

DREAMBOAT

fifty-three echo





An aerial photograph of a military installation. A central road runs vertically through the middle of the image. To the left of the road, there are several large, rectangular buildings and parking lots. To the right, there are more buildings and a large area of trees. In the foreground, there is a large circular building complex with a central tower. The text "Lest We Forget" is written diagonally across the middle of the image.

"Lest We Forget"

CLASS 53-ECHO, 3301st PILOT TRAINING SQUADRON, COLUMBUS AFB, MISSISSIPPI

Dedication

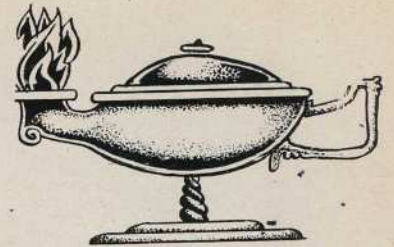


LT. COLONEL GARNET BRUCE PALMER
Commanding Officer, Columbus AFB

We of Fifty-three Echo dedicate this book to the Base Commander under whom we served. We would give recognition to his outstanding service to the Air Force and its training program. His leadership ability and personal concern for all individuals will always be remembered.



HISTORY

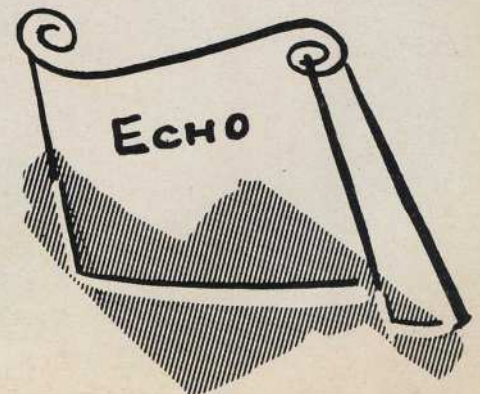


We hope that these pages, in recalling a few of the incidents of our primary training, will bring back many, many memories...of cadets from every corner of the United States and Europe...of friendships of lasting tenure...of "To the North Gate" and "What are you gonna do in a T-6?"...of lectures, heat, movies, heat, rain, and more heat...excitement of the issuing of flight suits and the acceptance parade.

Then came fourth class customs... delightful meals at attention, and "instruction" at 0545 in the morn - just the way to start a day...trying to sneak to the Cadet Club to avoid upper classmen... details, custom violations, gigs, and verbal reprimands. By then we had started flying and taken our "Two-dollar ride." Those first stalls, spins, and landings were something to remember! By this time we had had our first open post. Remember...that unforgettable ride through Erskine Caldwell country and that trip to Birmingham...flying at SOD, getting set for solo...watching the "controlled crashes"...the guy who made that beautiful approach into the takeoff strip... everyone wearing solo caps, shooting stages...those Sixes and Twenty-twos...Vaughn and River Field... new checklists every week...the "safety lecture" period when we were smoked in...Jet shows by "Shmo."

Then it was Chandelles and Lazy-eights, and the forty-hour checks were soon upon us...also responsibilities such as C.Q., Honor Guard, and S.O.G. After enduring green looks and short fingernails from drawing the "Washing Machine", we somehow squeezed through and started making cross countries...we took time out to dance to Jimmy Dorsey.

After we entered first class, stripes were seen everywhere, varying in number and size. Remember that lonely feeling the first time we took off under the hood...those first night flight briefings and Mr. Engle's line of the year, "If your engine fails on takeoff, call Dreamboat, and tell them you've had it!" Night flying was great, if runways weren't so much lower than in the daytime. We were first classmen, big wheels with a VOCO every weekend. Of course, the catch was that we were flying every weekend, with Xmas just around the corner, and hundreds of hours to catch up on. At Xmas Echo took off for home...to almost every state in the union. When we got back there were final checks. They were tough but after a "I'll pass you this time with a minimum satisfactory," we started looking forward to that stag party and graduation. Then we were off to Basic and the last leg of Pilot Training. We had lots of laughs and fun at Columbus; lots of work, too. But it was worth it. We were glad to leave, of course, because leaving meant more advanced training in jets and "multis." But Columbus and the "Base" were good to us, and our memories of our six months of Primary are pleasant ones.





MAJOR JOHN S.
BUCKWALTER
Commandant of Students



MAJOR VERNON F.
VINSON
Operations Officer



MAJOR WILBER J.
McDANIELS
Chaplain

Tact Officers



2/LT. R.N.
STEPHENSON
Tact. Officer Sq. I



1/LT. B.D. KREBS
Tact. Officer Sq. II



2/LT. K.F. MaGEE
Tact. Officer Sq. III



2/LT. D.C. REED
Tact. Officer Sq. IV

C E A



MR. JOHN D. WATSON
Resident Director



MR. CLEM A. HONKAMP
Dir. of Flt. & Grnd. Tng.



MR. CHRIS WALK
Dir. of Flying Safety



MR. ERNEST L. CLARK
Academics Chief

Academics



MR. M.A. WALLEY
Ass't. Academics Chief



MR. RALPH E. BIRK
Navigation



MR. ISHAM TATUM
Navigation



MR. VON B. HILBERT
Navigation



MR. JOHN L. HUNTER
Aircraft Engineering



MR. D.M. WHEELLESS
Aircraft Engineering



MR. M.L. BOTT, JR.
P.O.F.



MR. FRANK L. CADE
Instruments



MR. EDWARD RENGERS
Weather



MR. DAVID S. EICHER
Weather



MR. WILLIAM M.
EGGER
Radio Communications



MR. JAMES M. WIGGINS
Code

"....The Tigers...."



FLYING TRAINING

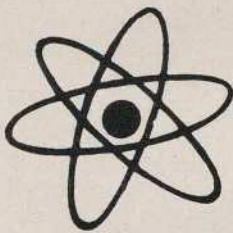
MR. EVERETT GENTRY
Section Commander



MR. PAUL R. ENGLE
Flight Commander



Sqdn. 1&111



MR. MILES H. YERBY
Dispatcher



MR. JAMES M. HUBER
Ass't. Flt. Commander





DURWARD L. FRY
Pocatello, Idaho
"Duke"



JAMES M. ENSIGN
Franklin, Mich.
"Jim"



"You'll learn, in
spite of me!"

ALVIN ALLEN
Columbus, Miss.



IVAN D. HANDLEY
Narka, Kansas
"Iv"



LT. JOHN L. BALDNER
Xenia, Ohio
"Jack"



PETER B. LEE
Seattle, Wash.
"Pete"



JAMES E. FUTHEY
Lakewood, Ohio
"Stroller"



VERNON E. BILKE
Columbus, Miss

"P-poor! You're just
not trying!"



ROY D. LEAK
Jacksonville Beach,
Florida
"Alligator"



LT. WILLIAM EVANS
Buenos Aires,
Argentina
"Poncho"



DAVID ALTON
Glen Rock, N. J.
"Tree"



LT. ROBERT E.
HUBELI
St. Louis, Mo.
"Bob"



"Williebuger"

CHESTER C. COSBY
Rt. # 3 Aberdeen, Miss.



HERBERT A. PAUL
Mound City, Mo.
"Herb"



WILLIAM A. GARDNER
Boston, Mass.
"Wag"



JOHN R. FANTO, JR.
Pittsburgh, Penna.
"Bonzo"



LT. EDWARD J. HUGHES
Pittsfield, Mass.
"Goubah."



CHESTER N. DENNEY
Columbus, Miss

"Let's get an
airplane!"



GAYLON W. HART, JR.
Edmond, Oklahoma
"Flash"



ROBERT S. VAYDA
Pittsburgh, Pa.
"Coal miner"

DAVID K. MITCHELL
Nicholson, Miss
"Mitch"



P/O HEDLEY T.
BURROWS
Eastbourne, Sussex,
England
"Roy"



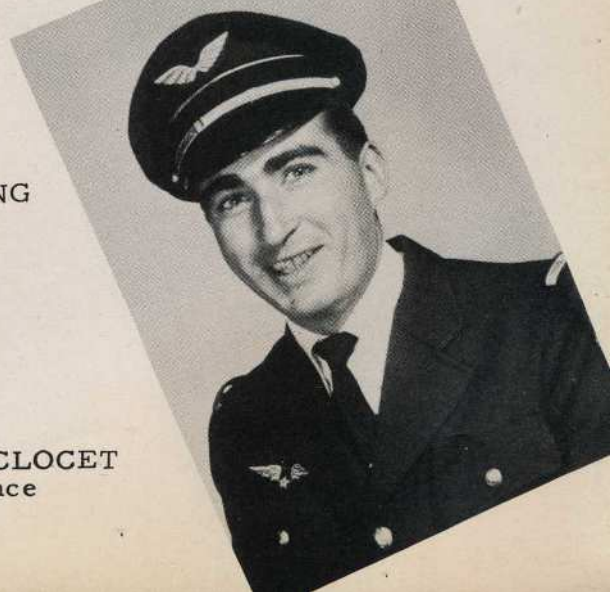
"Let's try and get
back to 1500 feet"



R.B.D. GIBSON
Columbus, Miss.



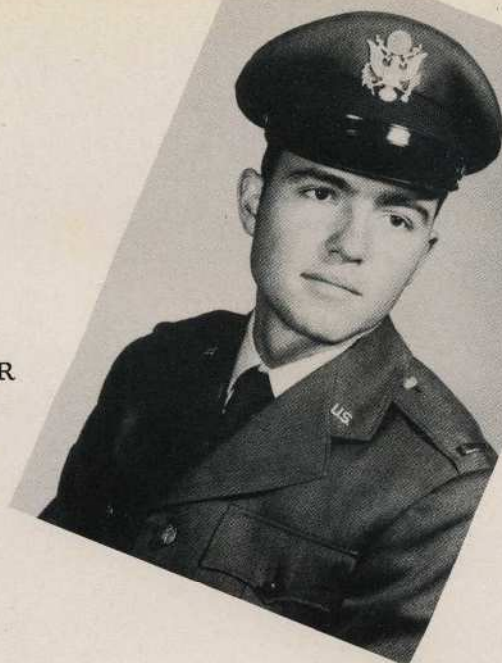
LT. ROBERT B. KING
Farmington, Miss.
"Robo"



GERALD M. CLOSET
Orleans, France
"Closet"



JOHN H. PARIS, JR.
Norwood, Ohio
"Bronk"

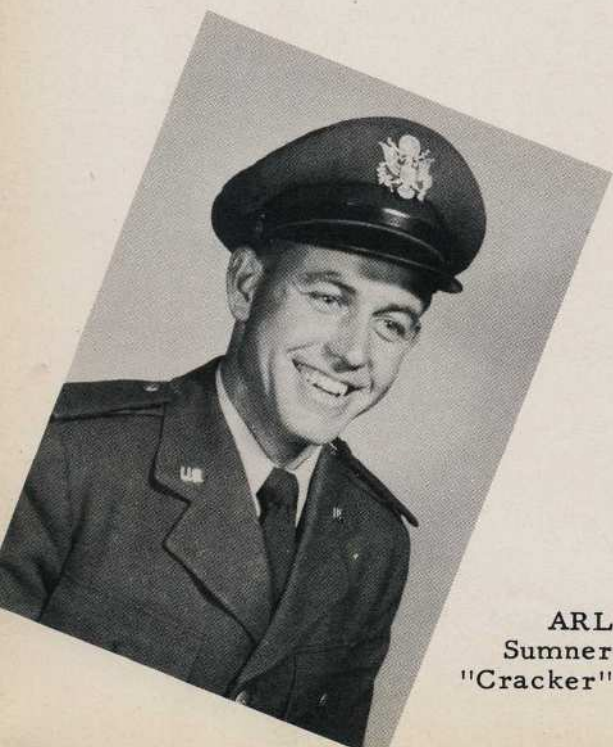


LT. JOHN E. MILNER
Bremerton, Wash.
"Jack"



DAVID E. HOVEN
Columbus, Miss.

"Hold it a minute! Lemme
check the schedule!"



JOHN V. GILHOOLY
Providence, R.I.
Crosswind"



ARLIE N. SAULS, JR.
Sumner, Georgia
"Cracker"

JOHN C. TUCKER
Cleveland, Ohio
"Tuck"



FRANK J. KISNER
Pigeon, Mich.
"H. P. "



"Get your head
out, man!"



THOMAS J. McDONOUGH
Aberdeen, Mississippi



ROBERT CHRISTIANSON
Wawtagh, New York
"Chris"

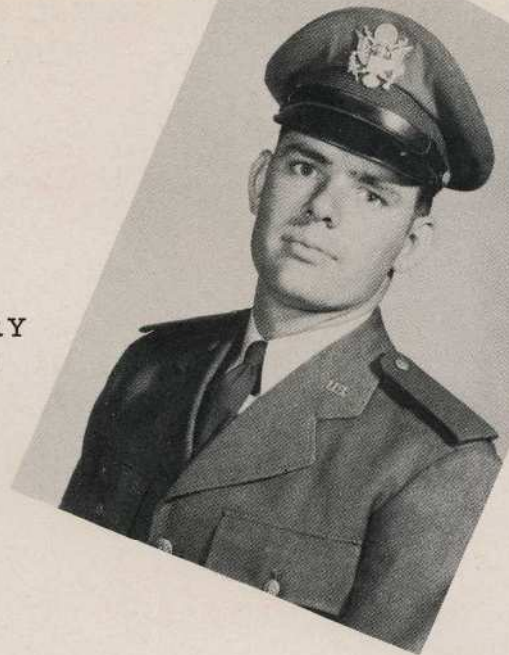


P/O JOHN K. CRAVEN
Pocklington, York
England
"Limey"

LT. JAMES H. REEVES
Birmingham, Alabama
"Jim"



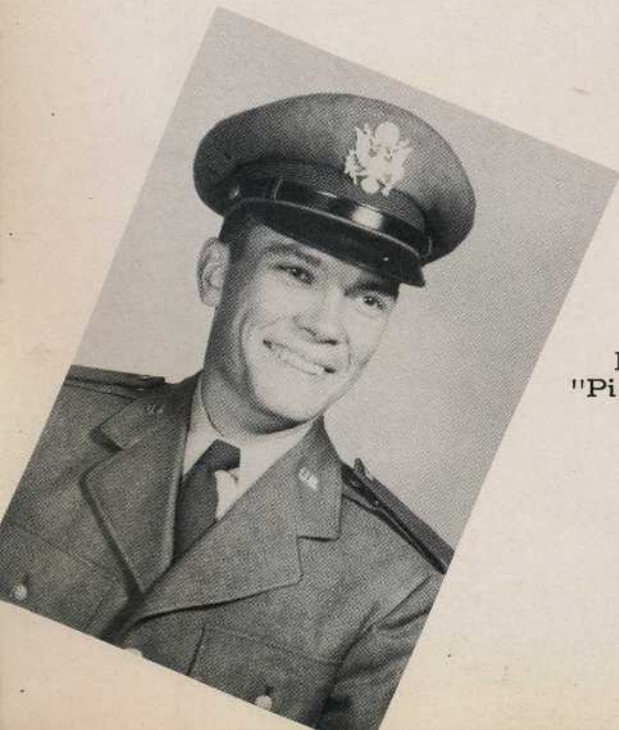
GORDEN H. LOWERY
Nacogdoches, Texas
"Big Tex"



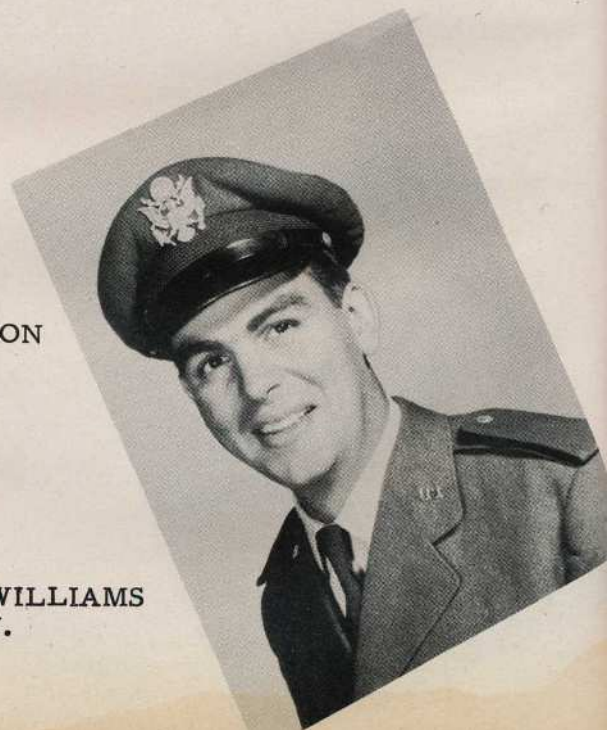
WALTER E. DOUGLAS
Columbus, Miss.



"....Just a dab
o' the brush..."



RICHARD R. ERICKSON
Hettinger, N. Dakota
"Pick"



DOUGLASS R. WILLIAMS
Watervliet, N. Y.
"Beartracks"

ANDRE R. BARDET
Limoges (H-V), France
"Andy"



ROBERT W. JOHNSON
Oshkosh, Wisconsin
"Big Swede"



"Shame on you!"



JAMES E. TAYLOR
Aberdeen, Miss.

DAMON C. LATHAM
Martinez, Calif.
"Carl"



LT. PAUL W. FUELLING
Mastic Beach, N. Y.
"P. W."



LT. MICHAEL COLLINS
Alexandria, Virginia
"Mike"



PIERRE L. CARNEL
Nice, France
"Carnal"



JILLES P. VERSPOOR
Columbus, Miss.

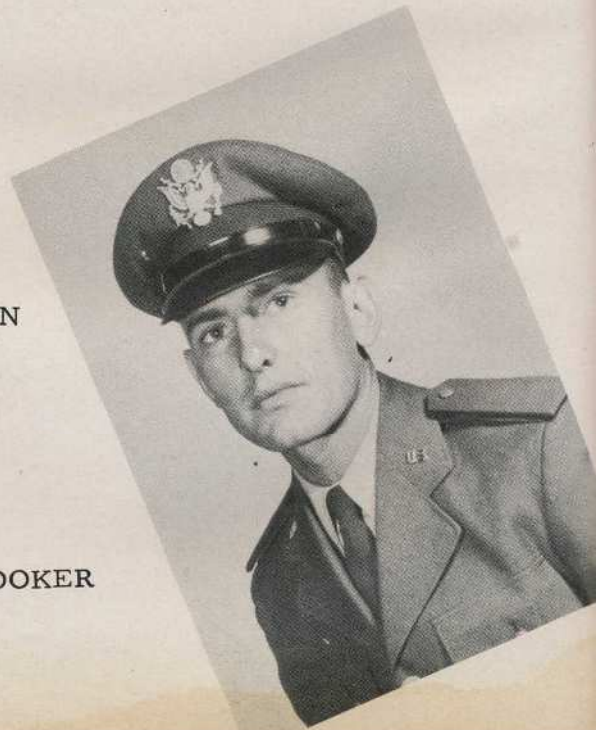


"Exagggerated,
of course...."



ROBERT R. CAUMON
Gare De Meze
(Herault) France
"El Goose"

DONALD L. BOOKER
Camden, Ohio
"Book"



JOHANNES BOSMA
Groningen, Netherlands
"Bonzo"



LT. EARNEST SCHULTZ
Salina, Kansas
"Ernie"



"It's just a
piece of cake!"



BERKELEY B. BARRON
Columbus, Mississippi



JOHNNY L. PRICE
Clayton, N.M.
"Navaho"



WILLIAM R. ROUND
St. Joseph, Mo
"Circle"

LT. WILLIAM S. HENDERSON
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
"Bill"



WILHELMUS J.
LAMBERMONT
Ryswyk (ZH) Netherlands
"Wim"



DEAN P. CORNISH
Aberdeen, Miss.



"Relax, Relax!"



HAROLD C. PLUENNEKE
Mason, Texas
"Young Paul"



LT. ROBERT M. BURCH
Kulpmont, Penna.
"Bob"

LT. RUSSEL R. RENTSCHLER
Hamburg, Pennsylvania
"Russ"



LT. RAYMOND L.
TACKE
Cottonwood, Idaho
"Pat"



"Pull your
head out!"

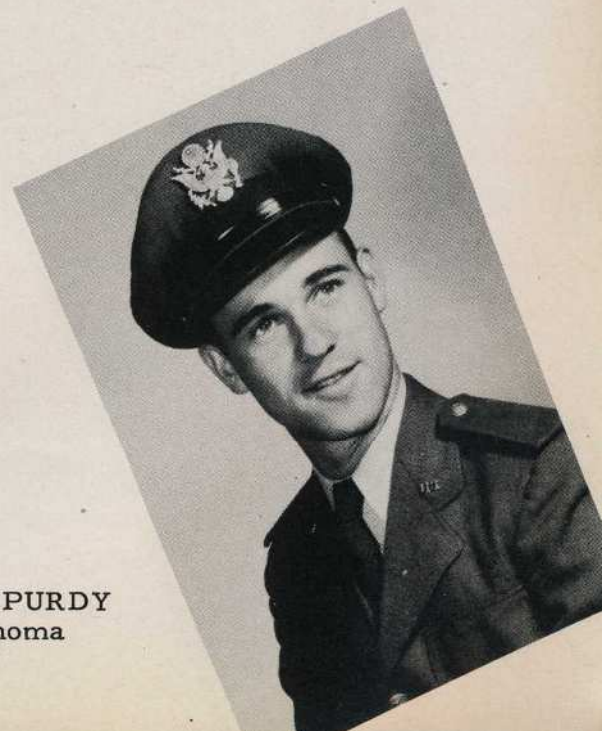


ARLO R. LIEBELER
Columbus, Miss.



JEAN M. DURAND
Amiens, France
"Zhon"

DWIGHT L. PURDY
Tulsa, Oklahoma
"Limpalong"



LT. JAMES O. SCHILLER
Hastings, Minnesota
"Jim"



JOHN N. BRADLEY
Frankfort, Ky.
"Brad"



"Never fear when
George is here!"



GEORGE I. WELCH
Columbus, Miss.



ROGER A. COURTOT
Beasanson-Palente
(Doubs) France
"Rog"

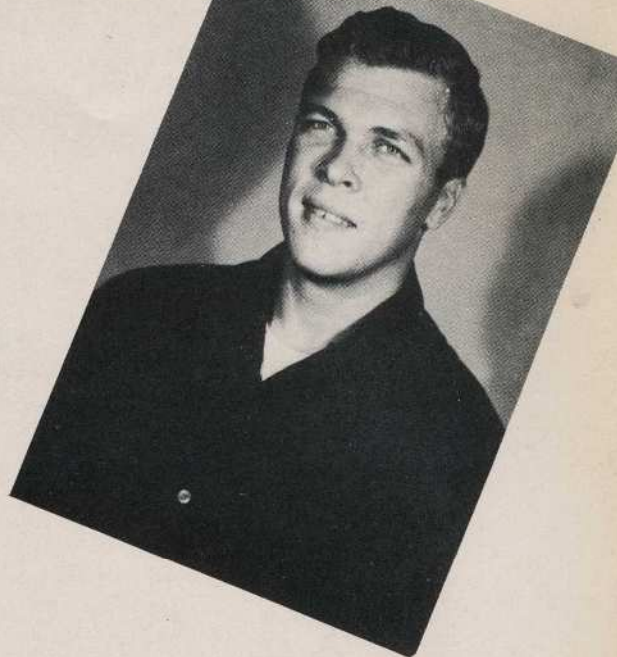


LYNNFORD E. DISBROW
Texas City, Texas
"Dizz"

LT. OMER M. GONNISEN
Tervuren, Belgium
"Omer the Kid"



JOHN M. SLIKER
Ridge Road,
Columbus



"No-one'll
kill you
for that!"



RICHARD L. PANICCI
Woodside, L.I., N.Y.
"Paneech"



LARRY F. DAHLE
Weston, Idaho
"Laughing Larry"



WALTER J. ROBINSON
Columbus, Mississippi
"Robbie"



EDWARD B. LAMAR
Charlotte, N.C.
"Ed"



"Er-r-roger!"



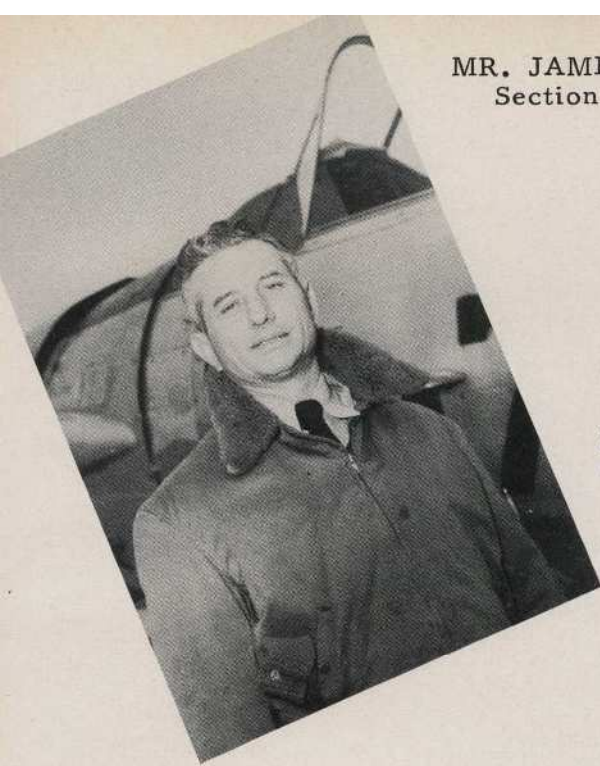
HENRY MICHEL
"Hank"



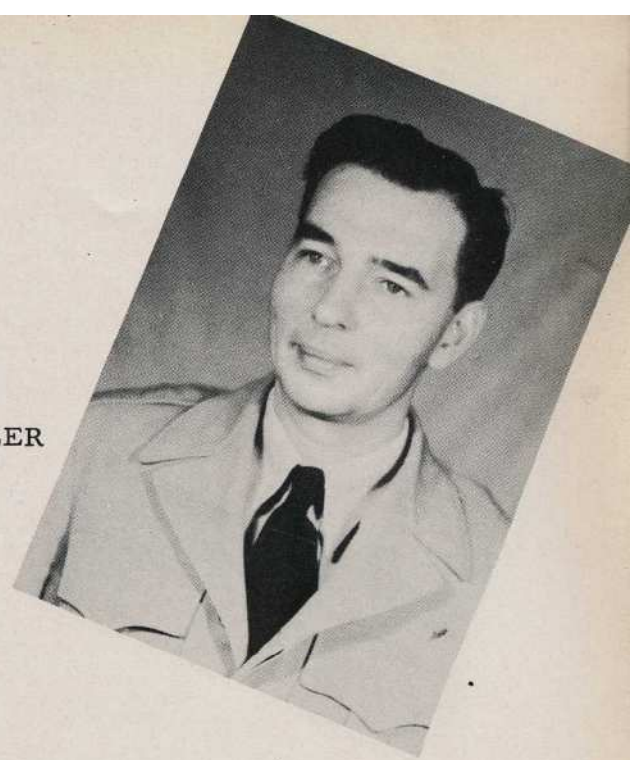
GEORGE F. QUINN
"Spin"



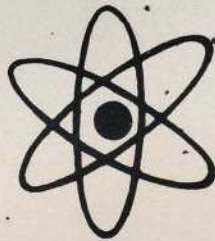
MR. JAMES WILLIS
Section Commander



MR. RONALD S. LAWLER
Flight Commander



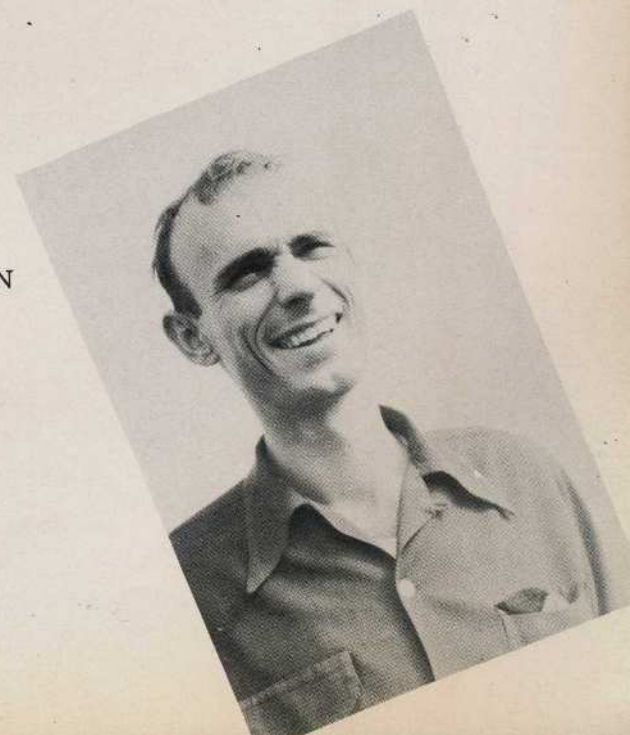
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MR. EARL R. MANN
Dispatcher



MR. ELWOOD E. BLAHA
Ass't. Flight Commander



A/C JACOB L. BLAND
Marlboro, N.J.
"Jake"



2/LT. WILLIAM G.
BRITTON
Jackson, N.C.
"Bill"



Hold it off!
Hold it off!



MR. ROBERT L. ARENDELL



A/C WILLIAM E.
FLORENCE - "Bill"
Monterey, Calif.

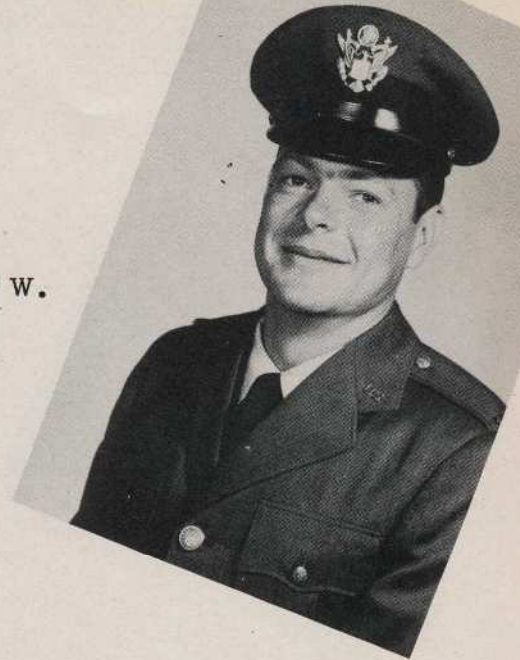


A/C MICHAEL S. DRELLING
Philadelphia, Pa.
"Skip"

MR. CHARLES E. CRUMLY
"Where the hell is 777"



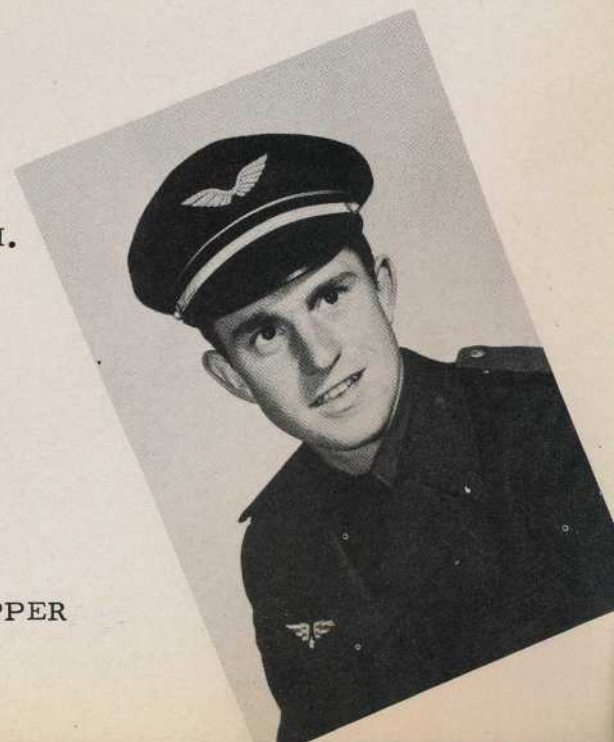
2/LT. CHARLES W.
BRYAN
Lebanon, Tenn.
"Red"



"LINK"



A/C BERNARD M.
DEBACKERE
Calais, France
"Bernie"

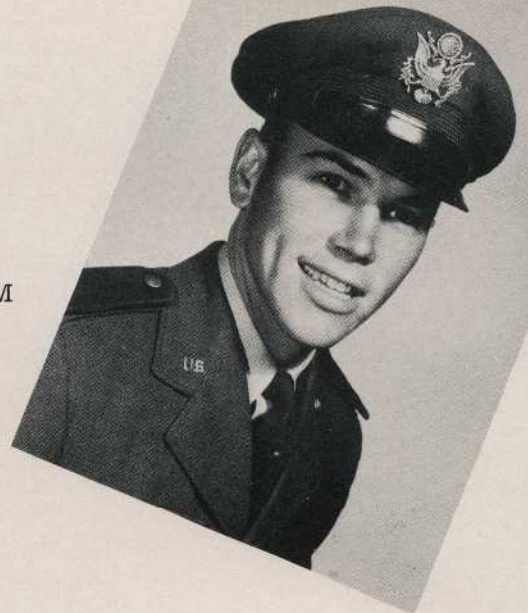


2/LT. BURFORD W. CULPEPPER
Atlanta, Georgia
"H. P."

A/C MICHEL R. CHAFFIN
Gefosse, France
"Mike"



A/C JAMES S. DURHAM
Pineville, Ky.
"Bull"



"Contact flying
is for birds."



MR. HENRY FITZPATRICK



2/LT. VICTOR K.
MACOMBER - "Vic"
Utica, N. Y.

A/C PAUL A. FINSETH
Minneapolis, Minn.
"Speedy"



MR. ERNEST E. MULLINS
"Your heads up & locked"



A/C CECIL B. DOSS
Paris, Texas
"Tex"



A/C CALVIN D.
PHILLIPS - "Cal"
Higbee, Mo.



A/C JOHN M. GIBSON
Cathlamet, Wash.
"Gibbons"



A/C ROY C. GILL JR.
Sacramento, Calif.
"Roy Boy"



A/C MAX G. OWENS
Liberty, Mo.
"Max"



"Don't make
me repeat!"



MR. MARTIN EK



A/C OTTO M.
STEWART - "Otto"
Richland Center,
Wisconsin

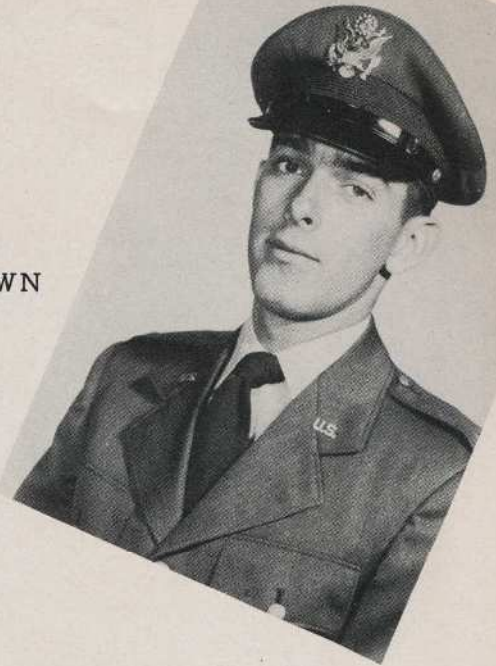


A/C WILLIAM M. STEELE
Kuna, Idaho
"Spud"

MR. JAMES E. PURCELL
"Get your head out-"



2/LT. BRUCE K. BROWN
Lubbock, Texas
"Tex"



2/LT. CHARLES D. YOREE - "Chuck"
Lascassas, Tenn.



A/C HENRY M. STEENACKER
Oostende, Belgium
"Hank"



A/C RAYMOND P. CAMPY
LeClerc, France
"Bibendum"



A/C JOHN M. FRITZ
Port Washington,
New York - "John"



"Mercy, what's
going on up there?"



MR. EARLE F. GALLAGHER



A/C KERRY P.
KICKLIGHTER
Glennville, Ga.
"Kick"



2/LT. JOHN E. HUTTON JR.
Des Moines, Ia.
"Hut"

MR. OWEN A. RESTER
"O.K. Take me home!"



A/C PAUL E. CHADEFAUX
Cantal, France
"Popof"



I SAID FLAPS, NOT GEAR!



2/LT. JOHN P.
ROLLSTON - "Jeep"
Webster Groves, Mo.



A/C FRANCES L. CUMMINGS
Homewood, Ill.
"Pat"

A/C MARK E. BERENT
St. Paul, Minn.
"Mark"



A/C JACQUES BRULE
Istres, France
"Brute"



"And now we're going
to do some loopings"



MR. JAN E. HELFRICH



2/LT. JAMES
RODEEN - "Jim"
Souix City, Ia.

A/C YVES CHAUD
Aups, France
"Popeye"



MR. FRANK F. TAYLOR
 "And there you are,
 fat, dumb, & happy"



A/C PHILLIPPE A.
 COLLET
 Tours, France - "Phil"



A/C JAMES H.
 STUMP - "Jim"
 Phoenix, Ariz.



A/C JOHN F. DUPRIEST
 Waco, Texas
 "Tex"



A/C JERRY M. BLUNCK
Des Moines, Iowa
"Plunk"



2/LT. LOUIS L.
CHURCHILL - "Lou"
Savannah, Ga.



"Now, are there
any questions?"



MR. IVAN A. SEBASTIAN

A/C ERWIN P.
WALLAKER - "Dad"
Ann Arbor, Mich.



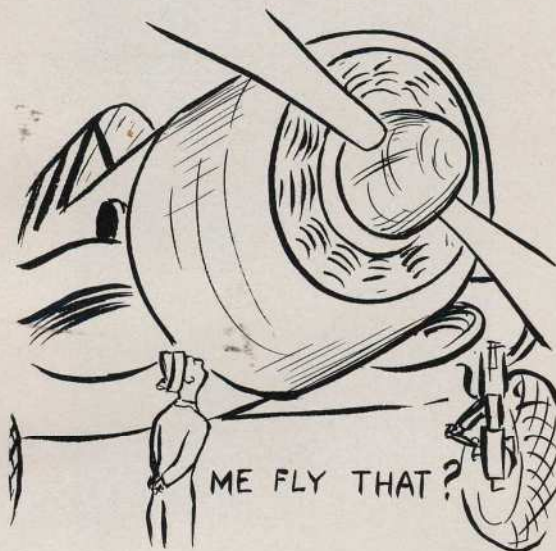
A/C EUGENE R. EDWARDS
Denville, N.J.
"Gene"



MR. JOHN A. TYSON
 "Bet you my hat,
 _____, and spats."



2/LT. JOYCE B. HESTER
 San Angelo, Texas "Hes"



A/C CHARLES A.
 SPANIOL - "Chuck"
 Cleveland, Ohio



1/LT. ANTHONY J. PRAXEL
 Lambertson, Minn.
 "Tony"



A/C ARTHUR W. FARLEY, JR.
Watertown, Mass.
"Art"



2/LT. JOHN R.
McLEMORE - "Pondus"
Paris, Texas



"Good deal"
"Good deal"



MR. PAUL O. WEST



A/C DUANE C.
VAUGHN - "Skip"
Kenmore, N. Y.



A/C LAWRENCE J. RAY
La Canada, Calif.
"Jerry"

MR. CLYDE E. WOODLE
"If only humans didn't
have to fly em!"



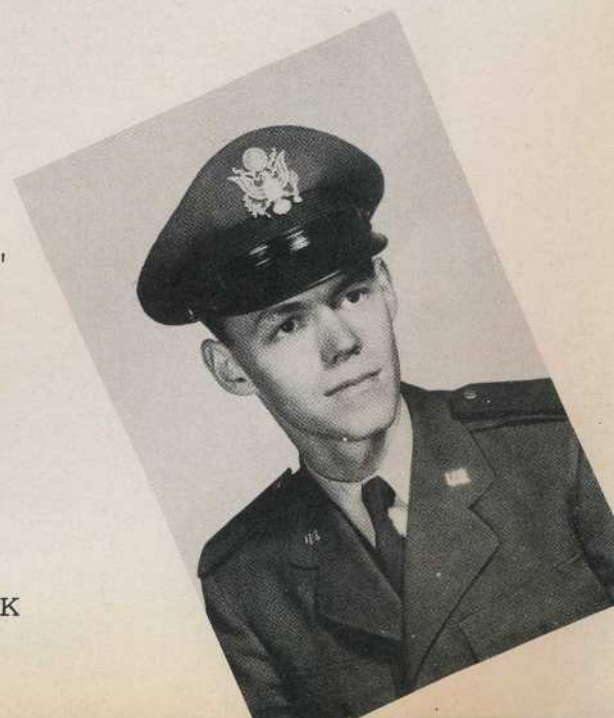
A/C FRANK D. ESPOSITO
Pittsburgh, Pa.
"Spagetti"



HOW HIGH DID YOU SAY
TO LEVEL OFF SIR?



A/C RALPH J.
TAEUBER - "Tarbo"
Tiffany, Wis.



A/C CHARLES J. KAROLEK
Cudahy, Wis.
"Chuck"

A/C MARK P. FRIEDLANDER
Vienna, Va.
"Multi-Mouse"



A/C DALE J. GOLLER
Haston, Kan.
"Country"



"That was a
good 'un!"



MR. JOHN J. LEAZENBY

A/C DEAN E.
HOTHAM
Miami Spr., Fla.
"Hot Rock"



A/C WILLIAM K. HARDY
Kinston, N. C.
"Bill"





A/C DAVID J. AUB
Washington, D.C.
"Dave"



2/LT. THOMAS N.
BAKKE
Denver, Colo.
"Tom"



"Let's do it
right this time!"

MR. JEFFERSON W. CARTER



A/C DALE R. SUMMERS
Stevens Point, Wis.
"Dale"



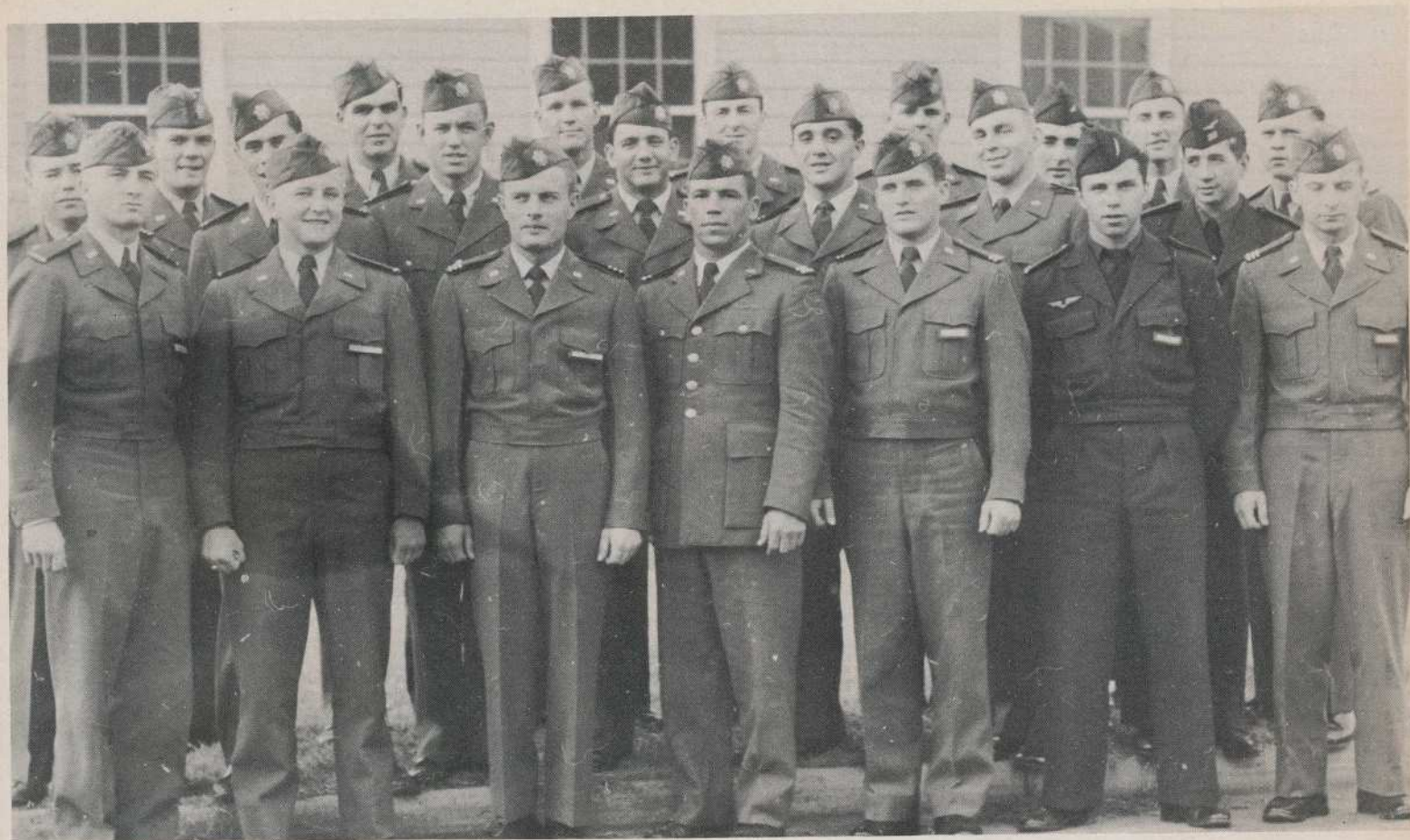
2/LT. WILLIAM A. DEAL
Knoxville, Tenn.
"Wad"



SQUADRON I



SQUADRON II



SQUADRON III



SQUADRON IV



GROUP OFFICERS

Kisner, Gr. Sup. Off. Round, Op. Off.
 Hardy, Gr. Major
 Panicci, Gr. Adj. Gilhooly, Bd. Gov.

HONOR COUNCIL

Johnson, Hotham

Hardy

Booker, Fritz



CADET CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNERS

Durham, Hardy

Gilhooly

Panicci, Stewart

YEARBOOK STAFF

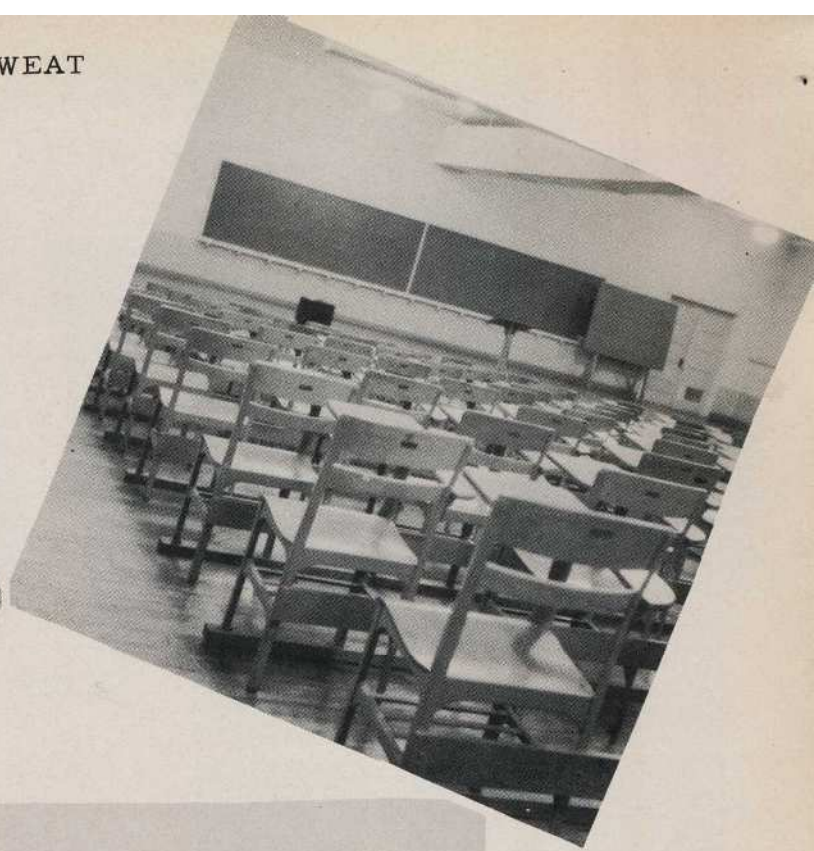
Panicci, Hotham

Purdy

Plenekke, Vaughan



NO SWEAT

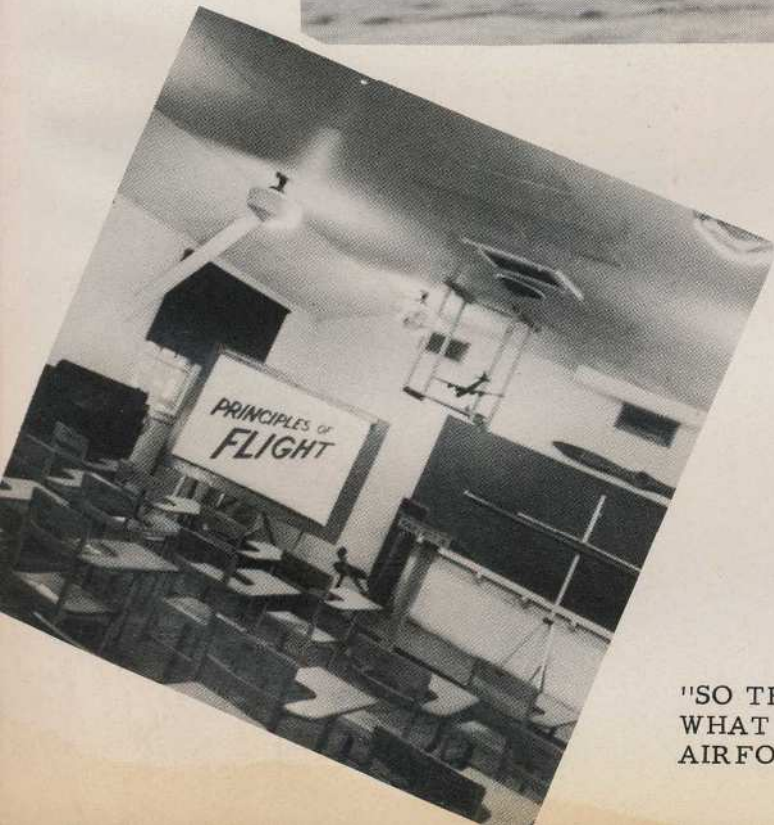


AND ON RAINY
AFTERNOONS..

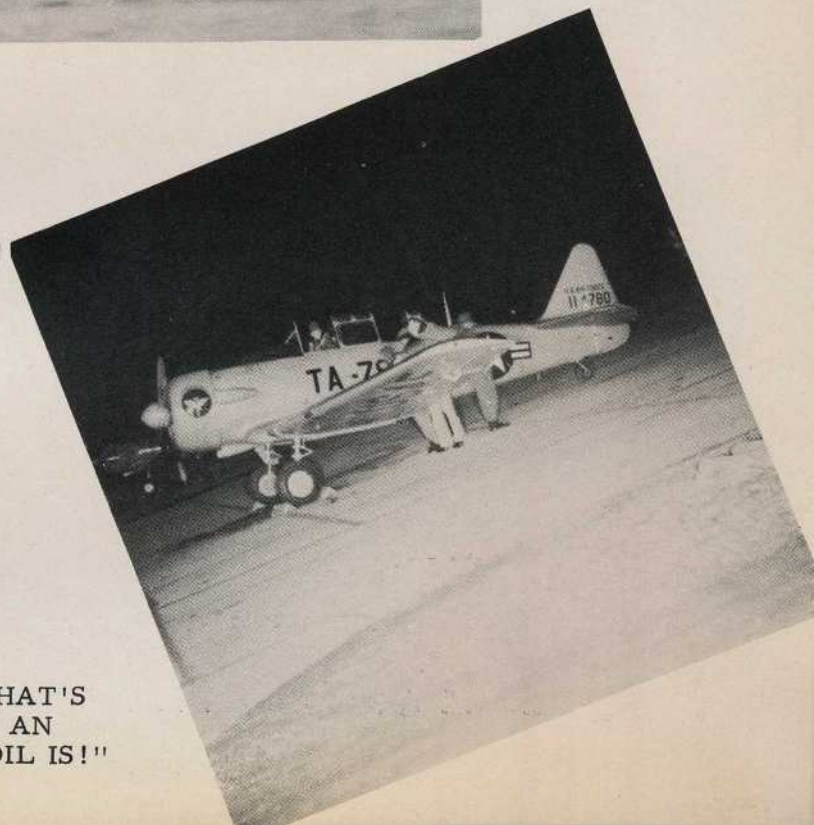
"OUR FATHER,
WHICH ART _ _"



"DUH WHO
TURNED OUT
THE LIGHTS?"



"SO THAT'S
WHAT AN
AIRFOIL IS!"



AND FOR LOST
WEEKENDS.....

"GEE, IS THAT A T-6?"



"ARMS DOWN, VOLUNTEER.

A FEW EVEN STUDIED.



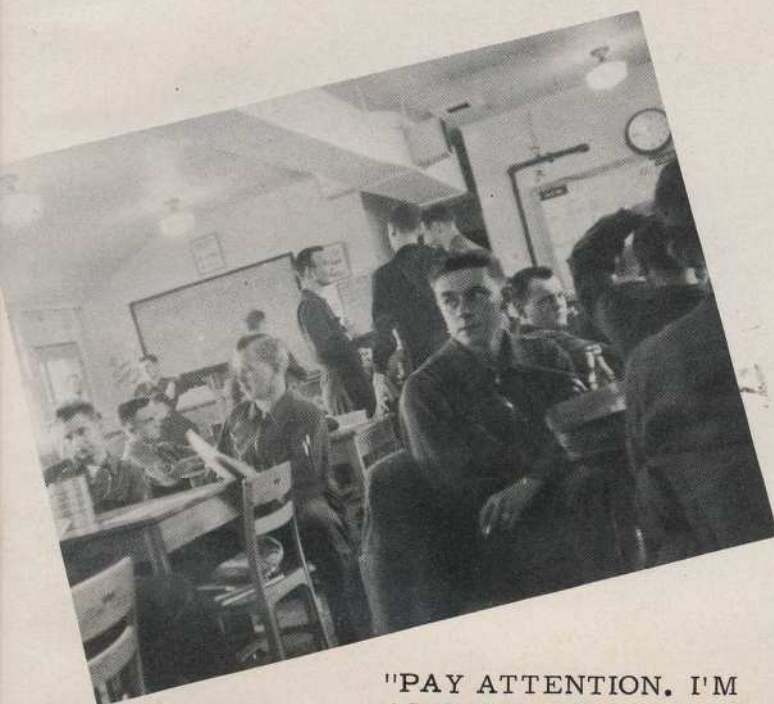
AND A GOOD TIME
WAS HAD BY ALL.



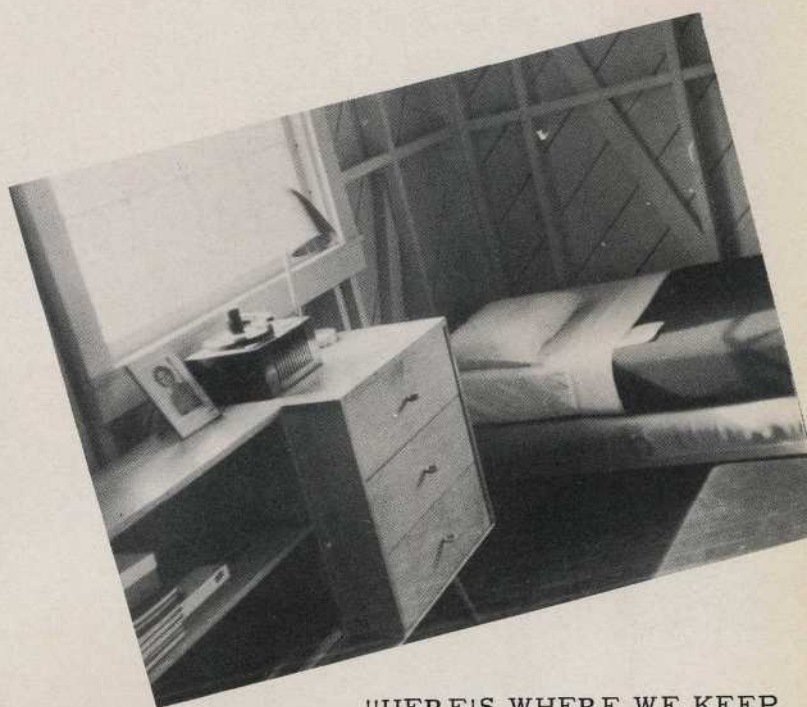
WHISKEY TUBE



"THERE I WAS AT
30,000 FT. ____."



"PAY ATTENTION. I'M
ASKING QUESTIONS LATER."



"HERE'S WHERE WE KEEP
OUR ETCHINGS."

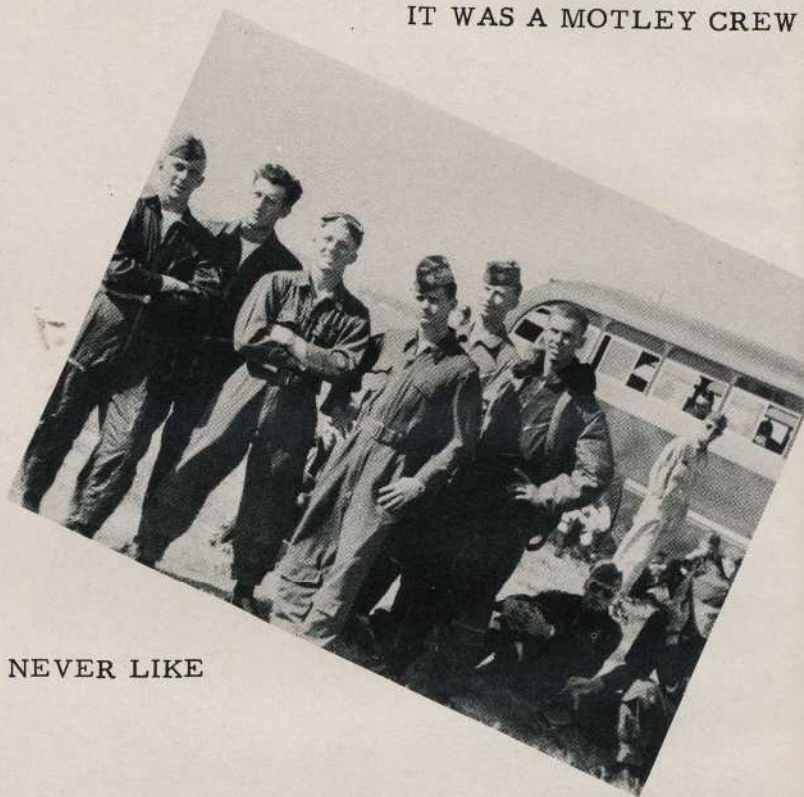


VERTIGO ALLEY

VACATIONLAND, U.S.A.



IT WAS A MOTLEY CREW



HOME WAS NEVER LIKE THIS!



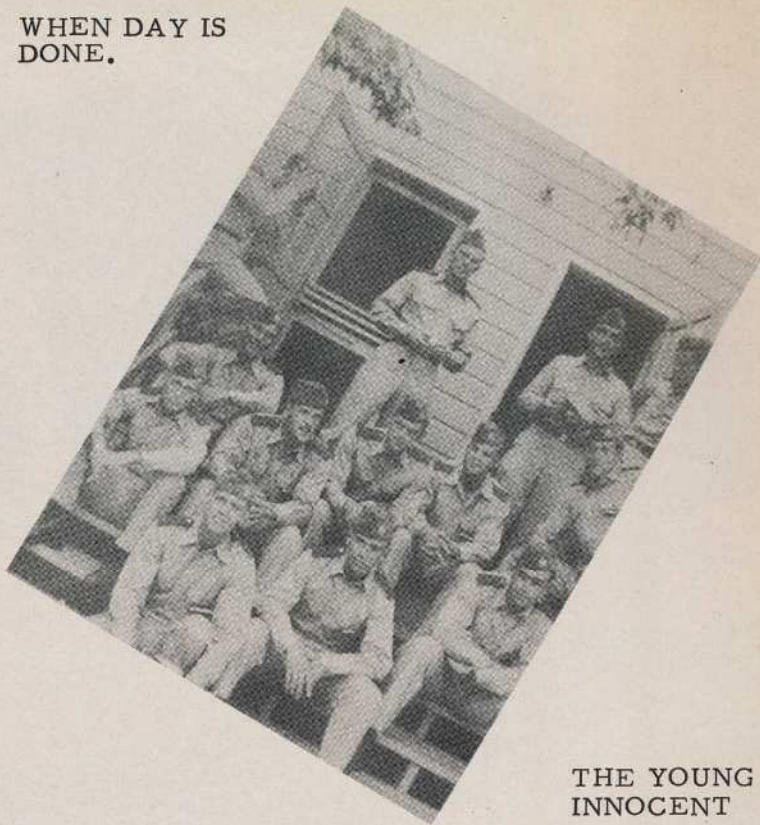
PRIDE OF THE FRENCH AIR FORCE



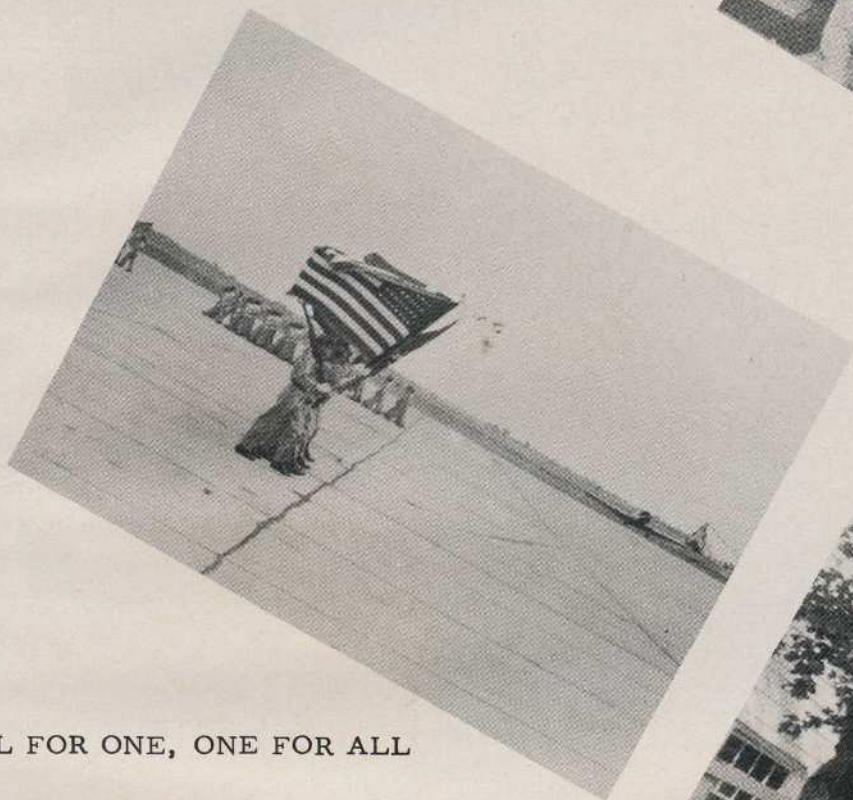
EYES RIGHT!



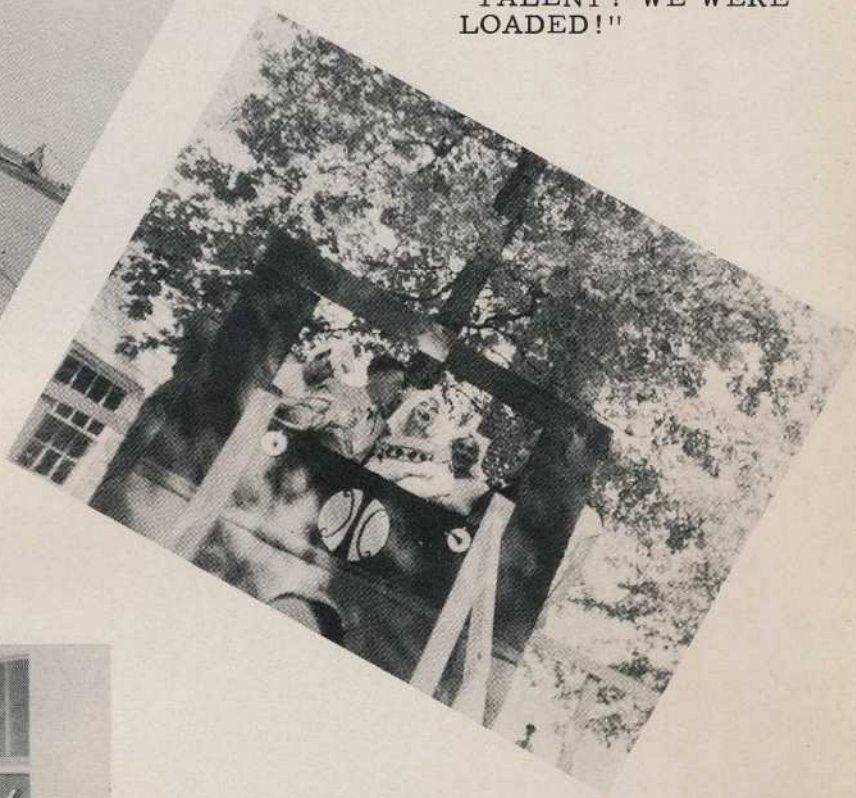
WHEN DAY IS
DONE.



THE YOUNG &
INNOCENT



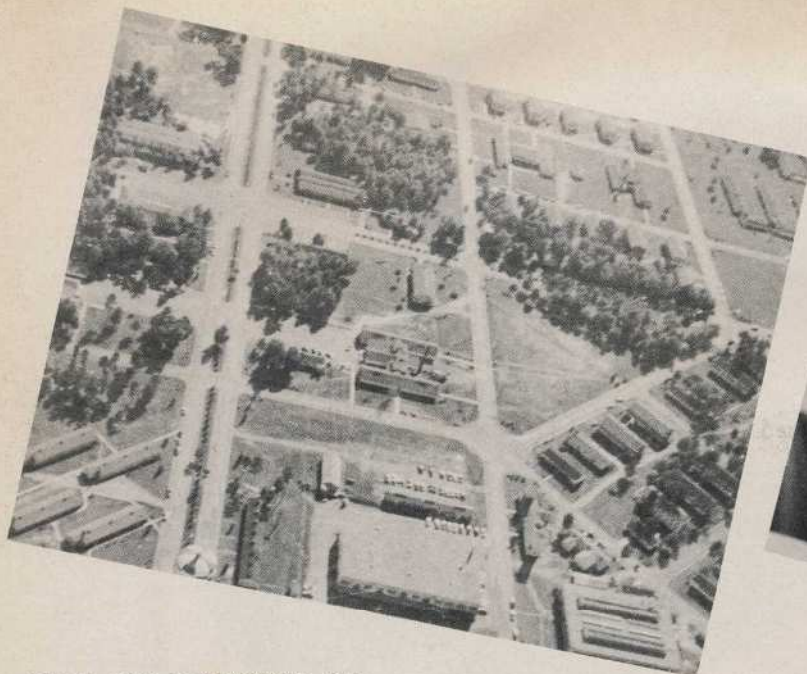
ALL FOR ONE, ONE FOR ALL



"TALENT? WE WERE
LOADED!"



"HAH! DUST!"



"I'LL BE DAMMED IF
I'D BAIL OUT AT 1000 FT!"

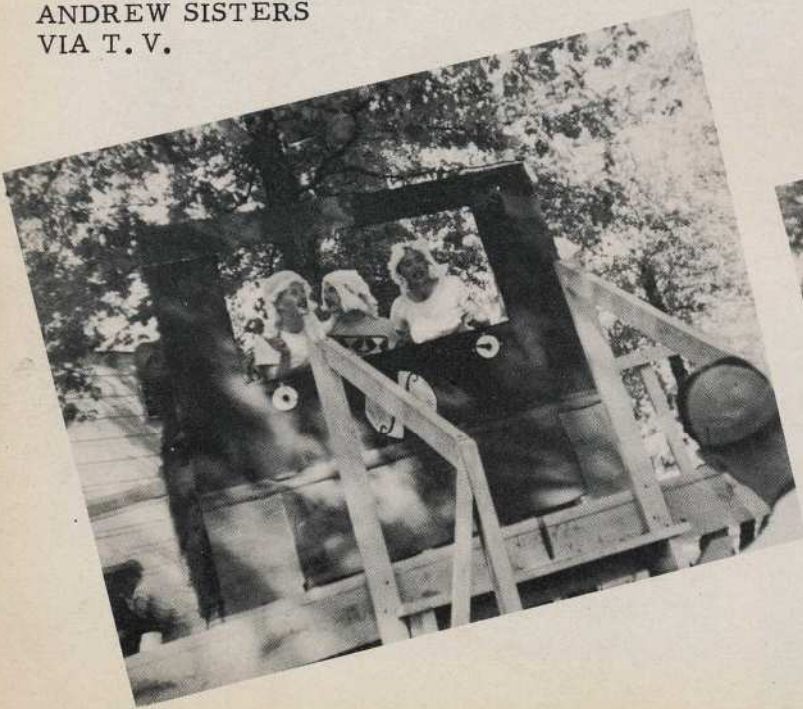


"GAZING, MR. KAROLEK?"



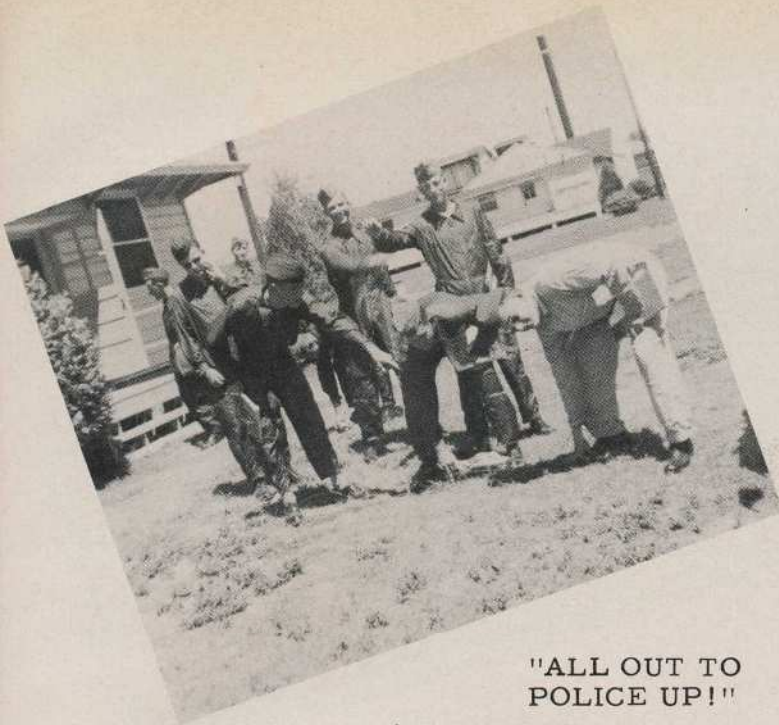
"FIREGUARD !!!"

ANDREW SISTERS
VIA T. V.



UP IN THE AIR, JR.
BIRDMEN!

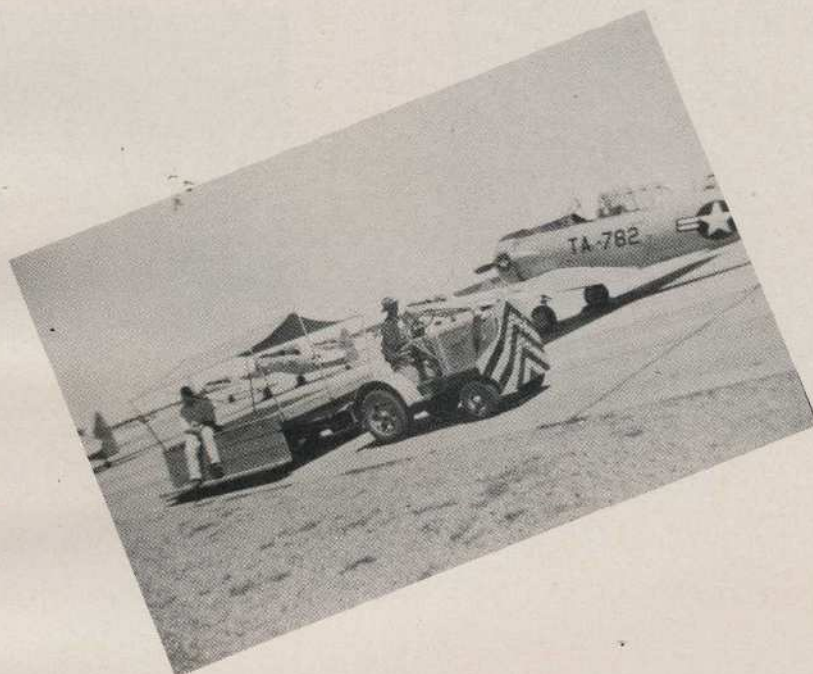




"ALL OUT TO
POLICE UP!"



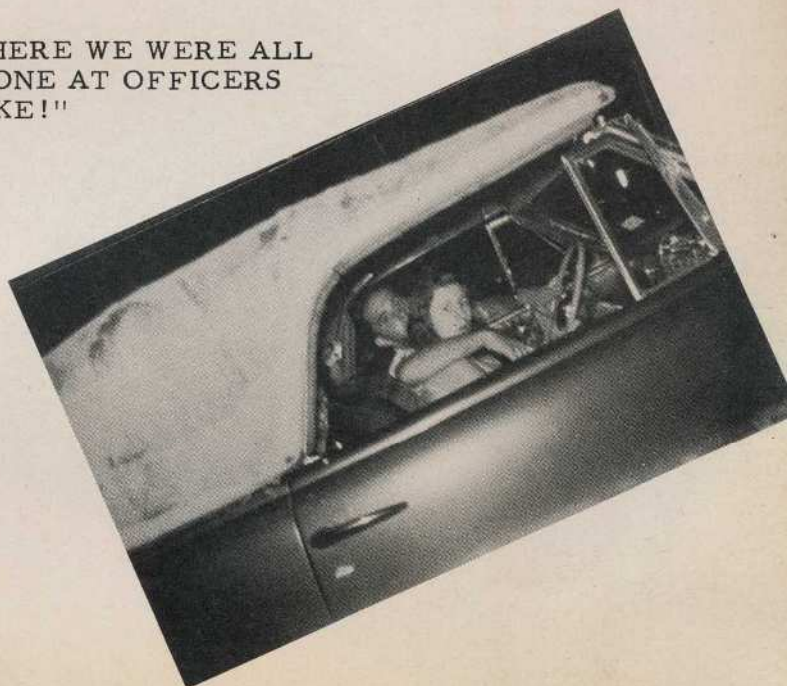
"OH! I DON'T WANT TO FLY TODAY!"



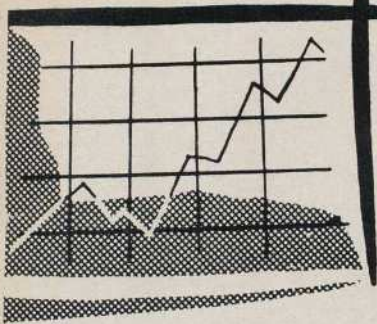
COLUMBUS' CHECKER
CAB

MIGHTY WIERD!!

"THERE WE WERE ALL
ALONE AT OFFICERS
LAKE!"



MUST BE A COLD FRONT



M. S. C. W.

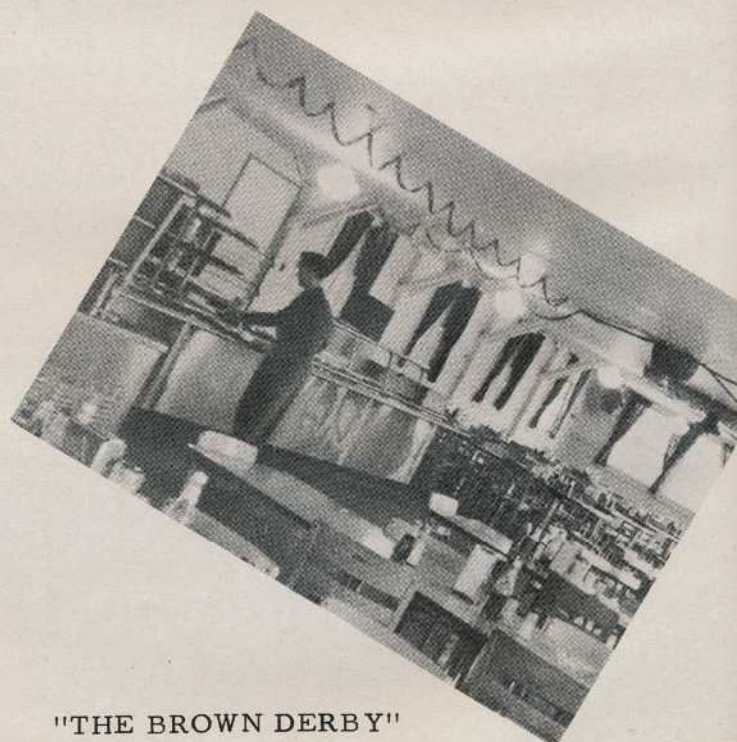
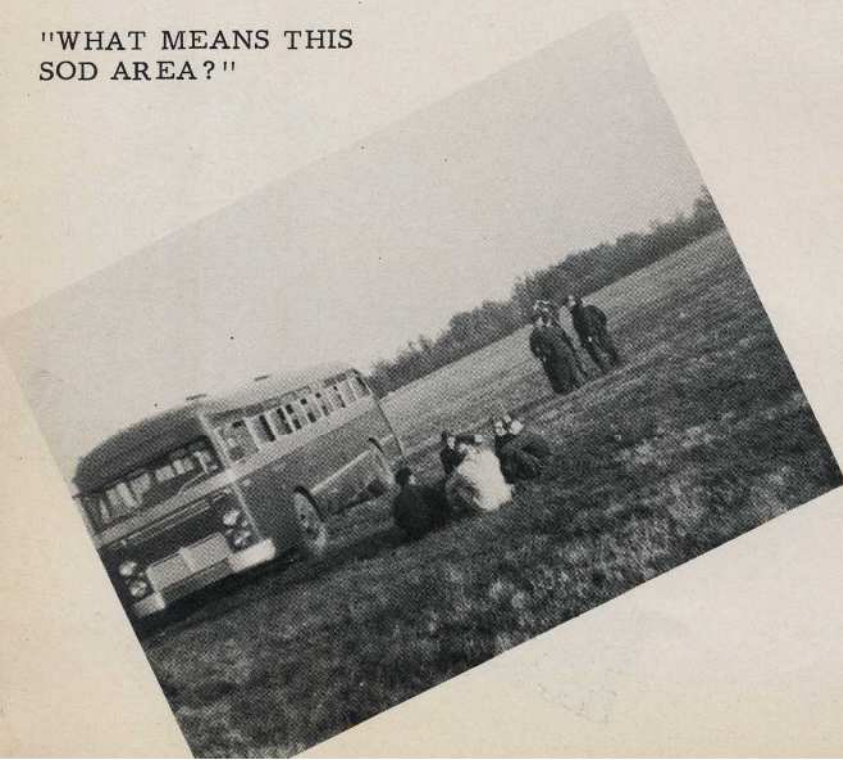


GET ACQUAINTED PICNIC

'52'S BIGGEST SOCIAL EVENT!



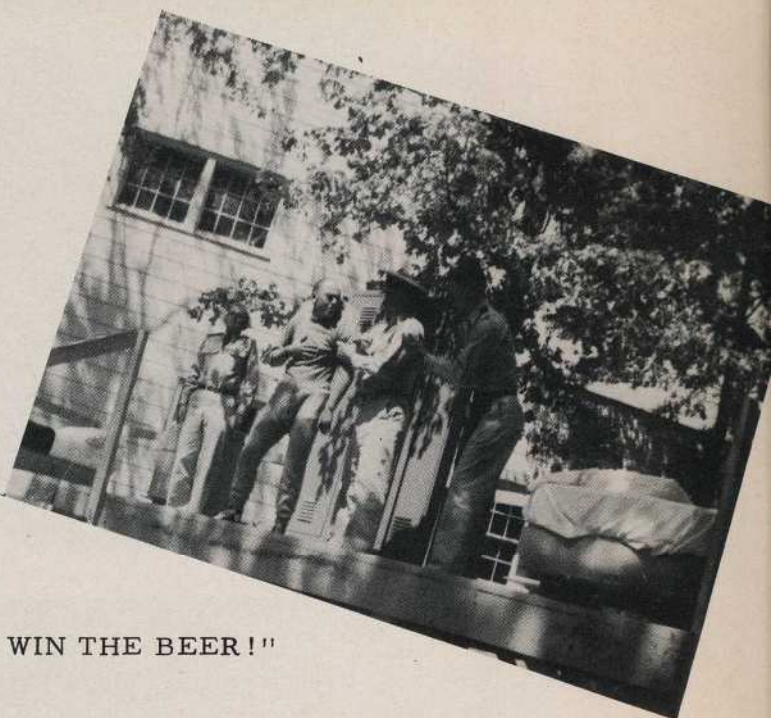
"WHAT MEANS THIS SOD AREA?"



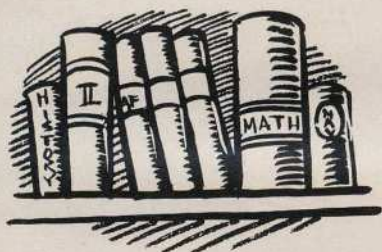
"THE BROWN DERBY"



"WHO'S NEXT?"



"LET'S WIN THE BEER!"



DUST CATCHERS



LT. LOWE AND HIS
JAPANESE BATHTUB

SATURDAY
MORNING
INSPECTION



"HEAVE! HEAVE!"

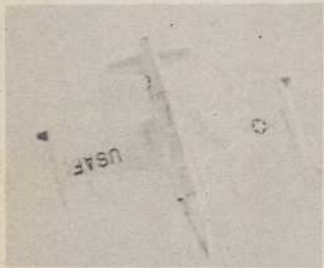




TAPS



SATURDAY
SHOWERS



SWO-O-SH



CAPT. BLITZCLOTH
AND HIS SPACE SUIT.



HOLD IT OFF!



"LOOK MAW, I
MADE IT -
FINALLY"



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE U.N.



ONE OF THOSE YELLOW
MONSTERS!



WE'RE LAREDO BOUND!



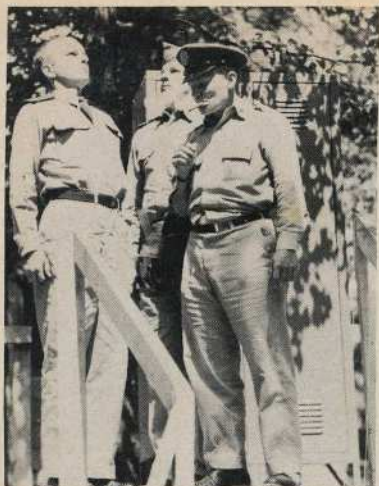
THE BOYS OF
1 & 3



OVER THE HUMP.

THE HOME OF THE YELLOW MONSTERS.





THE TERRIBLE TEXAN!



"GIG LINE
NOT
STRAIGHT.
5 & 5"



ANOTHER PILOT
IS BORN

"ALL TOGETHER NOW - PULL"

AND THEY'RE OFF!



"PLANE ON FINAL,
TAKE IT AROUND"





