

contrails



53-E

WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE

ARIZONA





. . . . to those in our class who have made their final flight, a farewell salute, given with the most sincere assurance that their lives have not been sacrificed in vain. To them - we dedicate this classbook.



*Capt. James W. Strother
Birmingham, Alabama*

*2-Lt. Maurice H. Havercroft
Hull, Yorkshire, England*

*2-Lt. Jack A. Collins
Yale, Oklahoma*

53-E Class History

OR

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU EXPECT FOR \$110.00 A MONTH, JIMMIE JABARA?



Off to greater glory, we split the skies with our roar, emblazoned on our shields the bar sinister. Men of Williams, onward and upward, how the hell did we do it? Frankly, sir, I've been asleep on my feet since the first week we got here. But at least I've learned how to mow a lawn, and yes, lest I forget, turn Mac Torchy's face to the wall.

We arrived here one February morn, fresh from the mother's milk of Primary, secure in the knowledge that we were pilots (yes, sir, it says so right here on this piece of paper) and singing the praises of the Arizona sunshine. Here was the Club 80, ankle deep in suds, and for the officers, a splendid club and spacious "rent-free" quarters. And if, in later times, these pleasures paled, so what! Someone was always tearing up the Cadet Club, and the officers could well afford the monthly club heist and even if the constant flooding of the lawns did create the aura of a cesspool around the "rent-free" quarters, the grass was green, wasn't it? Besides, good troops always gripe.

We are off to academics with light heart and heavy briefcase, singing as we go. There's the building now, with Miss Thede waiting at the gate. We enter the cool green, clean (by whose sweat? Does your mother know you scrub floors, sonny?) rooms, ready for the morning show. What a collection of wits (and half-wits). Some claim to have been in the war, but we know who killed vaudeville. We learned how to fill out our flight plans, how to melt a tailpipe, how not to fill out a flight log, how to tune the VHF and how to make speeches. We were further motivated by lectures on bends, chokes, CNS, and flatus (the BX noted a complete collapse in the sale of cigarettes for two whole days).

And who will ever forget the first day at the flight line? The band playing, pennants flying, the firm tread of men who knew their job. Were we not, by the very fact of being here, TIGERS? A short, pithy briefing, a snappy salute from our new instructors, and we were off into the wild blue. What happened immediately thereafter was compared by some to the sacking of Rome by the Visigoths, though some held out for Constantinople and the Turks.

Slowly, however, we made progress. We did learn how to land the T-28, in our fashion, though we were hampered slightly by the fact that during our one demonstration, we did not regain our vision until the after-landing check. Where, heretofore, every melon patch was our friend, now engines failed only at 4,000 feet over Rottenhouse. Oh, the milestones of the course were many. Will we ever forget our first formation ride? Our second formation ride! Our first vertical roll? Our first jet ride? Our second jet ride! Our initial checkout? Our first desert! Oh, what a sight to behold at MOBILE; canopy open, dive flaps down, and red streamers bravely flying. Ah, memory, fading now, to be still dimmer with time.

It is the fond hope of your yearbook staff that we have captured some small essence of Easy at Willie in these pages. Our work here was, after all, too hot to be forgotten in the welter of what comes after. It was here they made us officers, gentlemen, and pilots (girl friends and instructors to the contrary notwithstanding), and we are graduated, feeling confident that with a few more years of training, they will let us take a T-6 home for a week end.....

INTAKE SECTION: Collects
and rams the mass to the
compressor section.



Intake Section

HEADQUARTERS
WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE
CHANDLER, ARIZONA

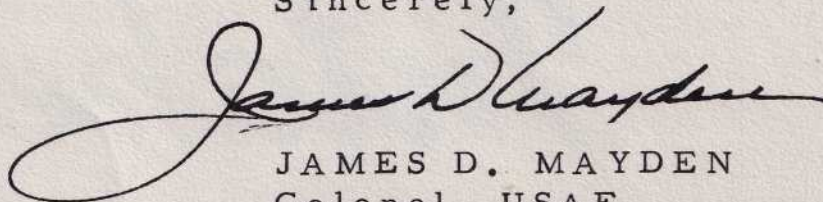
TO THE MEMBERS OF 53-E

Congratulations! The past year has undoubtedly been the longest and busiest one of your life. You have successfully completed an arduous course of instruction designed to prepare you for your entry into the finest career in the world--a Fighter Pilot in the United States Air Force! You will never regret the time and work you have devoted to this program and will, in fact, always remember it as a highlight in the procession of years which will constitute your career in the Air Force.

We at Willie are proud of you now--keep us proud of 53-E as you go out from here into various tactical organizations all over the world. Work as hard for those people as you have for us, and as they become acquainted with you and you show them that you have what it takes--then and only then will you truly understand and appreciate what it means to be able to say--"I am a Fighter Pilot"--It's a glorious feeling.

Good luck--God speed--and may all your future landings be "paint jobs".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James D. Mayden", with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

JAMES D. MAYDEN
Colonel, USAF
Commanding



COLONEL JAMES D. MAYDEN
Commanding



COLONEL NOEL T. CUMBAA
Wing Executive Officer



COLONEL HANAH R. HALBOUTY
Wing Surgeon



ACCESSORIES SECTION: A
bunch of wheels providing
proper drive for all of the
individual accessories.



Accessories

Section

ATTACHED GEAR-DRIVEN ACCESSORIES



Col. Charles E. Parsons, Jr.
C.O., Plt. Tng. Gp.

CLASS 53-E:

IT HAS BEEN A LONG, HARD STRUGGLE AND MANY OF YOUR MEM-
HAVE FALLEN BY THE WAYSIDE; BUT THOSE YOU REMAINING HAVE
FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT AND REPRESENT THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITT-
EST, YOUR TRAINING HAS BEEN BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF QUALITY
NOT QUANTITY AND ONLY THE BEST RECEIVE THEIR WINGS; WEAR
THEM PROUDLY - FOR YOU HAVE EARNED THEM AND THE RESPONSIB-
ILITY TO YOUR COUNTRIES WHICH GO WITH THEM;

YOUR CAREER FROM THIS TIME ON SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO IM-
PROVING YOUR TECHNIQUE TO THE POINT YOU CAN ACHIEVE MAX-
IMUM DESTRUCTION WITH A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME; IF YOU CON-
TINUE TO WORK AND SACRIFICE AS YOU HAVE FOR THE PAST YEAR,
YOUR GROWTH POTENTIAL IS UNLIMITED;

GOOD LUCK IN THE FINEST PROFESSION IN THE WORLD: AND CON-
GRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

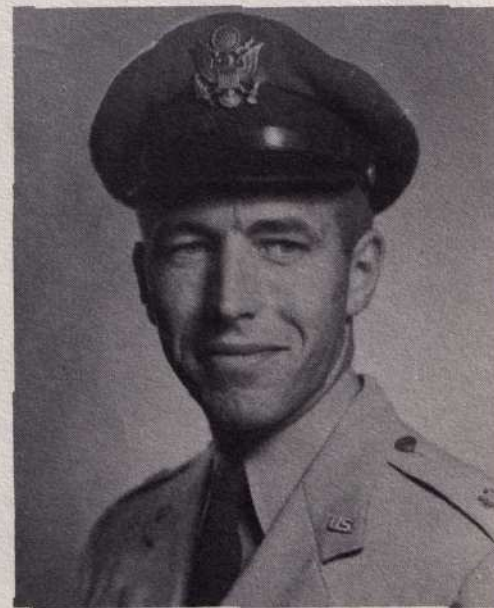
C. E. Parsons, Jr.
C. E. PARSONS, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Commanding



Maj. Bruce W. Carr
Exec. Off., Plt. Tng. Gp.

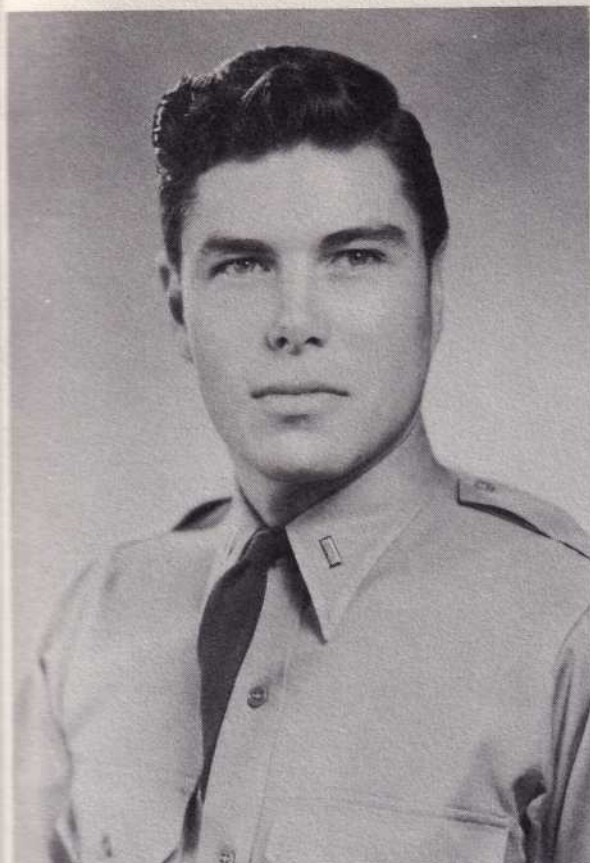


Maj. Harry M. Chapman
T&O Off., Plt. Tng. Gp.

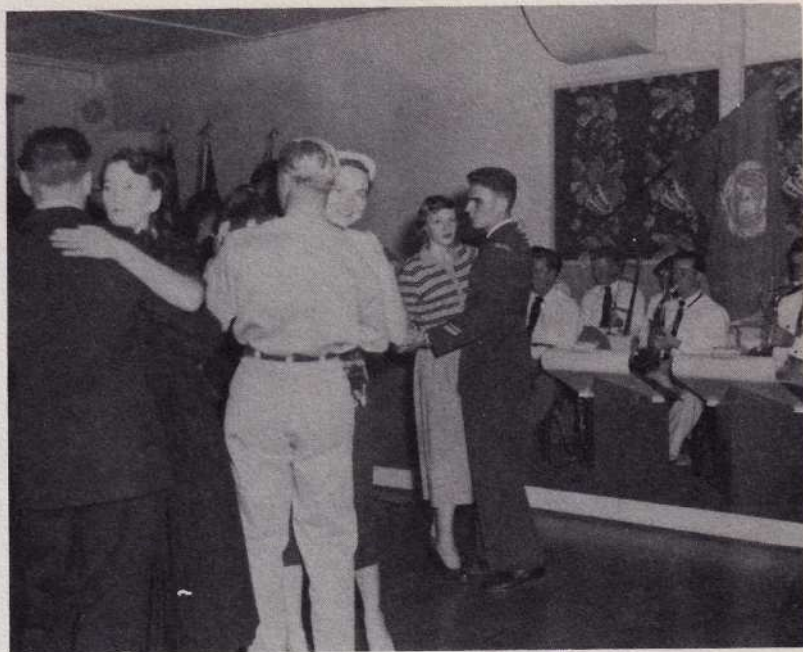


Maj. Glenroy C. Grewe
C.O., Plt. Tng. Sq.

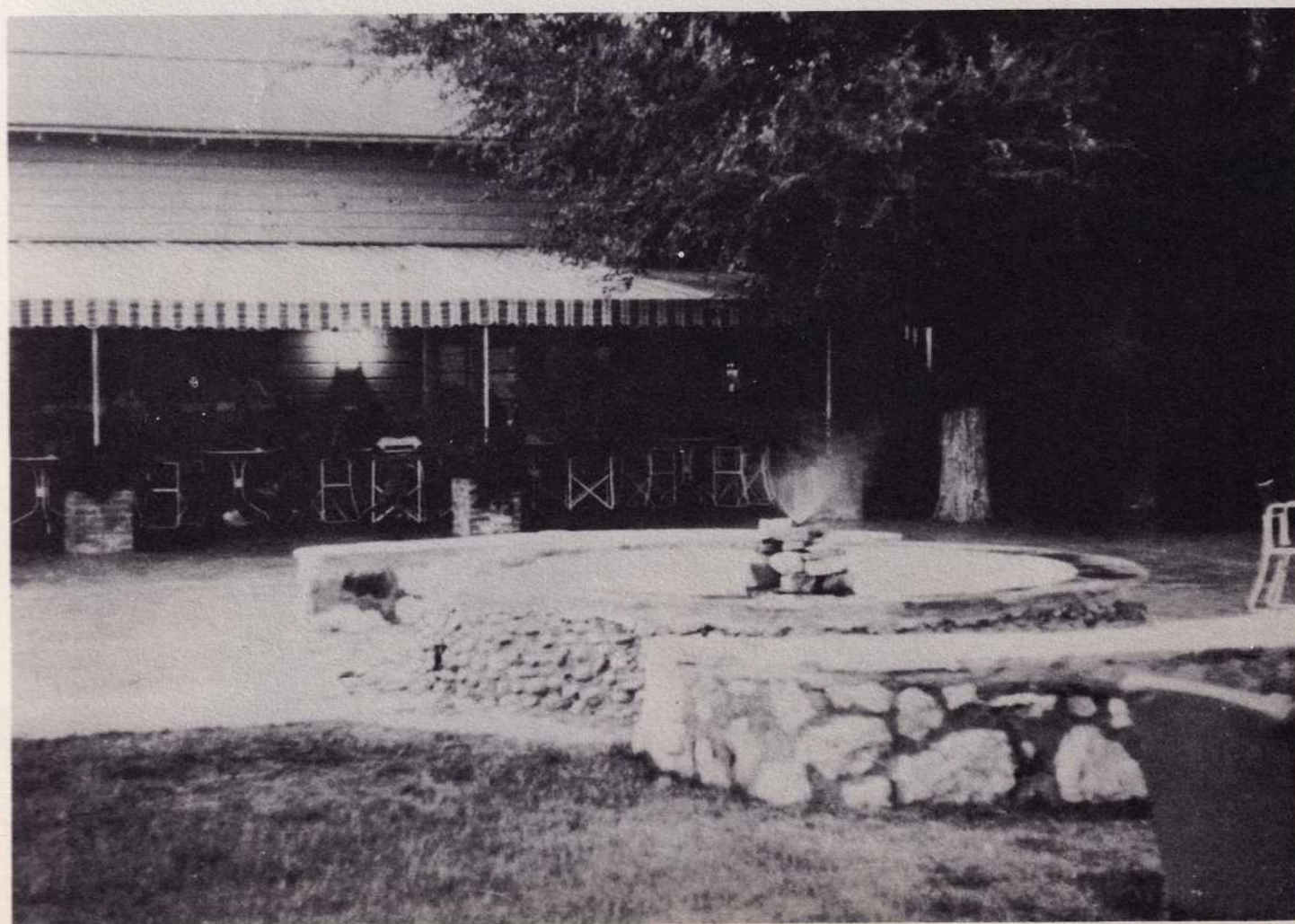
ATTACHED NON-GEAR-DRIVEN ACCESSORIES



2/Lt. Robert G. Hubbard
Cadet Mess Officer



*The
Cadet
Club*



UNATTACHED ACCESSORIES



The Chaplains



Lt. Col. Edwin R. Chess
Wg. Stf. Chaplain



Maj. Melvin J. Addington
Dep. Wg. Chaplain

COMPRESSOR SECTION: Steps
up the mass flow, decreasing
velocity and increasing pressure.



Compressor Section



Maj. Robert G. Brown
C.O., Stu. Sq.



Maj. Robert E. Tulk
Sr. Mil. Instr.

MEMBERS OF CLASS 53-E:

1 AUGUST 1953

EACH SEGMENT OF TIME ENCASES MEN WHOSE ENDEAVOR AS A GROUP TAKES ON A CHARACTER THAT COULD BE TERMED A PERSONALITY. "EASY'S" PERSONALITY WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED FOR TENACITY, HARD WORK AND THE DESIRE FOR PERFECTION. THE PAGES OF THIS YEARBOOK SHOW GRAPHICALLY THE PERSONALITY OF THE CLASS.

AS YOU PART AND GO YOUR INDIVIDUAL WAYS TO AIR FORCE UNITS, LET YOUR CLASS SPIRIT AND PERSONALITY GO WITH YOU, YOUR SUCCESSSES WILL ADD LUSTER, THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, TO THE WORK AND COMRADESHIP THAT WERE BORN HERE. I CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS, AND MAY THE LIGHT OF SUCCESS GUIDE YOUR FUTURE!

Robert G. Brown
MAJOR ROBERT G. BROWN



1/Lt. Alfred S. Allen
Mil. Tng. Instr.



2/Lt. Marion J. Bentley
Mil. Tng. Instr.



2/Lt. Charles E. Spencer, Jr.
Mil. Tng. Instr.

Tac Officers



Lt. Archille Brisset
France

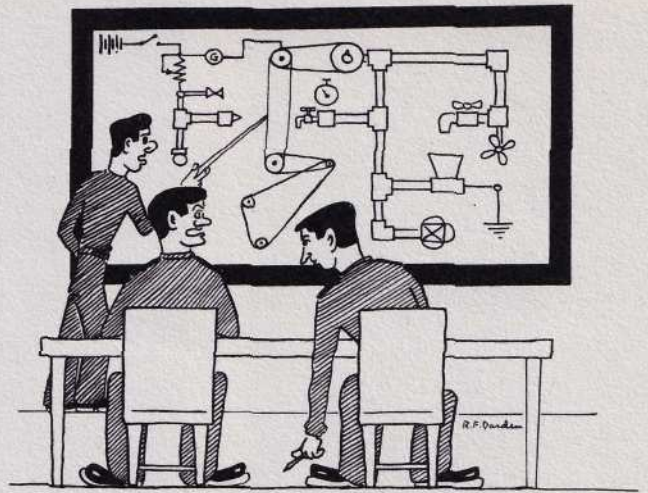


Lt. D. J. Van Aalst
Netherlands

Liaison Officers

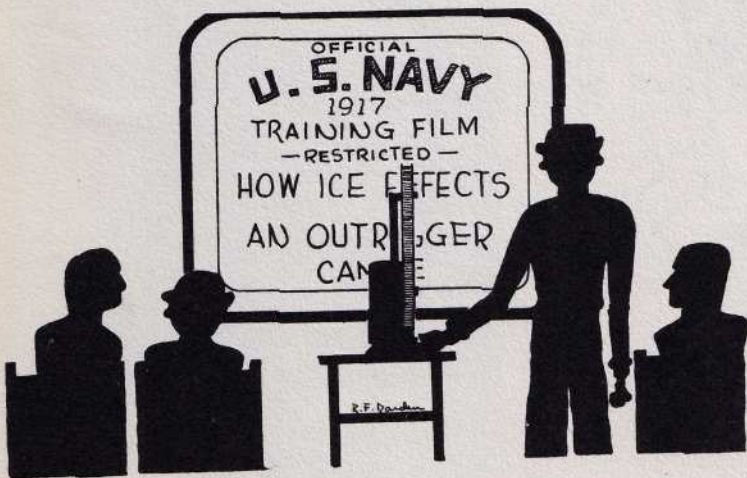


Capt. Hollis R. Moomaw
Director



"I DROPPED MY PENCIL YESTERDAY AND
MISSED THE HYDRAULIC, ELECTRICAL, AND
INDUCTION SYSTEMS LECTURE."

*The
Academic
Dept.*



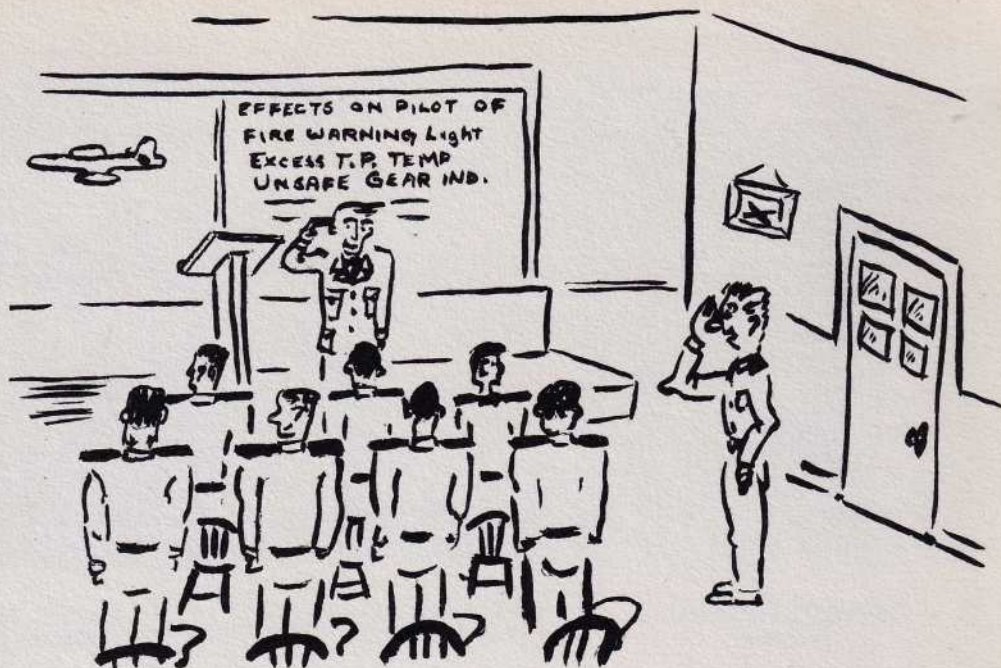
"A TYPICAL MODERN USRF TRAINING FILM"



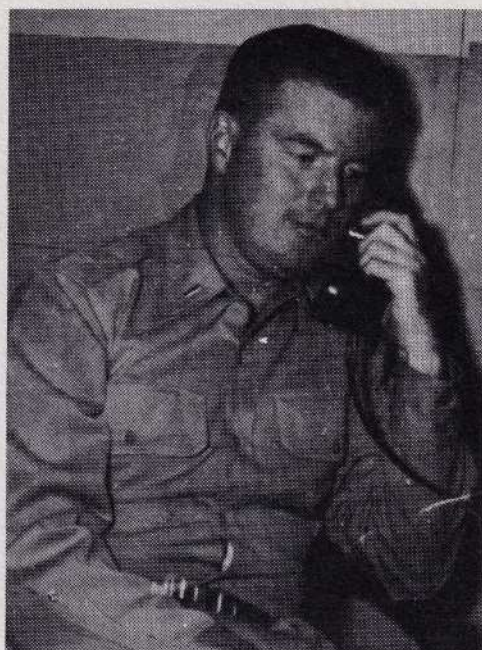
Capt. Charles W. Sexton
Assistant Director



1/Lt. John C. Taylor
Chief, Engr. Div.



".....use the
process of
elimination!"



1/Lt. Norman S. Leas
Chief, Sp. Subj. Div.

Sir, A/C Gooch reports
Section 3 ready for
instruction! Two men
absent; three would
like to leave early;
two will be late; and
four would like to
sleep.



Miss Jeanette Thede
Chief, Opns. Div.



CWO C. C. McWhorter
Weather



Capt. F. M. Johnson
Cruise Control

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1/Lt. J. J. Belasich
Physiological Tng.



1/Lt. M. E. Nielson
Physiological Tng.

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1/Lt. L. Anderson
Engineering



Mr. R. W. Cromer
Engineering



2/Lt. W. Beneville
Mil. Management

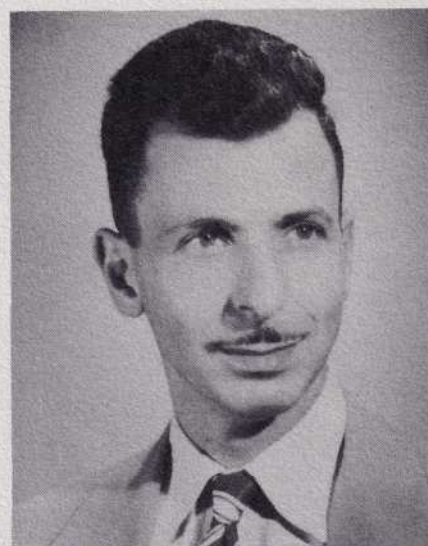


2/Lt. J. Todd
Mil. Law

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2/Lt. A. J. Vassar
Intelligence



Mr. M. Norman
Navigation

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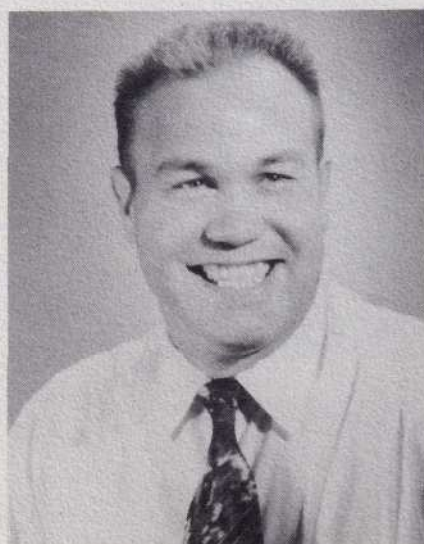
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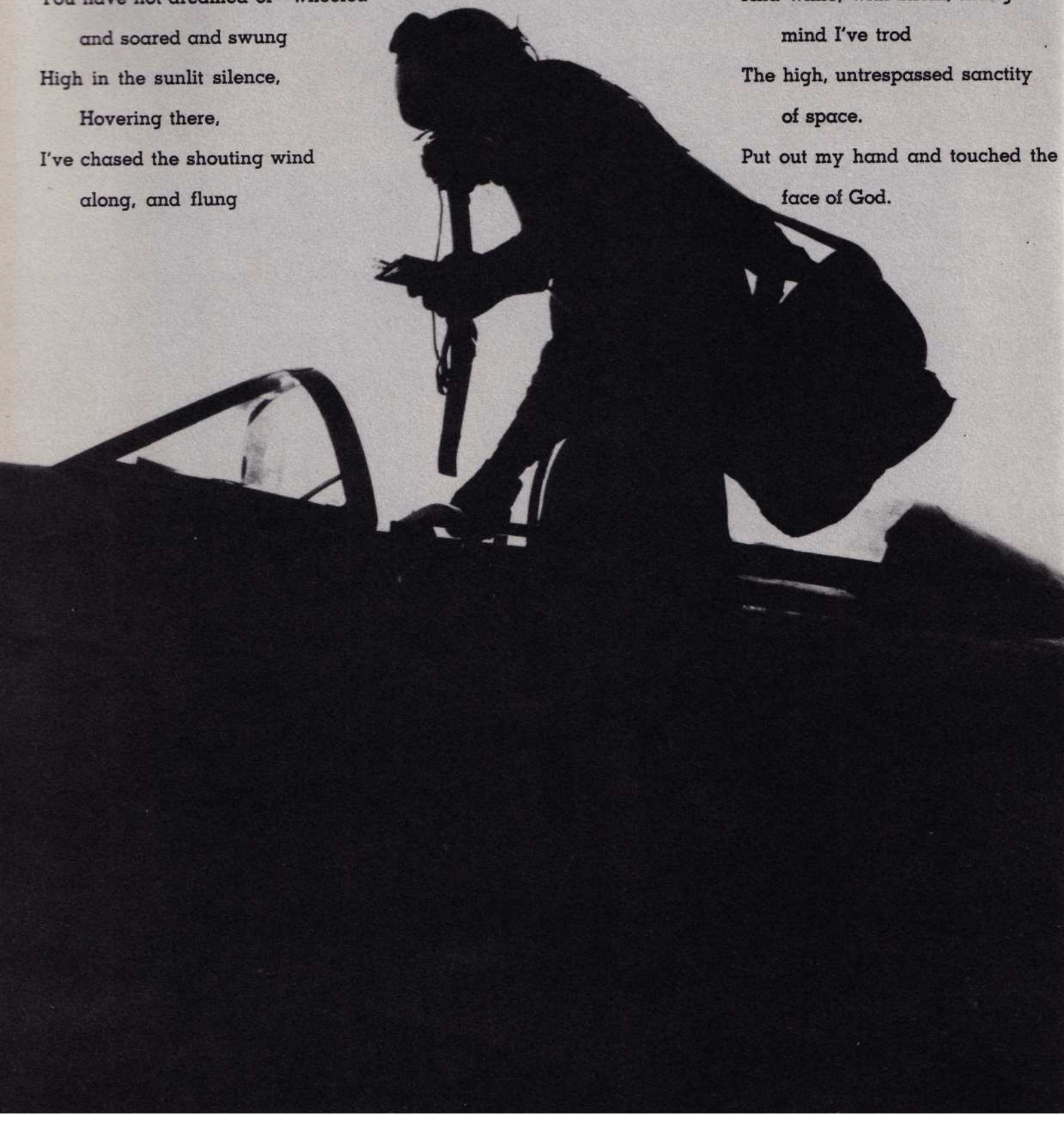
Mr. J. Davis
Flt. Operations



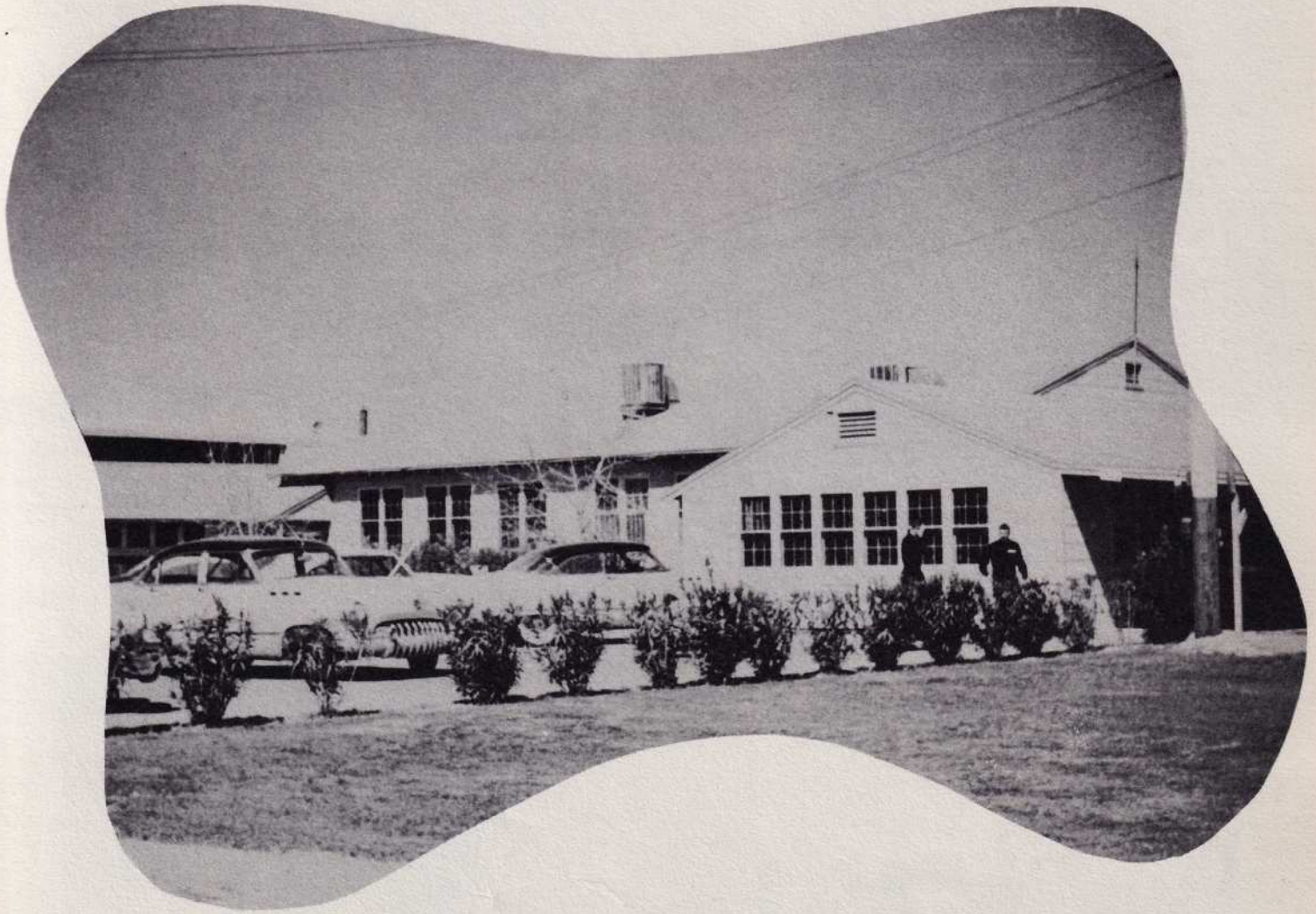
Mr. E. Manning
Radio Comm.

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.



COMBUSTION SECTION: A group of non-moving parts which develop much heat, much noise, and little light.



Combustion Section

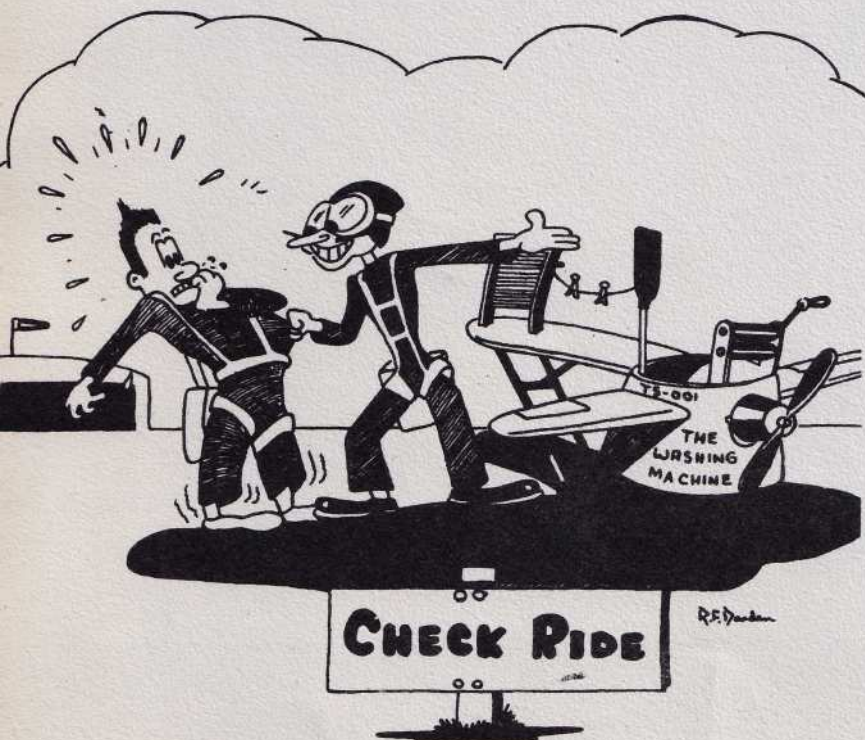
Section One



Maj. Vernon V. Haywood
Section CO



That's funny, Maj., the canopy won't lock!



Maj. Donald W. Thompson
Asst. Section CO



Capt. James J. Sears
CO, "A" Flt.



Capt. Daniel J. Miller
Asst. CO, "A" Flt.



Capt. Gilbert Howe, Jr.
CO, "B" Flt.



Capt. Lewis J. Lynch
Asst. CO, "B" Flt.



Maj. Frederick L. Parker, Jr.
CO, "C" Flt.



Capt. John B. Farver
Asst. CO, "C" Flt.

"A" Flight



Capt. Daniel J. Miller
Instructor

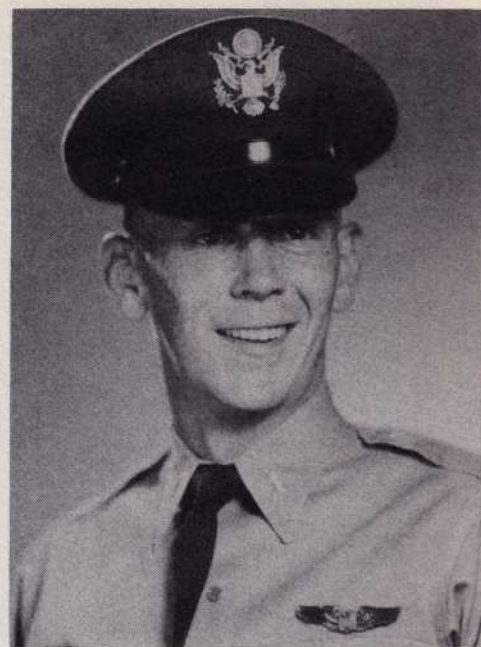


Joker

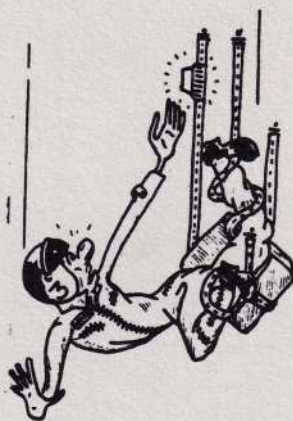




2/Lt. Peter W. Dulken



2/Lt. Lester D. Galvin, Jr.



2/Lt. Hugh P. Kelly

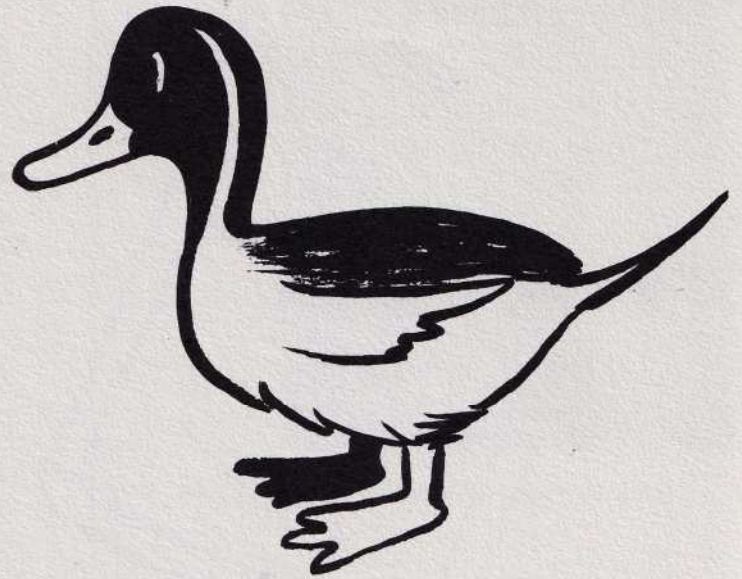


Sgt. Albert Guerard, FAF

"A" Flight



Capt. Earl G. Kauffman
Instructor



Pintail





2/Lt. Alfred H. Burlini



2/Lt. Donn F. Eisele



2/Lt. Robert A. Gay



2/Lt. Richard W. Gifford

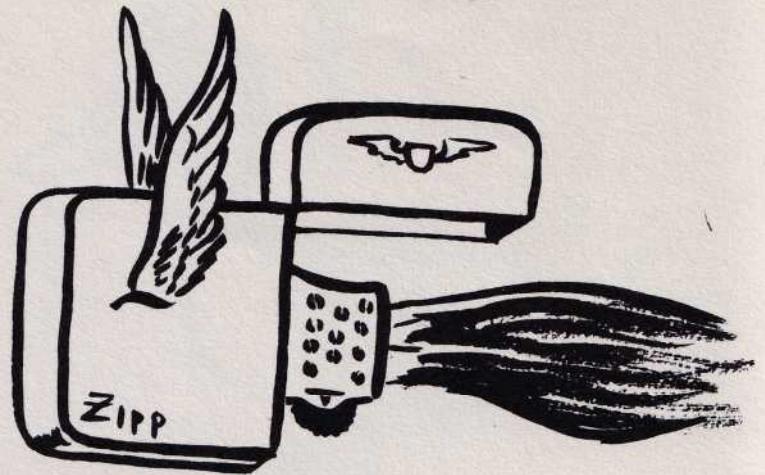


2/Lt. Louis S. Mosher

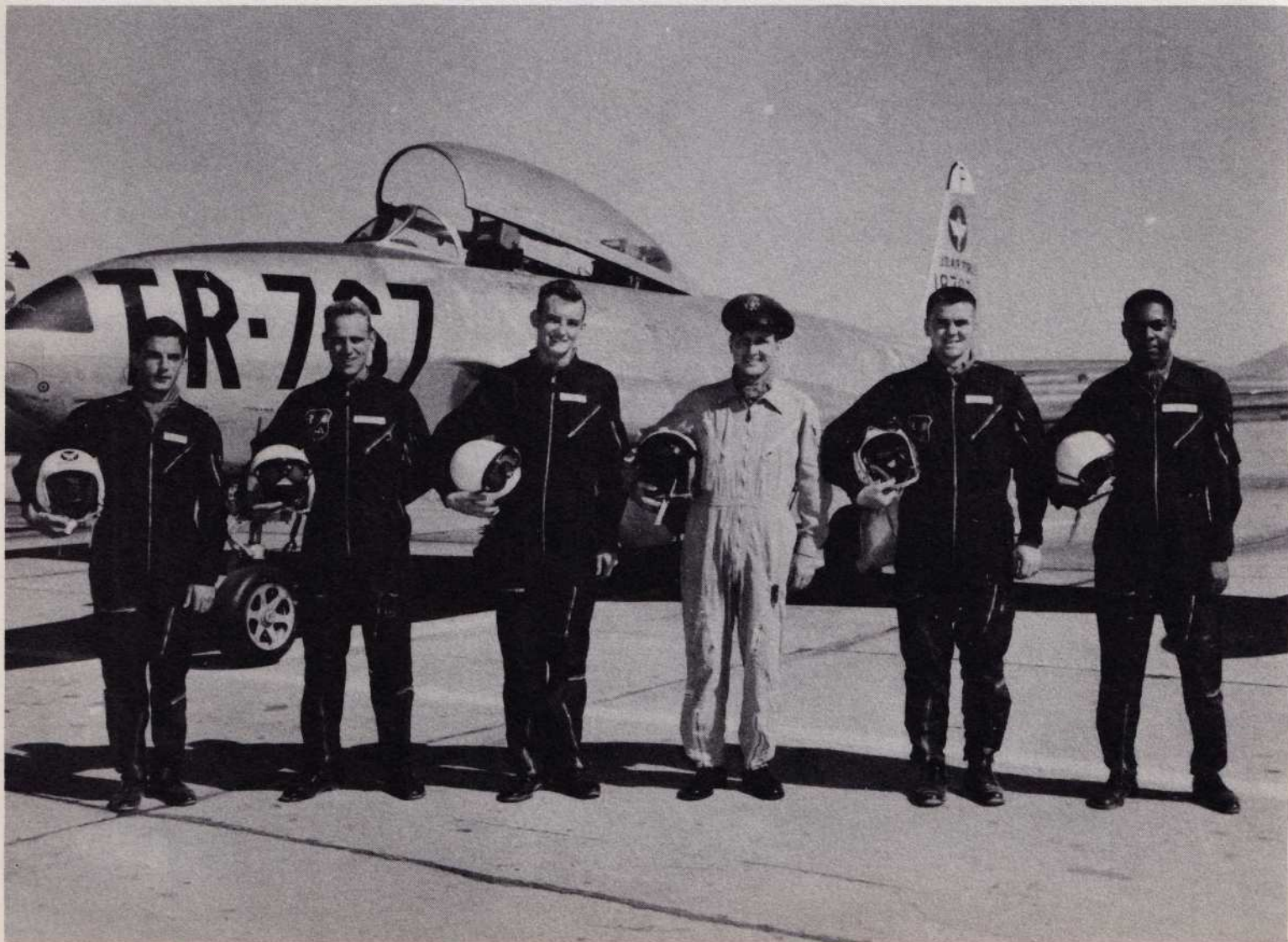
"A" Flight



1/Lt. Raymond D. Strong
Instructor

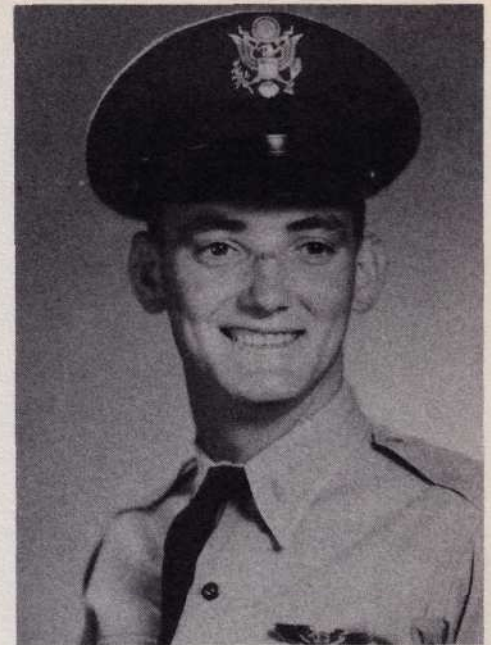


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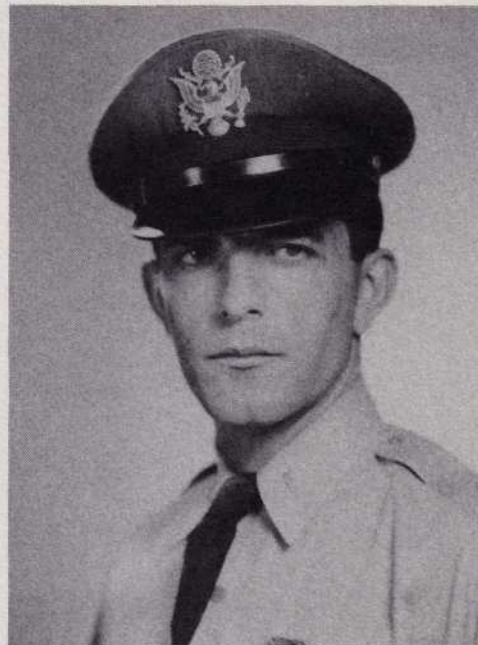




2/Lt. William L. Ingram



2/Lt. Donald E. McClure



2/Lt. Francis H. Miller



2/Lt. Warren A. Scaman



Sgt. Jacques Puigsegur, FAF

"A" Flight



1/Lt. Delbert A. Paulson
Instructor



Furnace





2/Lt. A. Funnell, RAF



2/Lt. David M. Price



2/Lt. Donald R. Rawles



2/Lt. James H. Smith



Sgt. Henry Tupinier, FAF

"A" Flight



1/Lt. Stephen E. Berchermann
Instructor

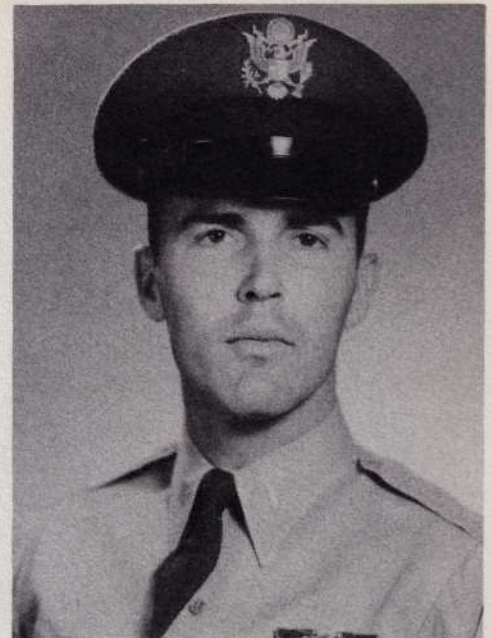


Moose





2/Lt. Robert P. Heckrotte



2/Lt. Charles F. Hicks



2/Lt. Francis X. Keilt



2/Lt. Maurice I. Lallement

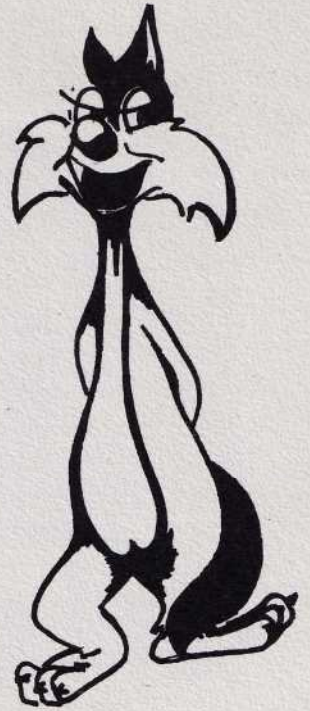


Sgt. Joseph Leboucher, FAF

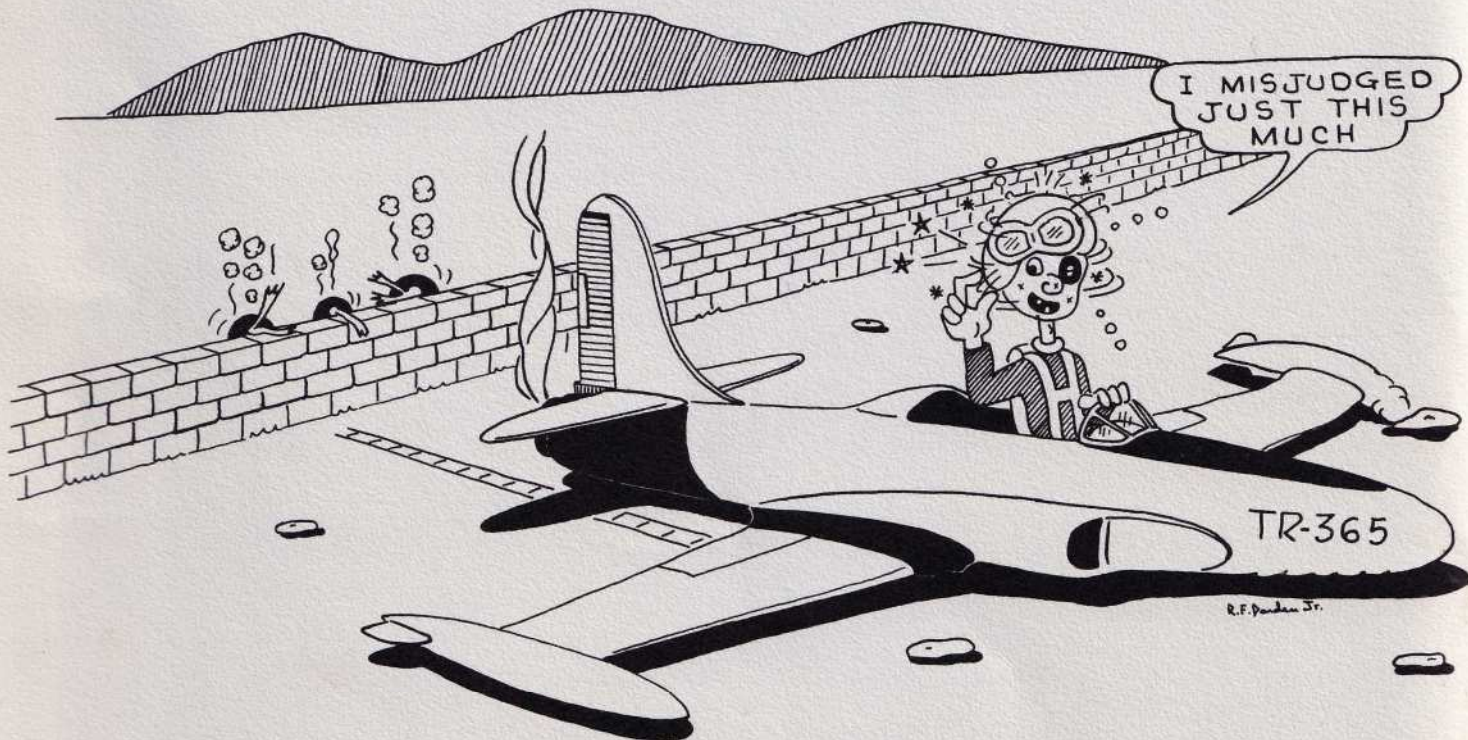
"A" Flight



1/Lt. Aubrey P. Williams
Instructor



Happy





2/Lt. Loren V. Stumpp



2/Lt. Arnold F. Weber



2/Lt. Franklin M. White

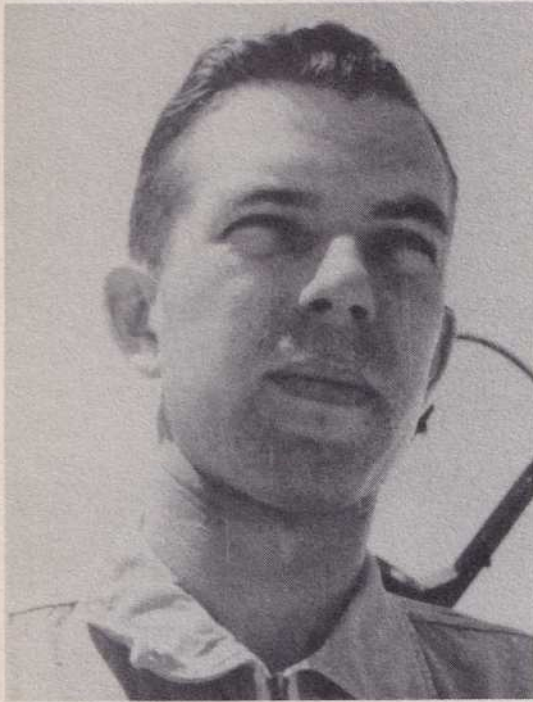


Sgt. Joseph Schreurs, RCAF

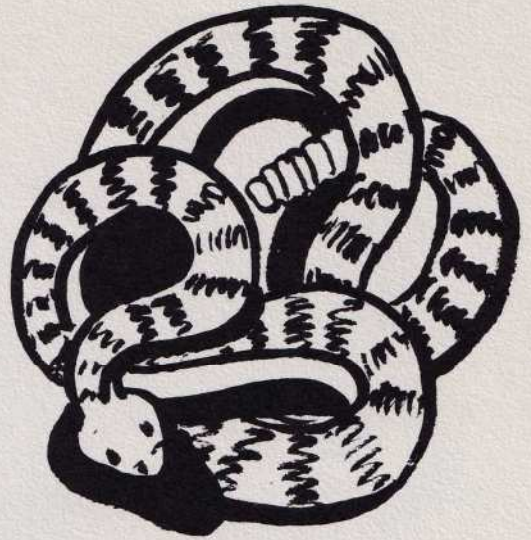


Sgt. Pierre Viot, FAF

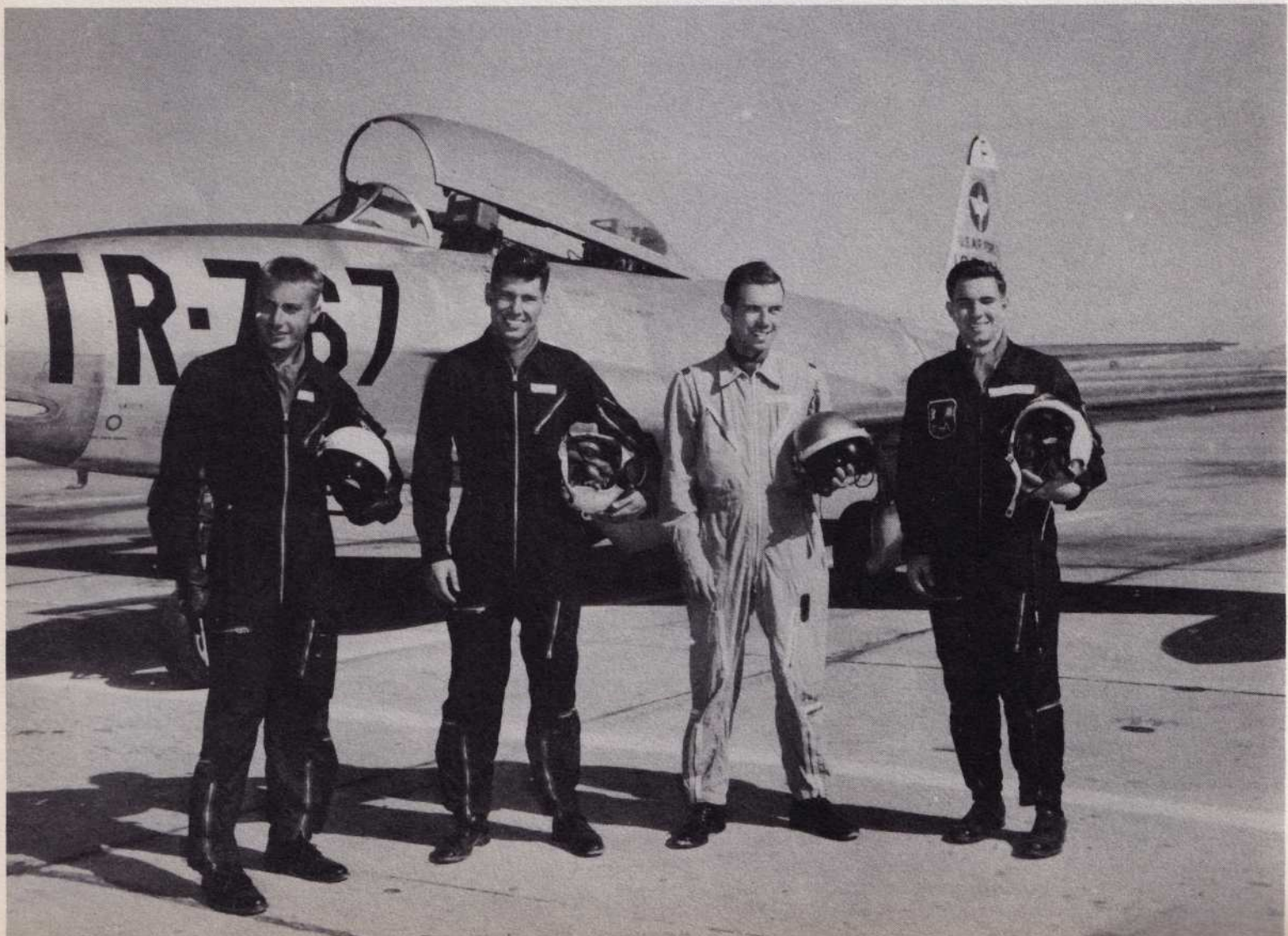
"A" Flight



Capt. George M. Edwards, Jr.
Instructor

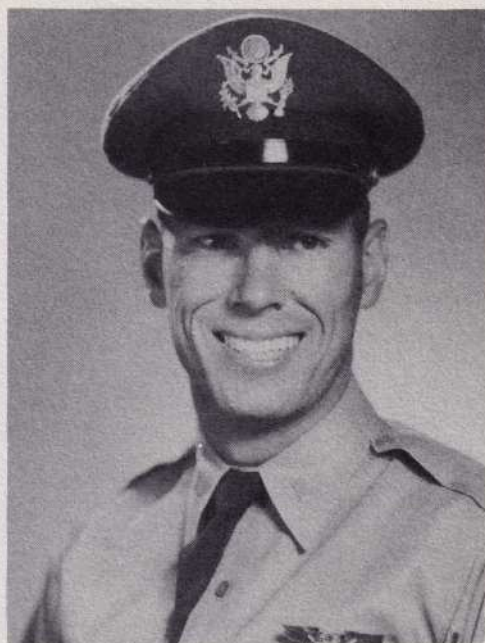


Rattler





2/Lt. Roy N. Berry, II



2/Lt. Donald L. Owens

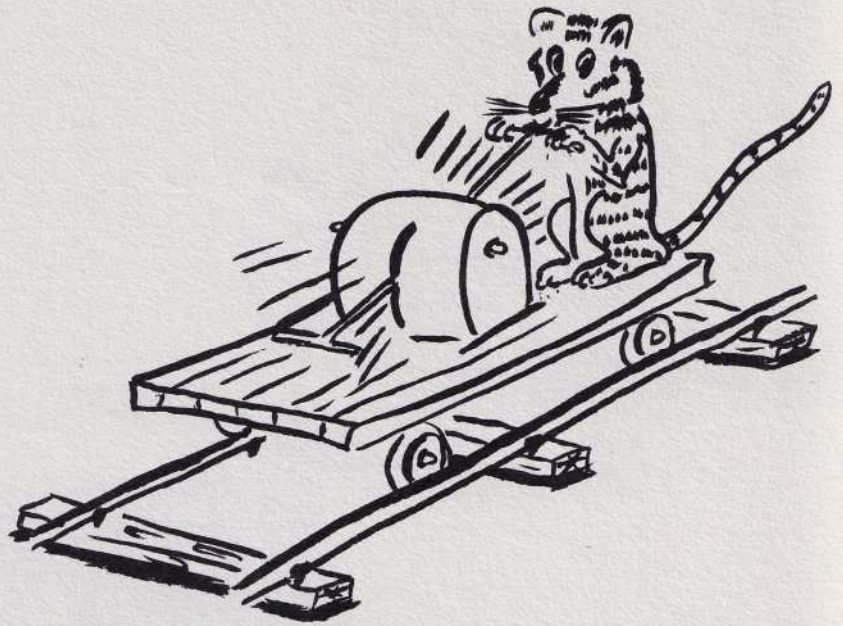


2/Lt. Donald L. Richardson

"A" Flight



Capt. Jay D. Ossiander
Instructor



Express

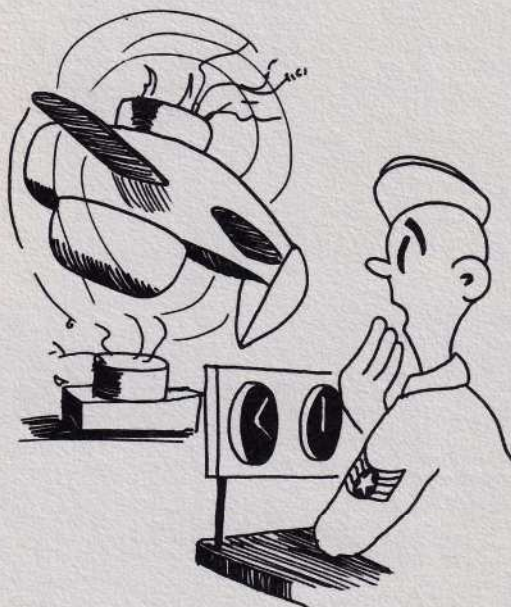




2/Lt. Mason E. Anderson



2/Lt. Charles E. Ball



2/Lt. Basil B. Selvey, Jr.



Sgt. Christian Auger, FAF

"B" Flight



Capt. Carl H. Johnson
Instructor



Snakehips





2/Lt. Joseph C. Austin



2/Lt. Donald L. Maxam



2/Lt. Willard L. McCullough



1. Claude Auproux, FAF

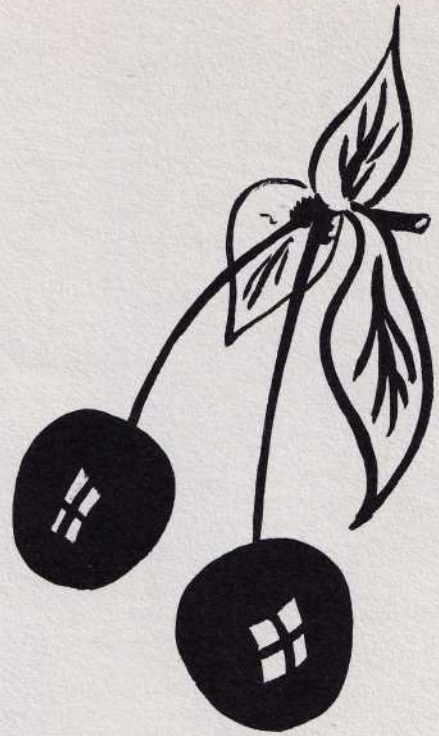


Sgt. Johannes Verdonk, RCAF

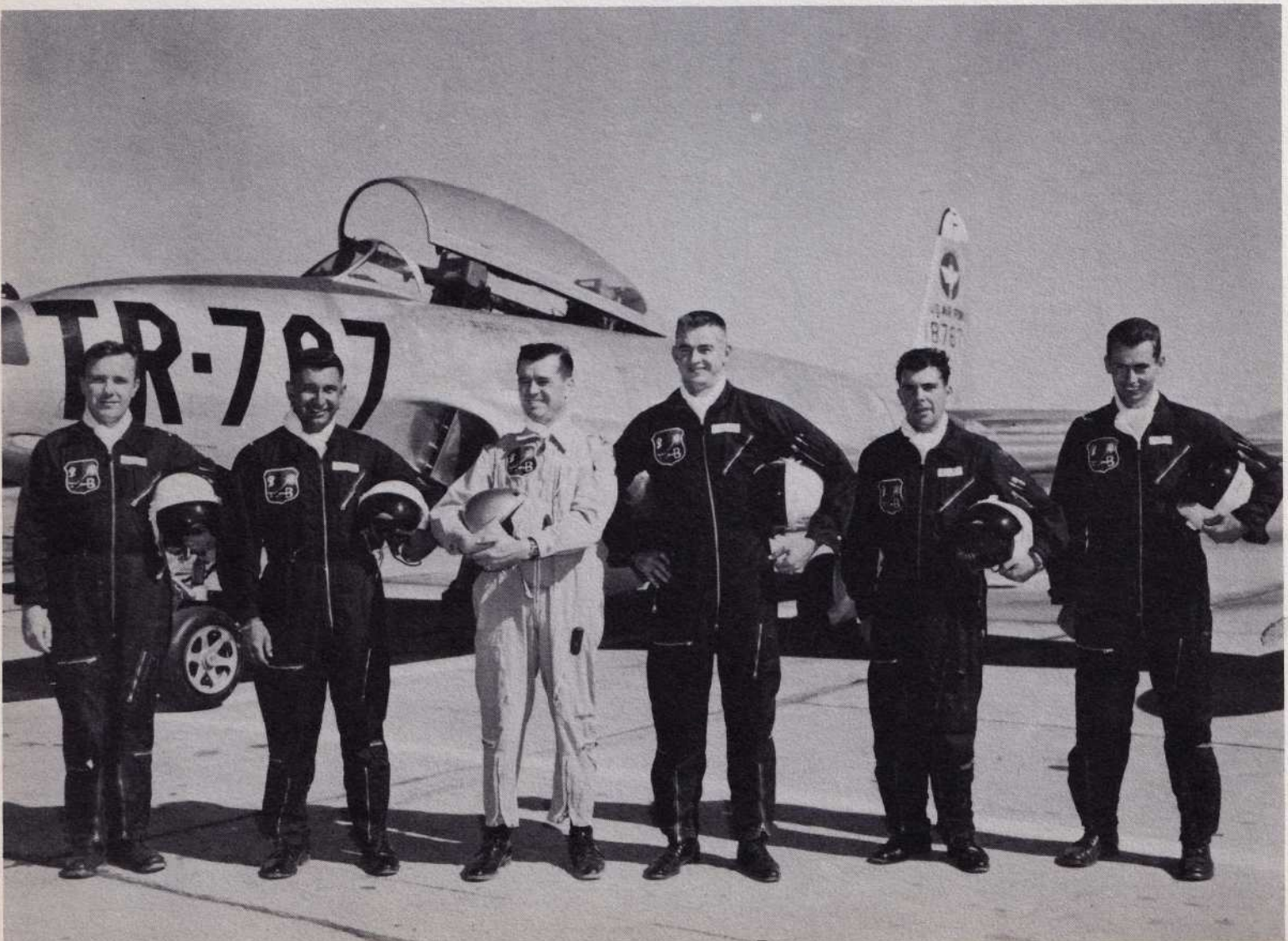
"B" Flight



Capt. Gerald I. Nelson
Instructor



Cherry





2/Lt. Phillip F. Brown



2/Lt. John W. Feyrer



2/Lt. Paul E. Henning



2/Lt. Arnold E. Mueller



Sgt. Jacques Delarue, FAF

"B" Flight



Capt. Grant G. Gilkey
Instructor



Chippewa





2/Lt. Richard J. Callahan



2/Lt. Richard Geriak



2/Lt. Robert P. Melsted



2/Lt. William L. Shields, Jr.

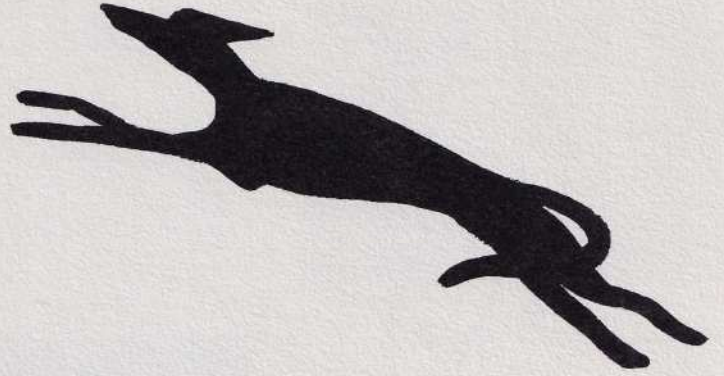


Sgt. Serge Helfer, FAF

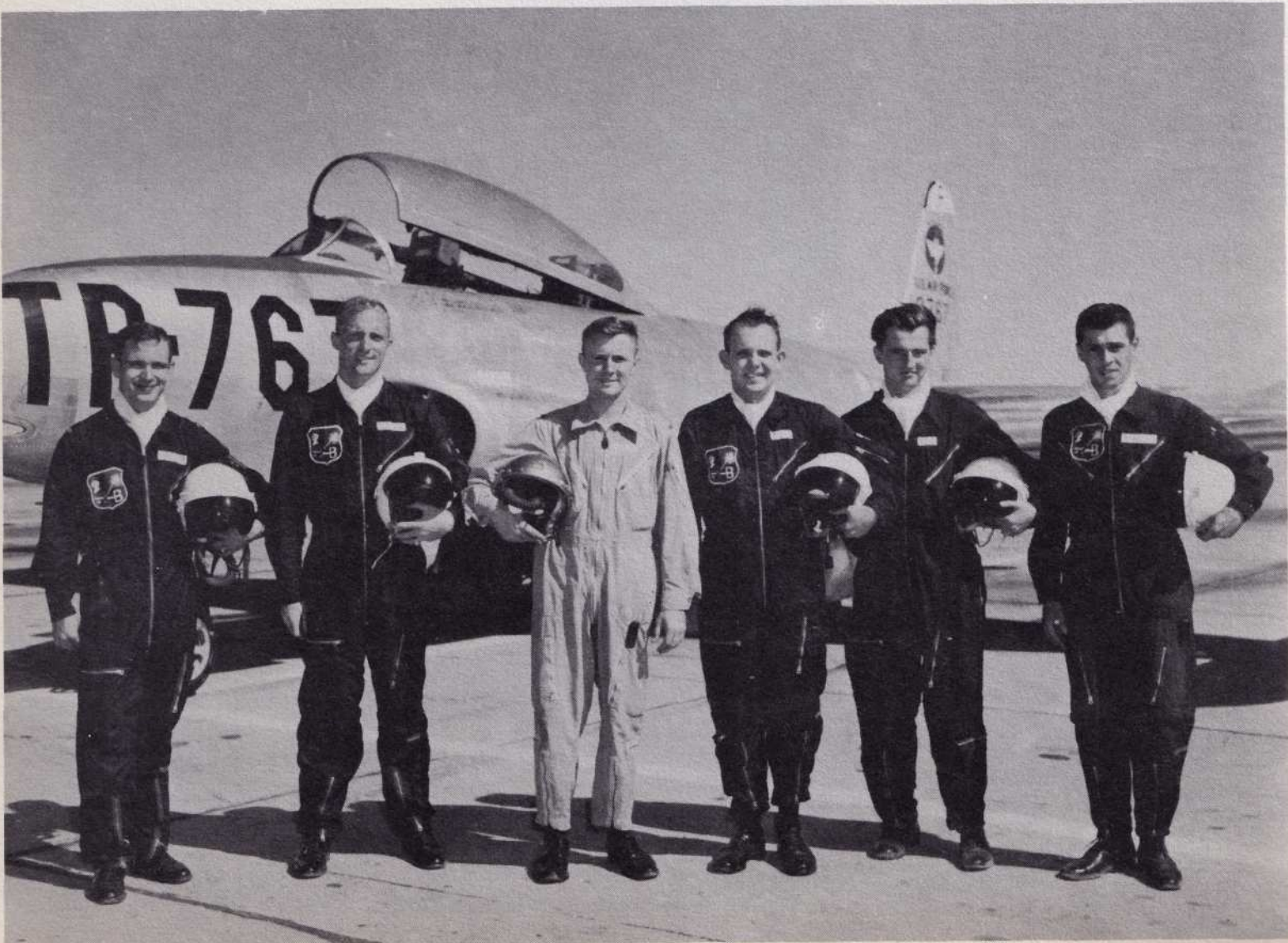
"B" Flight



1/Lt. Harry L. Winberg
Instructor



Whippet





2/Lt. Donald E. Felts



2/Lt. Glennon M. Kingsley, II



2/Lt. Robert F. C. Winger



Sgt. Paul Luck, FAF



Sgt. Jacques Thibault, FA

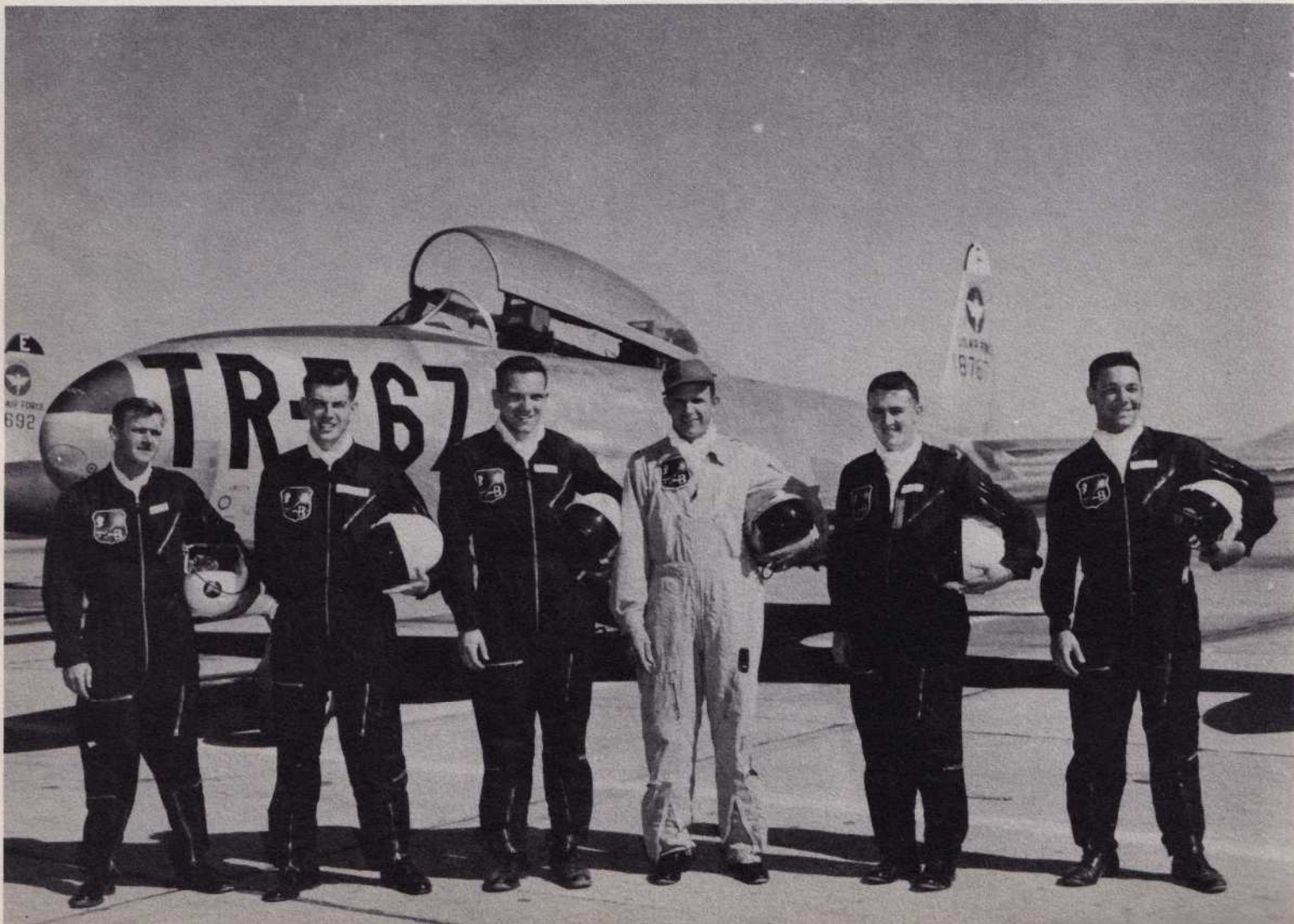
"B" Flight



Capt. William P. Flanagan
Instructor



Burrhead





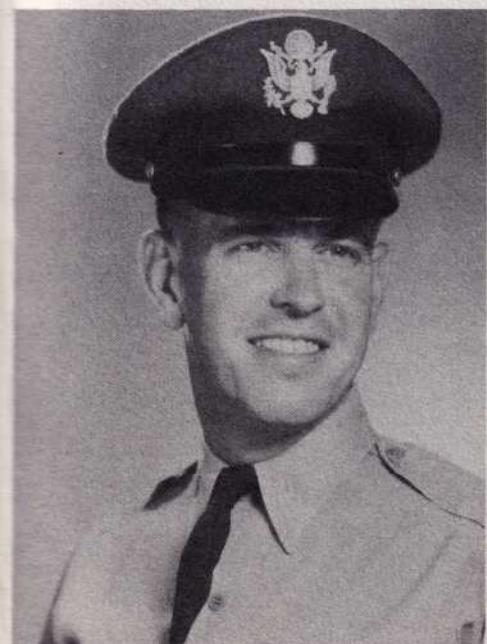
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2/Lt. Lawrence D. Johnson



2/Lt. Roy F. Petersen



2/Lt. James B. Wheeler

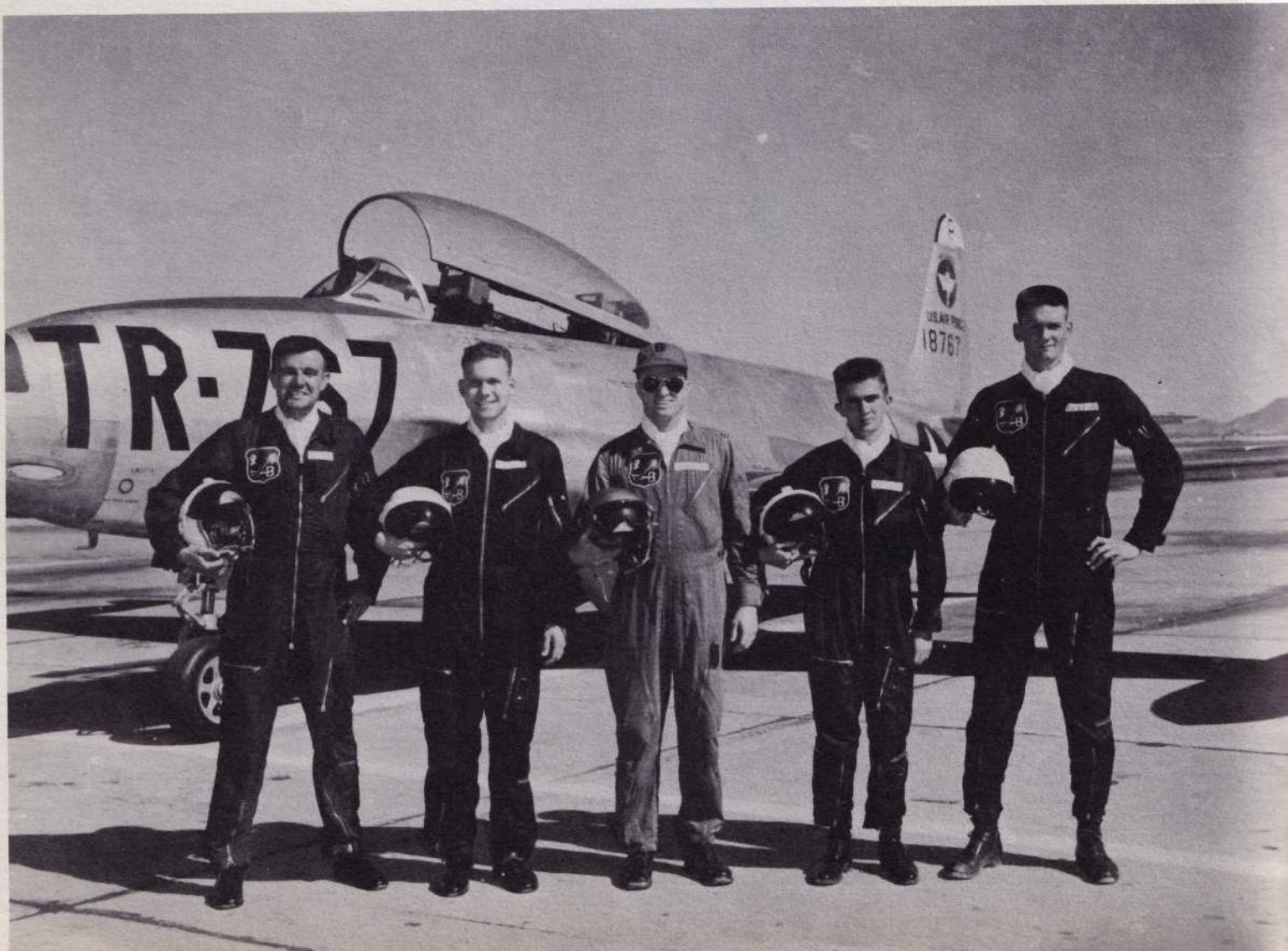
"B" Flight



Capt. Harry R. Vautherot
Instructor



Cobra





2/Lt. John W. Griffith



2/Lt. Oliver E. Schmoker



2/Lt. Kenneth S. Vernon



Sgt. Francois Weiser, FAF

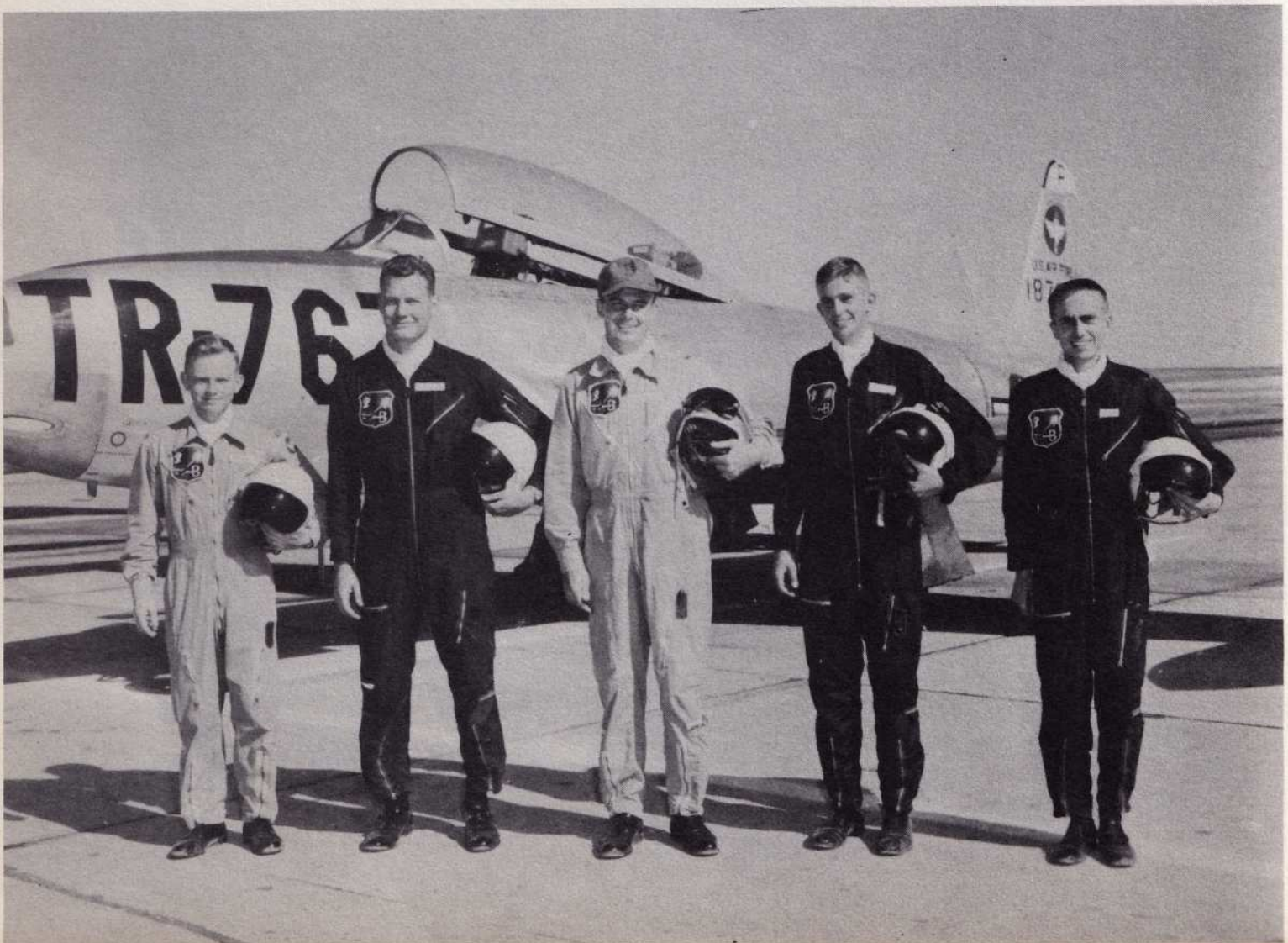
"B" Flight



Capt. William E. Davis, Jr.
Instructor



Bigboy





2/Lt. Terrell B. Mallard, Jr.



2/Lt. George L. Rule



2/Lt. Abbott K. Spencer, Jr.



2/Lt. Thomas J. Stolle

"B" Flight



Capt. Melvin D. Bailey, Jr.
Instructor



Trigger





2/Lt. Deloy J. Gardner



2/Lt. Dwight E. Rice



2/Lt. Archie T. Sherbert, Jr.



Sgt. Yves Ricarrere, FAF

"C" Flight

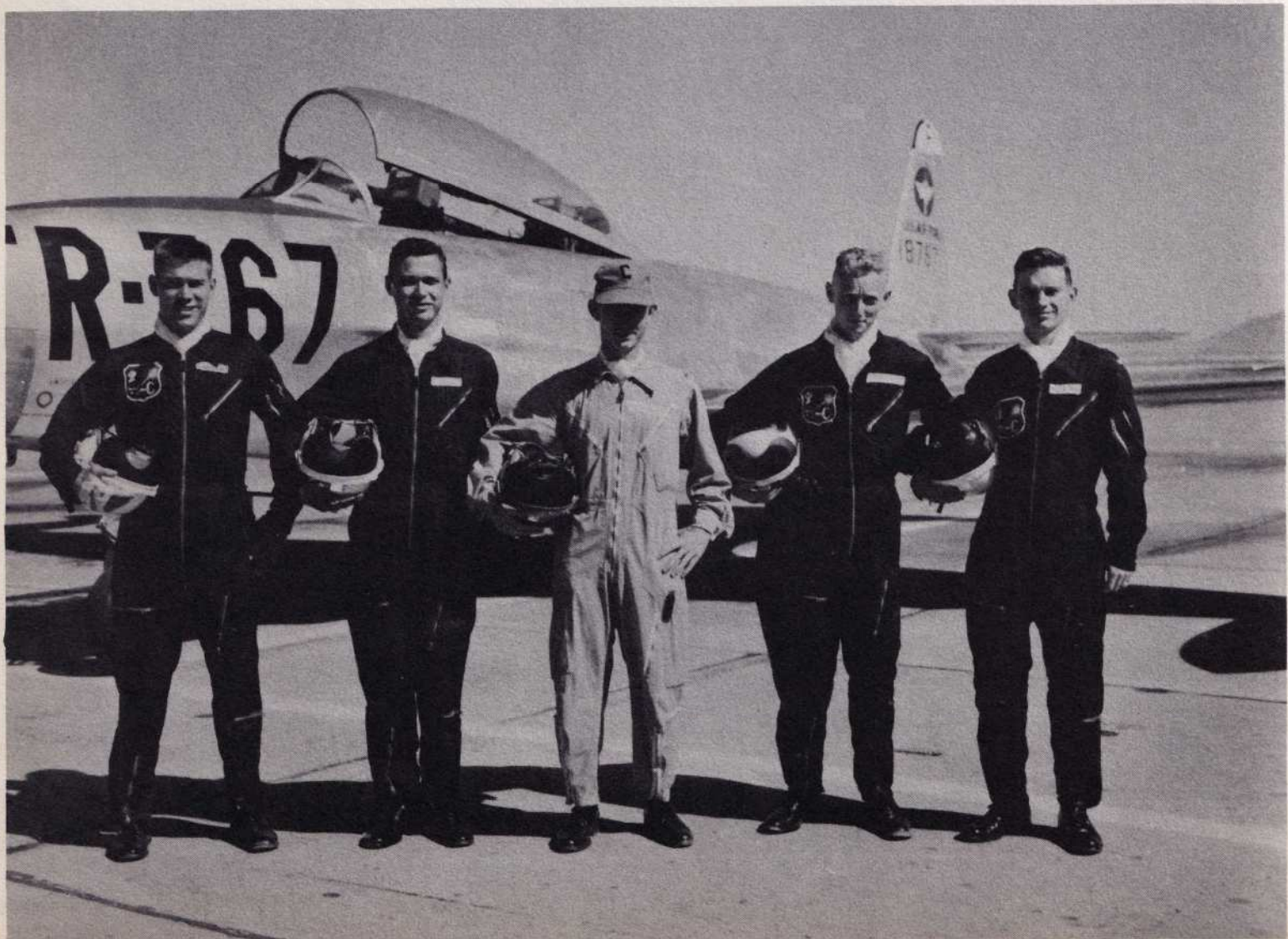


Capt. Elmer Torgenson
Instructor

Good luck in 86's
Elmer Torgenson



Toxic

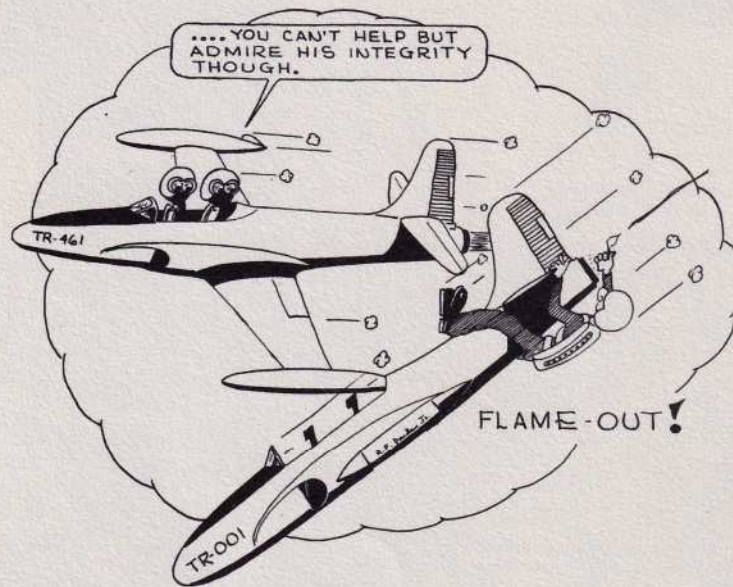




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2/Lt. Gail M. Key



2/Lt. Thomas J. McClung



Sgt. Francois Barthelemy, FAF

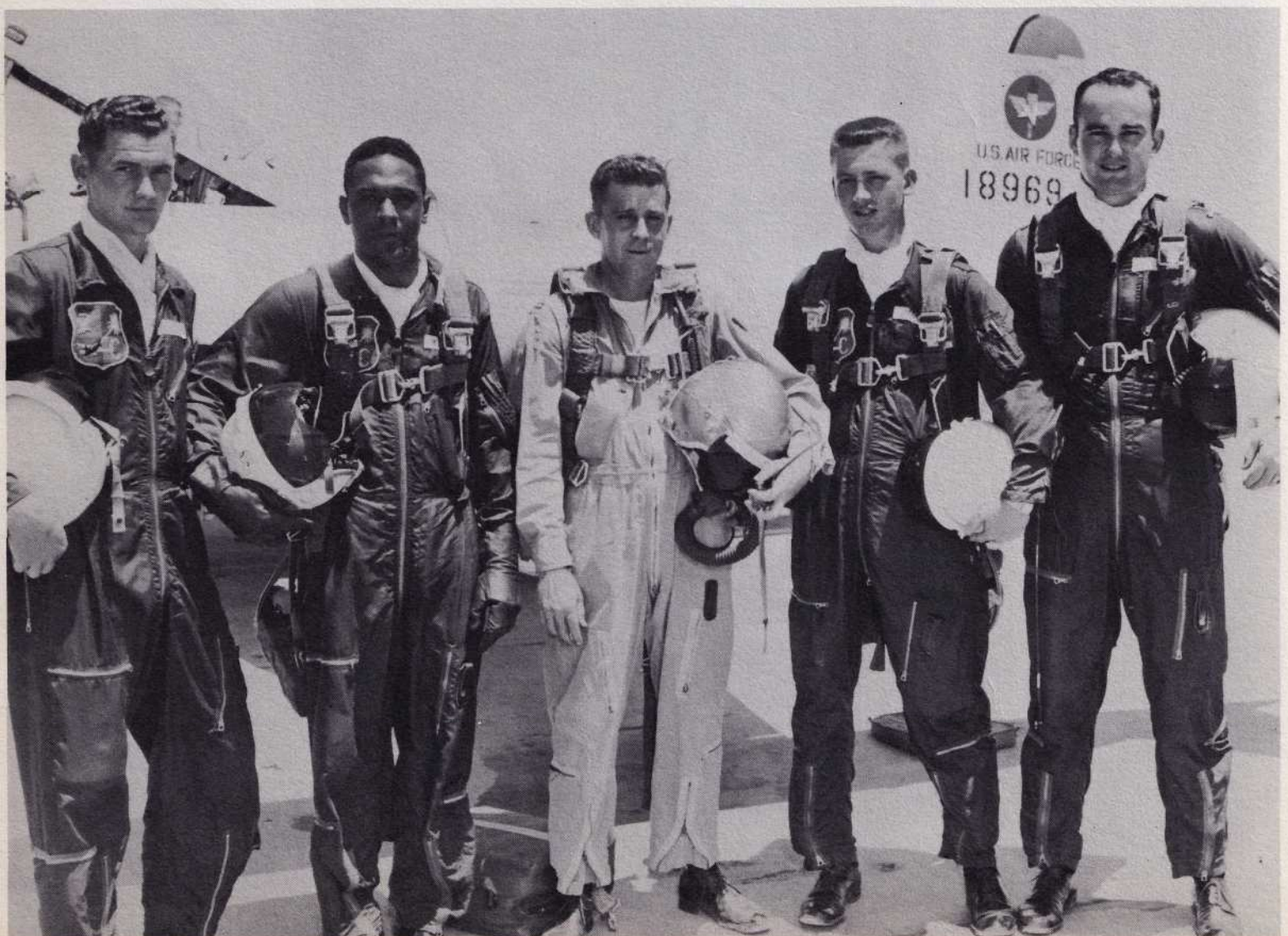
"C" Flight



I/Lt. Robert A. Dowdy
Instructor



Ramrod





2/Lt. John W. Coleman



2/Lt. Paul E. Hall



2/Lt. Thomas H. McCarty



2/Lt. James E. McInerney, Jr.

"C" Flight



1/Lt. Philip T. Smith
Instructor



Poison

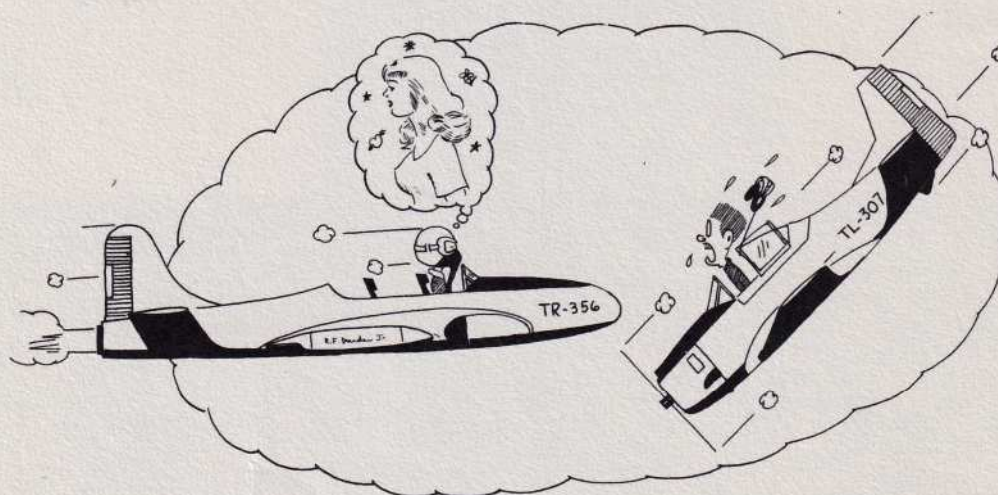




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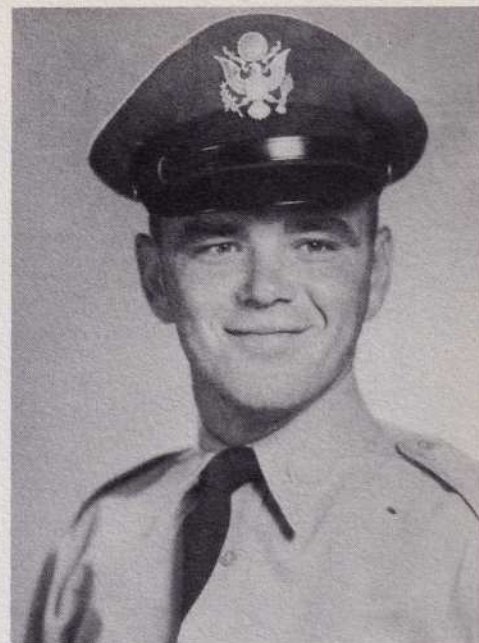


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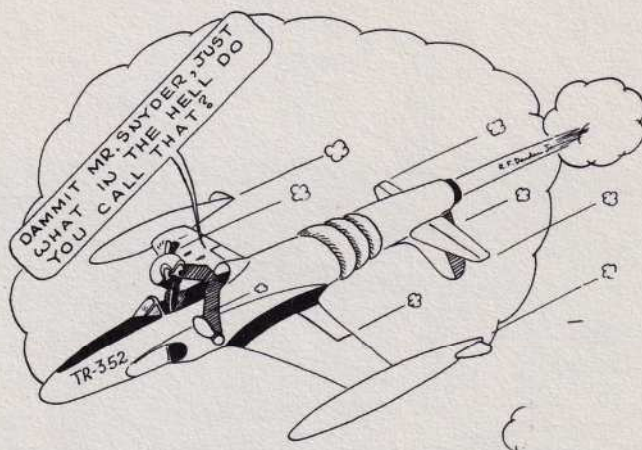




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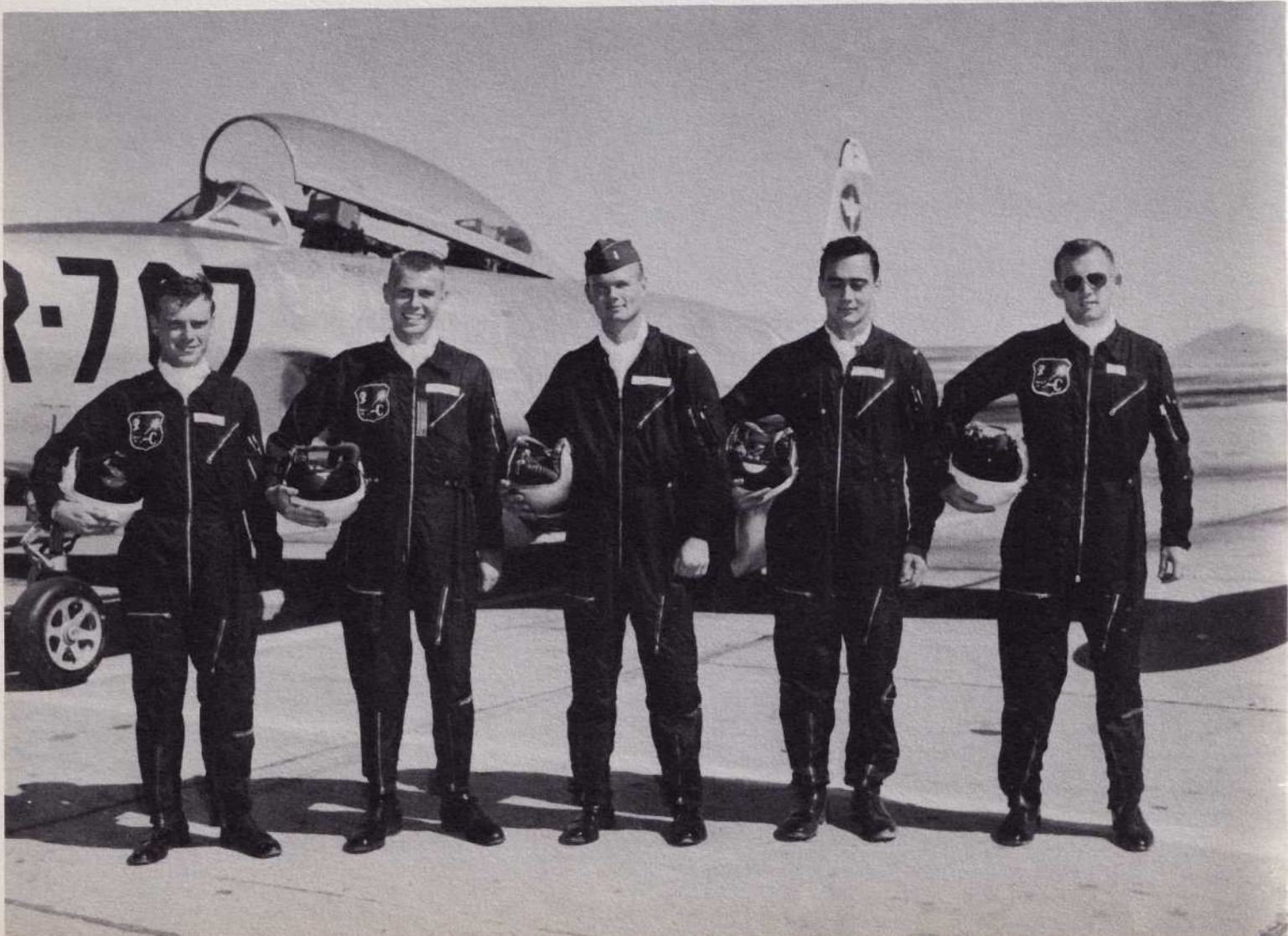
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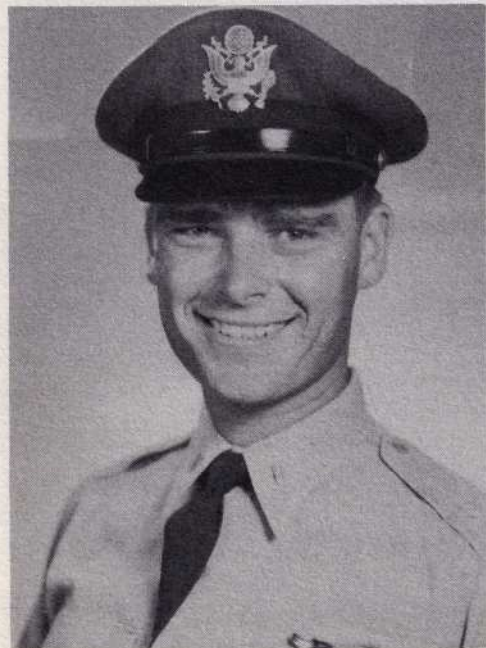
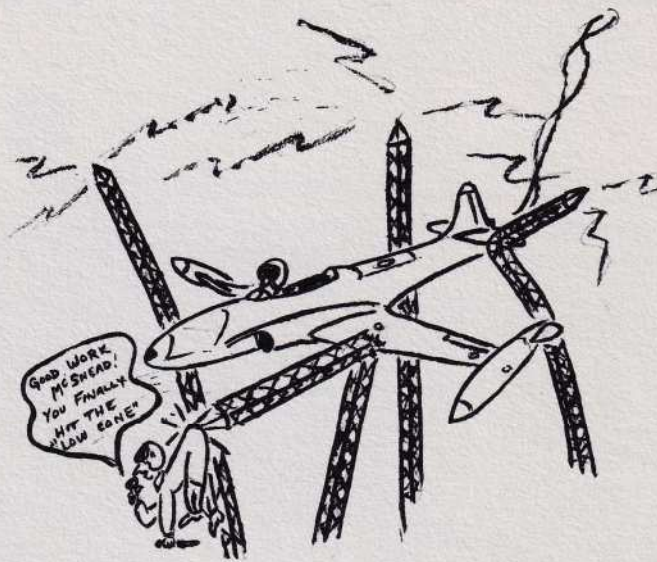




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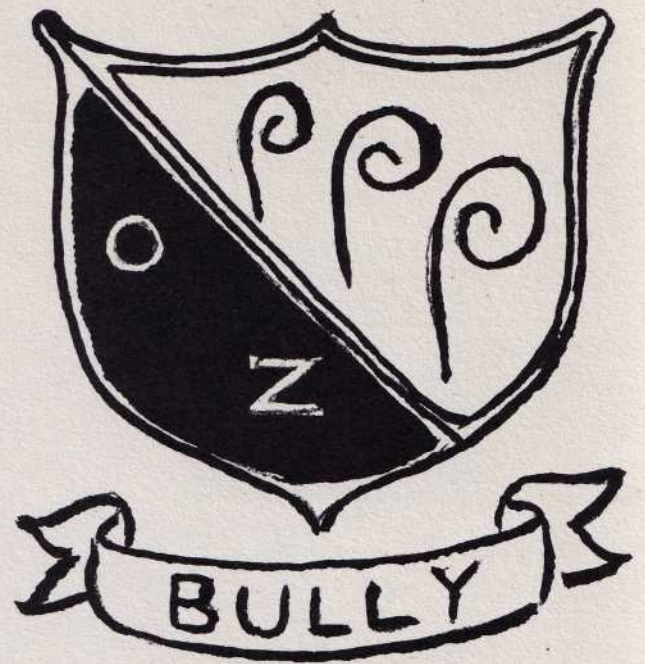


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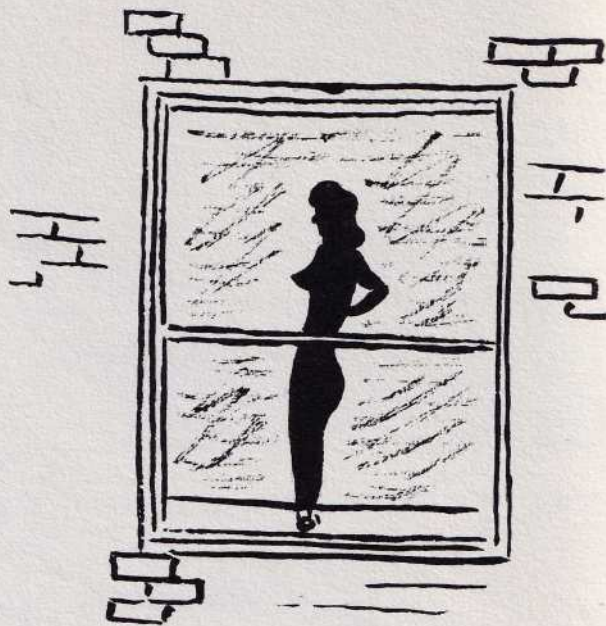


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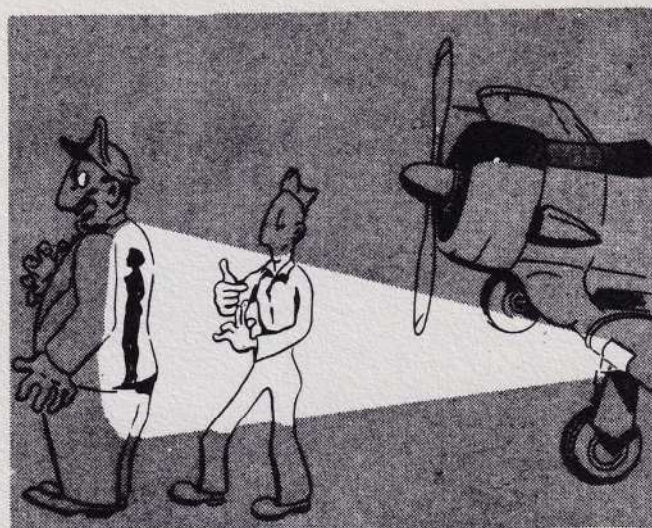




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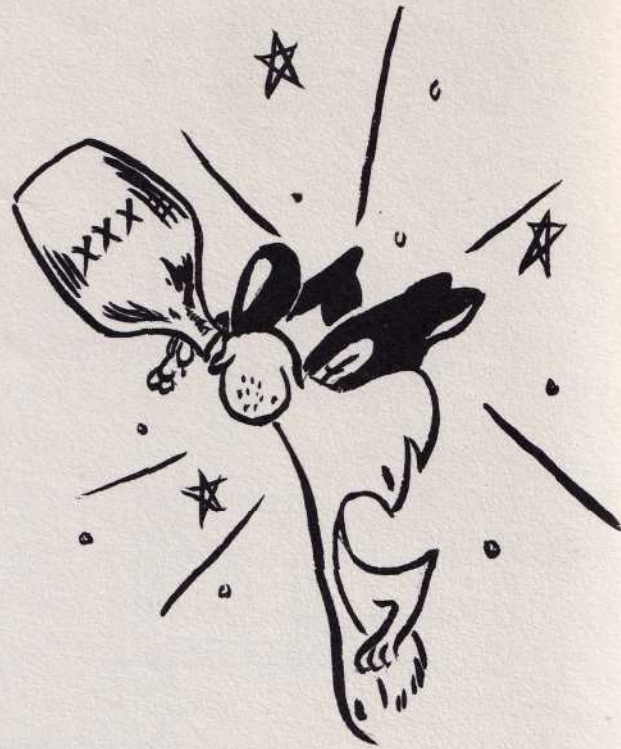


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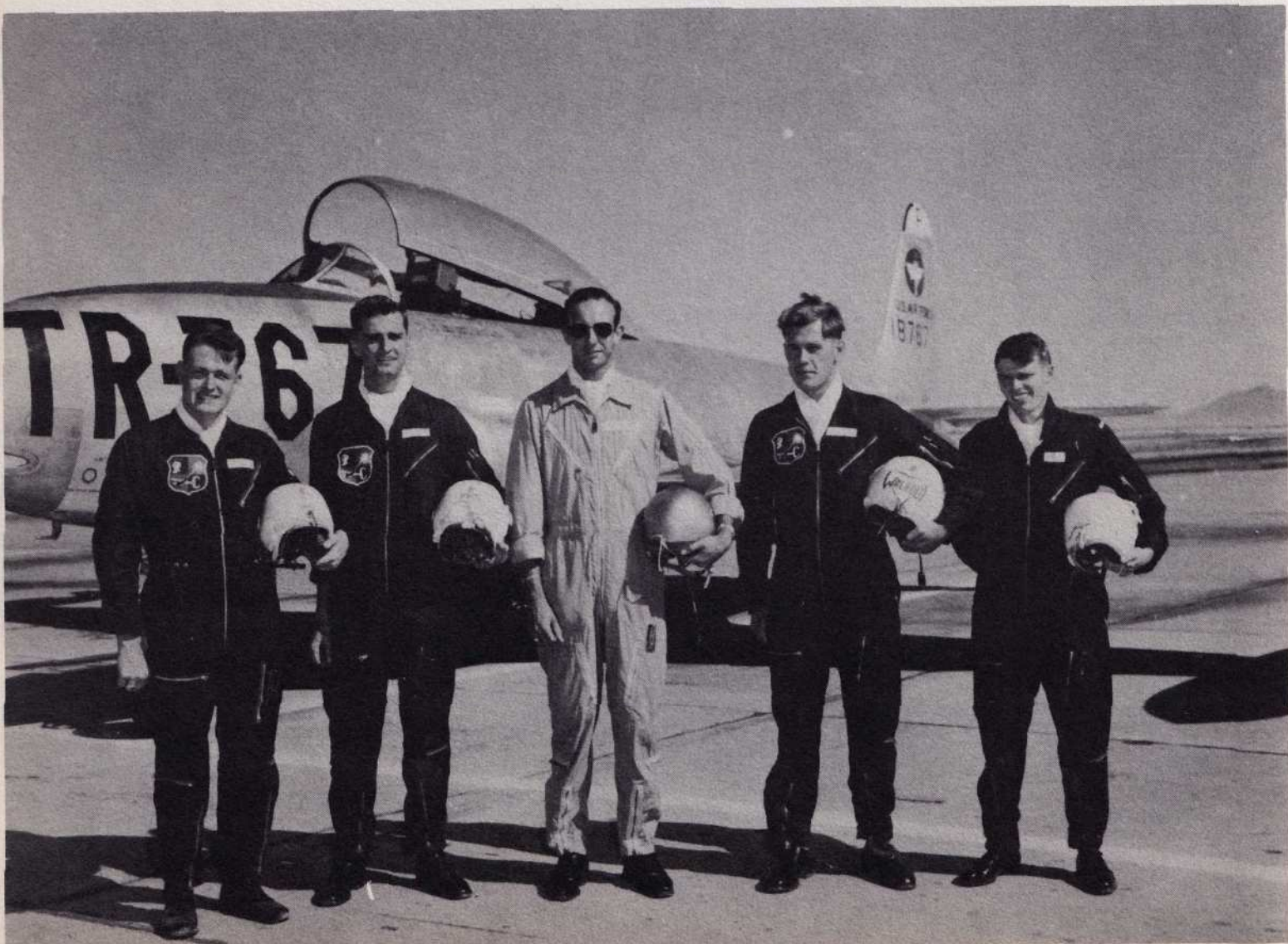
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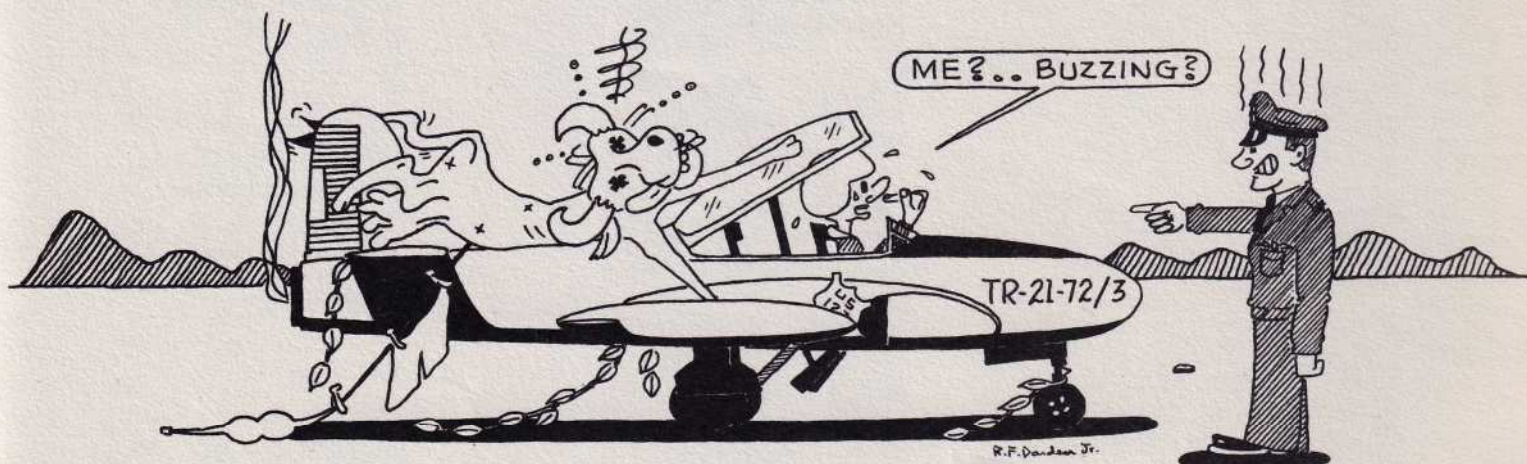




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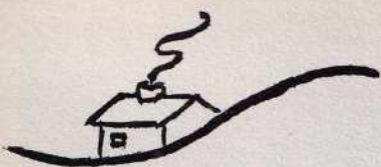
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To the men who take care of our every sneeze
To the men who feed us on P.B.Z.s
Hats Off!

To the linemen who get up before the sun,
Making sure that each one of our planes will run,
And deciphering our write-ups in the Form One,
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To Joe and to Charlie, our barbers fair,
Whosa sitta you down and a cutta your hair,
To the two who are always behind the chair,
Hats Off!



To all of those men who are in supply,
Who hear our stories with tear in eye,
Then say, "If ya lost it, you gotta buy!"
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And to that fellow who runs the theatre—
Whose service is good, and whose shows even greater,
Who prevues a movie he'll show eight months later,
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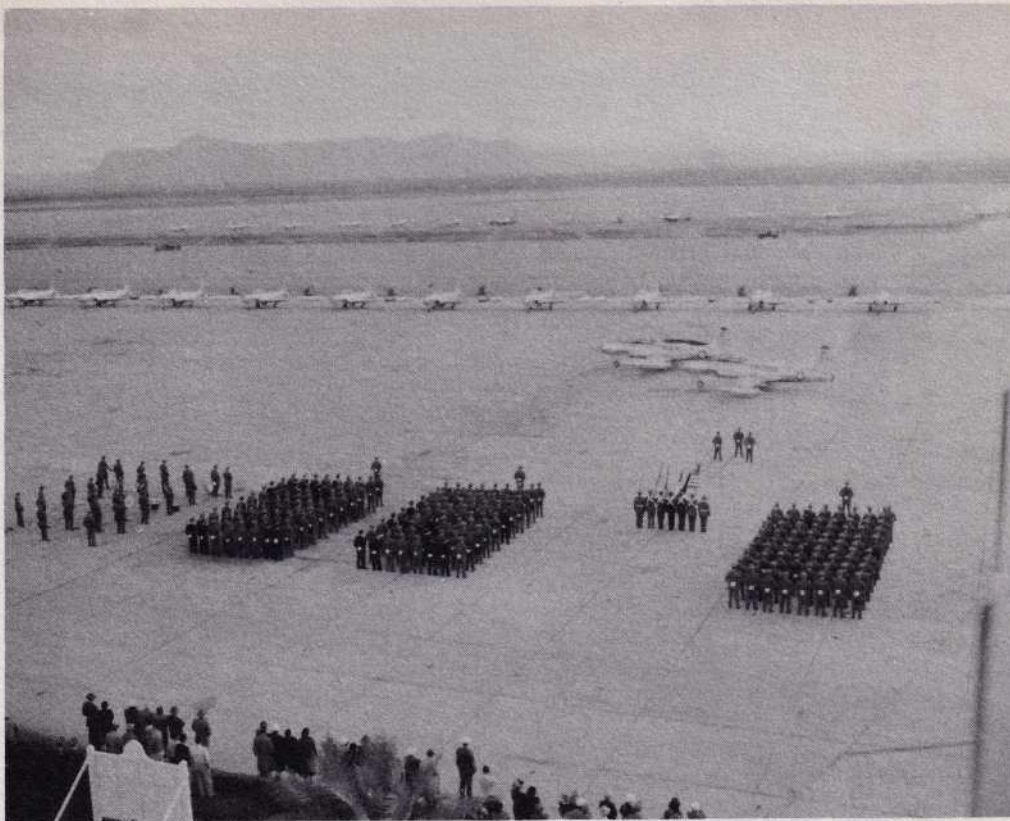
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"To put out the flame" is their burning desire,
To the men who are sure "where there's smoke, there is fire!"
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And to all of the men out at Mobile Control
To the ones who yell, "Grease job!" or, "Give her the coal!"
To the ones who yell, "Bail Out!" when we're on the roll,
Hats Off!



To all of the men we could not do without
To the men of the corps whom you don't hear about,
To the men whom we think are the best beyond doubt,
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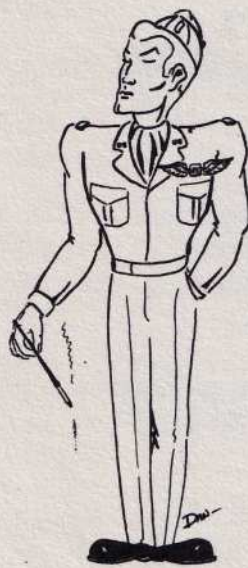
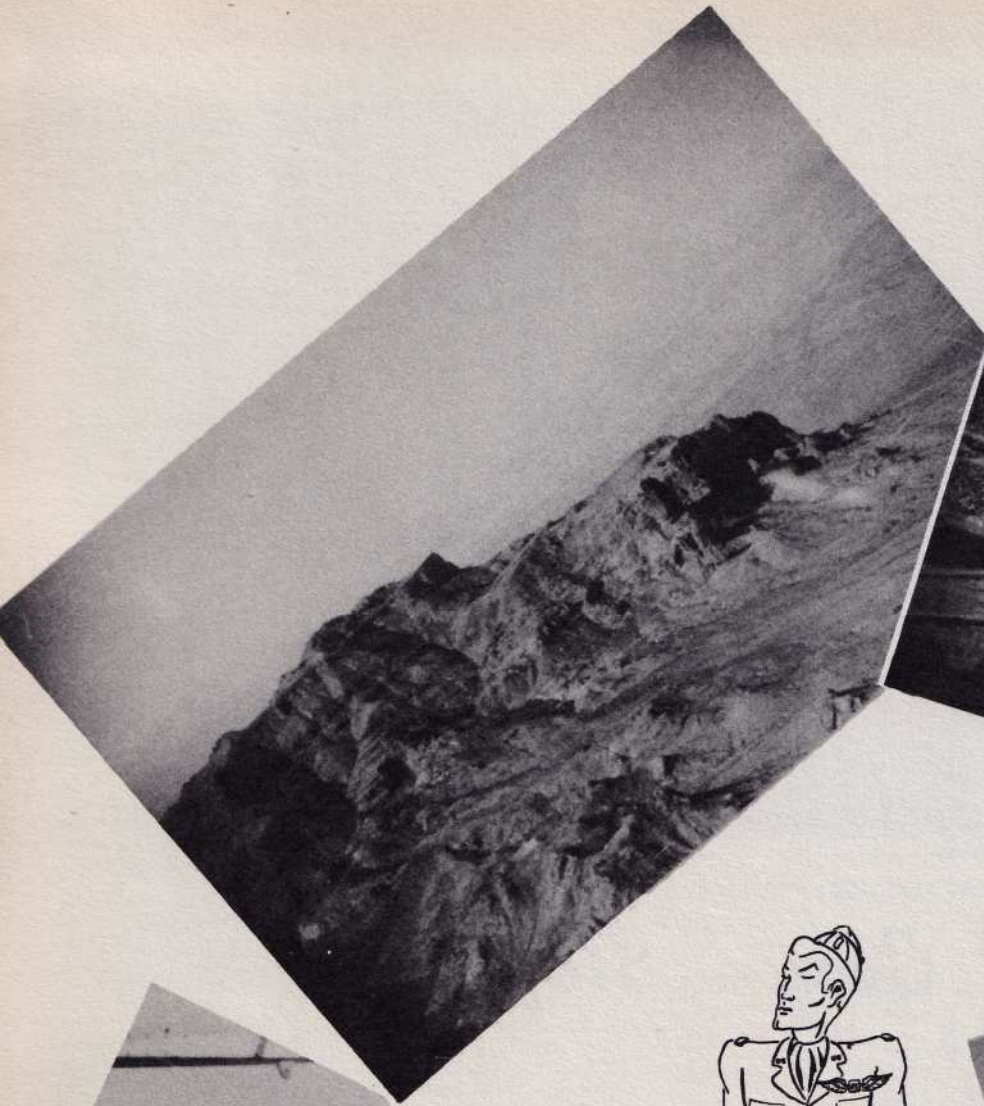
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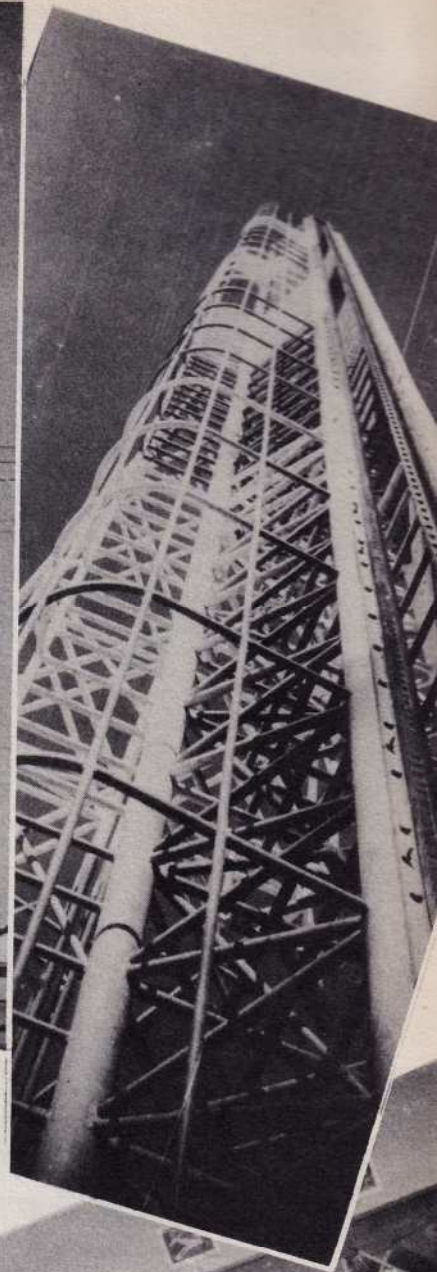
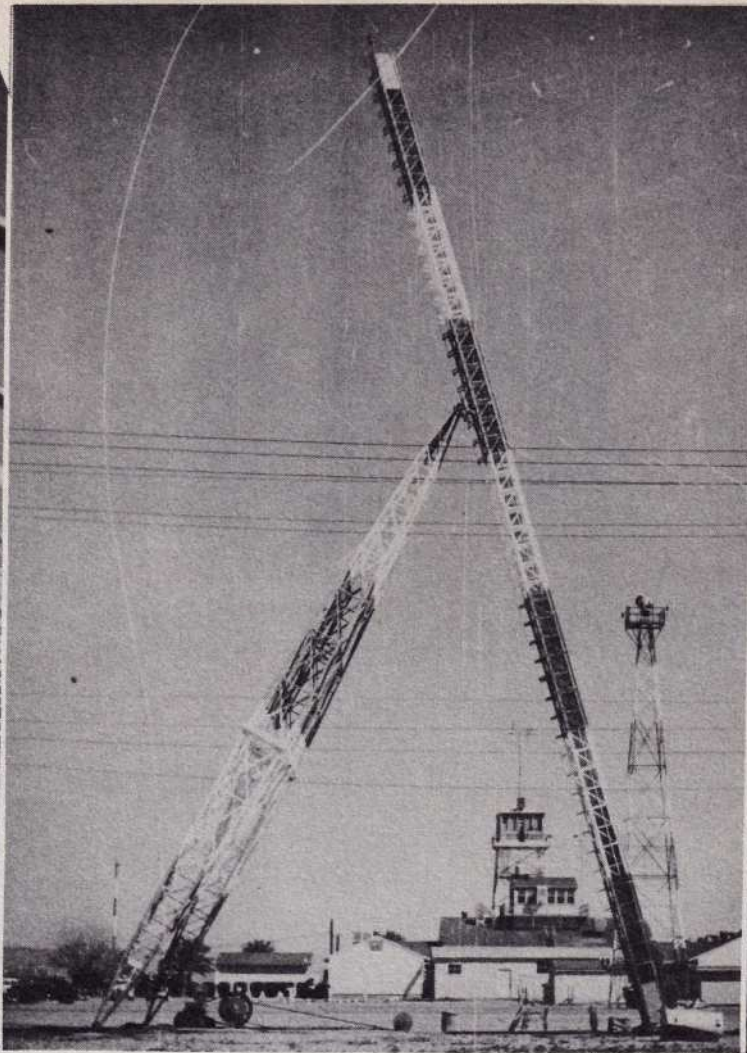
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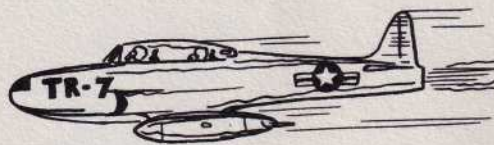
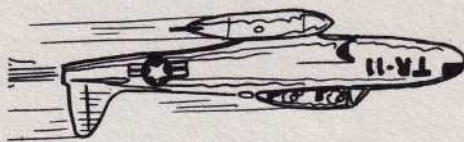


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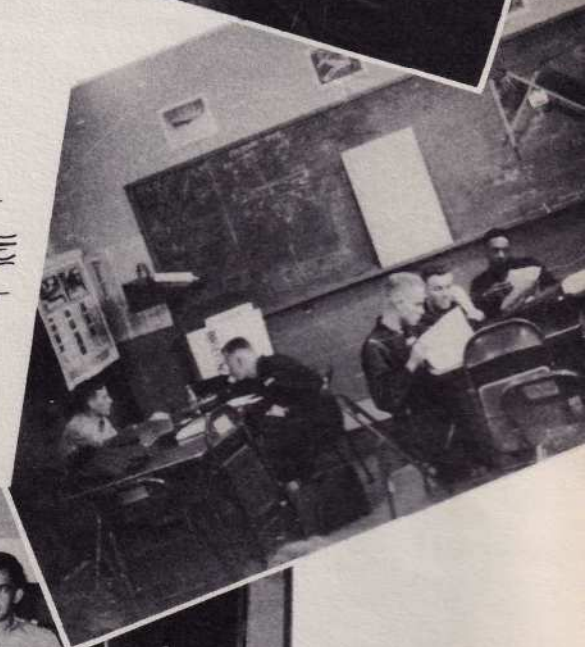
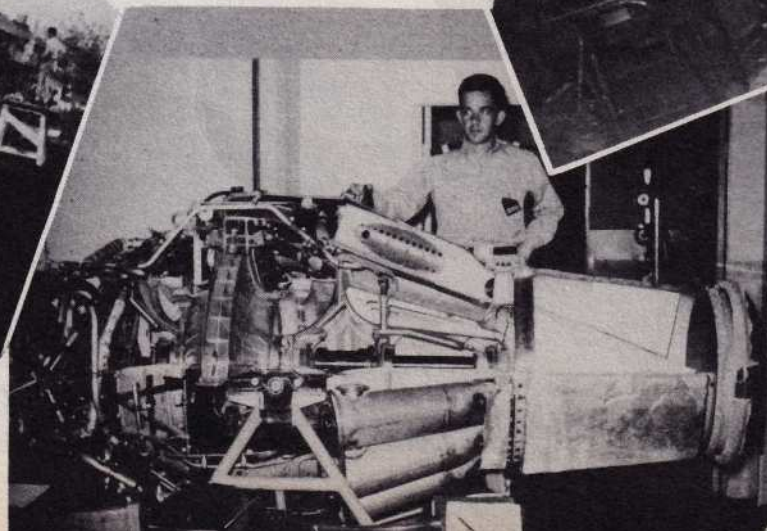




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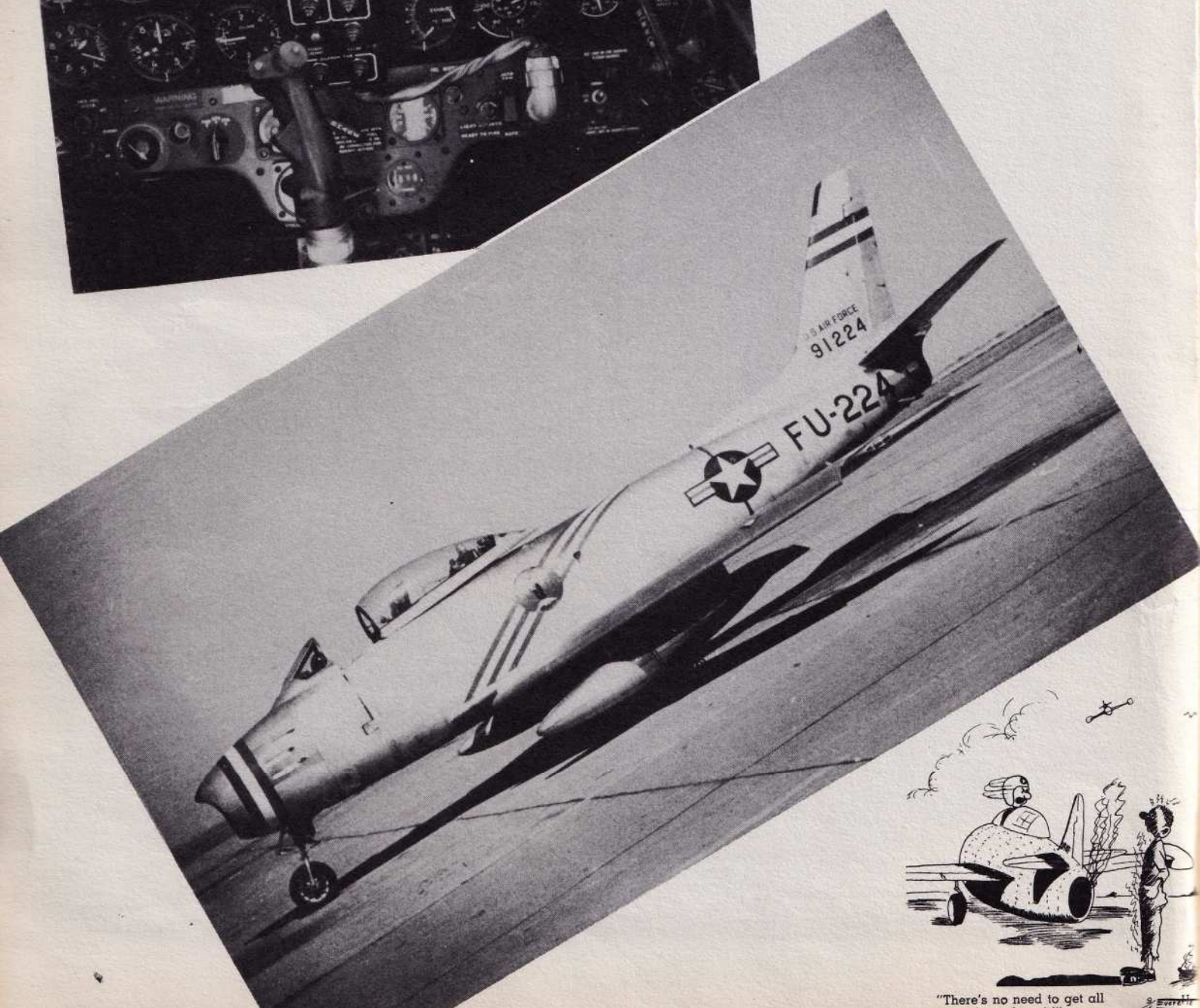


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