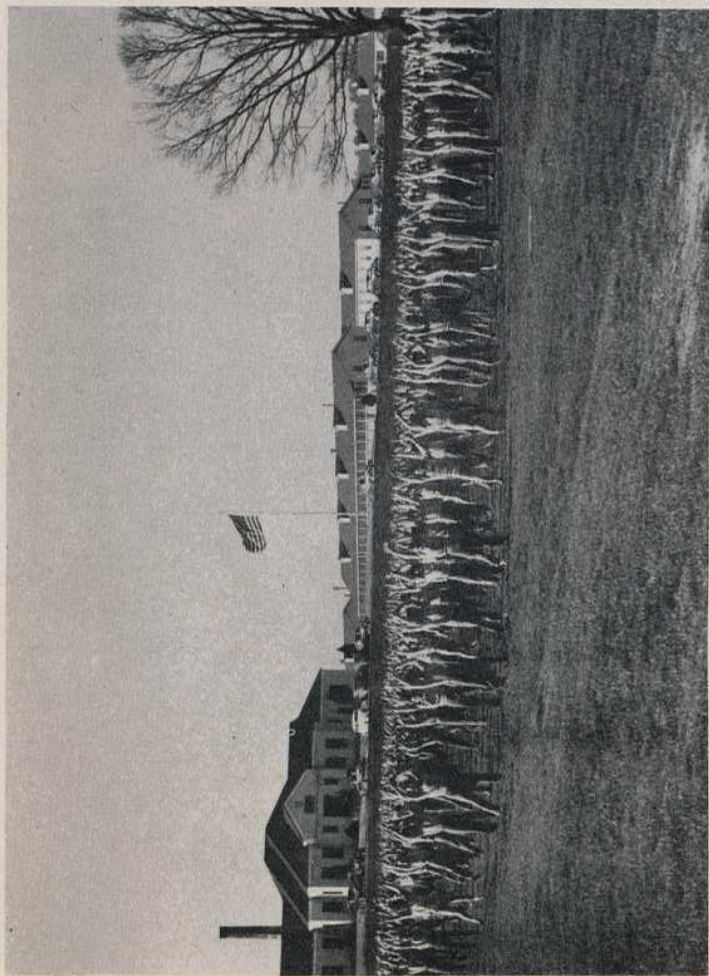
"LAST MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS"



"GET 'EM THERE; GET 'EM BACK"



"CHALK TALK"



CADETS KEEPING FIT



CADET BARRIER



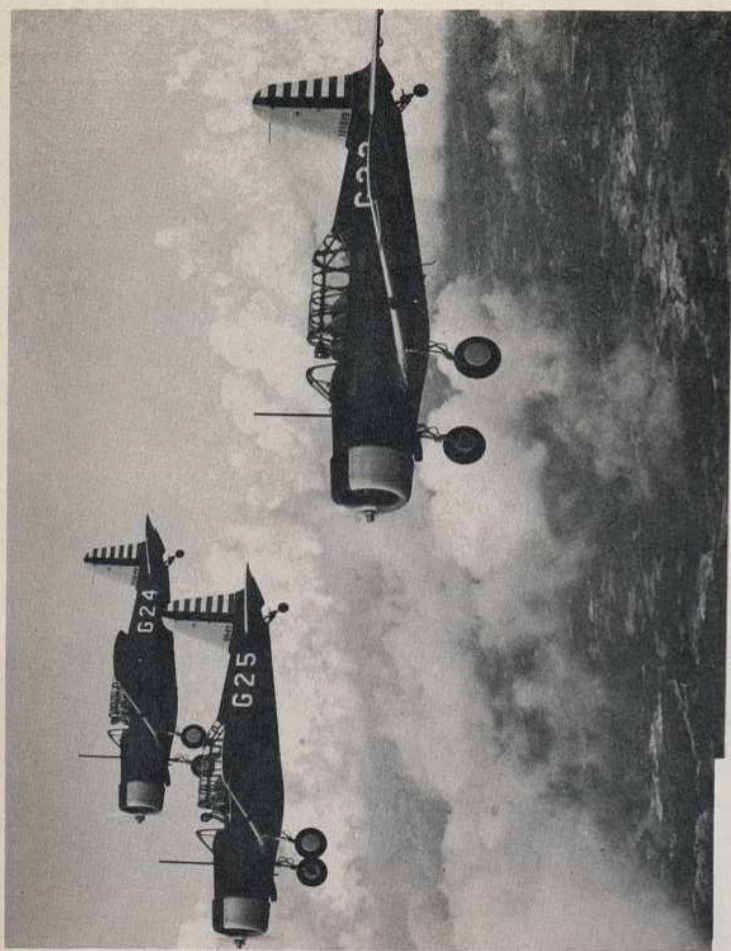
CADET RELAXATION



CADET CRAM SESSION



ERIC SEVERED INSPECTS



"PUTTING THEORIES INTO PRACTICE"

LINK TRAINERS



"ALTITUDE 3,000, AIR SPEED 200"



"PLOTING THE COURSE"



READING AND WRITING



ARMY MESS—CAFETERIA STYLE



"OUR ARMY HOME"



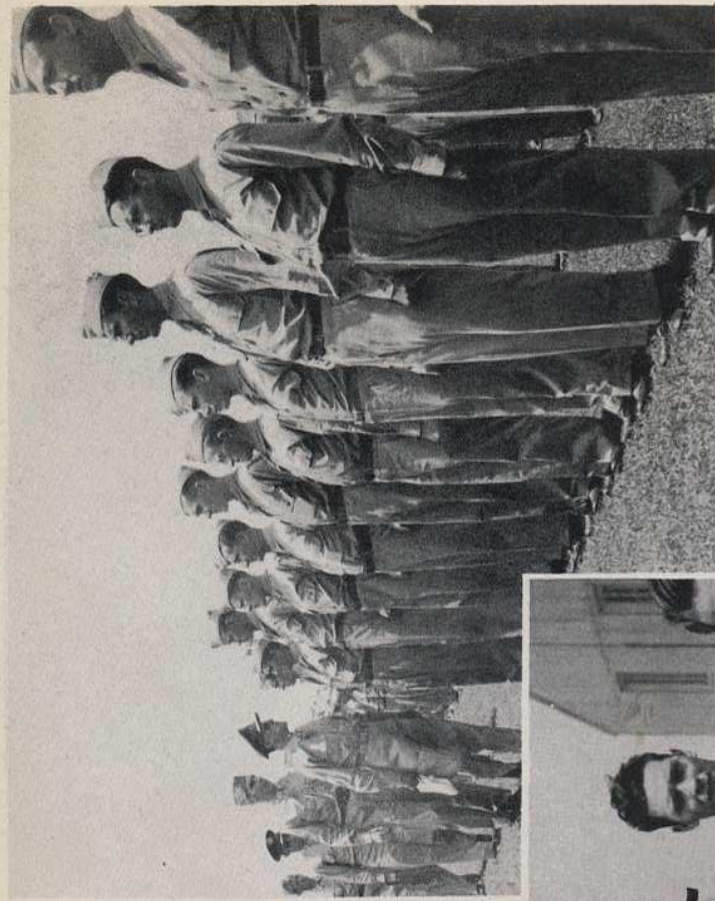
"EARLY MORNING CONVOY"



SOLDIERS' LIFE



"DINING ROOM ORDERLIES"



"INSPECTION"



"HOLD YOUR BREATH; STICK OUT CHIN—AND—"



LOOKING INSIDE

at GUNTER



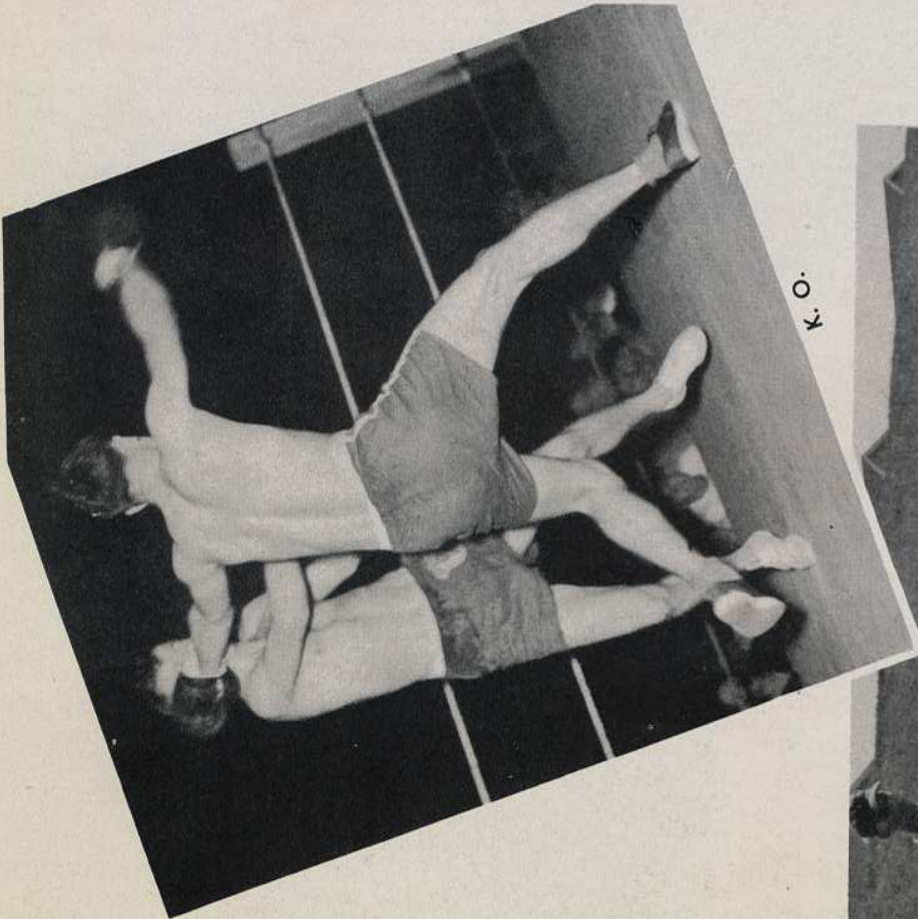
"AT THE SWIMMING POOL"



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"MAJOR BOWES UNIT ENTERTAINS"



K. O.



"SLIDE, KELLY, SLIDE"

"PLEASURE TIME"



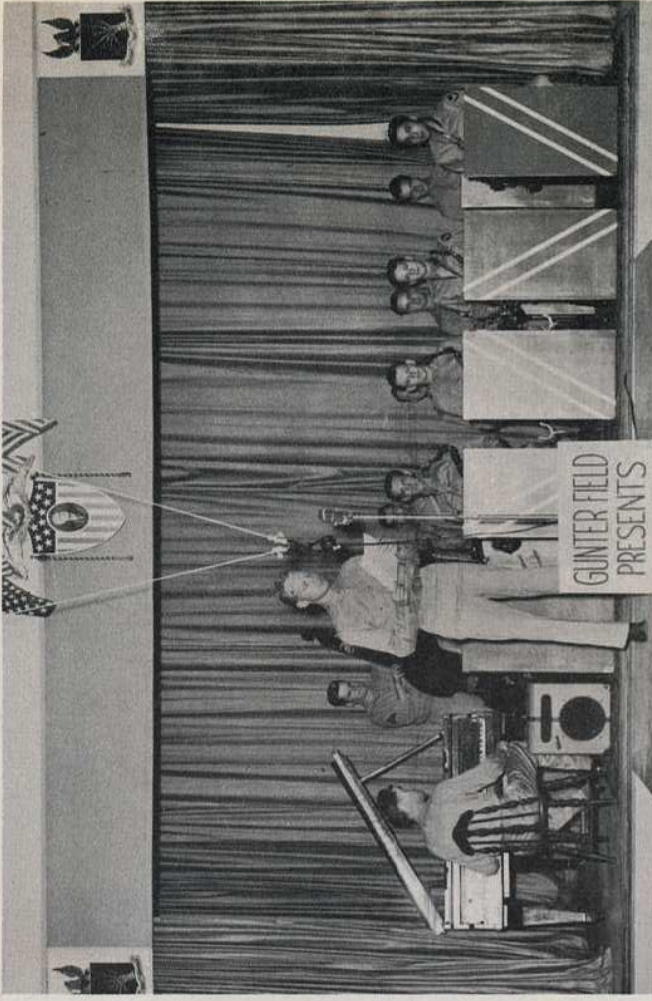
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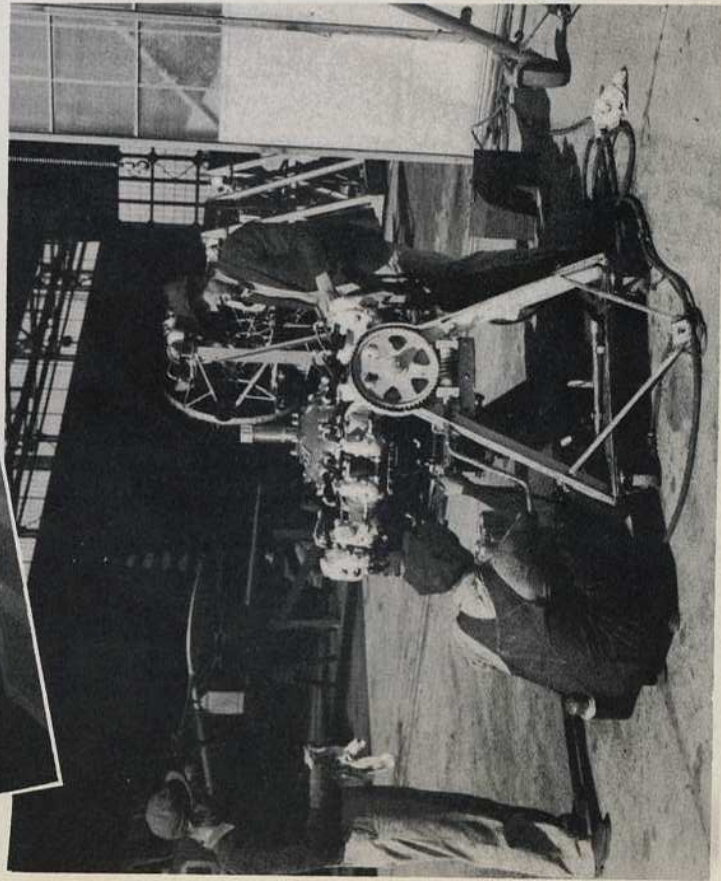
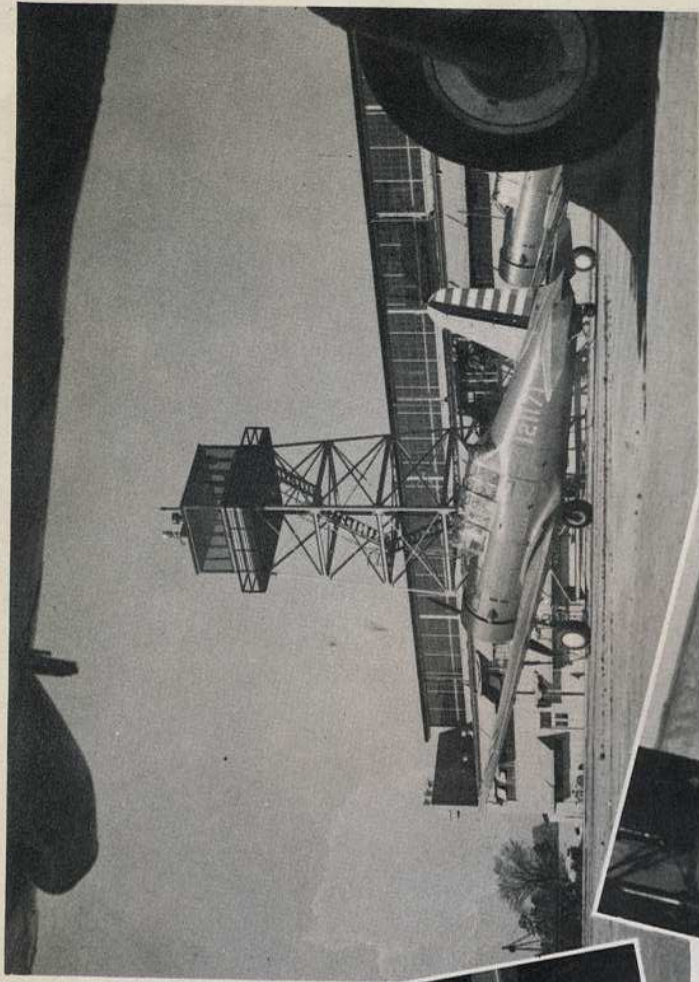


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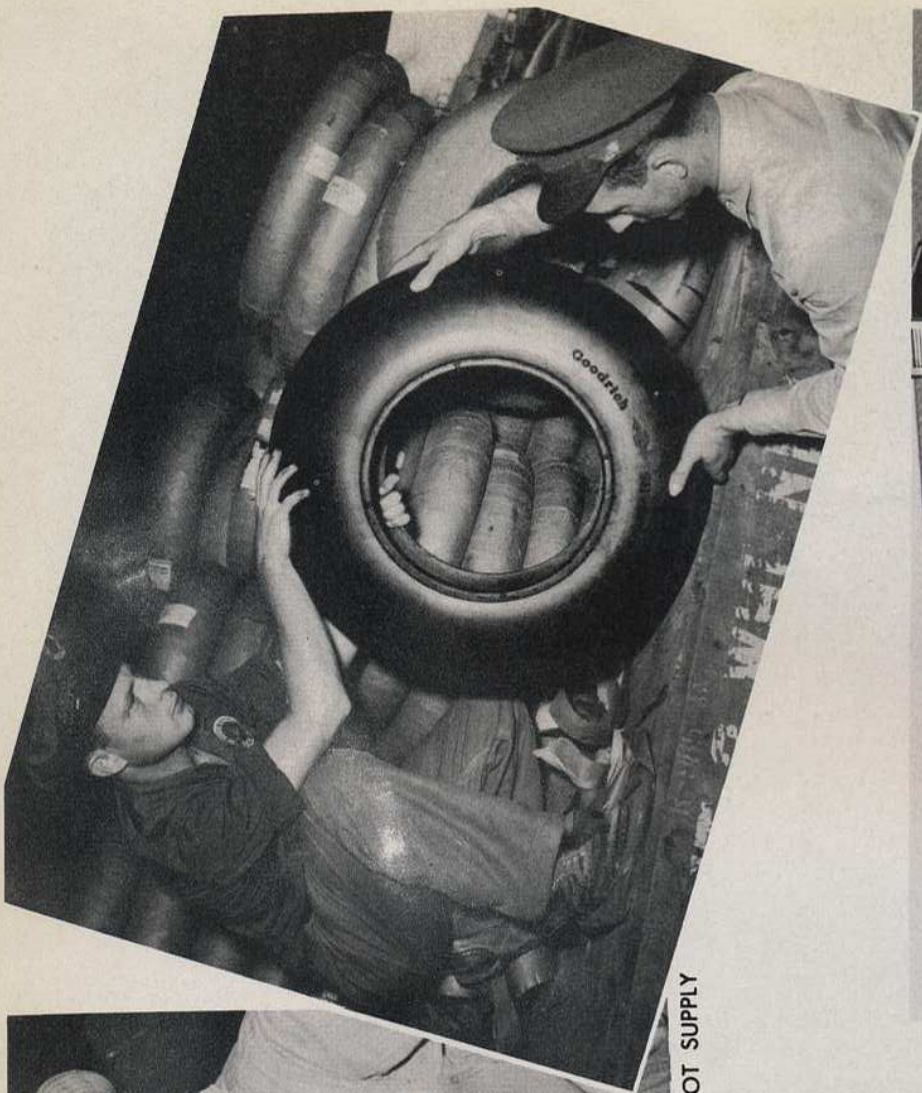
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Sub-Depot
ENGINEERING

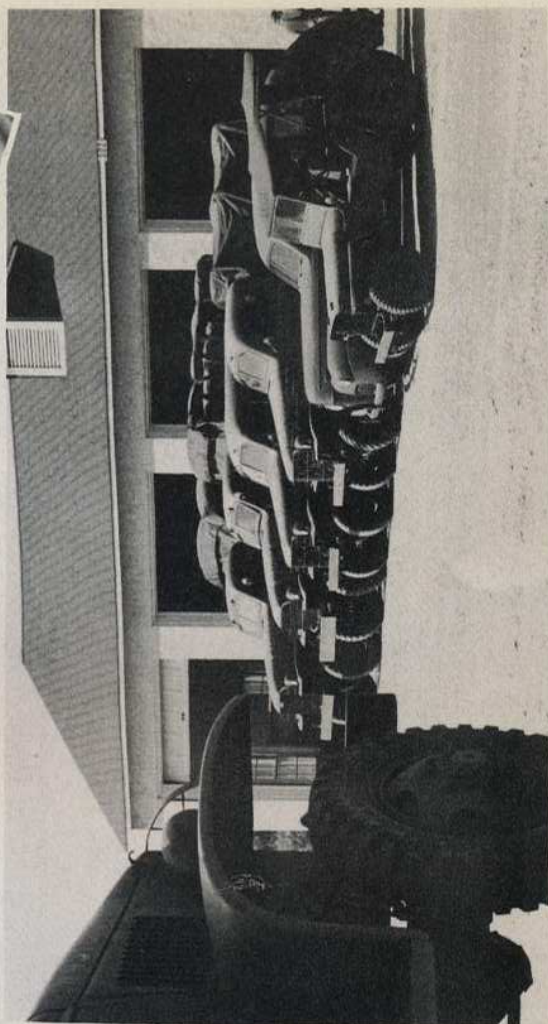




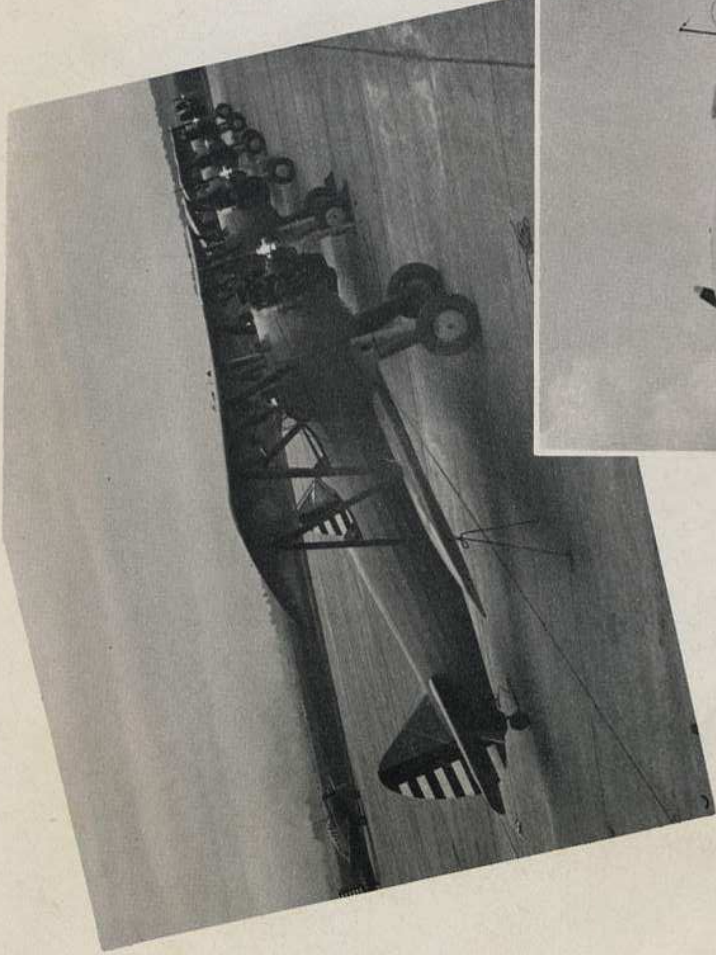
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Q. M. OUTFITTING THE SOLDIER



TRANSPORTATION FROM LARGE TO SMALL—



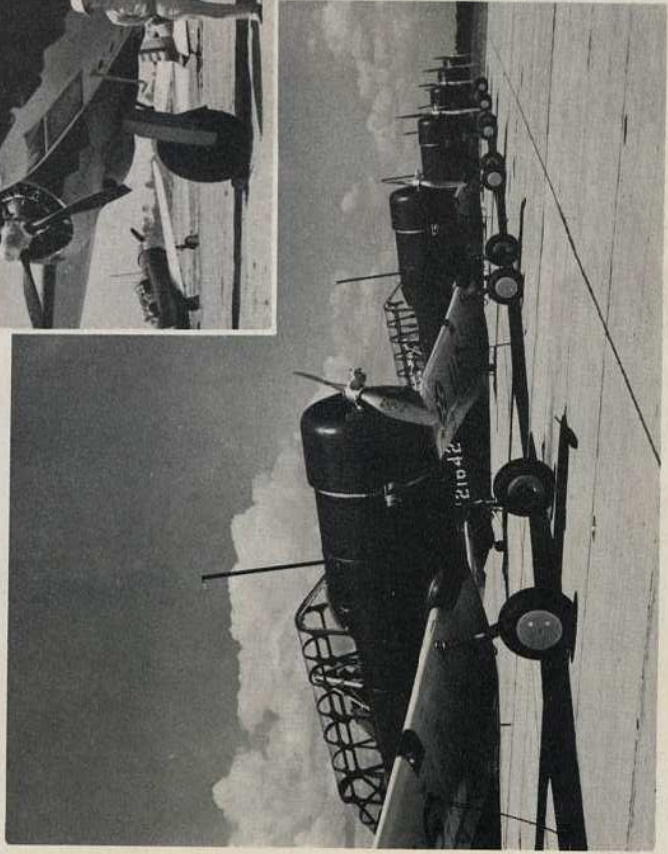
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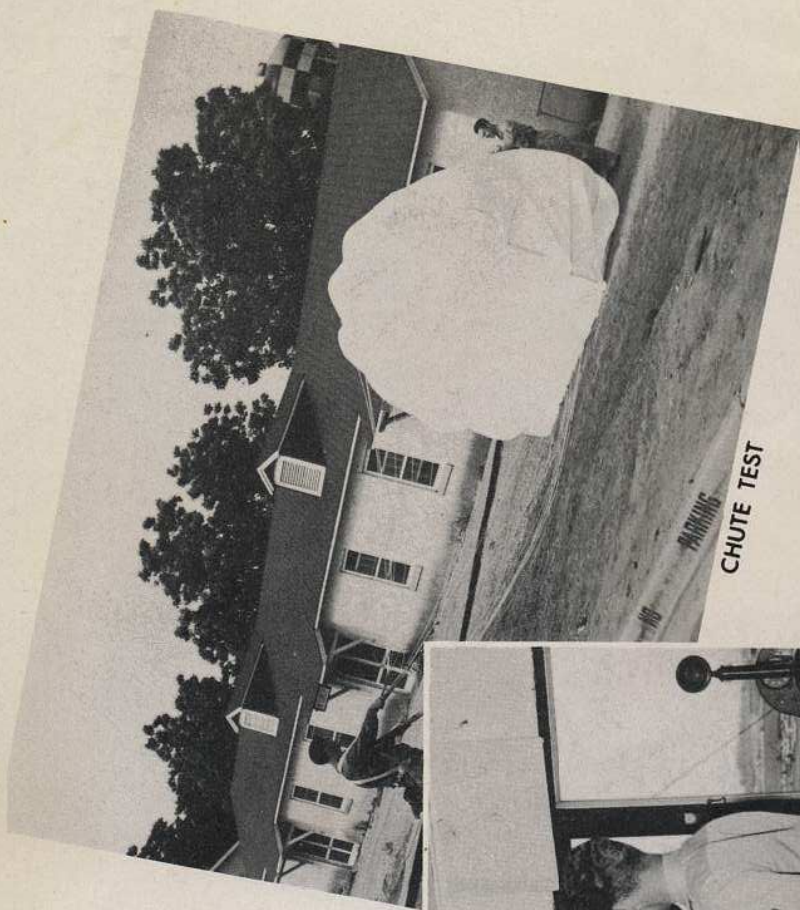


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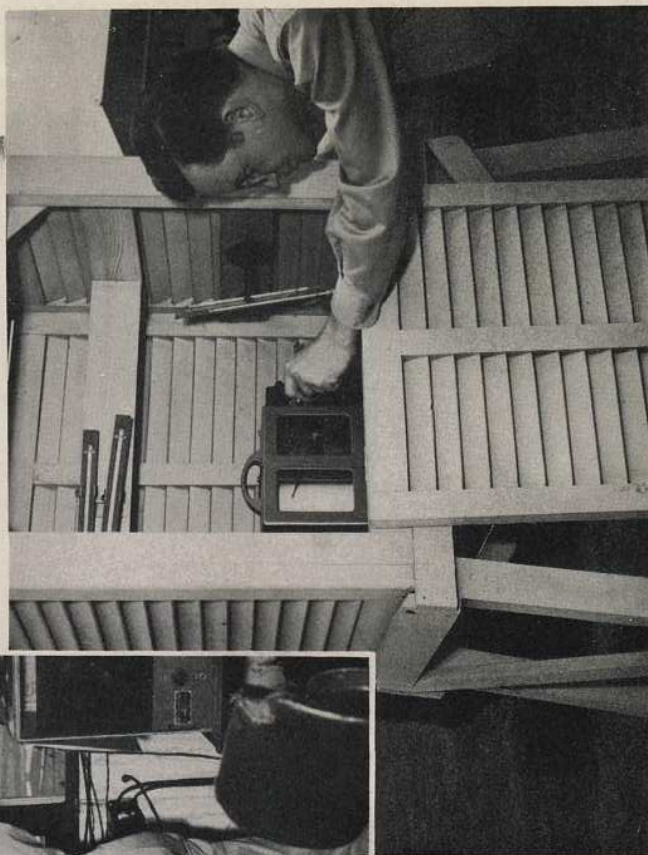


BIG STUFF
VISITING

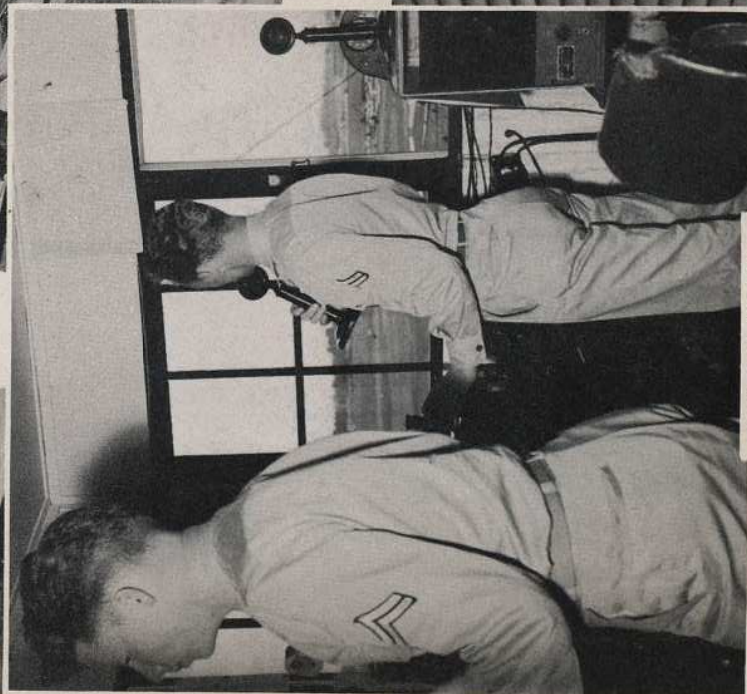




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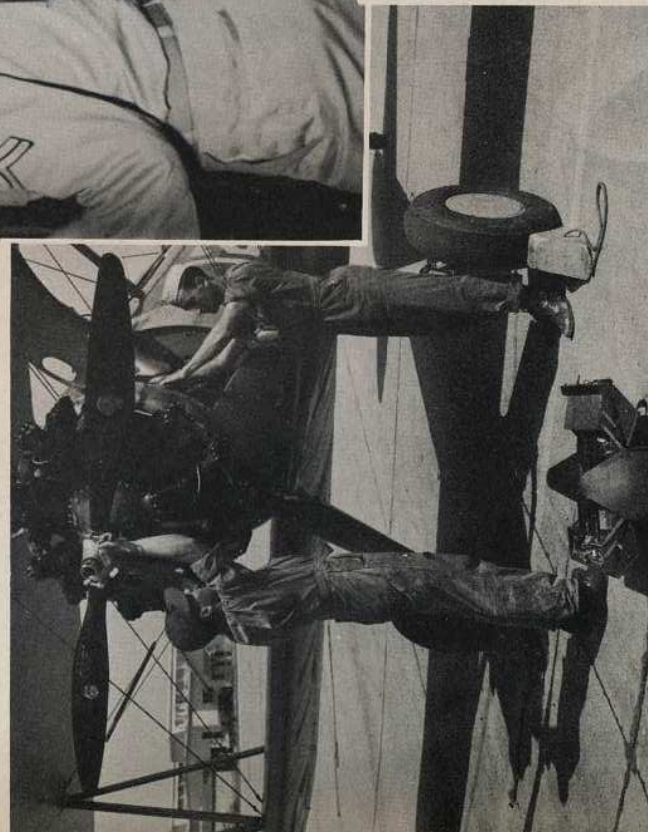
WEATHER REPORT



CONTROL TOWER
NERVE CENTER



A SOLDIER MUST BE NEAT



"KEEP 'EM FLYING"

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YOU WILL APPRECIATE
IT IN YEARS TO COME

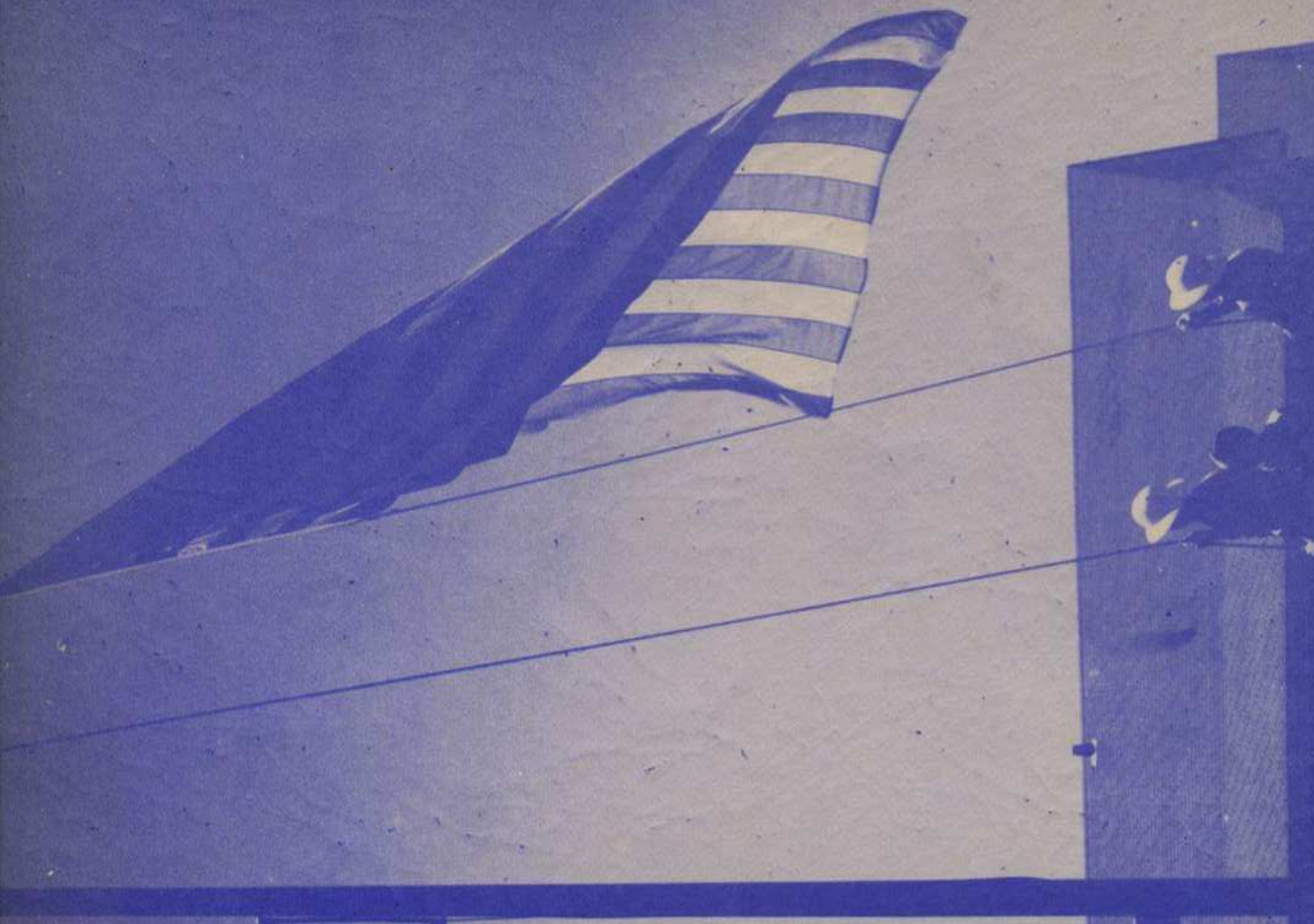
NAME _____

SQUADRON _____

DATE _____

Retreat . . .

Gunter Field has just passed before you in pictorial review. You have seen how we, men in the service of our country, live at our Army home. From reveille to taps we are busy in these surroundings, working, each man fulfilling his particular duty, to his commandant, to the Army of the United States, to his country. We, the men of the Army Air Forces, are living up to the motto of the Southeast Army Air Forces Training Center, "PREPARE FOR COMBAT".





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