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DEDICATION

Oh, I have slipped the surly
bonds of Earth,
And danced the skies on
laughter-silvered wings;--
Sunward I've climbed, and
joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds--and
done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of--
wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence,
Hovering there,
I've chased the shouting wind
along, and flung
My eager craft through footless
halls of air--
Up, up the delirious, burning
blue,
I've topped the wind-swept
heights with easy grace,
Where never lark, nor even
eagle flew,
And while, with silent, lifting
mind I've trod
The high, untrespassed sanctity
of space,
Put out my hand and touched the
face of God.

RONALD W. BRAUER

A.F. BURKHARDT

Then God said,

"Wait... and I'll unbind

Those strings that

Hold you earthbound.

I need only pluck away

That tiny thread

That clings there

To your wings,

And holds them

From their fullest spread.

For though you may have

Hurled yourself against the sky

You still must lean upon my hand

Before you fly."

COLONEL ERNEST F. WACKWITZ, JR.
Commanding Officer
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Office of the Commanding Officer

1 May 1953

Members of Class 53-C:

I consider it a great honor to be given the opportunity to address these remarks to so fine a group of young men.

Since your arrival at Webb Air Force Base, you, as a class, have contributed in large measure to the morale and esprit de corps of the Aviation Cadet program and to the base as a whole by your willing cooperation and outstanding example of leadership.

Particularly, I would like to commend each of you for your devotion to methods of improving our Aviation Cadet program. Not only has your conduct within existing procedures been exemplary, but you have greatly furthered in practice the Cadet Honor System established by your upper class.

Let me urge each of you to carry this same spirit of leadership and devotion to duty with you as you go from here to become pilots in the United States Air Force. You, as individuals and as a group, can do much toward insuring that our Air Force will remain the finest, the most effective, and the best-manned Air Force in the world. Good luck and Godspeed.

Sincerely,

Ernest F. Wackwitz, Jr.
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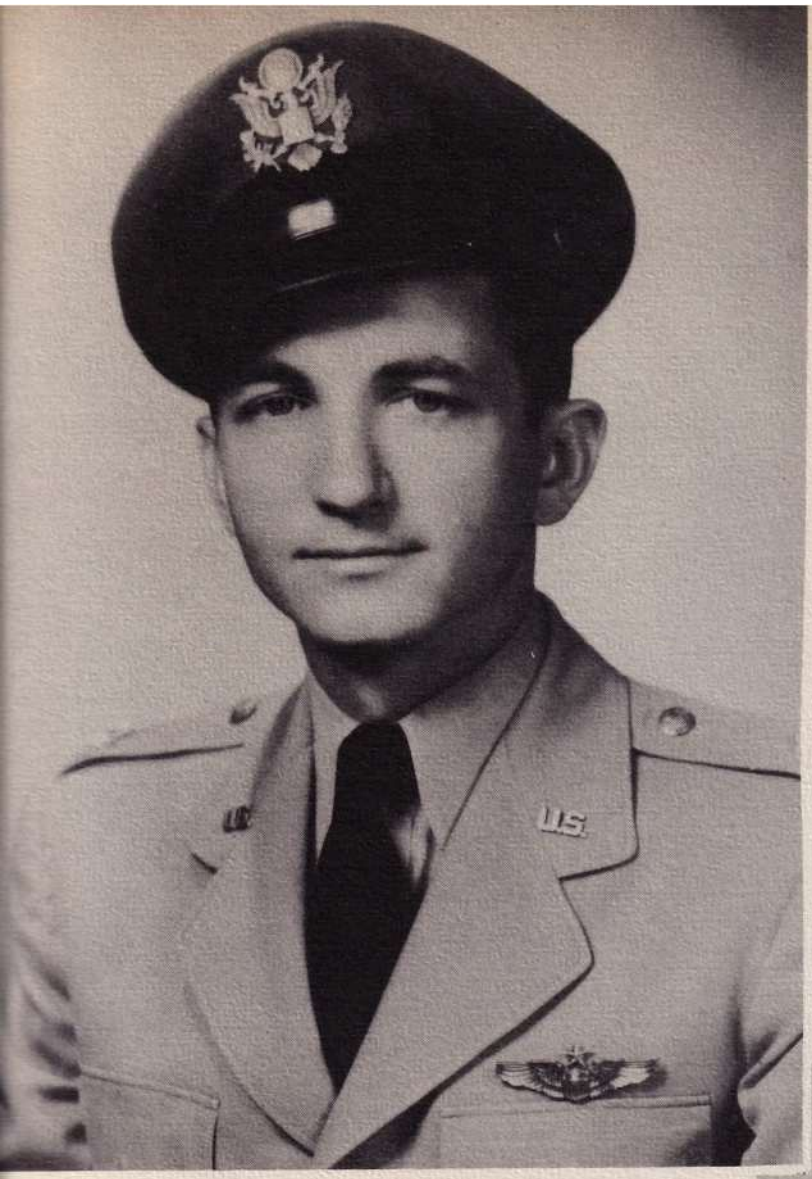

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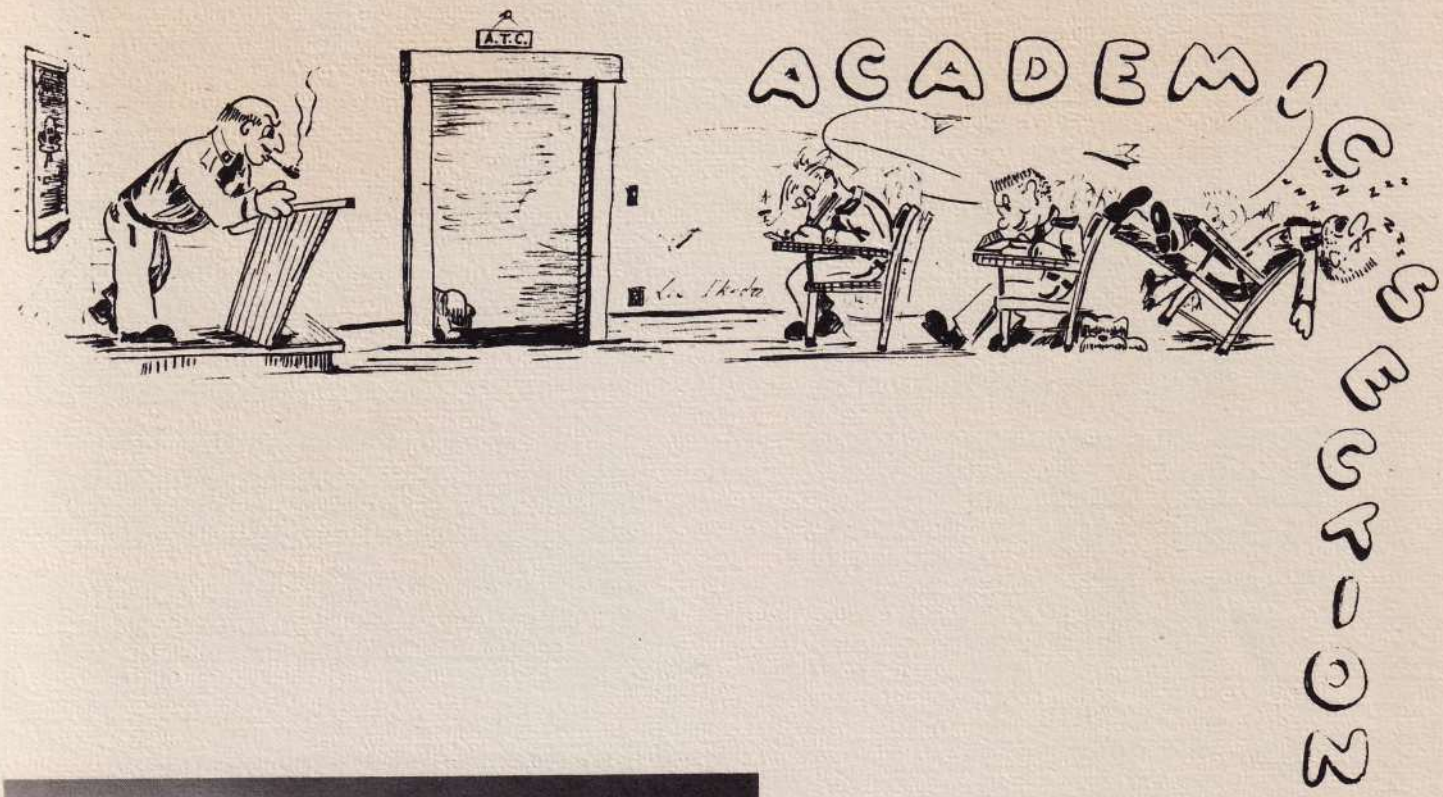

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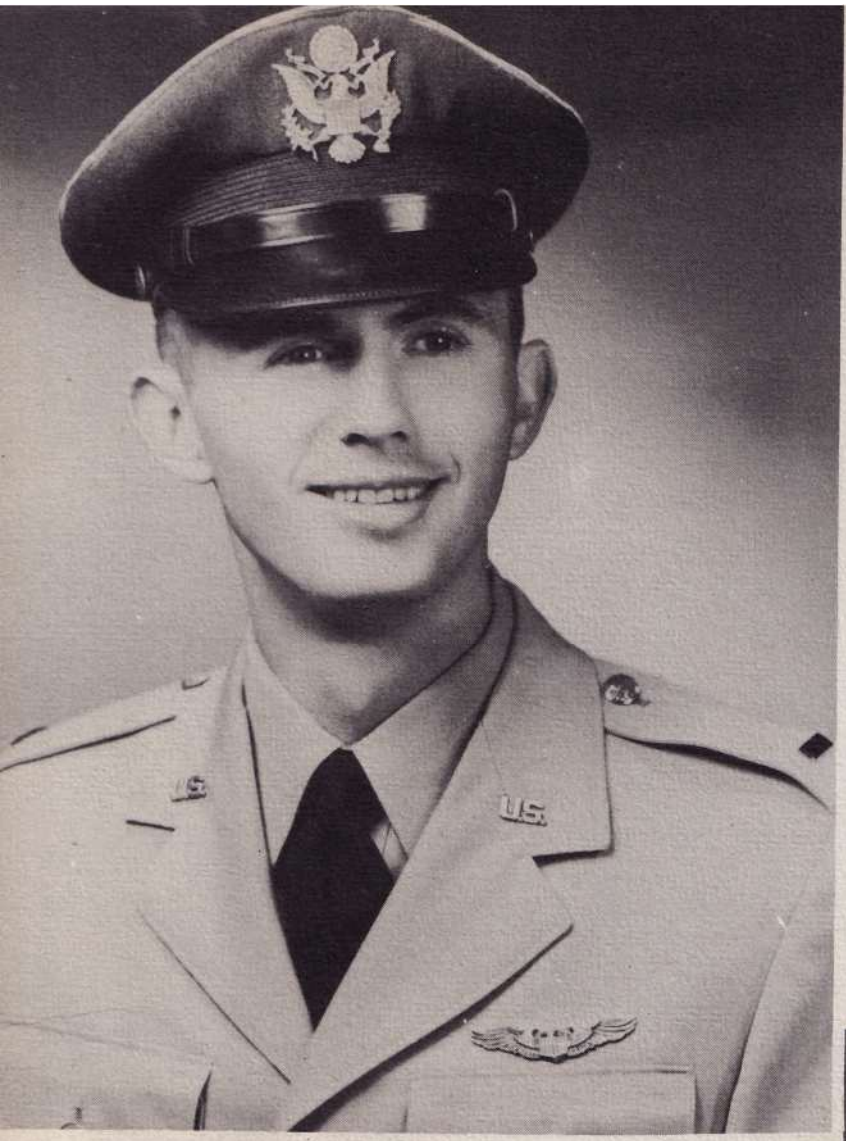
Blessings on thee, Flying Cadet,
Your silly puss I can't forget.
With thy head of solid bone,
It's inner functions stay unknown.
Dressed in thy fine attire,
I wish that clothes could make the flier.
And thy takeoffs, never straight,
Look more like a Pylon Eight.
And thy overbanked Chandelle,
How I wish you were in Hell!
Thy landings leave me black and blue
God made you half kangaroo.
With thy skidding downwind turn,
I give up... you'll never learn!

With thy feet on rudder froze
What keeps you up, God only knows.
With they Pylon Eight downwind,
You are in a constant spin.
With thy ever dragging wing,
Please, sweet death, where is thy sting?
With thy goggles encased in dust,
If the loops don't get you, the snap roll must.
Blessings on thee, Flying Cadet,
Stay in and pitch, you'll get there yet.
I only hope someday you'll be
A flight instructor, just like me.
The Cadet replies, "Friendly fellow that I be,
Why wish a death like that on me?"



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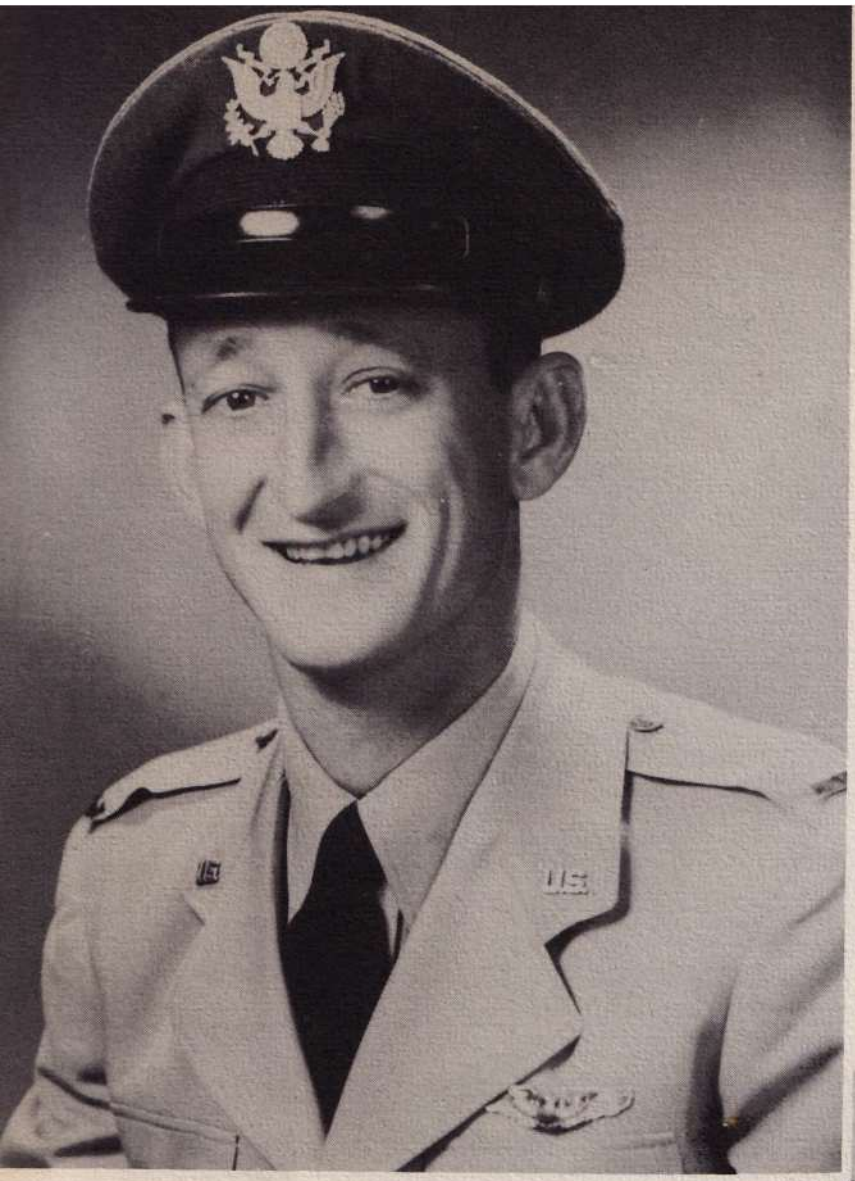

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"Well, I suppose it isn't much to them. They're jet pilots up here for some relaxation"

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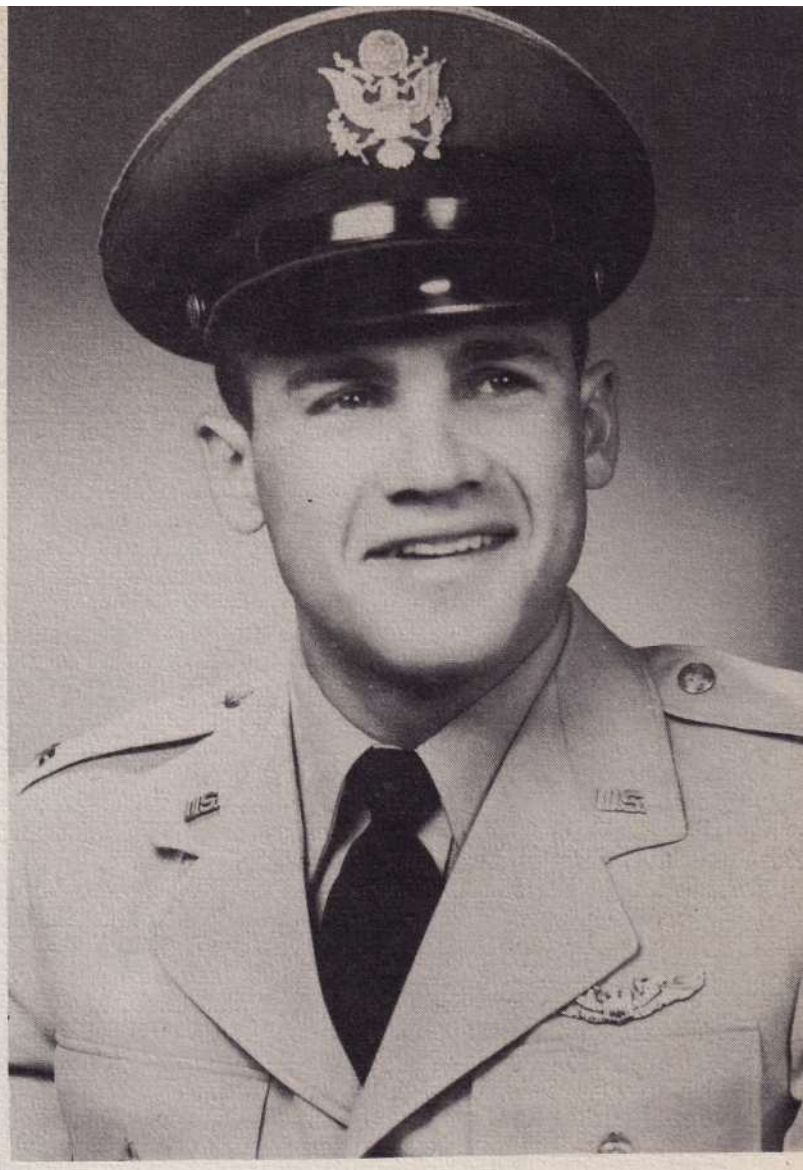

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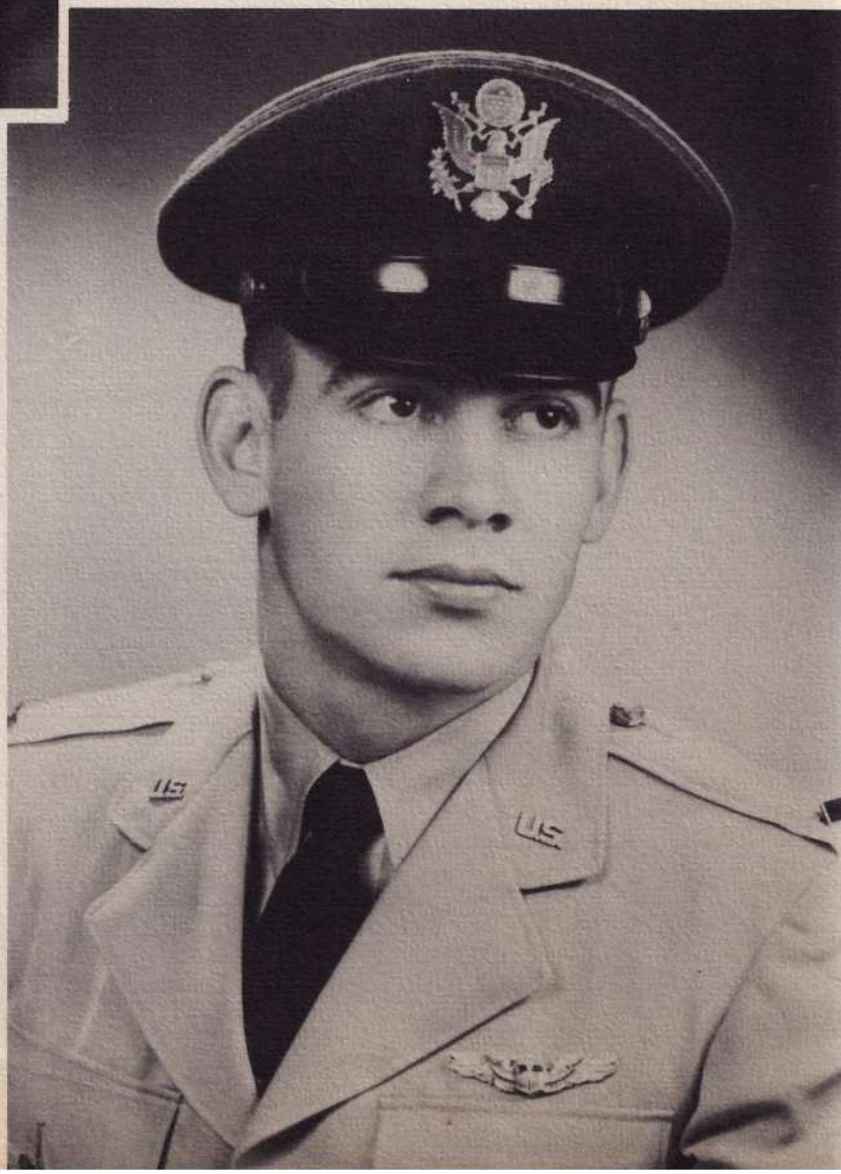

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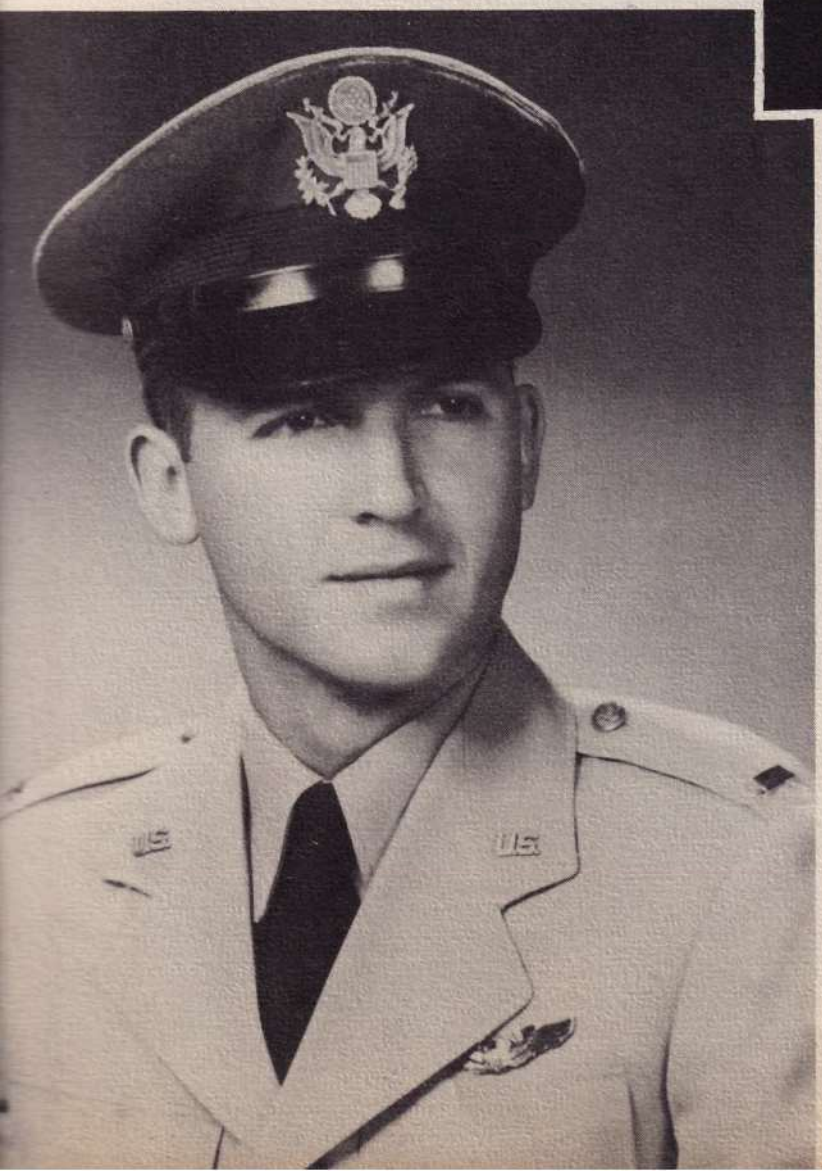

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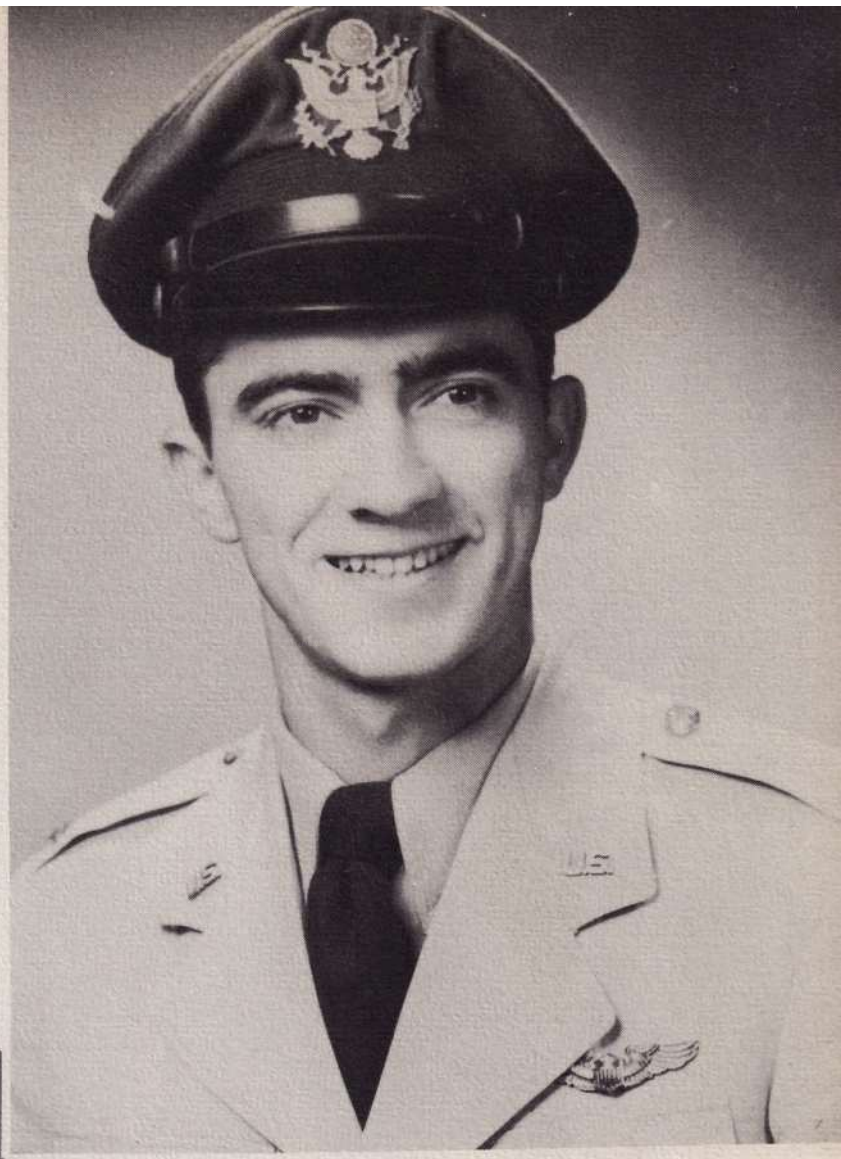

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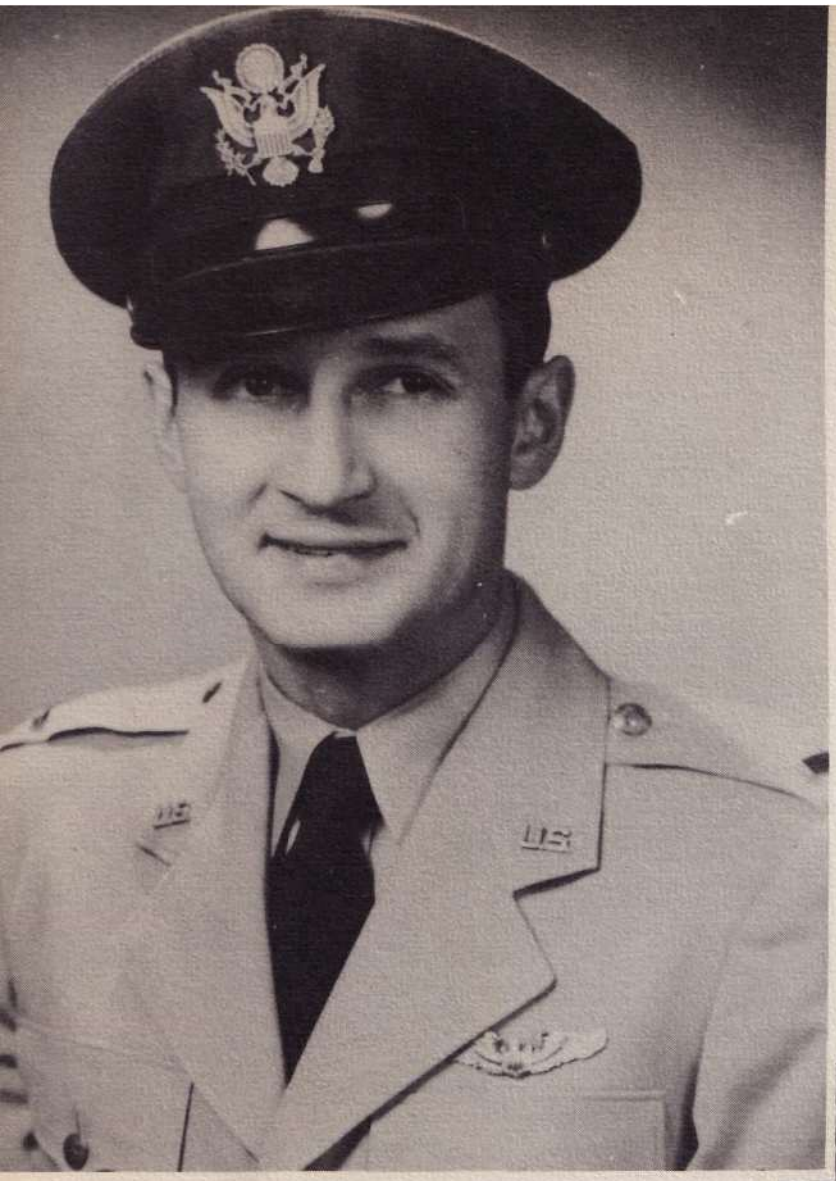

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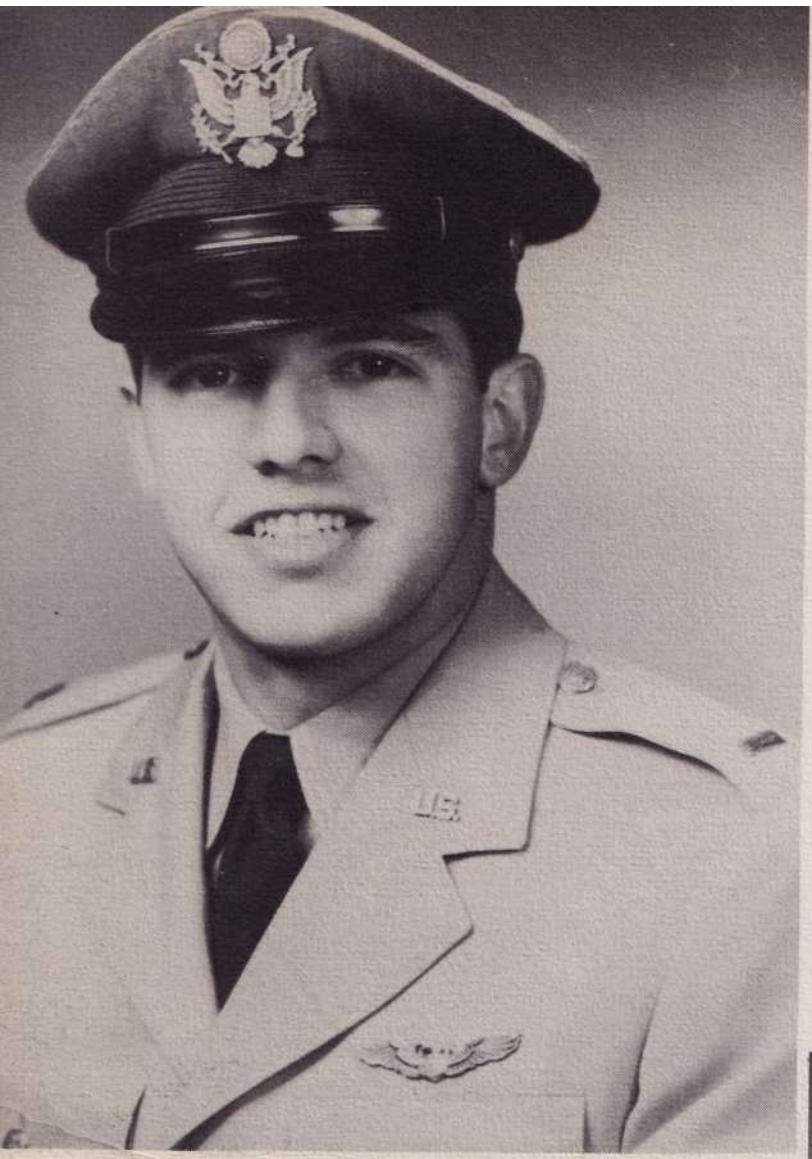

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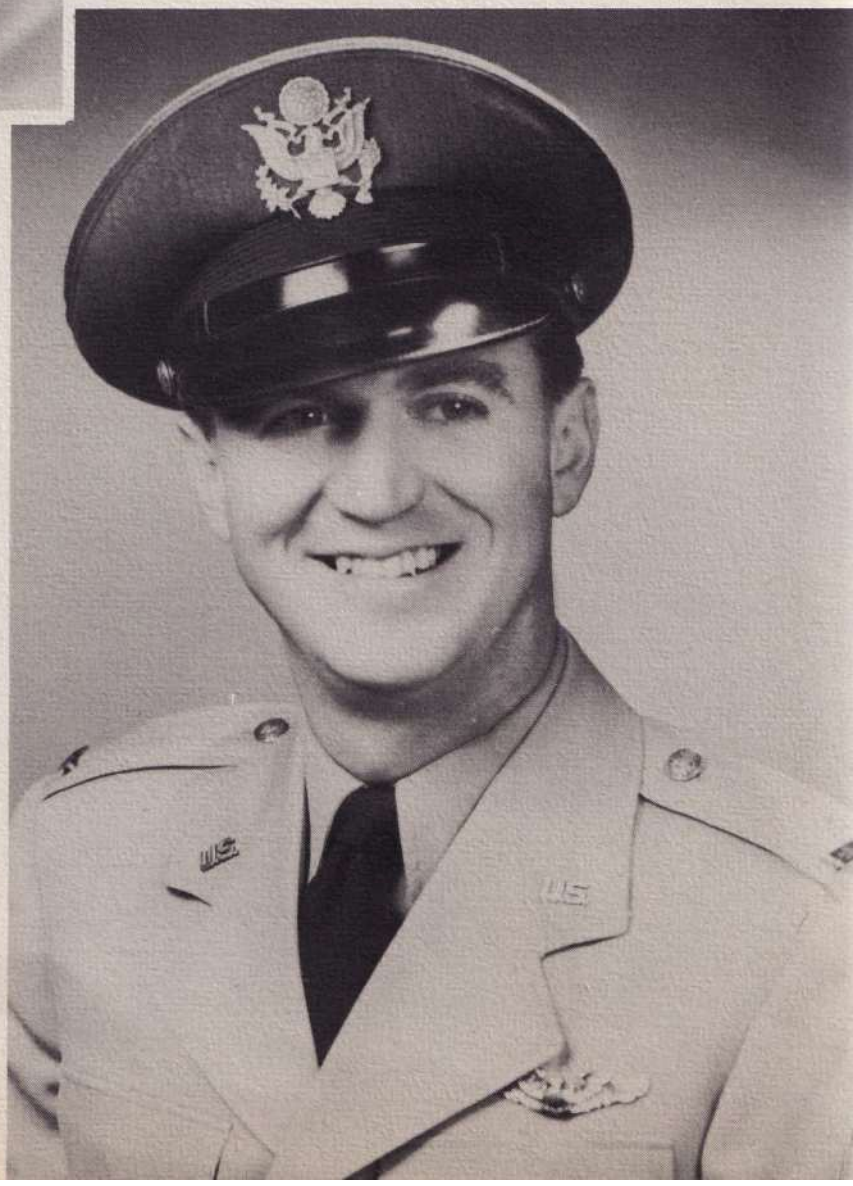

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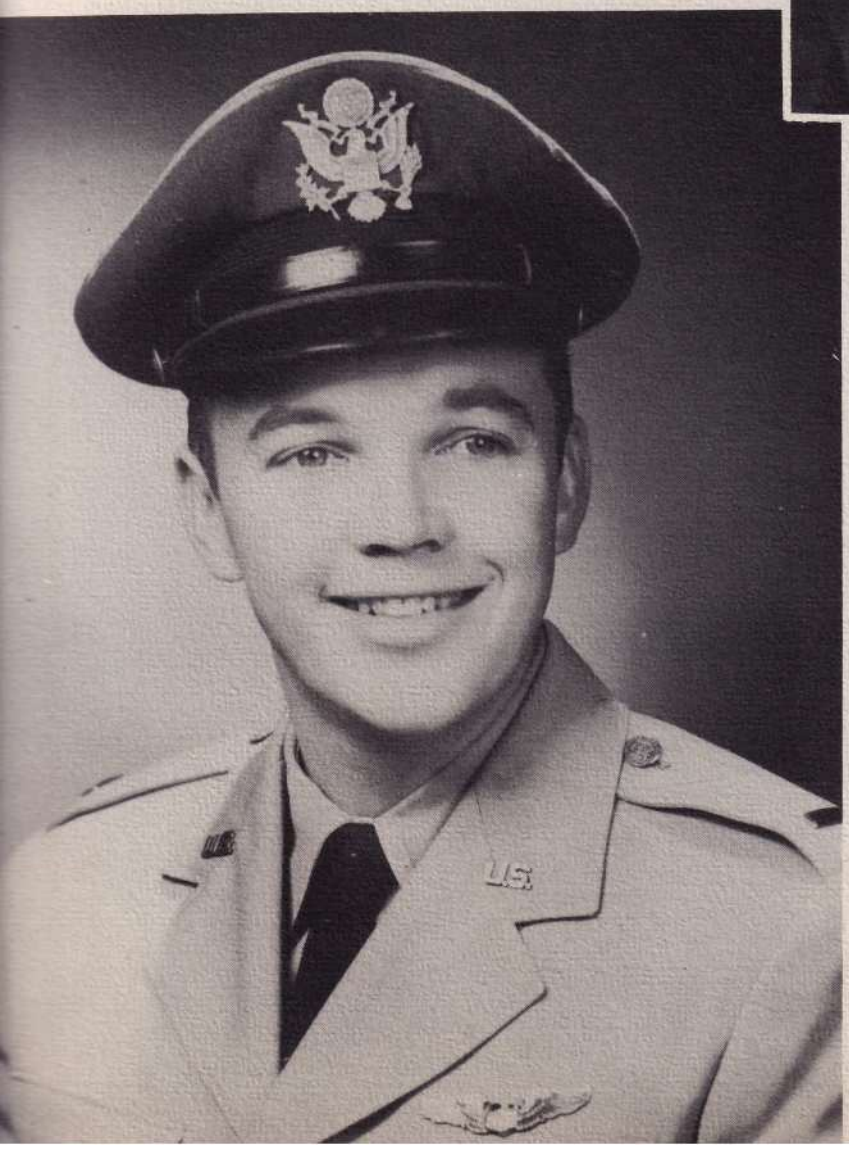

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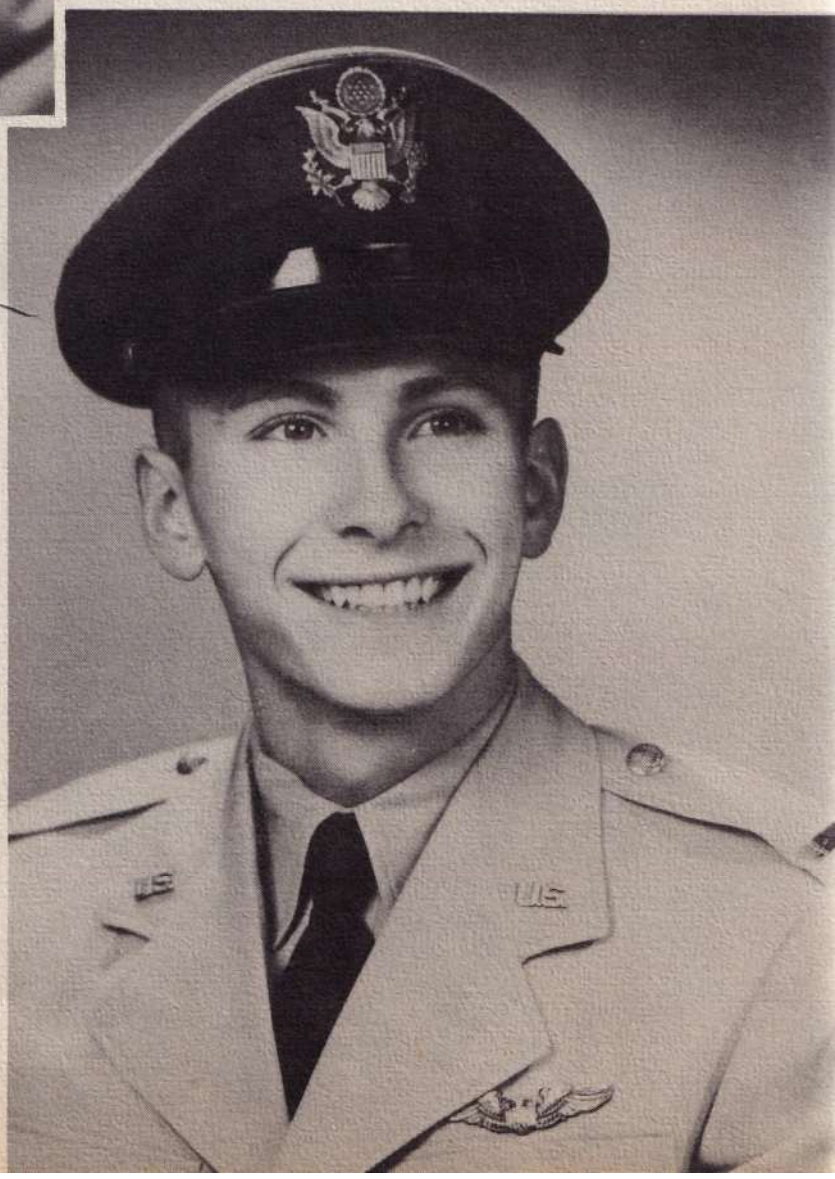

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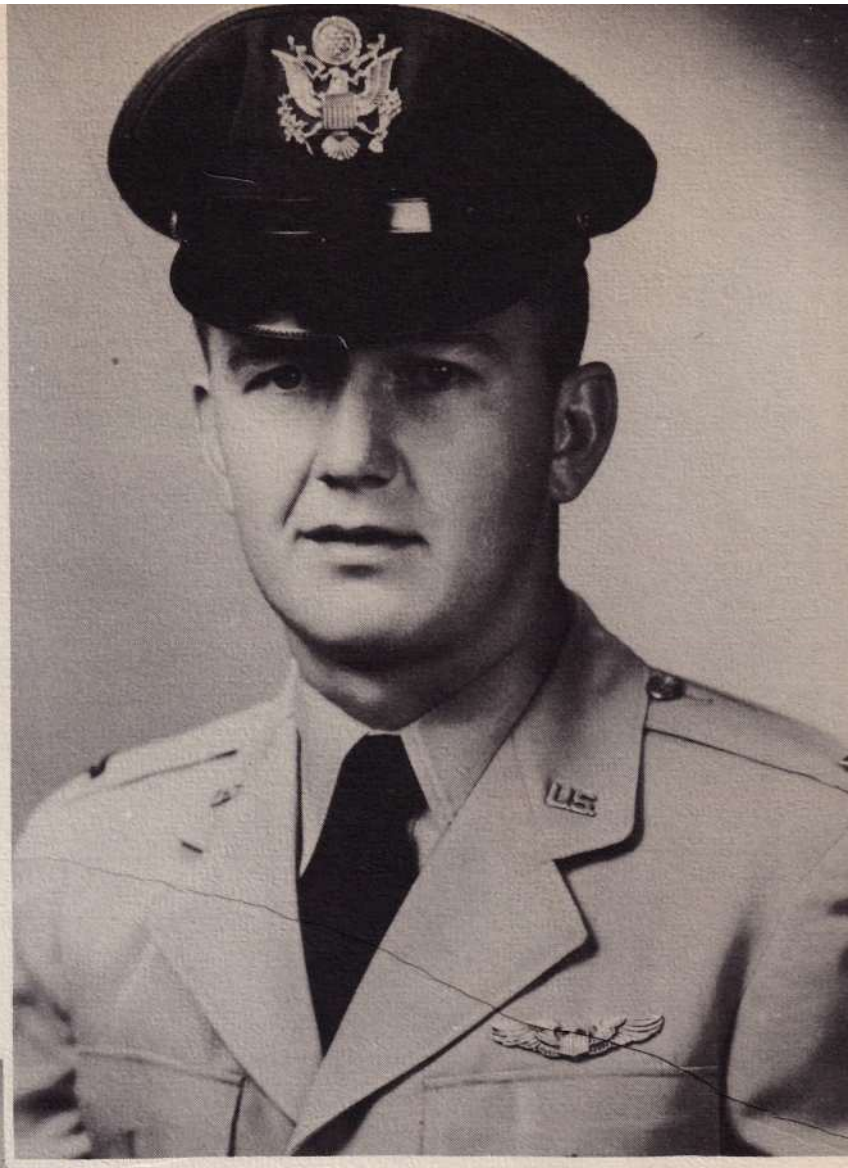

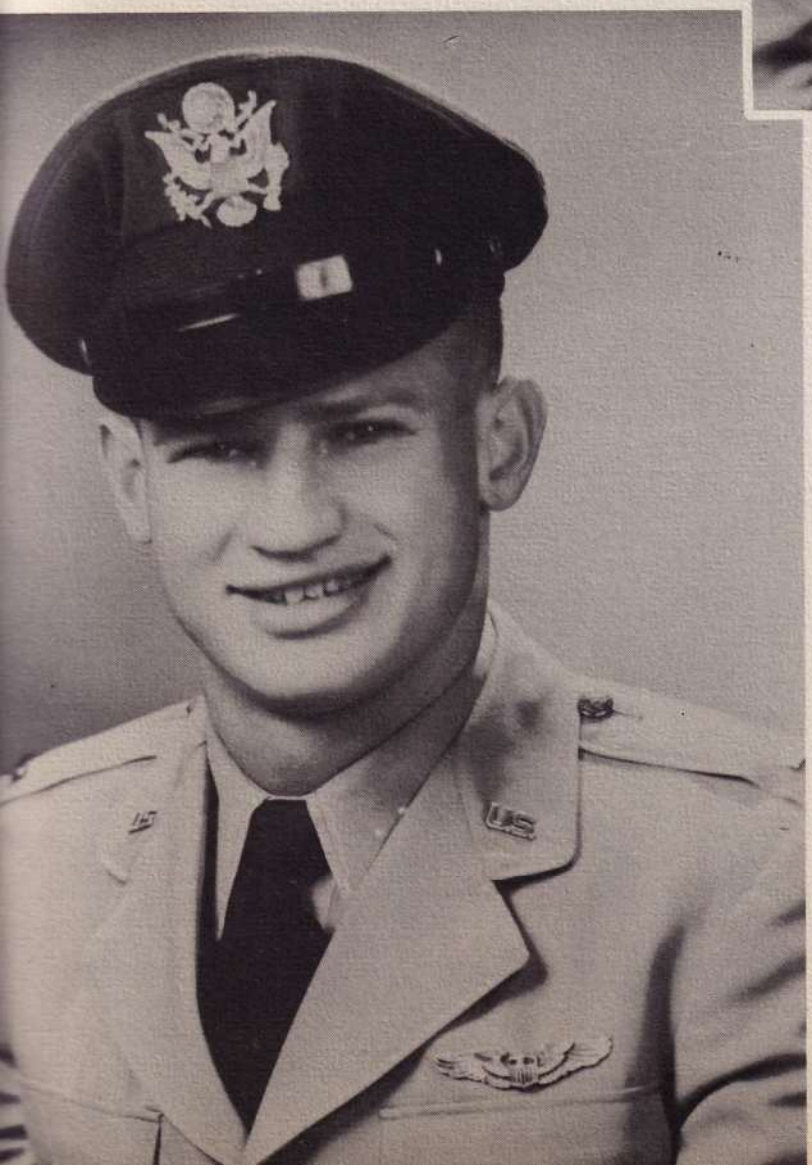

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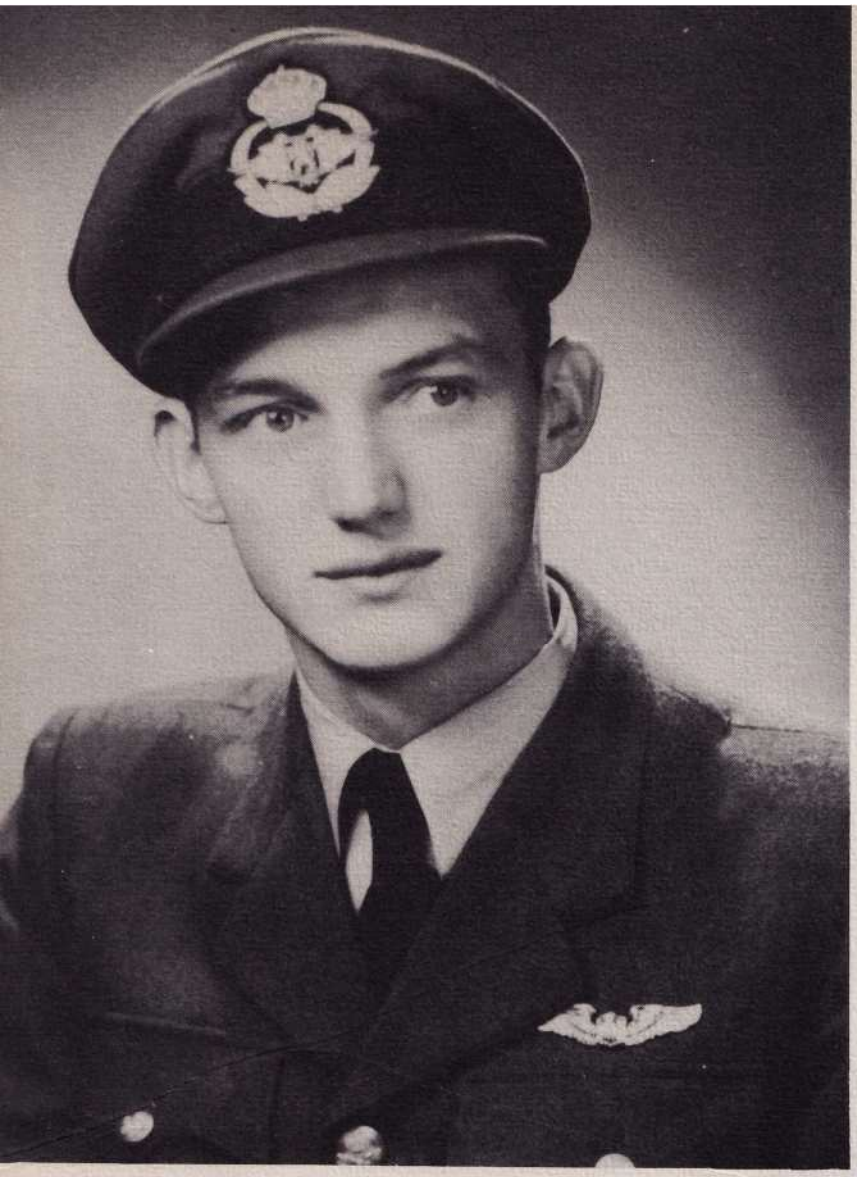

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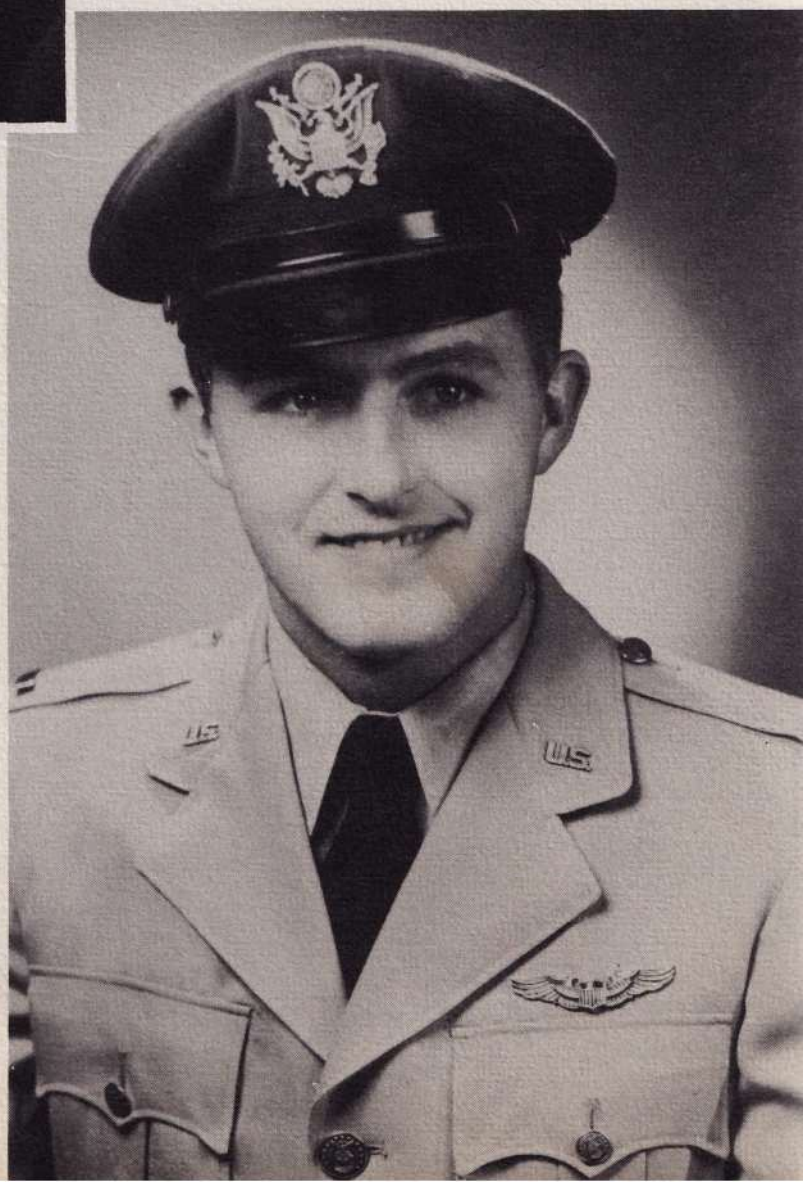

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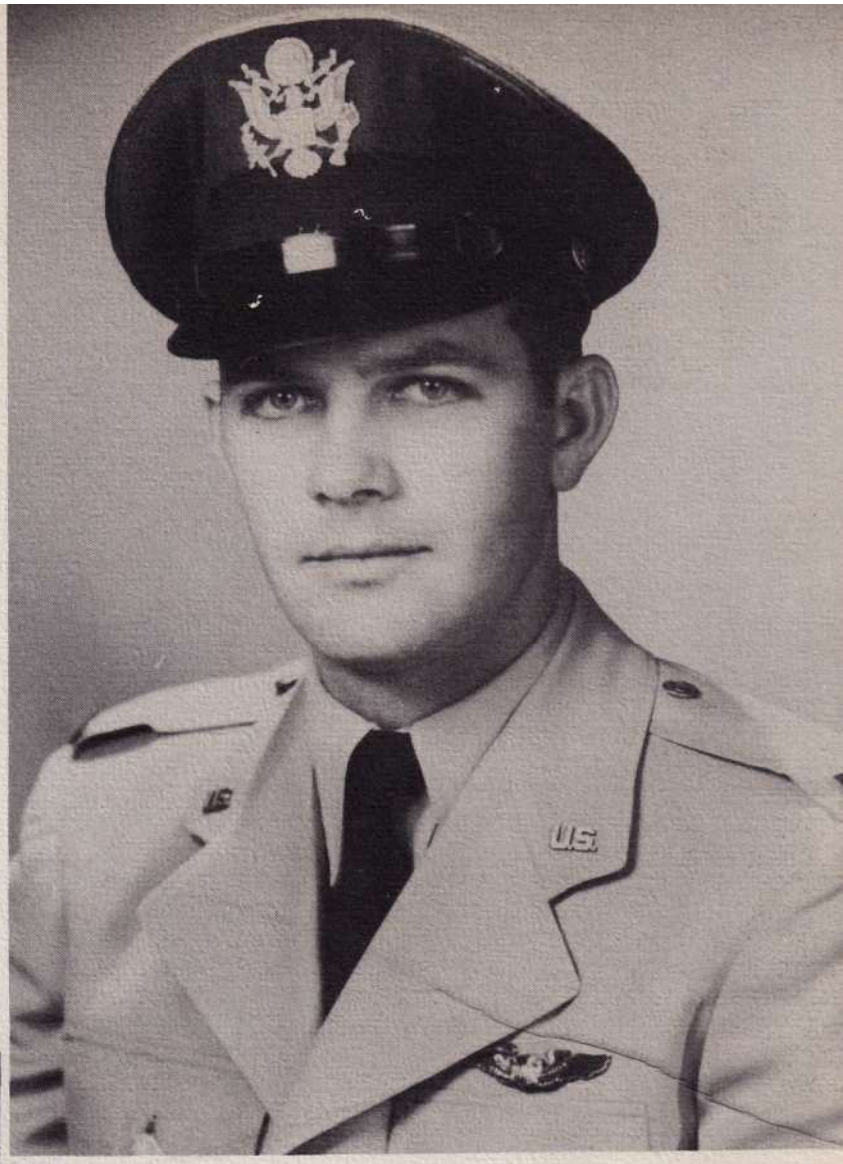

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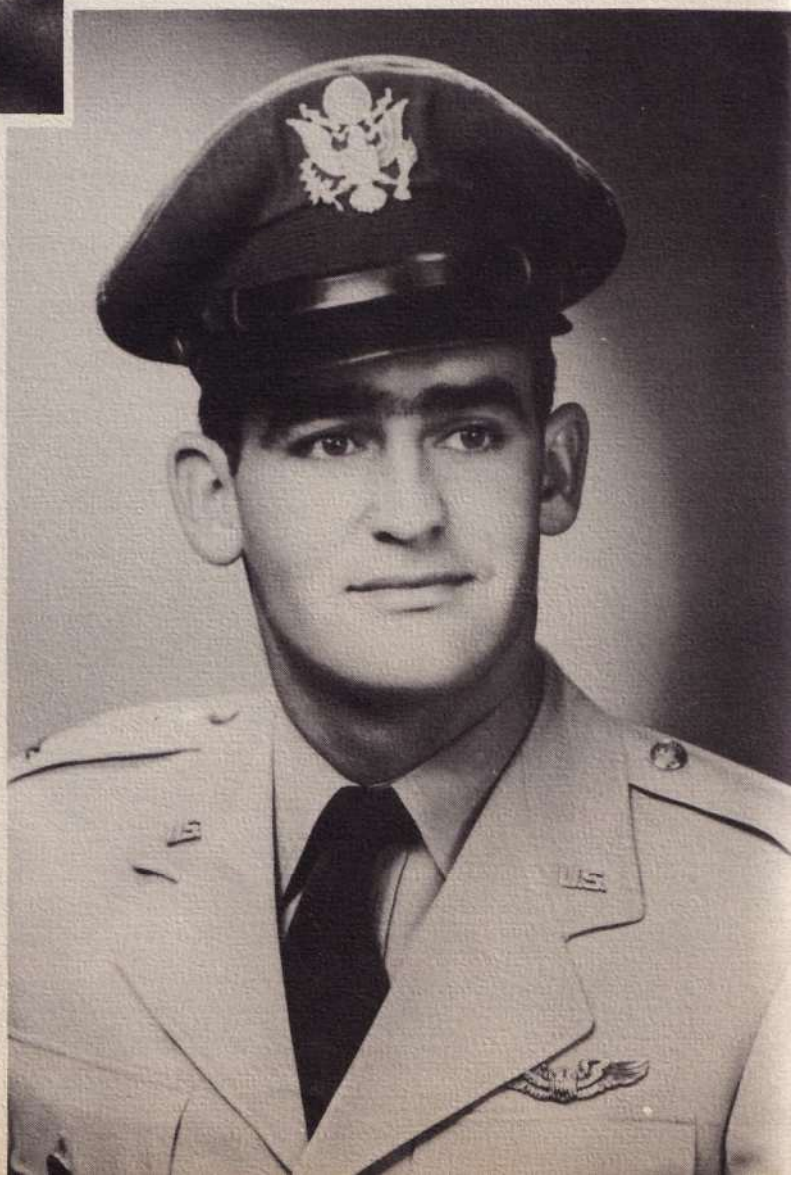

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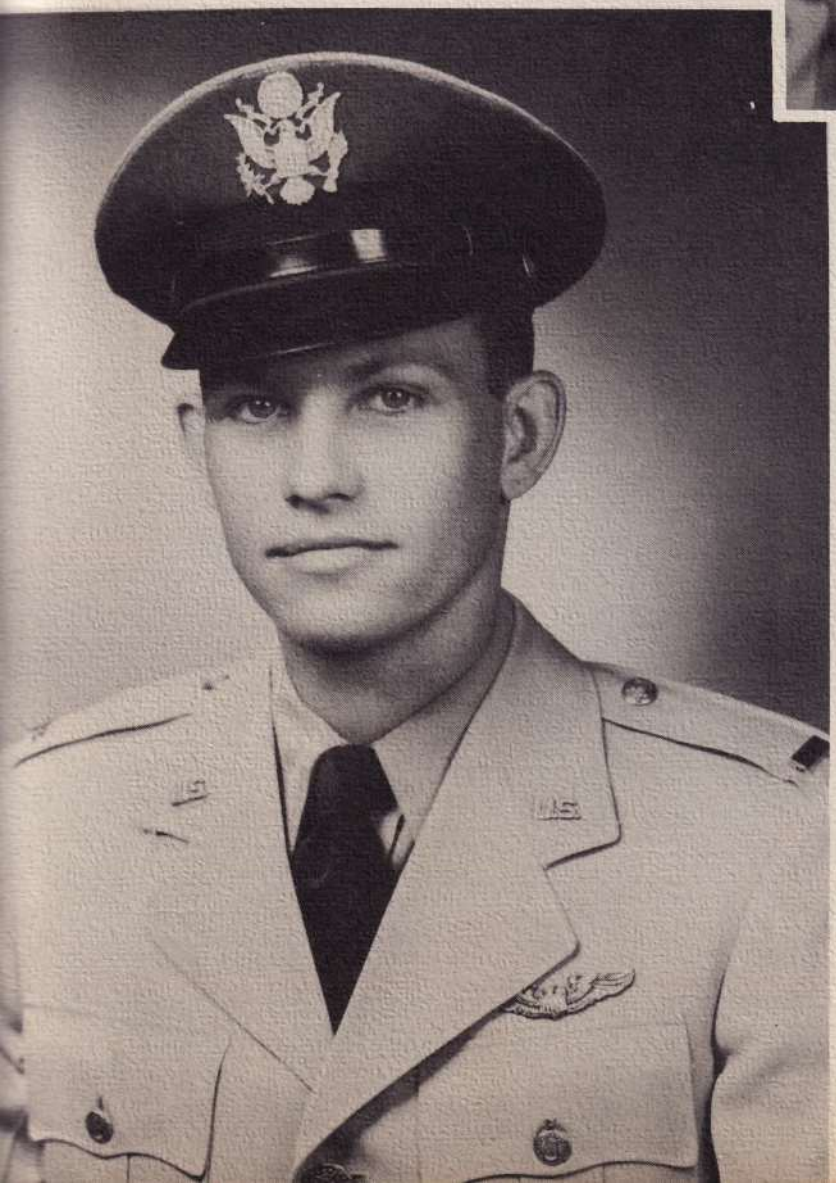

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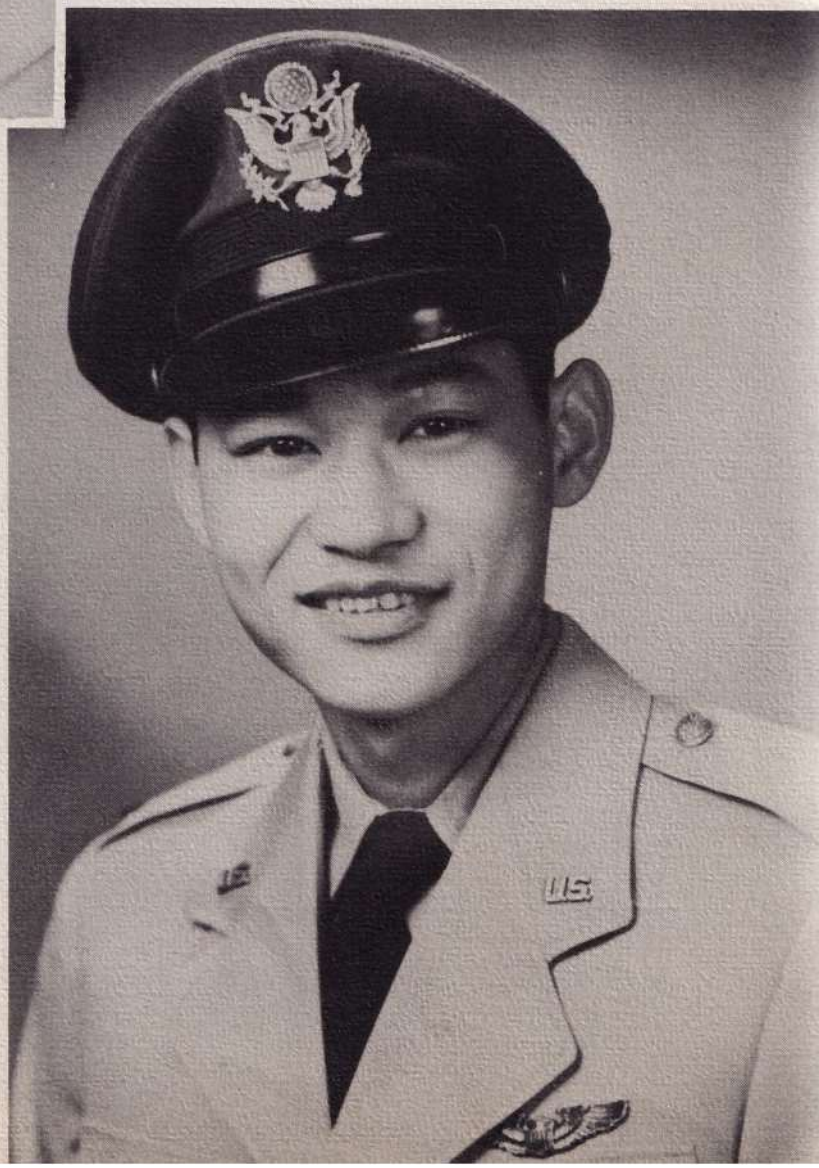

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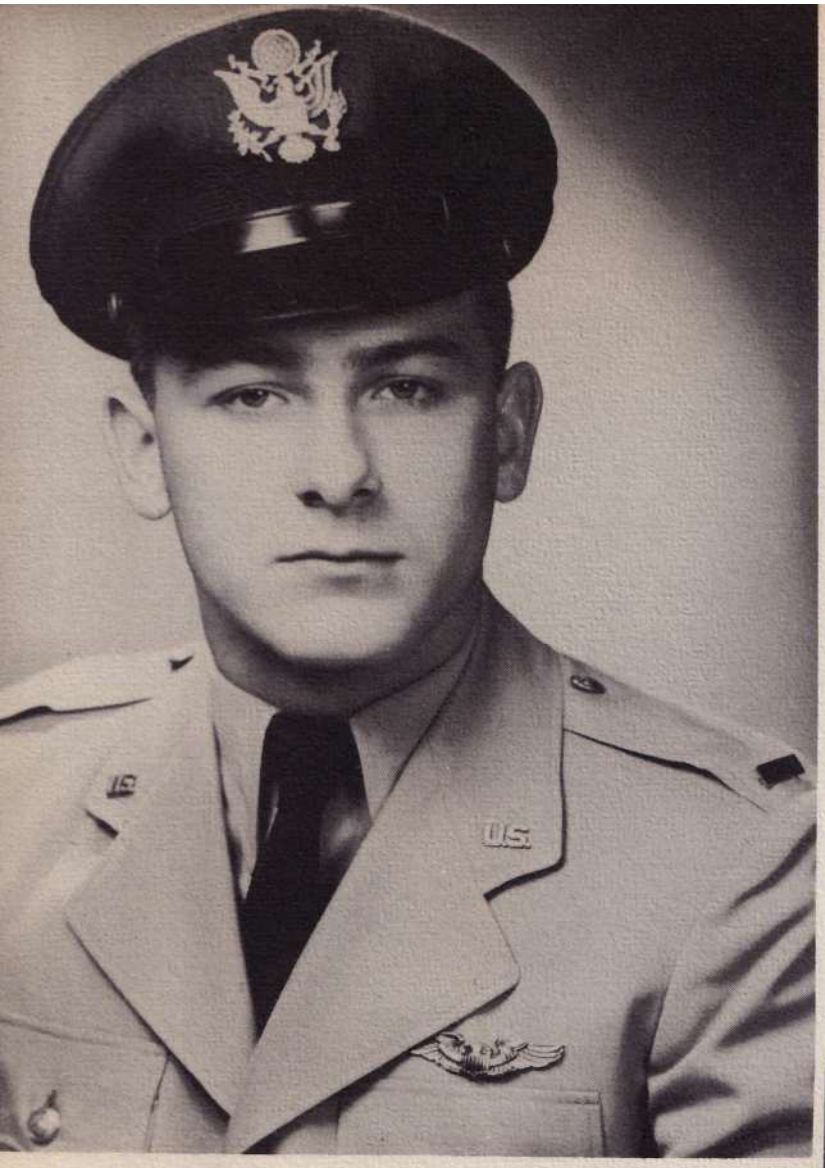

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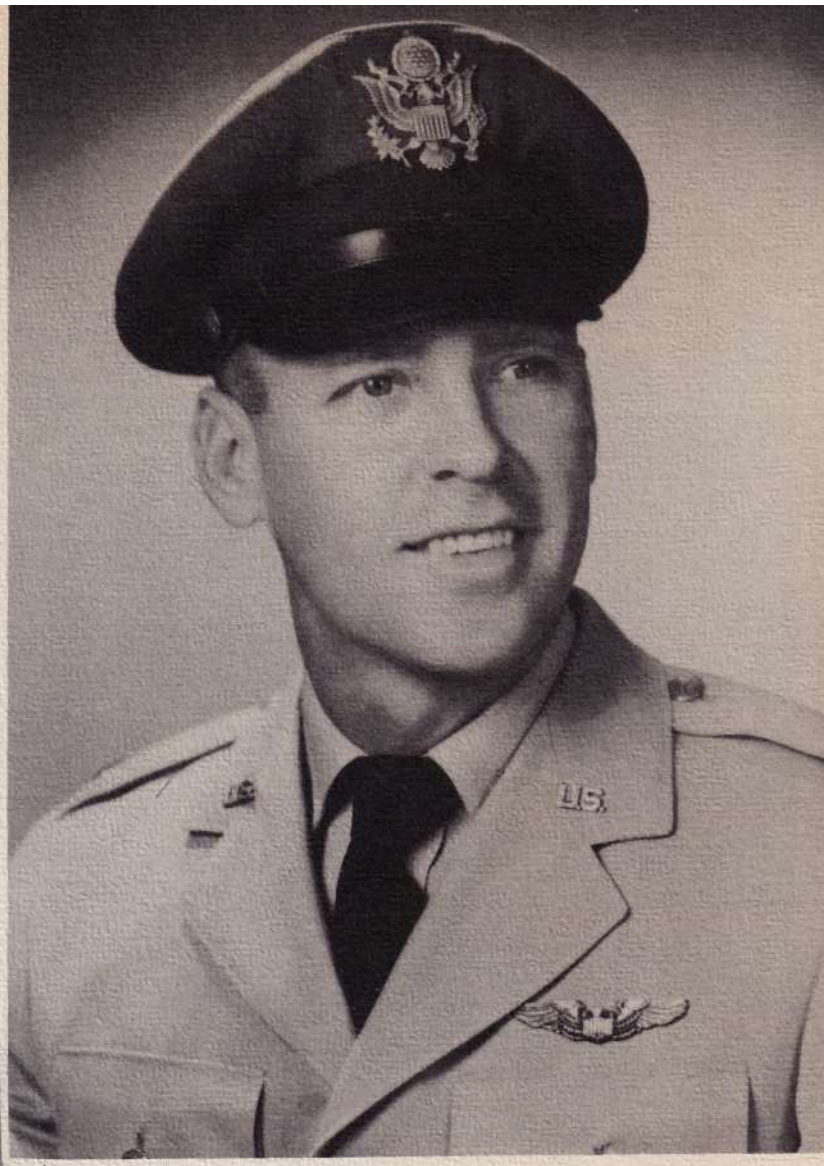

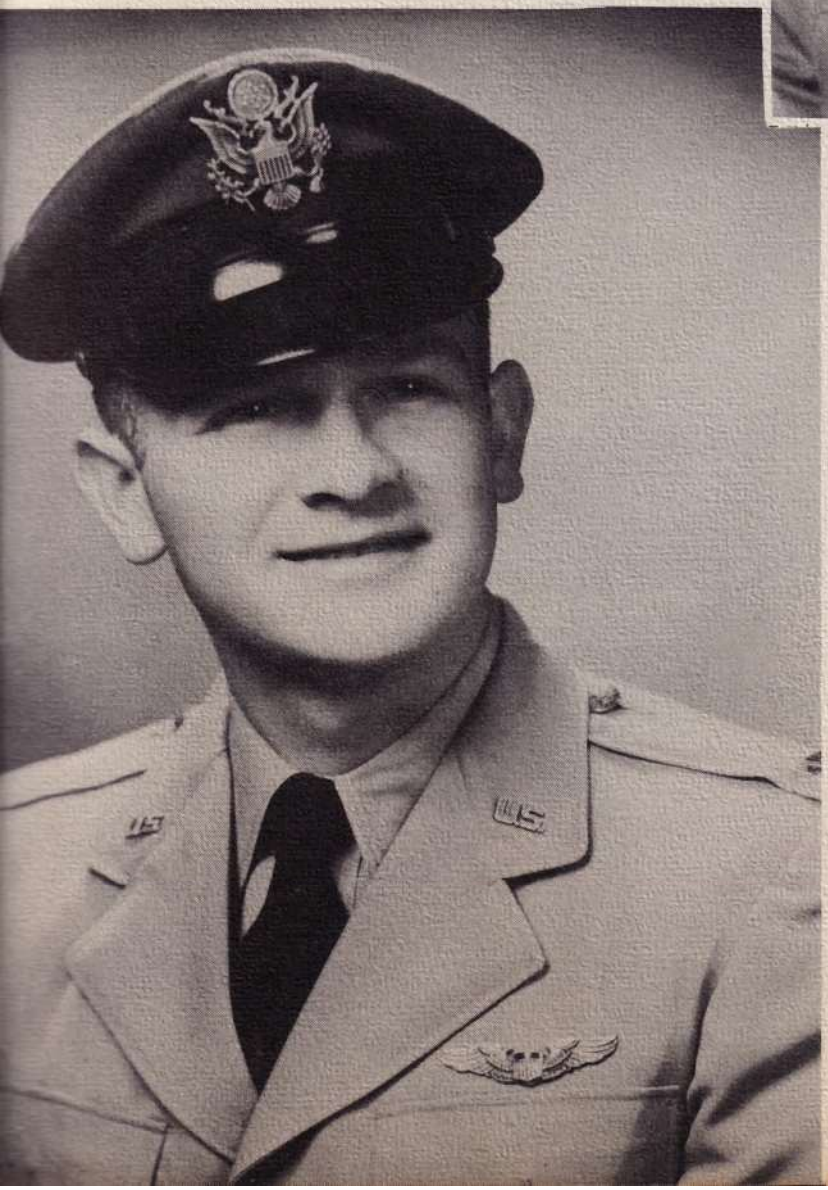

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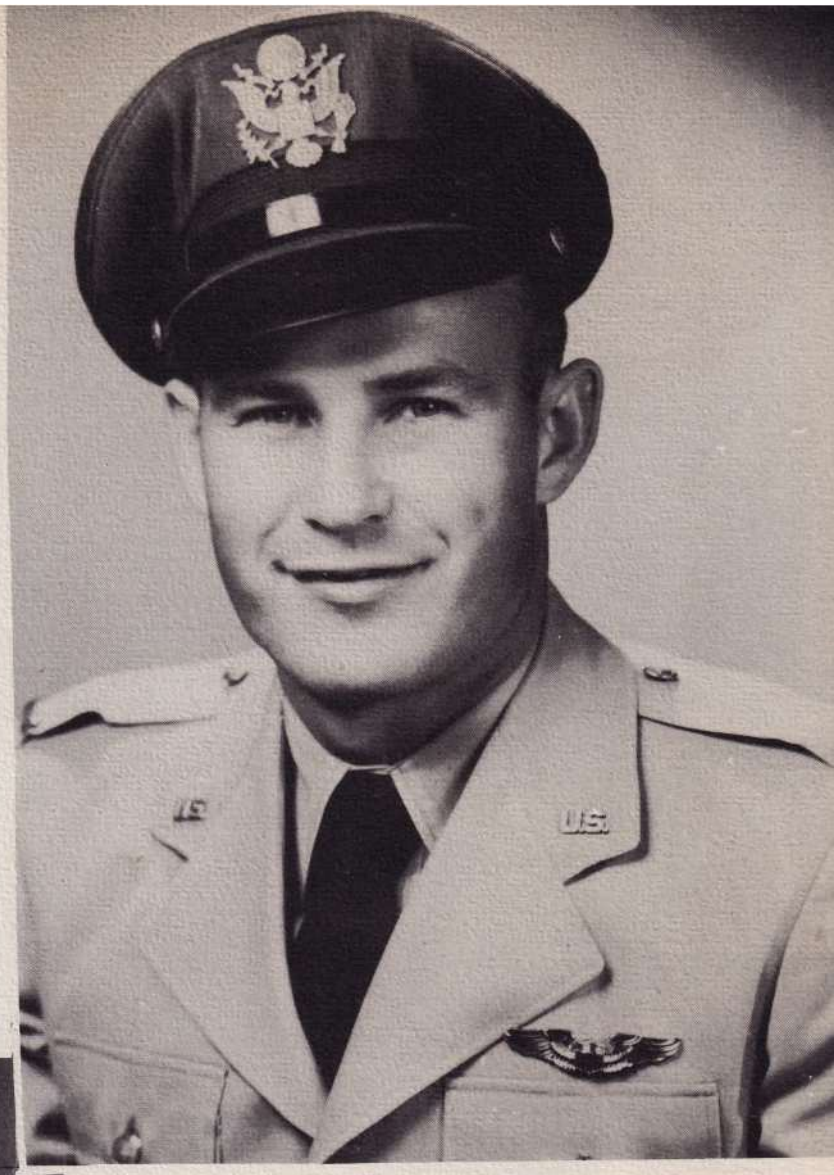

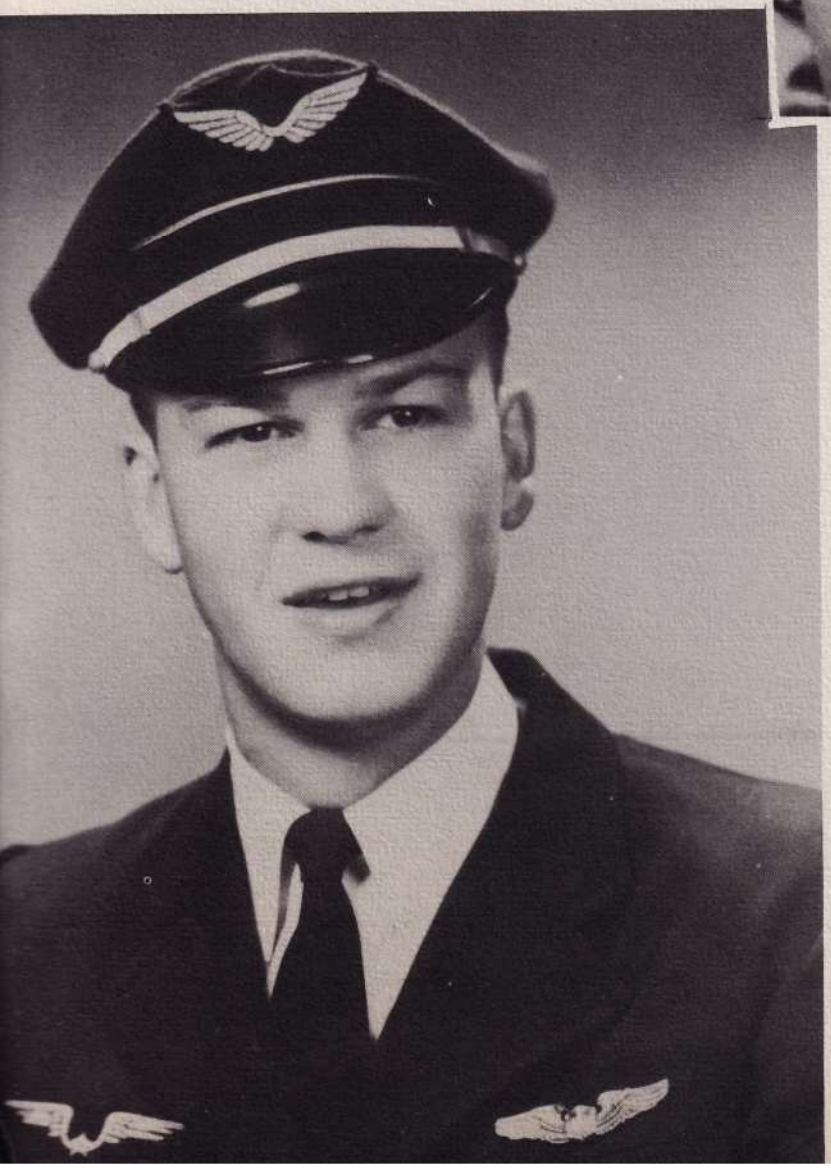

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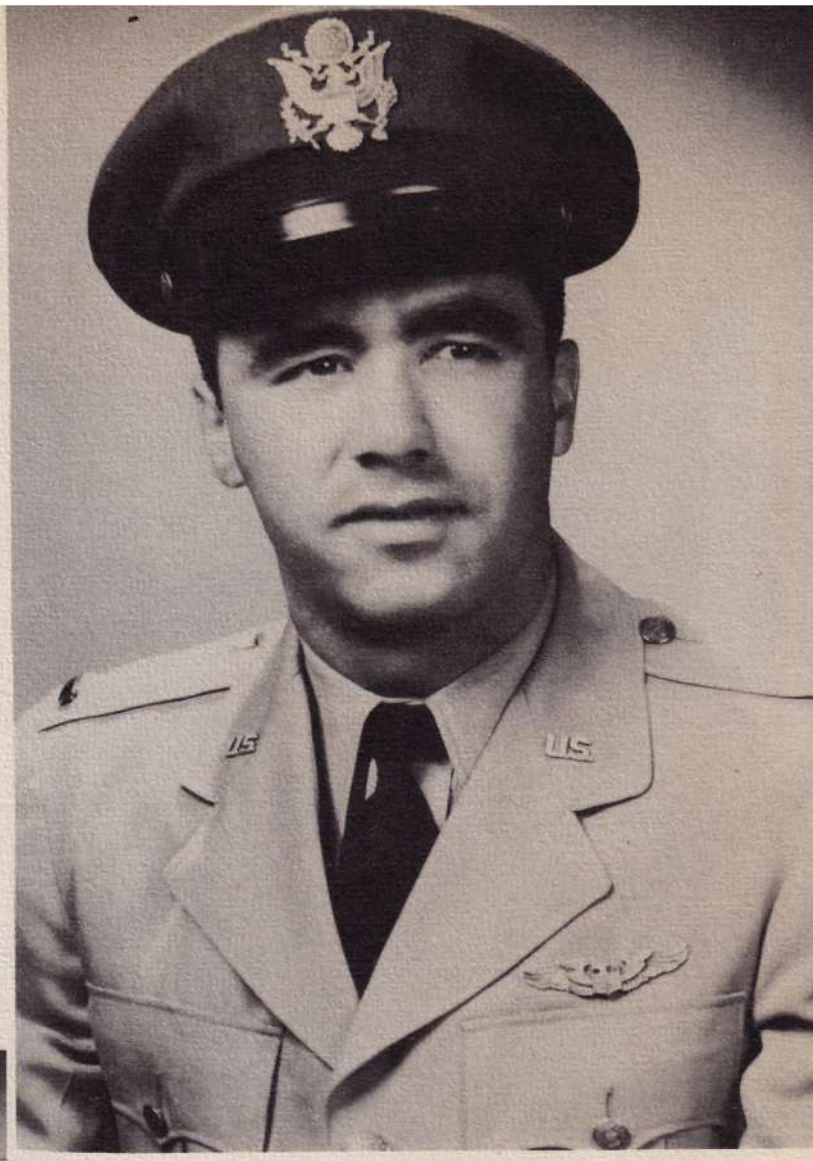

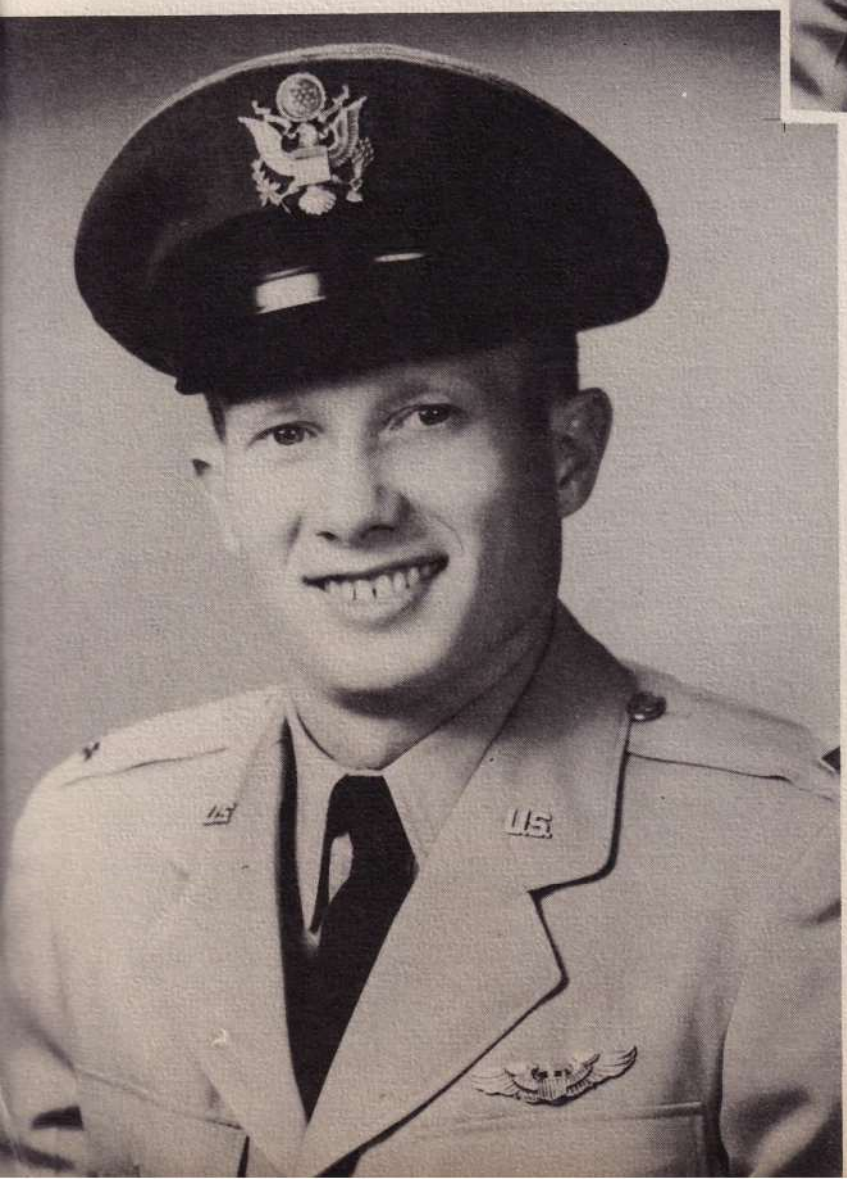

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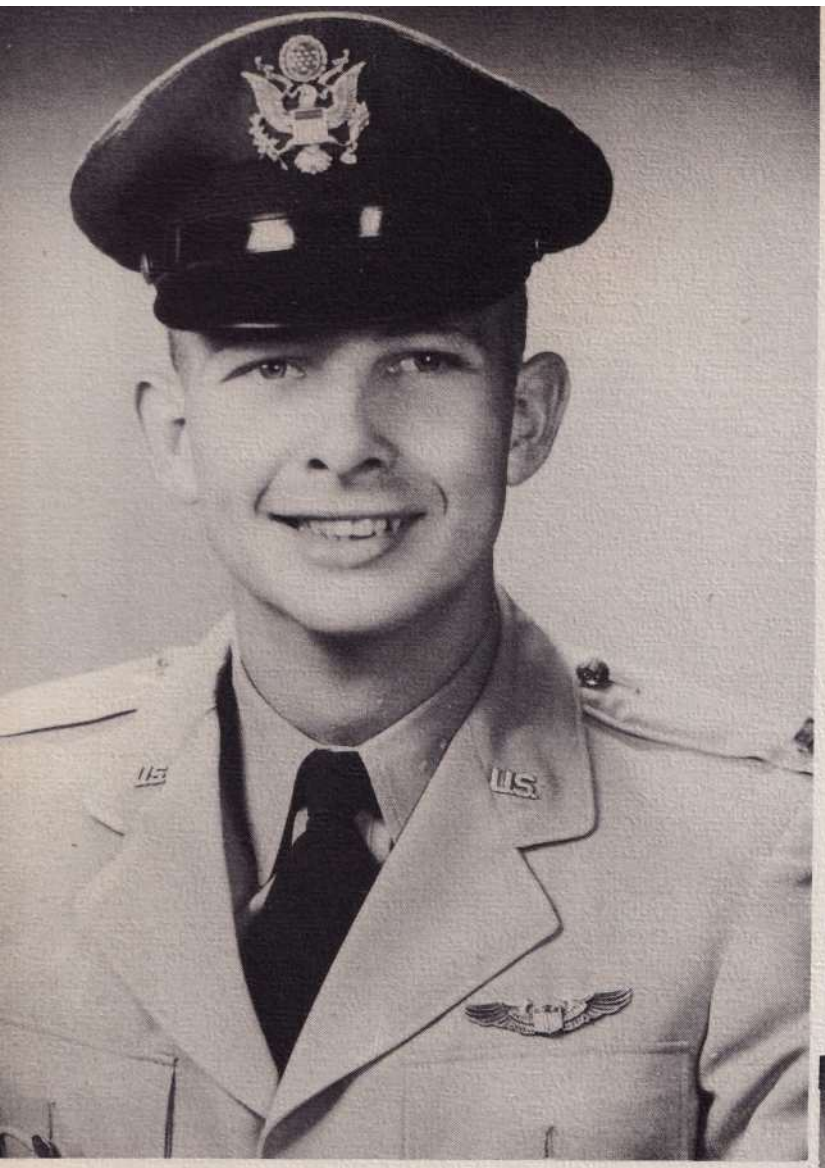

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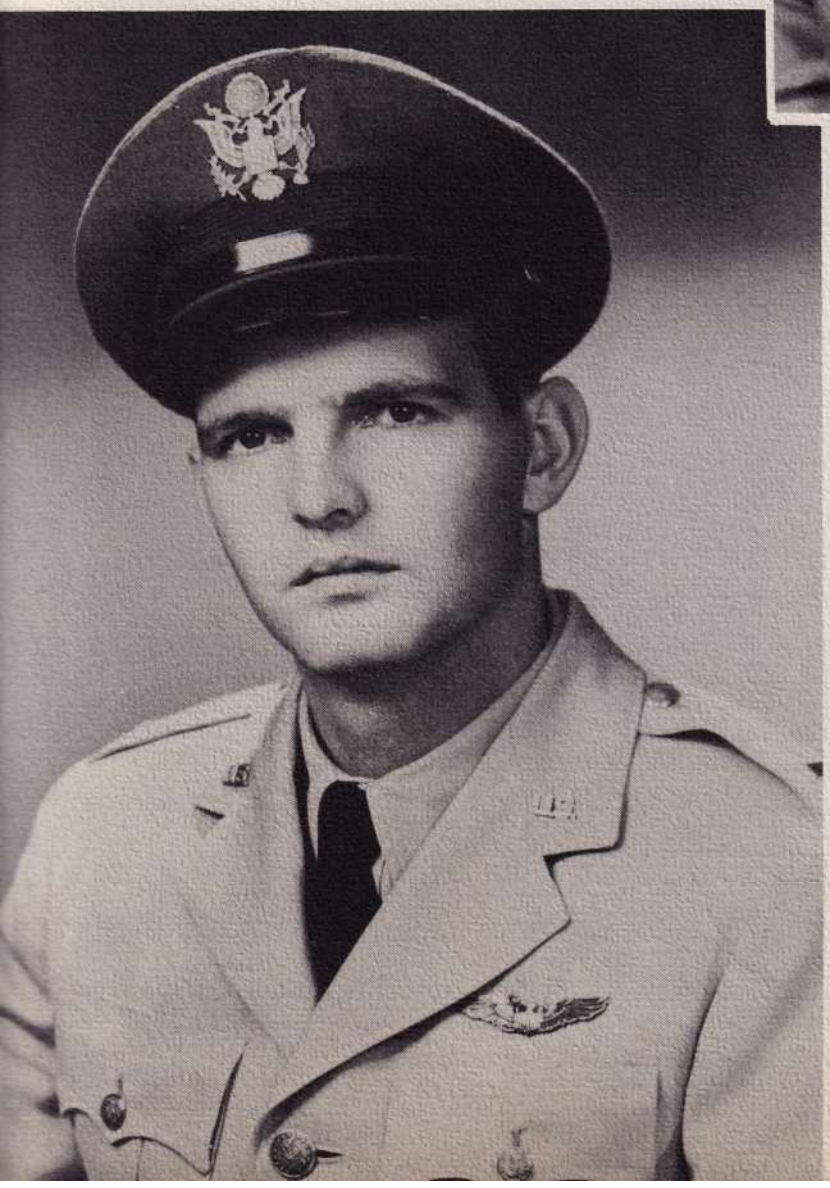

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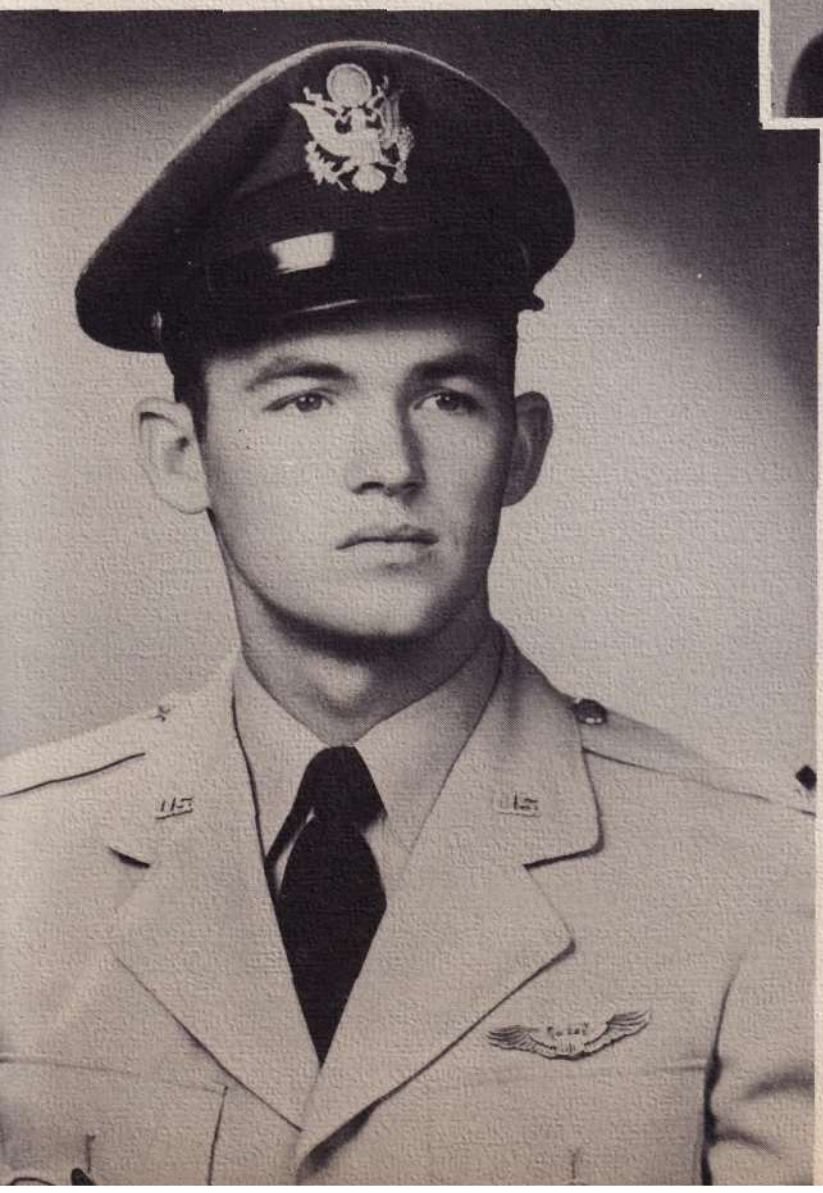

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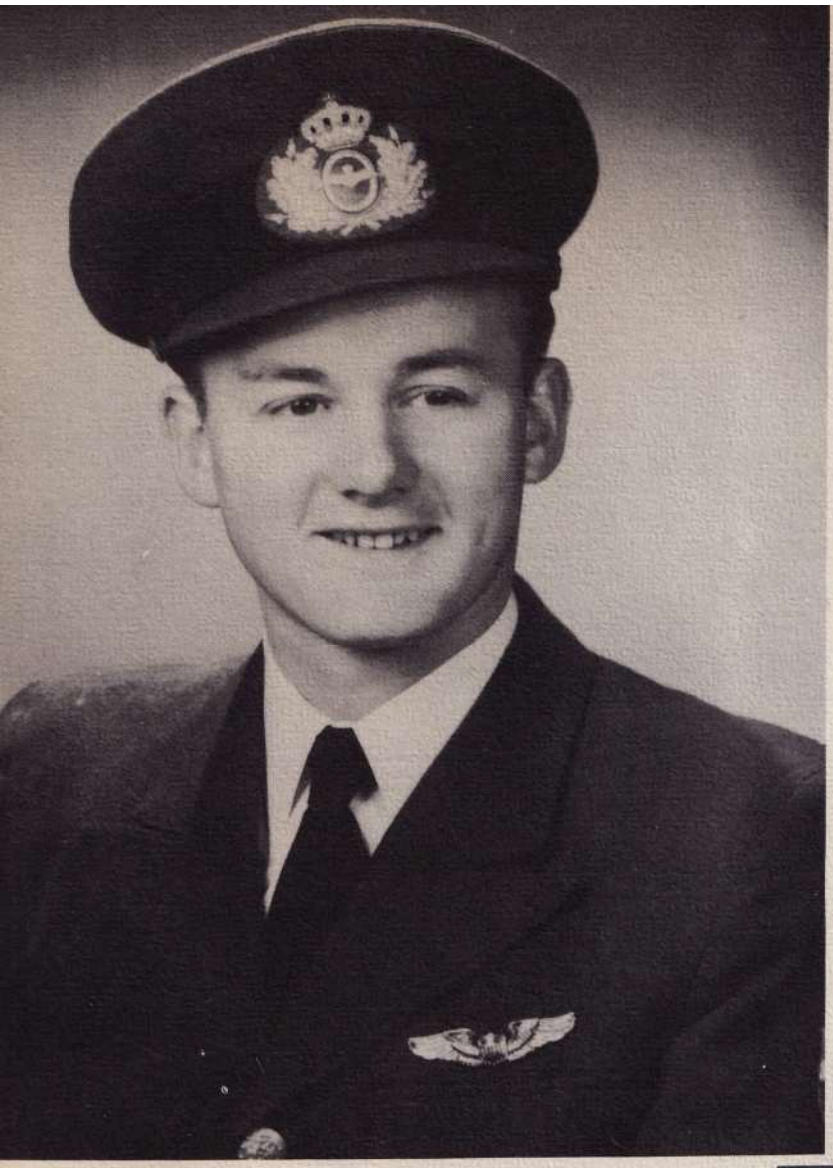

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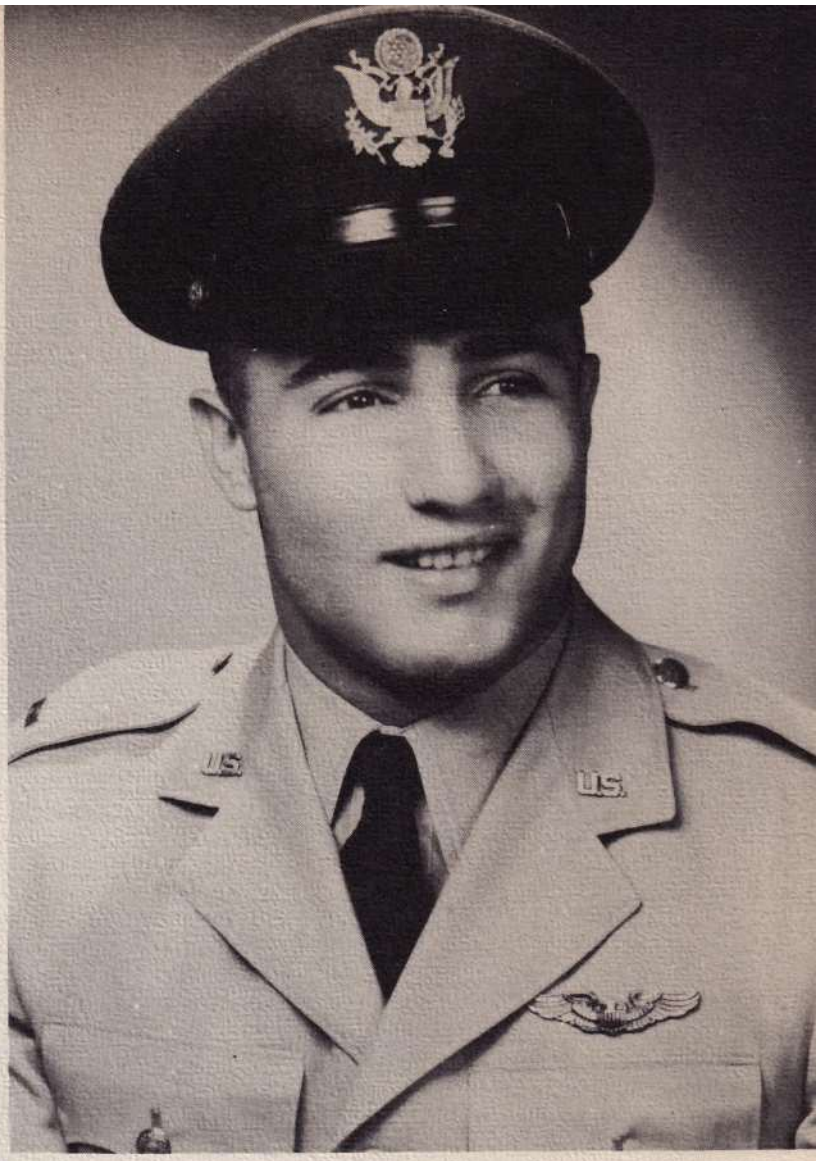

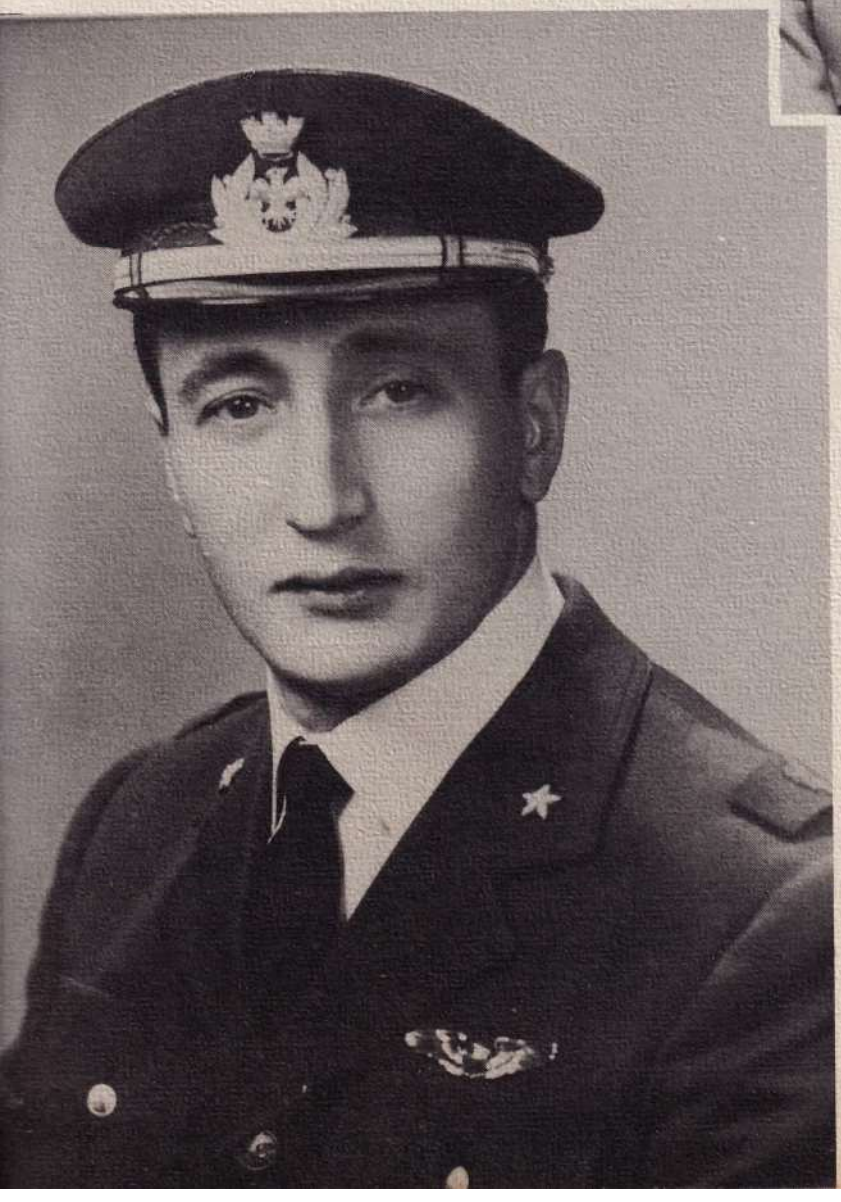

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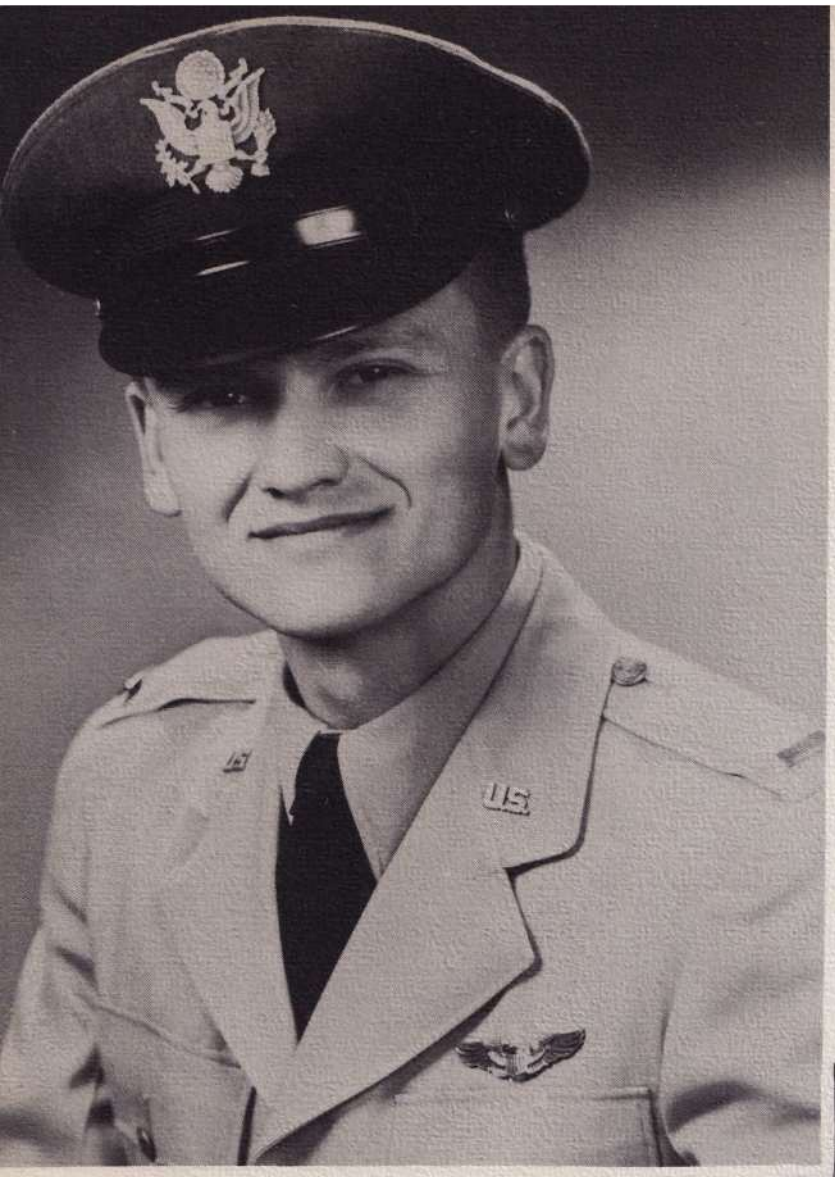

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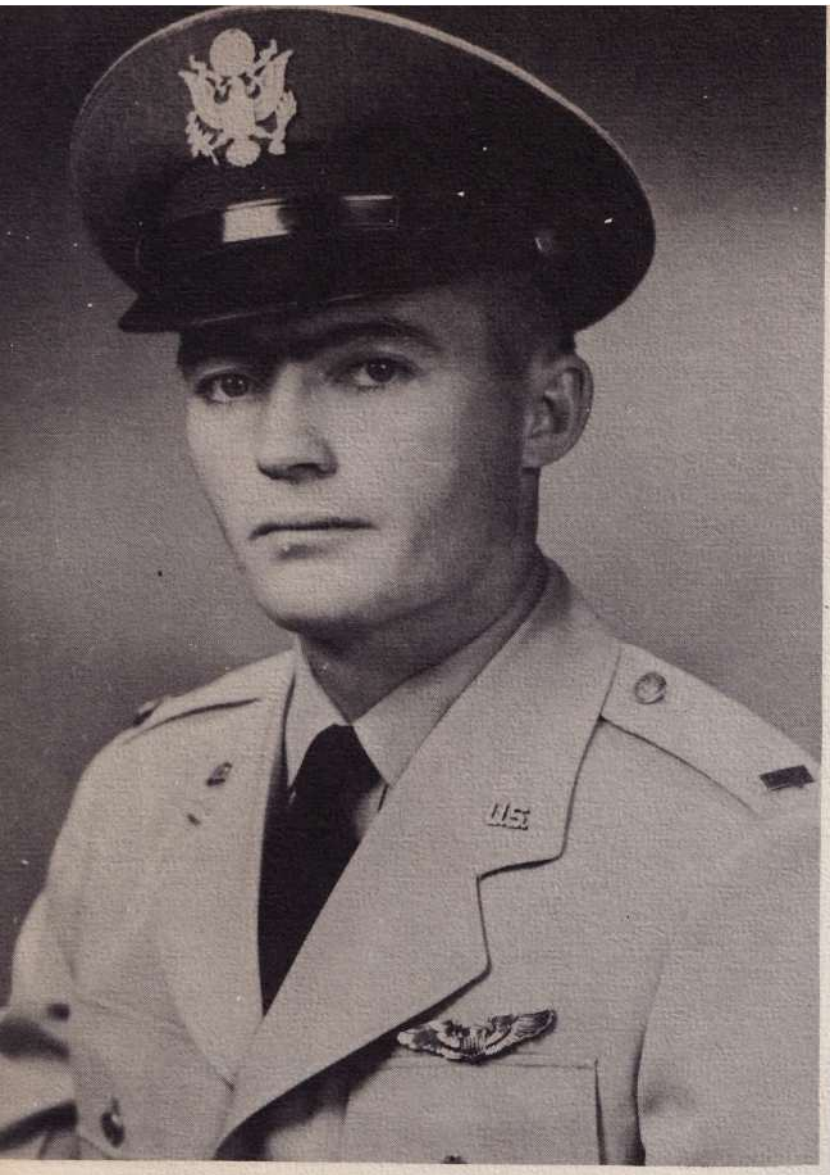

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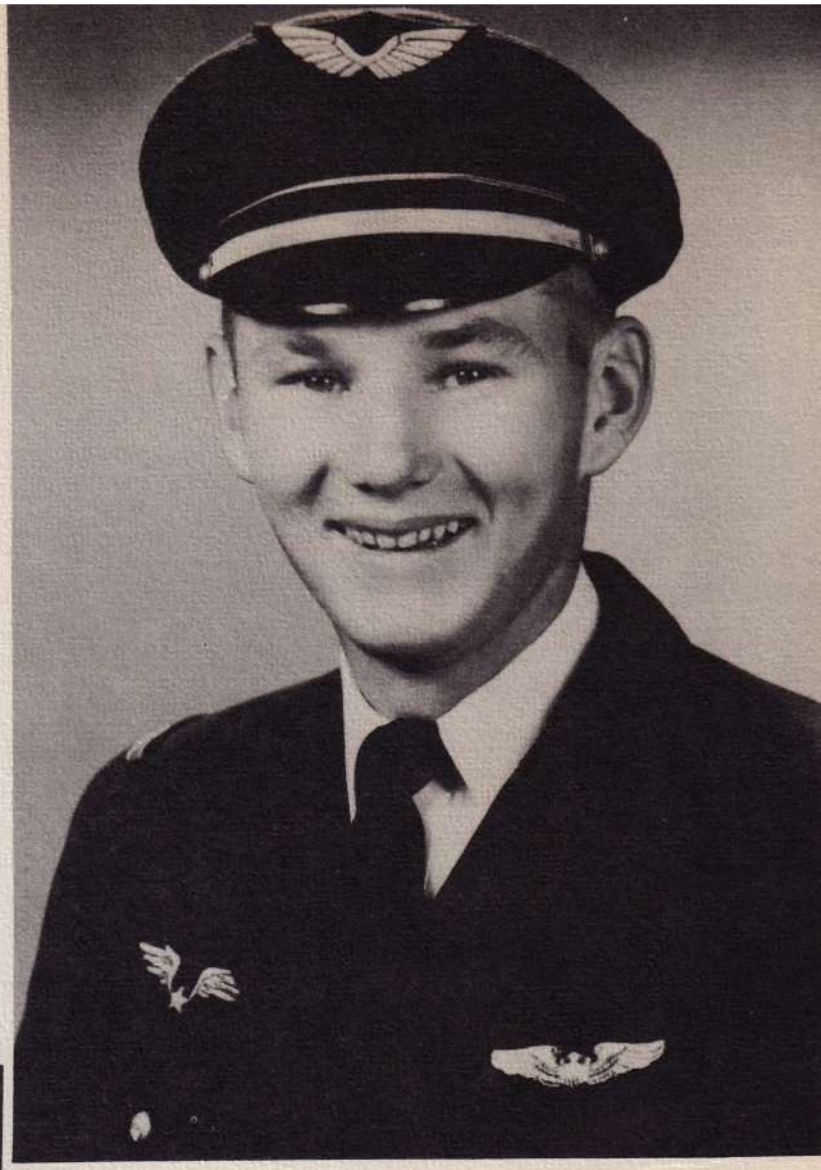

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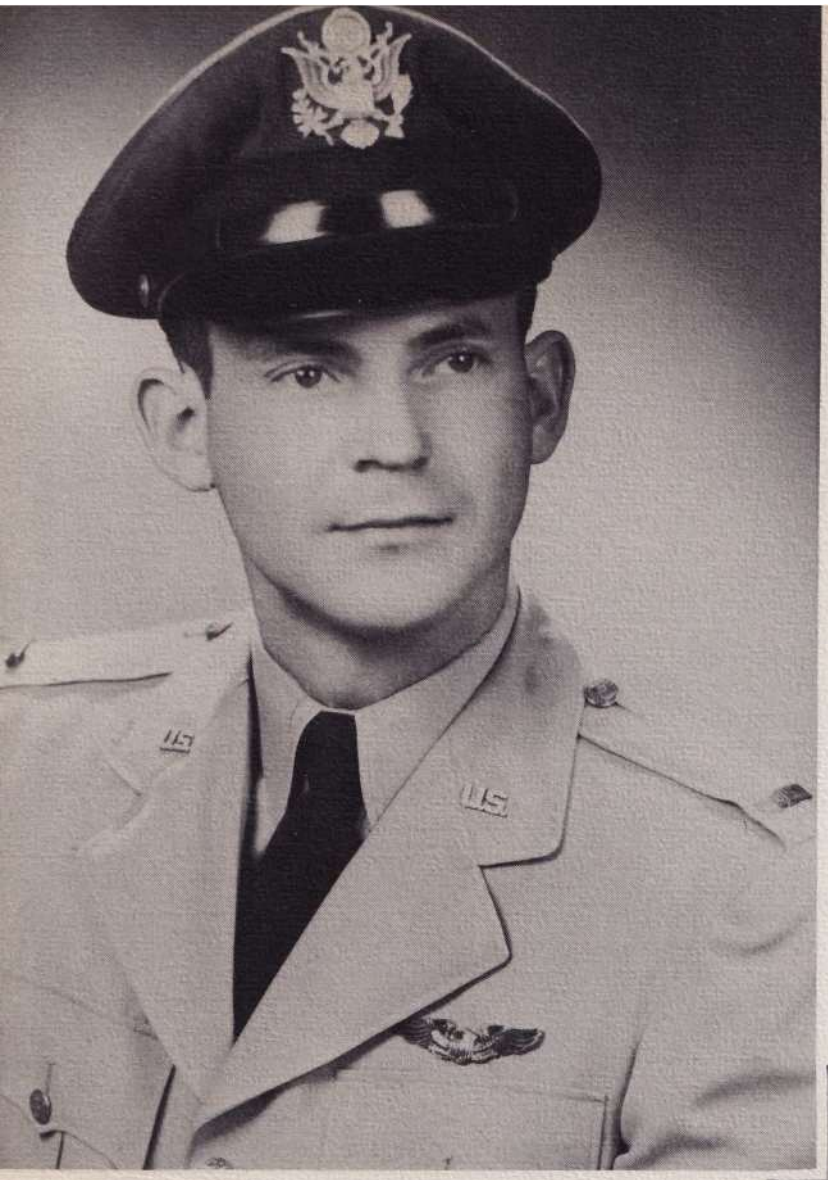

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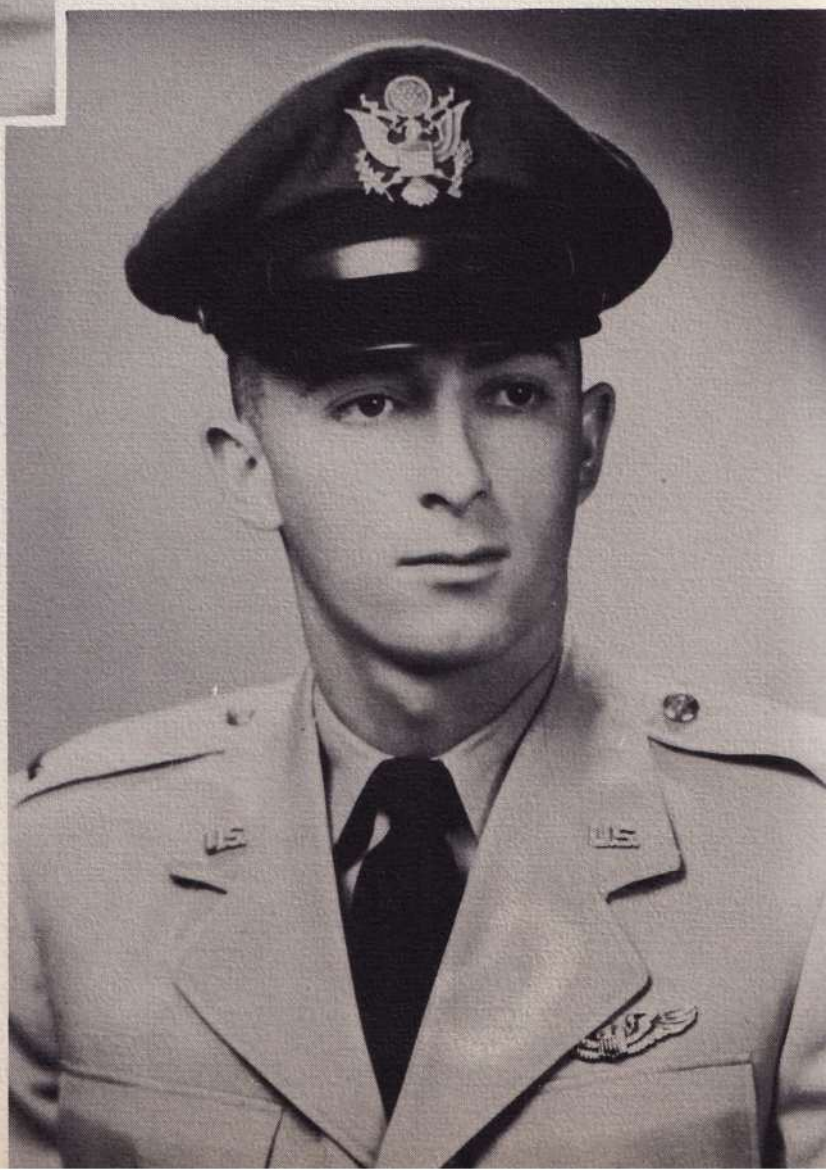

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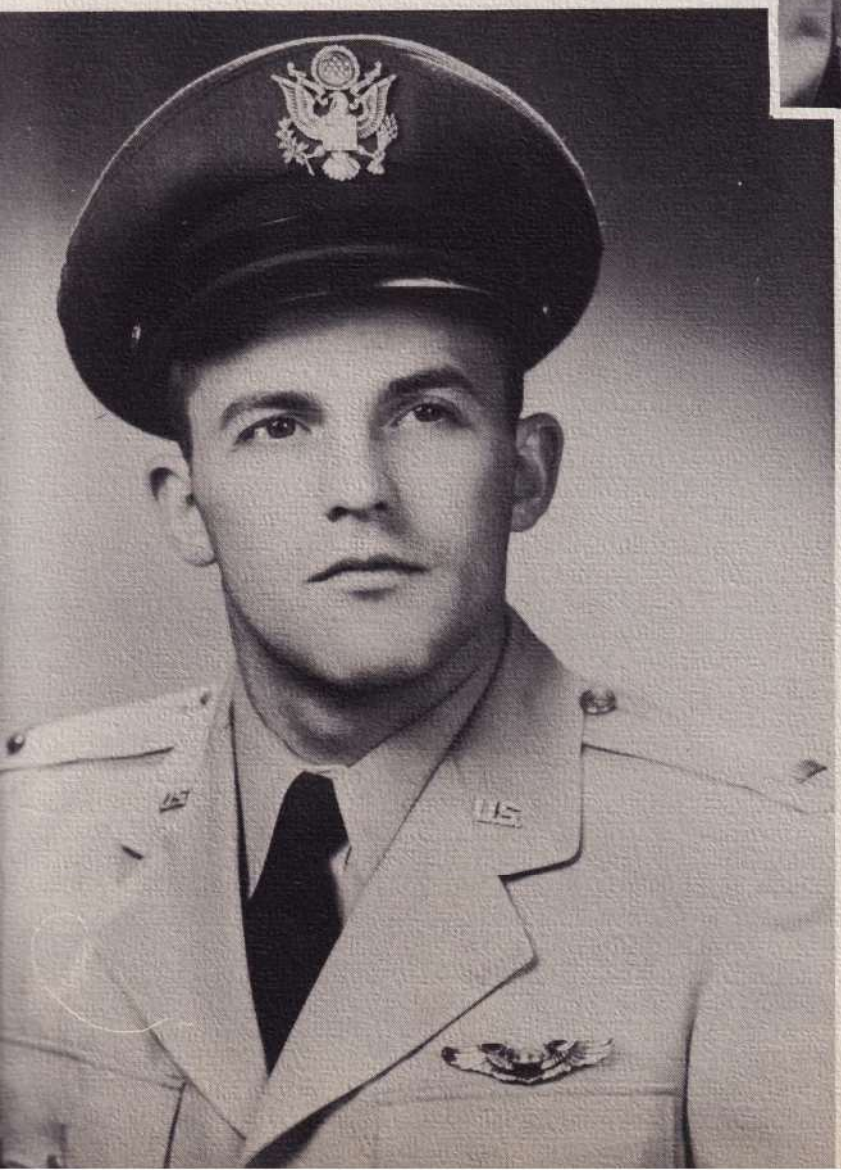

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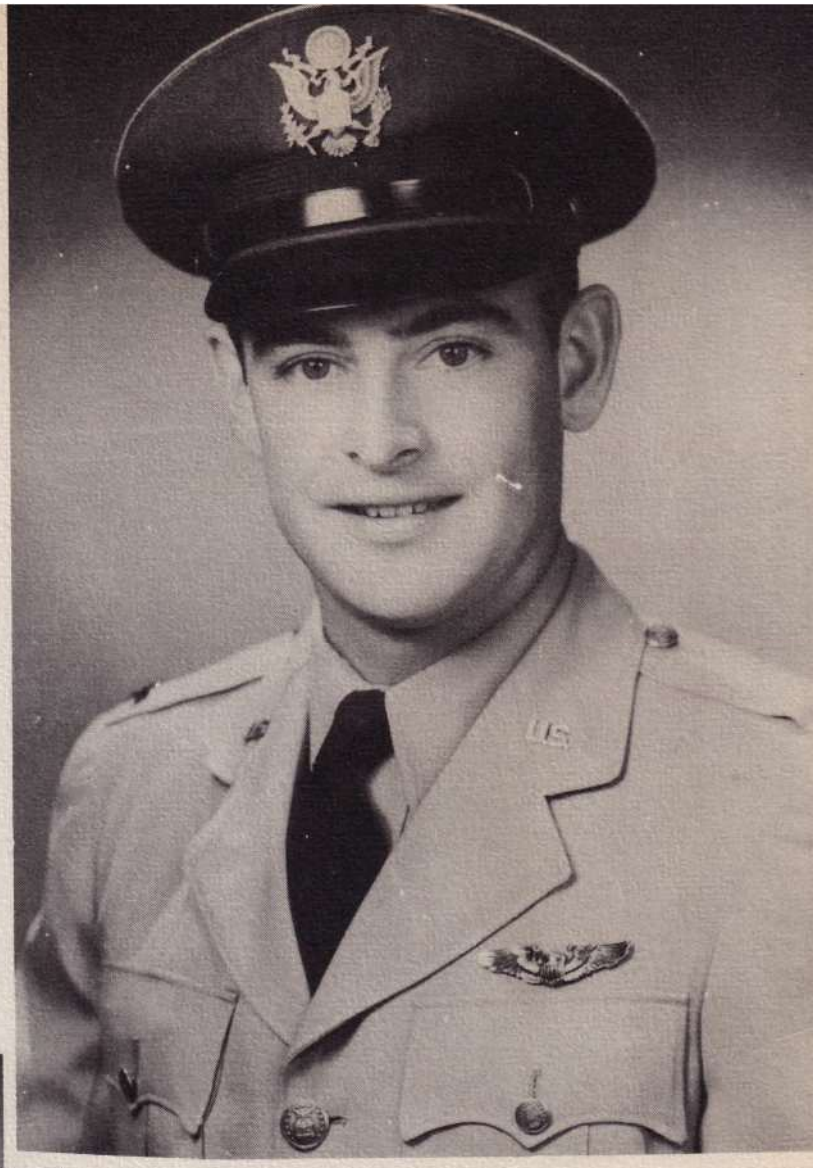

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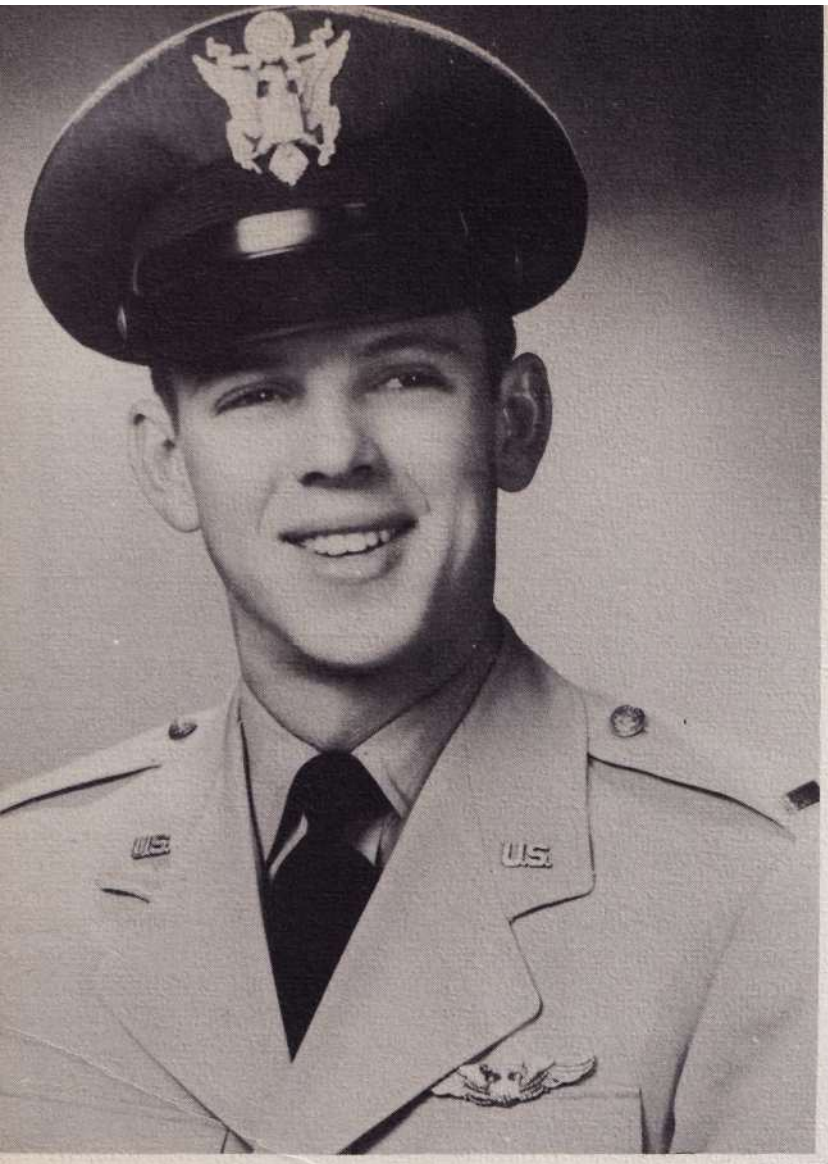

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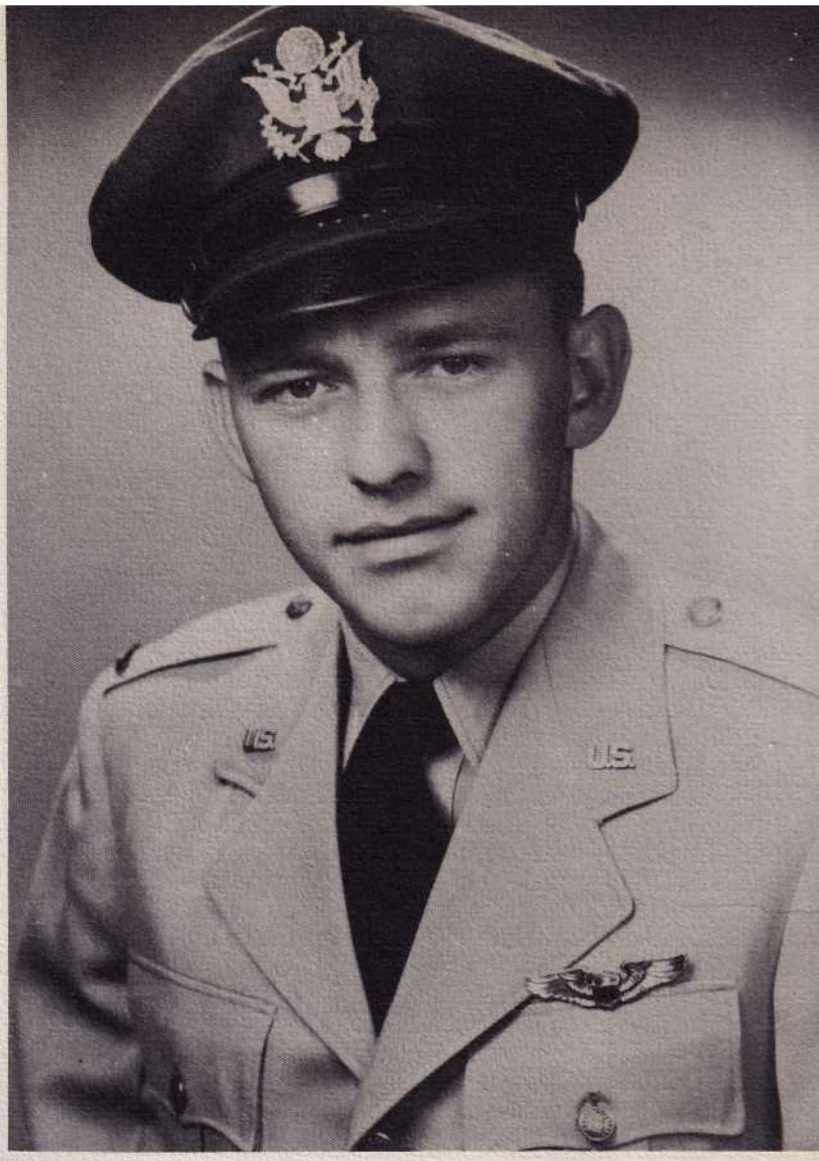

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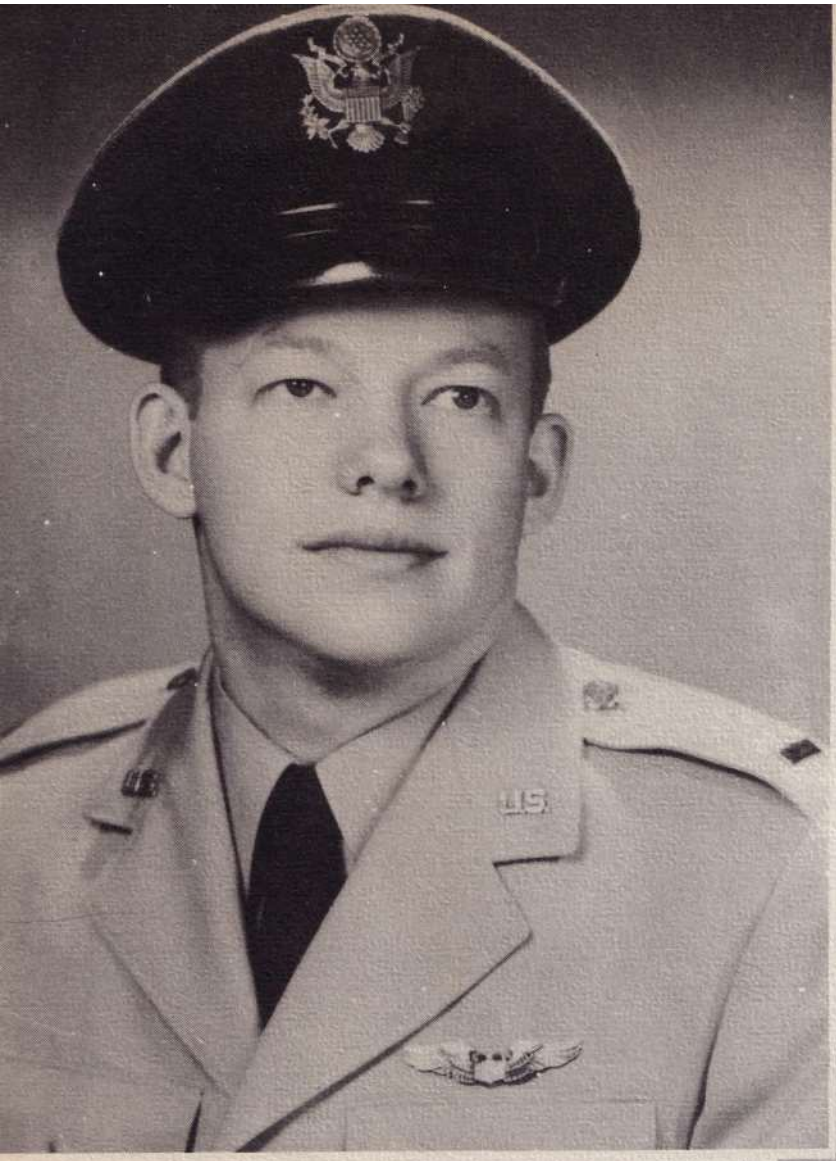

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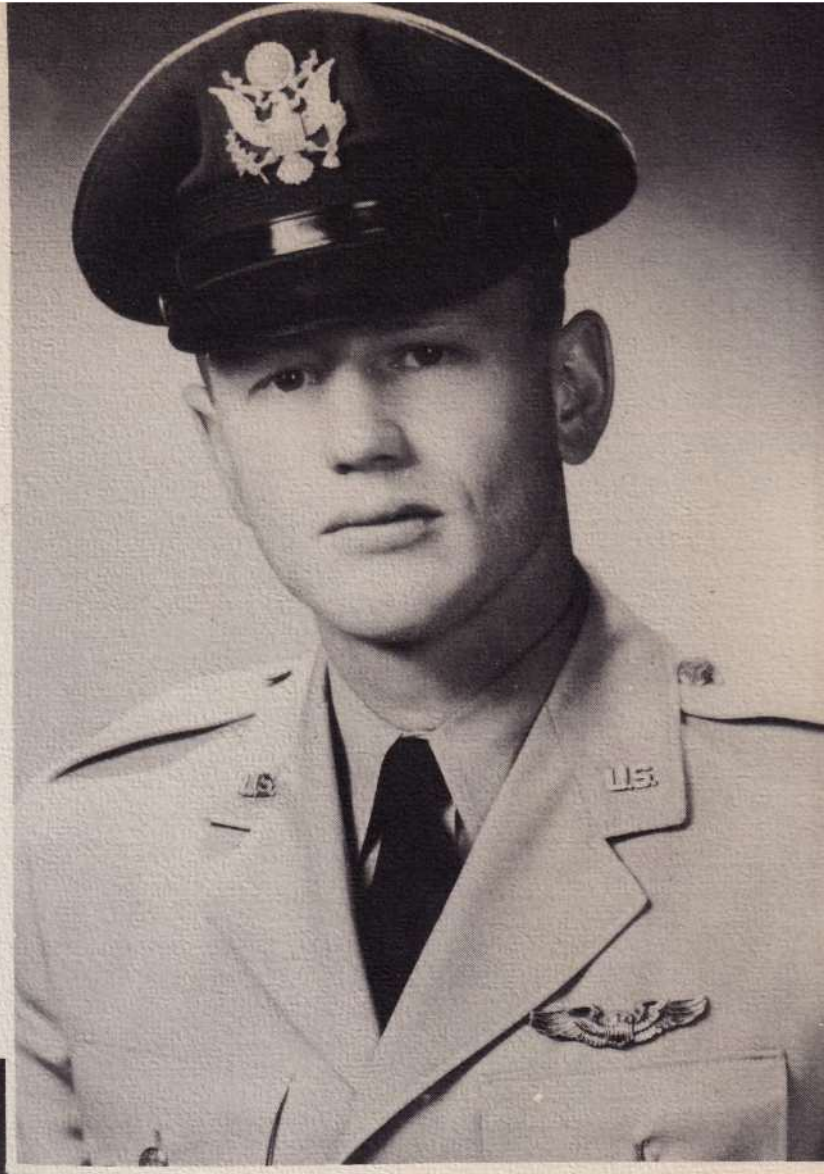

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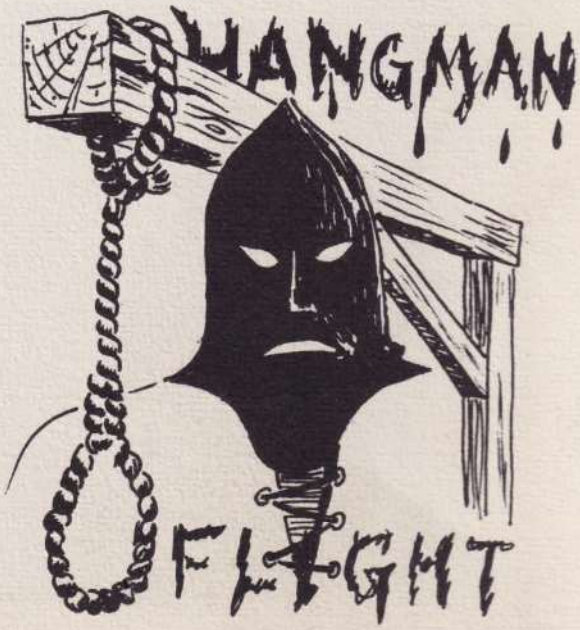

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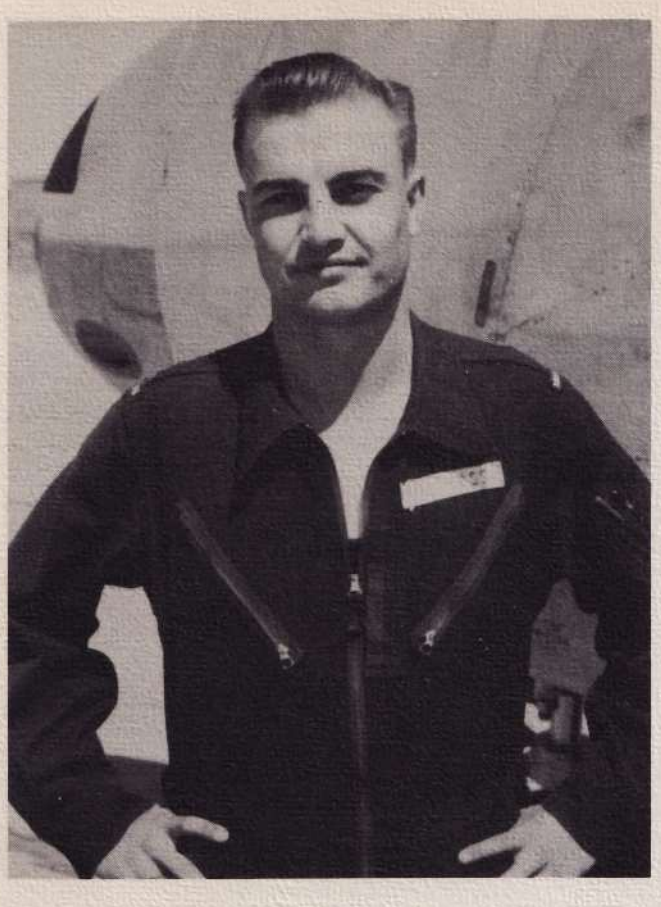

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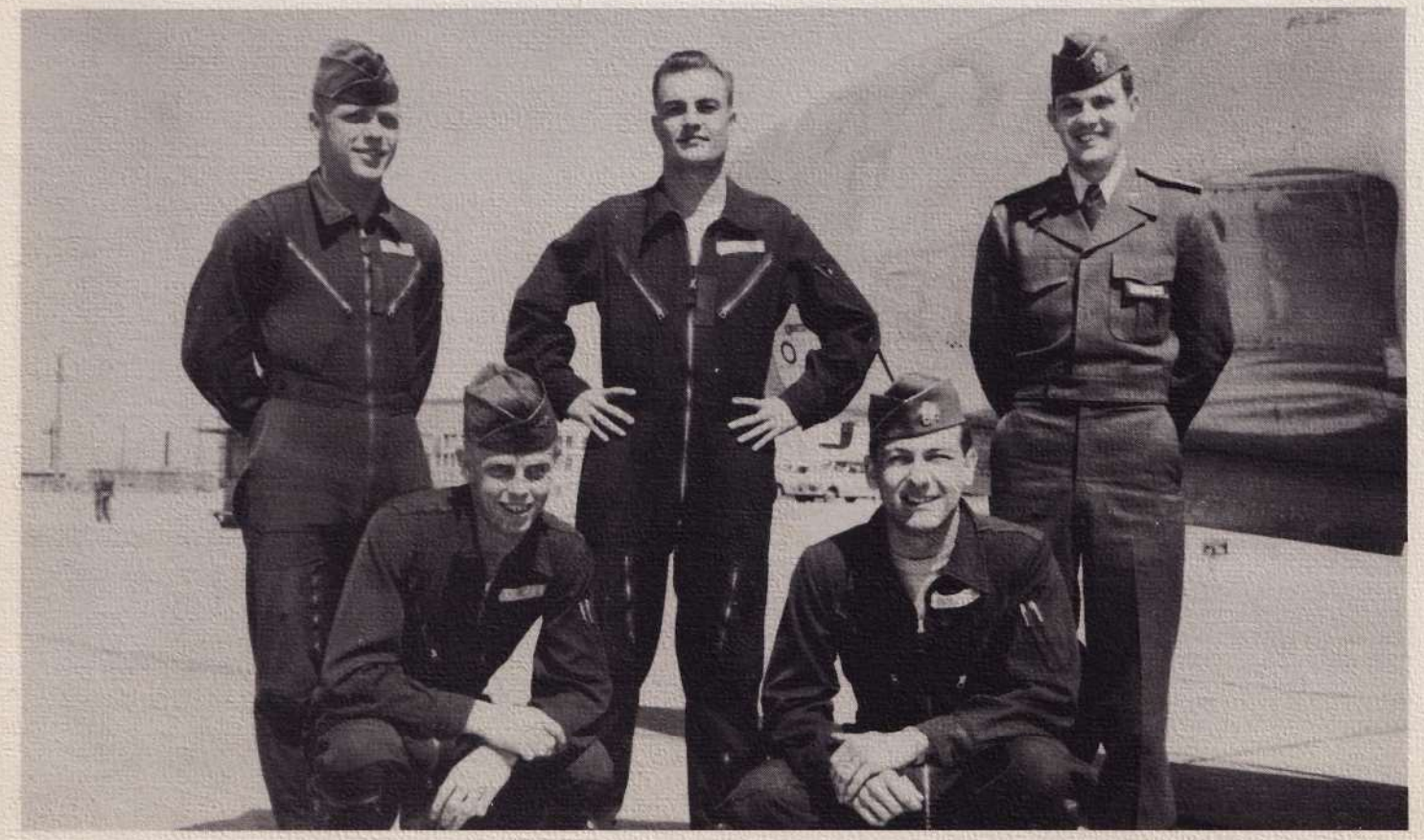

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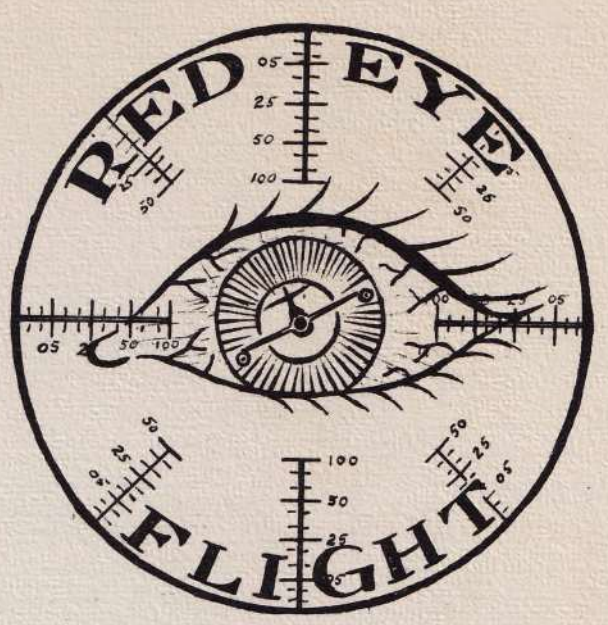

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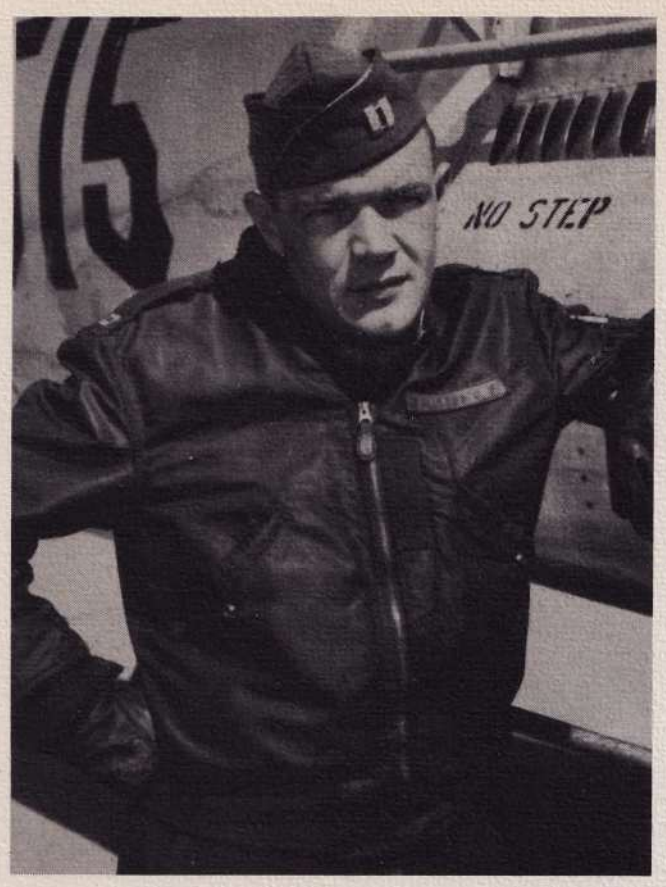

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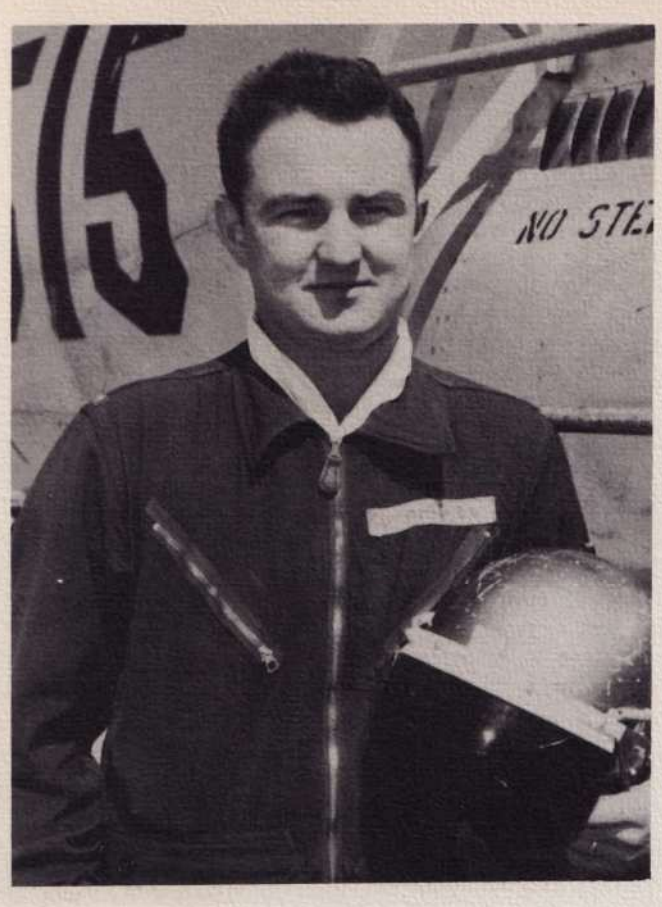

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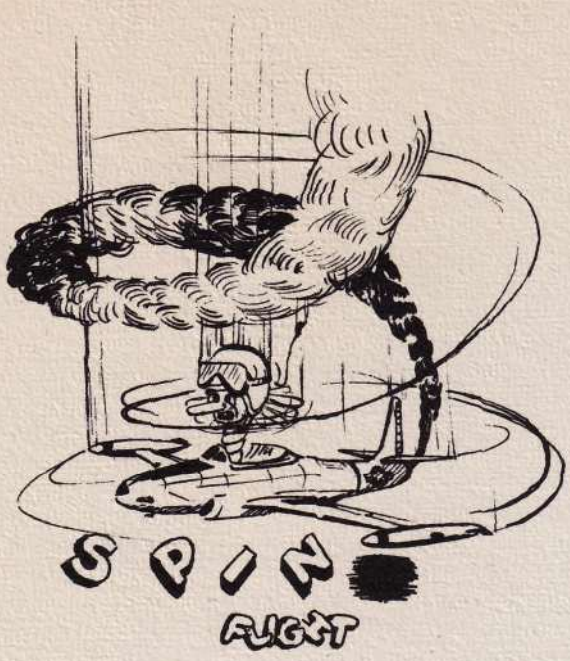

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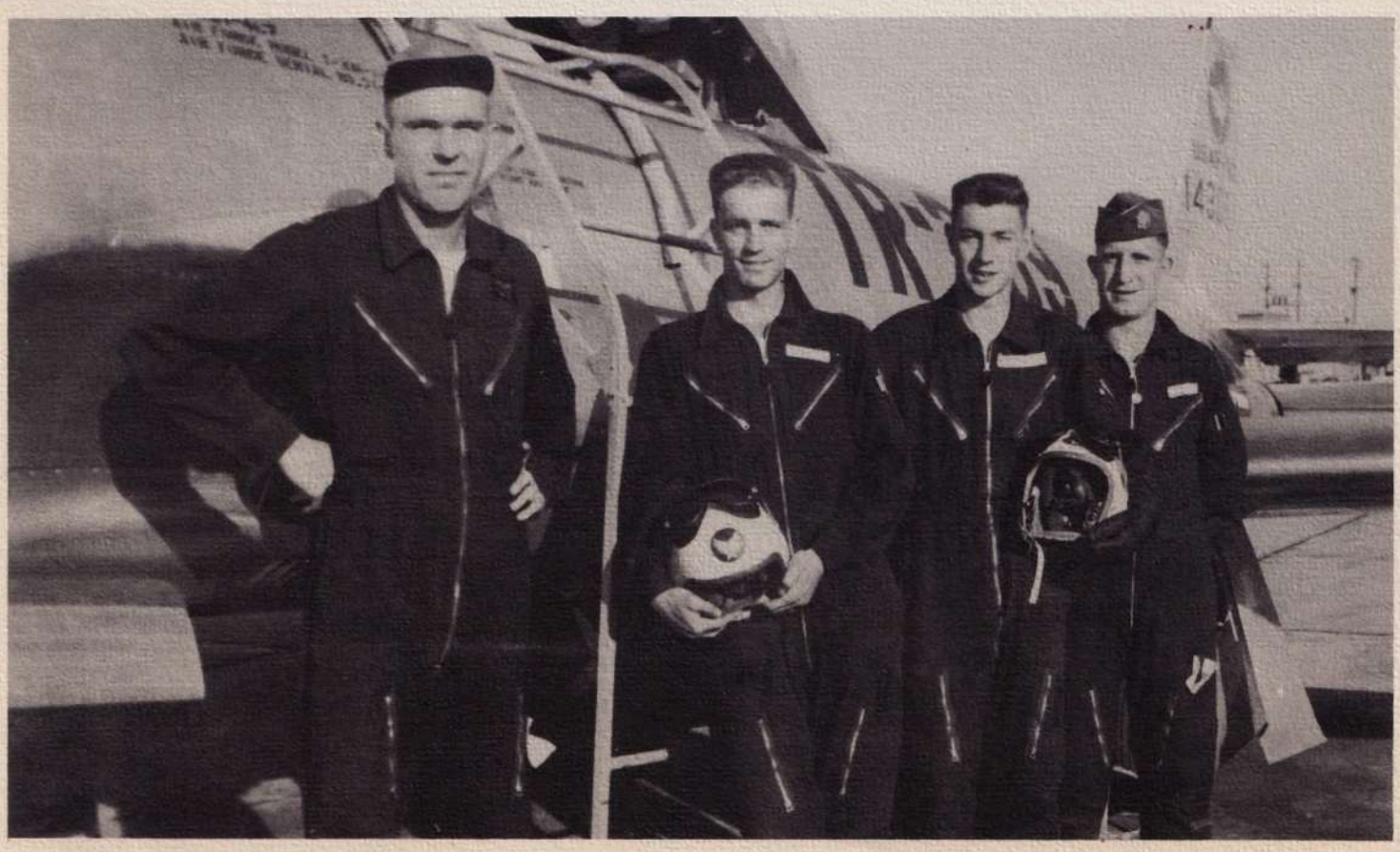

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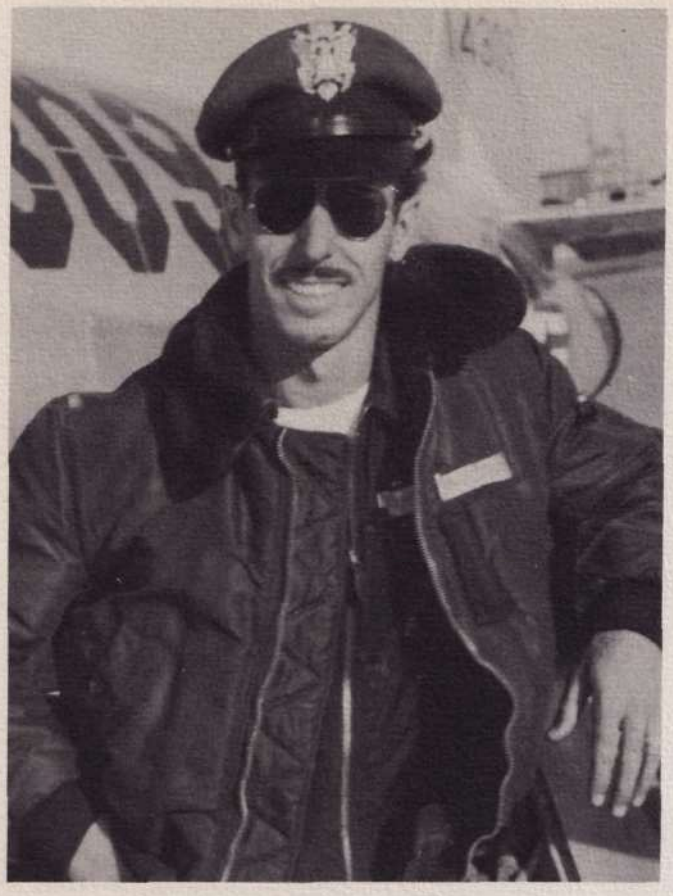

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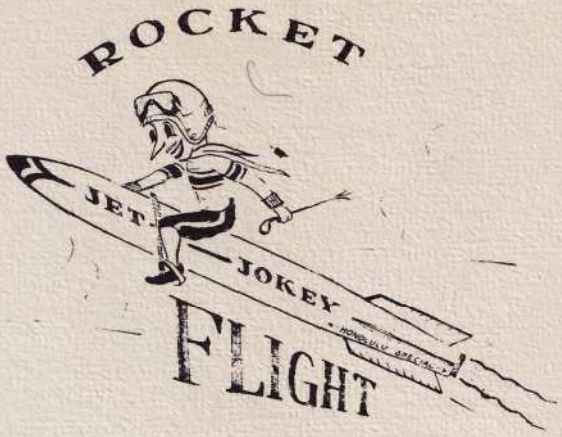

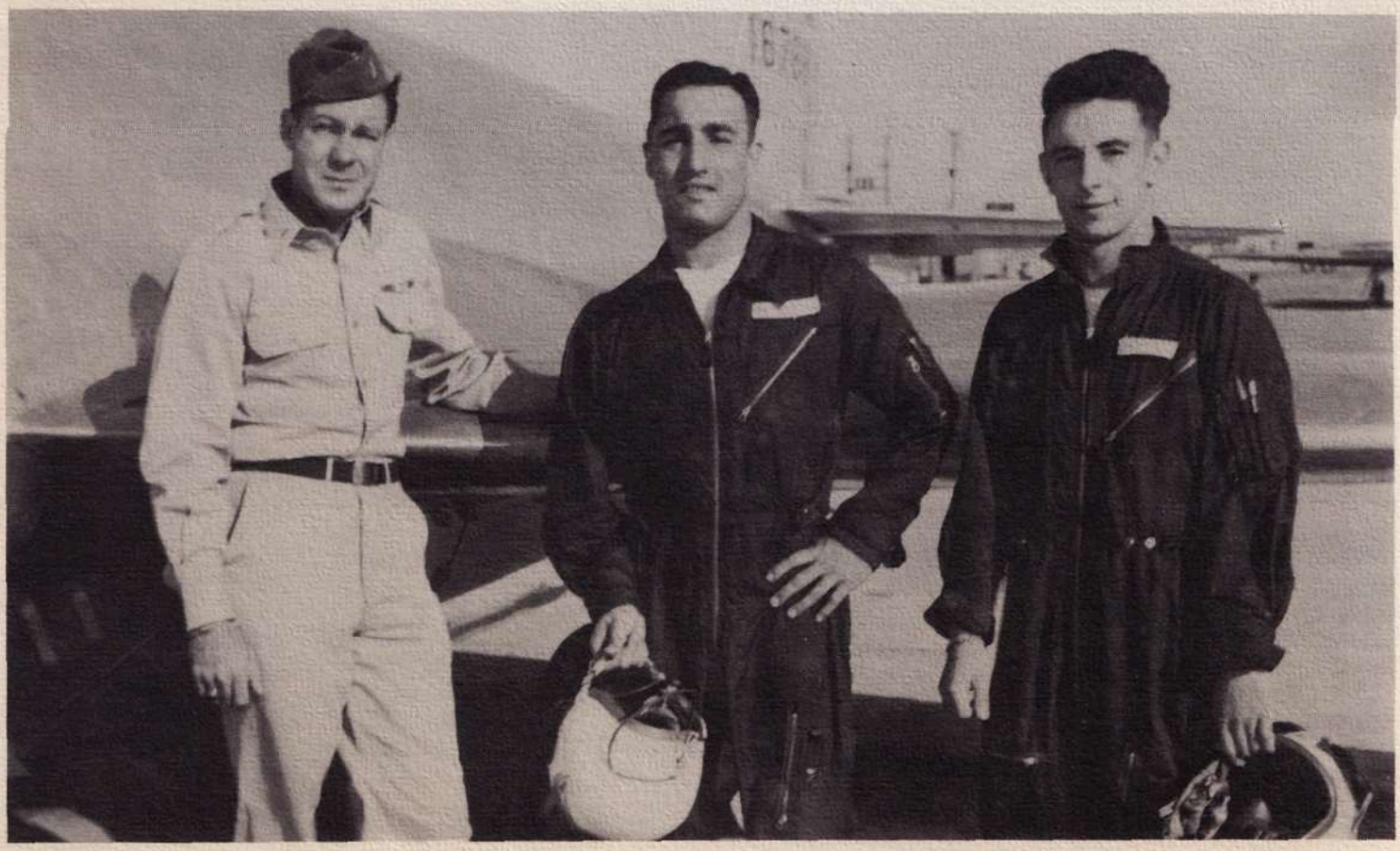

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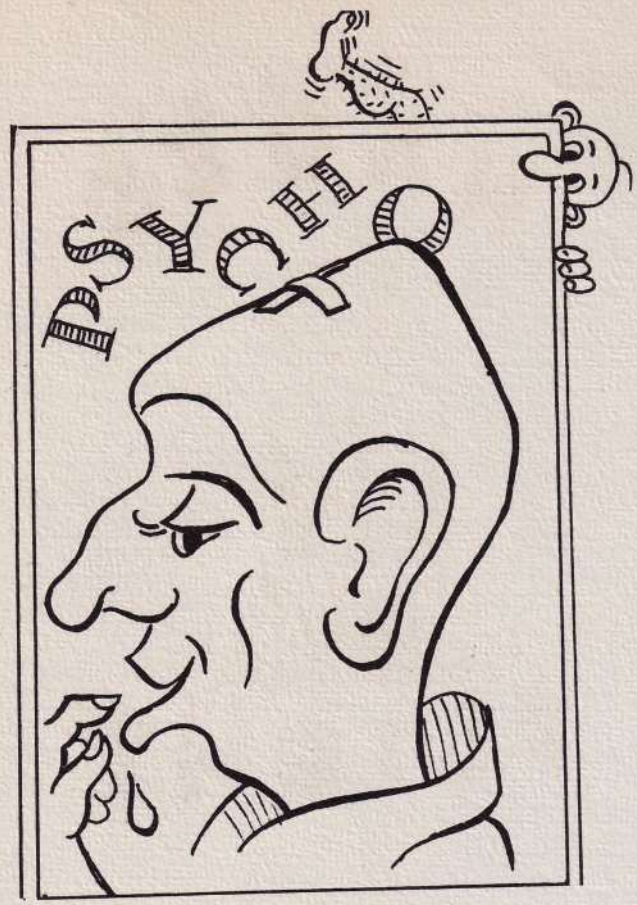

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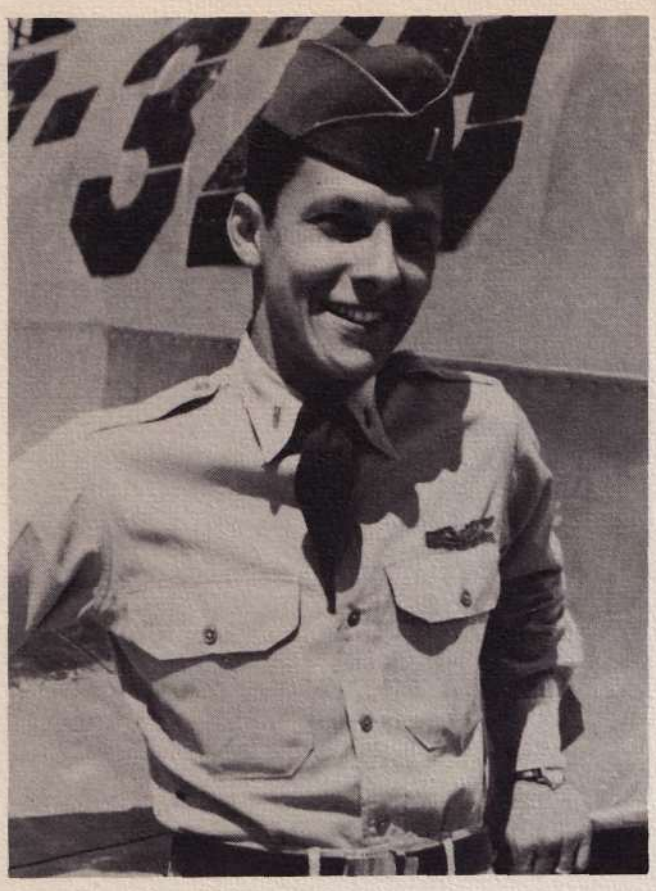

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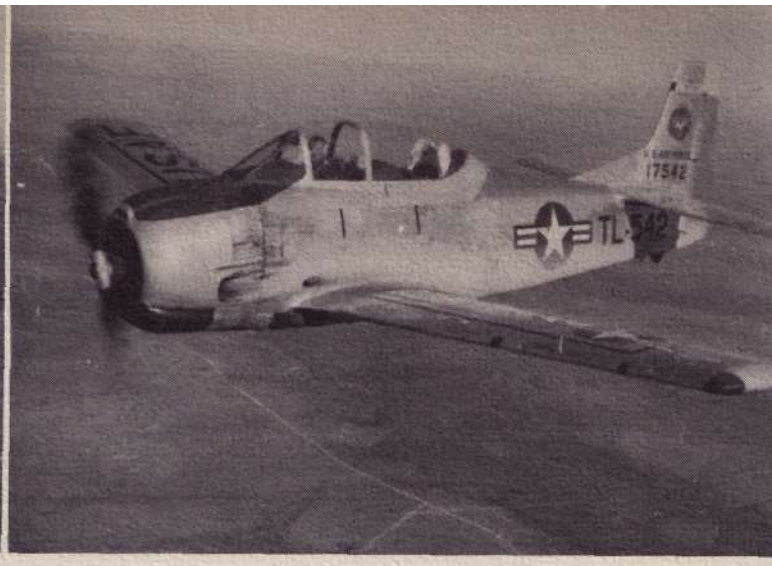
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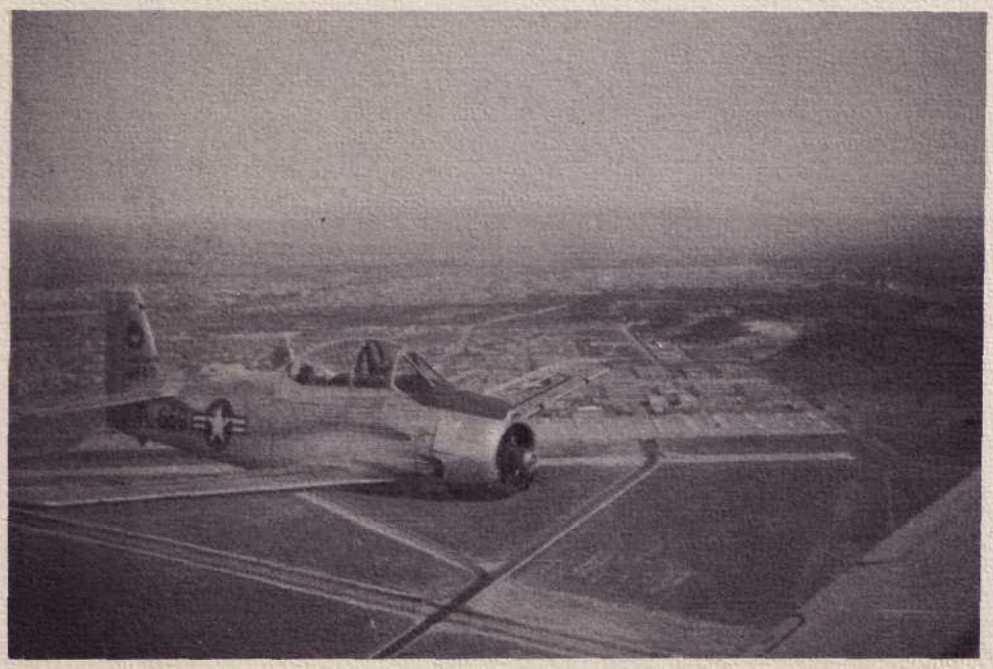

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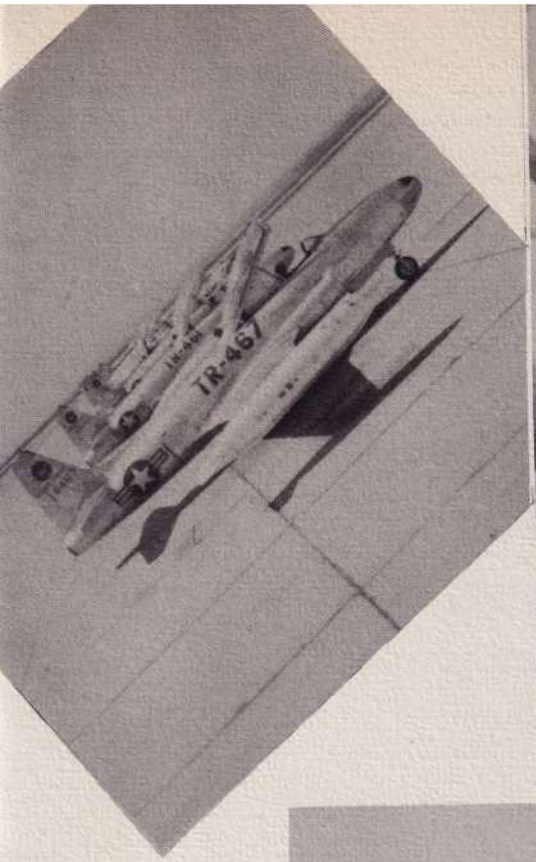
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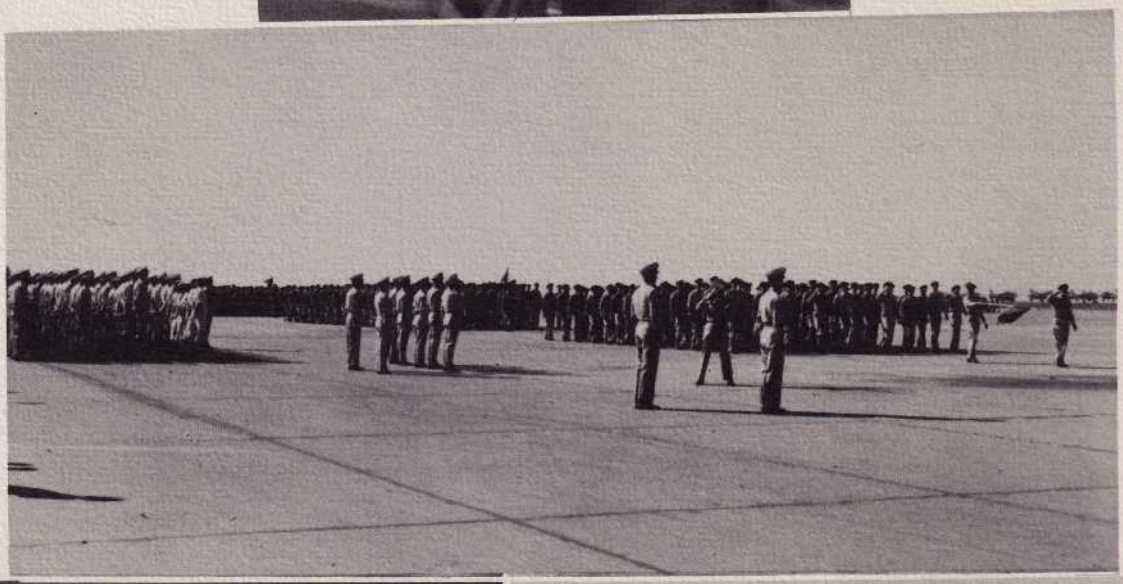

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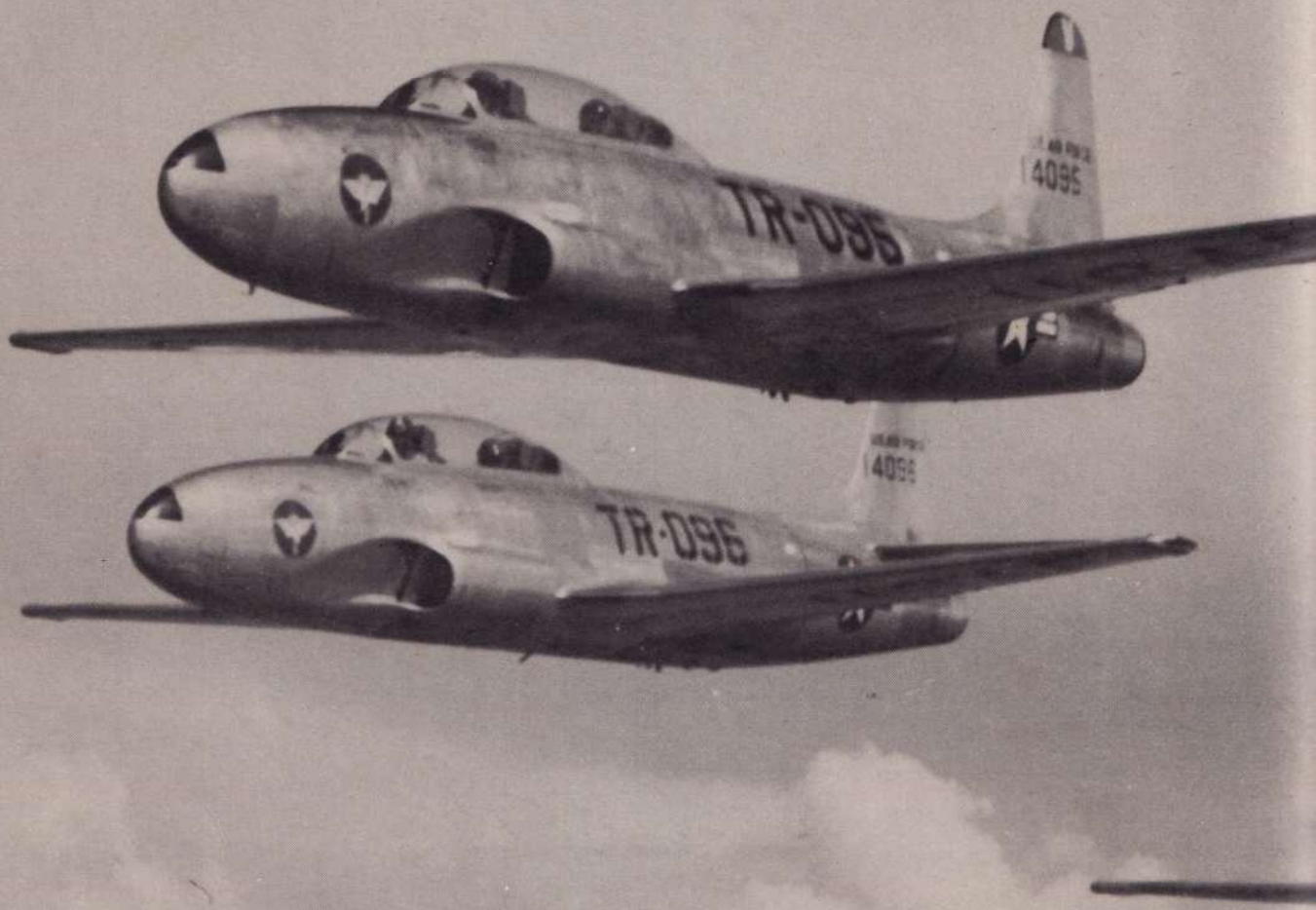
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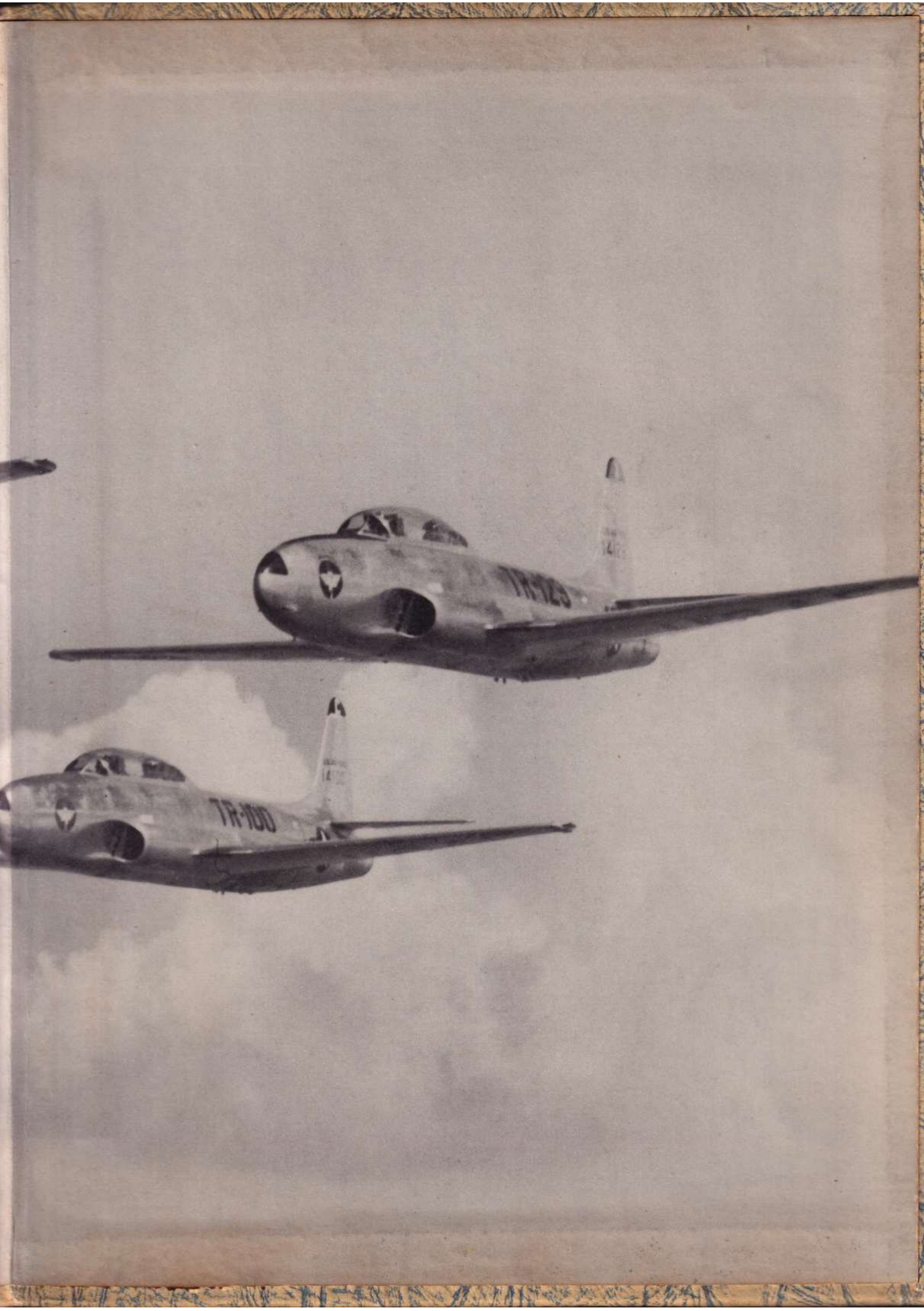
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