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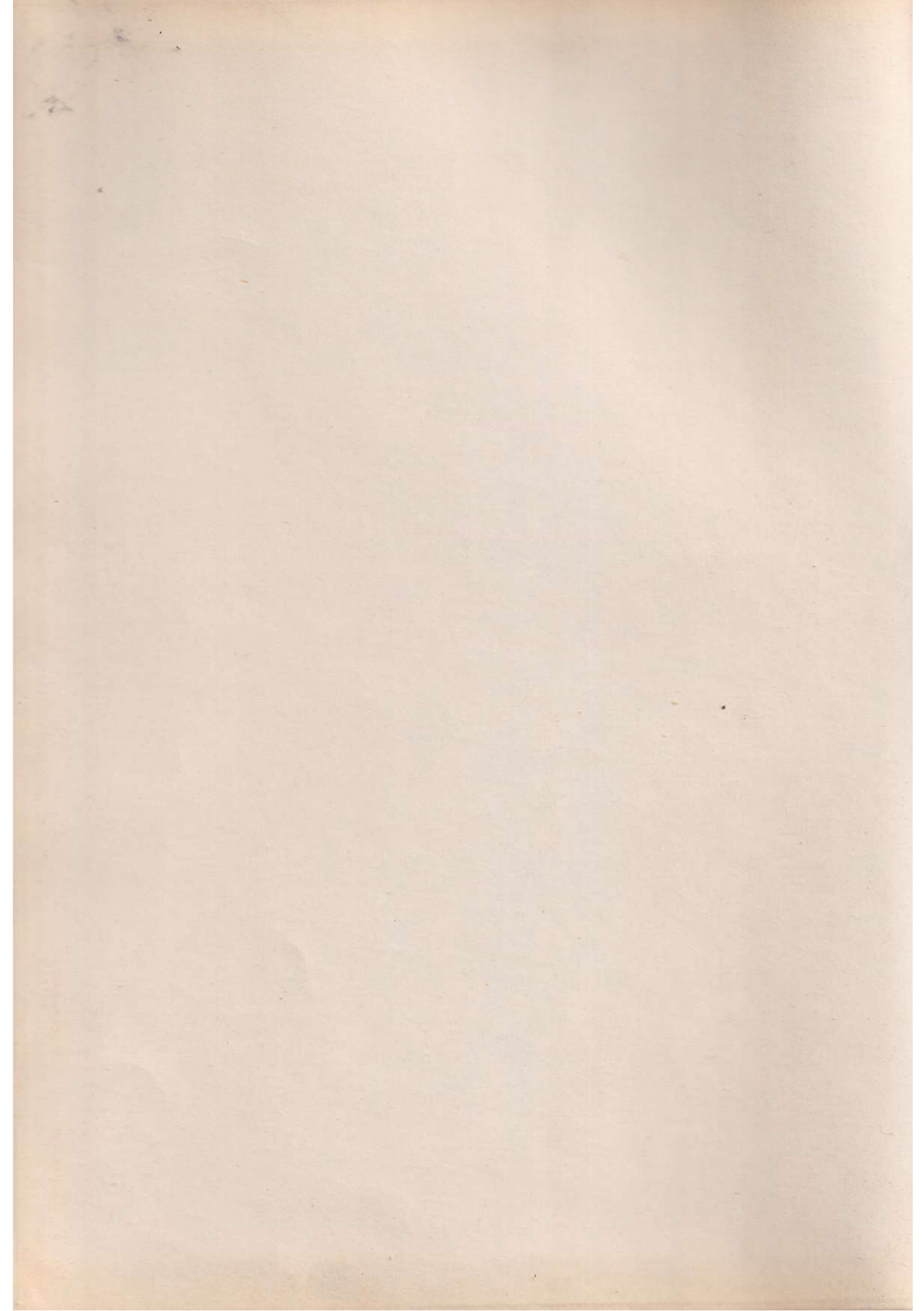
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*..... Heres a toast
to the host of those who
love the vastness of the sky*



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15 March 1954

TO: Jet Pilot Class 54-E

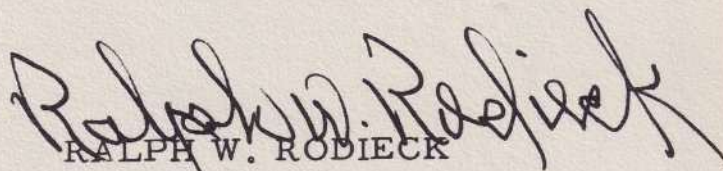
Today, more than at any other time in the history of mankind, the eyes of the free world are watching the unparalleled advancement of an air age. Their eyes are focused on the building up of air strength in America and in nations abroad who, allied with us, are the sole guarantee that freedom will not become a thing of the past. In the minds of the free world there is also the awareness that in the physical strength and moral intrepidity of her fighting men lies the only hope of perpetuation.

It is because of you men who are today graduating and because of men like you the world over who are in the service of their country that liberty will continue to flourish in the hearts of civilized, freeborn men.

With immeasurable pride and a full knowledge of your accomplishments, I sincerely congratulate you upon the occasion of your completion of basic pilot training at James Connally Air Force Base, a step which will afford you much in the furtherance of your career in the United States Air Force.

Continue to build well in your next assignment the foundation of which you have ably constructed here, and in doing so, remember James Connally Air Force Base as your home base - the launching point of your career.

Sincerely,


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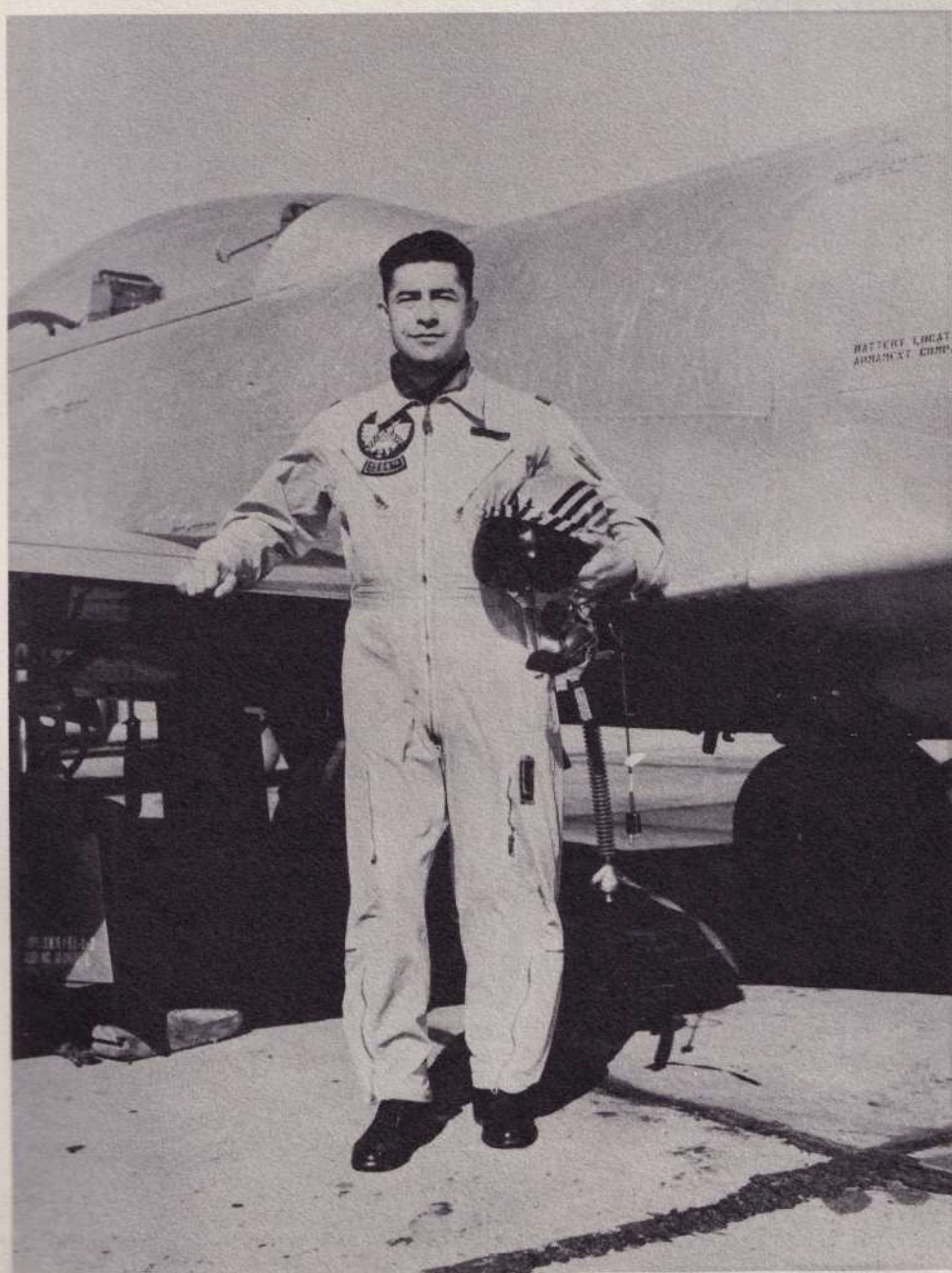
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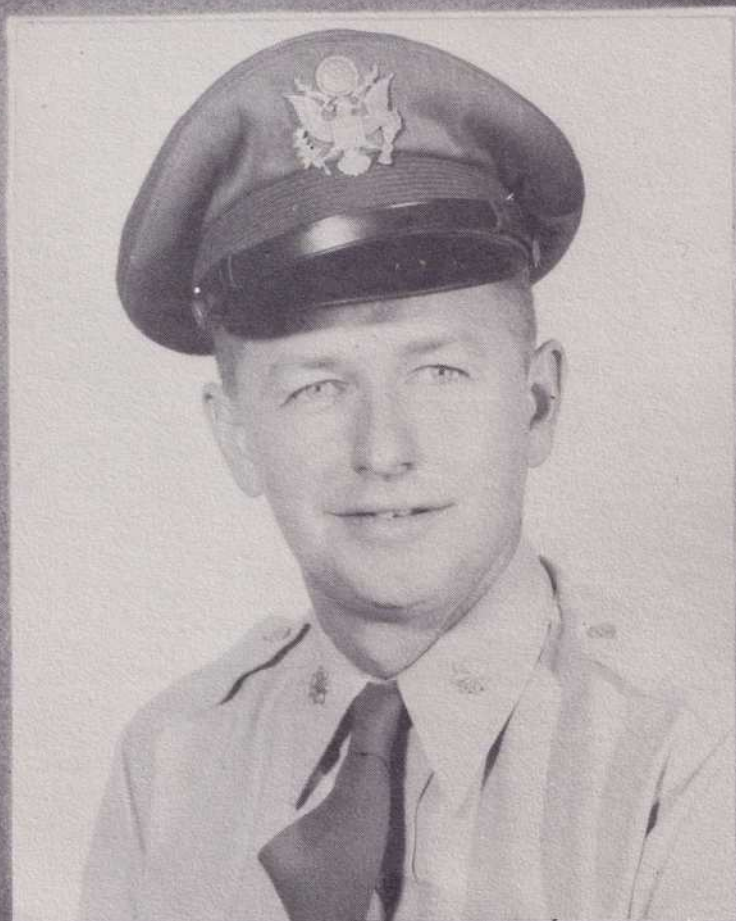
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Senior Military Academic Officer

DAILY DELINQUENCY LIST

DATE: 15 February 1954

NAME	INITIALS	OFFENSE	REP. OFFICER	AWARD
COTTON, L.H.		CLASS 54-Easy Dirty finger nails	Lt. R.W. Wood	6 X 12
BRUCE, R.B.		Dusty lefges	"	vacuum cleaner
ELDRIDGE		10 min. early from open post	C.O.D.	R
PROSSER, R.		Sleeping in bed not his own	Prov. Marchal	marriage license
ESTES, J.		Unauthorized article in class	Lt. Barnard	sleeping pills
REISTER, R.E.	R	Unauthorized move- ment, i.e. Throwing popcorn at Base Commander	Col. Crown	no more popcorn
PHILLIPS, L.R.	L.R.P.	Calling TAC Officer melancholy baby, i.e., head like a melon and face	Lt. Anderson	H
MORAN, N.E.	N.E.M.	Standing on lead stilts while being weighed and measured	Flight Surgeon	60 days bread and water
BOELLARD, T.	P.B.	Fooling around with Betty	WAF.C.O.	Box of popcorn
BARNES, J.L.	J.L.B.	Combing hair in public	Baker	crew cut



DAILY DELINQUENCY LIST

DATE: 16 February 1954

NAME	INITIALS	OFFENSE	REP. OFFICER	AWARD
PRINGLE, S. M.	S.M.	CLASS 54-Easy Throwing beer	Dir. Talk of Town	3 cases of beer
GOLDEN, C. H.	C.H.	unusual conduct i. e., bootlegging	State Police	give it away
ROY, P. A.	P.Q.	Discourteous conduct, i. e., strangling check pilot	Maj. Walsh	no more checkrides
HIGGINS, T. H., JR.	T.H.H.	Destroying Govern. Property, i. e., biting fingernails	Capt. Freeman	Lollypop
CAMBIER, J. C.	J.C.C.	Danerous flying tend- encies, i. e., landing T-33 on 3300ft. runway	Flying Safety Off.	3
HAARSAKER, J. C.	J.C.H.	Observed drinking water on weekend	A/C Williams	milk
BECTION, D. F.	D.F.B.	Language unbecoming an A/C/, i. e., unidentifiable part of a horse	A/C/ Whinery	back to Arkansas
WINNETT, D. B.		Improper attitude, i. e., volunteering for B-25 mission pilot	Capt. Waits	Straight Jacket





CAPT. CHARLES L. WALTERS
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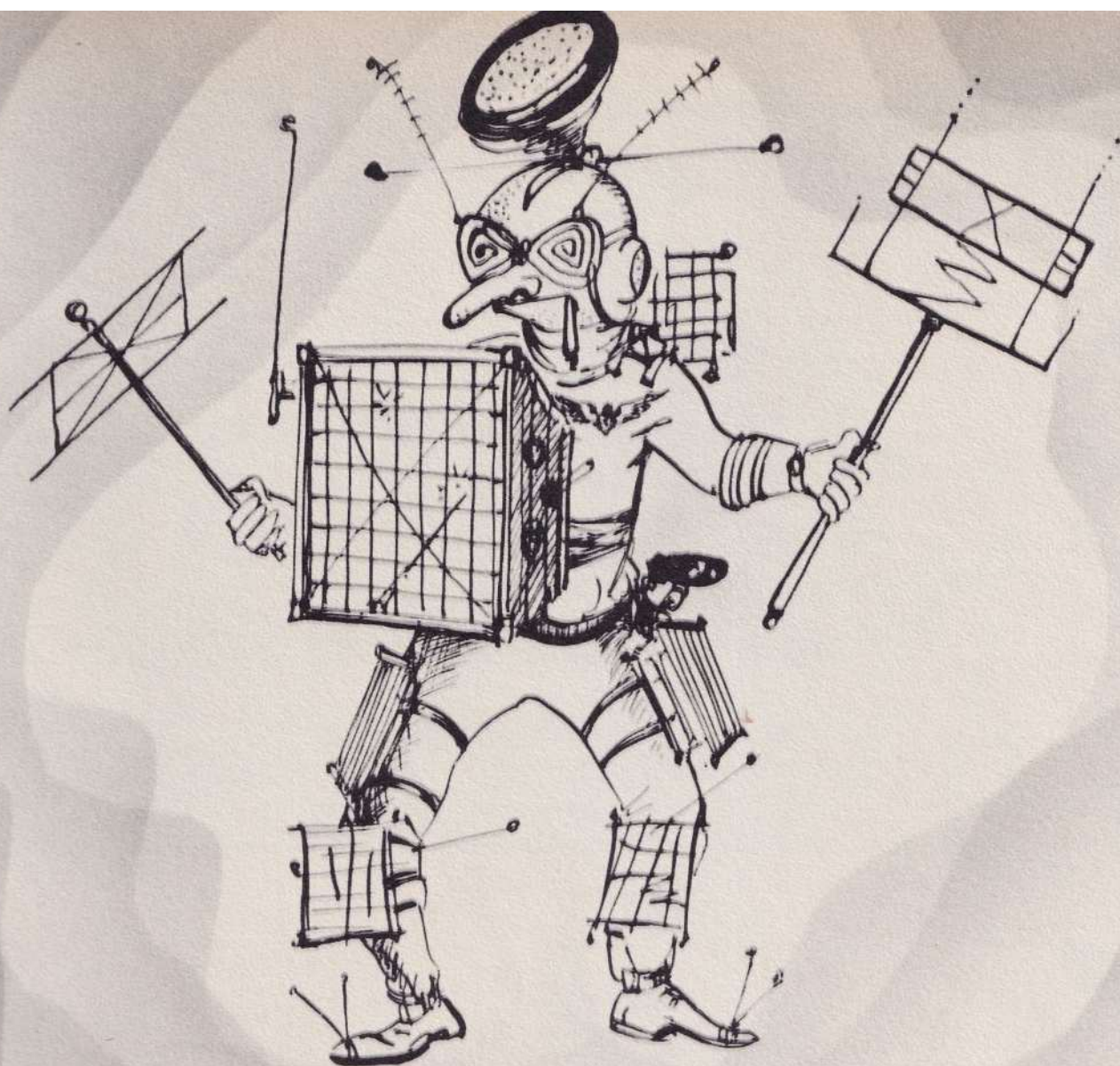
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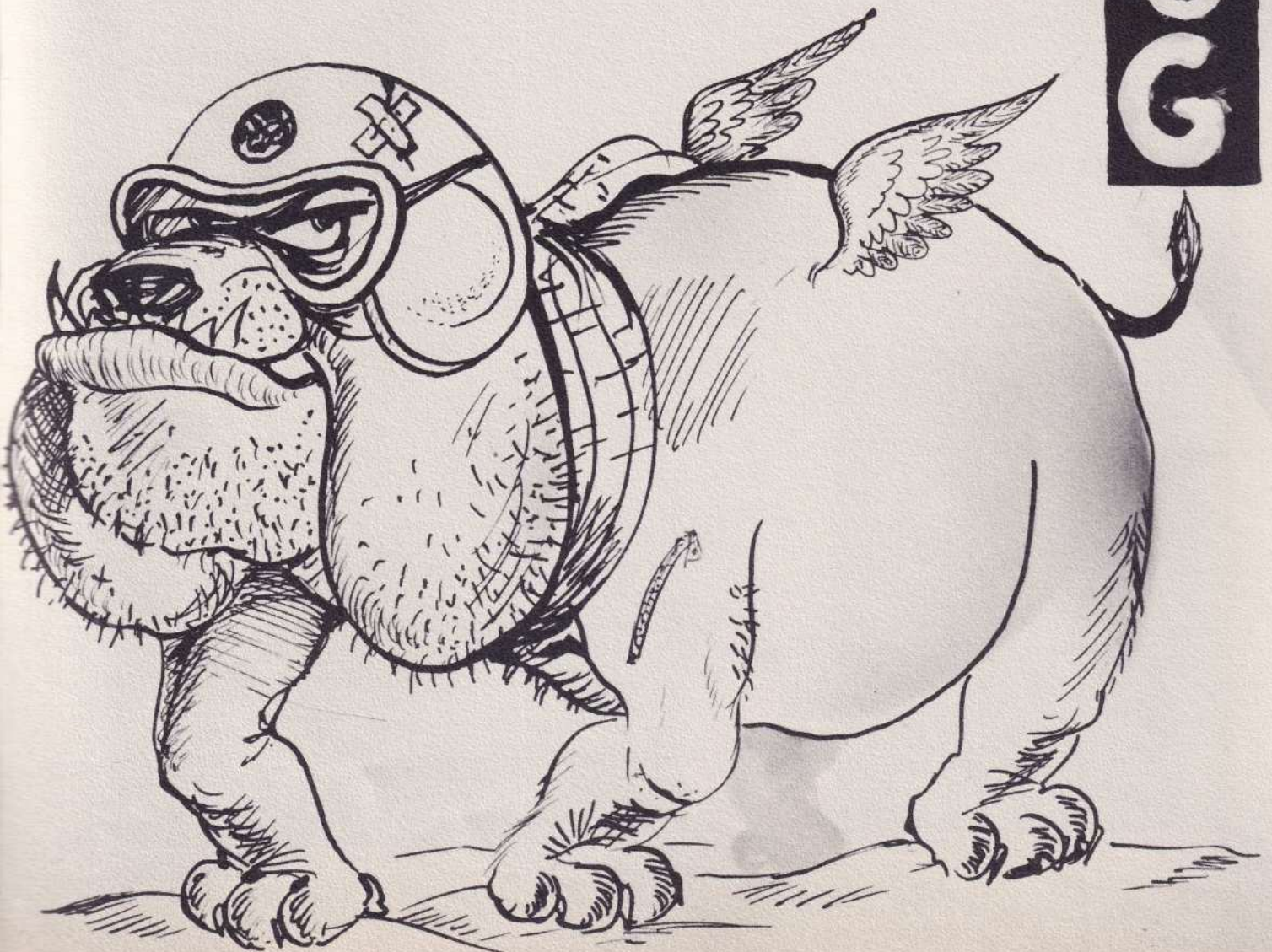


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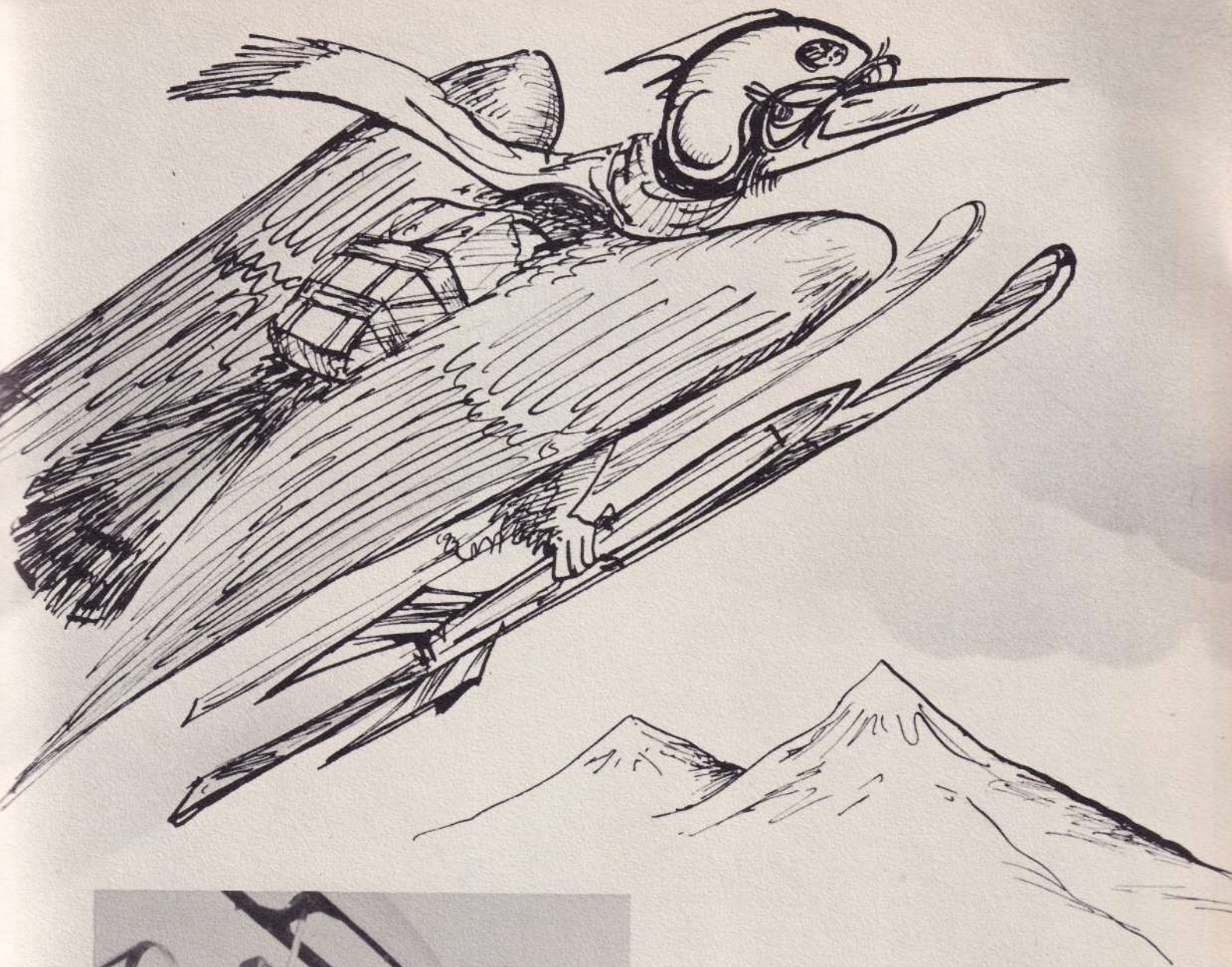
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Class History

AND so on the second of January, 1953, men representing nearly every state in the Union and six allied nations, came together at Lackland A.F.B. and were to be known as 54-Echo. These men were to enter Pre-Flight training and throw their hats in the ring on the road to becoming pilots.

But how could a person learn to fly here? We never even saw an airplane, except those of older vintage, which hadn't been off of the ground since World War II. But we were told that "To be a pilot we must first learn to be an officer." That was to be our "mission" for the next nine weeks. It seemed that the same things that make a good housewife go into making a good officer. We spent hours dusting under our beds, waxing the floors, cleaning the "fixtures" in bathroom (Latrine), and making beds. Beds were made in a military manner and blankets stretched so tight across the mattress that they could be used for a trampoline. But this didn't take all of our time. We still had plenty of time to shine shoes, learn to march, and stand inspections.

Beside all these factors, we also learned that in forty-two weeks we would receive our commissions and Wings. Here too we learned the old adage "Do as I say--not as I do." We learned how to stand in chow lines for an hour at a time at a parade rest for food that wasn't even worth waiting for. The roar of tigers were to deafen our ears and make our throats raw. But these were the more beneficial and helpful categories we were to receive while learning to be pilots.

And so after nine long weeks the tigers (more like kittens) were sent to Primary Flying Bases. They were sent to Malden, Missouri; Marianna, Florida; Marana, Arizona; Hondo and Goodfellow, Texas, to start flying the planes that they had been hearing so much about.

Their first taste of flying for many came in the PA-18, better known as the "Fabric Fighter," the "Yellow Kite" and many others. Like in Pre-Flight some were to fall by the wayside and either quit the flying game altogether or go to a worse fate of being an R/O (a three headed monster known to drive some pilots mad).

And for those who were to make it this far, they were to come in contact with a plane very familiar for many years service in the Air Force. They were to start flying the T-6, which at that time, might have well been an F-100. After one hundred and twenty hours these men were to decide whether to be tigers and fly the flaming firecans, with the smell of JP-4 fuel and no torque, or to just take a mild interest in flying and try the B-25's where they say that a thirty degree bank is really something.

But before those of us who chose to fly jets were to come in contact with the T-33 we had one more plane, which still had a fan in the nose. At Greenville, Mississippi, we flew the T-28 and learned more acrobatic maneuvers, formation (legally), how to work a radio range problem, ADF, and RDF on instruments.

Finally the T-33 came in our hands. Everything that we had heard about it seemed to be true. We learned more and more procedures and it seemed that they would never run out of them. It wasn't as forgiving as some of the other planes we had flown, for it killed some of our classmates. But we learned many a good lesson from it too.

And so with the guidance of our instructors, we here at Connally will graduate. We will receive our commissions and wings, but our training will not be over. There is still an unwritten chapter of those who will go to Gunnery school and Instrument school. A class graduates but its history is still to come.

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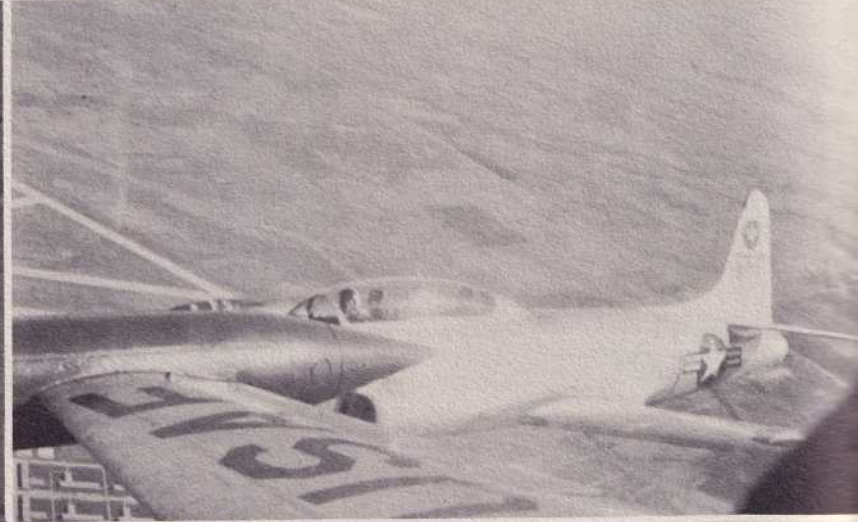
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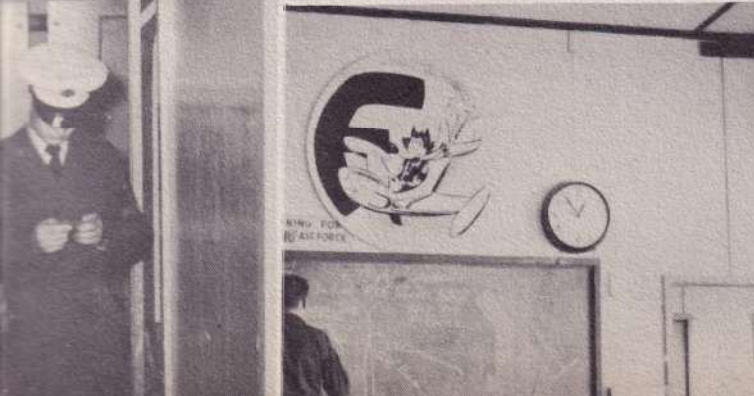
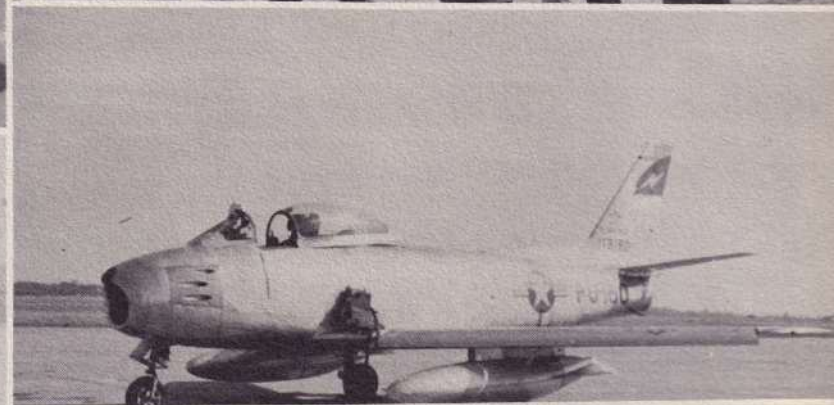
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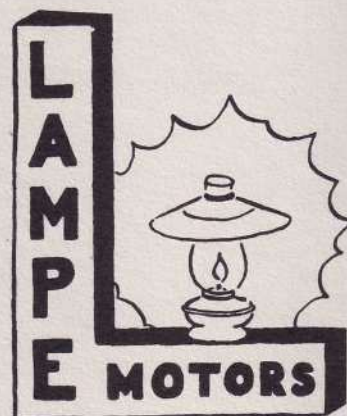
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