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CLASS 54-ABC

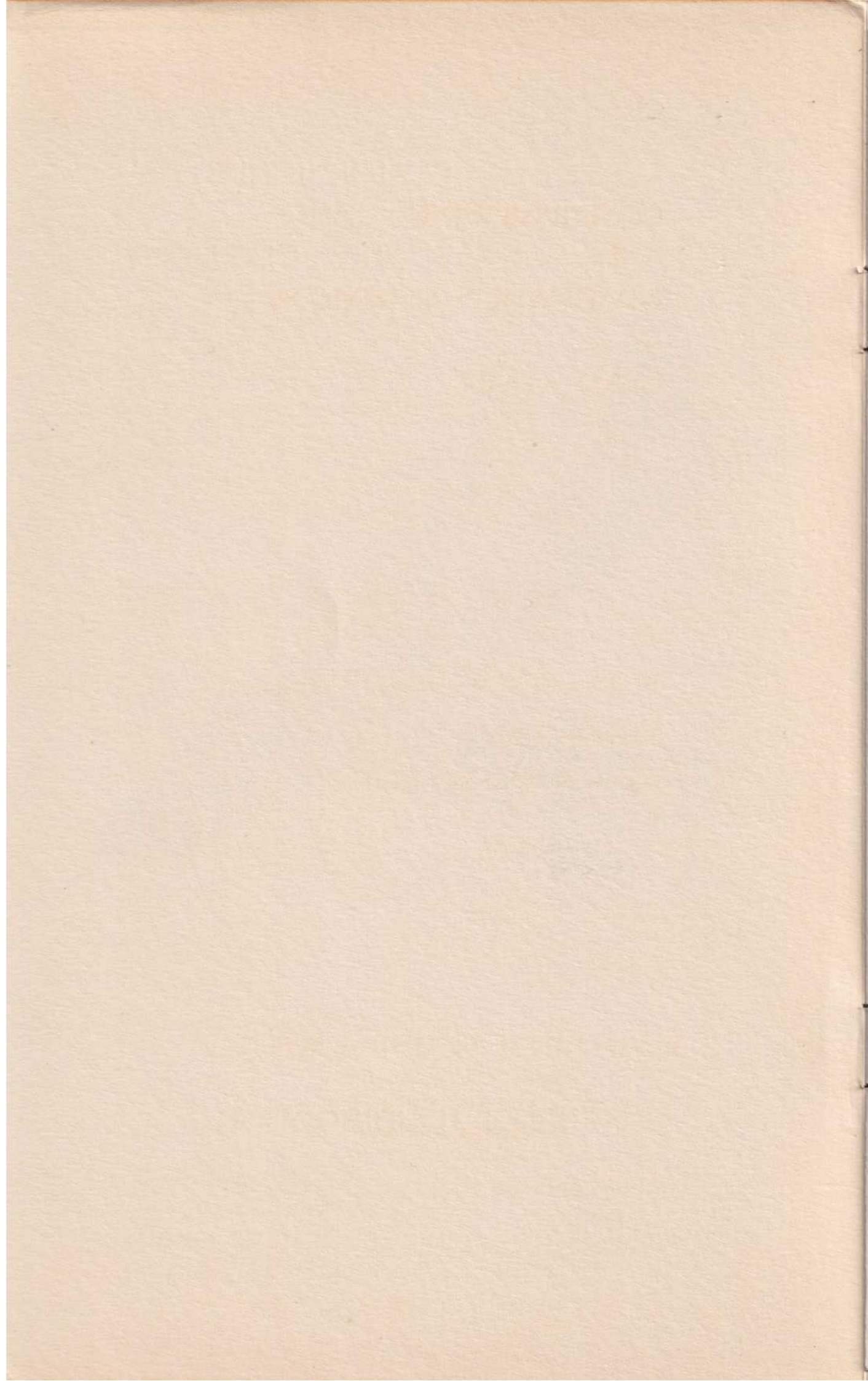


3525<sup>th</sup> PILOT TRAINING WING  
(BASIC SINGLE ENGINE)

WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA

AIR TRAINING COMMAND

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



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at

10:30 o'clock, Wednesday Morning

December 16th

nineteen hundred and fifty-three

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CHANDLER, ARIZONA

## PROGRAM

### Invocation

CHAPLAIN JOHN W. NEW

### Introduction of Guest Speaker

COLONEL GEORGE S. BROWN

### Address

BRIGADIER GENERAL WYCLIFFE E. STEELE

### Presentation of Wings and Diplomas

COLONEL GEORGE S. BROWN

### Oath of Office

MAJOR HENRY A. HUGHES, JR.

### Benediction

CHAPLAIN JOHN W. NEW

### The National Anthems

THE WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE BAND

BELGIUM, DANISH, FRENCH,  
NORWEGIAN, NETHERLANDS, UNITED STATES

UNITED STATES STUDENT  
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ROBERT C. LONG

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Williams Air Force Base

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Commander  
3525th Pilot Training Group (Bsc. SE)

MAJOR ARTHUR W. BUCK  
Commander  
3526th Pilot Training Squadron (Flying)

MAJOR ROBERT G. BROWN  
Commander  
3525th Student Squadron (Bsc. SE)

MAJOR HARRY M. CHAPMAN  
Group Operations Officer  
3525th Pilot Training Group (Bsc. SE)

CAPTAIN HOLLIS R. MOOMAW  
Director of Academics  
3525th Pilot Training Group (Bsc. SE)

## WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE

WELCOME to Williams Air Force Base, a member of the Flying Training Air Force and the Air Training Command. The primary mission of the base is to develop Air Force officers who are qualified as jet fighter pilots.

Williams Air Force Base is located thirty miles southeast of Phoenix, capital city of Arizona, in the famous "Valley of the Sun."

The base is named in honor of Lieutenant Charles L. Williams, Arizona-born flier, who lost his life in an airplane accident near Honolulu on July 6, 1927. In 1941, ground was broken for the field which was to bear his name.

Colonel George S. Brown graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1941. During World War II he flew twenty-five combat missions, and two hundred and fifty-two combat hours as a B-24 pilot with the 93rd Bombardment Group in England. He served thirteen months in Korea as Director of Operations, Headquarters 5th Air Force. He succeeded Colonel James D. Mayden as Wing Commander of the 3525th Pilot Training Wing (Bsc SE), Williams Air Force Base, on July 20, 1953.

By December 7, 1941, Williams Air Force Base was in full operation. The first class of pilots graduated in April, 1942, and since then thousands of young men have received their final pilot training here.

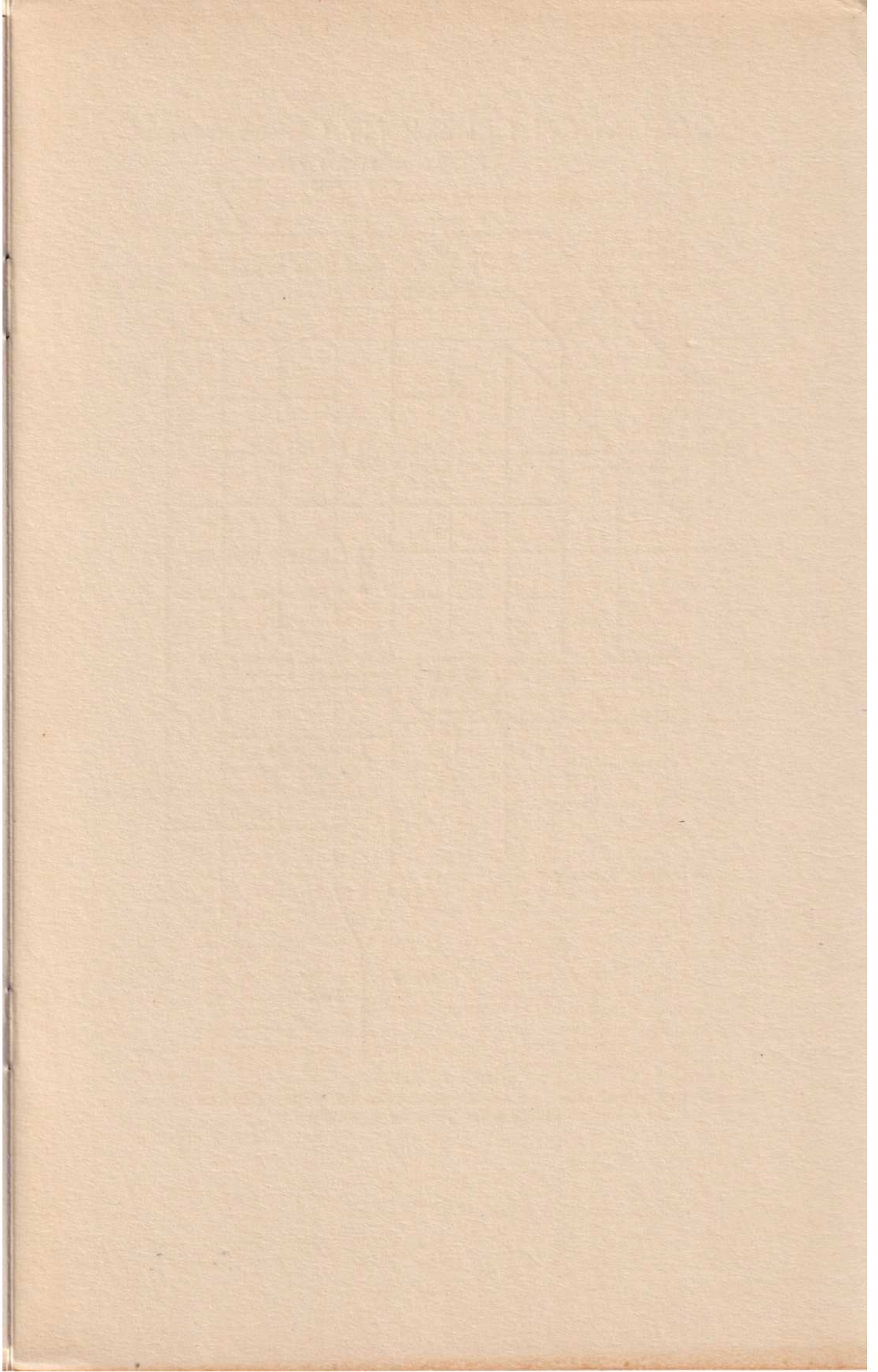
Late in 1942, this field became the only school in the world training cadets in the famed P-38 "Lightning."

In December 1944, training of officer students in the B-17 "Flying Fortress" was begun. During the four months as a B-17 Transition School, Williams Air Force Base established the enviable record of more than 35,000 hours flown by its "Forts" without one major accident or injury to personnel.

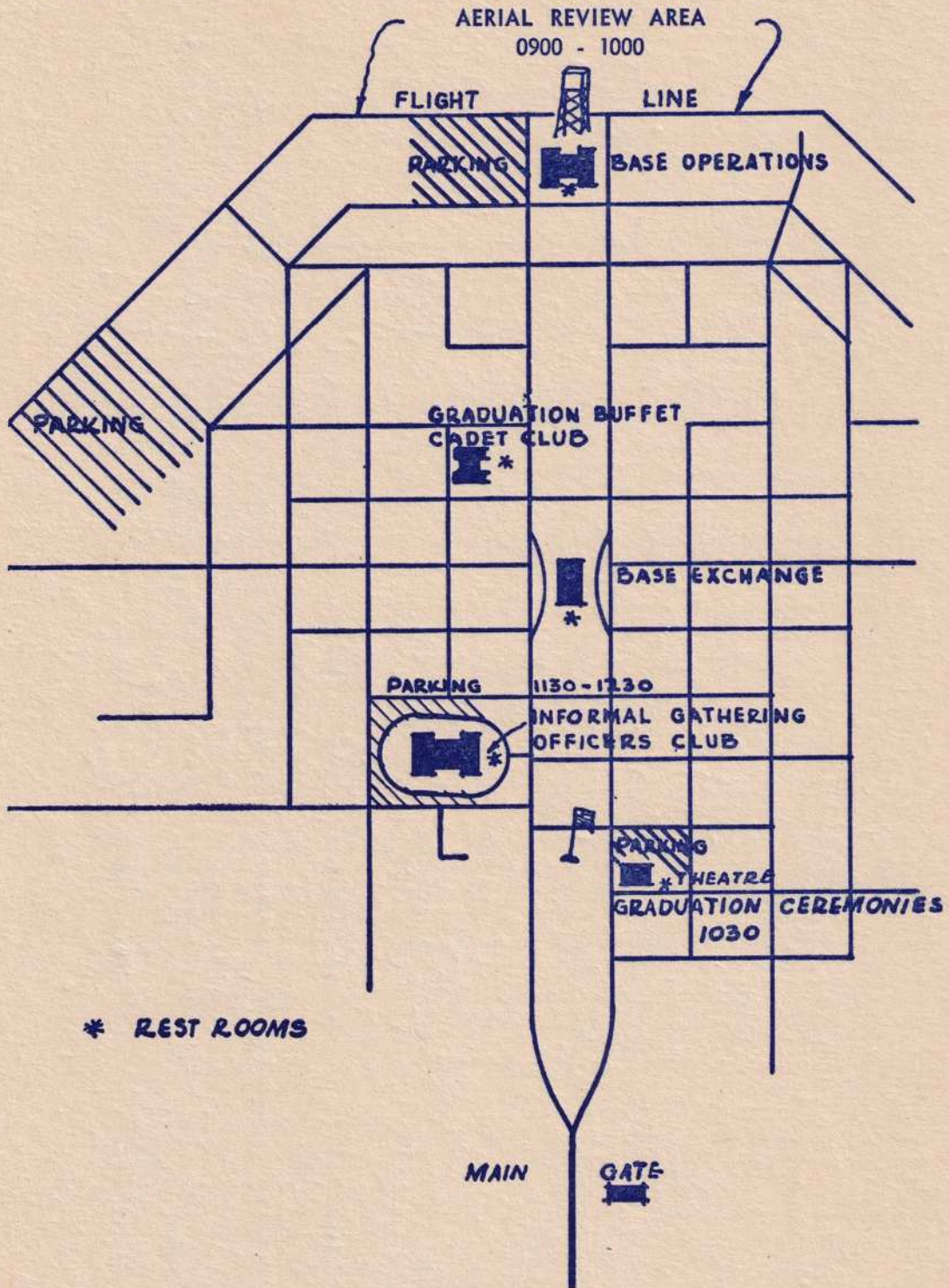
In April 1945, Williams Air Force Base became a school for instrument bombing specialists, with B-24 "Liberators" replacing the B-17's. In November 1945, a Fighter Gunnery School was moved here with the F-47 and F-51 "Mustang" being used.

Early in 1946 the F-80 "Shooting Star" made its debut and in July a Jet Transition Program was inaugurated. The first postwar graduation of flying cadets took place on March 25, 1947. Among the cadets graduating with the American Students were trainees from China and the South American Republics. Since that date the "Fighter School" has graduated jet pilots from Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Netherlands, Norway, Nationalist China and the United Kingdom. Allied students are trained under the Mutual Defense Assistance Program of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Today, with the Air Force an independent, but integral part of our National Security Program, even greater responsibilities are delegated to this school. The modern trend toward jet type aircraft has emphasized the importance of the mission of the nation's first jet fighter school—to train the "Best Jet Fighter Pilots in the world."



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## AIR REVIEW

The Air Review and Dive Bombing Demonstration will be flown by the pilots of the 3526th Pilot Training Squadron.