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Class 54-Alpha

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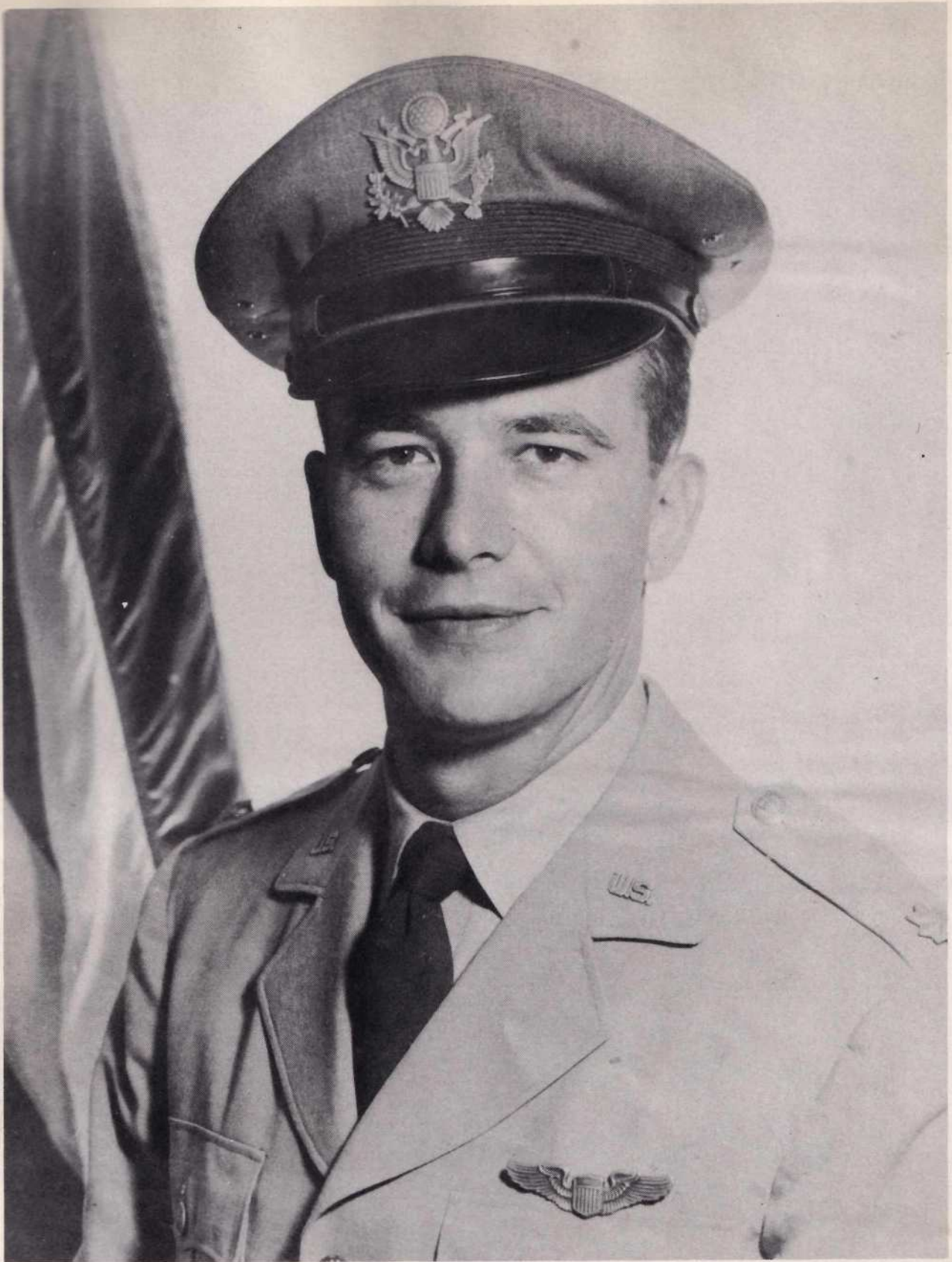
Dedication

It is the great honor of class 54 Alpha to dedicate this book to our Commander-In-Chief, Dwight David Eisenhower.

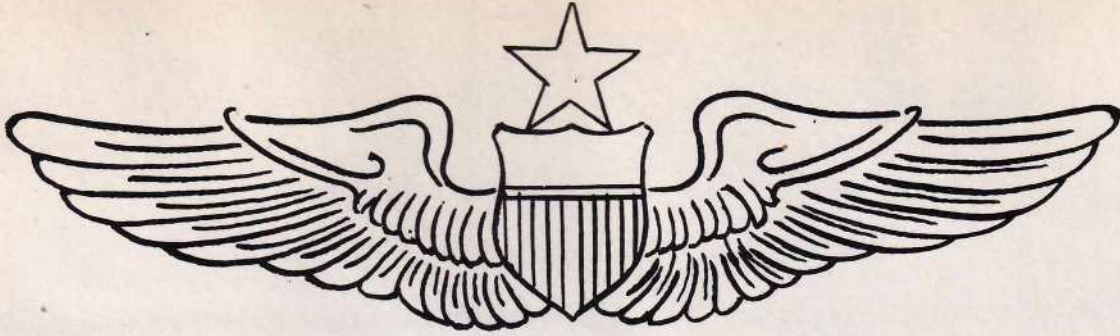
His devotion to duty as officer and statesman challenges the minds and hearts of young men to uphold the standards which Commander-In-Chief Eisenhower has presented to American youth.

In turn, the men of class 54 Alpha dedicate themselves to the support of democratic ideals and combating aggression which seeks to destroy those ideals.

May we as pilot trainees follow the path blazed by Commander-In-Chief Dwight David Eisenhower to God, Honor, Country.



Major John S. Buckwalter USAF
Commanding



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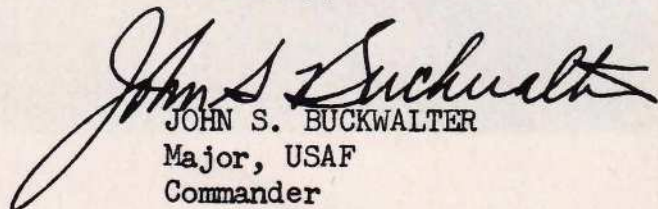
Class 54-A
Columbus Air Force Base
Mississippi

Gentlemen:

I wish to congratulate you upon the completion of your primary training at Columbus and to wish you success in basic flying training and your future. As you know, you are the first class to go through centralized pre-flight, the first class to fly the PA-18, and the first class to graduate with 145 hours from primary flying training. With so many firsts you must feel like President Washington. This, I believe, should be an inspiration for your own individual endeavors since you are so distinguished as a class.

I want you to know that we have enjoyed your stay here and we will feel proud of you individually and collectively in your future accomplishments. You are from Columbus Air Force Base and I hope that you will represent us well -- good luck.

Sincerely,


JOHN S. BUCKWALTER
Major, USAF
Commander



Major Vernon F. Vinson USAF
Director of Military Training

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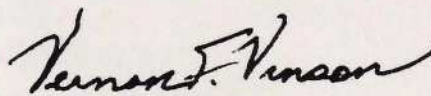
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To All Graduates of Class 54-A:

It is with sincere pride that I offer my congratulations as you pass the first milestone on the road to becoming rated officers in the United States Air Force. You have demonstrated by your devotion to duty and your unwaivering perseverance that you qualify for the next phase of pilot training.

As you leave Columbus Air Force Base, it is hoped that the technical knowledge you gained will enable you to better accomplish your goal, and the amiable relationship with this section will long endure.

The personnel of the Military Training Section join with me in wishing you every success.



VERNON F. VINSON
Major, USAF
Director of Military Training



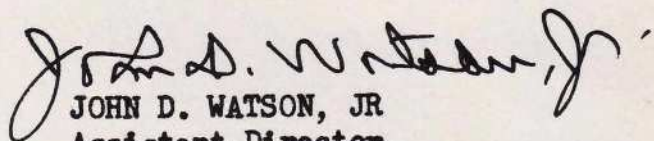
Mr. John D. Watson Jr.
Assistant Director

TO: CLASS 54-A

The personnel of California Eastern Airways, Inc. are happy to have had a part in preparing you as pilots in the United States Air Force. Your future success has already been determined to a degree by the training you received here. We have tried to give you the best training possible.

I am certain that if your efforts continue, as you have already demonstrated by your achievement thus far, you will be successful in your flying career. May your duties bring you our way again and may each landing be a means of enabling you to reach a little further toward your goal.

Godspeed and good luck!


JOHN D. WATSON, JR
Assistant Director



Major Wilbur McDaniel
Chaplain

OFFICE OF THE BASE CHAPLAIN
COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE
Columbus, Mississippi

Class 54 - A
Columbus Air Force Base
Mississippi

Gentlemen:

Since your arrival at Columbus Air Force Base for your primary training, I have had a keen interest in your progress. A good number from your class have manifested an interest in the program of the chapel, and for this I am grateful. You have been an asset to the base by your devotion to duty and by your keen interest in aviation.

Today's world demands alert minds, strong bodies, and proper attitudes. If I be not mistaken in my judgment, attitudes should rank right at the top. Without right attitudes a keen brain and a strong body becomes a menace to our way of life.

Much depends on all of you, and since you have a rich heritage in this great country of ours, from you much is expected. I bid you God's speed as you leave this base.



WILBUR J. MCDANIEL
Chaplain (Major) USAF
Base Chaplain



LT. DWIGHT REED

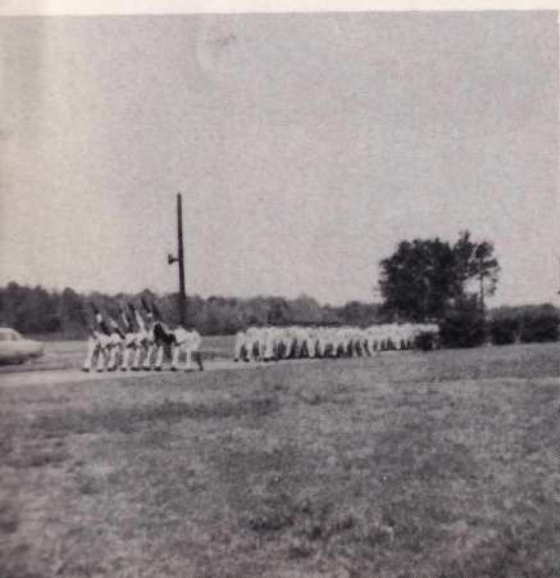


MODEL CADET. CLANG! CLANG!



LT. BUFORD KREBS
OIC
(Officer in Charge)

LT. R.N. STEPHENSON





MR. HUNTER

Aircraft Engineering



MR. FORD



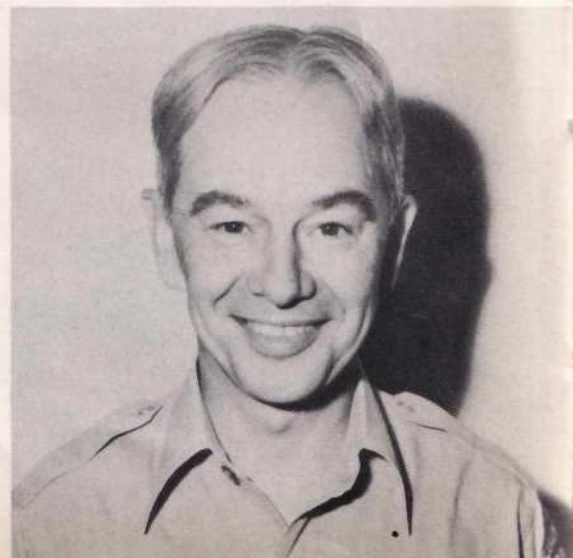
MR. CLARK
Academic Chief

MR. BOTT
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MR. HILBERT



Principles of Flight





MR. EGGER



MR. BIRK



MR. BULLOCK



" THEN WE HAVE — PRINCE HENRY, THE NAVIGATOR "

MR. CADE



MR. HIGGINS



Facts About 54-Alpha

Or

Who-What-Why-Where-When

Class 54-A consisted of 77 cadets and 29 student officers who hailed from 32 states and 4 allied countries. We arrived from many walks of life having photography, model airplanes, model cars, horses, fishing, hunting, auto racing, riflery, music, ham radio, wood working, glider building, journalism and entertaining as our collective hobbies.

Our favorite sports consist of basketball, soccer, football, hockey, baseball, skiing, swimming, crew racing, tennis, ping pong, boxing, golf, softball, track, sailing, motorcycling, horse racing and water skiing.

Eighty three percent of us graduated from high school while eighty percent had attended twenty nine colleges and universities prior to assignment to pilot training. Sixty had previous service experience, and twenty seven received decorations and awards for personal merit.

Only fourteen members, or 13%, of the class wish to be assigned to multi-engine aircraft in Basic Training. The rest of us are tigers growling to get into jet fighters--the F-86 Sabre Jet being the favorite in recent survey.

In Memoriam



CADET ENZO ANTONIO PRETOLANI

OF FORLI, ITALY

DECEASED APRIL 4, 1953

OF INJURIES INFLICTED

NEAR CENTERVILLE, ALA.

*Cadet
Wheels*



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A/C MAJOR J.F. DUDASH, JR.



Adjutant
A/C CAPT. L.B. BLAKE



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A/C CAPT. W.E. PEARCE



Supply
A/C LT. L.A. PARROT



CO Squadron I
A/C CAPT. M.D. MURGER



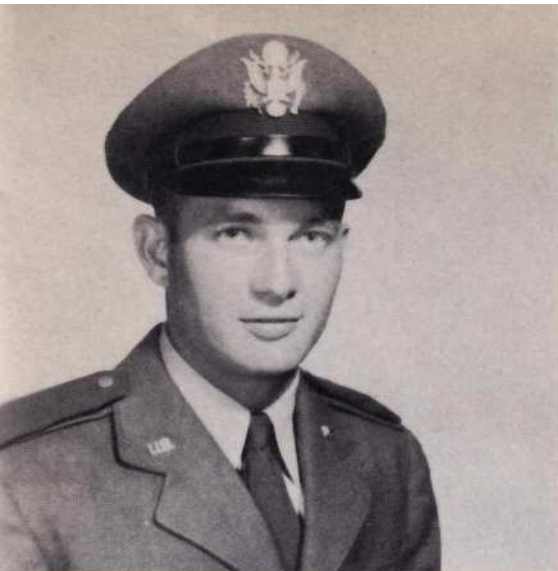
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A/C CAPT. B.W. LYDICK



CO Squadron II
A/C CAPT. F.N. LEWTER



Operations Sq. II
A/C CAPT. W.E. BAKKE



Sections

2 & 4



A/C Fraysur, Marion W.
23 Vine Street
Winchester, Kentucky
"I. A. Fraysur"
"It's better to clabber than to
clobber"."

A/C Finin, Joseph A.
2 Sandquist Street
Concord, New Hampshire
"Red"
"Oh well, that's life."



Capt. Leslie, Alexander
301 Kendrick Road
Brookhaven, Georgia
"Les"
"U-uh-h-h--er turn yourself in."

Mr. McMillen, Charles A.

A/C Demoulian, Jacques Arthur
Cherche un Appartement
Paris, France
"Monsieur Blackbird"
"Cela manque de femmes dans
le coin."





2/Lt. Phillips, Thomas P.
2272 Canterbury Rd.
Columbus 12, Ohio
"Tom"
"I'm beginning to think 3rd
class cadets are raunchy."



A/C Cros, Robert C.
4 Rue Massol
Beziers (Herault)
France
"Always Flying"



Mr. Joyner, B.F.

A/C Wedul, Maynard T.
Thief River Falls, Minnesota
"Weasel"
"That's affirmative."

2/Lt. Schofield, George F., Jr.
150 Hunting Lodge Drive
Miami Springs, Florida
"Chip"





A/C Rokx, Johannes Marinus
 Pastoor van Breugelstraat
 120 Bosschenhoofd
 N. Br., Holland
 "Rocky"
 "How is that again?"



A/C Philp, Robert B.
 74 Colgate Avenue
 Yonkers, New York
 "Flip"
 "Some people just ain't got no
 smart."



1/Lt. Busick, John D.
 2715 Ashland Avenue
 Covington, Kentucky
 "Patsy"
 "Well, if that's the way the
 ball bounces--."

Mr. Bilke, Vernon

2/Lt. Mears, Kenneth E.
 6503 Malabar Street
 Huntington Park, California
 "Ken"
 "E---Gads."

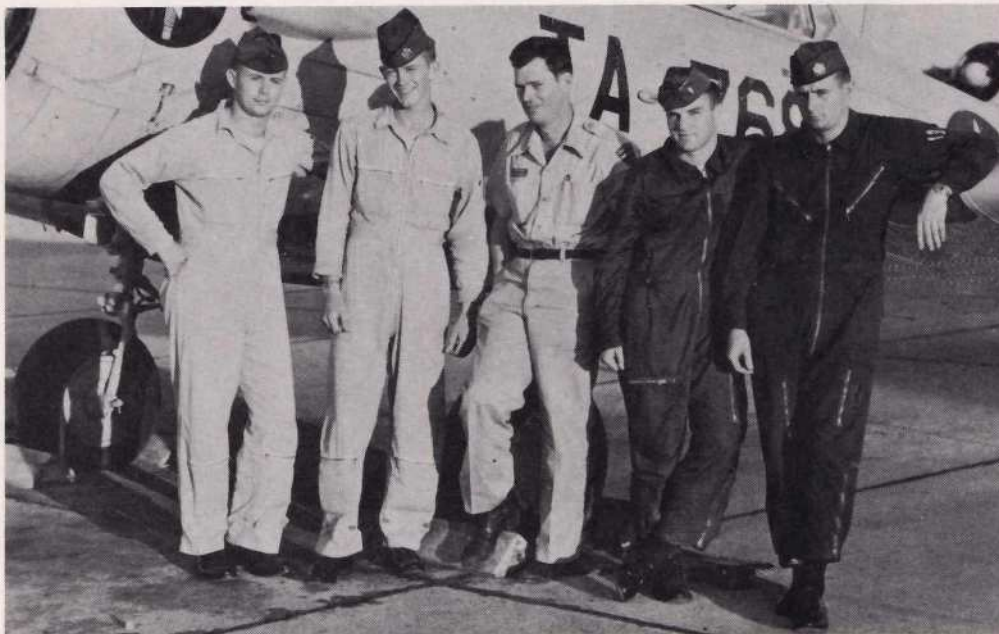




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Anaheim, California
"Piece of cake."



A/C Richardson, William J.
Gilbert, Minnesota
"Rich"
"Rain on it--that's easy."



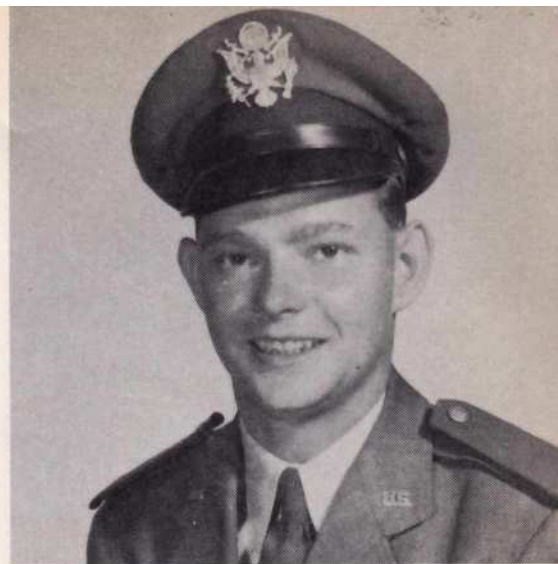
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142 Myrtle Street
Manchester, New Hampshire
"Greg"
"Passed another check."

A/C Jedlicka, Harold E.
42 Nicholas Avenue
Bryan, Conn.
"Jed"
"Where's my check list?"





A/C Hartfelt, Jorgen
15 Aggervej Vanlose
Copenhagen, Denmark
"John"
"Yes, Sir, but look, here's how
we did it in Denmark."



A/C Parrot, Leo A.
445 Pedley Road
San Bernardino, California
"Slight wheels first."



A/C Pearce, Warren C.
Cherokee Lane
Brielle, New Jersey
"Crisco"
"No mail again."

Mr. Cosby, Chester C.

A/C Orton, Wayne L.
2074 Laird Drive
Salt Lake City, Utah
"Player' cool, dad."





2/Lt. Eum, David K. S.
64A Walker Avenue
Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii
"Dave"
"Oh, naw."



A/C Dekker, George
Prof: Poelslaan 5L
Rotterdam, Holland
"George"
"Did you hear that joke already?"



Mr. Douglas, W. E.

A/C Nielsen, Laurence E.
Glidden, Iowa
"Sweede"
"Negative"

A/C Moore, Leon O.
Route 2
Dover, Oklahoma
"Argo"
"I'll call that bluff."





2/Lt. Schroeder, John R., Jr.
Organog Road
York, Maine
"Kenny"
"Piece of cake."



A/C Rooy, Serge Andstraze
Sans Domich Fixe
France
"S'ils Argient Encore
Pu Gros Rouge."



A/C Mills, James H., Jr.
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Washington, D.C.
"Dad"
"Try it--just for kicks."

Mr. Hoven, David E.

A/C Wyninga, Will H. A.
Linnaevshof 22
Amsterdam, Holland
"Winnie"
"Not Too Bad."





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410 Longridge Drive
Pittsburgh, Pa.
"Vic"
"Let's go to Birmingham."



A/C Frye, Robert F.
140 South Spence Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana
"Bird Dog"
"I don't go that route."



A/C Moffett, Raymond C., Jr.
Silver Springs, Maryland
"Dennis the Menace."
"He'll win next time."

Mr. McDonough, Thomas J.

A/C Holm, Knud
Borgergade 28
Aalborg, Denmark
"Those damned prodecures."





A/C Millburg, Roy E.
624 Ballas Road
Kirkwood, Missouri
"They don't motivate me."



A/C Hutters, Anton
Bulowsuet 1
Copenhagen, Denmark
"Tony"
"It's good to see the Lt's work-
ing again."



A/C Floyd, William A., Jr.
705 Pendleton Street
Greenville, South Carolina
"Wild Bill"

Mr. Sliker, John M.

2/Lt. Rossetti, Ronald
15 Buschmann Avenue
Haledon, New Jersey
"Raunch"
"Sex will never replace night
baseball."





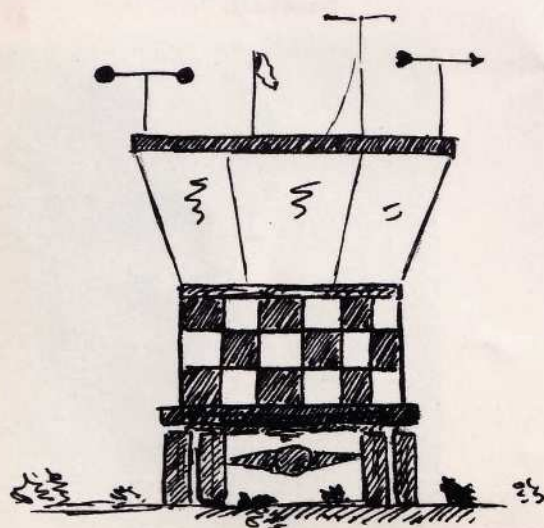
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6251 SW 2nd Street
Miami, Florida
"Larry"
"Doesn't show me much!"



A/C Woodmass, Thomas J.
12 Griswold Street
Binghamton, New York
"Woody"
"All righty"



Mr. Gibson, R.B.D.



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24 Hadwen Lane
Worcester, Massachusetts
"Fati"
"I hate this place, let's talk
about girls."



A/C Meeks, Clyde E.
Glover, Oklahoma
"The Oklahoma owl jumper "
"I always collect my money in the
larger denominations."



2/Lt. Loos, Charles B.
85 Greenwood Avenue
Keene, New Hampshire
"Chuck"

Mr. Taylor, James E.

A/C Lydick, Boyd W.
4114 LaFayette Place
Culver City, California
"Wheel"
"So you like to fly, but afraid
to--going to multi's, huh?"





A/C Emory, Gene P.
Central Lake, Michigan
"I'm an A&E Mechanic."



A/C Lougee, Richard R.
1947 North 85 Street
Wautosa 13, Wisconsin
"Skinhead"
"I believe you'll find that
is negative."



2/Lt. Brooks, Bart R.
Box 231
Lewisville, Texas
"Black Bart"
"Let's saddle up."

Mr. Verspoor, Jilles P.

2/Lt. Hickerson, William D.
740 12th Avenue
Seaside, Oregon
"Hick"
"Better left unsaid."





A/C Hires, Robert J.
513 West 5th Avenue
Gary, Indiana
"Root Beer"
"I'll gig you out of the program."



A/C Morger, Melvin R.
341 McKinley Street
East Peoria, Illinois
"Mel"
"As a man soweth so shall he reap."



2/Lt. Blair, Albert R.
Box 25
Aredia, Texas
"Al"
"No Sweat"

Mr. Welch, George I.

A/C Gianquinto, Joseph
220 Miller Street
Latrobe, Pennsylvania
"Quinto"
"Me and this Broad."





A/C Hebsgaard, Soren
Th. Nielsensgade 64
Herning, Denmark
"Heb"



A/C Page, Gordon L.
2162 Clarke Avenue
E Palo Alto, California



Mr. Magie, William

2/Lt. McNally, John J., Jr.
Quincy, Mass.
"The Mad Irishman"
"I wish my wife were here."

1/Lt. Losser, Daniel J.
1847 47th Place North West
Washington 7, D. C.
"Duh" "What's right is right."





Flights

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A/C Berriet, Jean
Boulevard des Allonges
Boulogne, s/m France
"L'Africain"
"Au Poil."

A/C Oxenufwud, Nils
"Oxy"



Mr. Arendell

A/C Blake, Louis B.
Cushing, Oklahoma
"Buck"
"Yours is the saddest
story I've heard."

2/Lt. Caldwell, Walter F.
715 West Third St.
Bogalusa, Louisiana
"Fritzie"





1/Lt. Hansen, Lester T.
Preston, Idaho
"Tiger"
"Now men, this'll only take
a minute."



1/Lt. Brunelle, Roland M.
Fulton, Kansas
"Mike"
"Don't panic."



Mr. Carter, Jefferson W.

A/C Wright, John L.
Winslow, Indiana
"Uncle John"
"Man, I don't know."



"Sir, This thing Didnt work."



A/C Jeacock, Donald M.
72 Bennett Village Terrace
Buffalo, New York
"Jake"
"And there I was."



A/C Paloni, Elsie V.
204 65th Street
Niagara Falls, New York
"Ambassador."
"Back home there's things to do."



Mr. Crumley, Charles E.

A/C Catalano, Baldassarre
Via Acaia 58,
Roma, Italy
"Nick", "Baldo"
"For example, if I do that!
Sir-----."

2/Lt. Pope, Donald L.
Box 612
Crane, Texas
"Donnie"
"I think I can handle that."





2/Lt. Wilson, John R.
50 Roxbury Road
Garden City, New York
"How's your old potato?"



A/C Reed, Marvin R.
Bremerton, Washington
"Rock Job"
"I'll take 110 pounds of that."



Mr. Sledge, Edward F.

2/Lt. Peden, Robert S.
Fairfield, Montana
"Bob"
"Oh, happy day."

A/C Pieussergues, Gilbert
Paris, France





A/C Dill, William H.
216 N. Gernhart
Mishawaka, Indiana
"Will"
"Nutz"



A/C Tracy, Stephen R.
Pass-A-Grille Beach, Florida
"Gatorbait"
"Couldn't care less."



Mr. Gallagher

2/Lt. Dara, Zigmund
7517 Quinn
Detroit 34, Michigan
"Zeke"
"Two red lights."

2/Lt. Lockwood, William D.
226 W. Main St.
Moorestown, New Jersey
"The Deke"

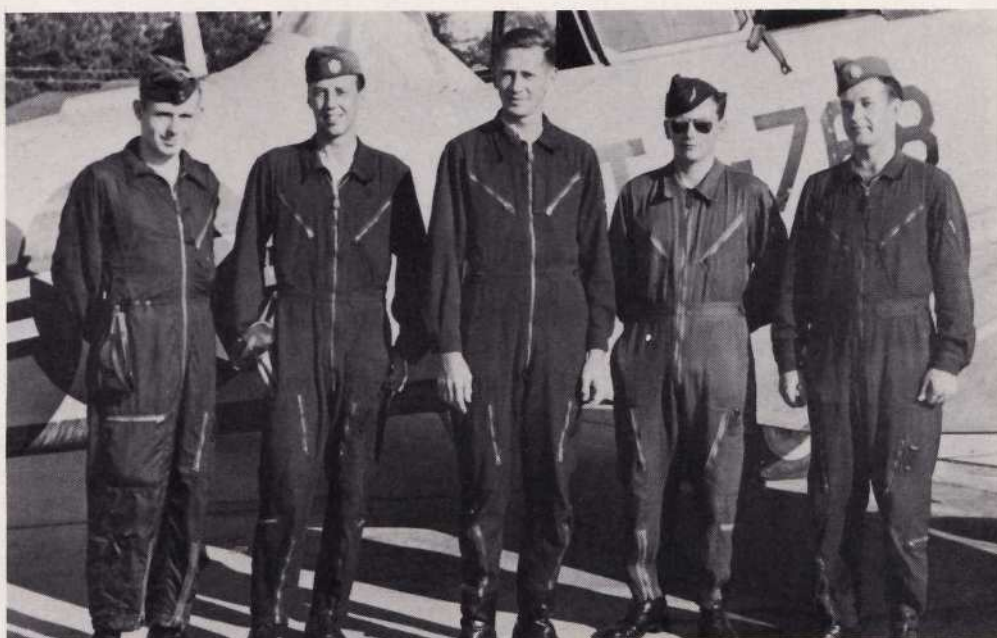




A/C Blextoon, Hans
Van Goyenstraat 56
Rotterdam, Holland



A/C Clarke, Hugh W.
3163 McCain
Jackson, Michigan
"Skiff"
"Hell, Nellie, I can't swim."



Mr. Helfrich, Jan E.

A/C Roger, Marc J.
69 Rue de la Poupee
Amiens, France
"Marco le bandit"
"C'est du tonerre."

A/C Lewter, Thomas H.
Taft, Tennessee
"Tom"
"Let's go out tonight"
"Want a date?"





A/C Spell, Richard P., Jr.
604 Fayetteville Road
Clinton, North Carolina
"Reb"
"As a matter of fact, the
engine quit."



2/Lt. Lund, George S.
Reserve, Montana
"Georgeous George"



Mr. Mullins, Ernest E.

A/C Martin, Leland K.
R. Route 2
Chickasha, Oklahoma
"Lee"

A/C Harsh, Lloyd E., Jr.
935 W. Locust St.
York, Pennsylvania





1/Lt. Green, James A.
Mt. View, Hawaii



A.C. Moseley, William C.
4580 Falcon Avenue
Long Beach, California
"Moose"
"Peach Fuzz"



A/C Racheli, Vgo C.
Via Belfiore 5
Milano, Italia
"Ooogee"
"Who got it, Sir? Me?"

Mr. Purcell, James E.

A/C Bakke, William E.
2600 Fairfax Street
Denver 7, Colorado
"Spook"
"What the hell is wrong
with you guys?"





A/C Brown, Charles W.
409 No. Washington Ave.
Whittier, California
"Downwind"
"Howww crazy"



2/Lt. Williams, Richard D.
West 23rd Street
Bellaire, Ohio
"Ike"
"Tally Ho, the Fox."



Mr. Rester, Owen

A/C Mathieu, Alain
Conciergerie de Lobelisque
Place de la Concorde, France
"Tudto vive le rondouillard."
"Which way, sir?"

A/C Anderson, David L.
5730 Saloma Ave.
Van Nuys, California
"Andy"
"Mississpiip weather, bah."





A/C Brossaud, Georges
Cavea des Malbattis
Pere Lachaise
Ste Ralegonde, I et L, France
"Croquemont Distingue"
"C'est pas la place qui manque."



2/Lt. Regan, Gerald A.
721 Iris St.
Lake Charles, Louisiana
"Jerry"
"Horses"



Mr. Thompson, Edwin B.

A/C McCollum, William A.
2103 Linwood Blvd.
Kansas City, Missouri
"Bill"
"Mother, I can't dance."

A/C Harrington, Charles F., Jr.
Asbury Park, New Jersey
"Skip"
"I hope to--in your lunch box."





2/Lt. Mitchell, Clare B.
Berlin New Hampshire
"Mike"
"Oh yuh!"



Mr. Tyson, John A.





A/C Keller, Marion G.
Route 1,
North Little Rock, Arkansas
"Buddy"
"Never send a kid to do a man
sized job."



A/C Pennal, Edward O.
214 N. Chandler
Denison, Texas
"Longhorn"
"I'll never smile again,
Geraldine."



2/Lt. Sakowski, Stanley
29 Thompson Park
Franklin, New Hampshire
"Stan the man"
"Knocker."

Mr. Woodle, Clyde

A/C McAvoy, George P.
159 E. Pearl Street
Pomona, California
"Bud"
"How in the h--- are ya?"





A/C Fisher, Gerald K.
RFD 2
Harper, Kansas
"Boy-Panic"
"I'll gig you."



A/C Williams, John L.
401 Upper Mountain Ave.
Upper Montclair, New Jersey
"Turn out that damn hillbilly
music."



A/C Pedersen, Kaj L.
Aunsley Dr. Hjulby
Denmark
"Pete"
"Oh, you stupid yankee."

Mr. Ek, Martin

A/C Dudash, John F.
151 South 9th Ave.
Manville, New Jersey
"Big Jawn"
"Whaddya say, clank-clank."





A/C Tucker, Kenneth W.
2617 South Hicks Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
"Ken"
"Let's face it, this is it."

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A/C Stroh, Myron W.
Heaton, North Dakota
"Let's go."



Mr. West, Paul O.

A/C Mortensen, Phillip A.
948 North "I" Street
Freemont, Nebraska
"Mort"

A/C Spurgeon, Richard W.
516 South 2nd Street
Perry, Iowa
"Dick"
"I couldn't care less."





2/Lt. Stiles, Richard F.
"Dick"
"Those Vermont Hills."



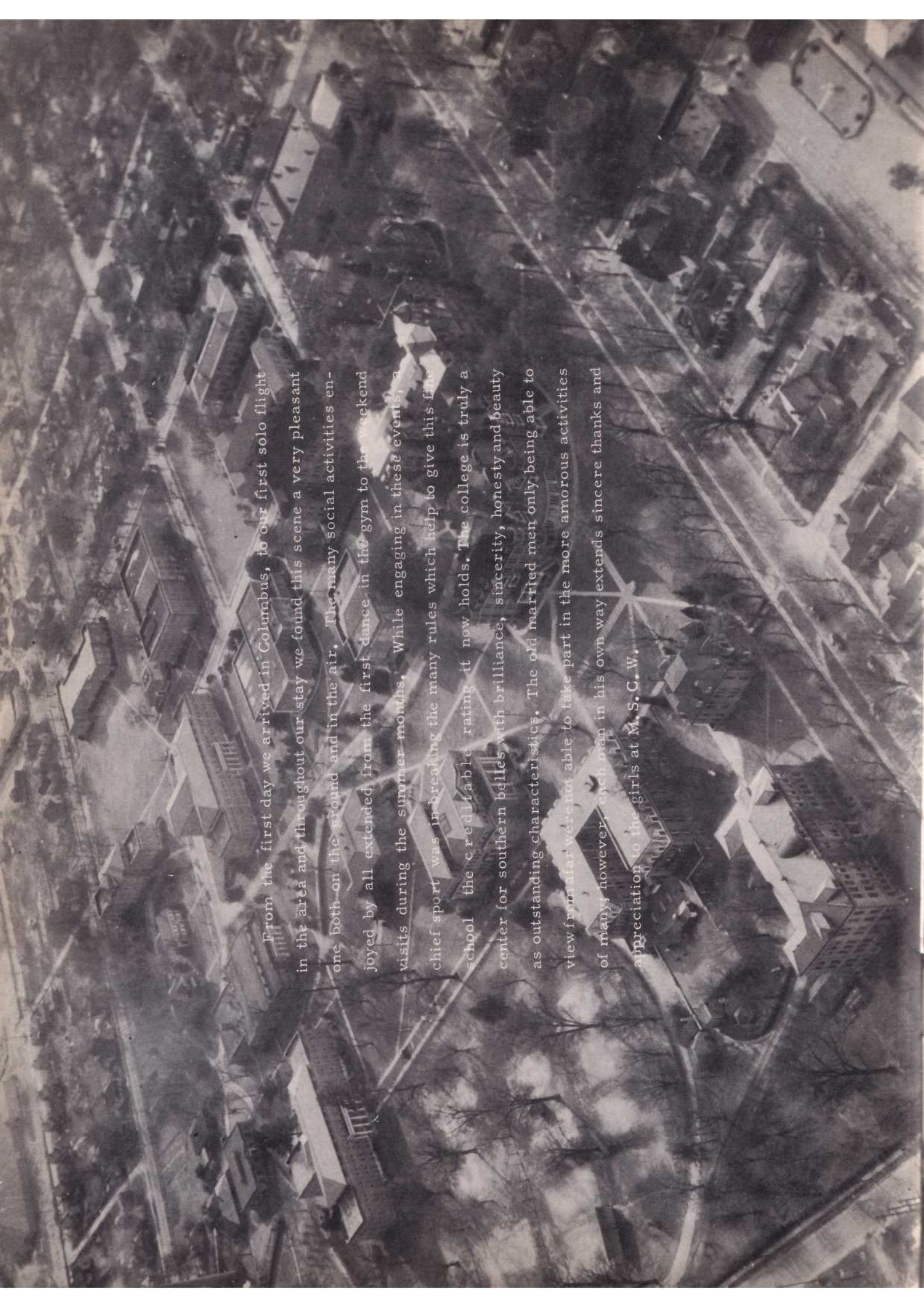
Baioni, Adriano
Italy

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"Vic"
"I've got a deal with NBC."

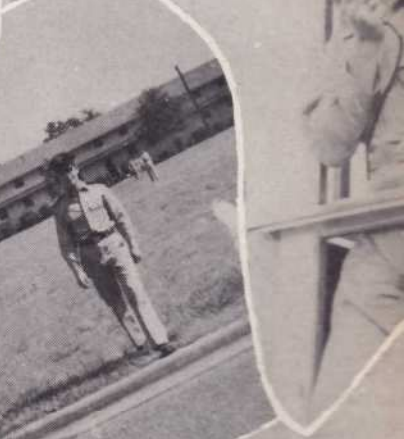
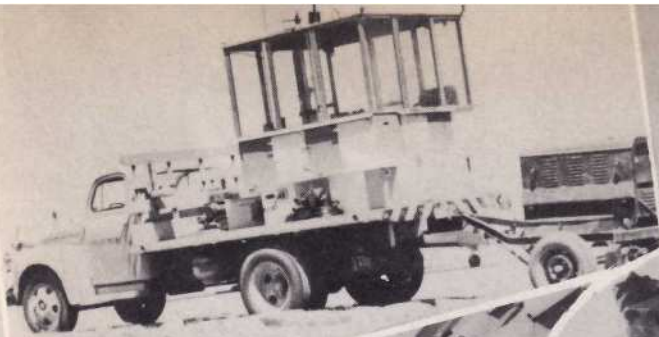


2/Lt. Kaplan, Robert
"Bob"
"And then I said---"

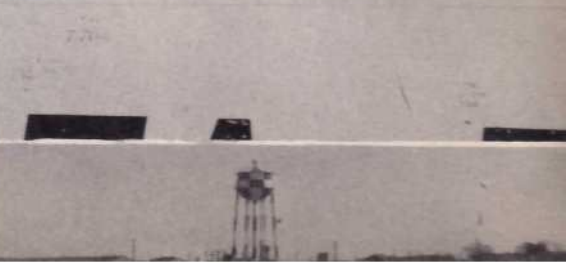
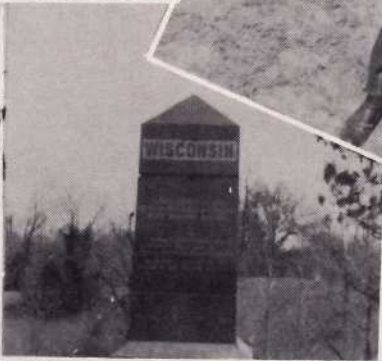


An aerial photograph of a college campus. A large, multi-story central building with a prominent tower is the focal point. It is surrounded by numerous smaller buildings, dormitories, and administrative structures. The campus is interspersed with trees and green spaces. A road or path runs along the left side of the image. The overall scene depicts a well-developed educational institution.

From the first day we arrived in Columbus, to our first solo flight in the area and throughout our stay we found this scene a very pleasant one both on the ground and in the air. The many social activities enjoyed by all extended from the first dance in the gym to the weekend visits during the summer months. While engaging in these events, a chief sport was in breaking the many rules which help to give this fine school the creditable rating it now holds. The college is truly a center for southern belles with brilliance, sincerity, honesty and beauty as outstanding characteristics. The old married men only being able to view from afar were not able to take part in the more amorous activities of many; however, each man in his own way extends sincere thanks and appreciation to the girls at M. S. C. W.







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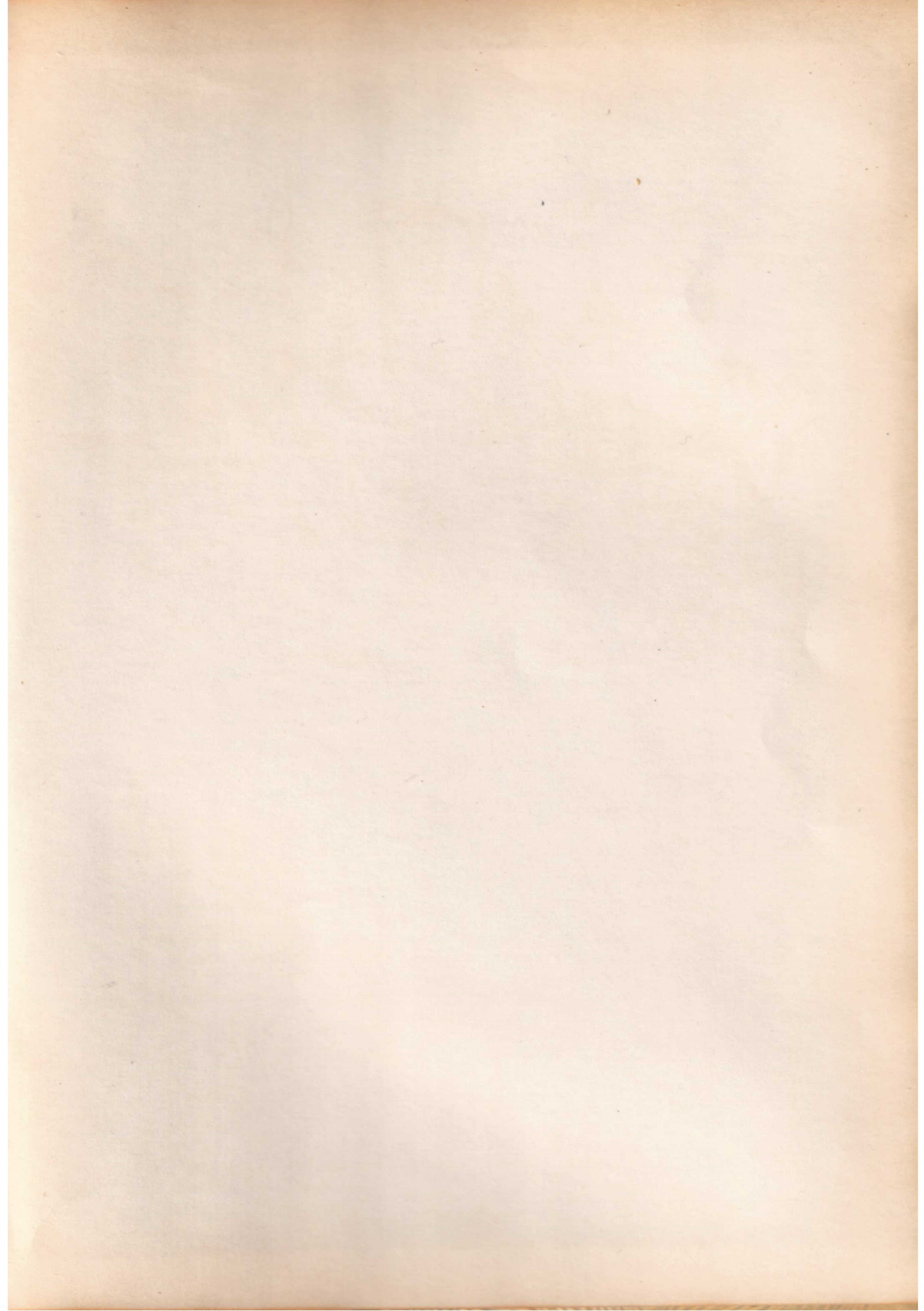
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