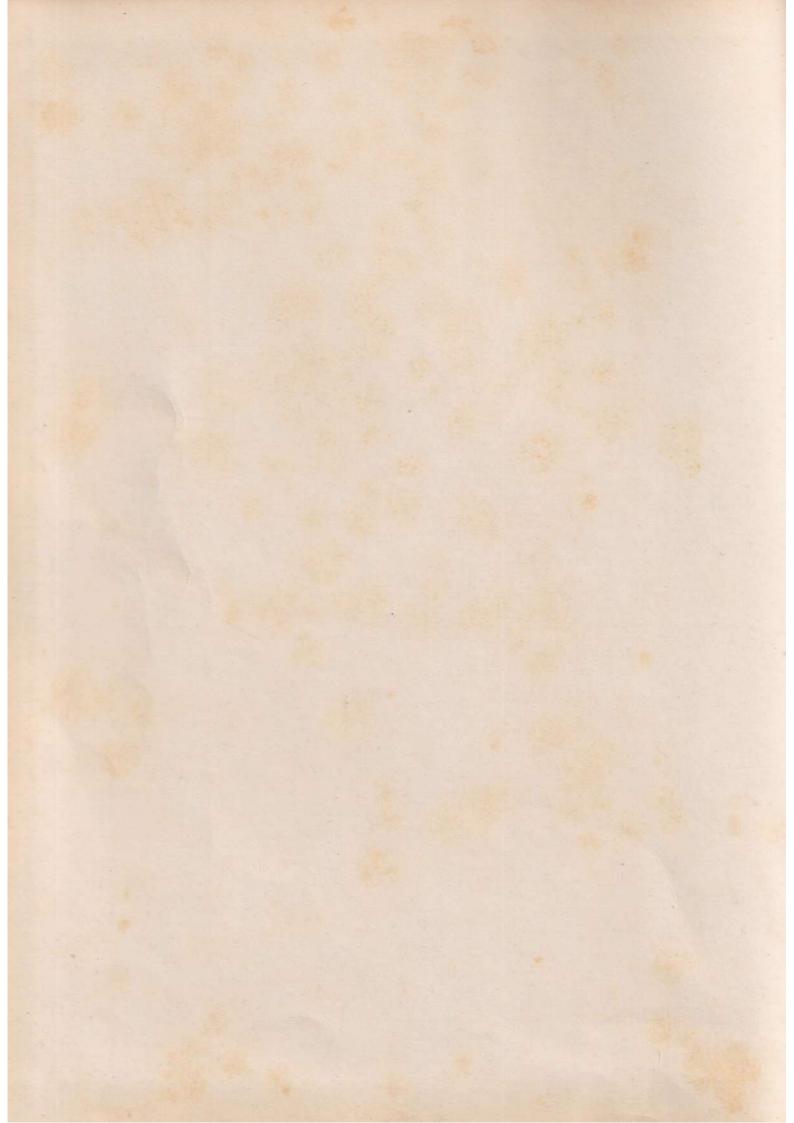




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GENTS . . . . It is wit' da utmost elation dat I presents to youse cats da most crazy conglomeration of flyboys ever to pad a Form No. 1 . . . . .

An' Wit' no furder ado . . . I presents on behalf of a REAL GEORGE outfit, da history of 'dis stupendous mob . . . .

NO SWEAN,



Signed,

A/C Ducey 2/Lt. Tocare

We, the members of Class 53-G, have at last reached the pinnacle of our dreams. We are now pilots, and we humbly dedicate this book to the instructors and personnel of Reese Air Force Base.

### THE UNSUNG HEROES LAMENT

They sat in state the heroes, in the vaulted halls of fame, In proud and scornful silence, for each had made his name. On fields of storied battles, on many a bloody sea.

Though forged in fire or carved in mire, each deed is history.

There was little Davy Crockett, and the martyr Nathan Hale.

And the rebel line that fell in Shenondoah's bloody vale.

There was Grant who had brief glory, but died another way,

And others known to time alone, but each had made his way.

There was on each haunted visage, a deep forbidding gloom,
And every gaze upon a stranger who had ambled in the room.
In his left hand was a check list, in his right an E-6-B.
His clothes were torn, his face was worn, and lined with misery.

The first to rise was Caesar, by virtue of his age,

And the finger that he pointed was trembling with his rage.

What right have ye, brash youngster, went up outrageous cries.

And the man replied, though not with pride, "I flew B-25's."

It was in the land called Texas, in the land that God forgot.

Where the sandfilled winds are piercing, and the sun is scorching hot.

We were young and brave and hopeful, fresh from T-28's,

Though somehow we knew, and the feeling grew, we were going to meet our fates.

For there's a maniac madness in the supercharger's whine.

You could hear the joints expanding in the main hydraulic lines.

And the runway strips are narrow, sand-dunes on either side.

While the crash-trucks say in a mournful way, "You're on your final ride."

The nose gear rocks and trembles, for it's held with baling wire,

And the wings are filled with thermite, to make a hotter fire.

The silver paint is peeling off, it lends an added luster,

While the pitot head is filled with lead to help the load adjuster.

The bomb-bay doors are rusted, and close with a mournful shriek, And the plexiglass is smeared with oil, from some forgotten leak. The oleo struts are twisted, and the wheels are not quite round. This sorry state, arranged by fate, is to carry you off the ground.

You taxi to the runway, 'mid the groans from the tortured gear.

And you feel the check-pilot's practiced teeth gnawing at your rear.

The co-pilot dozing on the right, in a liquor laden coma,

Mingles breath, like the kiss of death, with the putt-putt's foul aroma.

So its off in the overcast yonder, though number one is missing, And the hydraulic fluid escaping sets up a gentle hissing.

The compass dial is spinning, in a way that broods no stopping, And row by row the breakers blow with intermittent popping.

The plane has been inspected, and the maintenance records signed.

It has been classed "airworthy" by some low and twisted mind.

There is no hope, no sunny ray, to dry these tears of sorrow;

For those who land and still can stand, fly the cursed thing tomorrow.

The stranger's voice was silent, a tear shone in his eye,

And from his honored audience arose a ghastly sigh.

Great Caesar rose to meet him, with pity on his face,

And bowing low, he turned to show the stranger to HIS place.



PRES. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER Commander-in-Chief Armed Forces

GEN. N. TWINNING Chief-of-Staff United States Air Force





COL. C. P. WEST Base Commander



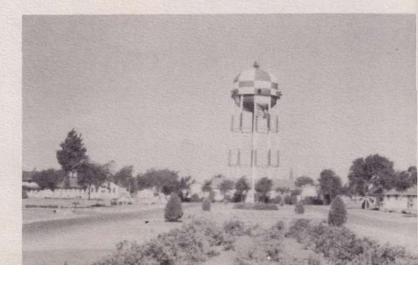


MAJ. T. SHINDLER Student Sqdn. Commander



COL. R. L. WRIGHT Group Commander





## Tac Shack

MY PENCIL IS SHARP Or We Had To Fill The Page

I climbed out of my Caddy and surveyed the barracks grimly. Hell, this was a rotten job, but a Second Balloon out on Gig Detail can't be too choosy. I lit up a Luckie and stepped up on the sidewalk, all my primeval, savage, jungle instincts keyed up for action. I patted my hip where there nestled the cool, round deadliness of a pint of Gin, and then remembered to check my shoulder holster. The pencils and "Gigs" were still there. I blew smoke savagely through my nostrils and then started up the walk with the firm step of a prowling Leopard.

The door was a massive oak thing which bruised my knuckles and made me decide to use the door-knob. A Cadet appeared. "Yes Sir?" he said. I reached out and slapped him across the mouth, and then broke his arm and knocked him down before he could shout a warning. "Squadron 'B'?" I asked. "No, he said. "They are two barracks down." "Thanks," I said. And turned on my heel and walked



LT. C. R. SCOTT Personnel Officer



MAJ. BILLY S. HOCKADAY Director of Military Training

away. Wrong barracks. Well, you can't be right all the time.

I walked down to the next group of barracks in the firm light tread of a prowling panther. I lit up another butt and squinted through the smoke at the sign on the door. It read "Squadron 'B'" as had the neon sign in the front lawn. I beat savagely on the door, another Cadet answered. "Squadron 'B'," I asked.

He mashed my teeth with a hard right, broke three ribs with a left, and kicked me as I fell. There was a crash and a blinding light. I screamed in tearing agony. The — had kicked me in the hip flask. He shot me twice in the guts and closed the door. I sat up and lit up another Luckie. What the Hell. I got to my feet and went down the walk with firm easy tread of a prowling water-buffalo . . .

He must have known I was coming!!

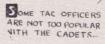


LT. C. D. HENNINGTON Squadron "B"



LT. D. H. ROEPKE Squadron "C"

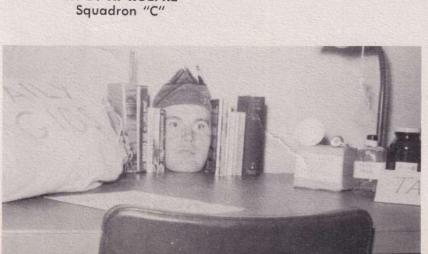








LT. J. P. HORTON Squadron "D"





LT. R. G. STEVENS Squadron "A"

## Academics



MAJ. J. D. DUFFUS Director of Academics

To the Class of 53-G

Congratulations and good luck! May you always look back on your days at Reese with rich remembrance and carry with you an inspiration that will lead you in every experience you encounter. Your training has just begun because service in the Air Force requires constant learning and practice to maintain proficiency and keep pace with everchanging techniques and equipment. Never over-estimate your abilities. Never under-estimate any opportunity to improve your skill and knowledge.

It is our hope that you carry on your teachings where ever you go and that you always strive to better the Air Force and yourself. It was a pleasure to work with you, and your Academic instructors wish you a pleasant and successful career in the United States Air Force.

ELMER E. OURS
Captain, USAF
Academic Department

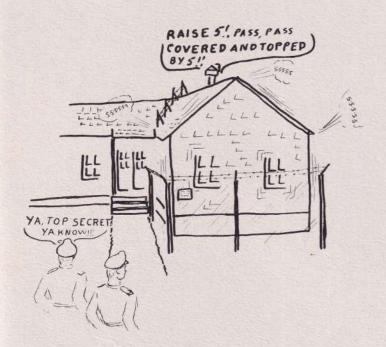
CAPT. E. E. OURS Asst' Director



"A TYPICAL MODERN USAF TRAINING FILM"



Mr. Wright, Mr. Cooley, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Wood.

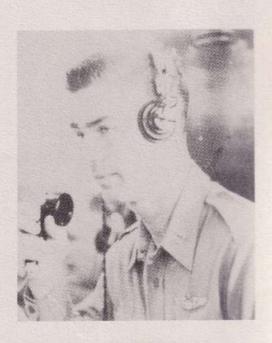




Lt. Lutche, Lt. Brock



Lt. Herb



CAPT. CASSELS Flight OPS Inst.

The Tare-28 . . . Omni . . . drops like a rock . . . better than a T-6 . . . Oh man, those guages!!





This is a true story . . . only the names, places, and happenings have been changed to protect the innocent . . . (namely the editor . . . )

SOMEBODY GOOFED!!!! Yeh, I'll say somebody goofed. I says to myself as I looked over the squalid shacks that marked Reese Air Farce Base. Forty-eight states and they pick Texas . . . Sure it's tough . . . I know . . . been here about six months . . . but now it's over, finished, kaput.

In my hand is a wrinkled envelope . . . my assignment . . . the result of six months of grueling torture, untold hardships, and life in a dry county. Before I venture to look at what dirty deal Fate has handed me . . . there are a few details I'd like to clean up . . . .

First, the TAC SHACK . . . that 20th century version of the Spanish inquisition . . . where "Weepy Willie" and his Tac Shack Mob gathered to plot foul and fierce deeds . . . As I entered, a whip cracked through the clear morning dust and the O. G. shot past me bearing his pouch of messages . . . The boys were there . . . bathing in false security . . . .



"Weepy Willie" was gnawing nervously on an A/C while "Tracy" Greene and "Dangerous Don" were debating the merits of a mudder named Hamilton in the fifth tour at T. S. Downs. "Martini Mike" Latta and "Gigs" Horton were nestled in the corner playing a quiet game of Russian Roulette to pick the honor squadron for the week . . . . I fixed those guys good . . . . swiped every damn "Gig Slip" in the place . . . .

Next to Academics . . . that tower of learning , . . college degrees all over the place B.S. (just what it says) M.S. (More of the Same) Ph.D. (Piled higher and Deeper) . . . . .

As I weaved past the twin fifties of the A.P. on guard, I heard a shot and the sound of a body hitting the floor... Capt. Cassels must be explaining the "shotgun treatment" again... As they dragged the remains from the scene, "Chaplin" Brock was heard to whisper fervently... "Mista Marsh... we'uns is heah to hep' ya'all"... From down the hall came the rattle of rifle fire...followed by the soft notes of Taps...Another Mock Trial I guess... too bad they never

find those guys innocent...Now to the Flight Planning room...ah...such fond memories... A cadet was crying in anguished tones... "Flight Service Advisory, please... They've socked in the entire Western Hemisphere"... Over his shoulder I saw a familiar sight...old Orville Wright himself...still trying to get an ATC Clearance from Kittyhawk Radio... Someone should tell him to try Channel B...

The neighboring room was a jumble of twisted bodies lying amid a maze of broken timbers ...Mr. Ogle has been cleaning out some Deadwood and Jargon I guess... I shed a tear as I passed the old A. E. room... Not much use for that any more... "Slim" Herb was R.O.N. at Laredo with a dead engine and two fifths of Vodka and besides...T.O. 60-476596-AFR-0001 had abolished flapper valves... and after all what is A.E. without flapper valves????

I fixed those Academic boys good...forged a TWX from FTAF calling for adherence to the Principles of Scientific Management.



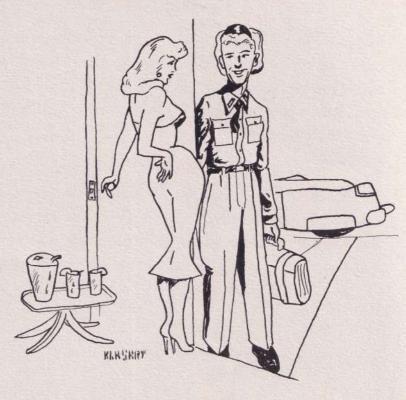
On my way to the Flight Line, I chanced by the Cadet Club... scene of many Formal Tea Parties... It was Saturday night and the boys were getting ready for the weekly "Wild Pig Hunt"...

Now the Flight Line...these boys were pretty good... a few eight balls and Section Eight cases...and a little chicken when it came to outside loops and gear up landings...but as a whole they were a pretty good lot... I wonder if Landers has cleared Klemak for solo yet????? But wait... I have a job to do... Cautiously I went through every locker in the Flight Shack... taking every Trophy... What were the Trophies you ask??? Well, look over your shoulder and down... Headhunters collect heads...instructors eat a little lower on the hog...

At last, my task is completed...the great moment is here...for the first time I would look in that envelope and see what 13 months of sweat and blood had given me... My trembling fingers tore open the sheaf of papers...what what would it be .... 46's...36's...26's..... no-o-o-o-o 6's .....

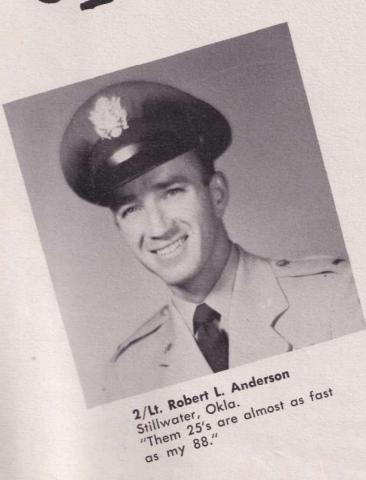


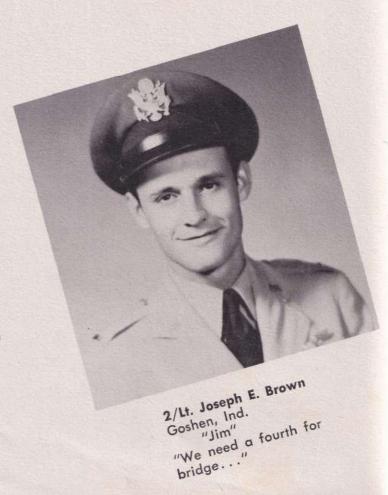
2/Lt. Robert L. Abrams Loveland, Colo. "Abe" "'Druther go fishin'"



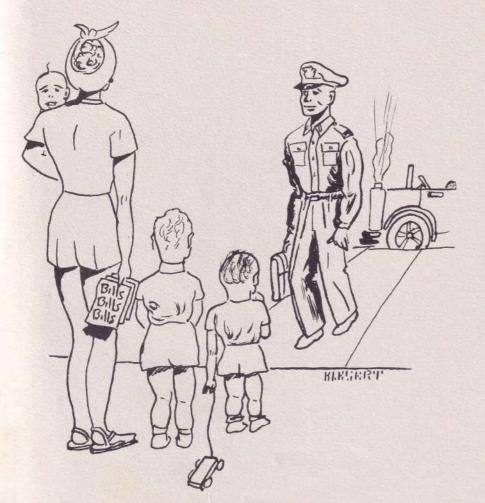
Cadet version of officer's life.

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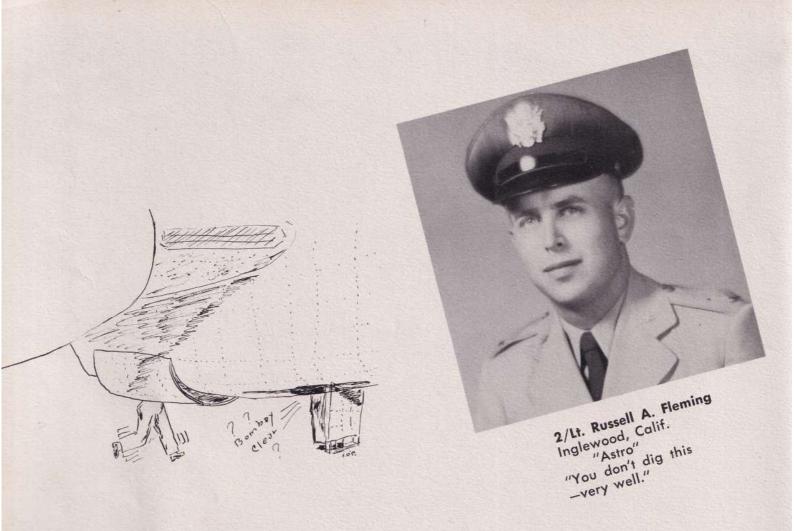




Officer's version of officer's life...



2/Lt. Wendell E. Cosner Laramie, Wyo. "Wendy" "One churnin' and one burnin'."





2/Lt. George G. Ganjon Randallstown, Md. "Strums his guitars with six guns."



2/Lt. Allen C. Grubbs
Bowling Green, Ky.
"Al"
"Kentucky moonshine is better
than this 91 octane."

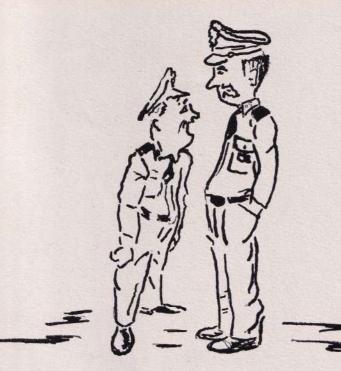


2/Lt. David W. Gustin Millbrook, N. Y. "After Nov. 7 he'll only mark the calendar once a month."

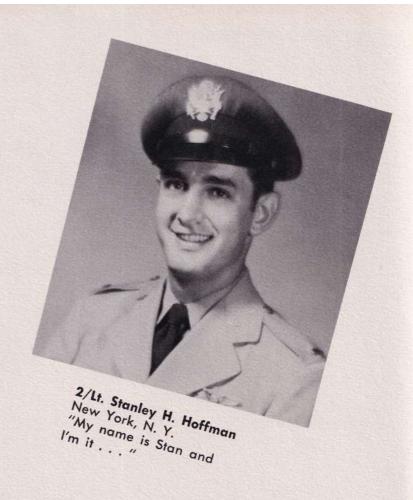


2/Lt. George E. Hart Savannah, Ga. "The confederacy is gone...George!"





Just who are you calling "Fat" Mr. Landers?















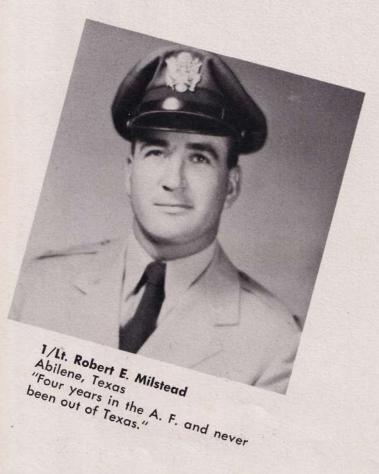
KELSAY, are you still in that hole...

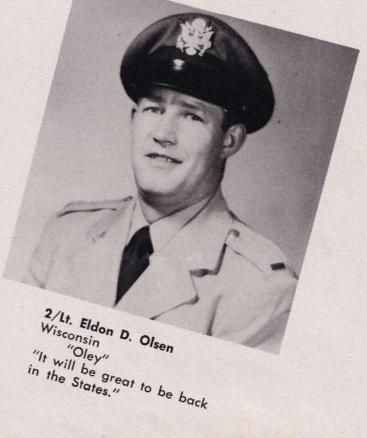


2/Lt. William A. McLendon Carrollton, Ga. "I'll 'Gig' you..."



Lt. Milstead, turn off that fan before you lose the **rest** of your hair...









Mr. Petesch flys well, but his military bearing is poor.



Capt. Nelson O. Pohl Atchison, Kan. "Nels" "When I was in Alaska..."



2/Lt. Lloyd E. Price Chicago, Ill. "Why do they call me Red???"



2/Lt. Robert H. Russell Phoenix, Ariz. "Russ" "To hell with maps, turn on the "bird-dog..."







SOMETIMES THE CADETS WONDER ABOUT THE STUDENT OFFICERS





2/Lt. James R. Slicker St. Petersburgh, Fla. "Somebody goofed, yak... yak..."



2/Lt. George E. Terry Mamaroneck, N. Y. "What do you mean, 'no hair'..."



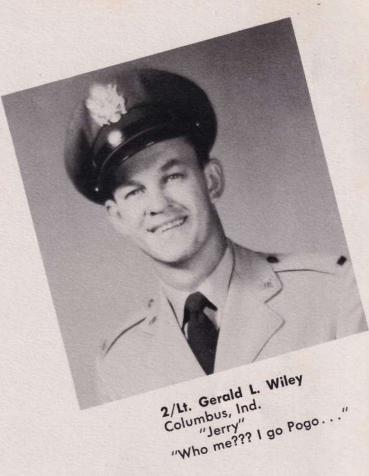


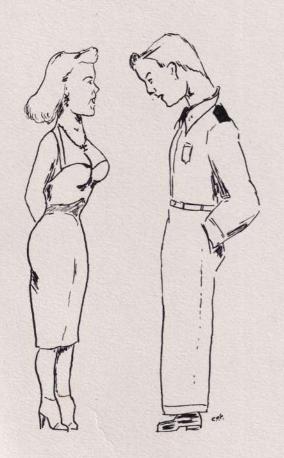
"Yes 'Tilly,' I know I said 'pick up a pig,' but after all..."

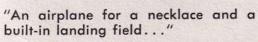












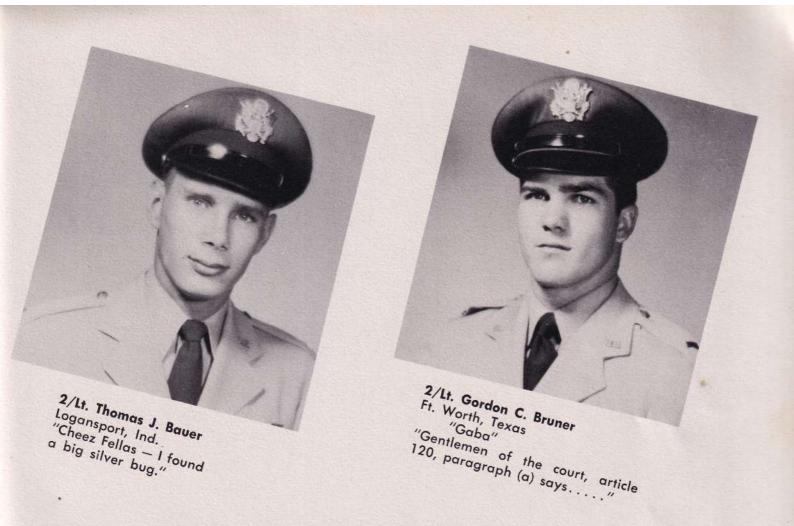


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**2/Lt. Jarvis M. Adams** Greenfield, N. H. "I'm a long way from home..."

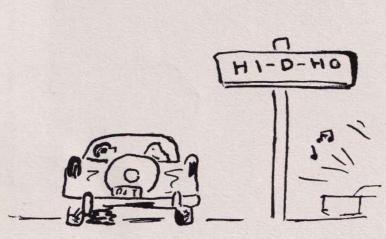








2/Lt. Jerry D. Byers
Paso Robles, Calif.
"Goin' to wig and wag in big
A... Viva Zapata."



"Hi-D-Ho" control, request permission for right hand traffic...over..."



2/Lt. Howard S. Carroll

Aldan, Pa.

Aldan, Pa.

You guys don't get this huh?"

engineering very well...huh?"



2/Lt. John W. Cartwright
Fargo, N. Dak.
Fargo Jack"
Jack"
Where do they park the
B-47's??"

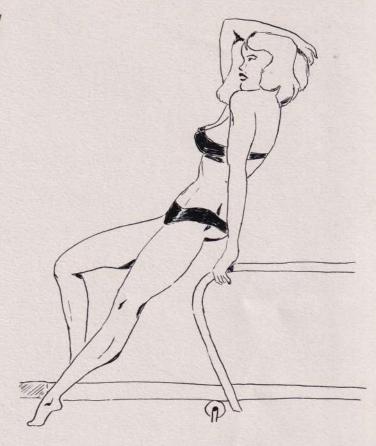


2/Lt. William C. Couch

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Watertown, N. Y.





"I like pilots."



2/Lt. Carleton E. Cronkhite
Westmont, III.
"Now where did Couch put the
golf clubs?"



2/Lt. William C. Dunn
Meadville, Pa.
"An expert on Military Law."



DON'T HANGUP IF IT SQUEALED, -



**2/Lt. Edward T. Edwards** Chicago, III. Took refuge...into a good class.









2/Lt. Don F. Holm Oakland, Calif. "Stan's right hand torpedo."



"Stag party' at the club..."



2/Lt. Ronnie G. Hood Independence, Iowa "Ron" "I like to plow, but not with a B-25..."



2/Lt. Gordon W. Hahn Gardena, N. Dak. "Going to Angelo this week end???"









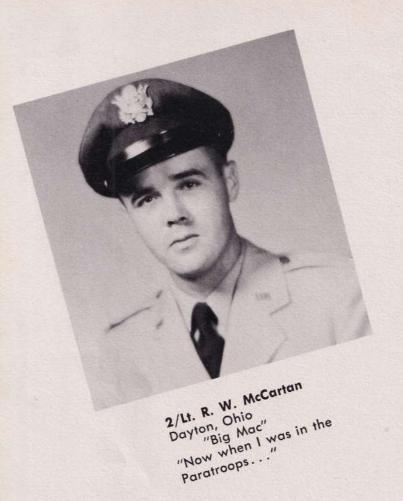
"Yah, Red, somebody goofed!!!"

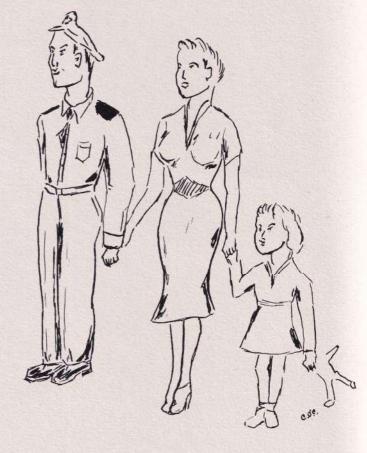


2/Lt. William M. Klesert Tucson, Ariz. "Who me, I draw cartoons."



2/Lt. Howard B. Mall Oak Hill, Kan. "I think I'm pretty handsome..."





Who, Sir??... Me, Sir?... Oh, Sir!!.. No!!, Sir!!...

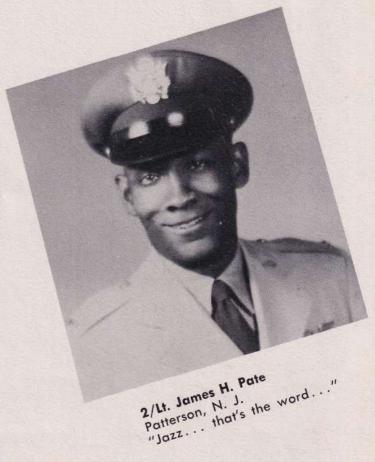


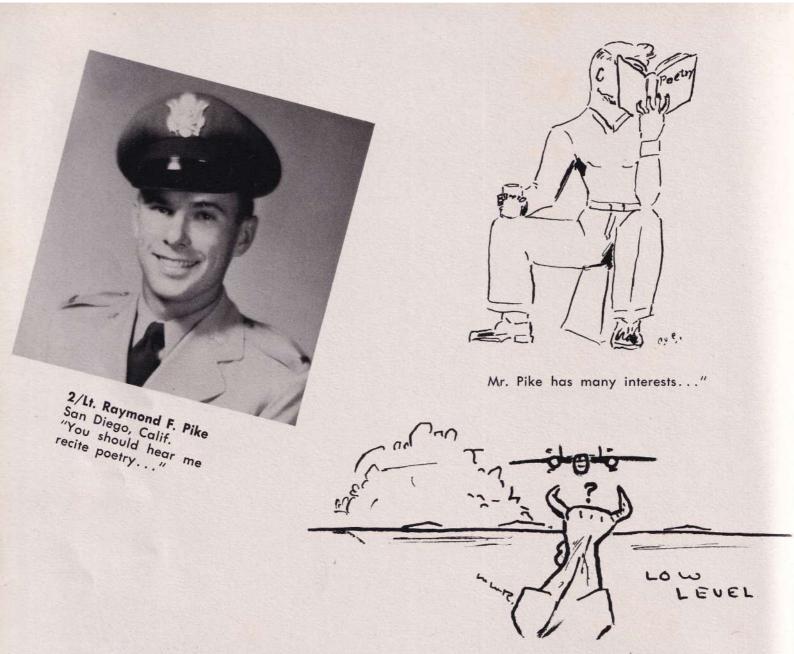


"Rosedale's near Terre Haute, the center of American culture..."











2/Lt. John H. Perritti Great Falls, Mont. "Let's liven the place up a little..."



2/Lt. Wesley W. Rhodes Van Buren, Ind. "I'm old enough to vote now..."

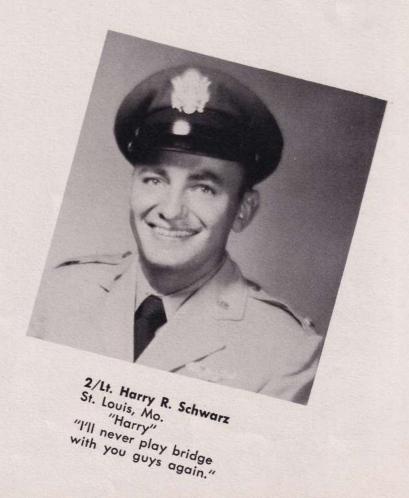


2/Lt. John R. Rimmer San Antonio, Texas "Johnnie" "O. K. you guys, I am in step."



**2/Lt. Francis T. Schmitz** Winthrop Harbor, III. "That 25 is sooo big..."









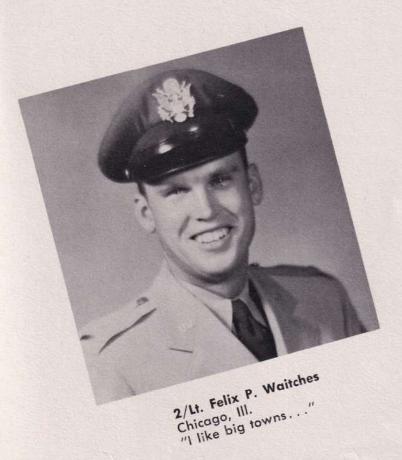


THERE ARE MORE THAN OUF-AND A HALF GIRLS PER CADET AT TEXAS TECH COLLEGE!











HEY , - YOU THROUGH WITH THE STOOL?



2/Lt. Robert E. Waller Claremore, Okla. "Bob" "I guess I lost my head."



2/Lt. Harry B. Winchester, Jr. Minneapolis, Minn. "Burt" "The day I hit the horse."





Home sweet home!!

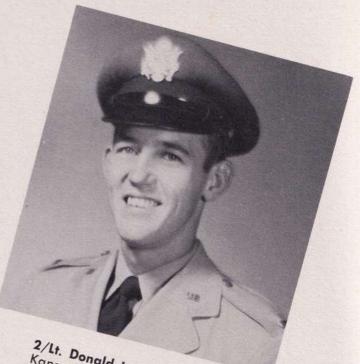
No spinach, please.



Lt. Waller,I think I've found the reason for your flying slump!!!



1/Lt. Umberto M. Amerio
Oakland, Calif.
"Now Tessie, it was this
way..."



2/Lt. Donald L. Arth

Kansas City, Mo.

"Aw, come on guys... this is
only the sixth letter today."



"I dreamt I went flying in my maiden form bra..."





2/Lt. Peter H. Bartels
Bellflower, Calif.
"Who's your new roommate —









"Why yes, I fly with Weiland."



2/Lt. Kenneth L. Burgess

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Earth, Texas

"There's Texas, then there's the

"There's Texas, then (Ed. Note...)

other half of the U.S. (Ed. Note...)

The half that blew away.)



2/Lt. John P. Clark Union, N. J. "Jelke has nothing on me."



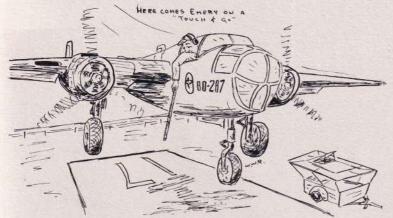
"Br-r-a-a-c-k."





2/Lt. Thomas W. Craven West Plains, Mo. "Goin' to town to visit my Elite friends."





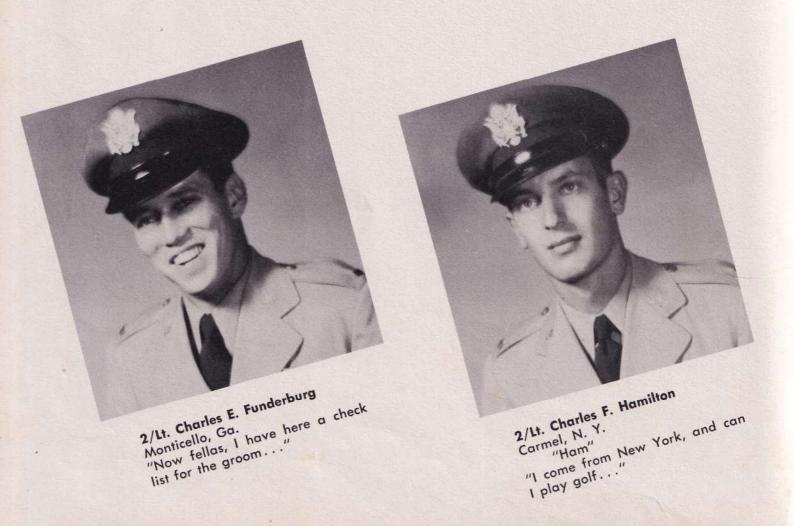


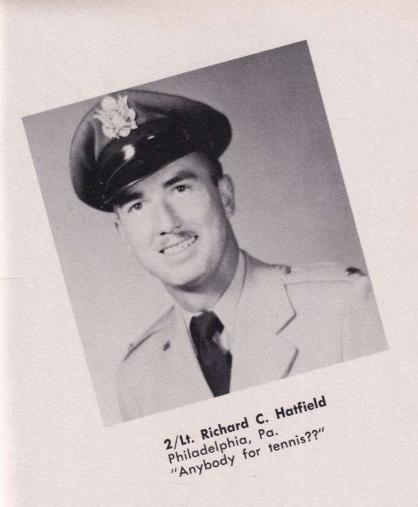


Mr. Hamilton is quite a sport!!



2/Lt. Charles L. Gravat, Jr. Knobel, Ark. "Astro...side track your nose and I'll give you a dollar for every time I miss..."









2/Lt. Gene Hess, Jr. Herington, Kan. "The best damn navigator for Hi-De-Ho Pattern."



2/Lt. Rodney H. Howes
Jat, Maine
"Ah, come on fellas... let's have
a fire drill."

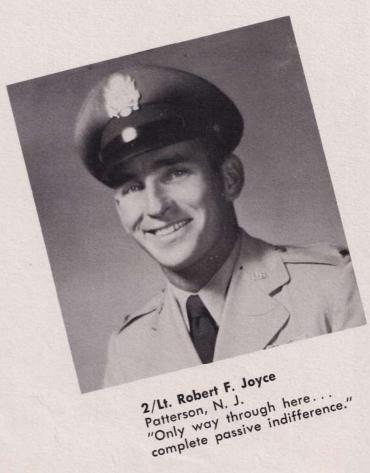




2/Lt. Rolland G. Hull Burton, Ohio "Rol" "Well dear, a DF Homer works this way..."



"Annapolis man makes





2/Lt. Charles R. Koepke Long Beach, Calif. "I'm the strong silent type..."



"Koepke does it again."

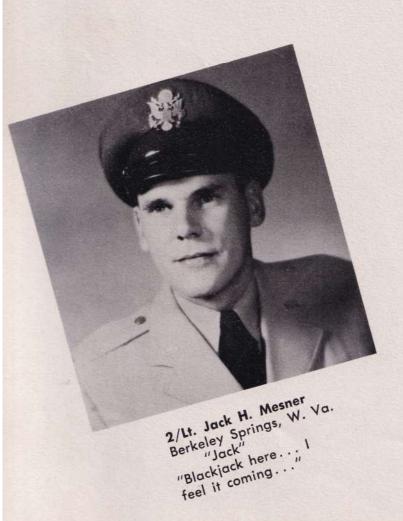




2/Lt. George M. Miller Lincoln, Kan. "Reville, what's that..."

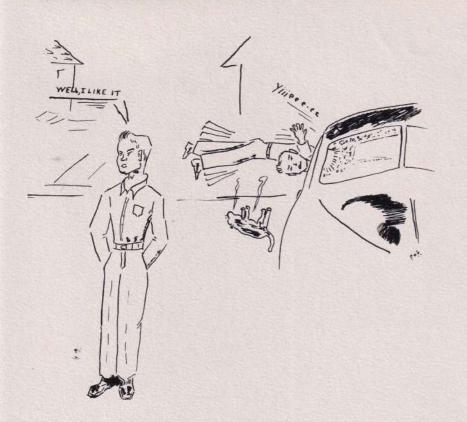


Laff — damn it — but you guys don't know what you're missing.





2/Lt. Robert R. Mendonca Honolulu, Hawaii "What do you mean MDAP?"



"Mr. O'Connor has rather loud upholstery..."

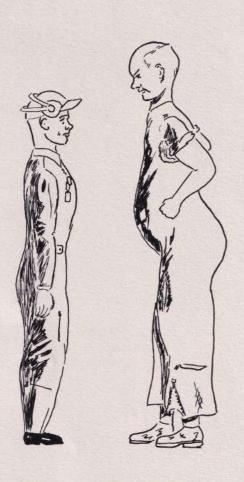


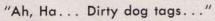
1/Lt. Wallace M. Morgan
Davenport, lowa
"Wally"
"Have a cigar..."

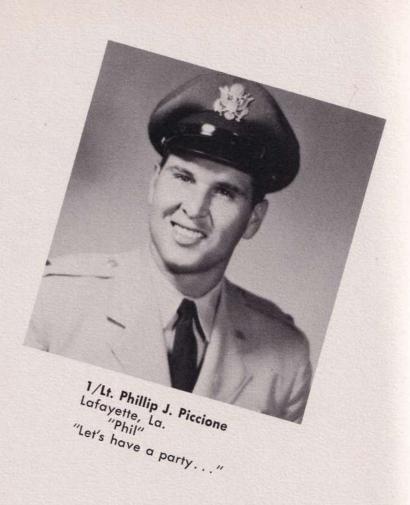


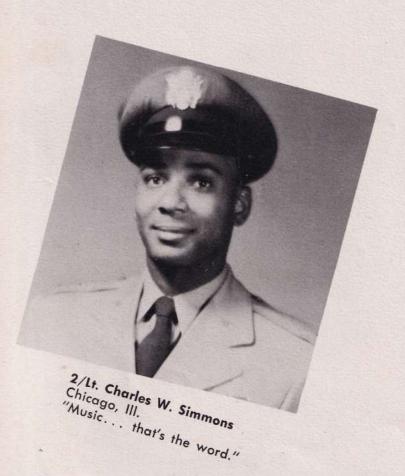
2/Lt. Charles E. O'Connor Pueblo, Colo. "What's the matter with Colorado..."





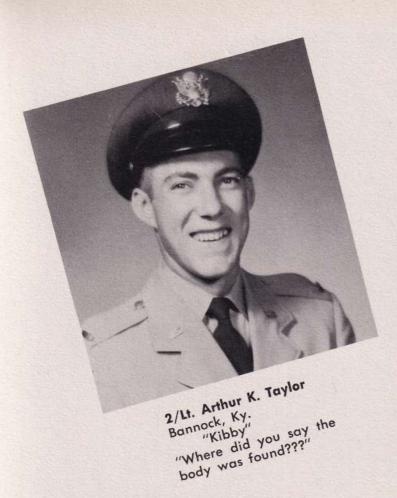


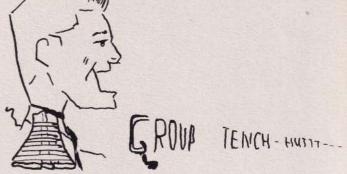






2/Lt. John J. Stanton, Jr. Brighton, Mass. "Sure, I'll tell a story..."



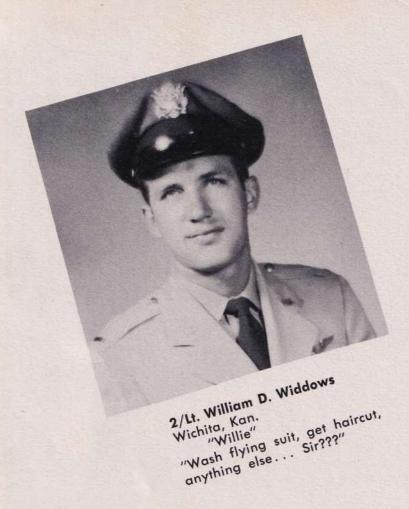


"Mr. Yates is at it again."



2/Lt. Marvin D. Thornton Chillicothe, Ohio "Boy, will that car go..."







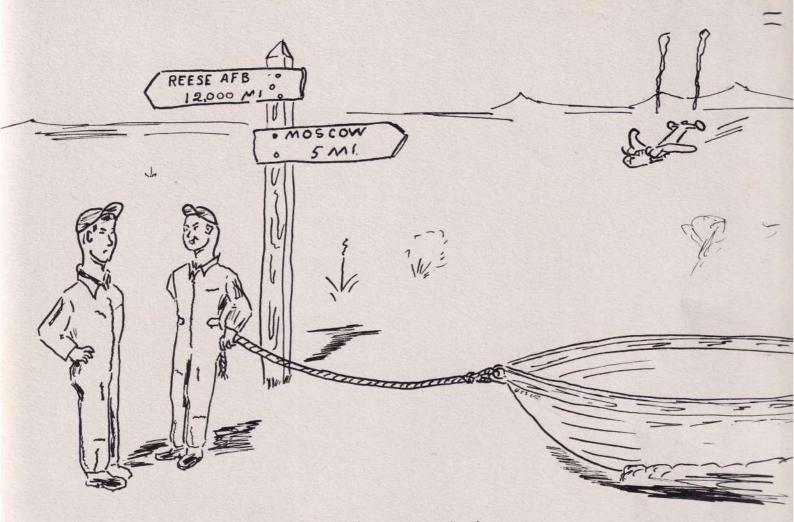
"My names Powell and I like Texas (you'all)."



2/Lt. Paul D. Yates Rocky Mount, N. C. "Who says I'm drunk with power..."



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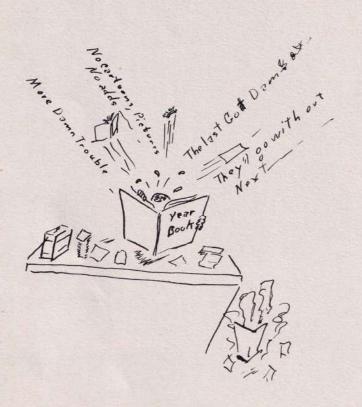


Now we can tell them we're Volga boatmen.



1/Lt. Leland A. York Spring Hill, Kan. "You see, once upon a time..."

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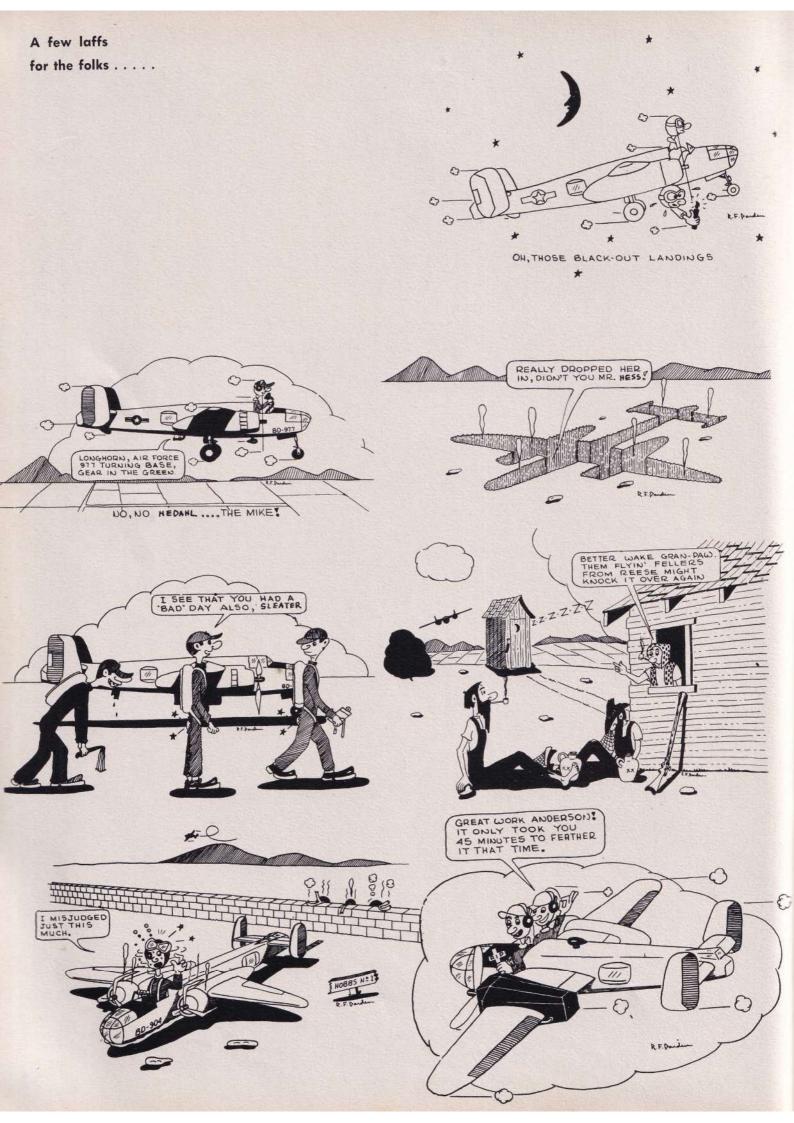


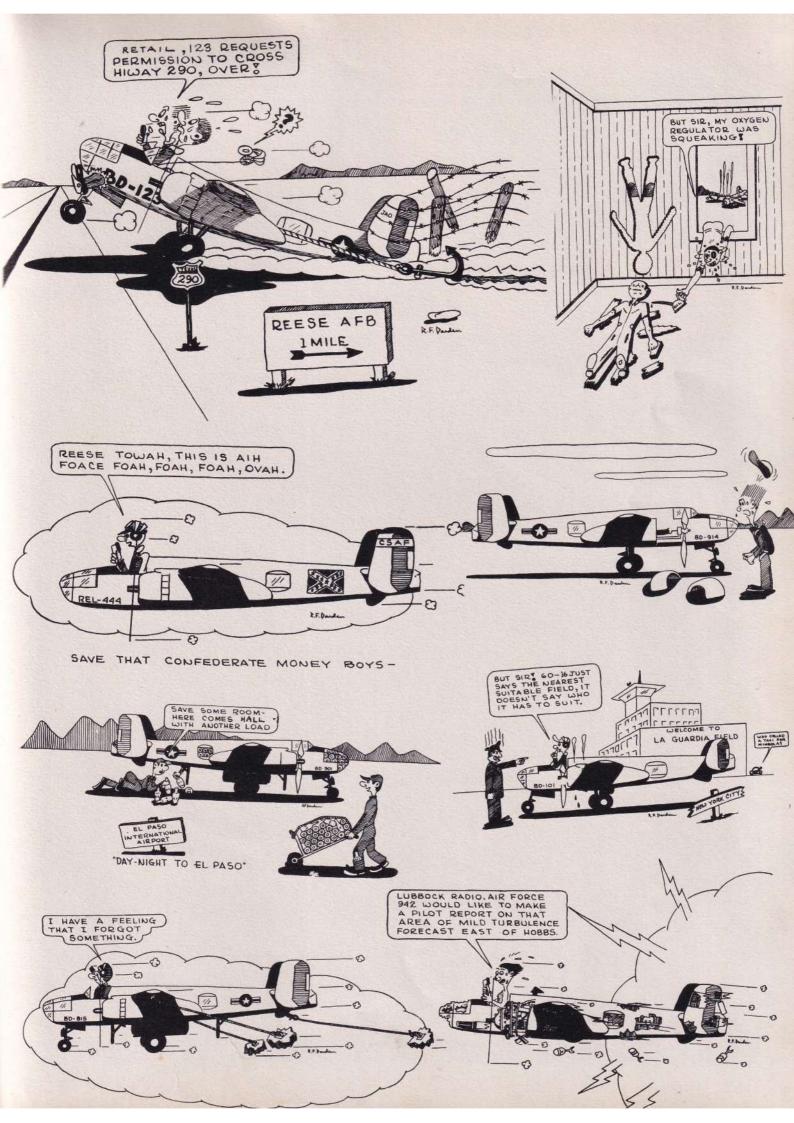
Darling, your eyes are like deep pools of sparkling water; your lips are like two little red rosebuds with the morning dew; your teeth are like the finest of pearls; but you have the damndest looking nose I have ever seen on anything except an African anteater.







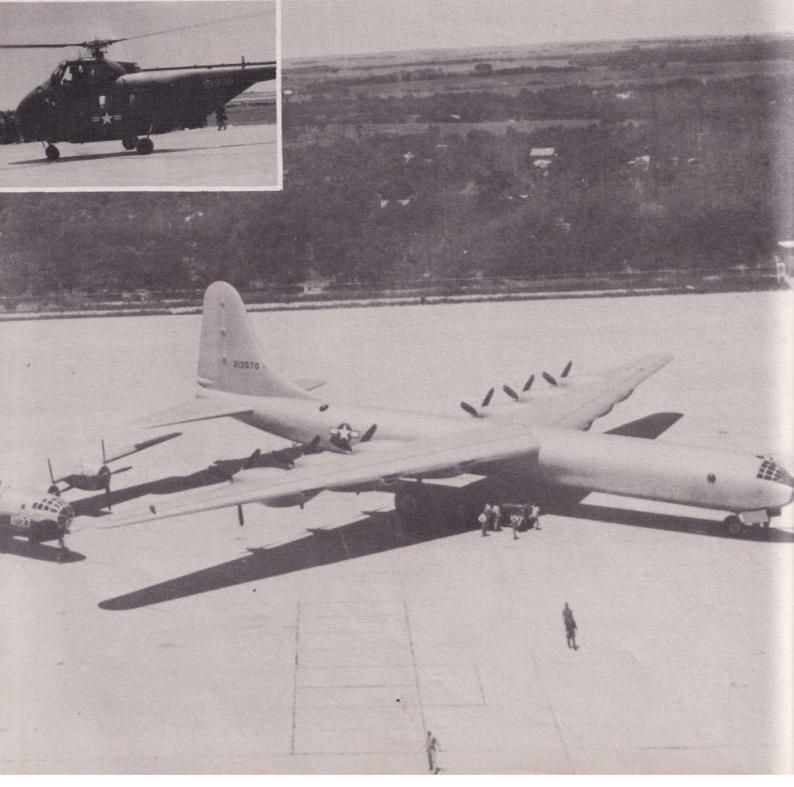




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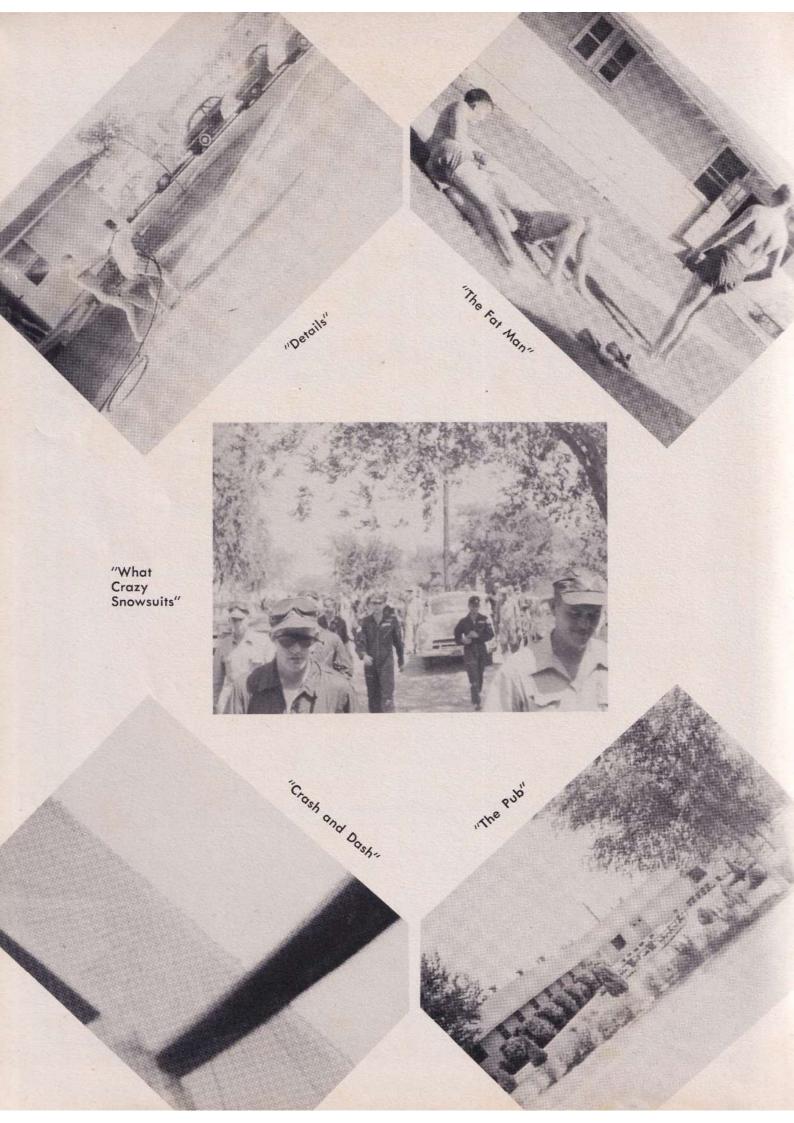
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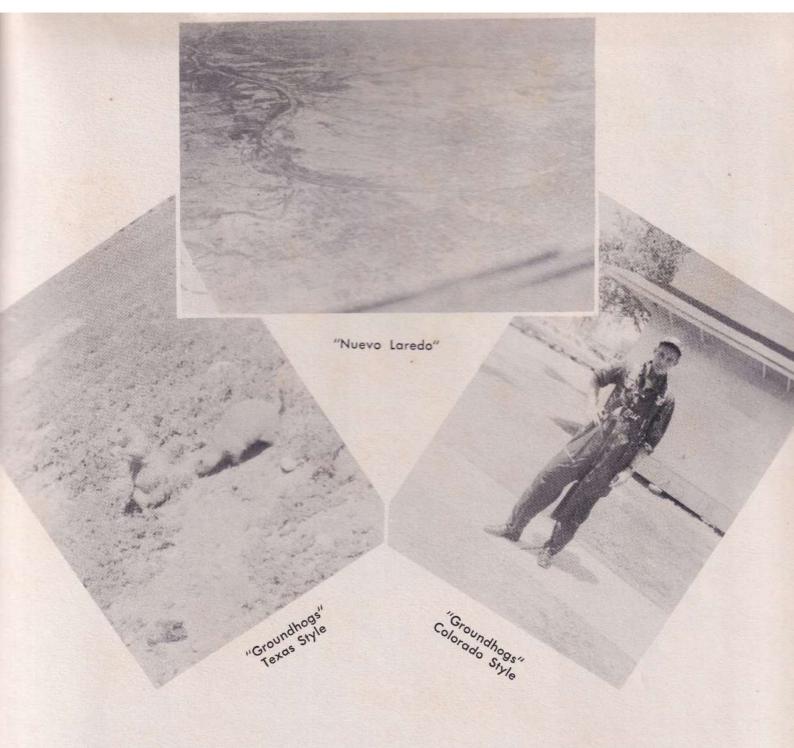
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Stu. Off.: "That's not the word!!!"

Inst.: "How did you come to puncture the tire???"

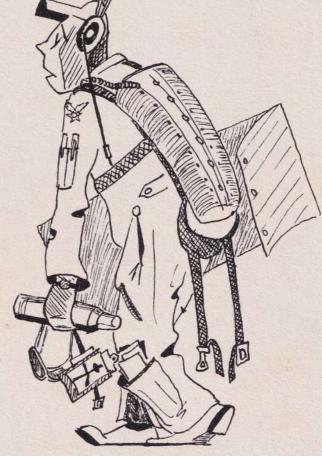
S. O.: "Ran over a fire bottle, Sir."
Inst.: "Didn't you see it in time???"

S. O.: "No, the crew chief had it under his coat..."



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