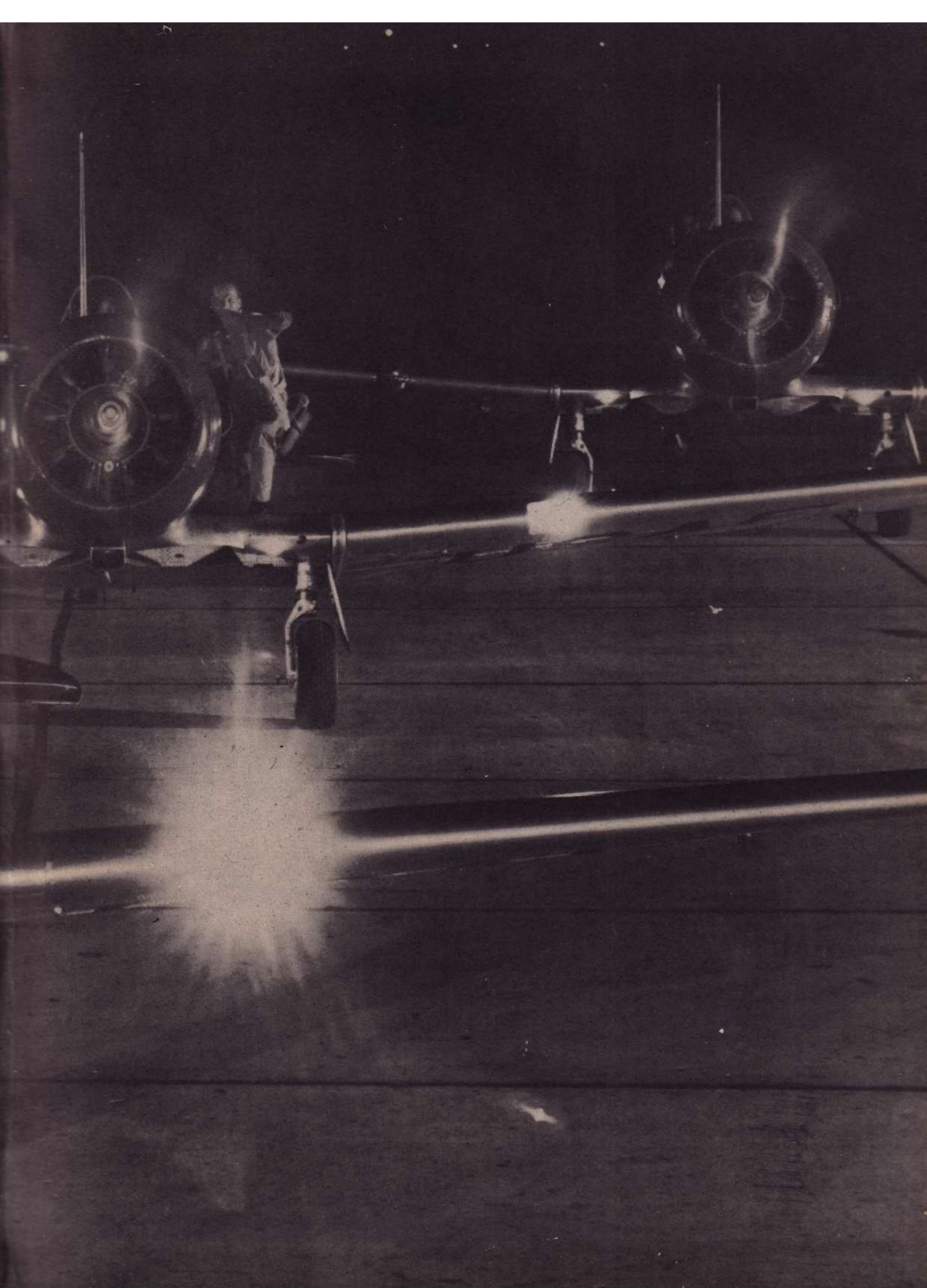
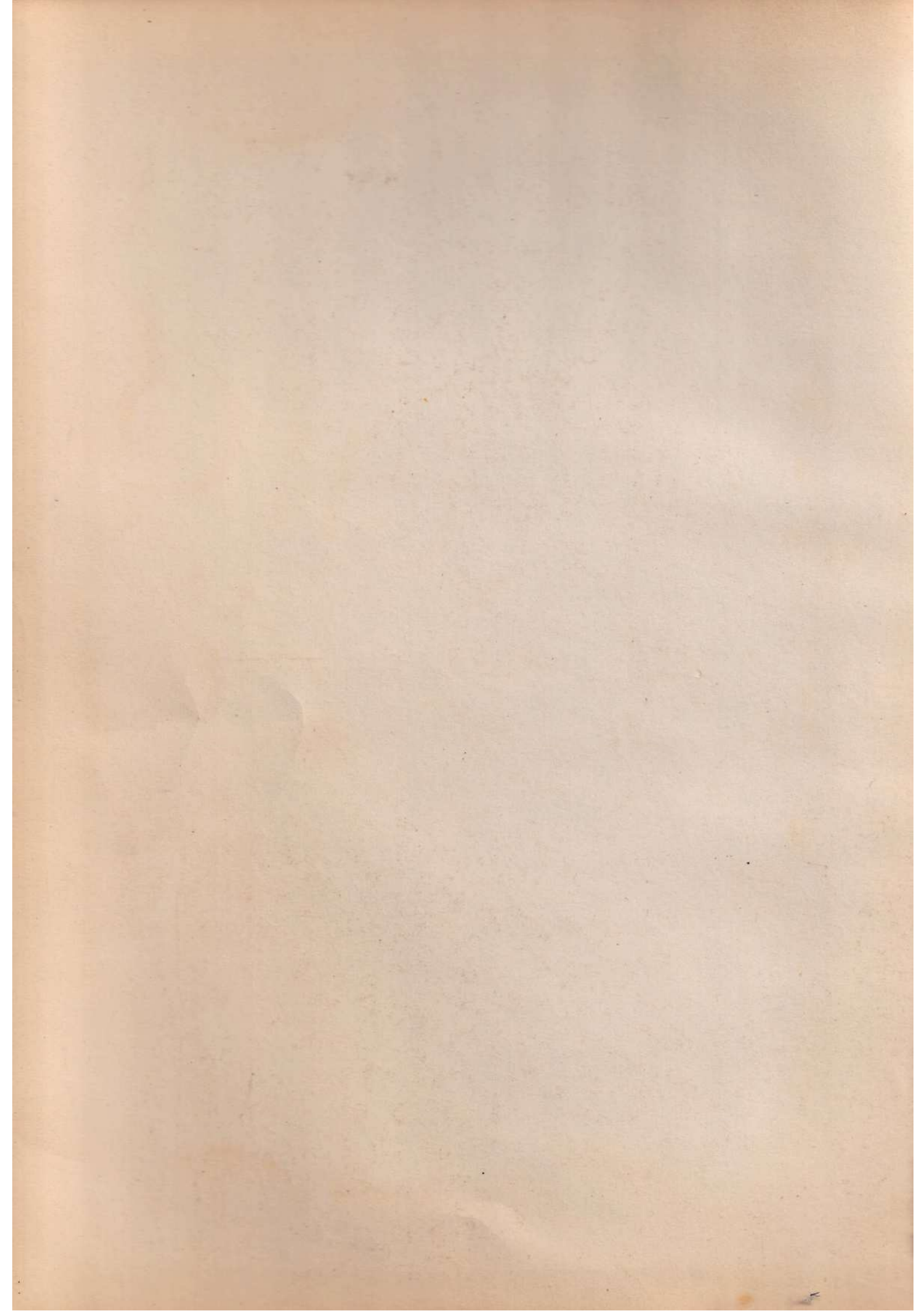
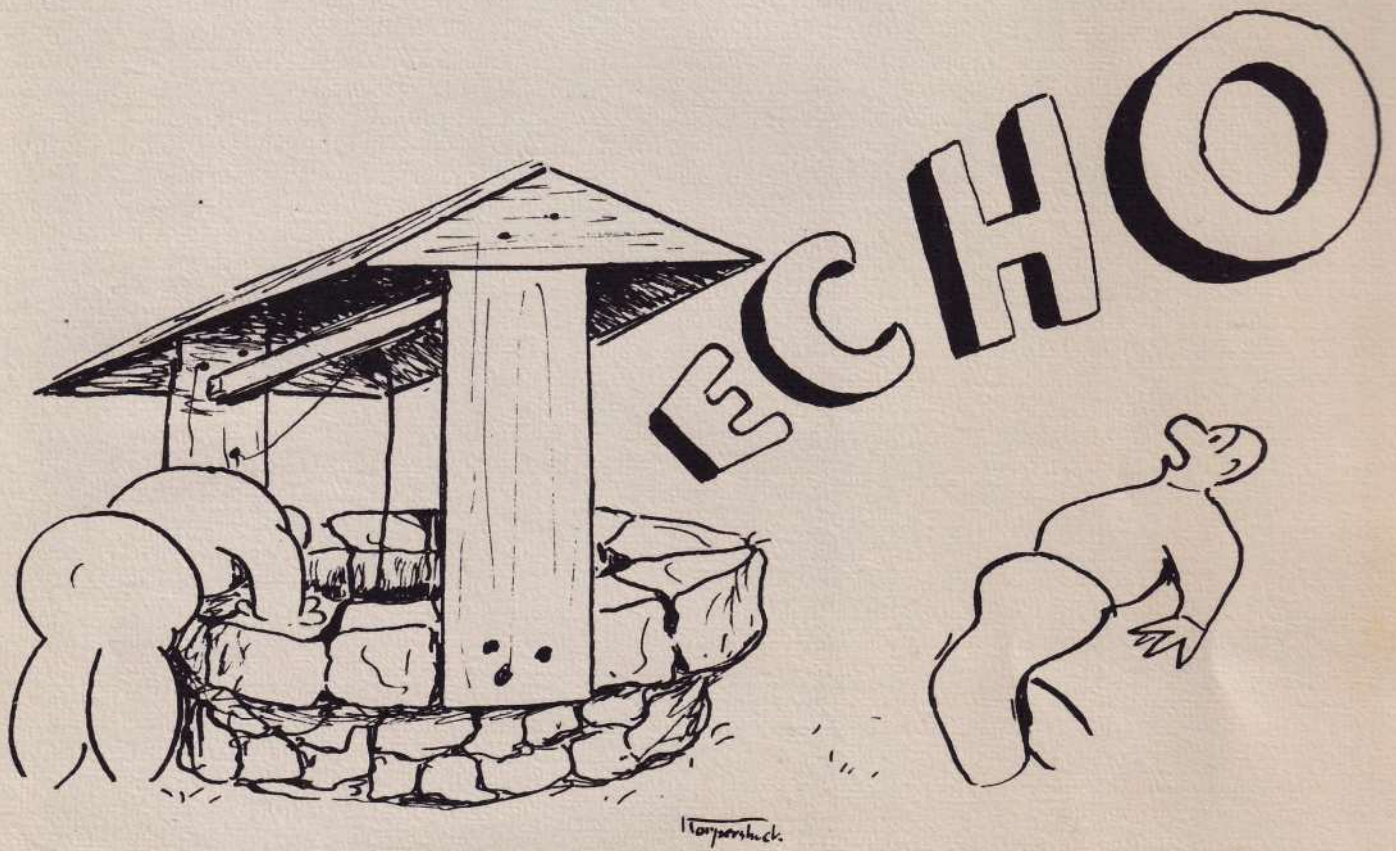


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TOIL, AND SELF-SACRIFICE, MADE AVIATION WHAT
IT IS TODAY

TO THOSE WHO HAVE PATIENTLY INSTRUCTED
US IN THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF FLYING AS
ONLY MEN OF THEIR WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE COULD
DO

TO THE FUTURE OF AVIATION ON WHOSE WINGS
THE DESTINY OF THE WORLD MUST REST.

IN THIS FIFTIETH YEAR OF POWERED FLIGHT
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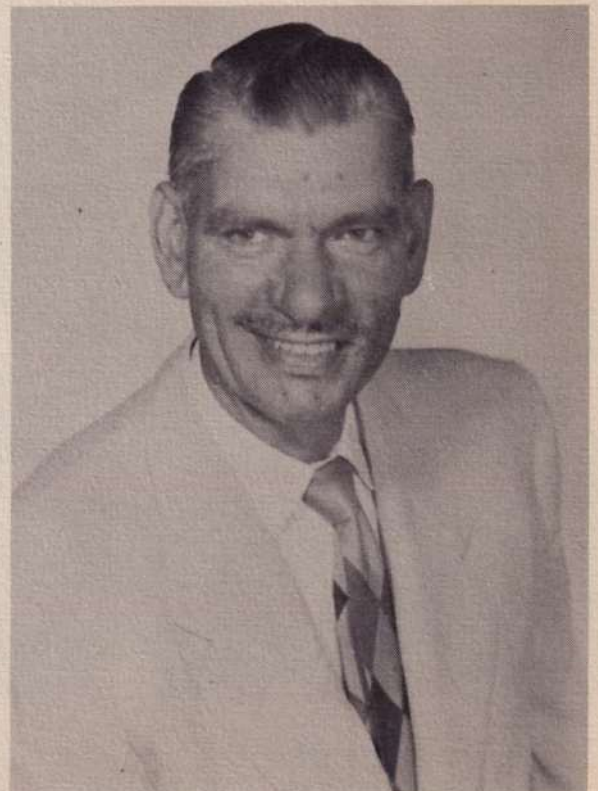
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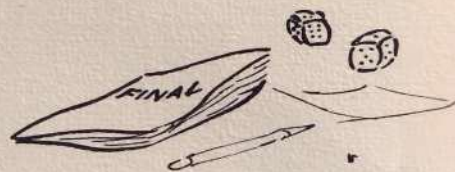


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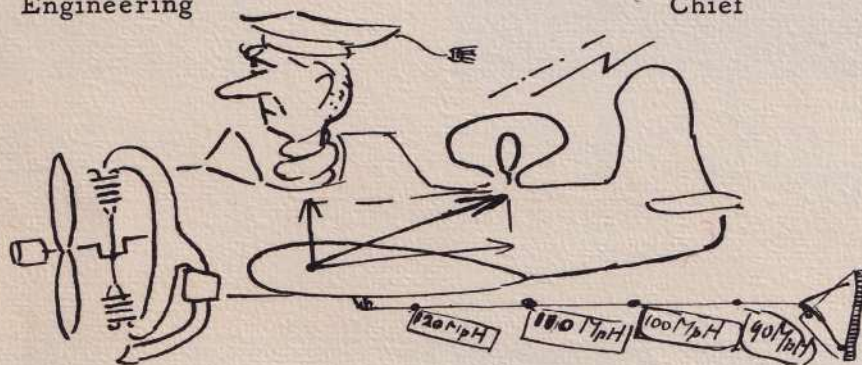
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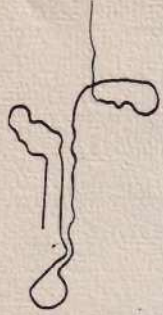
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PATTERN "A" NO SWEAT



JOACHIM TAKES HIS LINK VERY seriously

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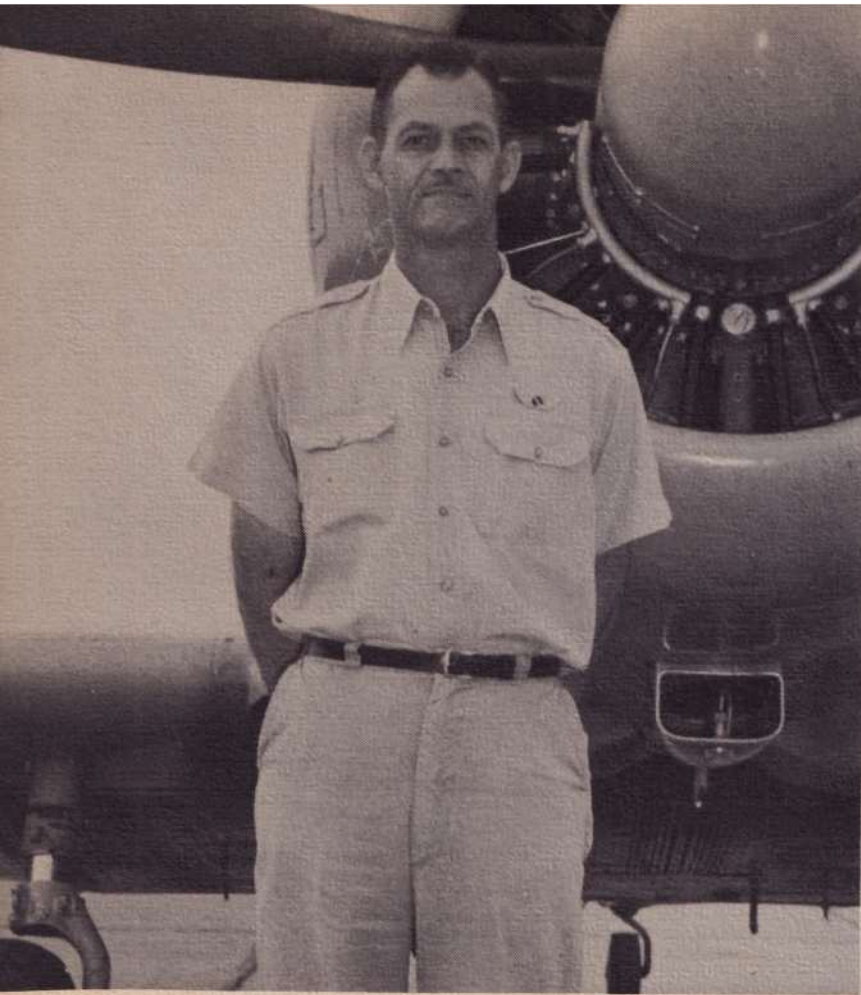


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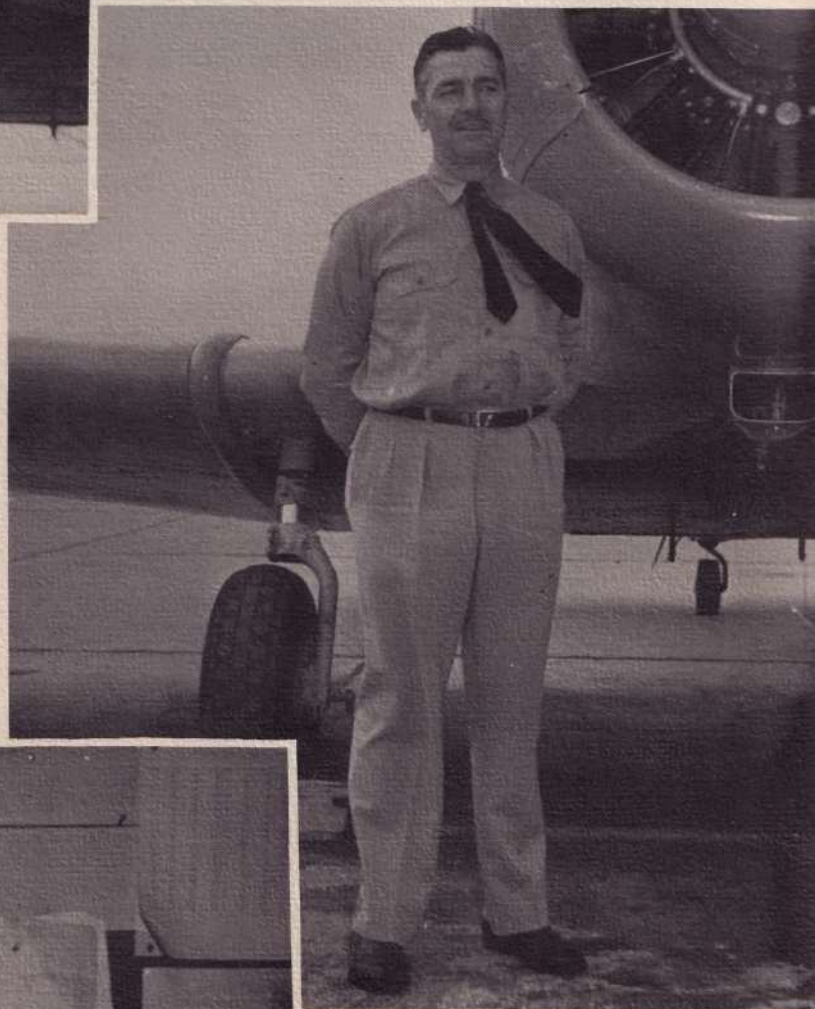


SQUADRON I



Flight Commander
MR. JAMES C. DENDY
"Big Jim" "Hey, Vic! Let's go to San Antone"

Asst. Flight Commander
MR. LESLIE O. HOLIDAY
"Dennis! When did you pull
that gear up!"



Dispatcher
MR. H.L. BAILEY
"Anybody wanna go solo"



2/LT. JOHN F. KEYES
 "Dah Dit Dit Dah"
 "Slide Johnny Slide"

FLAPS SAPS



2/LT. D.L. OWSOWITZ
 "Curve Raiser"



MR. J. W. McKINNON
 "Jeezus Looootenant"
 "Got a few thousand well
 chosen words for you"

2/LT. J.H. CHAMBERLAIN
 "Hey, fellas', wait for
 Burdorf"
 "Aw come on John, rack
 out"



THEY JUST wouldn't
 go around.





2/LT. B.G. ALBRITTON
"Chief"
"Knock off the Noise"

DISNEY'S



DANDIES



2/LT. J. E. ANDERSON
"Smiling Jack"
"What a Lilly"



A/C D.C. WINDRATH
"Downdraft"
"Carrier landings is best"

A/C R. E. RAYNOR
"If I want cha' to stink I'll
stir you!"



MR. R. C. DISNEY
"How do you get out of this
C----- S----- OUTFIT?"





1/LT. H.L. GIBBS, JR.
"Oer's Again, Hell I Came
Here to Fly Jets"

HESSELGRAVES



2/LT. D.B. GAHN
"Dennis the Menace"
"I Got an Excuse for That
Too"



2/LT. R.E. McGREW
"Dangerous Dan" "Tiger
Cat" "When Can I Take
Those Final Checks"

2/LT. D.L. McGINNIS
"Mightymac" "Then
There's the Chick With the
98 and the One With the
Caddy"



MR. A.D. HESSELGRAVE
"You Got Anything You
Want to Trade"





1/LT. L.G. HILLEBRANDT, JR.
"Hilde"
"Got a few things to do"



2/LT. DONALD J. LEE
"Get conscious"



2/LT. JOHN B. JOHNSON
"Catfish"
"Ya know, I don't feel so good today"

2/LT. FRED A. HAEFFNER
"Dam Yankee D.S."
"You dirty rebel"

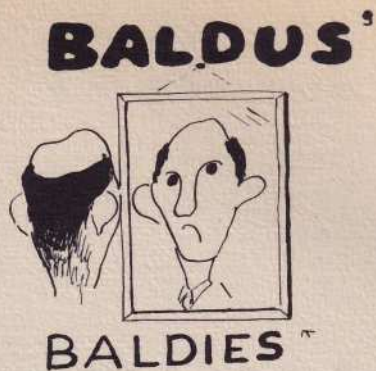


MR. H.C. KEARNS
"Sargeant"
"There are only two things worth talking about"





2/LT. HERBERT G. DOWIS
"Hub"
"Ya got a cigarette"



A/C HUGH F. FLYNN
"Huggs"



2/LT. DONALD N. BENBOW
"Hey Bowman! Who made the
lowest grade on this quiz?"

A/C JAN A. VILIJN
"Grasshopper"
"You've had it mister".



MR. D.C. BALDUS
"Donny"
"Heavy beer front coming
up"





BOYNTONS



BANDITS



A/C ROBERT B. McMAHON
"Iggie"

"Never could get in and out of that paper cub, always had to put it on and take it off"

A/C F. C. Van Den BRINK
"Fritz"

"Next time I take off a runway with a control unit beside it"



MR. W.E. BOYNTON
"When do we get paid"

2/LT. NICHOLAS D. STREET
"Nick"

"Mr. Boynton, can I get a hair cut today"

2/LT. N. E. BUESCHER
"Bubba"

"Ya'll are going to really like it in the valley"

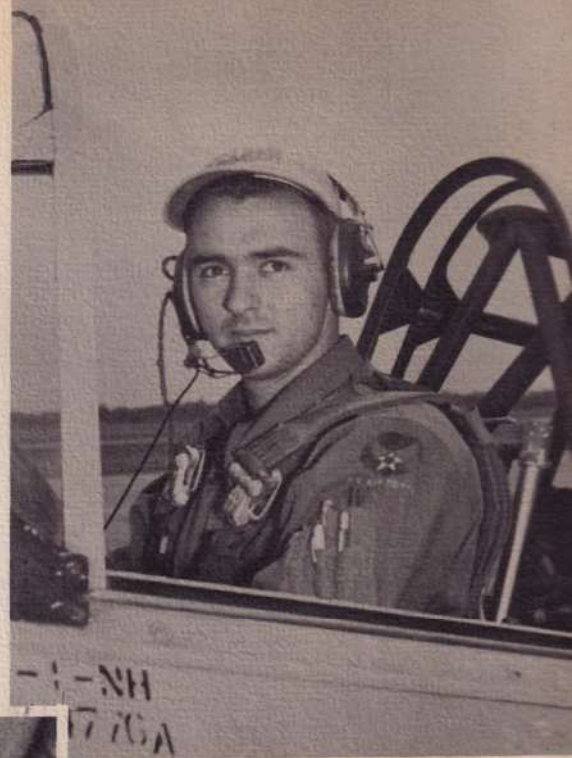




1/LT. TERRELL E. HORNE
"How many classes can one
aviator be put in?"

Cambells

Confederates



2/LT. CHARLES B. BRAGASSA
"What have I done wrong lately"



A/C HENK T.J. TAP
"Who is going to chew me today"

A/C GEORGE C. LEWIS
"I only had 14 instructors"

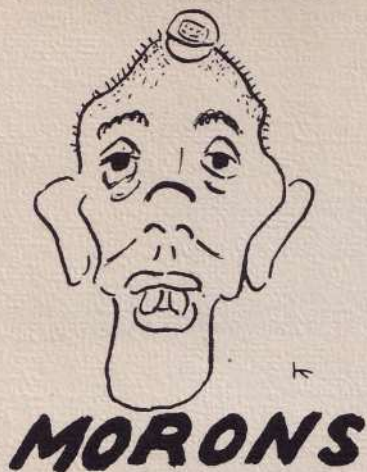


MR. J.W. CAMPBELL
"Pete"
"This is Air Force triple
nickle 8 ball"





MOORE'S



2/LT. W. E. BLESS
"Mr. Sunkist"
"Get Serious Man! Tell her
I am Not Here!"

A/C D. B. MOOSE
"Hairless"
"Oh, no! Not gauges again
today, Sir!"



2/LT. VIC BIRD
"The Domestic Type"
"Yes, I said get married."
(And he dood it too)

A/C C. W. MINETT
"Maj"
"Nobody, mind you, nobody
likes a smart a--"



MR. K. L. MOORE
"Whisky"





HUBBARDS



HORRIBLES



2/LT. GEOFFREY W. NELSON
"I cut two guys out of the
pattern today"

A/C ARNOLD TOMBAL
"Final, take it around!
Too high"



2/LT. DONALD W. BURT
"Wheels first again"



MR. C. L. HUBBARD
"Clint"
"Thank God it's
Friday"





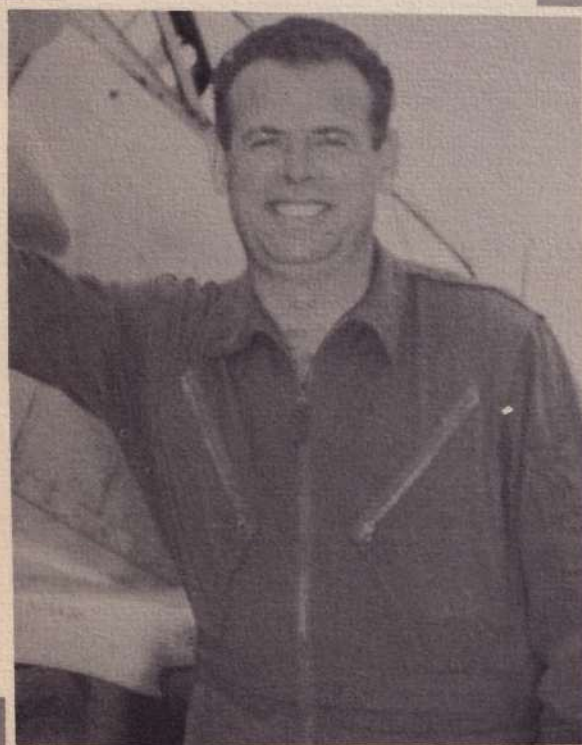
COALES 'HOLES



2/LT. WILLIAM E. MAY, JR.
"Daddy"
"Hit a few, miss a few"

2/LT. ROGER G. BURDORF
"Bird-Dog"
"Wait for me fellas!"
"How do you get to whirly-birds"

2/LT. RICHARD J. POSPISIL
"Pos"
"You mean I was only 36 miles north of Pensacola!"



2/LT. J.H. BOWMAN, III
"Grandma"
"Hey Benbow! Who made the lowest grade on this test"



MR. V.M. COALE
"Map hell! We're not leaving the United States are we?"





2/LT. L.E. QUINLAN
"It Sure is Monday Out"

HOUSELS



1/LT. L.W. HELM
"I Want to Get Back to
Good Old Sac"



2/LT. J.G. POWELL
"Just Call Me Partial Panel"

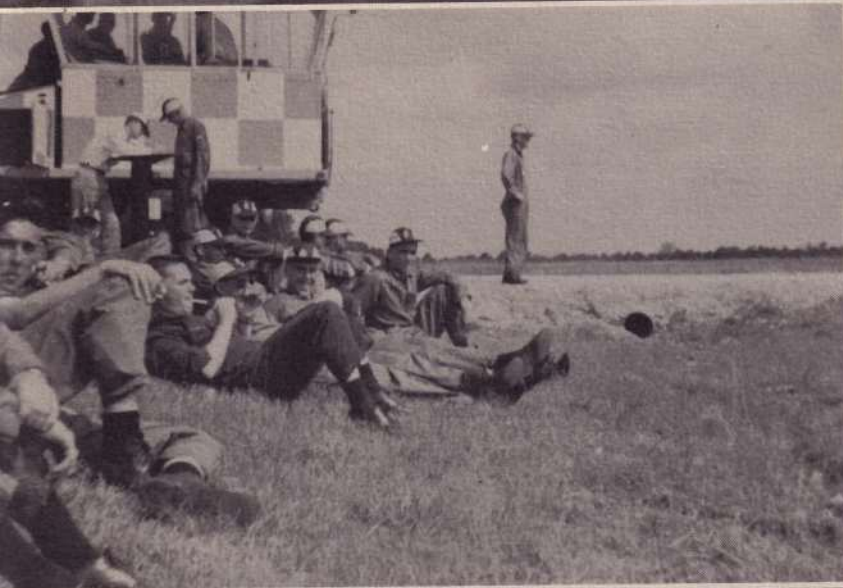
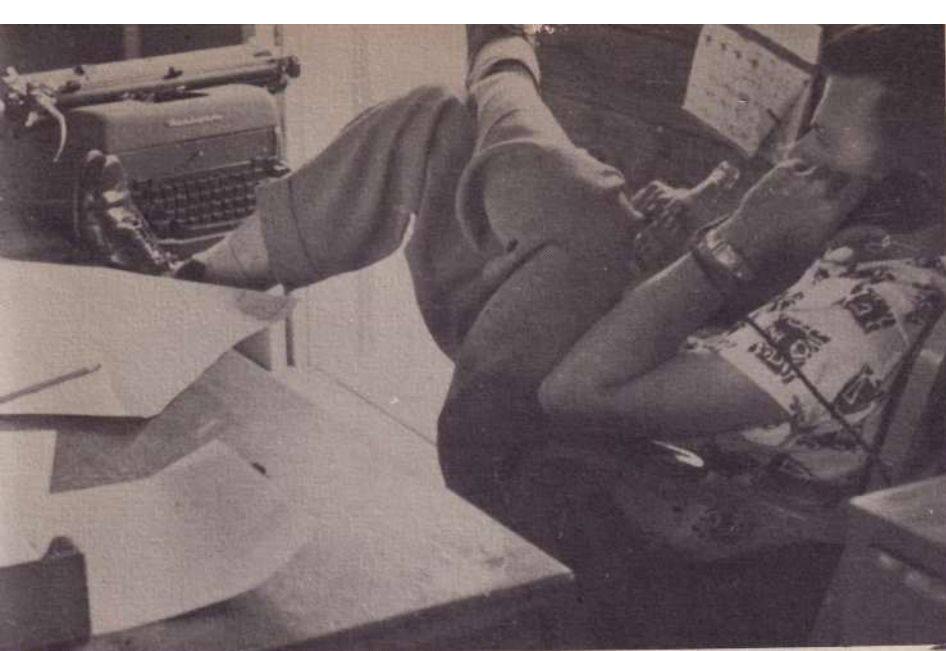
A/C H.J. VENDRIG
"You Got A Light"



MR. D.O. HOUSEL
"Pitch, Bank, Power, Trim"









BERT E. THRASHER Flight Commander
 "Now, son, that's pretty damn poor."



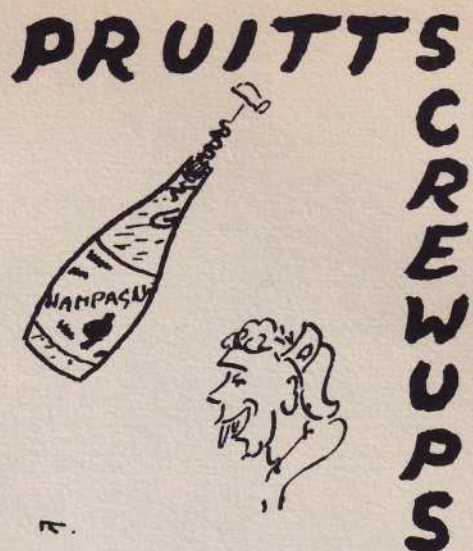
GUIDO V. BEVONI Asst. Flight Commander
 "No! No! Never make a steep turn onto final!"

"Who wants to go solo?"
 LEON NEWMAN Dispatcher





2/LT. D. R. ROGILLIO
"Go around -- again?"



A/C L. L. NEUTZ
"No Neutz is good News."



2/LT. R. T. LASHBROOK
"They say Kelly A. F. B. is
a good alternate."

2/LT. R. H. DALY
"The Reluctant Dragon"



NIGHT CROSSCOUNTRY.

HIGHS



2/LT. T.R. KNOLL

"Seven Cushions? I'll Take a Mattress!"

2/LT. L.F. WERNLI

"What are they doing to me?"

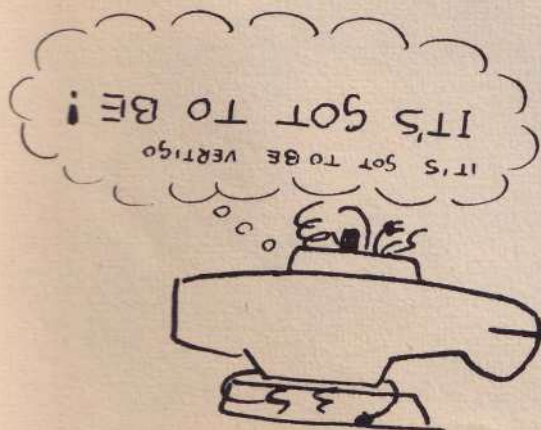
2/LT. G.E. HOWARD III

"I Know This Stuff!"



2/LT. L.E. EVERHARDT

"I'd Rather Fly Little Ones"



humpershook...





2/LT. E. E. JOHNSON
"Oh, uncage the DG for an ITO?"



"No! No! I'll demonstrate it again."



A/C J. J. WINDISCH
"But, I've got a good excuse for that, Sir....."



2/LT. J. C. EGGER
"Hell, nobody can get lost in the area."



2/LT. P. E. GIBLIN
"I looked down and my knees were shaking, why?"

CARTERS



LITTLE
PILLS





2/LT. R.I. COWEN
"A Spin? Just do a Rudder-
controlled Stall."




2/LT. J.R. BRIGHTON
"Solo? But I Don't Have
any Contact Time Left!"

2/LT. ANDRE AUBUCHON
"All my Flyin's Goin' to be
Sunny-Side Up."

2/LT. C.J. CAIN
"No Sweat -- All You do is'
Round Out and Jerk the Flaps."

BOOCKHOLDTS
BUTCHERS™






2/LT. K. L. WEBER
"Which way do we take off?"



2/LT. C. M. TOBEY
"Got room for my horse?"



2/LT. W. C. DeBOE
"I'm going solo."

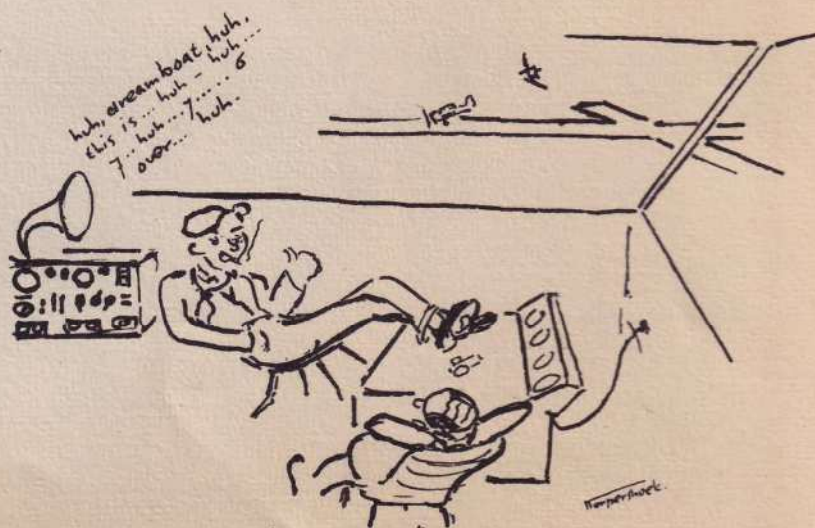


A/C P. VISSER
"I'm only 20 hours behind."

HOGUE'S



HORNETS



"Some guy in Echo"

BUDDE'S



BUZZERS



A/C ANTON KORPERSHOEK
"Now I am the Sharpest Ca-
det on the Base."



RELAX!... DAMN IT!

A/C JERRY K. LYNCH
"A Little Hairy"

2/LT. T.C. KELLY
"Man! Everything I Look
at Reminds me of Women!"

2/LT. C.W. REDFEARN
"Hell! This Thing Flies
Better by Itself!"





BARRS



BEARCATS

WORSE 'AN' A TIGER!

2/LT. J. L. KEEN III
"Fireman! Save my T-6!"



NOW SON, JUST TELL ME WHY DID YOU PULL UP
THE GEAR?

A/C G. M. ALLEN
"Old Chandell"



2/LT. R. N. DAVIS
"I've got a rough engine."



A/C J. E. MOUNT
"All you got to do is point it
at the runway."





A/C. ROBERT VAN DER VEN
"All dat yak iss on-necessary."

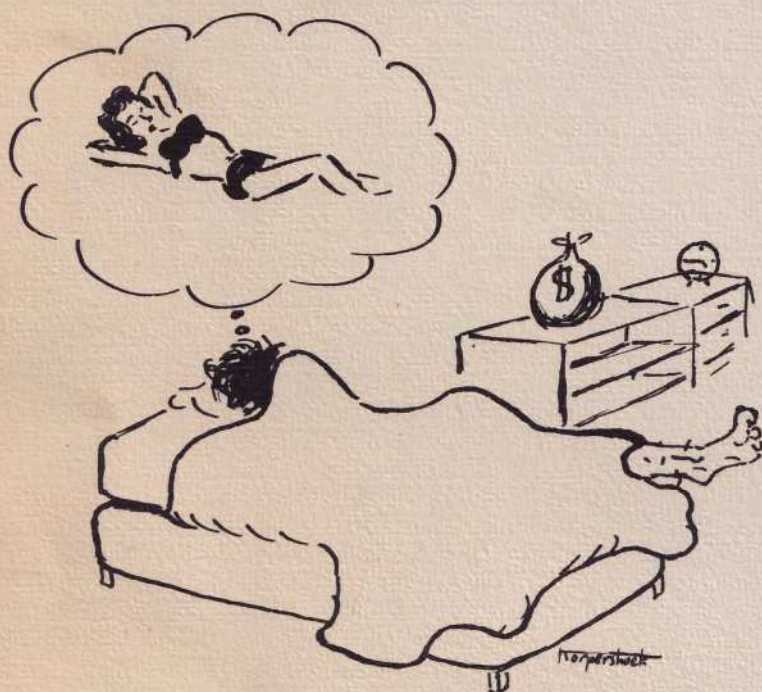


2/LT. W.A. KNIGHT
"Solo Cross-Country, Hell."



A/C L.M. KRUGER
"Listen Junior, I Got News
For You."

THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN



STUDENT OFFICERS



2/LT. H.S. WILLIFORD
"The Whole Future is in
Multi's."

PAPA
MILLS'



8 BALLS





2/LT. R. L. ALLISON
"Where is the runway, Sir?"



A/C J. M. SUTTLES
"Now if I could Only do acrobatics!"



2/LT. E. T. GURRY, JR.
"Negative"



2/LT. J. E. REDDEN
"Think it'll rain?"



..... AND CADETS



JEWELLS





A/C E.D. RICHARDSON
"Hell, I Won't Get Vertigo"



2/LT. S. McLAUGHLIN
"Ace on Base"



2/LT. J.W. STEINITZ
"Hell, it ain't my airplane!"



2/LT. J.E. HONG MOO
"Landings? I Got 197
Controlled Crashes!"
*killed Sept 55
Florida
T-33*

"Whatsa matter, boy, you have a hard day?"



.. yes, I fly "



happens a lot



**RILEY'S
A
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2/LT. L. L. LANT
"I gave him the reds, today."



2/LT. T. F. MAHONEY
"Is that right?"



A/C E. M. HONNAY
"I do not understand."



Korpershuet

I WANT TO REPORT A ROUGH ENGINE



2/LT. J. B. FRISBIE
"Discrepancy, what's that?"

"Okay, any week now, Lieutenant."

COLLINS'



COUGARS



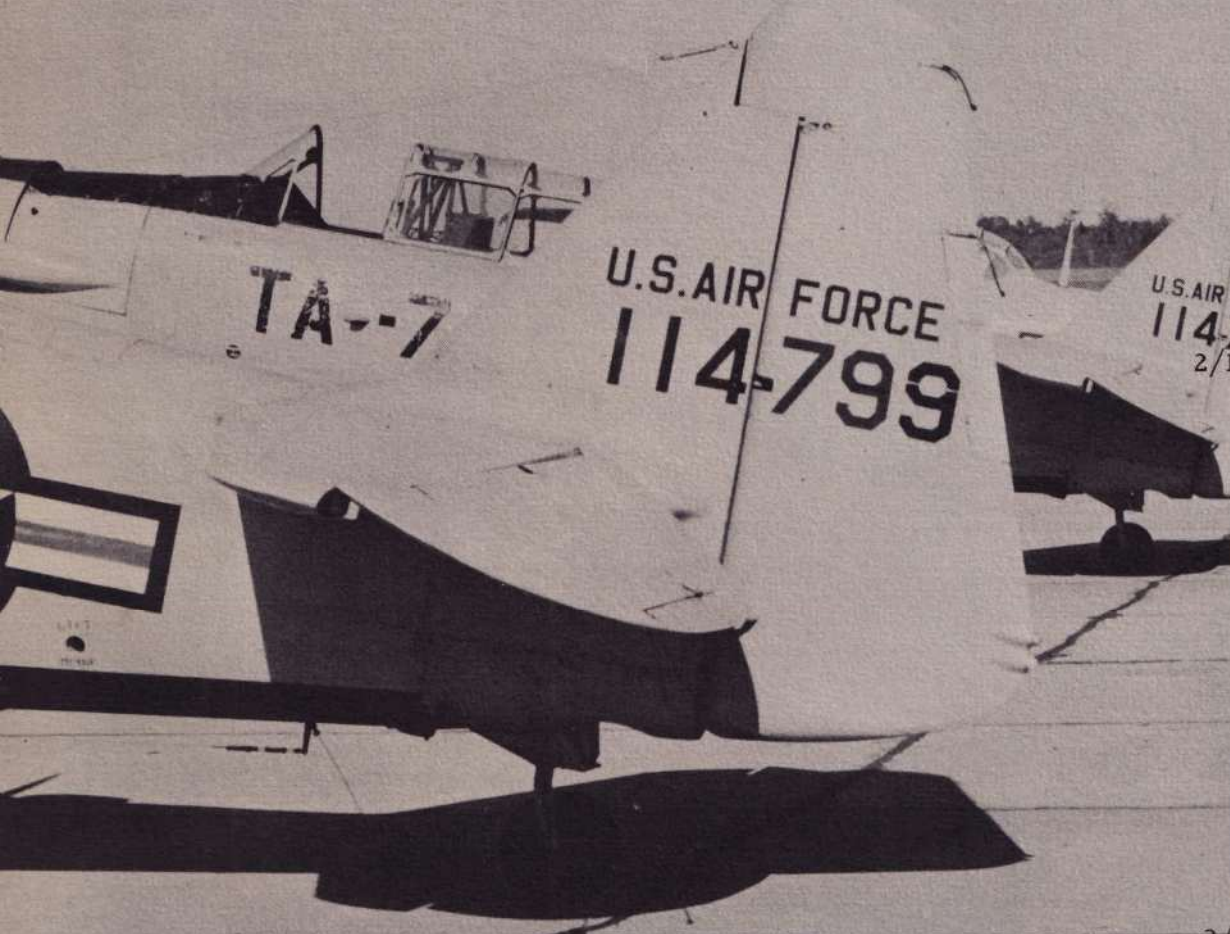


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BEHIND



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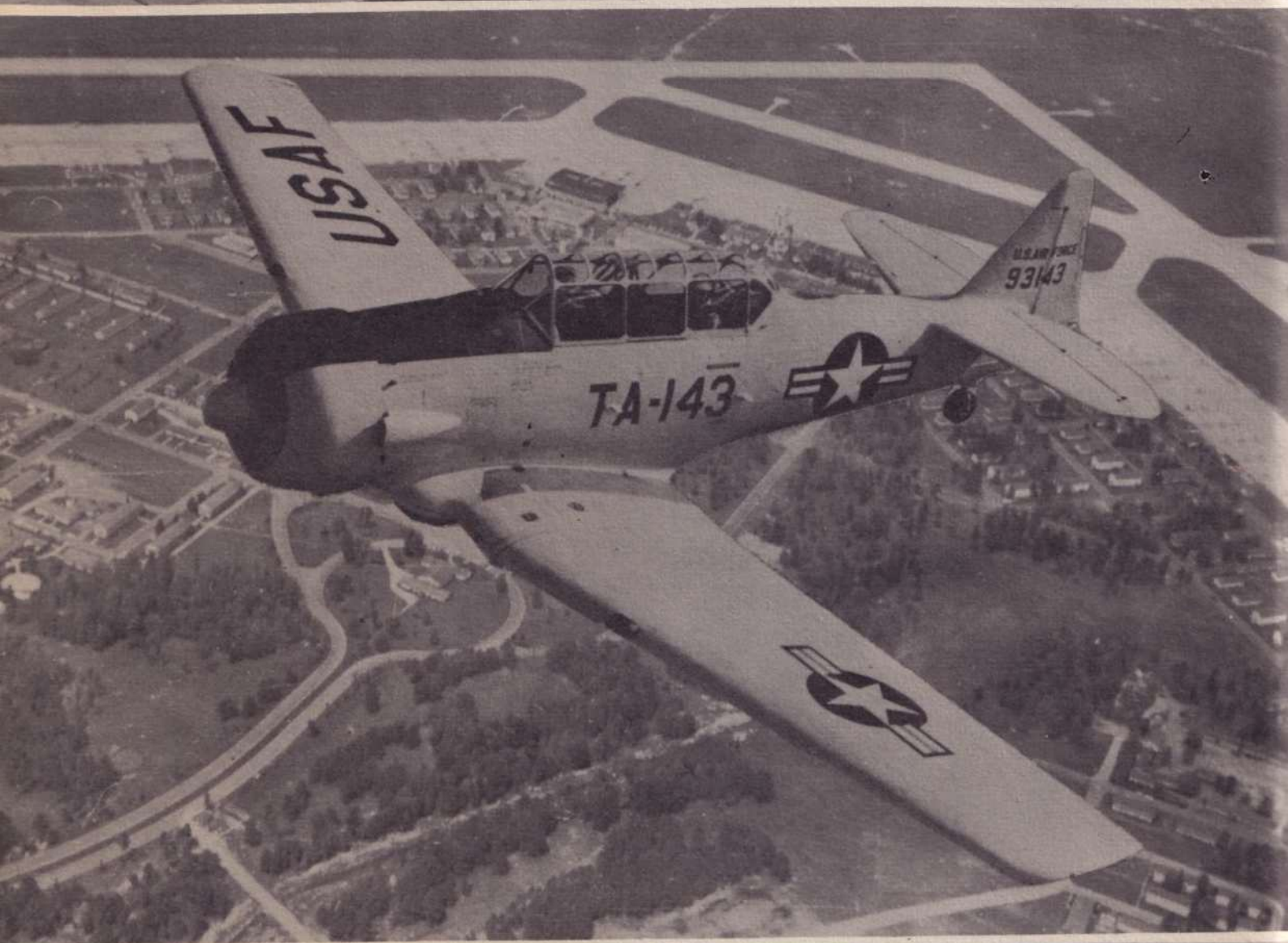
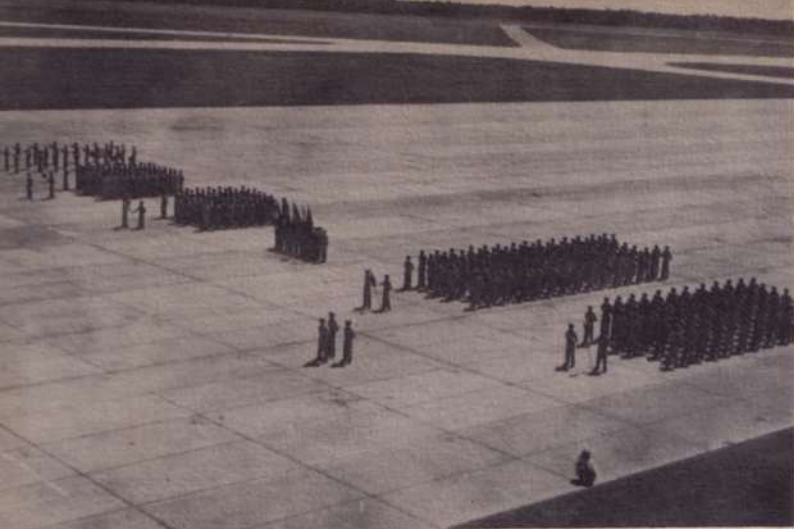
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