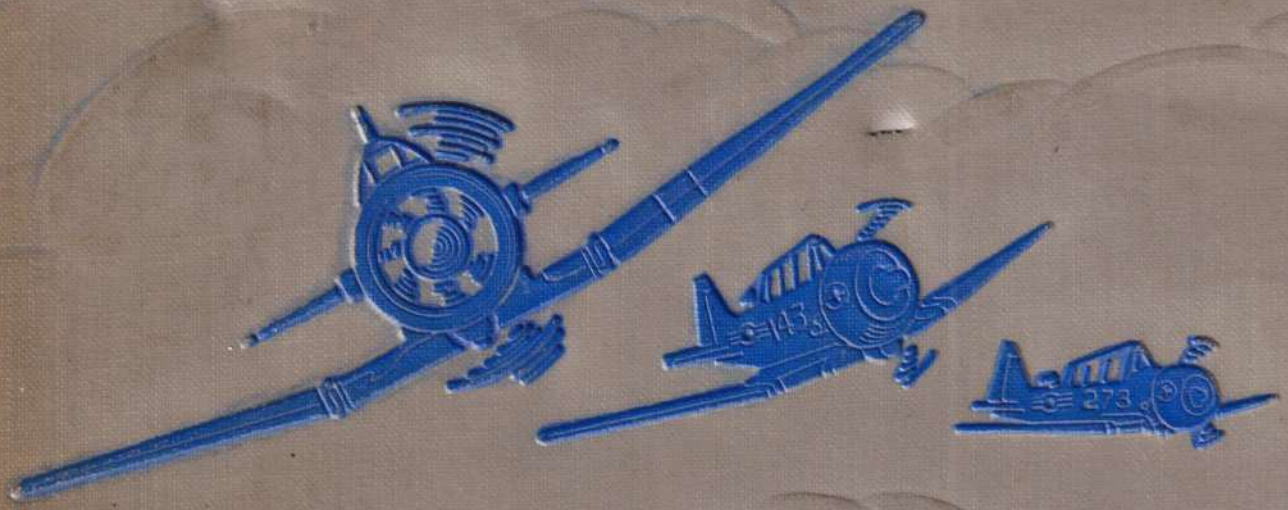
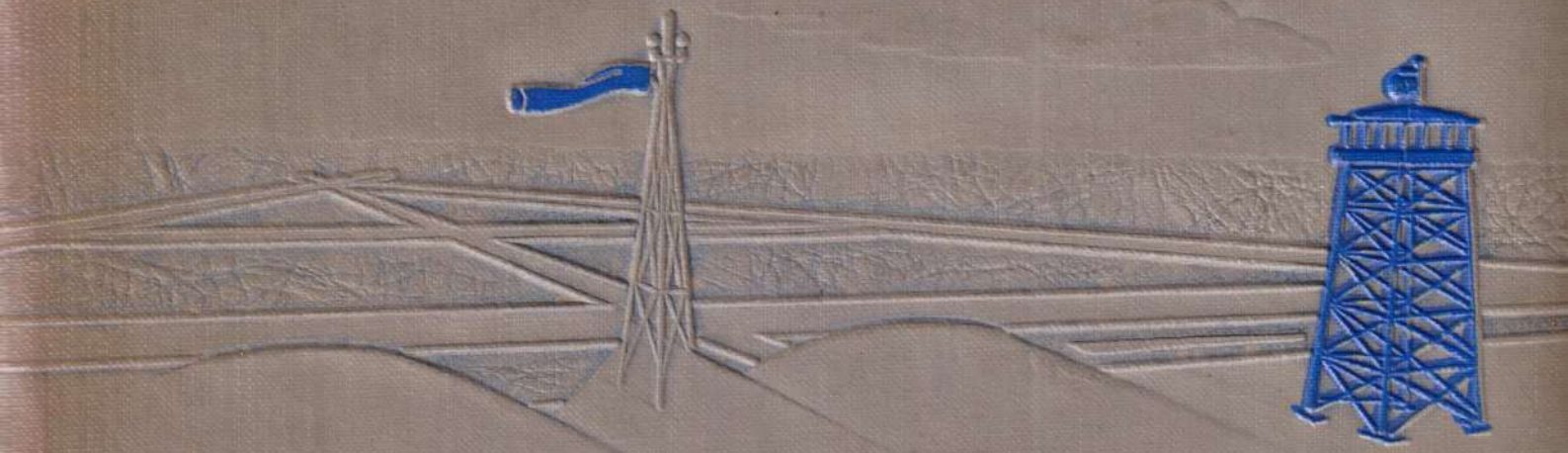
"CLEAR ABOVE"





CHARLE L. BENEZE

53 F



This is the story of a group of young men. It does not pretend to be complete, but is an attempt to capture some of the atmosphere. The surroundings, in which we have lived for the past seven months. It shows our progress from romanticists to realists; our frustrations and personal triumphs; it illustrates the growth of an international team. This is the story of 53F.

As we leave Bainbridge it is with the knoledge that our paths will lead in many directions. Because of that we shall be parting from many friends, but all of us will take with us a debt - a debt to all those who made it possible for us to fly the "6", from those instructing us in flying and academics, to those who attended to the many "rough engines". It is to them that this this book is humbly dedicated, with the sincere hope that, by any success we may have in the future, we may, in some small measure, repay our debt.

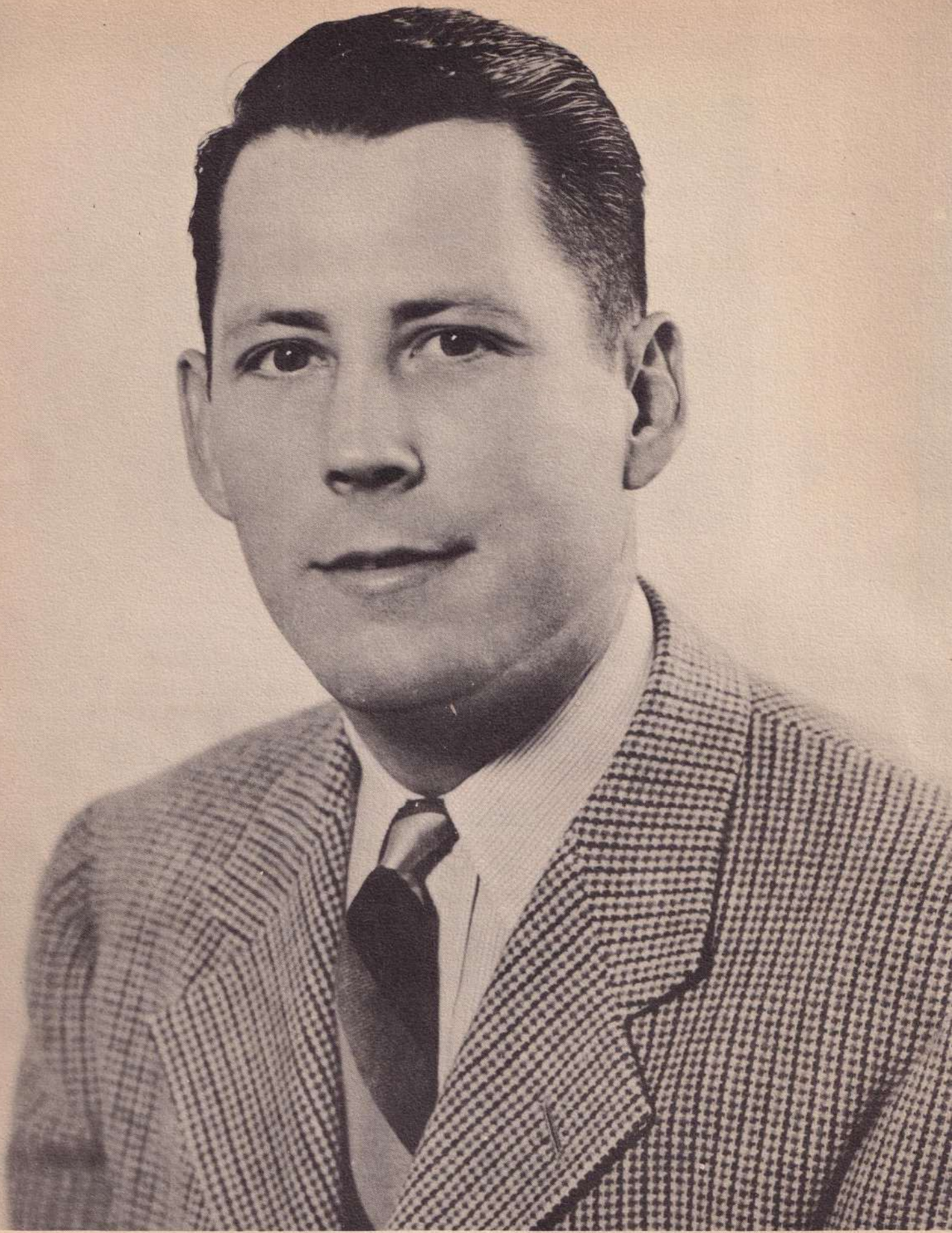
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General Manager

Southern Airways School

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United States Air Force Contract School

BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

March 23, 1953

TO CLASS 53-F

Please accept my heartiest congratulations upon your well-merited graduation from Southern Airways School. We rejoice that you have chosen a vocation that still inspires men to great deeds. Every member of this Class seemed willing to cooperate so, together, we have accomplished the first phase toward your goal.

May your life be full of great achievements and your backward glances bring you deep and lasting satisfaction. Remember that it takes men like you and citizens like us to bring lasting Peace and Prosperity to the World.

Sincerely,

Tom D. Eve

Tom D. Eve
General Manager

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3306TH PILOT TRAINING SQUADRON (CONTRACT PRIMARY)
BAINBRIDGE AIR BASE
Bainbridge, Georgia

11 February 1953

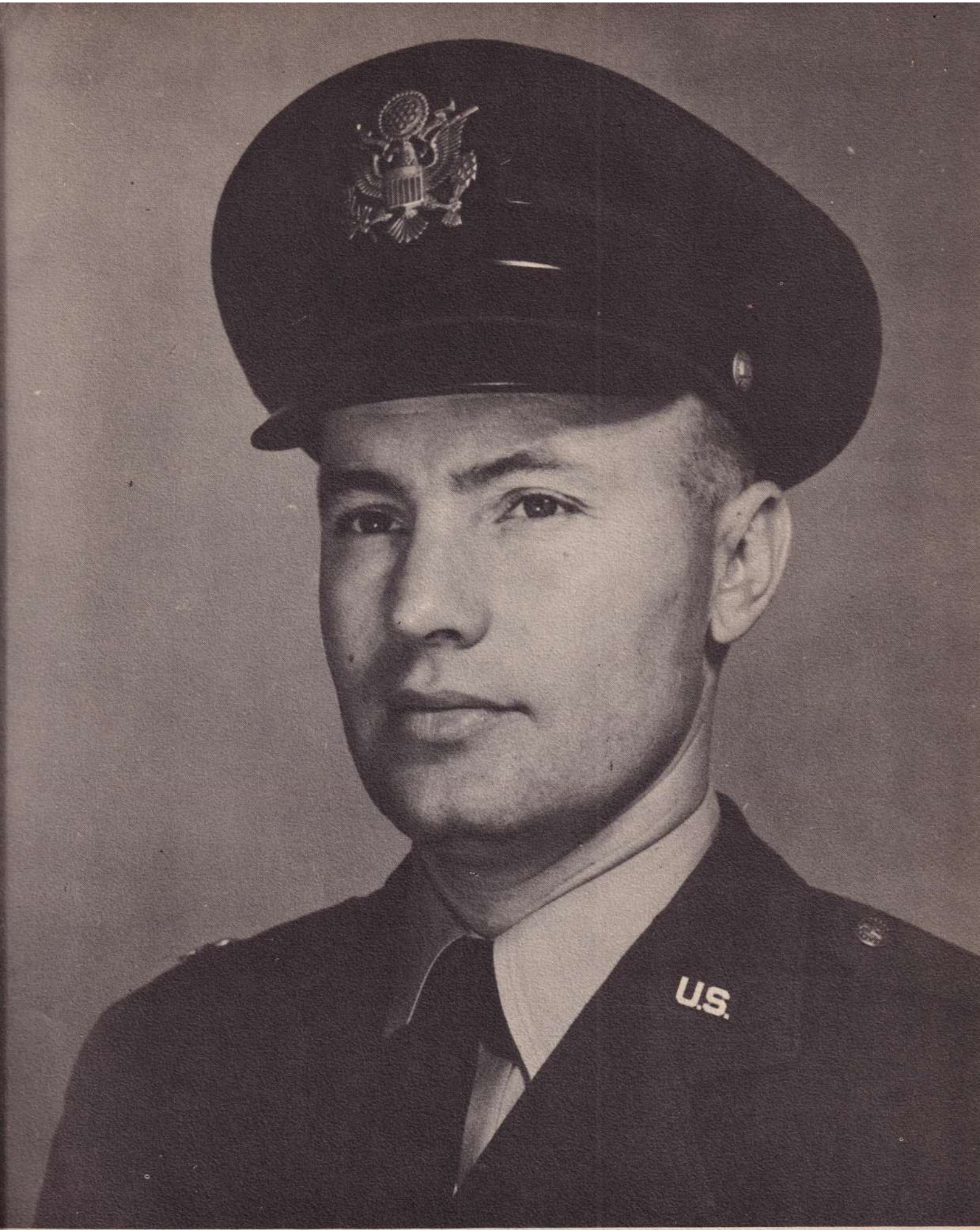
CLASS 53-F

I wish to extend to you my most sincere congratulations for a job well done.

In successfully completing primary pilot training in the United States Air Force you have distinguished yourself as seldom can be done in other professions. You are encouraged to continue the good work which will lead you to even greater achievements as well as fulfill the obligations you owe your country.

Robert E. Dawson

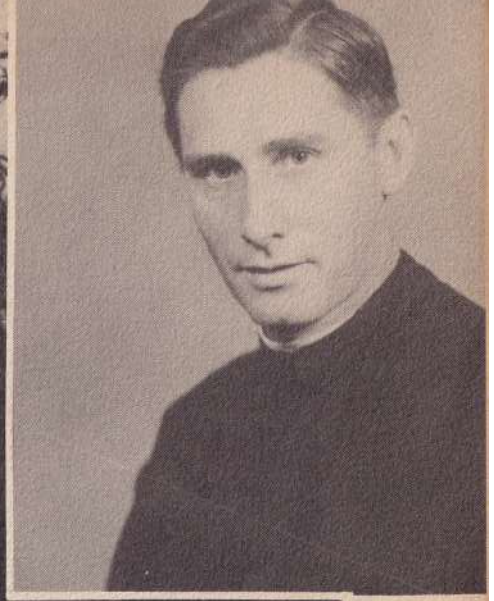
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Commanding Officer



CAPT. J. L. BROWN



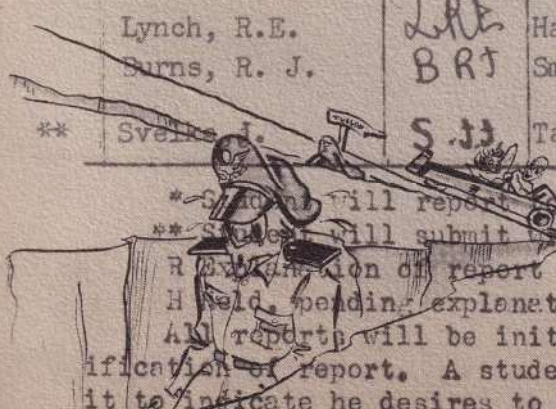
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DAILY LIST OF DELINQUENCIES

I, II, III, IV Squadron — Date: 25 February '53

MILITARY TRAINING

	NAME	INITIALS	OFFENSE	REPORTING OFFICER	AWARD
	Apel, F.J.	F.J.	Dust in wardrobe	2/Lt Petrie	1
	Bracher, A.V.	AVB	Shoes out of line	2/Lt. Petrie	1
	Introcaso, R.L.	RLI	Bed improperly made	2/Lt. Sporeline	3
	Introcaso, R.L.	J.R.L.	Dusty Drawer	2/Lt. Spoerline	2
	Daugherty, B.R.	BRD	Clothes improperly arranged	2/Lt. Halula	2
*	Daugherty, B.R.	BRD	Failure to salute	A/C Introcaso	5&5
	Clement, W.R.	WR.	Shoes unshined	2/Lt. Bateman	2
	Brown, F.H.	F.H.B	Dusty bed	2/Lt. Bateman	1
	Brown, F.H.	F.H.B	Button unbuttoned	A/C Sanborn	3
	Brown, F.H.	F.H.B	Shoes unshined	A/C Sanborn	2
	Able, W.A.	WAA	Towel improperly displayed	2/Lt. Halula	2
	Carnahan, J.D.	J.D.C	Disorderly drawer	A/C Able	3
	Holman, W.F.	HWF.	Shoe heels rundown	A/C Able	4
	Perrier, R	R.P	Ashes on Floor	2/Lt. Halula	2
	Backhus, R.F.	BRF.	Hair uncombed	A/C Gould	4
	Ninke, C.A.	CAN	Dirty Towel	A/C Gould	3
	Ninke, C.A.	CAN	Clother improperly rolled	A/C Gould	3
	Bowling, G.K.	GKB	Clock displayed for SMI	A/C Norwood	2
	Bowling, G.K.	GKB	Dirty shirt	A/C Norwood	1
	Bowling, G.K.	GKB	No Haircut	2/Lt Petrie	4
	Peterson, H.	H.H.	Inattention in SMI	A/C Norwood	3
	Lynch, R.E.	LRE	Hat Brim dusty	A/C Apel	2
	Burns, R. J.	BRJ	Smoking in dining hall	A/C Spears	3
**	Svelka, J.	SJJ	Talking in Ranks	2/Lt. Bateman	2



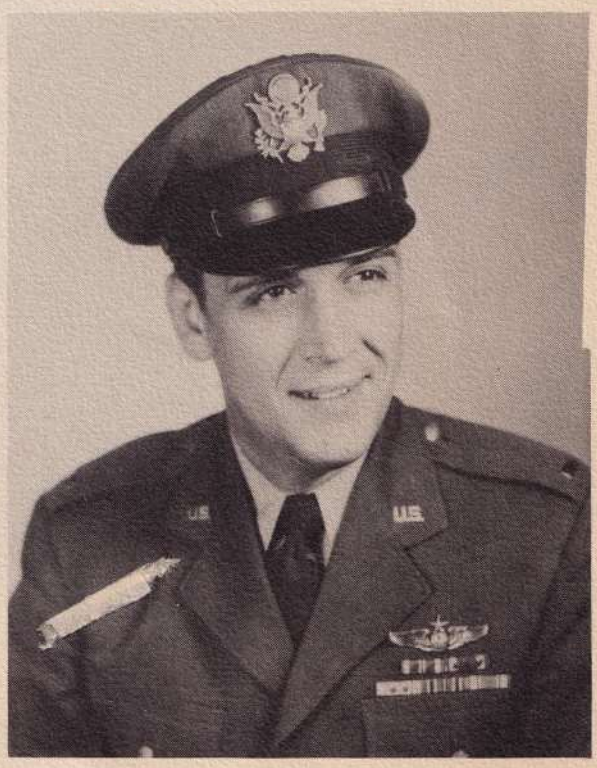
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**-Student will submit written explanation within twenty-four (24) hours.
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H-Held, pending explanation of report of Group Board action.
All reports will be initialed by the reported individual to acknowledge notification of report. A student who believes a report to be incorrect may star it to indicate he desires to explain the report and to submit explanation within twenty-four (24) hours.



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Director of Military Training



LT. JOHN B. EVERITT
Ass't. Director of Military
Training



LT. JESSE B. STEPHENS
OIC Pre-Flight, Physical
Training Officer

MILITARY TRAINING
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1/LT J. C. CARPENTER



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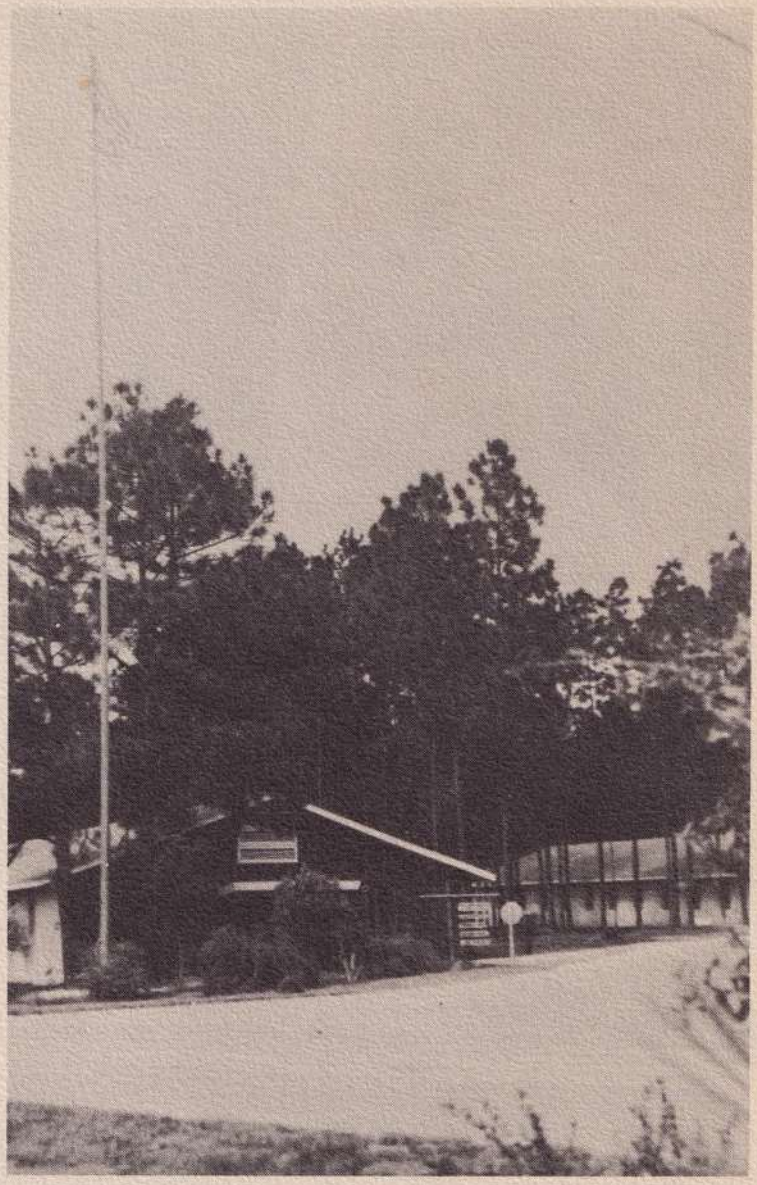
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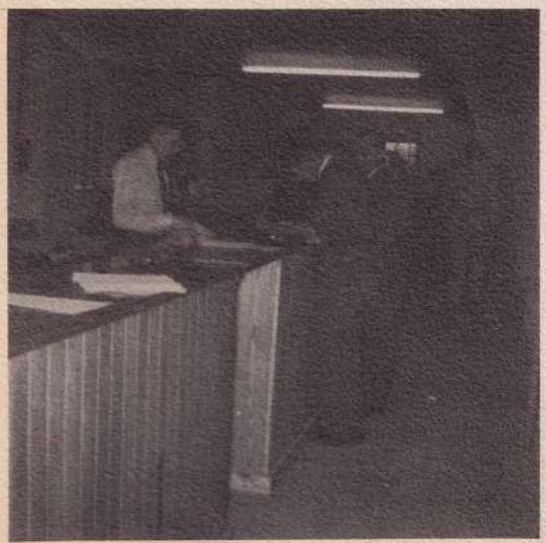


CAPT. K. B. CAMP
Adjutant



CAPT. JEAN VOISON
French Liaison Officer

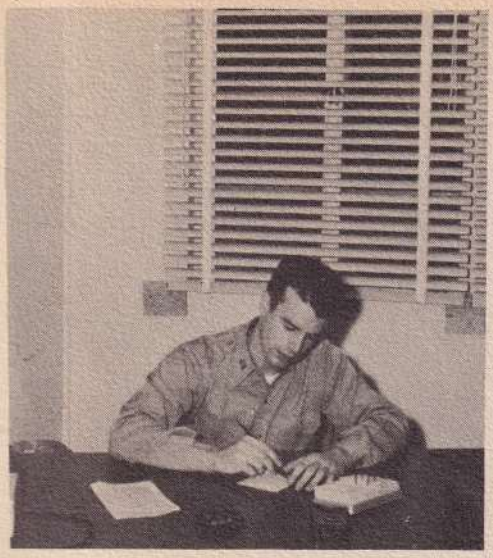






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Maintenance

Medical Staff



CAPT. RELYEA
Flight Surgeon

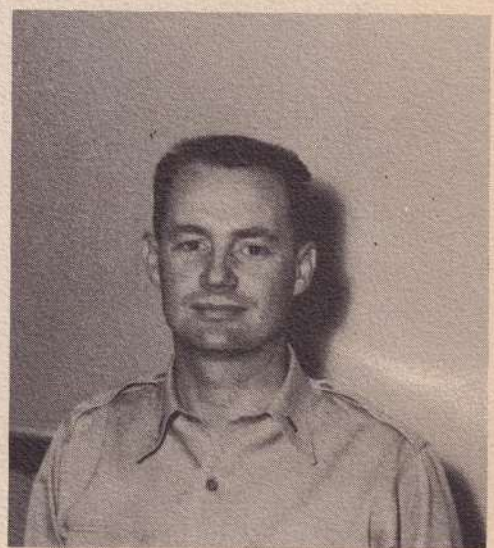


CAPT. VARNER
Medical Officer





CAPT. POSTA
Dentist



LT. LINDER
Medical Service Officer

CAT-CLUB



MRS. JUANITA BROOKINS
Club Manager



Wednesday Night



OZZIE & TOPSY



Friday Night

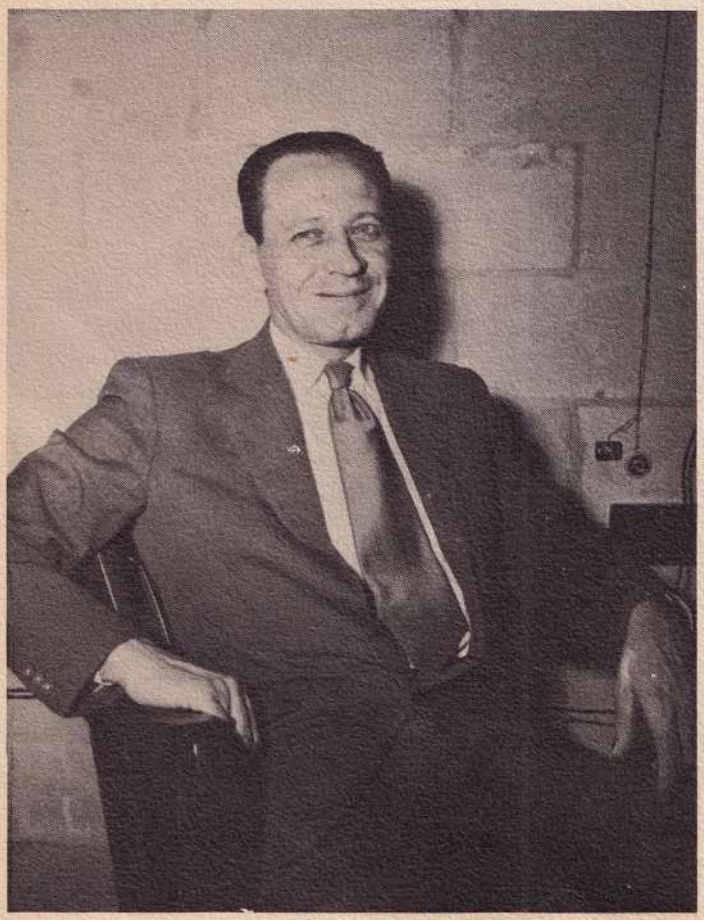


The Lounge

COLD
WARM



Academic Building



CHARLES S. SYER
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JAMES E. LEONARD
Senior Instructor

INSTRUCTORS



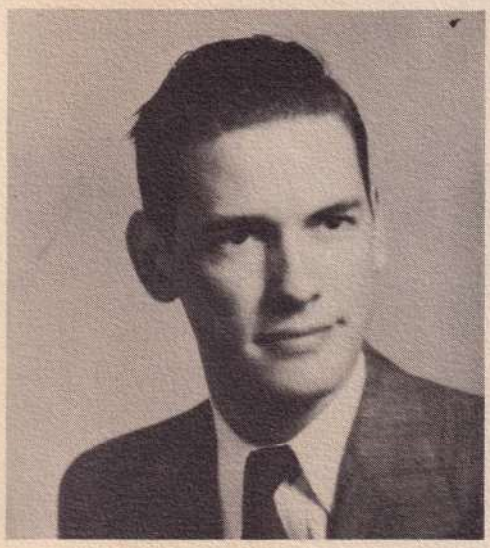
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Principals of Flight



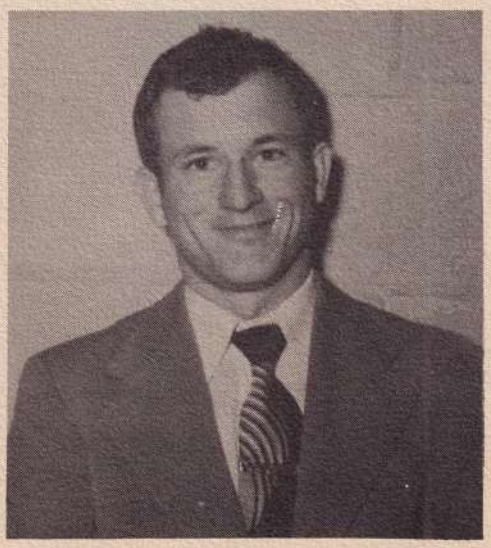
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Weather



MRS. POPPY WILLIAMSON
Secretary





FTAF Form No. 51-15
17 Jan 52

FLYING TRAINING AIR FORCE
GRADE SLIP
(Basic)

WASHOUT, WILL E. — Student
VERY — Rank
ANY TRI-DELT — Date
DAMN LITTLE — Organization
SUICIDE MT. — Mission
DOWNHILL — Grade

1. Visual Inspection	FILLED LIGHTER WITH GAS	21. Lazy Eights	SPLIT-S OUT
2. Cockpit Procedures	ON TAKE OFF ROLL	22. Slow Rolls	MUCH TOO LAZY
3. Taxiing	GOT WING TIP	23. Barrell Rolls	FOUND 7 PENCILS
4. Take-Off	LOOK MA, NO HANDS!	24. Half Roll and Reverse	EGGED SHAPED
5. Climbs and Climbing Turns	OFF COURSE	25. Loop	HAMMERHEAD STALL INVERTED
6. Straight and Level	YOU'RE TESTING	26. Immelman	NO REVERSE
7. Trimming	ONLY ON OPEN POST	27. Formation	POWER ROLL-LOST 8000'
8. Medium Turns	ACCIDENTAL SPIN	28. Navigation	SHHH.... DON'T TELL
9. Steep Turns	360° IN 11 SEC.	29. Traffic	LOST OVER DECATUR
10. Stalls — Power On	SURE DOES	30. Landings	HEAD UP AND LOCKED
11. Stalls — Power Off	SAVED FOR FINAL	31.	REPEAT AFTER ME: "OUR FATHER, WHO ART:..."
12. Spins Turns	LOST COUNT	32.	GO-AROUNDS PLENTY
13. Coordination Exercises	RIDICULOUS!	33.	WHIP STALL HAIRY
14. Forced Landings No?	YES!	34.	VERTICAL REVERSE DIZZY
15. Glides and Gliding Turns	BLACKED OUT	35. JUDGMENT	GUILTY
16. "S" Along Road	5 AUTO AERIALS	36. PROGRESS	RETARDED
17. Rectangular Courses	OVER RUNNER.	37. TECHNIQUE	QUITE UNIQUE
18. Elementary Eights	QUIT AT 7	38. ATTITUDE	SUPERBLY INDIFFERENT
19. Max Perf Climbing Turns	LOST 1000'		

WORD PICTURE OF FLIGHT.... A FLIGHT??!!

After 1 minute visual inspection, student turned on enough switches to get engine started. After jumping chocks and running down 4 fire-zards, took off downwind with full flaps. Acrobatics showed extreme originality. Despite horn blowing in ears, student made successful wheels up landing amidst glare of red flares at home field. Recommended he be sent to helicopters.

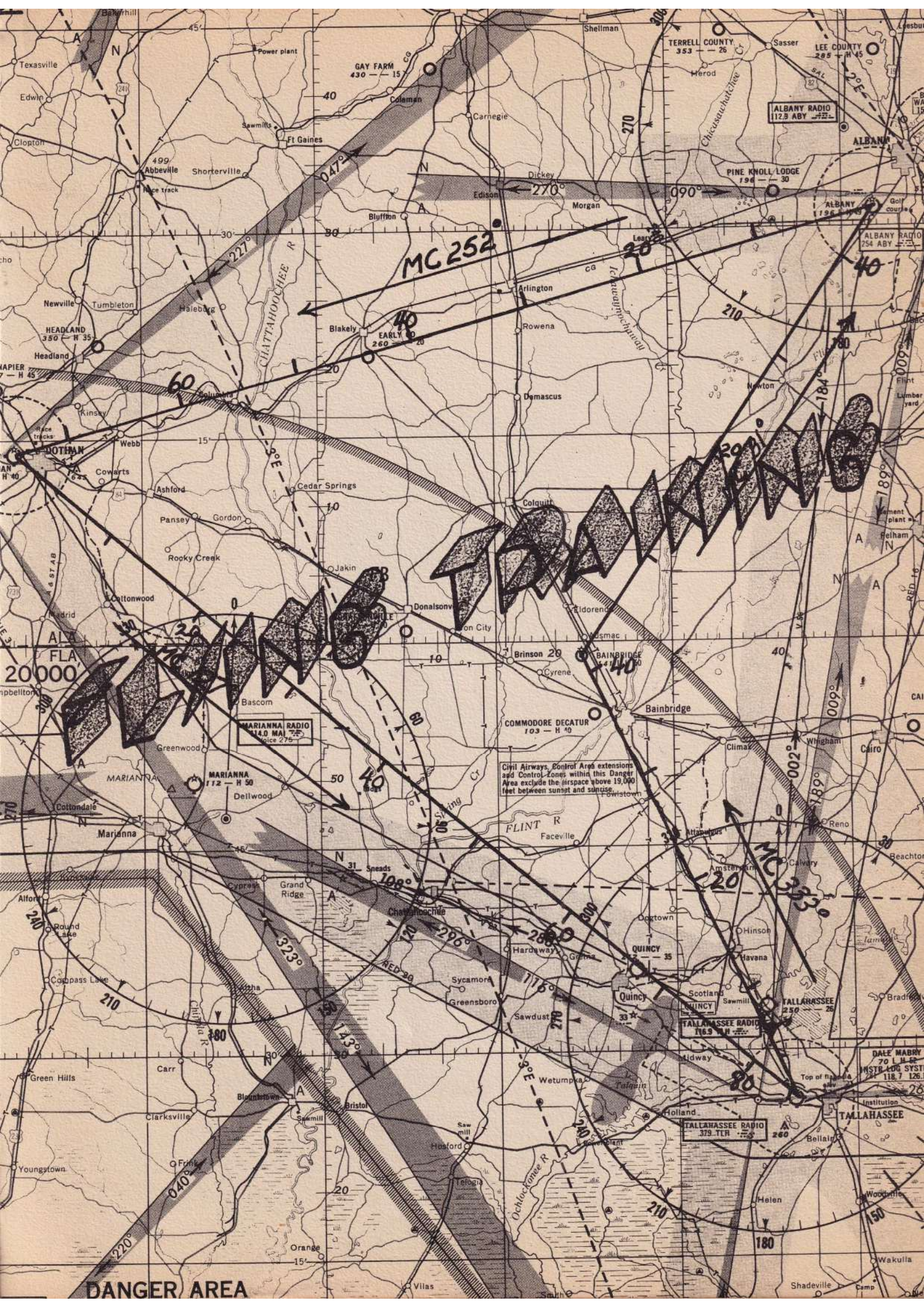
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Supervisors Init

Instructors Signature I.M.A. WRECK.

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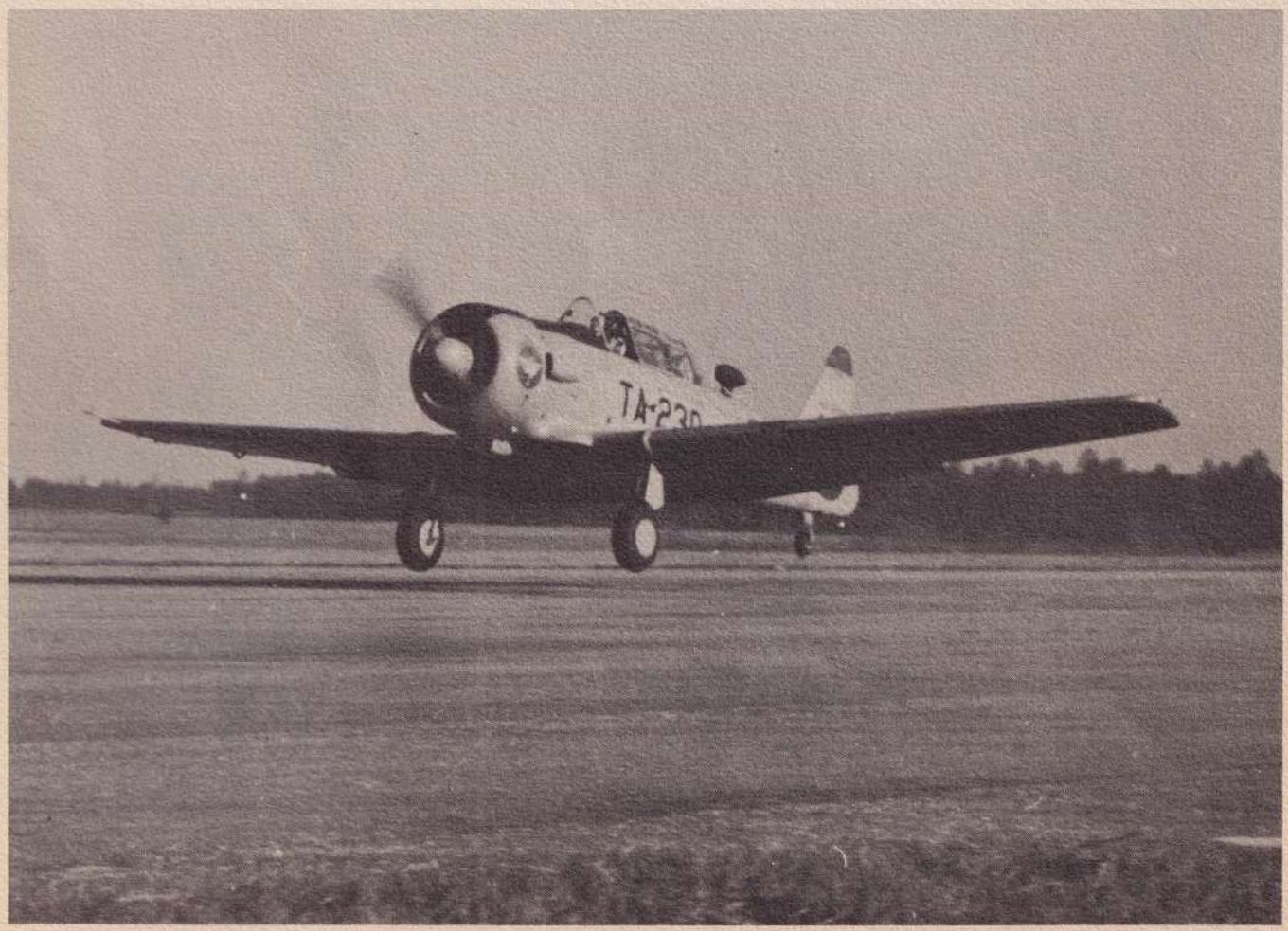

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ALTITUDE
FLA
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Civil Airways, Control Area extensions and Control Zones within this Danger Area exclude the airspace above 19,000 feet between sunset and sunrise.
MARIANNA RADIO
114.0 MAI
Voice 275
MARIANNA
112 — H 50
COMMODORE DECATUR
103 — H 40
ALBANY RADIO
112.9 ABY
ALBANY RADIO
254 ABY
PINE KNOLL LODGE
196 — 30
TERRELL COUNTY
353 — — 26
LEE COUNTY
285 — H 45
GAY FARM
430 — — 15
HEADLAND
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EARLY
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BAINBRIDGE
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QUINCY
213 — — 35
TALLAHASSEE
250 — — 25
TALLAHASSEE RADIO
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DALE MABRY
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Flint R
Ochlocknee R
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Wetumpka
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Telogia
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Woodville
Wakulla
Shadeville
Vilas
Orange
Youngstown
Green Hills
Carr
Clarksville
Bristol
Blountstown
Sawmill
Saw mill
Power plant
Race track
Golf course
Lumber yard
Cement plant
Top of flagpole
Institution
Shellman
Sasser
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MAJOR J. W. PICKETT
Military Operations Officer



CAPT. L. L. HOLDCROFT
Senior Check Pilot





CAPT. J. F. KENT
Check Pilot



CAPT. B. H. VARNER
Check Pilot



LT. W. R. McGRAW
Check Pilot

CAPT. W. J. HAMILTON
Check Pilot



LT. SKINNER
Check Pilot





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"MYSTERE IV"
"HUNTER"



MR. W. W. LUNDY
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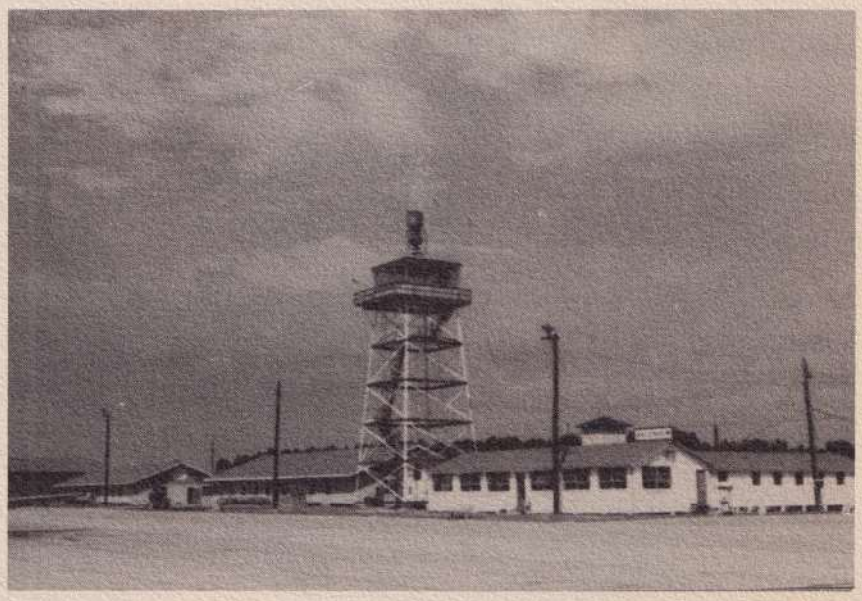
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Flight Commander



MR. ISAAC C. EUBANKS
Asst. Flight Commander



MR. WILLIAM T. WHITE
Element Leader



MR. ROBERT W. FRANKE
Element Leader





SPARE TIME IN THE READY ROOM IS DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE FURTHERING OF THE CADET'S KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIELD OF AVIATION....



A/C Cpl. L. J. Ravier
Nederland



D. B. McCoy



A/C Cpl. R. E. Lynch
Ethel, Mo.
Resigned from A.F.
Summer 1957



Back in —
Sep '62



Dress left, dress!



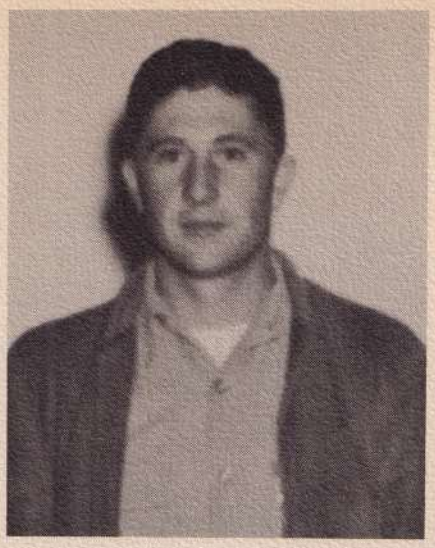
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Lt. M. C. Patton
Denver, Colo.



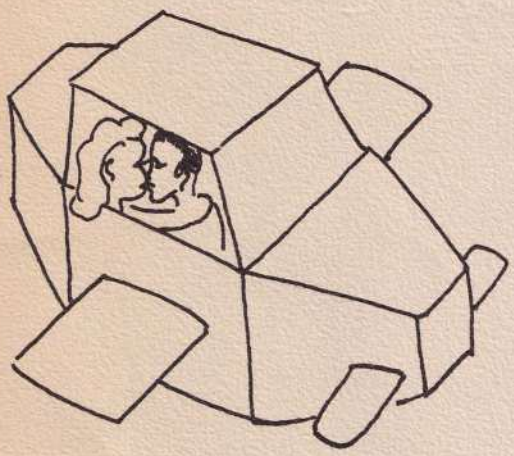
P/O J. W. Tate
England



J. I. Turner



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England



Link Training
Lesson "Power Control"

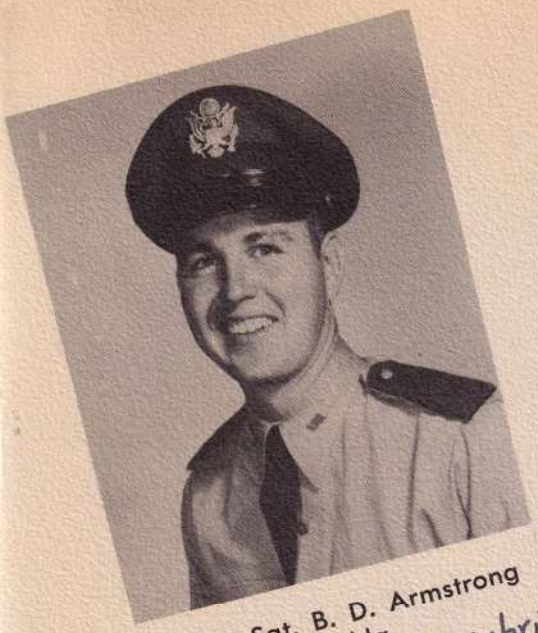




Lt. R. A. Hill
Oakridge, Oregon



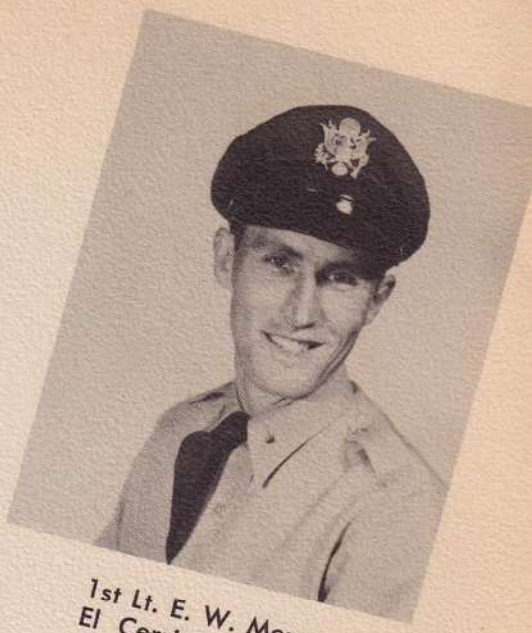
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A/C Sgt. B. D. Armstrong
Seminole, Okla.
Resigned at Bainbridge Feb '53



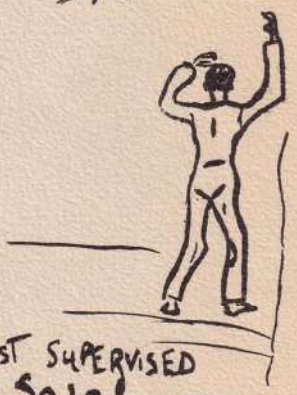
F. P. Henry



1st Lt. E. W. Merrow
El Cerrito, Calif.







FIRST SUPERVISED SOLO!....



A/C G. Ollivier
France



120 MPH

Washed out at Laredo May '53 (quit)



A/C 1st Sgt. C. L. Price
Cincinnati, Ohio



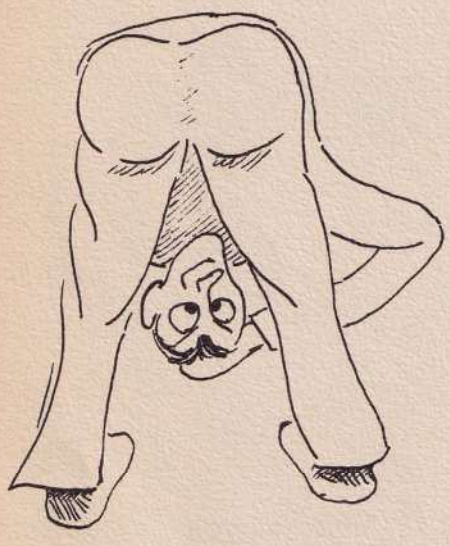
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OUT TO LUNCH!

D. M. Kizzire



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"CLEAR BELOW"





A/C Lt. J. R. Matthes
St. Louis, Mo.



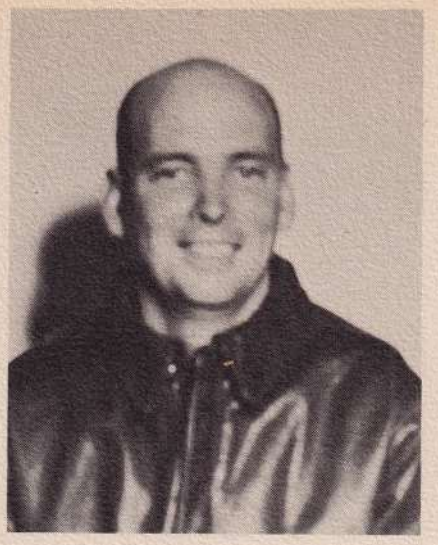
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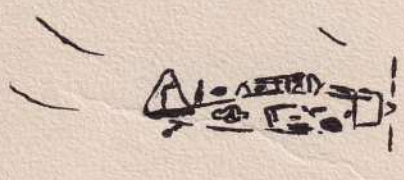
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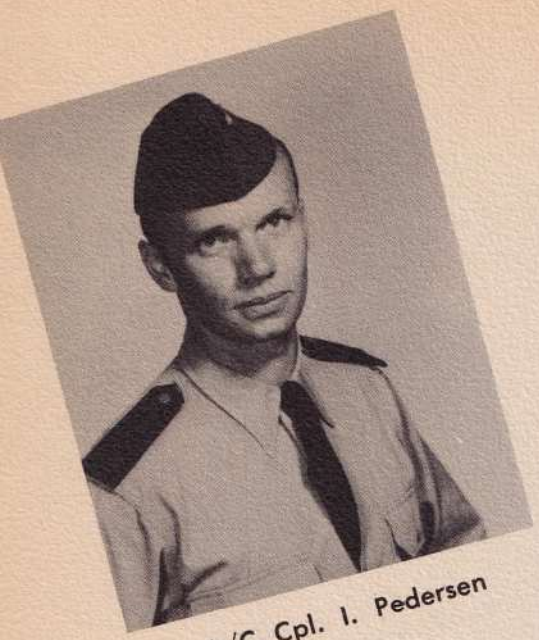
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Denmark



F. E. Higginbottom



A/C Lt. F. E. Hanson
Albany, Mo.



I don't believe your story about night flying!



Lt. D. A. Nestel
Churubusco, Ind.



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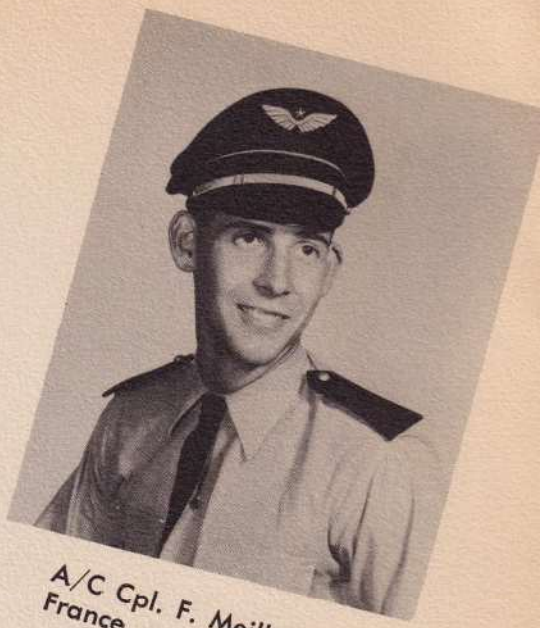
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A/C Capt. A. B. Norwood
Sisterville, W. Va.



E. S. McAlpin



A/C Cpl. F. Meillassoux
France





Gear, down and, locked



A/C Supply Sgt. R. F. Backhus
Cincinnati, Ohio



CARRIAGE 6.



A/C Cpl. M. M. Fehr
Cincinnati, Ohio



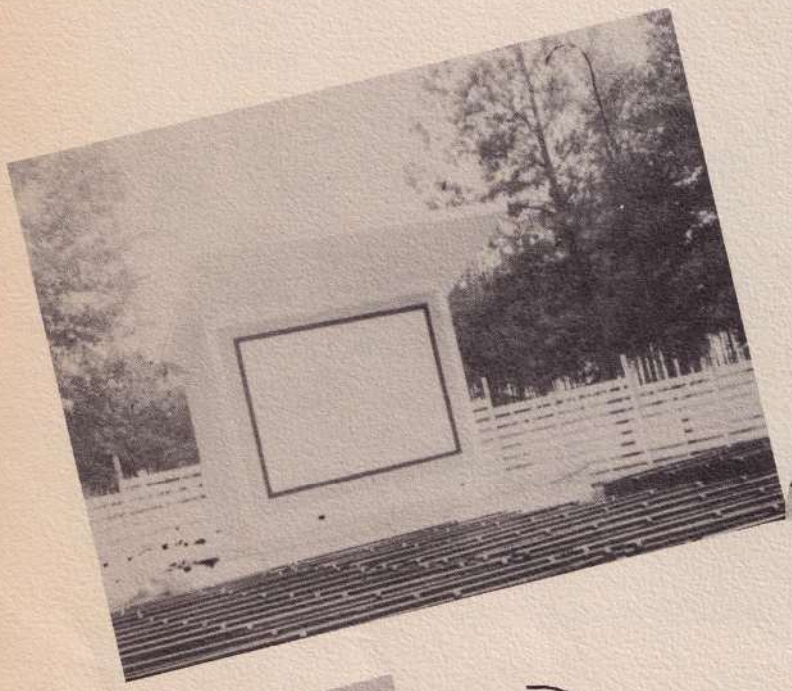
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Washed out at Laredo
June '53



L. H. Dewkett



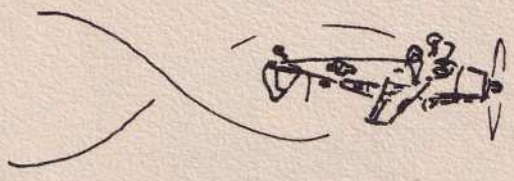
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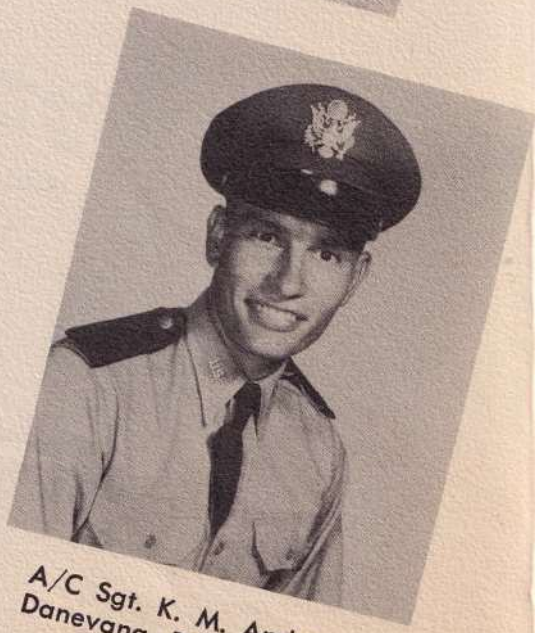




A/C Cpl. F. Marcy
France



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C. F. Rettig

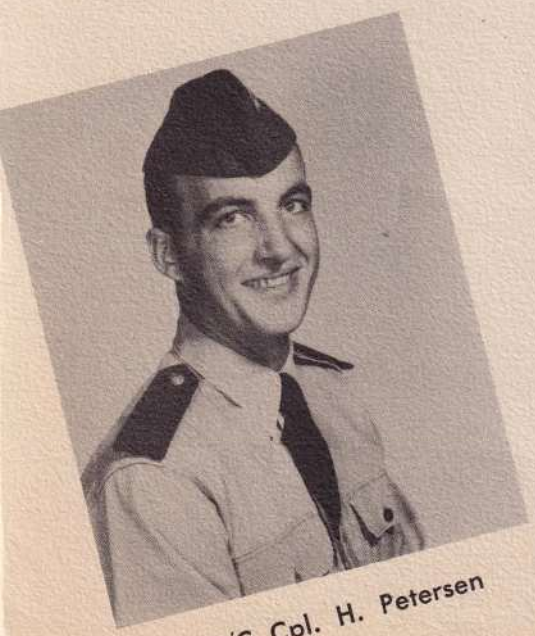


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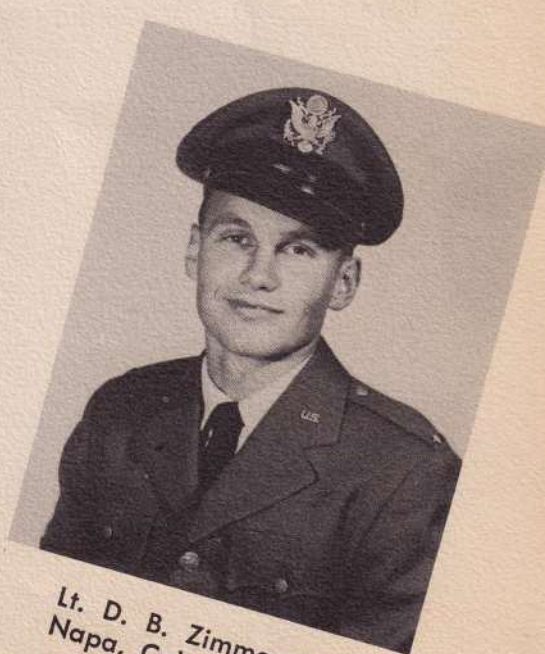


Sir, maybe you had better
hand it!



A/C Cpl. H. Petersen
Denmark





Lt. D. B. Zimmerman
Napa, Calif.



A/C Lt. G. K. Bowling
Salem, Va.

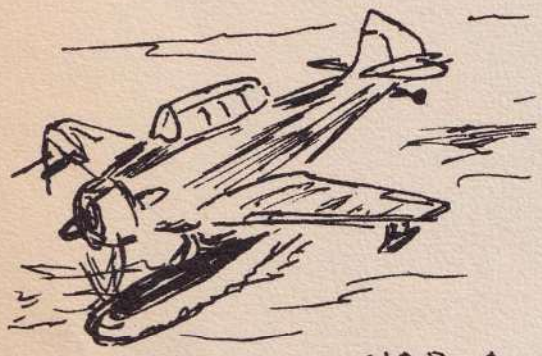


F. L. Cheek



A/C Lt. E. M. Binckley
Long Island, N. Y.

Killed Midland, Mich
Flying Capital Viscount
7 Apr 58



OUR CLASS HAD A
BAD INFLUENCE

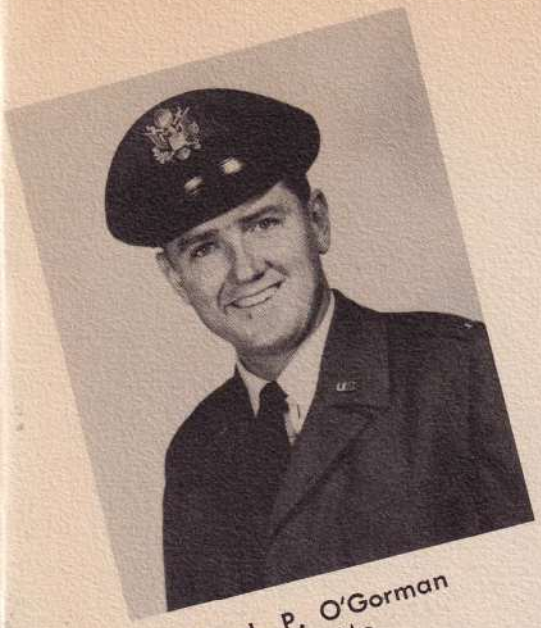




Lt. R. C. Gray
Bowling Green, Va.



A/C Cpl. G. Lonardi
Italy



Lt. J. P. O'Gorman
St. Louis, Mo.



R. L. Piccininni



A/C Sgt. D. G. Moens
Belgium







A/C Sgt. C. A. Ninke
So. Haven, Mich.



A/C Maj. F. J. Apel
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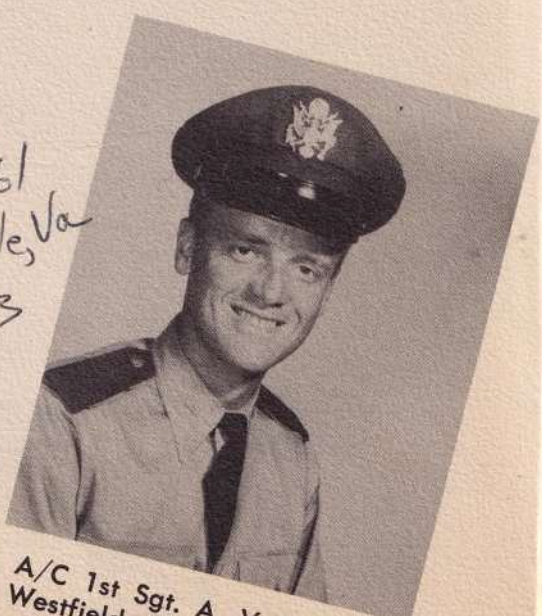






A/C Lt. A. E. Fine
Indianapolis, Ind.

Killed
22 Dec 61
@ Danville, Va
in T-33



A/C 1st Sgt. A. V. Bracher
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Lt. J. F. Street
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R. W. Kaup



A/C Cpl. K. K. Olesen
Denmark

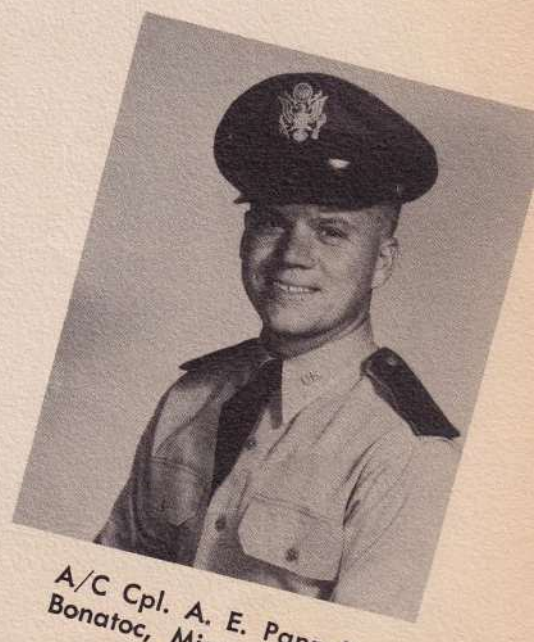




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A/C Cpl. J. Parre
France



A/C Cpl. A. E. Pannell
Bonatoc, Miss.



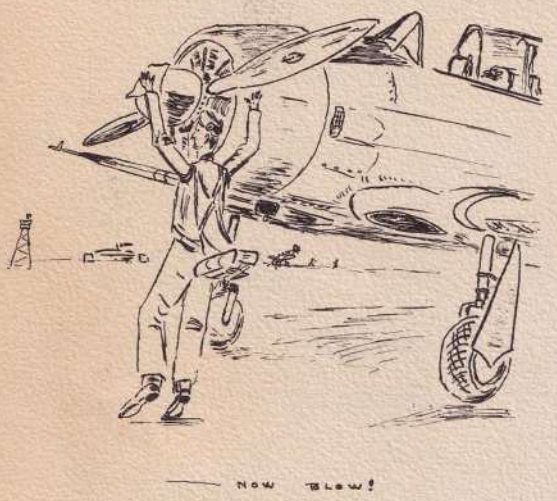
A/C Cpl. C. L. Beneze
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Wheeler, Mich.



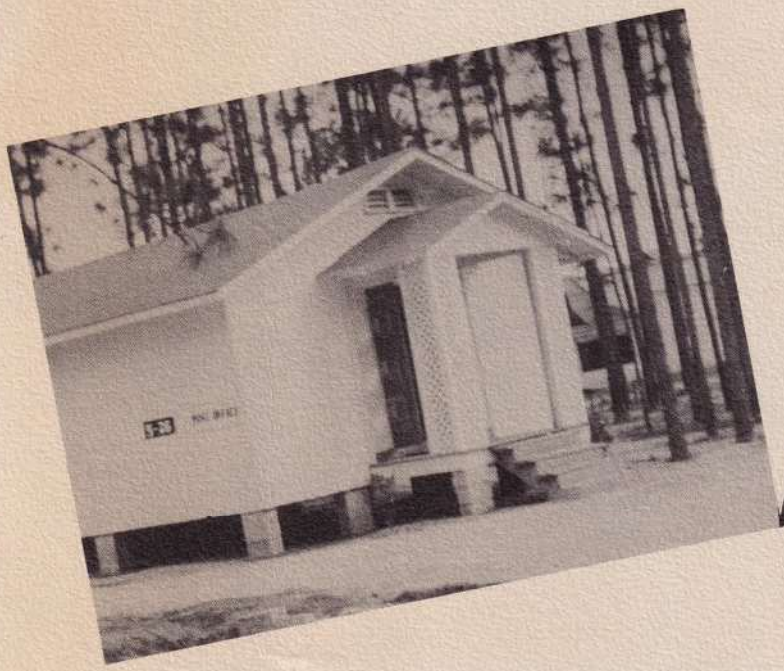
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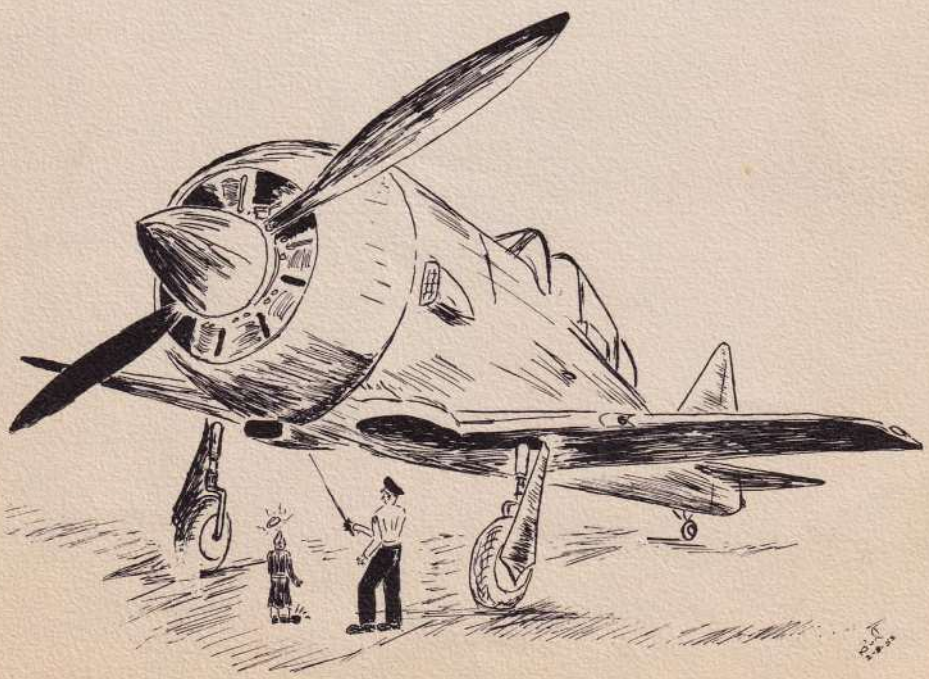
A/C Cpl. A. Martello
Italy



W. H. White







FIRST DAY ON THE LINE


HEADQUARTERS


THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
VEHICLES
GIVE WAY
TO
CADETS
IN FORMATION

THE STORY OF "A" FLIGHT

"Sound off, Mister!" "Wait til I get my hands on that five-striper!" "Enjoy yourself, it's later than you think."

These were a few of the cries that greeted us that fateful August 21st of 52 as Bainbridge's upperclass laid down the welcome mat to Barracks 12-11, and our initial phase of Cadet training, Preflict, began.

Though the four weeks that followed we were sharpened on the whetstone of one Lt. J. B. Stephens, Gigs, inspections, drill, orientation, and more gigs.

Not to be forgotten was our introduction to physical training and a Sergeant Leather-something-or-other. Who will ever be able to thank him enough for our reconditioning. Especially the wind sprints and arm-rotations.

On September 22nd, we met the causes of our accomplishments, and most of our grief — — Mr. Moody, the instructors, and that yellow monster, "THE TERRIBLE SIX."

"Tigers," they said, and "Tigers" we were. Although during those first twenty hours in which we were demonstrated and allowed to practice such violent maneuvers as stalls and spins, "pooty-cat" would have been a better title.

A great deal of time was spent at Stephen Decatur, our auxiliary field, where we were to become proficient in control-crashing, and finally soloing the "six."

Everyone managed to make it around the pattern the required number of times, and it wasn't long before we were able to grease it in and manage to stick on the third bounce.

Meanwhile, fourth class and many tours and customs had passed. Academically we had learned the "WHY" and "HOW" of the T6G. "HOW" many valves could be missing before we should hit the panic button, and "WHY" the six was so difficult to handle once airborne.

We were upperclassmen now, hot pilots and smouldering boulders.

The only obstacles in our paths to graduation now were checks — the fifty, the instrument, and the final.

It was Christmas time as we polished the ragged edges of those "Hairy eighths" and chandelles. And even as checkitis subsided and the check pilot spoke those magnificent words, "I guess you're O.K.," we all knew that our belief in Santa Claus had been reaffirmed.

When we next met these check pilots, it was from the back seat, under a hood. Ah instruments! None of us have ever been able to figure out how the instruments were so continuously affected with vertigo. There were "I T Os" (Instructors Take Over), Vertical S, and S1 (ascents and descents at a terrible rate), and patterns A&B (something resembling tic-tac-toe). The most common maneuver on instruments was the graveyard spiral — quite interesting and not too difficult to accomplish.

Moving rapidly into the "Finals" stage, we began to realize that we had actually learned what was expected of us. So with a joyful, (and somewhat regretful), shout of "So Long," we make our way to the second phase of our "head up and locked" training — Multies or Jets.





FLIGHT

B B F

OMNIS TIGRIS SUNT





FLIGHT "B" LEADERS



MR. J. T. MOODY
Section Commander



MR. IRA L. GRAY
Flight Commander



MR. JAMES B. WILLIAMSON
Assistant Flight Commander



MR. JAMES B. DILMORE
Element Leader



MR. CHARLES M. FIELDS
Element Leader



MRS. GRACE BURNEY
Dispatcher



INSTRUCTORS ARE CAREFULLY SCREENED FOR CONTRACT FLYING SCHOOLS, AND ONLY THE MOST CAPABLE PILOTS ARE CHOSEN FOR THE POSITION...



2/Lt. E. S. Walden
Altha, Florida



Mr. H. C. Anderson

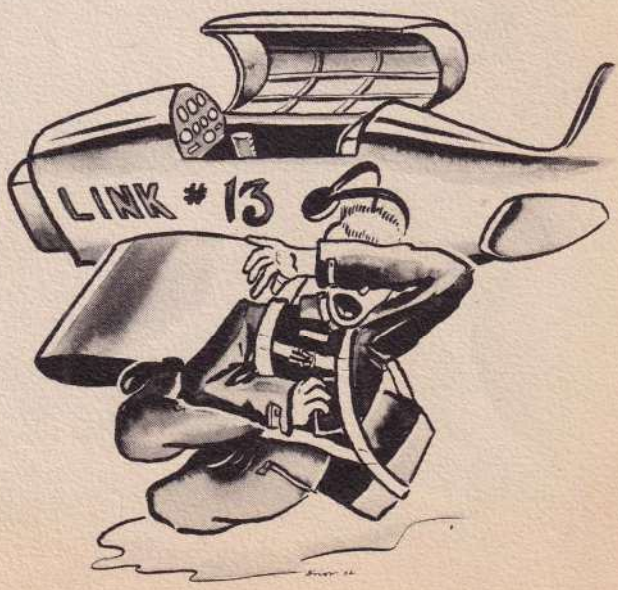


A/C Lt. J. L. Caswell
Bethesda, Md.
Got out of Air Force
Sep '56





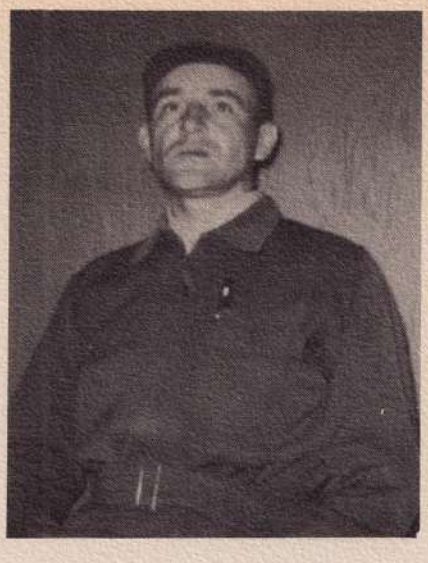
A/C Sgt. R. Perrier
Marmande, France



Washed out at Laredo July 53



P/O D. J. Pine
England



Mr. Boddarf



A/C Sgt. T. L. Carnahan
Chester, Virginia





Dual Today, Lt. Pine!!!



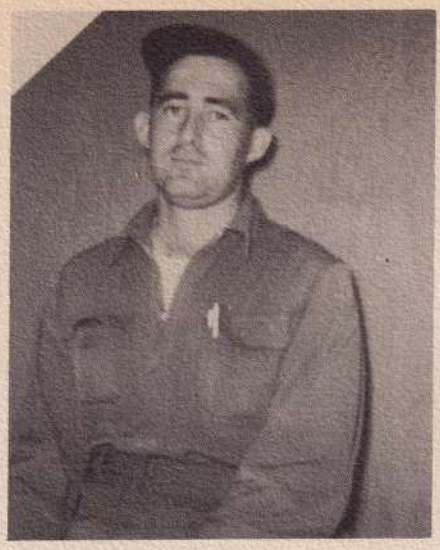
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Mexico, Missouri



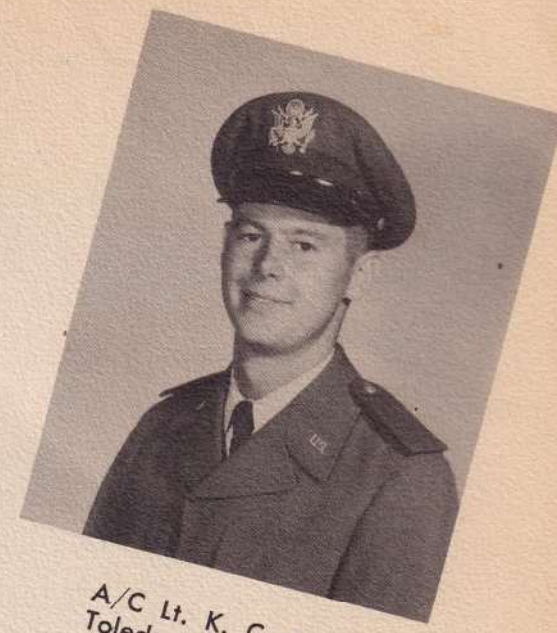
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Saujon, France



2/Lt. J. C. Johnson
San Jose, Calif.



Mr. J. N. Burrel



A/C Lt. K. C. Culp
Toledo, Ohio





A/C Cpl. C. Neron
Paris, France





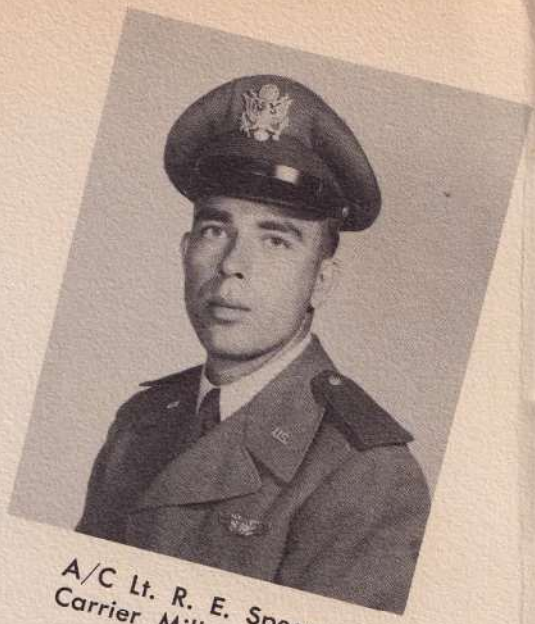
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Mr. B. J. Cabaniss



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Carrier Mills, Ill.

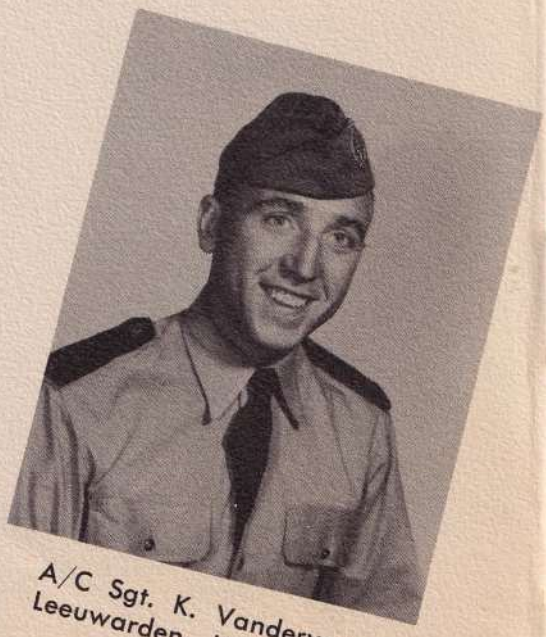


Who's On Third?





A/C Sgt. J. R. Beisel
Watsontown, Pa.



A/C Sgt. K. Vanderveen
Leeuwarden, Holland



2/Lt. H. B. Wasserman
Bryn Mawr, Pa.



Mr. J. T. Cline



A/C Sgt. E. K. Miller
Queens, New York
Got out of Air Force
Sep '56





A/C Sgt. K. B. Whittemore
Chattanooga, Tennessee



A/C Cpl. P. Marco
Lavaur Tarn, France



2/Lt. R. D. Collins
Fresno, Calif.

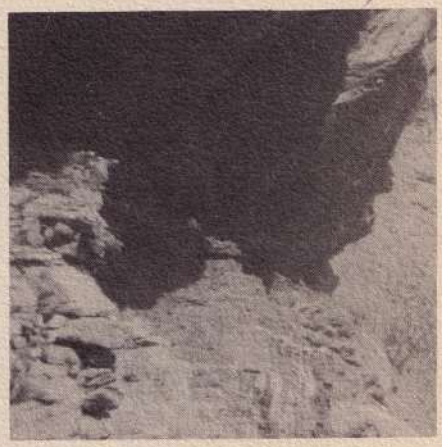


Mr. H. R. Evans



A/C Lt. F. H. Brown
Atlantic, Iowa
Resigned AF
Spring 1957





Runway 5 On Third
Supervised Solo



A/C Sgt. J. K. Best
Springfield, Ky.



A/C Cpl. J. J. Svelka
Paris, France



1/Lt. J. B. Madden
Alexandria, La.



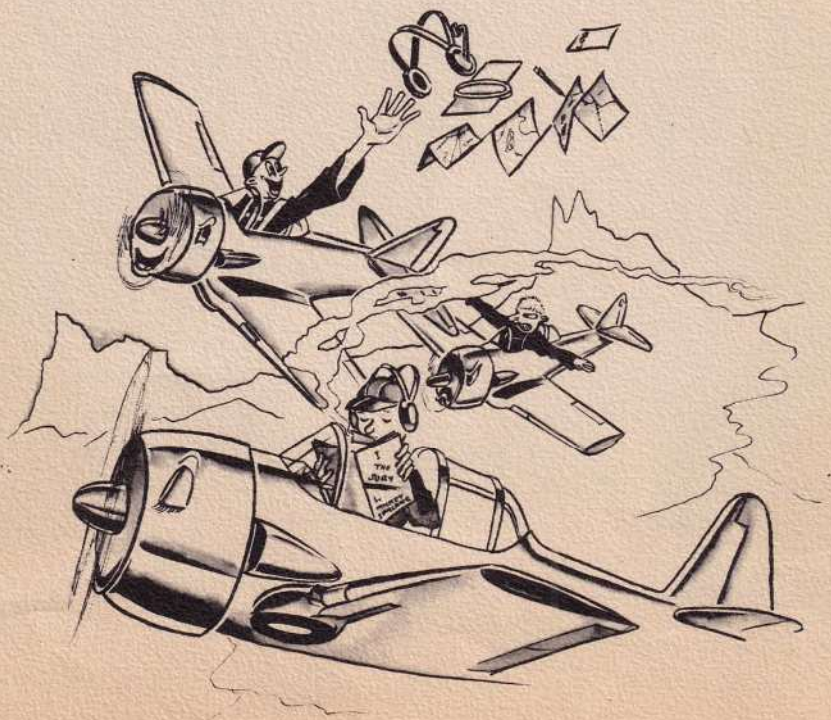
Mr. J. B. Dilmore



A/C Capt. W. A. Able
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COUNTRY





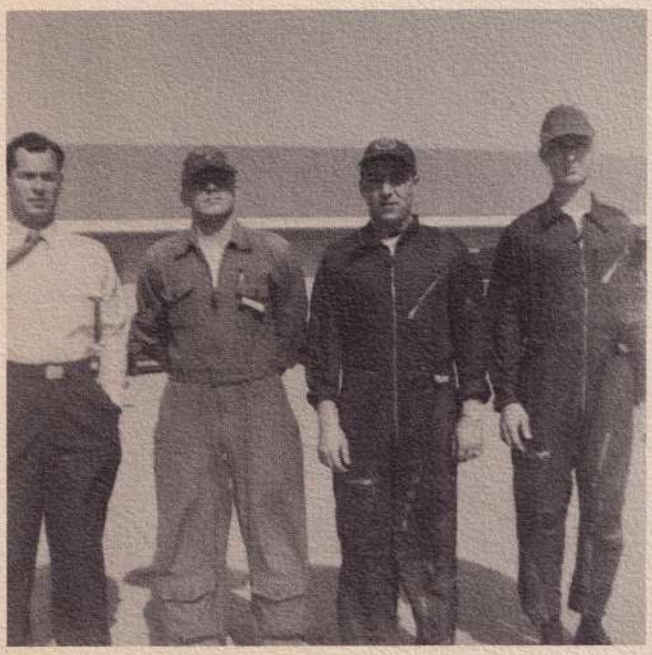
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Ingram, Pa.



Mr. H. C. McCord



2/Lt. N. J. Zervos
Augusta, Ga.





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A/C Cpl. R. G. Boyle
San Morina, Calif.

Killed in England
10 Apr 55



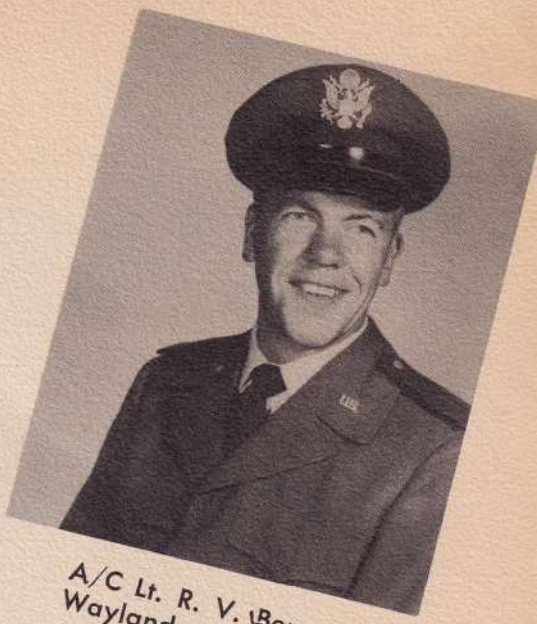
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Houston, Texas



2/Lt. J. S. Vidulich
Los Gatos, Calif.



Mr. H. J. Fields



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Wayland, Mass.







A/C Lt. M. P. Sander
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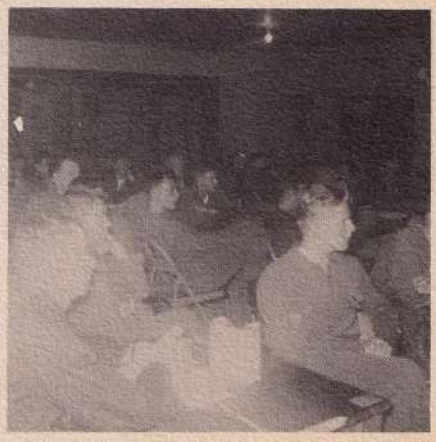


Mr. F. K. Schoolcraft



A/C Sgt. A. E. Hanneman
Garden City, Kan.





How We Look To Them.

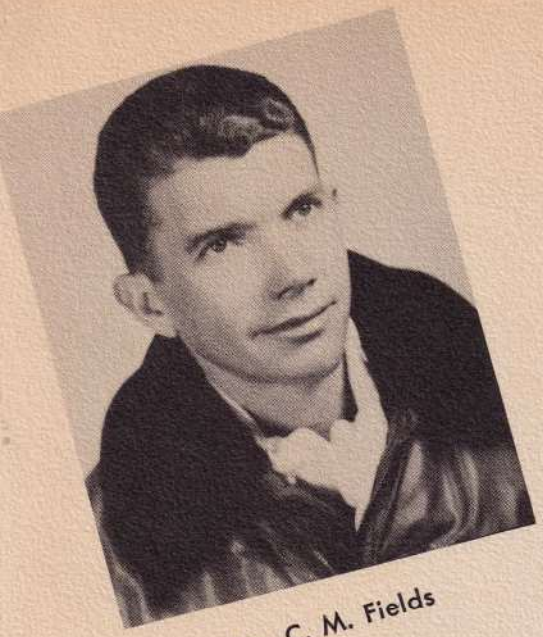


Washed out
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A/C Cpl. W. F. Holman
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A/C L. R. Laycook
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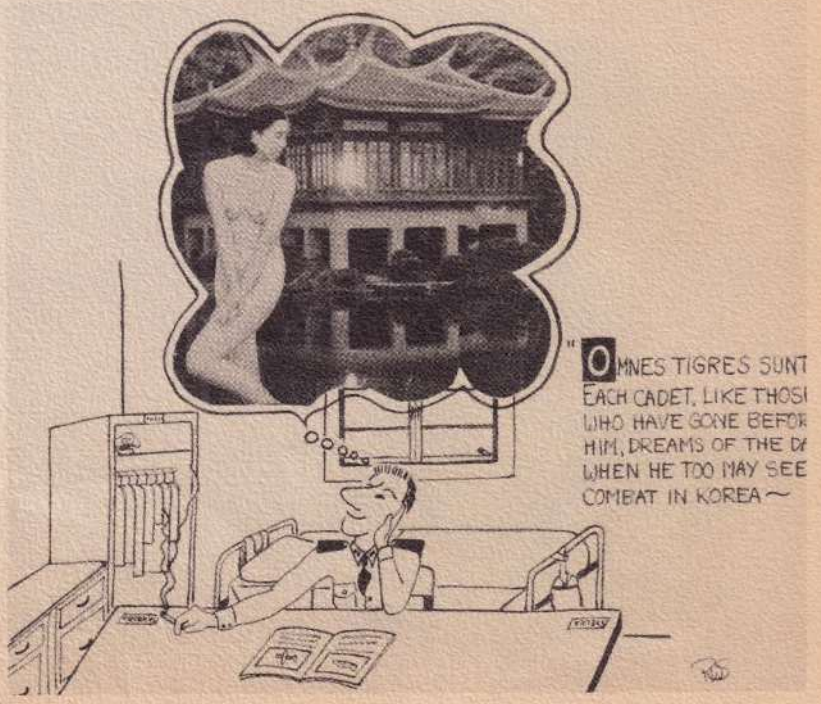
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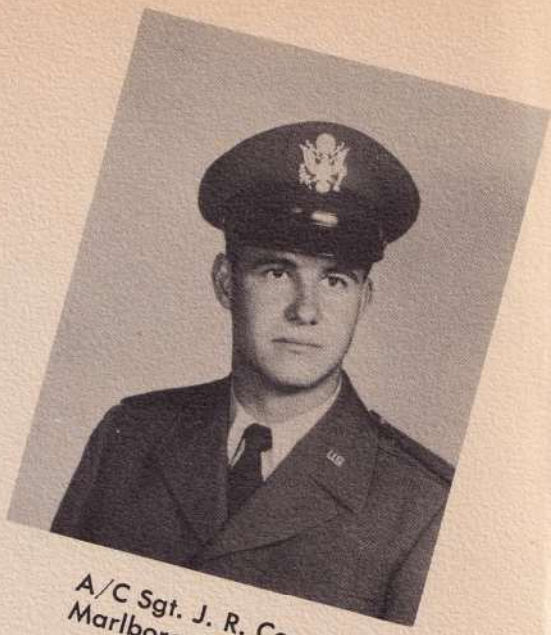




2/Lt. W. A. Weise
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Mr. J. E. Smithey



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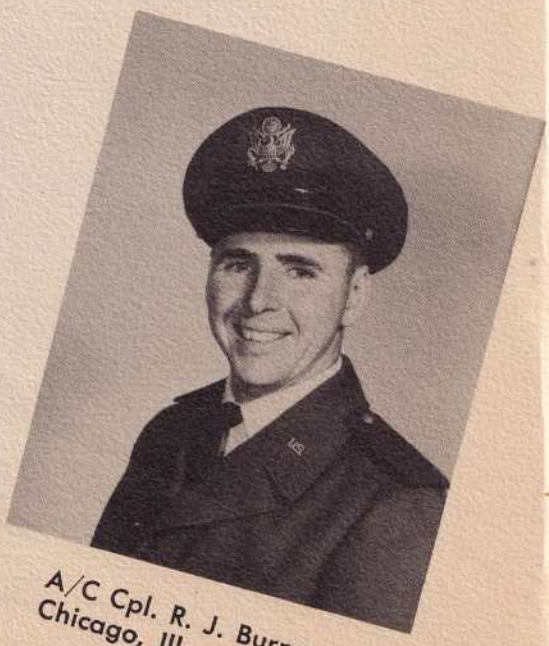




How They Look To Us.



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Chicago, Ill.



A/C Lt. J. P. Moore
El Reno, Okla.



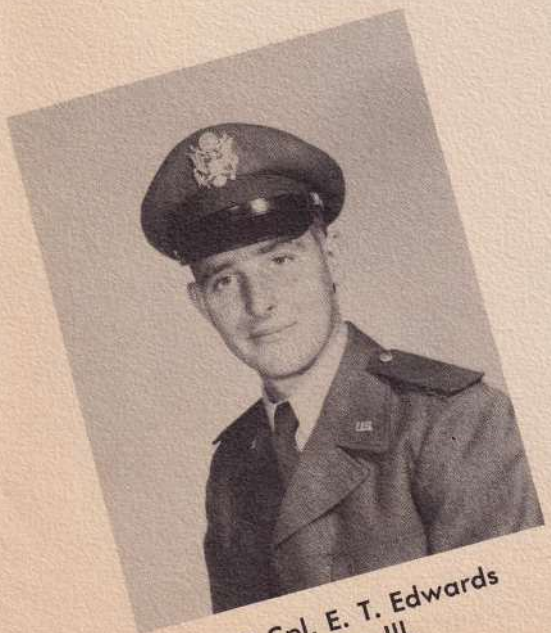
Mr. C. B. Meares



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A/C Cpl. E. T. Edwards
Mt. Prospect, Ill.



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Lucas, Ky.



A/C Capt. R. W. Sanborn
Los Angeles, Calif.



Mr. E. O. Turner



A/C Lt. F. Kenninck
Scheveningen, Holland





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A/C Sgt. B. R. Daugherty
Jacksonville, N. C.



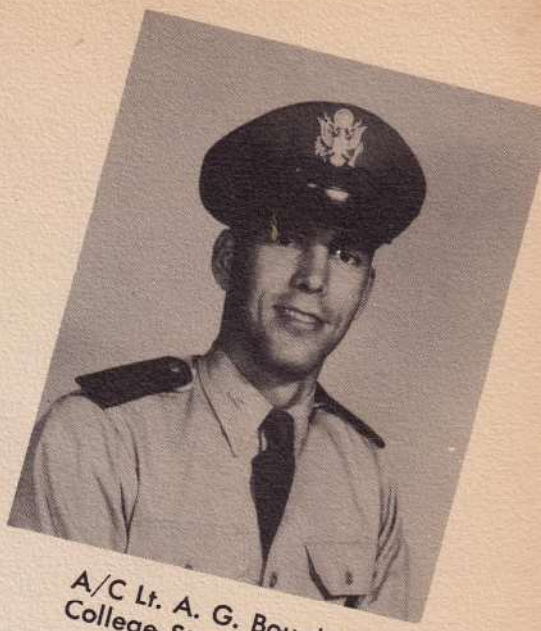
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Mr. G. W. West

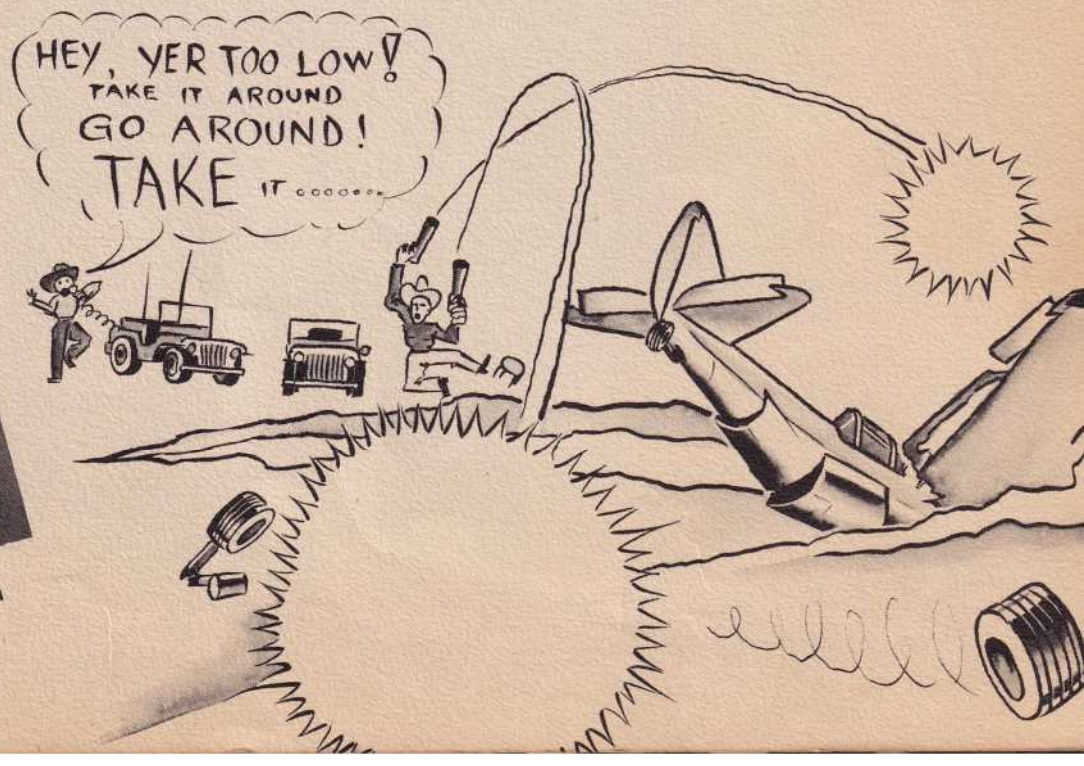


A/C Lt. A. G. Boughton
College Station, Texas



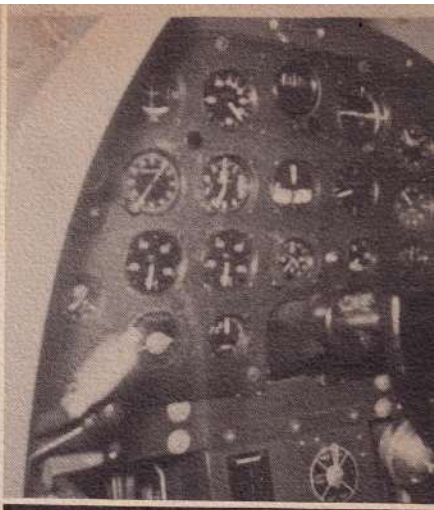


A/C Sgt. J. D. Carnahan
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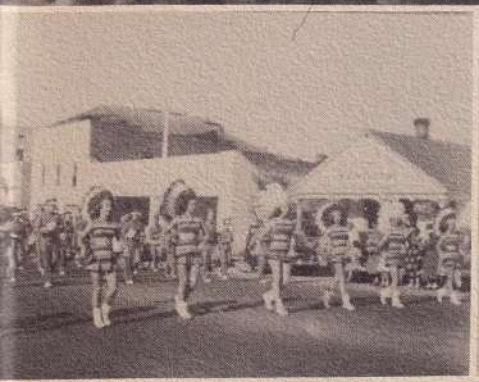







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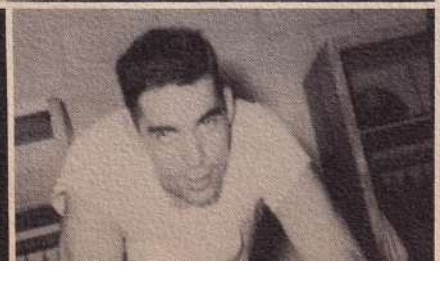











THE STORY OF "B" FLIGHT

"You never had it so good," observed one of the "Easy" Class sages as 53-F Student Officers experienced the first casual days of Pre-Flight way back in August. Some might agree, casting their minds back to those sublime days of the sack, bourbon and Bainbridge or F.S.U. girls, hindered by the tedium of lectures — and gnats — the rigors of drill and the agony of P. E., all plentifully supplied. The cadets might doubt the words as they recall the even greater quantity of lectures, drill and P.T. provided by a thoughtful administration. Yet, despite this immediate difference of opinion, there existed a common bond between the two factions — a deep and lasting hatred of the Chow-hall food, the cold potatoes, turnip-tops and grits, delicacies which are not appreciated.

While the officers became acquainted with the amenities of Bainbridge — the Consolidated, Elks, and Eagle — the cadets were familiarizing themselves with the drill field perimeter, lamenting the misdeeds which had resulted in this agreeable pursuit of walking, but, with "Hell Night" safely past, they, too, launched into the joyousness of Georgia, though it was noticeable that, on occasions, they strayed a few miles further than was permitted. Some reached Panama City. Strangely, it was to this resort that the majority of officers made out their vocos, yet, due to navigational errors, the week-ends were spent at Daytona Beach or New Orleans, with varying degrees of success.

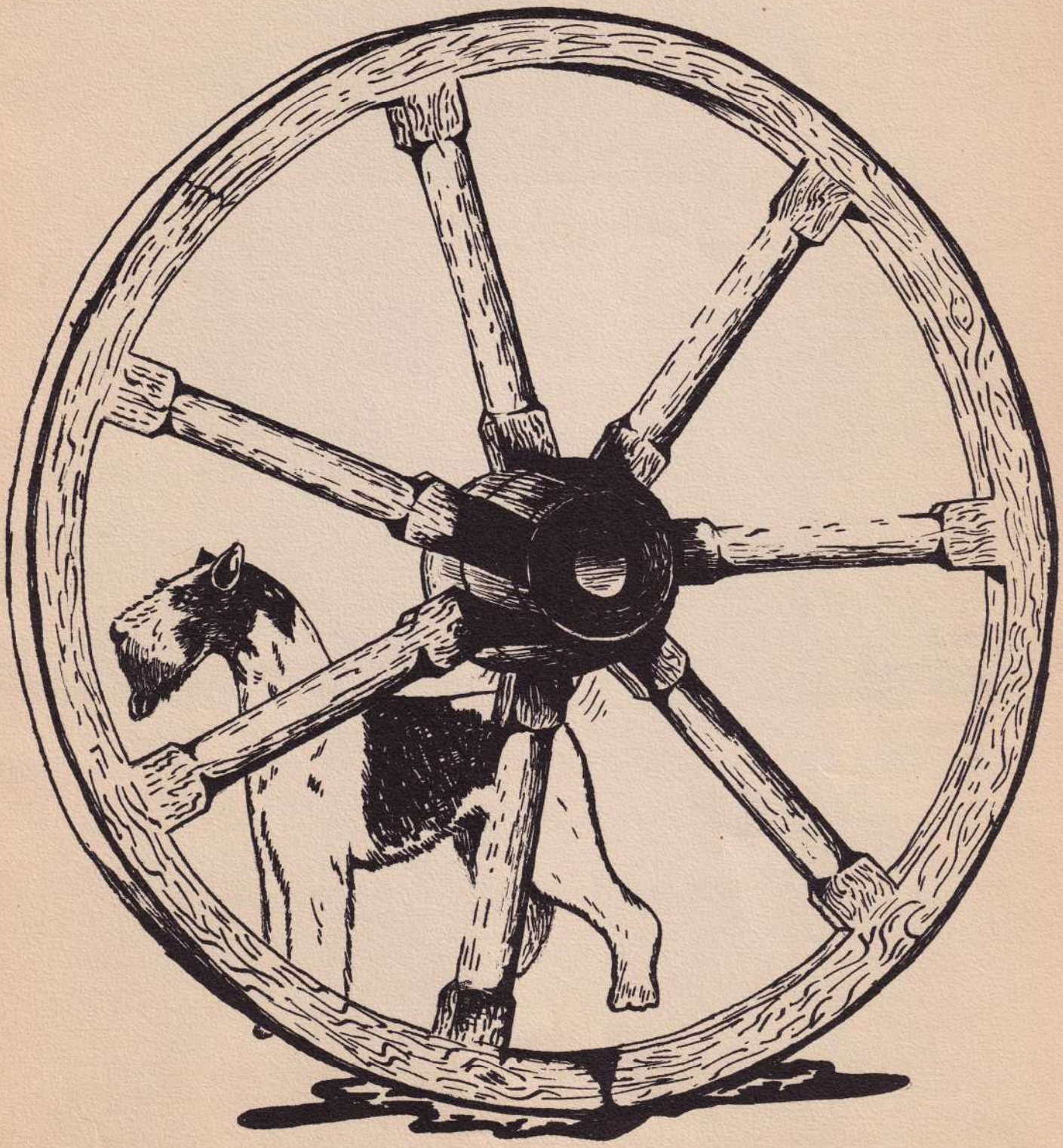
From Cuba to Canada — from California to New England went the students at Christmas. Some returned bearing scars of auto accidents. Others came back in love. A glut of new cars arrived, which made it easier to conduct local affairs of the heart and rendered even more interesting the officers' Saturday morning race to the PX between inspection and parade. Otherwise, things reverted to normal. Certain of the foreign students revived the art of appearing at Reveille formation in blouse, collar and tie, but without shirt, an arrangement which reduced dressing time by minutes and one seldom detected. Too, allied students rolled their eyes, looked home-sick and were "adopted" by Bainbridge residents who thought them "Just Cute."

It was about this time that the cadets assumed the mantle of authority. A mantle they assumed with alarming speed and tenacity of purpose — that the decree went out to the officers: "Thou shalt get a gig a week." With some confusion and a great deal of negotiation, this laudable aim was achieved. A great persecution was launched, but this affair was not so serious as that of the movie-theatre. The projector continued to break down at critical moments, but now the students were unable to see the film while clad in comfortably warm clothes. Instead, bleak faces muttered imprecations from assorted Class "B" civilian clothes, without flight jackets.

Chess loomed large on the cadets' horizon and the Club became the scene of silent contemplation. Suitable liquid refreshment continued to be smuggled into barracks, while in the B.O.Q.s, with waning interest in the firework campaign, conclusive evidence that the first-extinguishers were in every way servicable and an exhaustion in the supply of torrid literature, great activity in model aircraft building began. The more agile officers continued to hold heated post-mortems on volleyball games and there was a great golf revival.

Interest was aroused by the few souls who contrived to become lost while solo and the problem of whether the gear was pulled up that fatal night was thrashed out, but, as we left for Texas, the great question remained. "Who introduced the famous request to "TAKE IT AROUND!"

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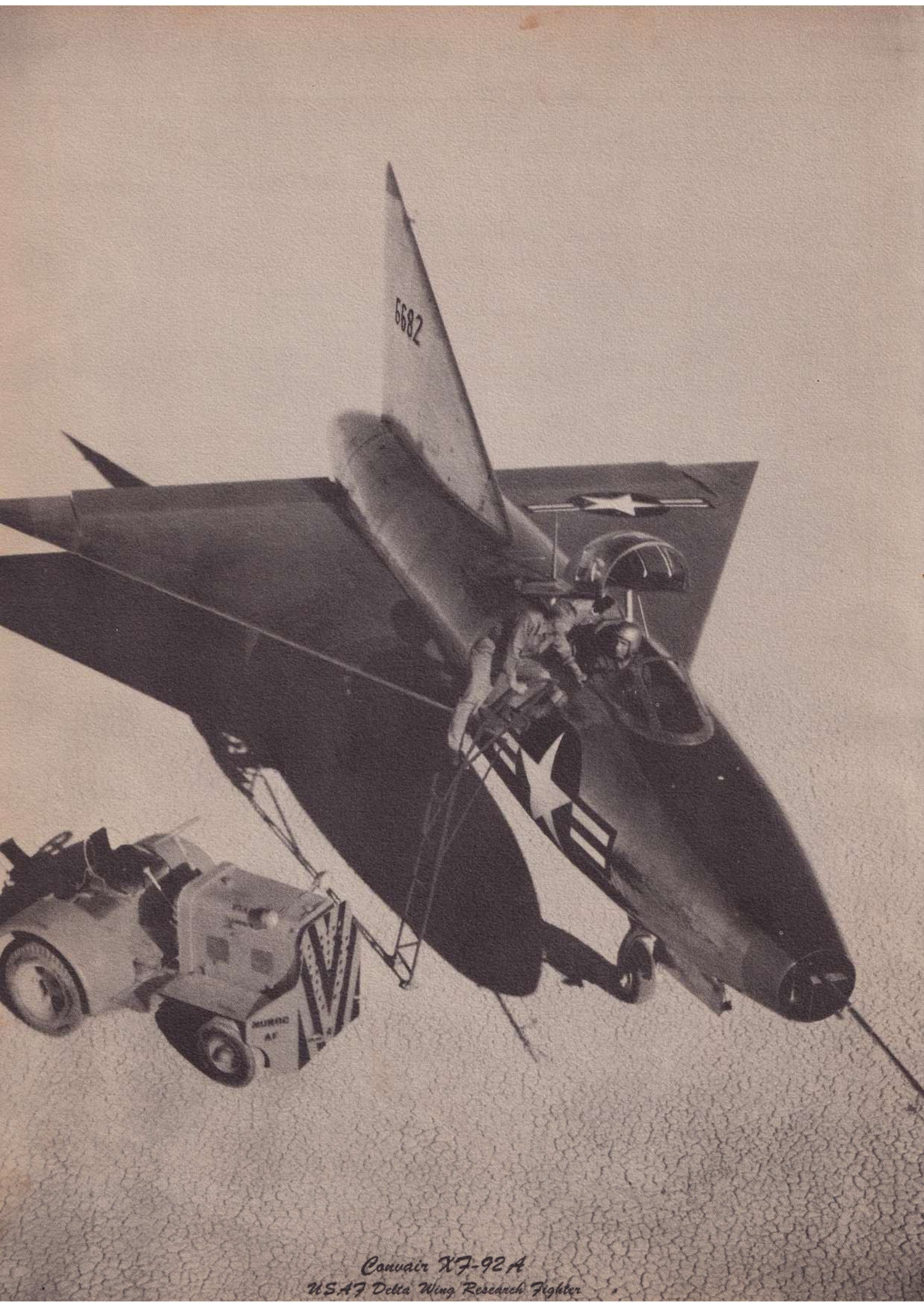
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