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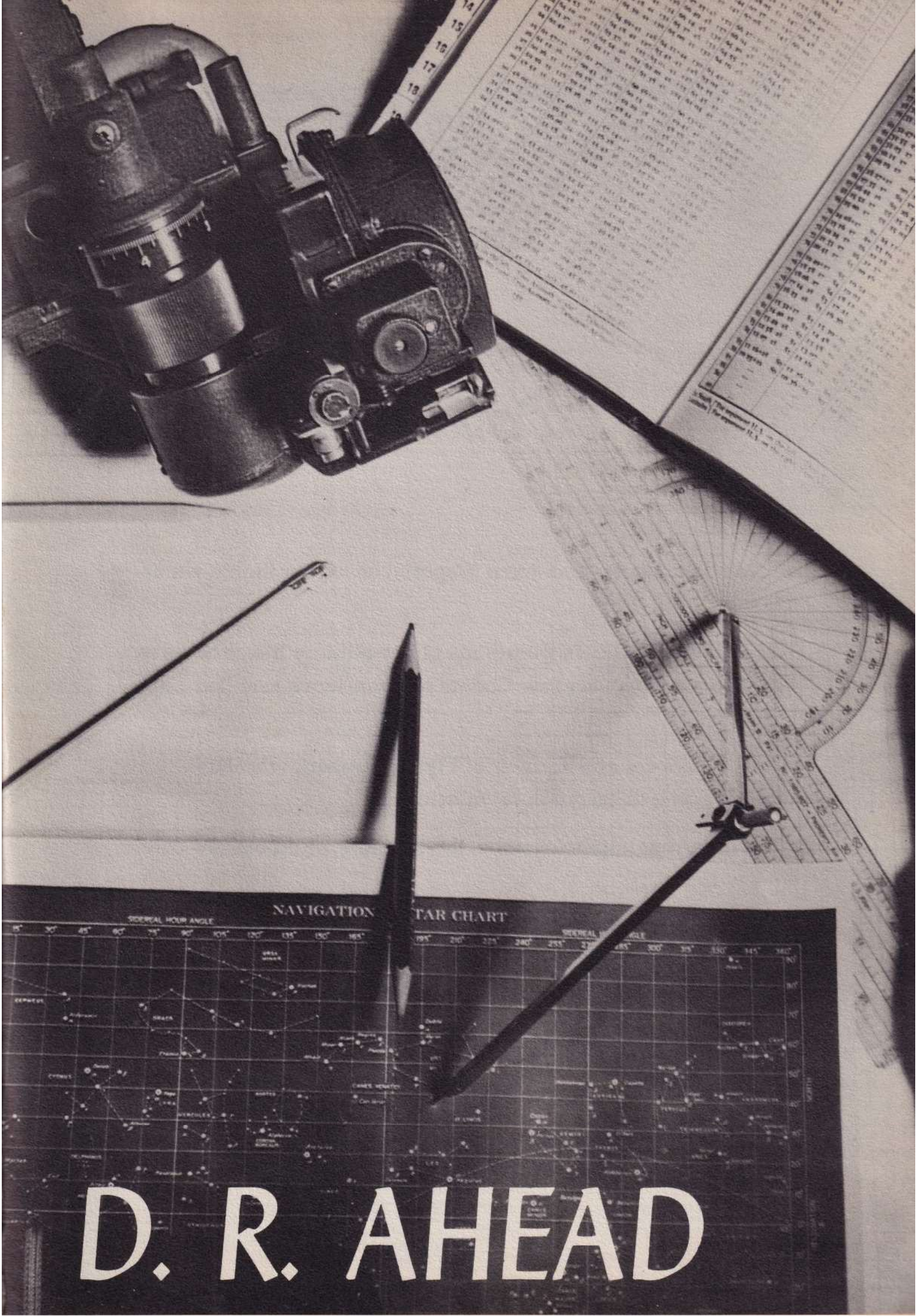

D. R. AHEAD

Dedication

To the instructors, who have prepared us for our flights yet unflown . . .

To the "Tac" Officers, guardians of our military life, who have transformed us from raw Cadets to even more raw 2nd Lieutenants . . .

To the Officers and Airmen of Flying Support, who have diligently borne us on our flight missions . . .

To our former upperclassmen, the memory of whom we cherish warmly . . .

To those who have had the fortune to be our underclass . . .
To those cadets of earlier classes who have flown their Final Check in the service of our country,

This book is sincerely dedicated.

HISTORY OF ELLINGTON AIR FORCE BASE

The history of Ellington Air Force Base began when the Air power of the United States was still in its infancy. In order to train members of the Air Service Branch the United States Army built several airfields throughout the United States and one of these fields was located on the present site of Ellington Air Force Base. In September 1917, the field was named in honor of Second Lieutenant Eric L. Ellington who was killed in a plane crash at San Diego, California, in 1913.

Ellington was officially opened November 1, 1917, and immediately the Air Service Branch of the United States Army launched a training program with emphasis on aerial bombardment. In World War I, thousands of men were trained at Ellington in this pioneer military aviation program. Many of these men later rose to high positions; one of them, General Carl A. Spaatz, later became the first Chief of Staff of the independent U. S. A. F. He was stationed at Ellington as a major and a Commanding Officer.

Besides contributing much toward the World War I victory, Ellington gained distinction by being the first army camp to have its own newspaper; the first to complete long distance cross country flights and the first to employ new methods in night flying.

After World War I, Ellington remained in operation until 1922, when it was deactivated. In October 1941, E. A. F. B. began operations again for the training of pilots, bombardiers and pre-flight cadets. The Navigator school that had been located at Mather Field moved to Ellington and began operations on 3 December 1943. The pre-flight training center and the advanced pilot school were both moved from Ellington in the latter part of 1943. This left Ellington the mission of training Navigation cadets and this training continued until the last class graduated on the 24th of March 1945. From December 1941 through March 1945, over 38,000 Aviation Cadets received training of various types at Ellington Army Air Field. Ellington was deactivated 15 April 1946.

On 15 August 1946, Ellington was reactivated for the training of Air Reserve Units. The Air Reserve Training was the main activity here until Ellington was placed on the active list in June 1948. Since June 1948, it has been receiving more personnel, and the grounds, barracks, and buildings have been improved. Ellington again became ready for a training program. On 8 August 1949, the first post-war class for navigation training began at Ellington Air Force Base.

The first Cadet Class to graduate from E. A. F. B. under the new program was 50-D, in October 1949. Classes 51-08, -09, and -10, were the 7th, 8th, and 9th classes, respectively, to graduate on March 10, 1951.

Ellington Air Force Base is still expanding, and will continue to fulfill the important function it now performs, that of training Navigators--the quarterbacks of the world's greatest team--for the United States Air Force.

WILLIAM L. LEE
Colonel USAF
Base Commander

3606TH TRAINING SQUADRON (MILITARY)
ELLINGTON AIR FORCE BASE
HOUSTON, TEXAS

1 February 1951

Gentlemen:

Your graduation is the beginning of an interesting and very important career in the United States Air Force. You will be the quarterback of a highly specialized team and your responsibilities will be great. Never be satisfied with mediocre procedures. Strive to improve your skill at every opportunity. Remember that if the airplane does not get to the target it can not be bombed. Get it there and get it back.

To all of you I xtend my hearty congratulations. Carry on smartly.

William L. Lee

WILLIAM L. LEE
Colonel USAF
Base Commander

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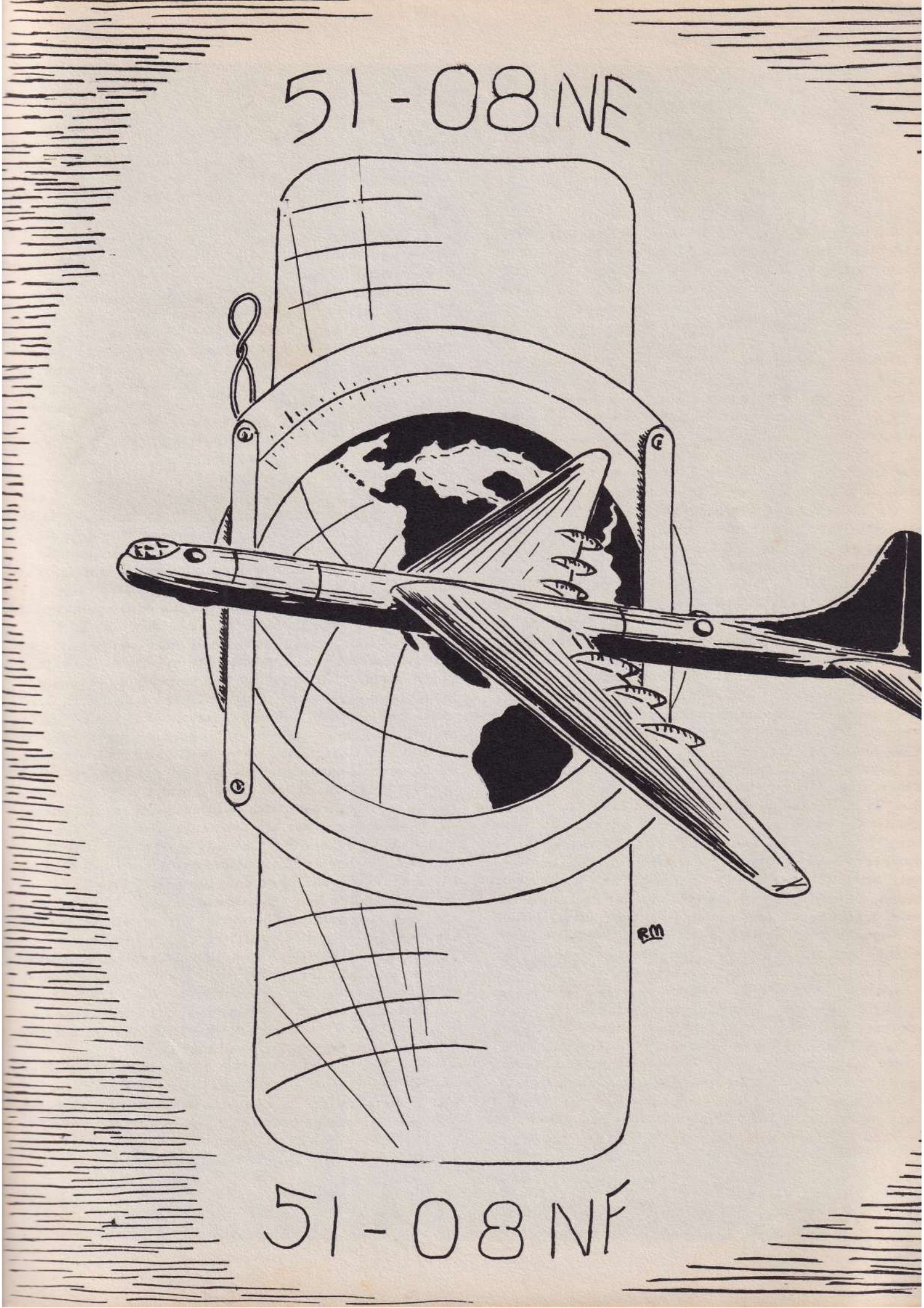
51-08NE



51-08NF

Class History

As the struggling efforts of a toiling caterpillar gradually transforms it into a winged beauty; so now, the seemingly endless days of sweat and panic, troubles and despair have brought the fumbling fledgings of Class 51-08N to the point where we can stretch our wings to test the knowledge we have supposedly acquired.

Glancing back now, if we may be allowed that luxury, it is with mixed emotions that we reminisce of the days and weeks and months just past. True, there is the natural feeling of thankfulness and relief upon completing a difficult and trying phase and reaching a worthwhile goal; but we don't believe there is a man among us who will not bid farewell to his classmates with some varying degree of regret.

We started as a class on May 22, 1950 with the gathering of the clan from all the Pilot Training Bases in Texas and a contingent of French Navigation Students. As our class spirit began to show itself the bitterness and resentment of leaving Pilot School gave way to an increasing interest in our new activities; or should we say our new troubles, for who will forget those first hectic weeks when, it seemed, we couldn't do anything right. It was during that period, however, that a definite bond was formed among us which strengthened as we progressed through the program. Our common problems meant a common ground, and even when the going was roughest we could always look at the humorous side.

Remember, for instance, how we would gather together after a formation and grumble and groan about what we had been put through; and how, in the next minute we would get a kick out of each man's "Sad Story"? Yes, we had our share of sad stories and we wondered how long it would be before someone realized that, after all, we were humans. It was for the best though, for even as we complained our marching became less ragged and our salutes more trim. Then, on August 20th, just when we could stand in a fairly decent brace and recite our underclass knowledge, we were recognized as second classmen.

All the while the Tactical Section was training us militarily, we were becoming more proficient in academics. For a background in our navigation training, we were given courses in mathematics, physics, electricity, instruments, etc. At the beginning, we had a permanent group of instructors assigned to our class. As we grew more acquainted, our classes became more enjoyable; and with their knowing us as they did, we received individual help where it was needed. It was with some disappointment, therefore, that we parted with them when all the instructors were assigned to particular sections.

When we started our navigational courses--D. R., log procedure, and the like--our interest was enlivened considerably, because then we could see our progress, and we decided that maybe they could make navigators out of us after all. This feeling was brought out even more vividly when we were at last scheduled for our first flight. We were finally going to get airborne! Regardless of how poorly we did or how much we panicked, it was still a grand feeling to be plotting a course under actual conditions, and looking for our own check points rather than reading them from a lesson plan or hearing them in the "G-2 Trainer".

One flight led to another, and we advanced from map reading to radio, relative bearings, loran, celestial and finally polar navigation. We learned how to take double drifts and ground speeds by timing, and how to use the astro compass and radar altimiter. By this time our heads were swimming with navigational terms; i.e., A/C, A/H, G/S, TAS, Alt, HI, D1 & D2, LHA, GCT, LCT, SHA, RA, PAV, and countless others; but we were still able to take the mighty A-14 sextant in our stride. At times we had impromptu diversions from planned missions. On one flight we had to R.O.N. at Goodfellow AFB and on another land at Houston Municipal due to atmospheric conditions prevailing at Ellington. Then there were in-flight fires, stubborn engines and thunderstorms to add excitement. With our last Polar Check, our flying training was completed, and we could look back with satisfaction upon that phase.

In academics, our big moments were the "C.E.s", affectionally dubbed the "Comedy of Errors". By November 4th, when we attained the esteemed rank of first classmen, we had made past history of three of them and were looking forward to the next two. After a pleasant interruption for Christmas leave, we tackled the fourth and confidently awaited the fifth and final comprehensive. We were in for a rude awakening, however. It was a sickly looking group of men who staggered from the classroom the day of that exam. Until the critique the following week, everyone was resigned to the fact that they were washing out; but as things turned out, we were able to plan for graduation.

Now, on this day, the 10th of March 1951, as class 51-08N becomes a mere number in the files at Ellington and a memory in the hearts and minds of us all, we bid adieu to this unforgettable chapter in our lives.

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CLASS 51-08N ELLINGTON AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS, 20 January 1951
USAF NAVIGATOR TRAINEES

HUBERT M. ALEXANDER
Carrollton, Alabama

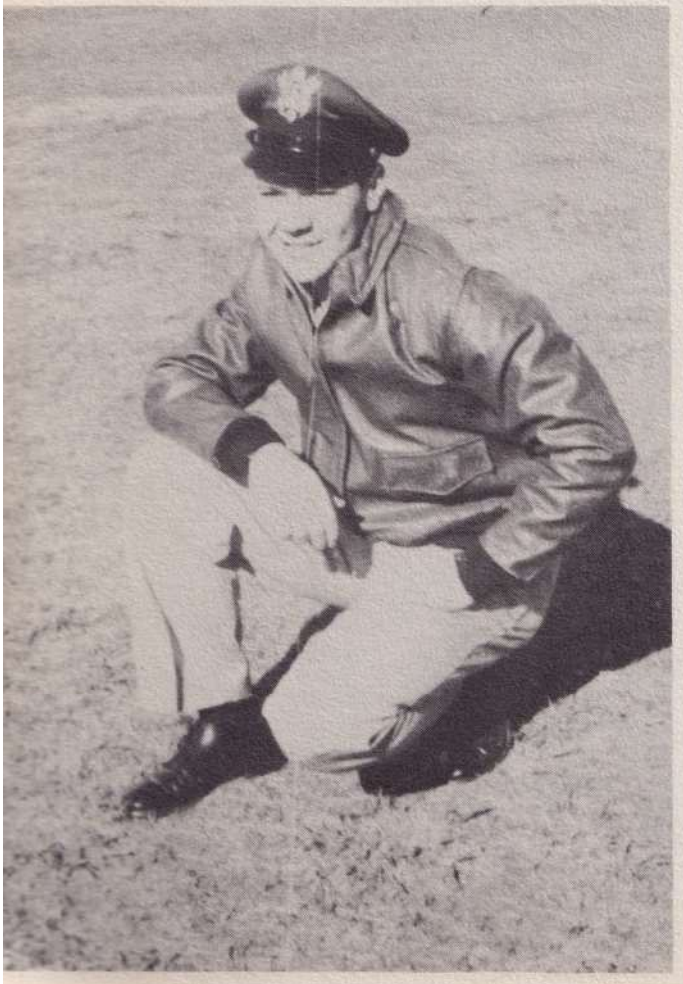
Graduate of Carrollton High School, attended East Mississippi Junior College one semester. Enlisted in the Air Force July 1947, entered Aviation Cadet training at Perrin Air Force Base, Texas in November 1949.
Famous saying, "Let the good times roll and the rough end drag".

CHARLES D. ANDERSON
Box 71, Baldwin, Wisconsin

Graduate of Baldwin High School, attended River Falls State Teachers College for two terms. Enlisted in the United States Navy in June 1946 and served 22 months. Entered Aviation Cadet Training in January 1950 at Connally Air Force Base, Texas. Famous Saying, "No kidding".

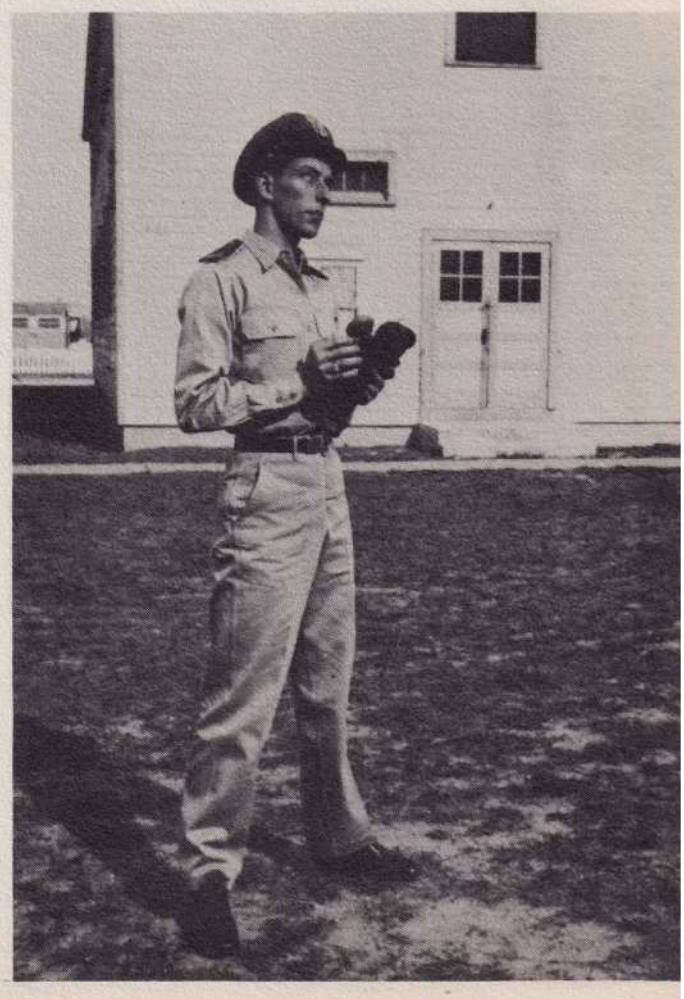
GEORGE V. BILEK
11050 Riverside Drive
North Hollywood, California

Graduate of Saint Francis Prep., Athol Springs, N. Y., attended Saint Joseph College, Ellicott City, Maryland for 2 years. Entered Aviation Cadet Training in February 1948 at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.
Famous Saying, "Negative".



NORMAN E. BOWEN
1201 Highland Street, North
St. Petersburg, Florida

Attended St. Petersburg Senior High School. Graduate of Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Georgia; Bachelor of Science at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Entered Aviation Cadet Training in January 1950 at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.
Famous Saying, "That's all she wrote".



ROBERT B. BOYD
1306 Montgomery Avenue
Sheffield, Alabama

Graduate of Sheffield High School; attended University of Alabama for two years. Entered Aviation Cadet Training in January 1950 at Connally Air Force Base, Texas. Famous Saying, "So much for sex".

HUGH E. BOYER
Fairplay, Maryland

Graduate of Hagerstown High School, Hagerstown, Maryland. Entered Aviation Cadet Training in May 1949 at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.
Famous Saying, "We clumb up to eight thousand feet".

PAUL A. BUTLER
RFD 1
LaFayette, New York

Graduate of LaFayette Central High School; received Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering at Tri State College, Angola, Indiana. Enlisted in the Air Force in October 1948 and entered Aviation Cadet Training in May 1950 at Ellington Air Force Base, Texas.
Famous Saying, "Tee-Hee, you're so funny".

VICTOR R. CASTILLO
El Paso, Texas

Attended Texas Western College one year and the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio for two and one half years. Enlisted in the Air Force in May 1943 and entered Aviation Cadet Training in January 1950 at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.
Famous Saying, "I don't know what to tell you".

LAURENCE P. CLONEY, JR.
1329 East No. Columbus
Glendale, California

Graduate of St. Paul High School, Grosse Pointe, Michigan; attended Michigan College of Mining and Technology for one year. Entered Aviation Cadet Training in November 1949 at Perrin Air Force Base, Texas. Famous Saying, "Such a deal".

CHARLES R. COKER
501 South 11th Street
Duncan, Oklahoma

Graduate of Duncan High School; attended Cameron College, Lawton, Oklahoma for two years. Entered Aviation Cadet Training in November 1949 at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.
Famous Saying, "Good _____ show".

CARL R. GIPSON
412 Edenwood Avenue
Gadsden, Alabama

Graduate of Etowah High School, Attalla, Alabama; received Bachelor of Science at Alabama Polytechnical Institute. Enlisted in the Air Corps in March 1943 and flew thirty-four combat missions as an engineer gunner in B-24s; entered Aviation Cadet Training in January 1950 at Connally Air Force Base, Texas.
Famous Saying, "Pass the D. R. s please".

LAWRENCE J. JORDAN
Mellen, Wisconsin

Graduate of Mellen High School; attended Superior State College, Superior, Wisconsin. Entered Aviation Cadet Training in January 1950 at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

Famous Saying, "Boy! you're not kidding".

WILLIAM N. PAGE
Elizeabethton, Illinois

Graduate of Redford High School, Detroit, Michigan; attended Detroit Institute of Technology for one year. Enlisted in the Air Force in February 1943 and served as a radio operator with the 550th Guided Missiles Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, entered Aviation Cadet Training in May 1950 at Ellington Air Force Base, Texas. Famous Saying, "But, Sir!" and "Down at Eglin".

THOMAS A. MARTIN
Longview, Texas

Graduate of Longview High School; attended Kilgore Junior College for three years and Louisiana Technical for one year. Entered Aviation Cadet Training in January 1950 at Connally Air Force Base, Texas. Famous Saying, "It don't look so good, but it's cheap".

GERALD T. MARINI
81-19 247th Street
Bellerose, Long Island, New York

Graduate of Haaren High School; attended Columbia University, New York, New York. Enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in May 1943 and served in the South Pacific. Entered Aviation Cadet Training in January 1950 at Connally Air Force Base, Texas. Famous Saying, "I just wanted to say".

GERALD L. SCHISSEL
Box 46, Ossian, Iowa

Graduate of Calmar High School, Calmar, Iowa; attended Loras College for 2 years. Entered Aviation Cadet Training in November 1949 at Perrin Air Force Base, Texas. Famous Saying, "I was telling ol' Alex this morning".

CLEMENT E. SMITH
Hardwick, Vermont

Graduate of Hardwick Academy; attended University of Vermont for two years. Enlisted in the Air Force in July 1948 and entered Aviation Cadet Training in January 1950 at Connally Air Force Base, Texas. Famous Saying, "Got a Cigarettee"?

WILLIAM I. TURNER
RFD 1, Austin, Pennsylvania

Graduate of Coudersport High School, Coudersport, Pennsylvania. Enlisted in the United States Navy in July 1946, entered Aviation Cadet Training in January 1950 at Connally Air Force Base, Texas.
Famous Saying, "Who's the joker?"

LARUE L. UNDERCOFFER
RD 2, Lewistion, New York

Graduate of Saint Mary's High School, Niagara Falls, New York. Enlisted in the Air Force in August 1947 and entered Aviation Cadet Training in January 1950 at Perrin Air Force Base, Texas.
Famous Saying, "Get some time on the Rock".

LYNWOOD M. WARD
802 Walnut Street
Pocomoke City, Maryland

Graduate of Pocomoke High School; attended Maryland State Teachers College, Salisbury, Maryland for two years. Entered Aviation Cadet Training in October 1948 at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas and in May 1950 at Ellington Air Force Base, Texas.
Famous Saying, "Pass that bottle".

JACKSON R. WHISNANT
605 Hattie Avenue
Elizabethton, Tennessee

Graduate of Elizabethton High School; attended Milligan College, Milligan, Tennessee. Entered Naval Air Corps at Pensacola, Florida in July 1946 and began Aviation Cadet Training at Perrin Air Force Base, Texas in January 1950.
Famous Saying, "That isn't the way we did it in the Navy".

GEORGES F. CANARELLI
Institution Montaigne Vence (A. M.)
Joined French Underground in September 1942. Entered French Air Force in October 1945; entered Navigator Training at Ellington AFB in May 1950.

JEAN L. FROMENTEAU
College Technique Niort (Deaux-Seures) France. Enlisted November 1944 in the French Air Force. Pilot Training in France and Morroco in 1945-1946. Entered Navigator Training at Ellington AFB, May 1950.

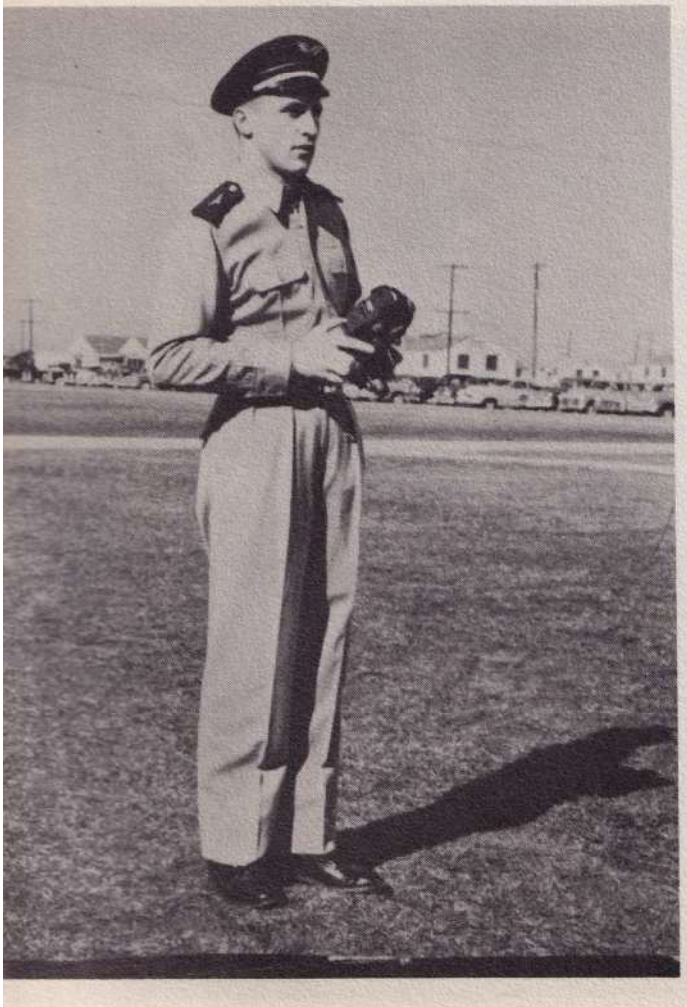
GERALD A. MARTELET
College De Chalon-Sur-Saone-France. Entered Navigator Training at Ellington AFB in May 1950.

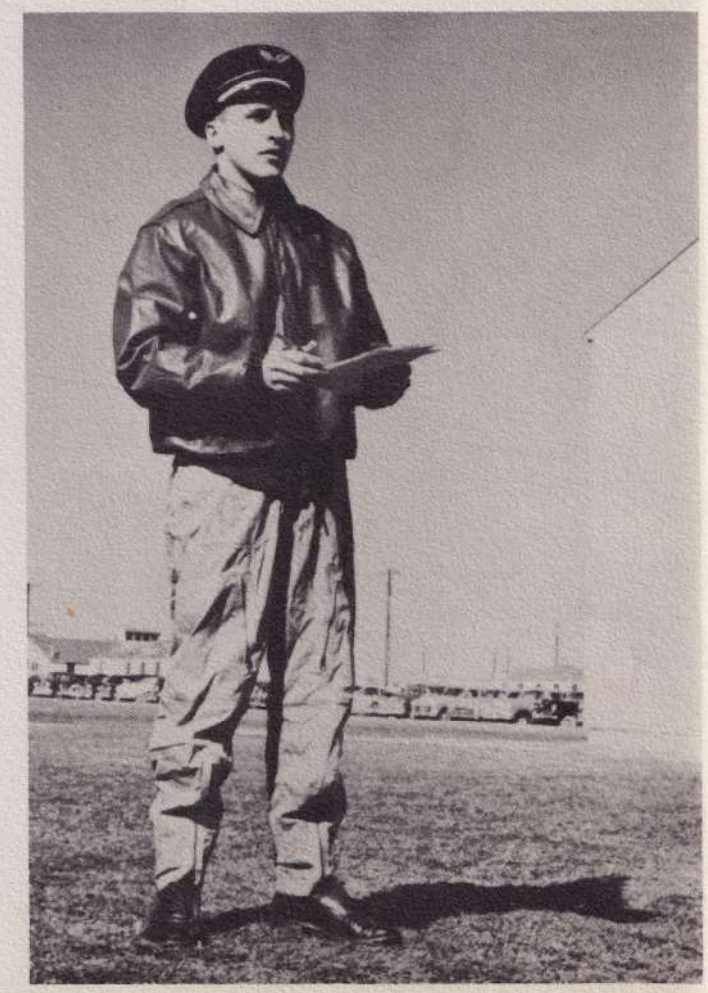
RAYMOND GOURIOU

Lycea Janson De Sailly, Paris XVI eme. Entered Pilot Training in August 1948 and Navigator Training at Ellington AFB in May 1950.

YVES M. JULLIEN

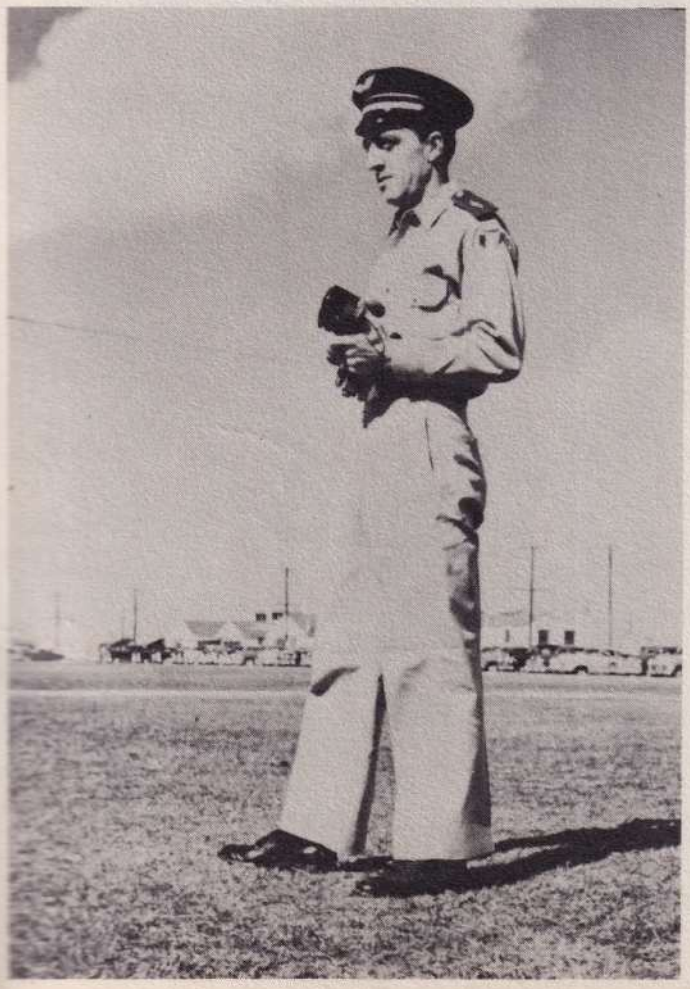
Sciences Universite of Lille. Entered pilot training in August 1949 and arrived at Ellington AFB in May 1950.





GEORGES F. MASSOT

Ecole Superieure De Marseille. Enlisted in the French Air Force in November 1944. Entered Navigator Training at Ellington AFB in May 1950.



MICHEL SEYCHAL

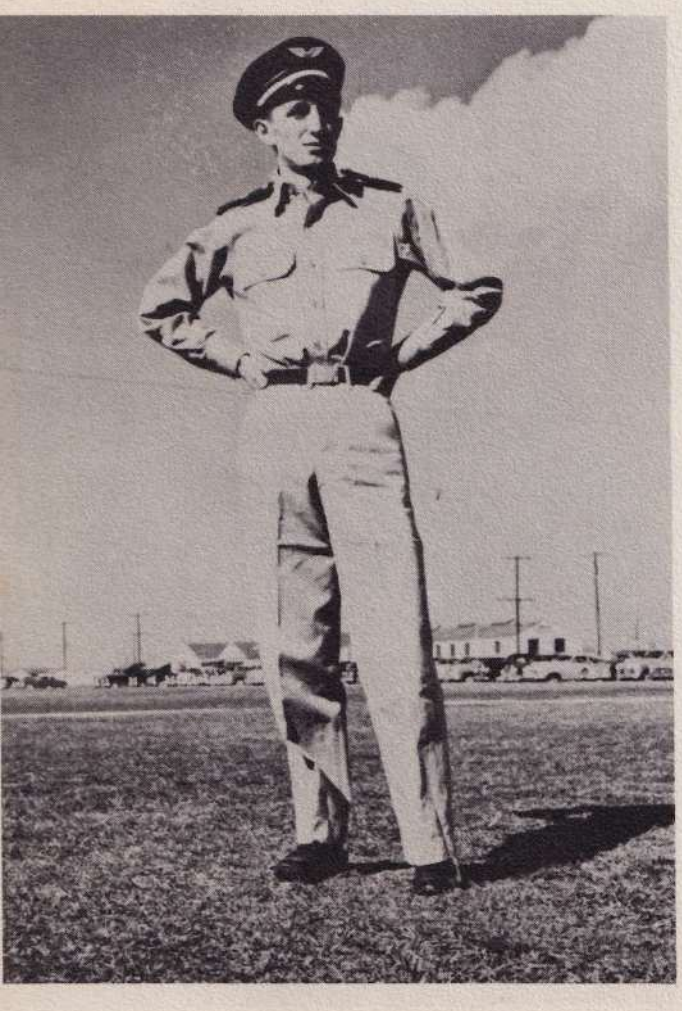
College Buvignier-Verdun. Entered Navigator Training at Ellington AFB in May 1950.

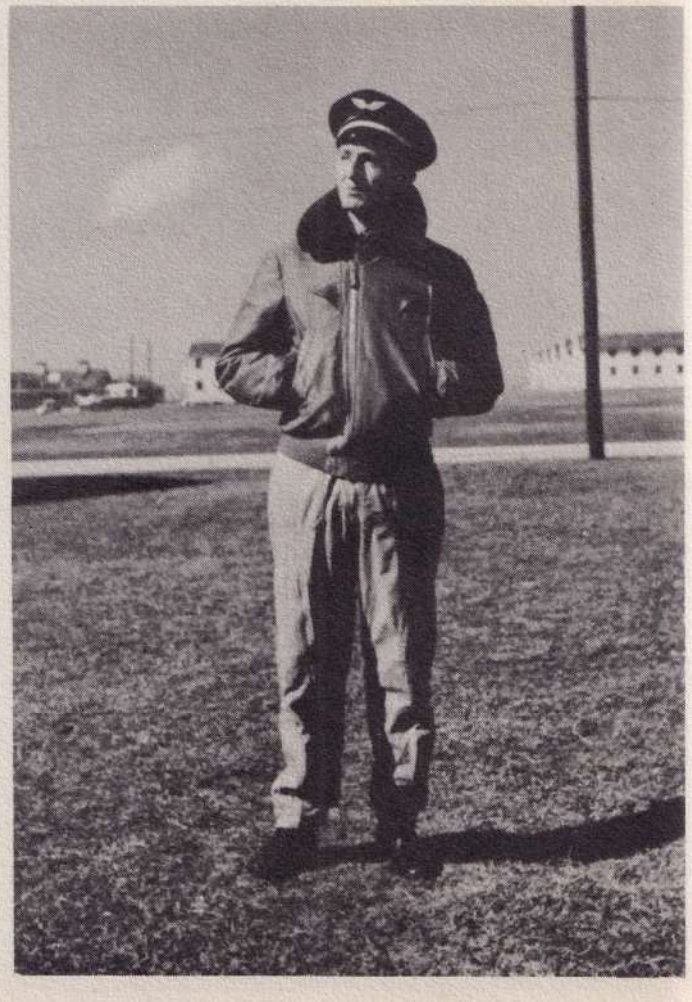
ANDRE L. PIAZZA

Lycee de Bastia-(Corse)-Lyce Jacques Decour, Paris IX. Entered French Air Force in May 1948 and began Navigator training at Ellington AFB in May 1950.

PAUL F. MECHOULAM

Ecole Superieure de Commercede, Paris, France. Entered Navigator Training at Ellington AFB in May 1950.





Sweethearts

MISS MARIE A. CANNON
A/C C. E. SMITH

MISS MARY A. ADSITT
A/C P. A. BUTLER

MRS. WILLIAM N. PAGE
A/C W. N. PAGE

MISS DOROTHY JANE SCHELL
A/C T. A. MARTIN

MISS EDNA BETH FREEMAN
A/C R. B. BOYD

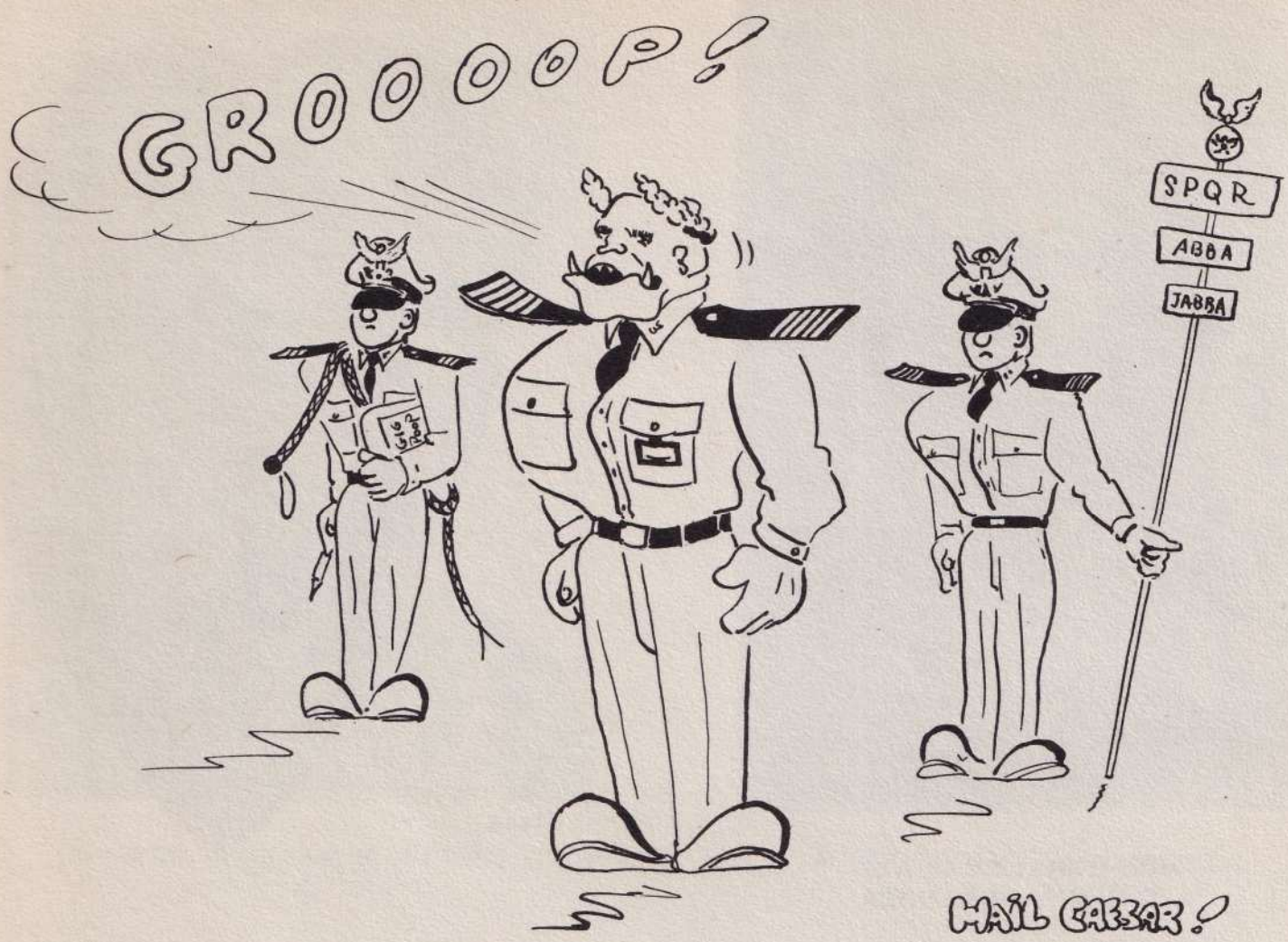
MRS. JACKSON R. WHISNANT
A/C J. R. WHISNANT

MISS CORALEE GRAY
A/C H. M. ALEXANDER

The
Sweetheart
of the
Class

FAREWELL:

To the Officers and airmen who gave freely of their knowledge and guidance,
To the Aviation Cadet Club with its parties and entertainment facilities without which we would have undoubtedly perished of sheer boredom and thirst,
To Houston and Galveston with its inexhaustable supply of young ladies in either formal or beach attire,
To the classes behind us with their trials and tribulations,
To our Alma Mater with its extensive lawns eternally in need of manicuring.
As we say in Texas, "Thank ye", and "So long to you all".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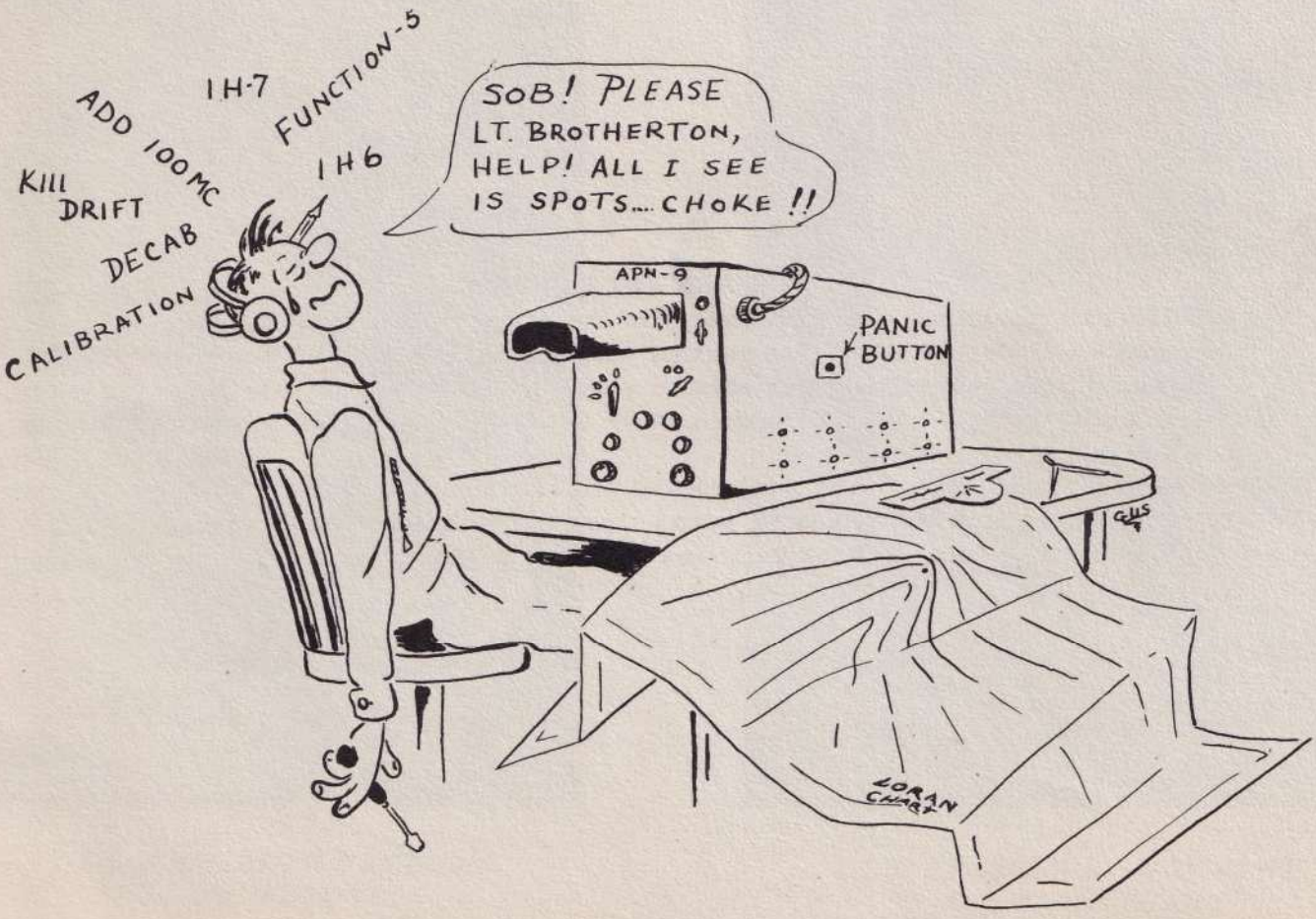
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APN-9
PANIC BUTTON
LORAN CHART

PRESENTING

CLASS 51-09

CLASS HISTORY OF 51-09N

"On one hot and sultry summer afternoon..." deep in the middle of June, 32 gentlemen from all walks of life wandered down to the sunny Gulf Coast to enter the confines of Ellington AFB and undergo training to become navigators in the USAF. Many of the gentlemen were from pilot school and knew what to expect and what to look for. Take Bill Beadling, for instance, who came down from Connally AFB ten days early and scouted the surrounding vicinity. With Bill's ability to find excitement, it didn't take long for him to discover Galveston.

However, training began on the 21st of June and very little of the outside world was seen for the next six weeks. Rumors were the most popular pastime of the day and then the most detestable rumor of them all was true--that we were to be under customs for sixteen weeks. Our class, being very mild tempered, took that in stride along with the bludgeonings and Group Boards from our upper class, 51-A. Shortly after, this order was rescinded due to the urgent need of navigators and the shortening of the program and we became upperclassmen on the 9th of September.

That called for a big celebration. We held a Squadron picnic at Galveston County Park but it couldn't be held there too long. Being a class with big ideas and high ambition, we just had to expand--and expand we did! Members of the class came staggering in a day later with some of the wierdest stories ever told. We sent a rescue party after those who didn't come back and a rescue party after the rescue party.

We had a lot of drill during the first six weeks of our training and several of us could keep in step for 50 yards at the end of it. In general, however, our formations consisted of 25 staggering cadets headed in the same general direction during the same day. We have changed somewhat since--later we had 29 cadets. "'Ragmop' of the Alamo" Ragsdale and "Four Jacks" Myrick joined us during the late summer. Martin Smith and "Papa-to-be" Crist joined us around Christmas. "Hiya gang" Kirschenbaum, "Colonel" Julian, Joe Iacobelli and Ralph Mitchell resigned two months earlier and Kenny Keiser was put back a class due to an emergency leave. Carroll Kleypas went to the hospital soon after we made second class and was later killed in an automobile accident. This was one of the most regrettable incidents in our story at Ellington.

We made first class on the 19th of November and held another informal party which has not ended to date except for the rest periods between paydays--Christmas found most of us going home on Operation "Santa Claus". The "Fickle Five Night Riders" remained in Galveston as our sole representatives.

And now we are graduating. We probably didn't have the best military record but we hold some sort of military records: Twelve Group Boards were distributed freely among our class and one upper bay boasts of a record of 190 demerits and 74 tours in two weeks. A distinguished and honored member of our upperclass, old 51-A, told us we were the nucleus of the new Air Force. The Air Force, also, is capable of recognizing a class of action. We probably hold the record for the largest percentage of cadets to meet the regular board--six out of 29.

The Air Force can forget its worries and relax. 51-09N is graduating and nothing can stop us. The fate of the world is resting on our shoulders and it never had such a stable foundation. We will meet the enemy and conquer him. Let our motto always be:

"PLOT, DIVIDE, COMPUTE AND CONQUER!"

A/C Sgt.

MARION H. BAKER
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CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Chidester High School
Arkansas State Teachers' College (BS)
Conway, Arkansas
PREVIOUS MILITARY EXPERIENCE:
P. F. C. Aerial Engineer, USAAF
Jan. 18, 1945 - Sept. 12, 1946
Orly Field, Paris, France

Nickname: "Bake"

Marion and Renee

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MARION C. BEADLING
626 N. Columbia St.
Brazil, Indiana
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Rose Polytechnic Inst.
Va. Polytechnic Inst.
Major: Electrical Engineering
PREVIOUS MILITARY EXPERIENCE:
USAF - Wright-Patterson, Ohio
Ladd Field, Fairbanks
CADET ACTIVITIES:
Yearbook Advertising Staff
MISCELLANEOUS:
Member: AIEE, Alpha Tau Omega

A/C Sgt.

Nicknames: "Bill"
"Joe Blow"
Famous for: Being
one of the Nightriders"
and
Ability to consume
incredible amounts of
aaah. . . anything liquid

Destination:
Omar's

WILLIAM C. BRISTOW, JR.
301 Ridge Avenue
Rockwood, Tenn.
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
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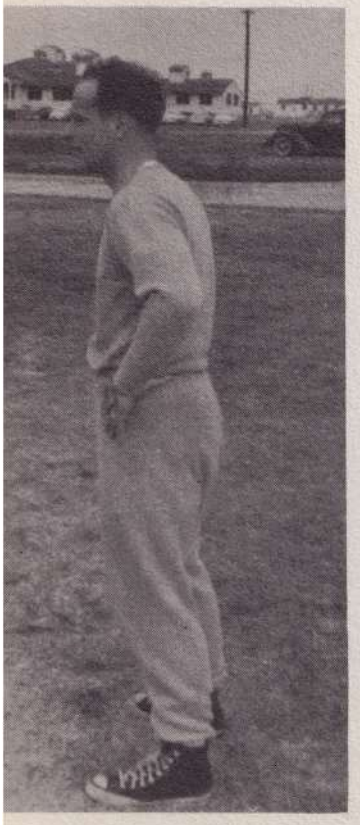
University of Texas
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
Navy
CADET ACTIVITIES:
Member Ring Committee
Barracks 757 Commander

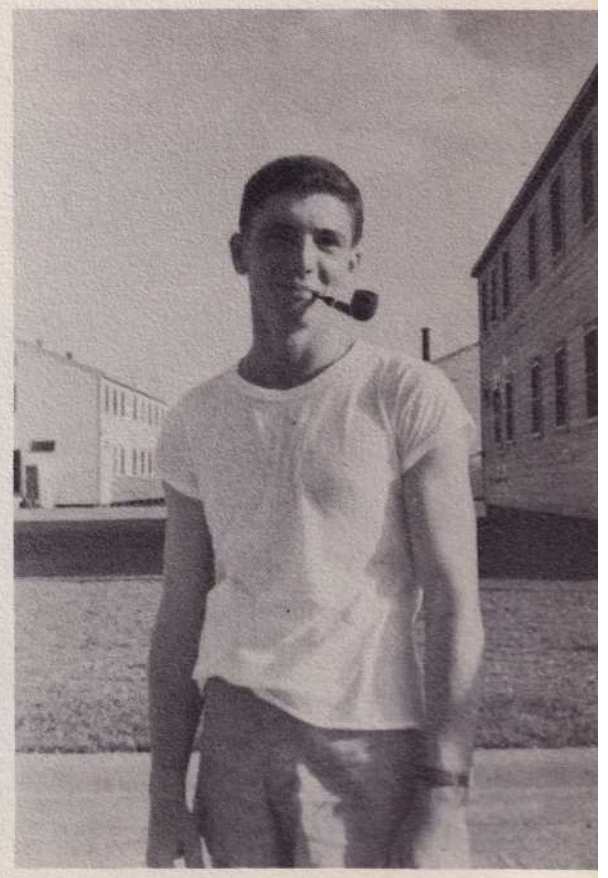
A/C Lt.



Nickname:
"Bill"
Famous for:
Ending every
sentence with a
burst of
spontaneous
laughter;
his fond memories
of Tampa.

Dress Right!

CARTER N. BRUNK
Chicago, Ill.
SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
School of Hard Knocks
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
17 Mos. USAAFR
68 Mos. USAF
23 Mos. So. Pacific
(8055 & 8057 Emergency
Rescue Boat Sqdn.)
19 Mos. Carribbean Flt. C. 1st
Rescue Sqdn.
P. M. O. S. Rescue Boat Skipper
Washed-out Pilot
CADET ACTIVITIES
1st Sgt.
MISCELLANEOUS:
Perpetually broke



Nickname: Carter "Nasty--"Brunk
(among others)
Famous for: His soft, well modulated, soothing voice.

ROBERT CAMPOS
38 North Street
Binghamton, New York
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Binghamton Central High
Triple Cities College
Endicott, New York
PREVIOUS MILITARY EXPERIENCE:
21 Months U. S. M. C.
11th Marine Reg.

Campos and Beachcomber

Favorite Expressions:
"Maybe I will, Maybe I won't..."
"That's what I like about you,
you mind your own----business."

Nickname: "Guinea"
Famous for: Being kind to
Grandmothers

Roberto on the Tare-Six

"Where's my gun?"

GUSTAVE A. CANON
Rock Tavern, N. Y.
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Washingtonville Central High
(Graduated June 1947)
PREVIOUS MILITARY EXPERIENCE:
USAF since Dec. 1947
311th Air Division, Topeka, Kansas
and
Hqs. 2nd Air Force, Barksdale AFB;
Basic Pilot School, Perrin AFB
CADET ACTIVITIES:
Yearbook Committee (Art)

A/C Sgt.

Nickname: "Gus"
Favorite Expression: "Abba Jabba"

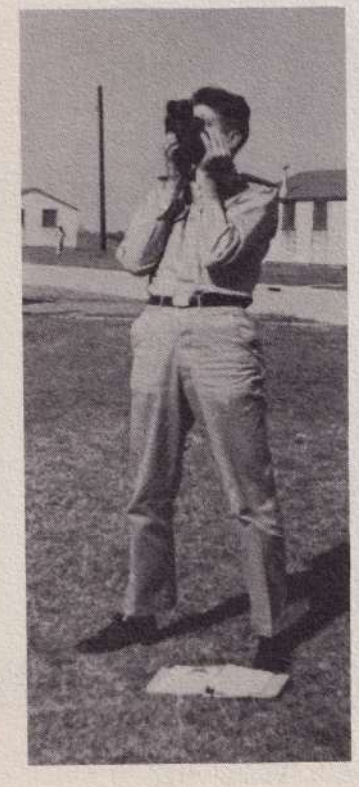
"Little Sister"

Mrs. Mary Ann Butterworth
Cornwall, N. Y.
(New York School of Floral Design)
New York City

HAYS FRANK GRIFFIN
517 W. 8th Street
Topeka, Kansas
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
University of Michigan
PREVIOUS MILITARY EXPERIENCE:
4 years United States Marine Corps
CADET ACTIVITIES:
Class President
Squadron Adjutant
MISCELLANEOUS:
Single
V. F. W., AmVets
Delta Sigma Phi
A. S. C. E.
American Legion

A/C Lt.

Nicknames: "Griff", "The Gipper"
Famous for: One of the Fabulous Five



"...Four, three, two, one, Hack!"

GILBERT A. HART
2418 So. 18th Street
St. Louis (4), Missouri
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Harris Junior College
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
None
MISCELLANEOUS:
Marital Status: Single

A/C Sgt.

Favorite Expression:
"Youse guys..."
Famous for: Being the mailman

Hart minus Mae West

A/C Sgt.

LAWRENCE HASDORFF
645 Monticello Ct.
San Antonio, Texas
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
The University of Texas
Class '5o Liberal Arts
PREVIOUS MILITARY EXPERIENCE:
Basic Pilot Training
Goodfellow A.F.B. - 3 mos.
MISCELLANEOUS:
Single

Favorite Expressions:
"Ah yes", and "Oh Fooey"
Famous for: Being, unbelievably, a
Quiet Texan

Somewhere near 29°37'N-95°09 1/2'W

TERRENCE C. JAMES
Fairland, Oklahoma
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Northeastern Okla. A & M
University of Tulsa
PREVIOUS MILITARY EXPERIENCE:
Infantry 6 mos. USA
Signal Corps 11 mos. Japan
Armd. Cav. Res 6 mos. USA
MISCELLANEOUS:
Single

A/C Sgt.

Nickname: "Jamesie" - Famous for: His unceasing line of Aaah...conversation; exercising his vocal chords.

JOHN J. KERWIN
64 West St.
So. Weymouth, Mass.
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
2 yrs. Air Force
MISCELLANEOUS:
Wife, Helen
(Boston, Mass.)
Daughter, Deborah (6 mos.)

A/C Sgt.

Nickname: "J. J."
Famous for: The small blue tent
he wears for a hat...
and
his Boston Brogue--"Bahst'n, i.e."

"J."J."--The Squadron's Official
Belt Buckle Inspector

Debbie and the Better Half

WILLIAM MAX KOTTAS
610 N. Sheldon
Lawrenceburg, Ind.
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Univ. of Cincinnati
Univ. of Miami
Louisville Manual High School
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
Navy
CADET ACTIVITIES:
Class Vice-President
MISCELLANEOUS:
Single but have practically had it.
Member Phi Delta Theta Fraternity

A/C Sgt.

Kottas and Friend

Nickname: "Wild Bill"
Notorious for: Being one of the Famous Five

1st. Flight

Studying for a CE (i.e. Comedy of Errors)

A/C Sgt.

JOHN M. KRESL
Leopolis, Wisconsin
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Mich. College of Mines & Technology 1 yr.
University of Wisconsin - 3 yrs.
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
Professional Cadet since Dec. 7, 1943
Discharged Nov. 11, 1945
ASTP
CADET ACTIVITIES:
Sqdn. Correspondent "A/C Log"
Sqdn. Clerk
Class Secretary
MISCELLANEOUS:
Bachelor

Nickname: "Kress, "Big John"
Famous for: Almost one of the fateful five...

Kresl and Friend

JAMES R. LUNTZEL, JR.
North Hollywood, Calif.
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Cal. Tech.
Occidental College
(3 years)
PREVIOUS MILITARY EXPERIENCE:
17 mos. U.S. Navy
9 mos. Aviation Cadet;
8 mos. Tug-boats; discharged Nov. 1946

A/C Sgt.

Return from Tampa

CADET ACTIVITIES:
Member Board of Governors; Cadet Club; Pres. Yearbook Committee; Editor "A/C Log".
MISCELLANEOUS:
Member Kappa Sigma; Alpha Phi Gamma (Hon. Journalism Fraternity); Engaged to Miss Lora Lee Murphy, North Hollywood, Calif.

Nickname: "Luntz"
Famous for: "Yo-Ho your Left"
Favorite Expression:
"Boo-Hoo Haw Haw!"

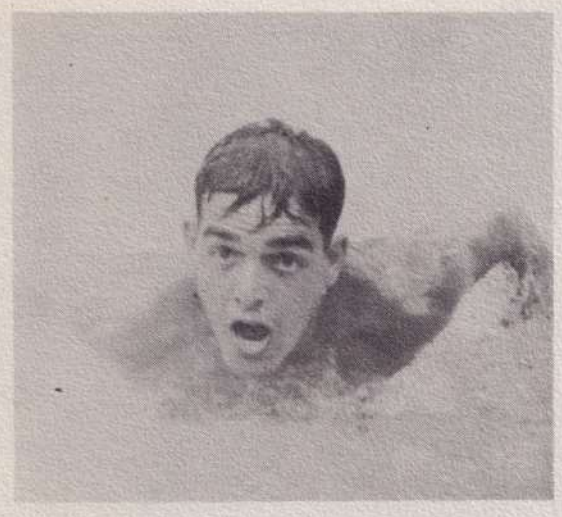
Only the best. . . ?

The future Mrs.

A/C Sgt.

DOUGLAS V. MAC BRIEN
Carnarvon, Ontario
Canada
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Vaughan Road Collegiate, Toronto
University of Toronto, Arts (B. A. '49)
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
Canadian Officers' Training Corps
(4 months--Artillery)
Basic Pilot School
Waco, Texas (3 months)
CADET ACTIVITIES:
Yearbook Committee ("Photography"?)
Interpreter in
"Little France" Barracks 758

MISCELLANEOUS:
Birthplace Dearborn, Michigan; at age 2 advised Canadian father to go back to Haliburton Happy Hunting grounds, where childhood romping with black bears and lake trout was spent. This explains predilection towards: (1) brunettes, (2) swimming... but not pet peeve: misquoted scripture. Latter may lead to eventually taking the cloth. (?) This would preserve the blessings of bachelorhood...



Doug in his true environment

Nickname: "Mac"
Famous for: "Amen, Brethren...if you live according to....."

"Split-the-field" Mac Brien

HOMER CORNING MANN
Powell, Wyoming
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
University of Wyoming
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
Washed-out pilot
Connally A. F. B., Class 51-B
CADET ACTIVITIES:
Social Committee Rep. 51-09N
Met Regular Board (Chuckle, chuckle)
MISCELLANEOUS:
Member Sigma Nu
Pinned to Donna F.
Hobby: Good-looking fillies

A/C Sgt.

Miss Donna Fuerst

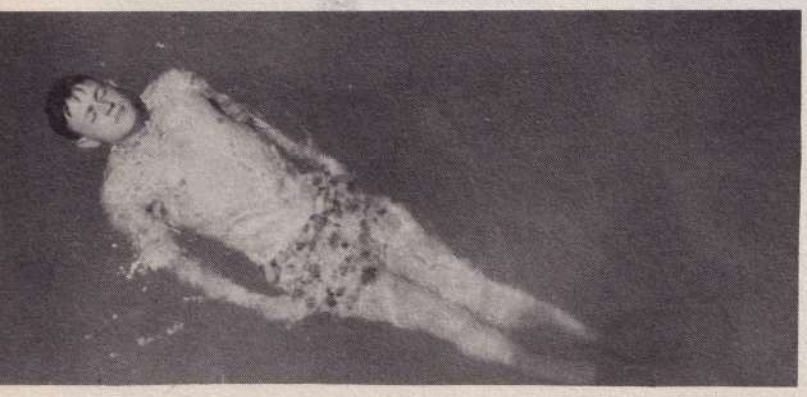
Nickname: "Corny"
Famous for: His unique means of locomotion: "The Wyoming Walk"

A/C Sgt.

WILLIAM D. MYERS
Route 1, Box 9
Gunnison, Colorado
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Kansas State at Manhattan, Kans.
Sept. 1945 to Jan. 1946
Western State, Gunnison, Colorado
Sept. 1947 to Dec. 1949
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
Jan. 1946 to July 1947
USAAF Basic Sheppard Fld.
Cryptographic Technician, Scott Fld.
11 mos. 20th AF Guam
2 yrs. 5212th Inf. Trng. Reg. (Res.)
Pilot School Connally AFB 3 mos.
CADET ACTIVITIES:
Sleeping and reading in class;
drinking; listening to James & Luntzel

W. D. the Ace of Connally

Nicknames: "Dumbo", "Ears"
Famous for: Meeting Regular Board Monday
and
Faculty Board Saturday



Strange Monster sighted off Gulf Coast

Willie Dog and the "Terrible-6"

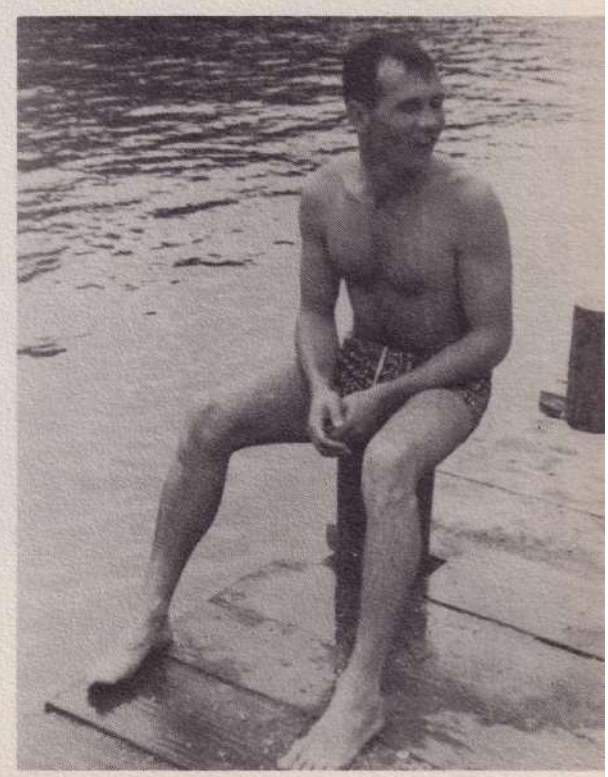
WALTER D. MYRICK
307 Monroe Street
Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Roanoke Rapids H. S.
High Point College
High Point, N. C.
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
31 mos. Navy - USS Hancock (CV 19)
MISCELLANEOUS:
Single (looking)
CADET ACTIVITIES:
Cadet Basketball Team
Barracks 758 Commander

A/C Lt.

Famous for: Asking Brilliant, Penetrating questions in class.

Daphne Powell
Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Ellington's
Crashing
Fullback



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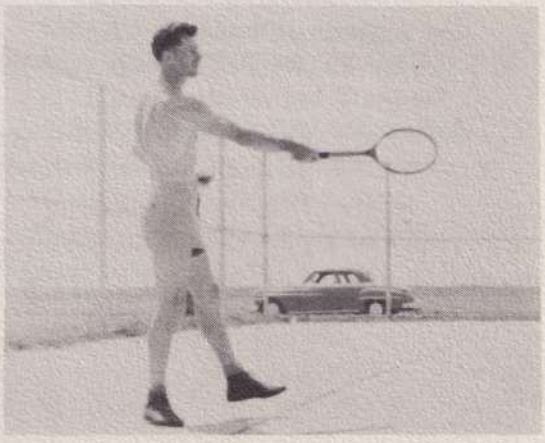
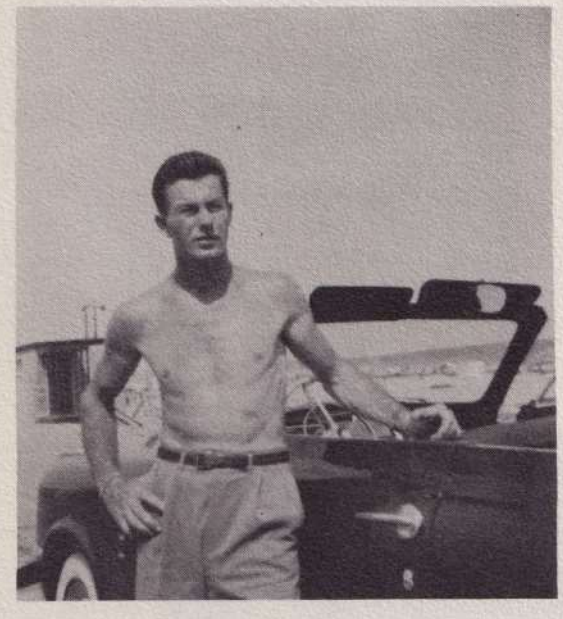
MALCOLM PAGE
Brattleboro, Vermont
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE
3 yrs. (Navy) "Airdale"
CADET ACTIVITIES
Honor Council Representative



"Pancho" Page - "Ready, Beadling?"



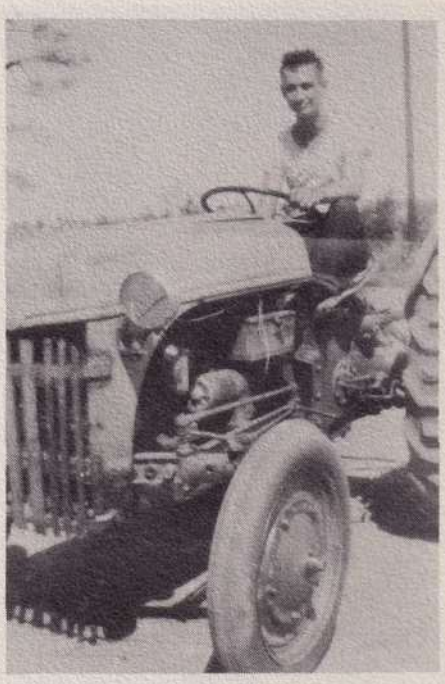
"My name is Page and I can....."

Mal on the "Washing Machine"

Famous for: Night drives to Galveston

HUGHIE W. RAGSDALE
3605 NE 15th
Amarillo, Texas
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED
Texas Tech
PREVIOUS MILITARY EXPERIENCE:
22 mos. Navy

"Hot Rock" Ragmop



"4-H" Hughie

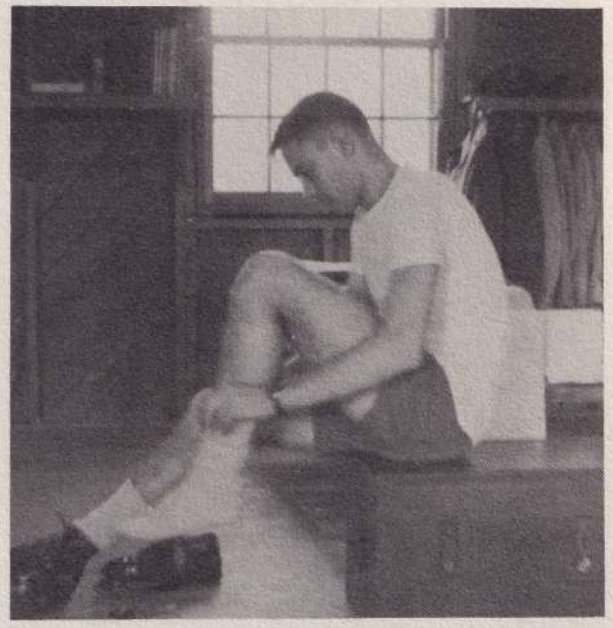
Nickname: "Ragmop"
Famous for: The Battle of the Alamo

A/C Captain

LAWRENCE E. STEPHENS
Louisville, Kentucky
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Louisville Male High School
University of Louisville
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
Pilot School at Waco, Texas
(51B)
CADET ACTIVITIES:
Ground Safety Board
Commander of Squadron Four
MISCELLANEOUS
Bachelor

Nickname: "Steve"

Carroll Sanders



Squadron Staff

Griff	Steve	Brunk
Adjutant	Squadron C.O.	1st. Sgt

ROBERT L. TANNER
204 E. Milton Street
Austin 4, Texas
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
University of Texas 3 yrs.
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
Navy (Aviation Cadet)
9 months
CADET ACTIVITIES:
Ring Committee
MISCELLANEOUS
Engaged to Laverne Anderson, Austin

NICKNAME: "Smooch"
FAMOUS FOR: (1) Laverne
(2) Gruelling badminton work-outs, training for a multitude of bouts, a result of:
FAVORITE EXPRESSION--"Square off!"

LAVERNE

The most rigorous aspect of training

A/C Sgt.

JOSE TORRES-ORTIZ
Lajas Road # 612
Ensenada, Puerto Rico
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Yauco High School
University of Puerto Rico
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE
2 1/2 yrs. U.S. Army
9 mos Machine-gun & Mortars Instructor
Mineral Wells, Texas
Auto-Mech. School, Puerto Rico
Motor Sgt., Saint Croix
Virgin Island
MISCELLANEOUS
Favorite Sport: Hunting & Fishing;
Also Baseball, Basketball, Swimming
Preference for blondes and brunettes
Not Red-heads.

Famous for: Representing the Chamber of Commerce of "Exotic, Tropical Puerto Rico."

Norman

Jose at ease in the area

Amparito

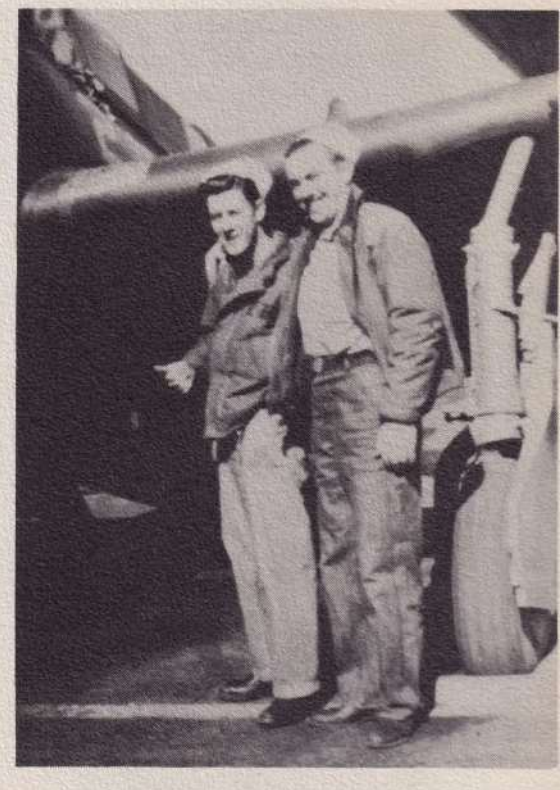
Yamil

Cloris y Zulma

JAMES RUSSELL TURNER
Lower Buffalo, Kentucky
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Lee County High School
Beattyville, Kentucky
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
U.S. Navy
June 16, 1943 - April 16, 1946
MISCELLANEOUS
Single

A/C Cpl.

Nickname: "Roscoe"
Famous for: Being the
Arthur Murray of Sqdn. IV



Roscoe as an Airdale

WILBUR C. WATSON
2411 S. Josephine
Denver, Colorado
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
South High Denver, Colorado
Colorado University
Aeronautical Engineering (B.S)
PREVIOUS MILITARY EXPERIENCE
21 months Army Air Forse
CADET ACTIVITIES:
Flight A & Barracks 765 Cmdr.
MISCELLANEOUS
Married - Morma the lucky gal; son William L. (3 months)

A/C Lt.

Nickname: "Pappy"
Famous for: Champion speller in Sqdn 4.
Favorite expression: "We had smoov wevver on our last meesion."

JAMES W. WRIGHT
2014 E. Hazzard St.
Philadelphia, Pa.
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Northeast Public High School
Phila., Pa.
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
Pilot Training School
Connally AFB, Waco, Texas
CADET ACTIVITIES:
Walking tours;
Setting a shining example
MISCELLANEOUS
Single

"Sunny"

"Junior Birdman" Wright

Nickname: "Rock" alias "The Raunch"
Famous for: Meeting Boards

A/C Sgt.

RUPPERT S. WRIGHT
246 Rideau St., Kingston
Ontario, Canada
CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Spring Valley High School
Spring Valley, N. Y.;
Murray State College
Murray, Ky. (2 yrs.)
(Pre-Engineering)
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:
U.S. Navy - Nov. '42
Aviation Ordnance; Radar Operation
Sub-patrol duty Bahia, Brazil
Naval Pilot Cadet till Advanced
North Atlantic Patrol duty
Rating AOMT 2/C Av'n Turret Specialist
Discharged Nov. 3, '48
MISCELLANEOUS
Lost his heart to Helen Shewmake,
freshie at W. C. U., Greensboro, N. C.

Nickname: Ruppert "Panic in the Streets (I've got a VOCO)" Wright
Famous for: His charming, polished, subtle way with the ladies.

Helen S.

CARROLL W. KLEYPAS
Carroll's last mission is completed.
He has reached his final destination.
The destination that all of us, who are
Crew members on the great flight of life
Will some day attain.
Carroll's ETA was just a little early.

IN MEMORIAM

LOG CLOSED

PRESENTING

CLASS 51-10N

HISTORY OF CLASS 51-10N

The night of 19 July 1950 found 29 strangers from all walks of life assembled here at Ellington A. F. B. in a class that was at that time designated as 51-G. Though we were only 29 strong, our ages and past experiences varied greatly.

The next day, 20 July 1950, nothing seemed to make any difference. Those of us who didn't know soon learned what an upperclassman was, others remembered all too quickly, yes 51-G was The Mighty First Squadron's new crop of "gomers".

The Navigation course was revised, 51-G profited, only two months as underclass!! This two months brought many changes in our class, some resigned and we welcomed one who washed back into our class. And then when it was over and second class privileges were granted, "Open Post", life came back to all of the weary bodies and the world brightened up a bit. Soon we were enjoying the relaxing weekends on the beach in picturesque Galveston, the sophisticated atmosphere of the Shamrock, Balineese Room and Sorrentos, the jam sessions at the Catalina Lounge and the after hours at Paul's and the Stardust Club. In October our upperclass, 50-D, was graduated as the first class of post war navigators. Christmas was truly merry for us as we received ten days leave and were flown home via "OPERATION SANTA CLAUS". With the new year we returned to Ellington and began once more the quest of winning our wings and bars.

On 9 February 1951, 51-03 graduated and we took command of the squadron. With the end now plainly in view, our remaining days were filled with finishing our training and preparing for graduation. And when we received our Lt. bars and Navigators wings on the 10 March 1951, we reflected back on our classmates and instructors and thought..."Fellow Navigators, it's a privilege to serve with you".

HERBERT S. ADAIR JR.
236 S. Highland Ave.
Los Angeles, 36 California
Los Angeles High School
University of Southern California
U.S.N.
U.S.A.F.
Marital Status:
Single by God
Chi Phi

NICKNAME Midnight Rambler
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "Yours is a sad tale"

ART AVLAKEOTES
18 Mitchell St.
So. Boston 27 Mass.
Boston Trade High School
Newman Prep. School
U.S.N.
Class President
Marital Status:
Married to the former
Miss Ellen Chandler of
Worcester, Mass.

NICKNAME Mister "A"
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "I like to fly because"

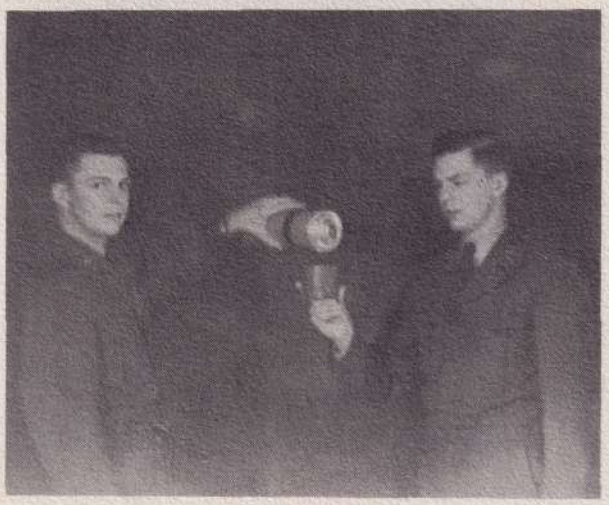
JOHN D. BENNETT
152 Ellenwood Ave.
Bedford, Ohio
Bedford High School
Cleveland College
U.S.M.C.
U.S.A.F.
Marital Status:
Single-never can tell
however.

NICKNAME Benny
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "No matter how bad it is, it could be worse"

CHARLIE B. DAVIS JR.
124 Superior Ave.
Decatur, Georgia
Decatur Boys High School
North Georgia College
Georgia Institute of Technolgy
Social Committee
Yearbook Committee
U.S.M.C.R.
U.S.A.F.
Marital Status:
Single-who knows for how long.
Sigma Theta

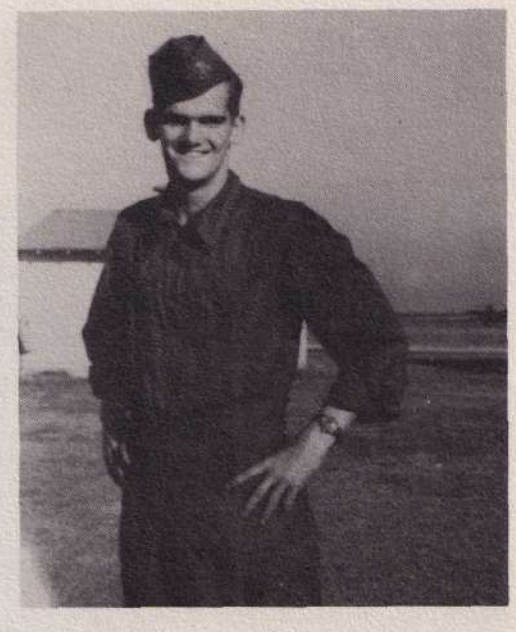
NICKNAME Mother
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "But Sir"

LIONELL V. DAWSON JR.
1540 C. Ave. N.E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Franklin High School
U.S.A.F.
Marital Status:
Single-what a waste of man power



NICKMANE Buddy
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "Is that right"

CYRIL H. DINGWELL
25 N. Anderson St.
Boston, 14 Mass.
Boston Latin High School
U.S.A.F.
Honor Council
Graduation Dance Committee
Marital Status:
Single-a bachelors life for me



NICKNAME Ding
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "Back in Boston"

ALFRED J. DREYER
2180 Richmond Terrace
Staten Island, New York
Brooklyn Technical H.S.
U.S.N.R.
U.S.A.F.
Yearbook Committee
Martial Status:
Single-by the grace of God

NICKNAME Joe D.
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "Pretty Tricky"

ROBERT W. EDELEN
Box 133
Strasburg, Colorado
U.S.A.F.
Englewood High School
Denver University
Marital Status:
Single-till I retire

NICKNAME Sarge
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "Anybody want a time hack"

GERALD ELZINGA
Box 13
Sheldon, Wisconsin
Ladysmith High School
University of Wisconsin
U.S. Paratroops
Marital Status:
Single-may try it in
the near future

NICKNAME 20 Jump Jerry
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "I was on the Randolph Drill Team"

BRYAN GIESLER
1327 Fairview
University City, Missouri
Washington University
U.S.A. (Inf.)
U.S.N.R.
U.S.A.F.
Marital Status:
Single-will wear the ball
and chain soon

NICKNAME Breezy
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "You ought to see my gal back home"

JAMES D. HAWKINS
122 South Franklin Bvd.
Tallahassee, Florida
Woodlawn High School
University of Alabama
Board of Governors
Marital Status:
Single-it was a tough
fight
Lambda Chi Alpha

NICKNAME Hawk
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "Let me tell you something I never tell my wife"

RICHARD E. JOHNSON
2 St. Margaret St.
Charieston, South Carolina
High School Of Charieston
The Citadel
U.S.A.F.
Marital Status:
Single-but why

NICKNAME Uhl
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "Rite Ch-ere"

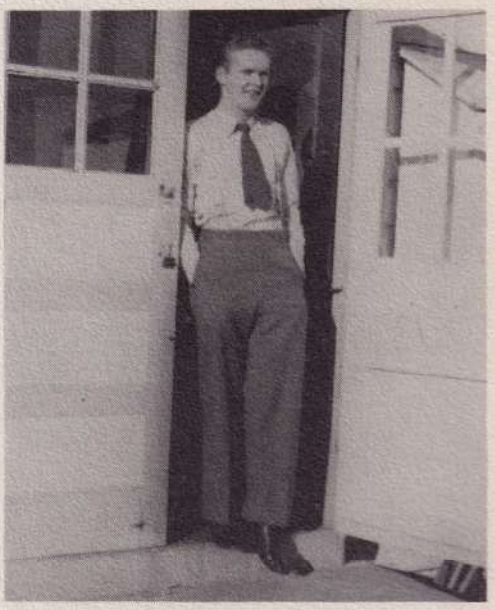
KENNETH G. KEISER
601 Market Street
Paterson, New Jersey
Eastside High School
Ridgewood High School
Iusculm College
Marital Status:
Single-but not for long

NICKNAME Kay
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "Straighten up"

LOUIS H. MADDOX
6436 San Bonita Ave.
Clayton, Missouri
Christian Brothers Military H.S.
St. Louis University
Quincy College
U.S.M.C.R.
U.S.A.F.
Honor Council
Yearbook Committee
Marital Status:
Single-but willing
Alpha Delta Gama

NICKNAME Boots
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "Anybody going to town tonight"

JAMES E. NEWBY
604 E. Washington St.
Centerville, Iowa
Iowa State Teachers College
University of Missouri
U.S.A. (Inf.)
Marital Status:
Single-female wanted, write
c/o above address



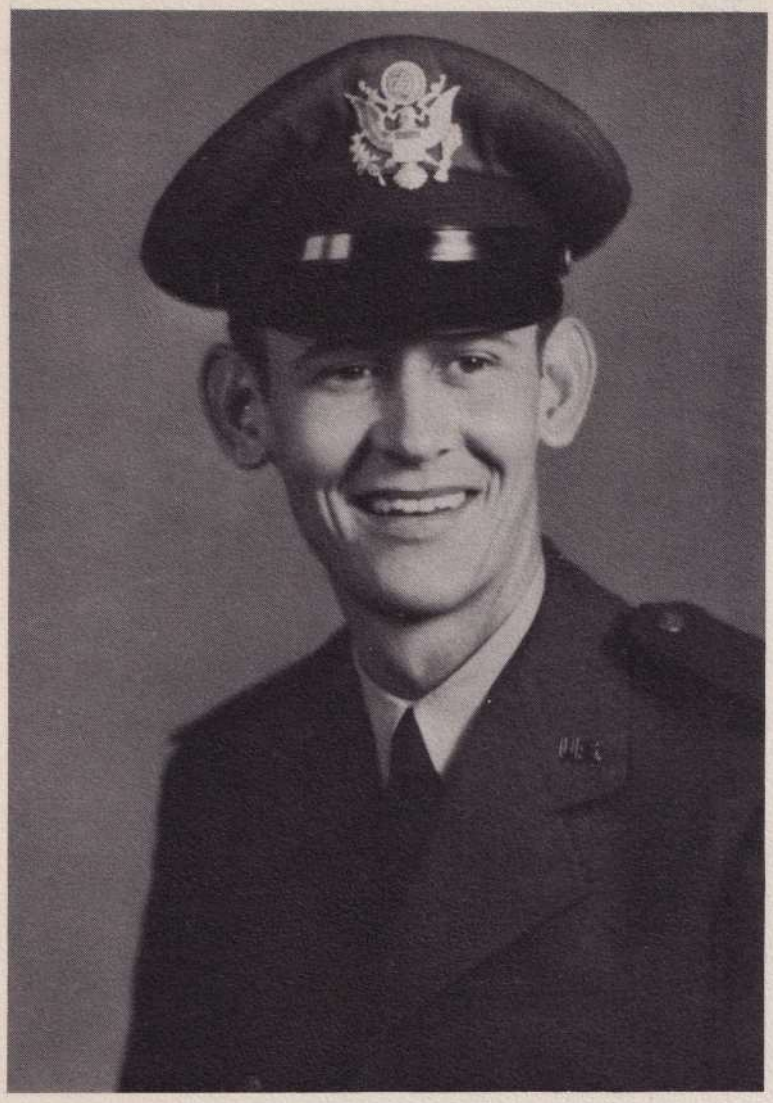
NICKNAME Jimmy Boy
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "At aboy-----"

DEWITT A. SANDERS JR.
1216 Hawthorne St.
Houston 6, Texas
Rice Institute
University of Colorado
U.S.N.
Marital Status:
Single-here's your chance
girls

NICKNAME Dee
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "Something of the sort"

EUGENE A. SOINSKI
4416 McGregor Ave.
Cleveland 5, Ohio
South High School
Western Reserve University
U.S.N.
Marital Status:
Single-my heart belongs
to mother

NICKNAME Ski
FAVORITE EXPRESSION "Is that a fact now"



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NICKNAME Zip
FAVORITE EXPRESSION Still trying huh, _____.

SWEETHEARTS OF 51-ION

"ALICE"
Jim Hawkins

"INA"
Irv Zippel

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Charlie Davis

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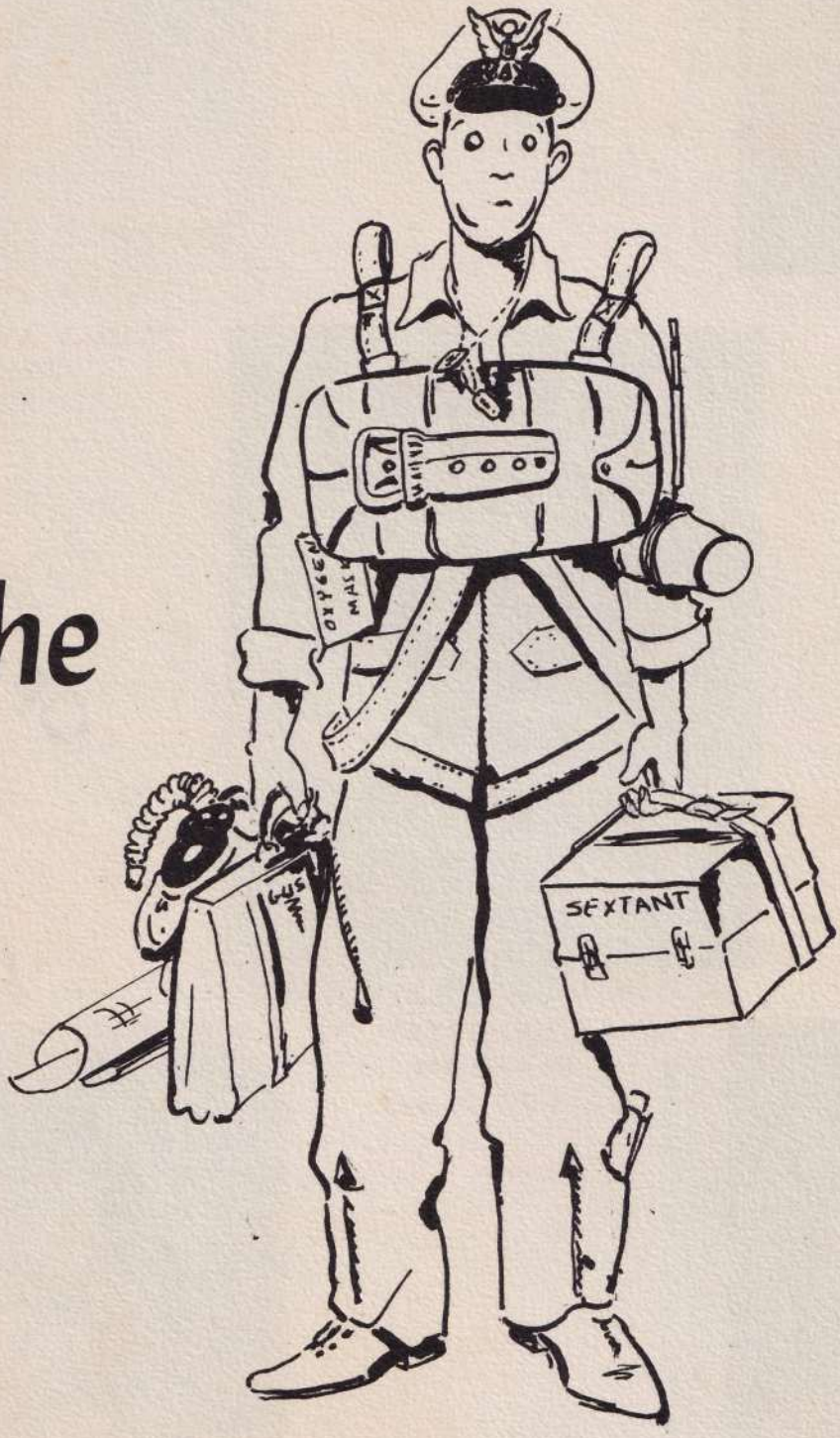
A Typical Day

in the Life of

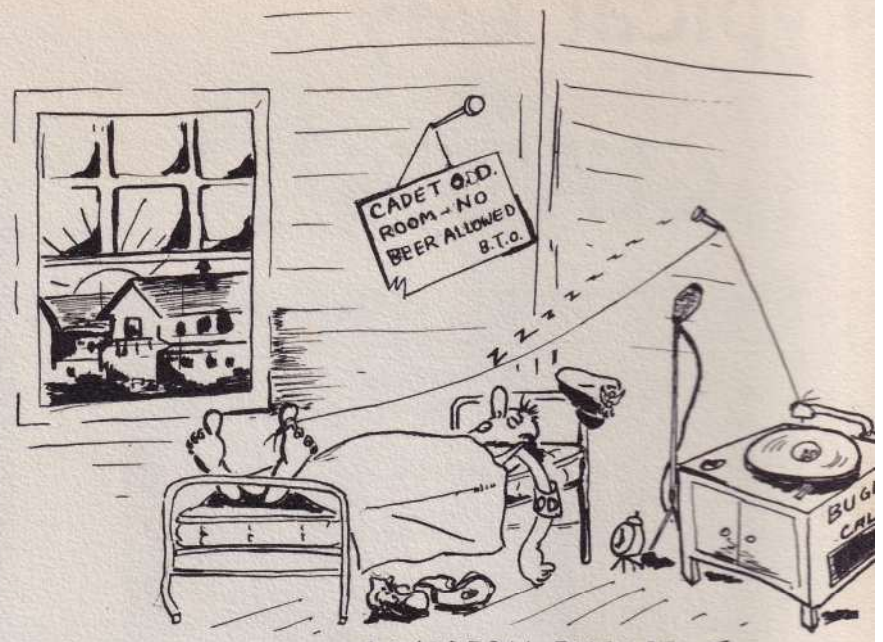


Mister Ellington

Typical Day

REVEILLE

"Gentlemen, you have 5..4..3..2..1 minute till Assembly! Uniform of the Day: Overcoats, T-Shirts, and tennis shoes!"

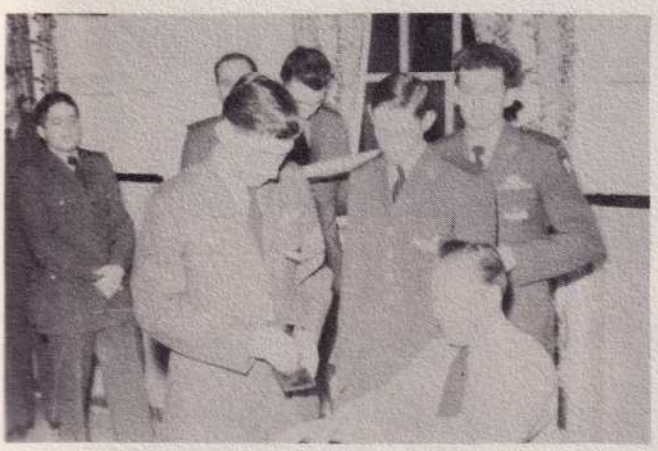


RISE

&

SHINE

MORNING CHOW



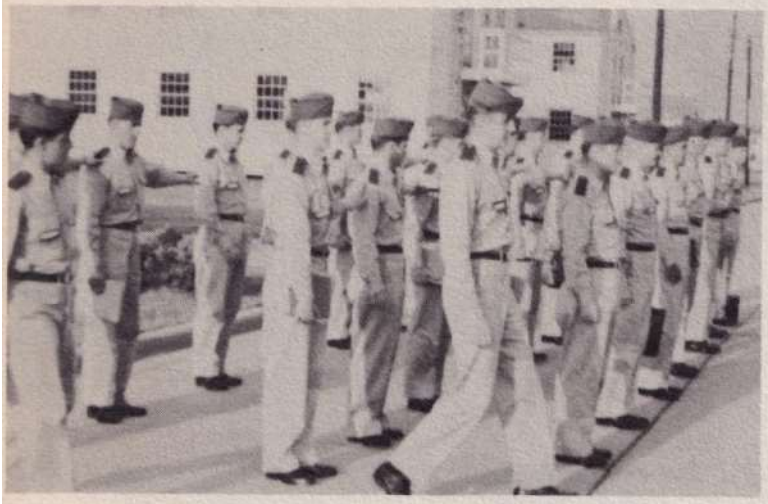
The 35¢
Blue-Plate
Special

Still
Dreaming...

Pancakes--the Cadets' K-Rations

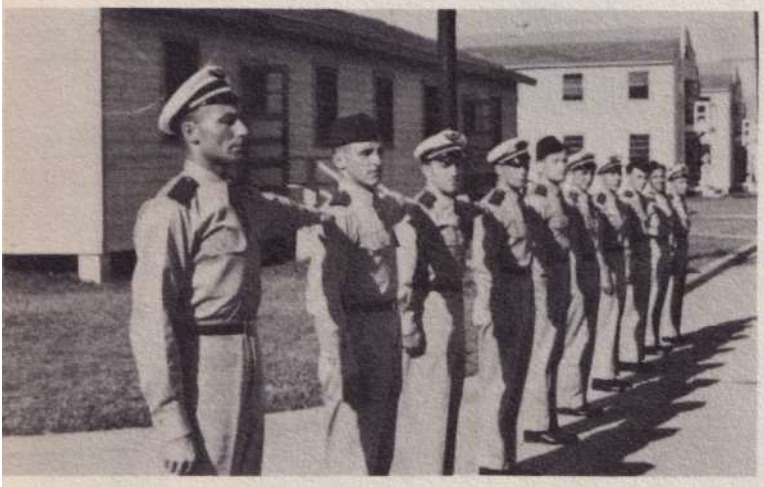
Typical Day

CLASSES



Fall in!

Where's Mother Davis?



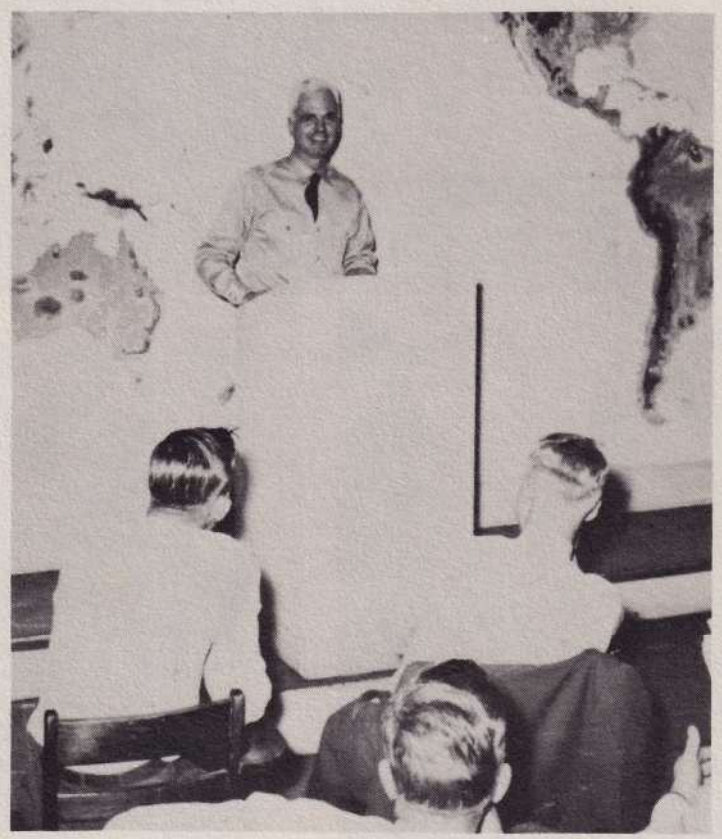
The Fighting French

Figuring Income Tax
on the E-6-B

Late Lights for C. E.

But Sir!!!

CLASSES



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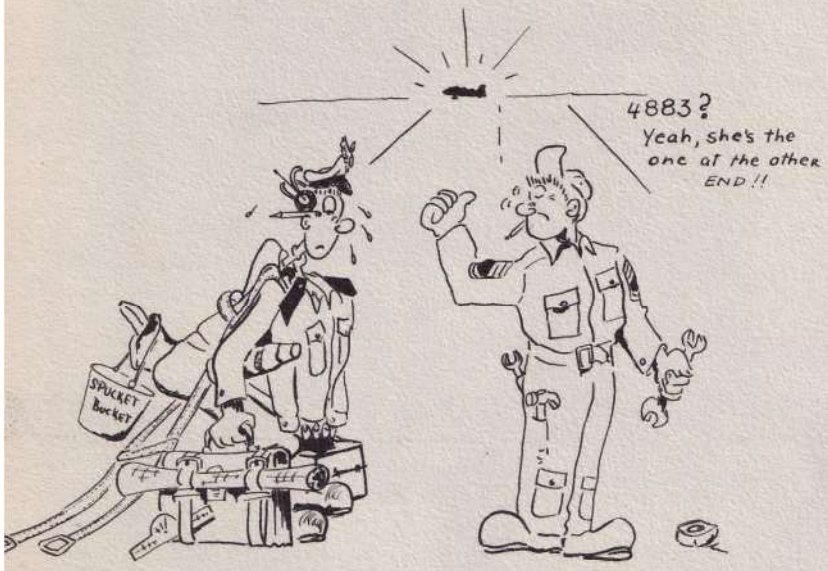
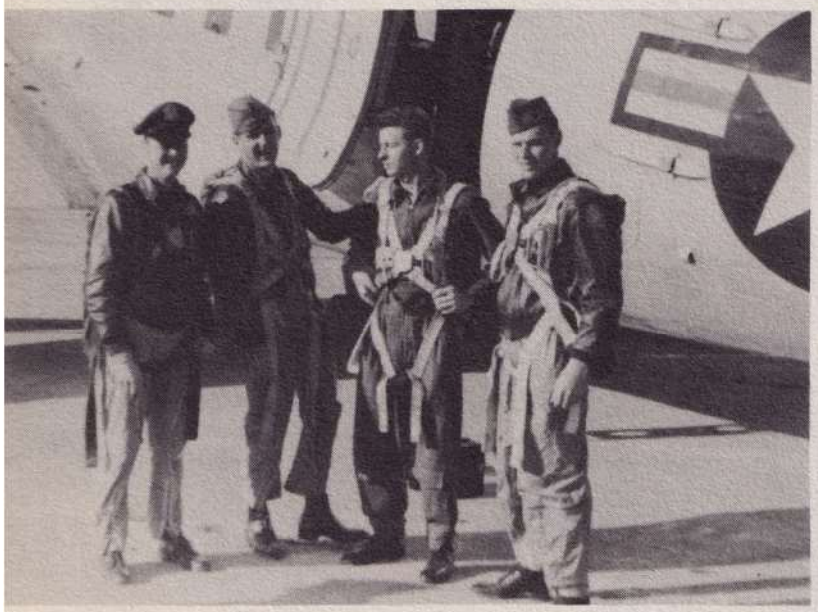
FLIGHT LINE



Junior Birdmen



This is what we've been training for.

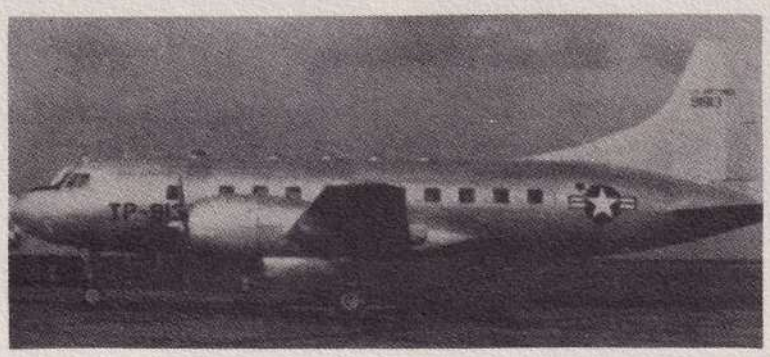
Calm, cool...and casual

Flying Classroom??

1

2

Flying pack mules



The Great Iron Bird

9/10 Cu....

It's a bird! It's a plane!
It's Super-Cadet!!

Vacuum sweeper
with wings.....

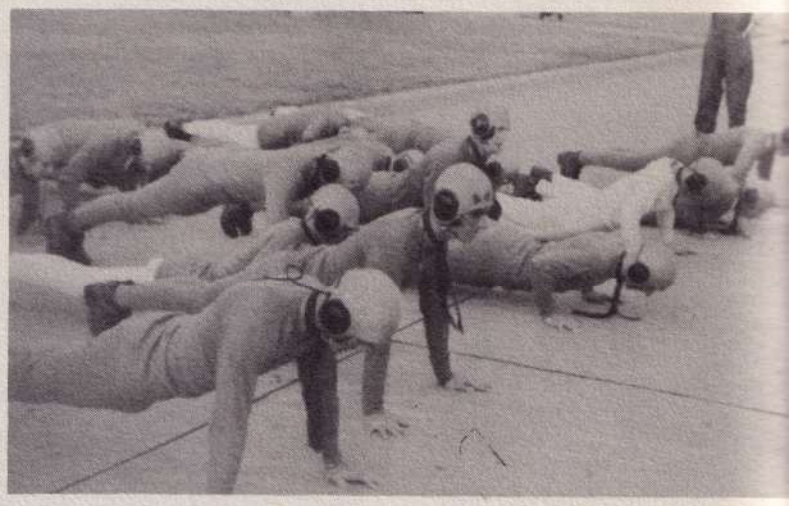
3

Who said this shot was posed?

4

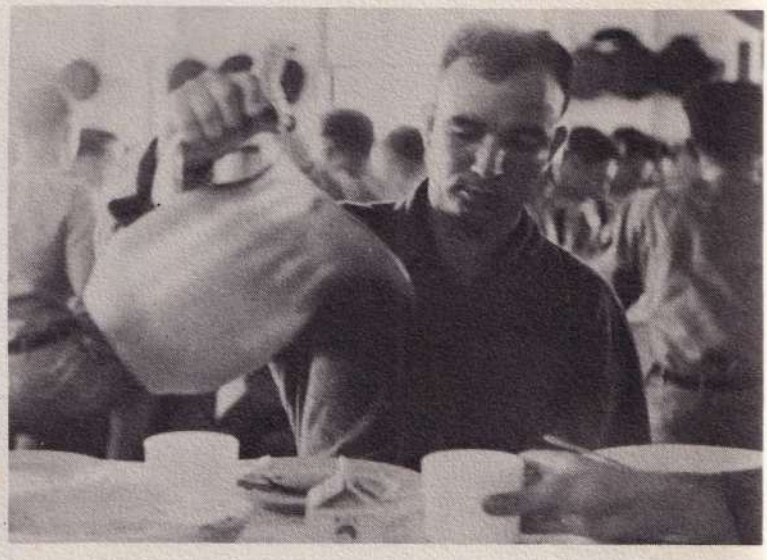
Typical Day

CLASS SYSTEM



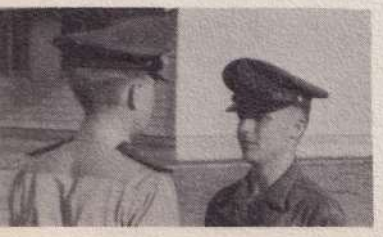
Clothing Formation

"Sir, my gastronomic satiety..."



"Gentlemen, we have purple passion..."

"Wipe that smile off, Mister!!!"



"Sir, I'm deeply embarrassed and greatly humiliated....."

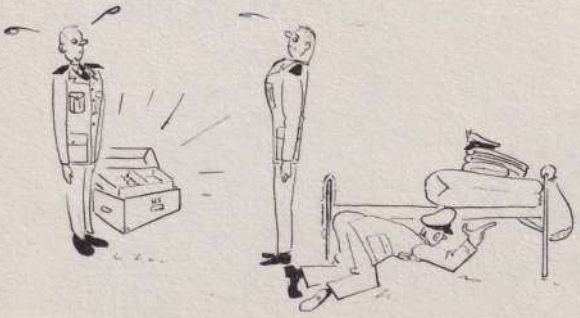
Typical Day
BARRACKS

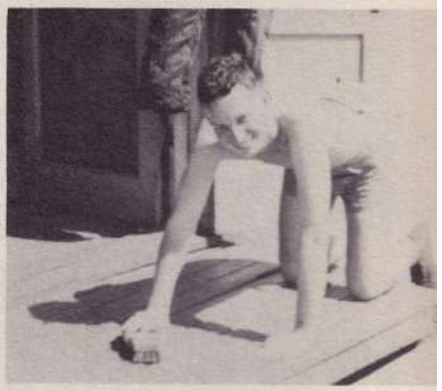
Our Home

away

from

Home.....



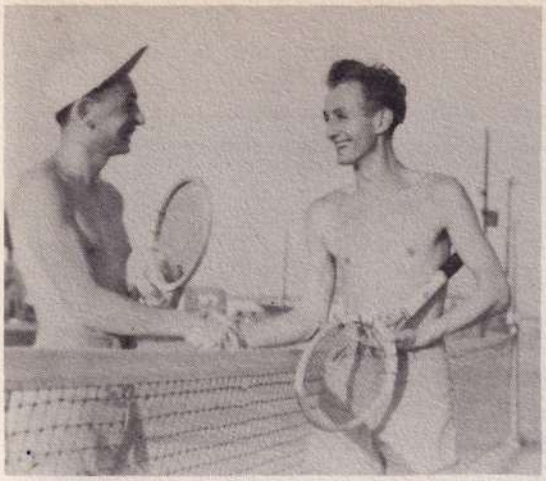


"We're gonna have a party--Hurray!!....A G.I. Party--Boooo!!"

Typical Day

OPEN POST

A backward glance
as we depart for Galveston... Houston...
and all points away from EAFB



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Typical Galveston Street
Scene

Stag line in the Emerald Room

Discussing the political situation...

Cherchez la femme!

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The Gangsters of
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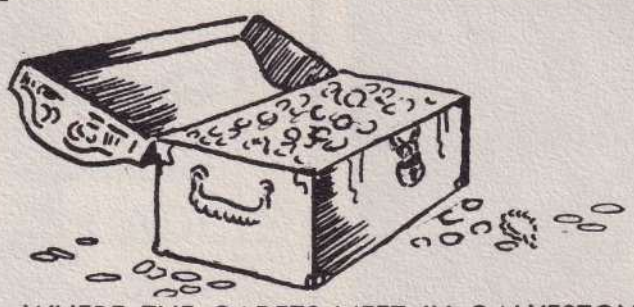

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