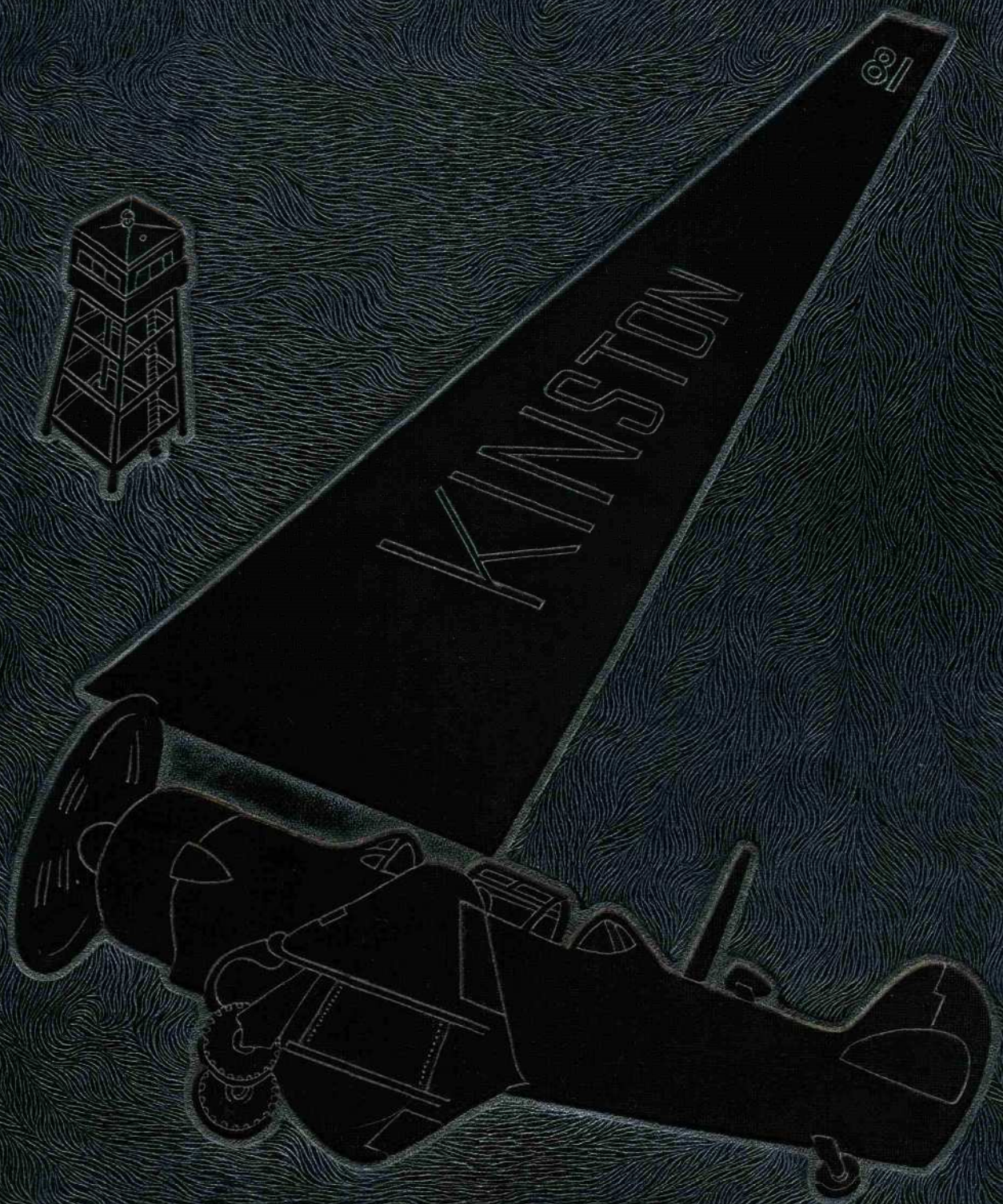


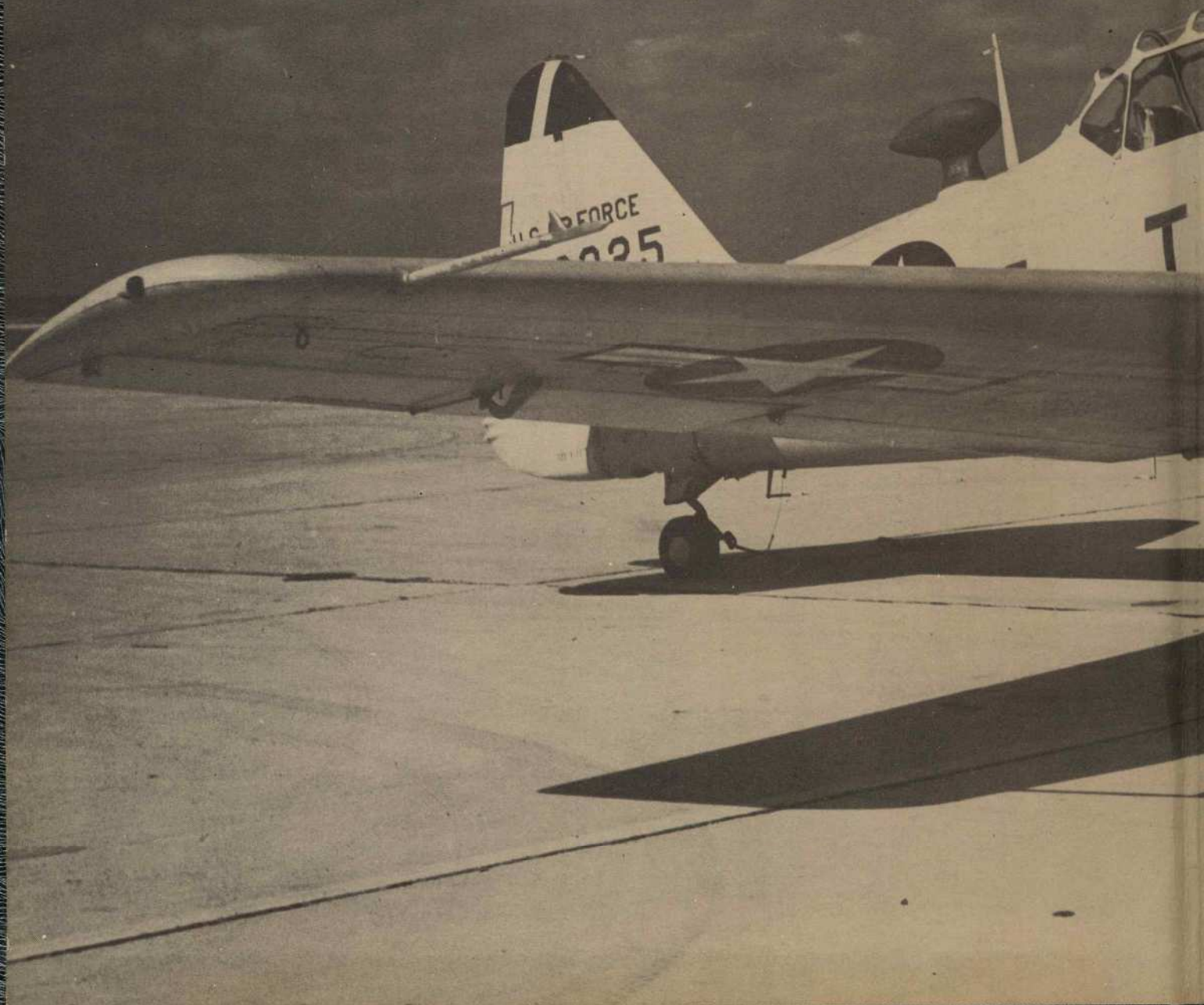
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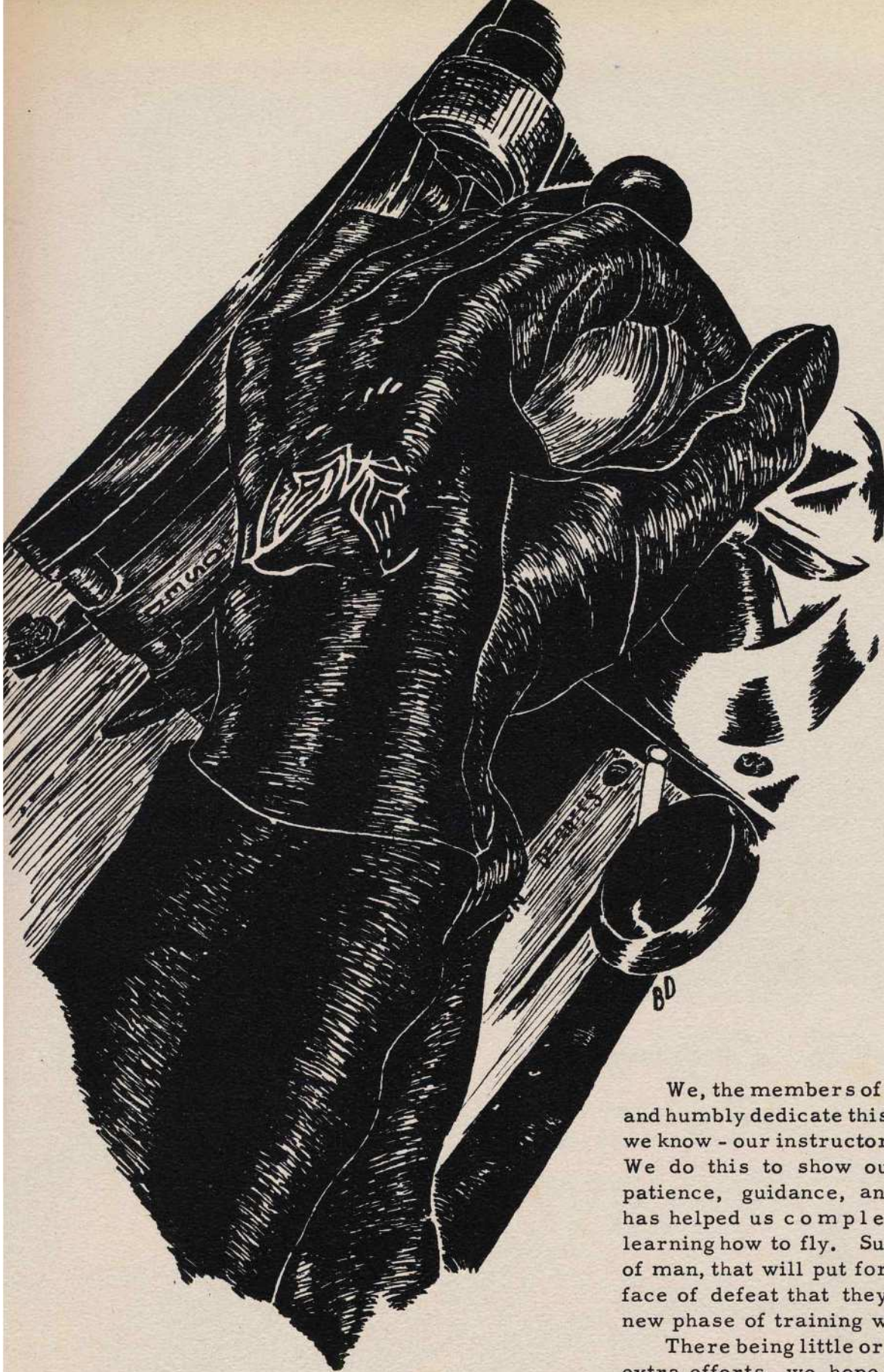
55 - D



Richard E. Merkey
15 June, 1954







We, the members of class 55-D, do sincerely and humbly dedicate this book to the hottest pilots we know - our instructors and flight commanders. We do this to show our appreciation for their patience, guidance, and personal interest that has helped us complete our first milestone - learning how to fly. Surely it is a special breed of man, that will put forth the extra effort in the face of defeat that they experience each time a new phase of training was presented.

There being little or no compensation for such extra efforts, we hope that tomorrow, we will prove that as pilots we are best and in this way repay them, with a satisfaction for a job well done.

The Guiding Hand...



Lt. Col. C.B. Lingamfelter

HEADQUARTERS
3308TH PILOT TRAINING SQUADRON (CONTRACT PRIMARY)
Stallings Air Base, Kinston, N. C.

21 April 1954

Class 55-D
3308th Pilot Training Squadron (CP)
Stallings AB, Kinston, N. C.

Dear Students of Class 55-D:

I extend my wholehearted congratulations to you, the Class of 55-D, upon your completion of the first milestone toward your career as Commissioned Officers and Pilots of the United States Air Force.

To the NDAP Students, I wish to express our thanks for the privilege of training you. Your presence in this organization has been both pleasant and educational to us. The fact that you have completed your training in spite of every great handicap caused by the language barrier is a credit to you and to the nations which you represent.

I desire also to extend to all of you my official commendation and personal appreciation for the manner in which you have accepted the inconveniences necessary to the growth of this base and the Air Force. It is my sincere wish that when you complete your training, you will stop in and visit us. Thanks again for a job "WELL DONE".

Charles B. Lingamfelter
CHARLES B. LINGAMFELTER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Commander

DAILY DELINQUENCY AND AWARD LIST



MAJOR H.P. GOODSON
Commandant of Students

Gough, T. H.



CAPTAIN S. BAYTALA
Senior Military Officer

Roberts, R.N.

Wells, J. D.



LT. A.P. DANZIG
Tactical Officer

OFFENSE	INITIAL
Unauthorized article in laundry bag, i.e. Brassiere	R.D.R.
Buddy ride in link trainer, i.e. Mrs. Vause.	J.R.D.
Conduct unbecoming and A/C, i.e. sober on Sat. nite.	ESM
Failure to shave daily.	TRG



LT. J.R. WATSON
Adjutant

Crying in empty beer mug, lonely.

Unauthorized motivating influence, i.e. Dummy in locker.



MAJOR A.G. KARNELL
Chaplain

I. Gigung
1st Lt., USAF

Direct
Commission



LT. R.L. MARSHALL
Personnel Officer

Chaplain

Kinston
Squaw

Dummy

Pass to
Legion
Dance



LT. G.G. VINING
Tactical Officer



Truman W. Miller

SERV-AIR AVIATION CORPORATION

U.S. Army Basic Pilot Training School
Stallings Air Base, Kinsho
28 APRIL 1954

Class 55-D
Stallings Air Base
Kinsho, North Carolina

DEAR SIR:

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU. YOUR RECORD AT STALLINGS AIR BASE HAS BEEN IMPRESSIVE. THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU HAVE CONDUCTED YOURSELF ON AND OFF THE FLIGHT LINE HAS BEEN A CREDIT TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND TO STALLINGS AIR BASE.

OUR JOB IS TO DEVELOP SUPERIOR PILOTS FOR A SUPERIOR AIR FORCE, AND IN THIS RESPECT YOU HAVE MET OUR EXACTING REQUIREMENTS. WITH US, YOU HAVE PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN PROVING THAT THE FINE SPIRIT OF COORDINATION AND COOPERATION OF MILITARY AVIATION AND CIVILIAN AVIATION IS A DEFINITE ASSET TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF OUR COUNTRY.

WE CONSIDER IT AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH YOU AND FOR US TO HAVE HAD A PART IN YOUR TRAINING. WE WISH YOU THE GREATEST OF SUCCESS IN THE COMPLETION OF YOUR ADVANCED TRAINING AND FEEL ASSURED THAT IF YOU WILL APPLY THE BASIC PRINCIPLES LEARNED HERE, THAT YOU WILL HAVE A BRILLIANT FUTURE IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

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Truman W. Miller
TRUMAN W. MILLER, PRESIDENT



W. J. REYNOLDS
Asst. Gen. Mgr. Serv-Air Corp.



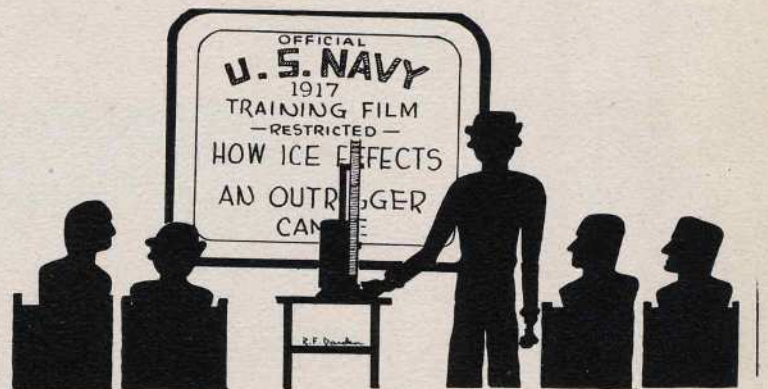
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Director of Flying



K. C. HUDSON
Director of Ground Training



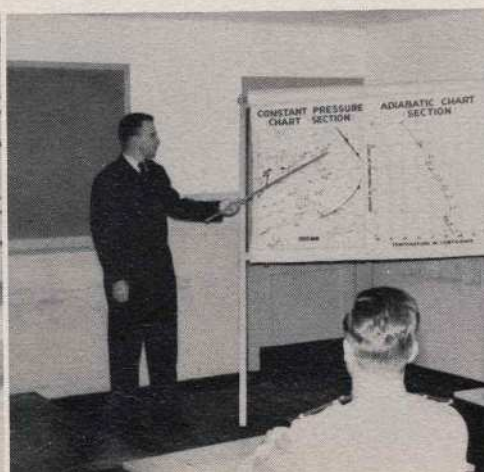
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Mr. Occluded Front



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Link



NOW FOR YOUR SECOND LESSON....



YOU'RE OVERCONTROLLING!
CROSS CHECK!
WATCH YOUR BANK!
WATCH YOUR PITCH!
YOU AREN'T TRYING
WATCH YOUR AIRSPEED



MAYDAY! MAYDAY!

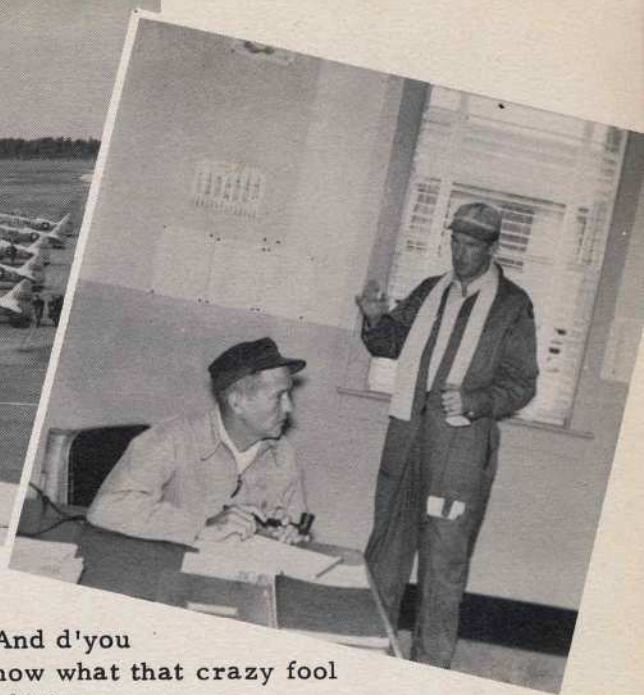




"Piedmont go-around--Cub on final!"



A brisk walk 66!



"And d'you know what that crazy fool did?"



"Ha, tail wheel was still tied down."



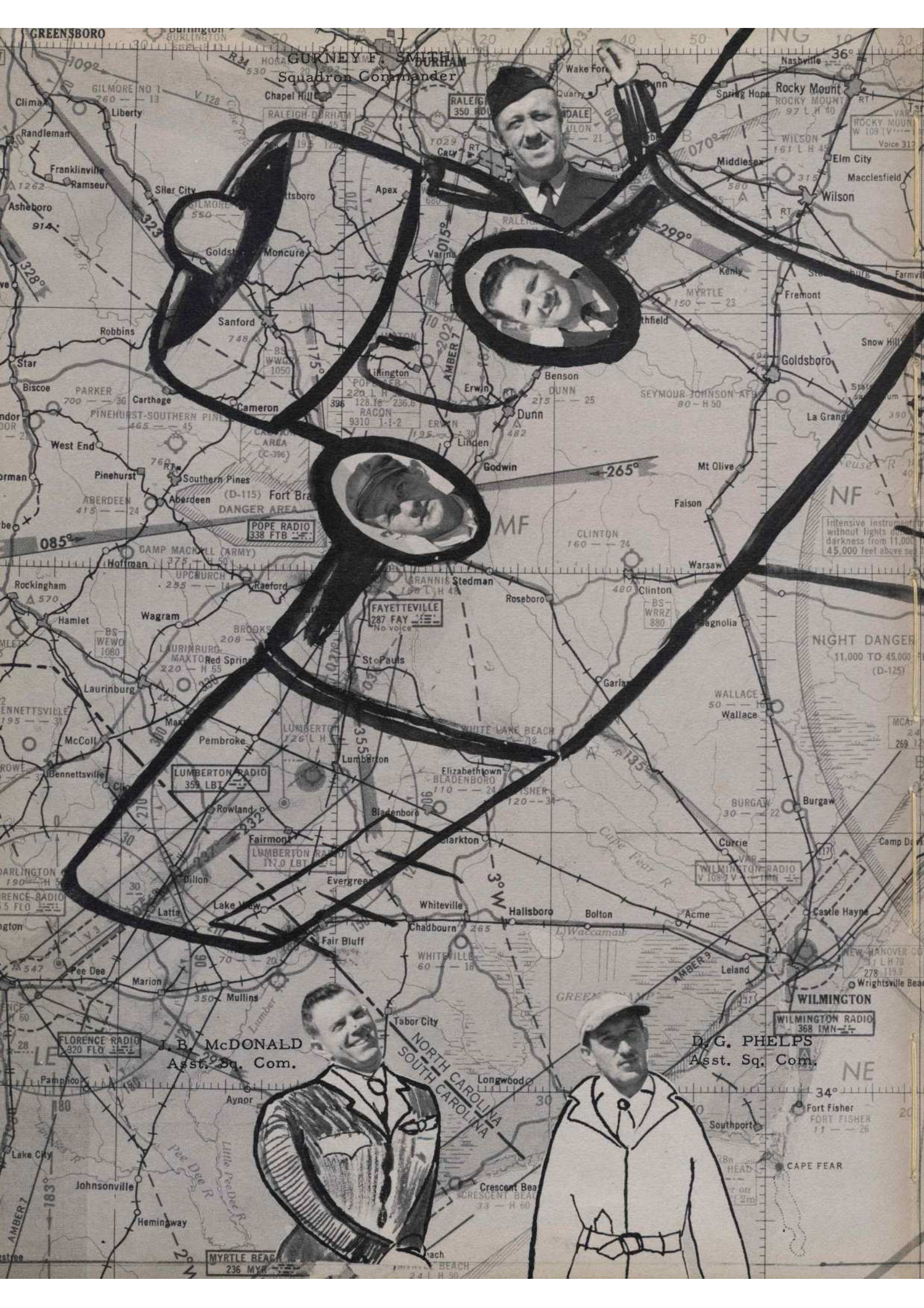
"Just link periods left!"



Off the end of 22.



Don't just sit there--study your manual.



GURNEY F. SMITH
Squadron Commander



J. B. McDONALD
Asst. Sq. Com.



D. G. PHELPS
Asst. Sq. Com.

TO THE MEMBERS OF CLASS 55-D, Flight 150

Gentlemen:
I would like to compliment class 55-D, 150th flight, for your wonderful cooperation and spirit of appreciation shown throughout your stay here at Stallings Air Base. It has truly been a joy and a pleasure working with you. As future Air Force pilots, I wish the best to each of you and may God always be your co-pilot.

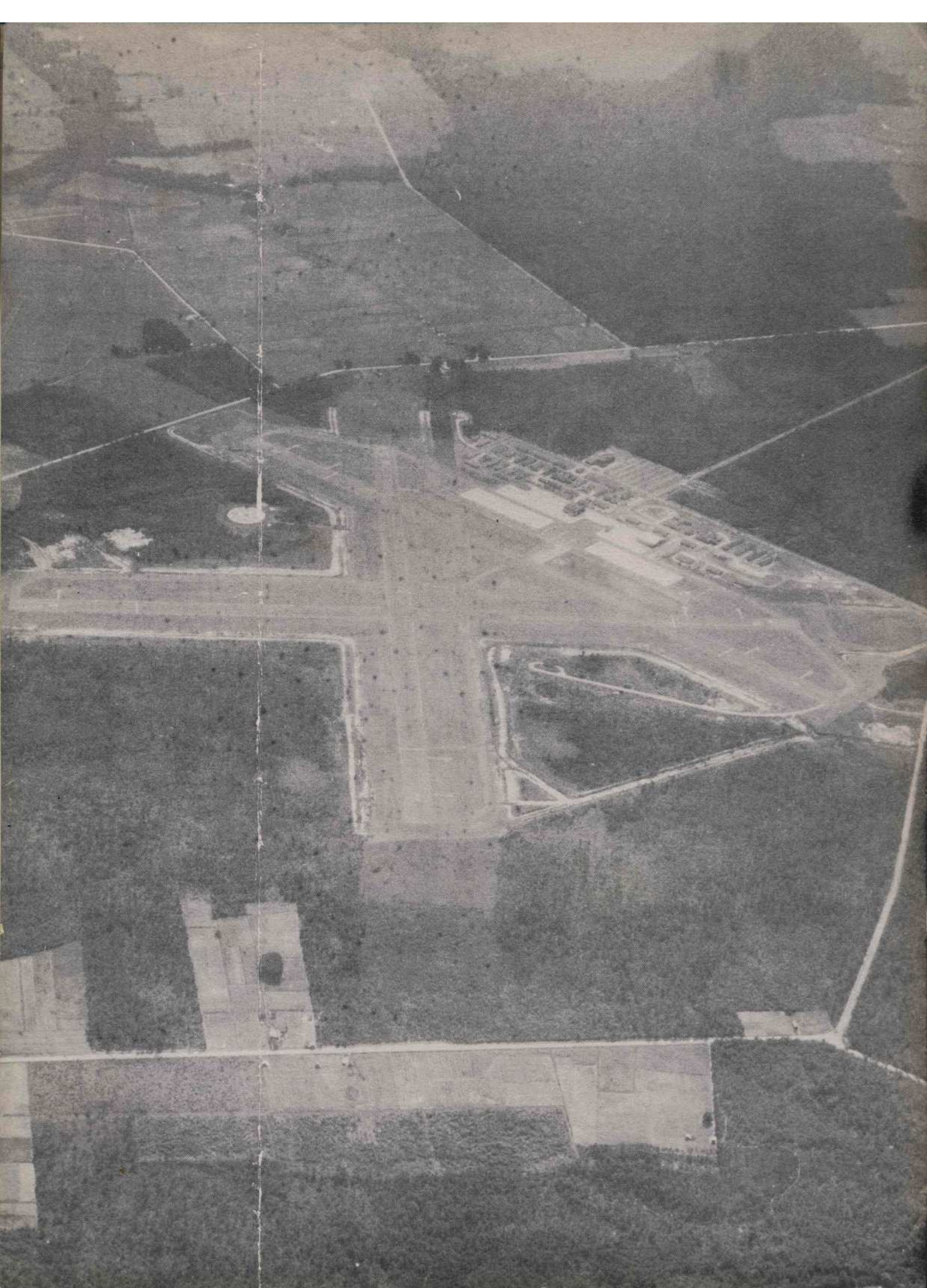
George Tillson
George "Tex" Tillson
Flight Commander 150th

TO THE MEMBERS OF CLASS 55-D, Flight 250

Gentlemen:
Class 55-D, 250th flight, reported at Stallings Air Base November 27, 1953 on the flight line for flight training. Their first twenty hours was taken in the 106 H.P. PA-18 piper cub. A few were taken due to air sickness and tenseness. Finishing the light plane phase, they were then advanced to the old reliable T-6G for 120 hours.
After getting in the T-6G phase of training all students showed above average progress and we did not lose a student. Also they showed an excellent safety record in the PA-18 and T-6G as they did not have an accident of any kind. They were commended especially on all check rides and radio discipline, flight room neatness and cleanliness. I feel that all 55-D, 250th flight student pilots will make excellent Air Force pilots and I am proud to have had a part in training these men.

Charles W. Holder
Charles W. Holder
Flight Commander 250th

During hours of darkness Amber Civil Airway No. 9 excludes the airspace from 11,000 to 16,000 feet and from 21,000 to 45,000 feet above sea level within the Night Danger Area.
Portion of Night Danger Area overlapping civil airway includes only the airspace from 11,000 to 16,000 feet and from 21,000 to 45,000 feet above sea level.





150th Squadron



EDWARD J. COTE, A/C
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
"I got it right here in my
F-86 T. O. "

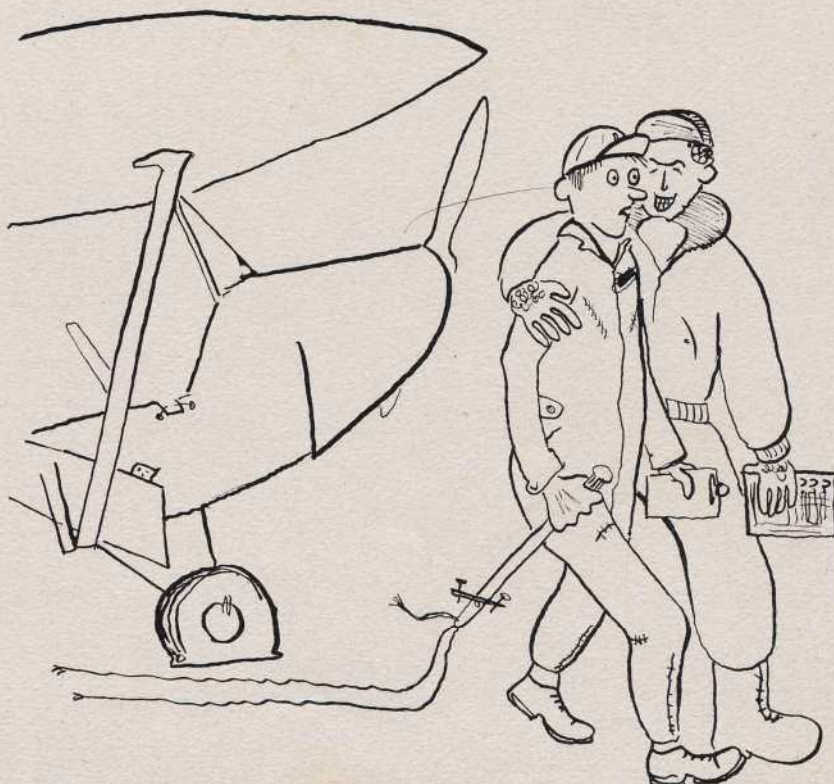


JAMES F. FRITZ, 2/LT.
Bucyrus, Ohio
"But I can stop faster in
the boondocks sir!"



CHESTER J. GASEOR, 2/LT.
Chicago, Illinois
"This ole dog don't like tags."

B.R. Yelverton



RELAX LAD, RELAX



G.A. Bocock

"Tree Chopper"

"How can you play golf in a T-6?"

"When do we start practicing ground loops sir?"



ROBERT D. AANESTAD, 2/LT.
Fargo, North Dakota



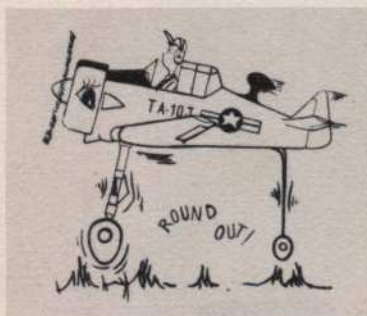
CLYDE L. BROUKER, 2/LT.
Bristol, Conn.



JAMES T. GRANT, 2/LT.
St. Louis, Mo.



MARC AUDIRAC, A/C
Rabastens-Hts Pees, France
"Zees is zee cool camera."



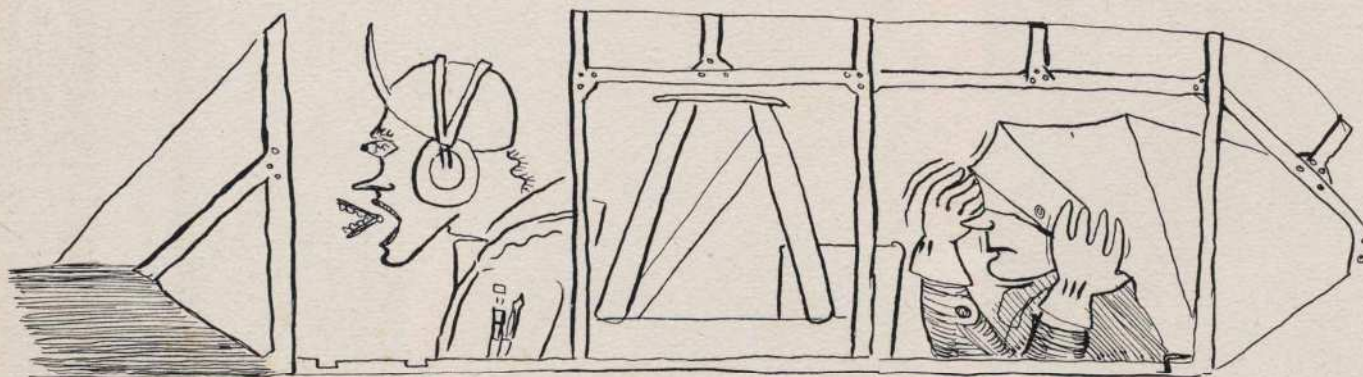
L.E. Moss



HELGE SCHEIE, A/C
Kristiansand S. Norway
"Two wheels are as good
as three!"



ANDREW J. CHAPMAN, 2/LT.
Salem, Virginia
"Everythings moving so fast!"



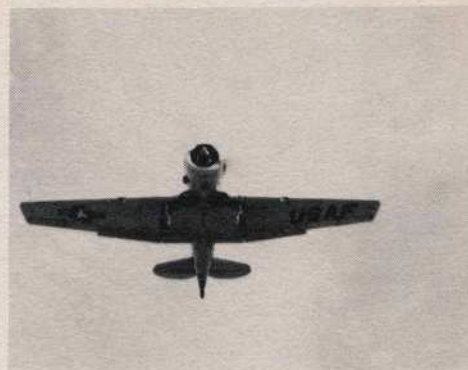
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MAN: LOOKIT ALL THEM CLOCKS

W.M. Thompson

JAMES A. BYRON, 2/LT.
Donora, Pennsylvania
"But I don't want to get out
of this B-25!"



ROBERT G. BROWN, 2/LT.
Boulder, Colorado
"Who knows, Brown knows!"



ANDREW P. GARY, 2/LT.
Columbia, South Carolina
"Keeps 55D posted in
Wing tips"





ELMER C. APEL, 2/LT.
Wilmington, Delaware
"Look at those guys landing
on the wrong runway!"



J.F. Hunter

"What's buzzin', cuzzin'?"



JOHN A. ANDERSON, JR., A/C
Athens, Alabama

"Let's try it with the stick this time."



RUFUS M. CLARK, A/C
Croton, Connecticut





JAMES R. LEWIS, A/C
Laurelton, New Jersey
"Let me comb my hair first"

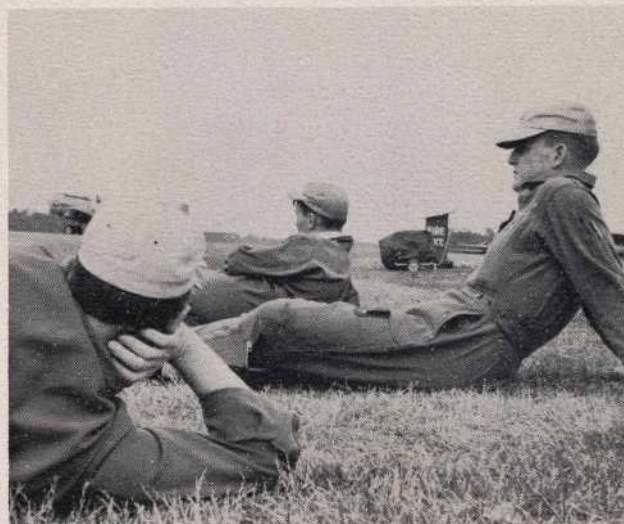


KEITH L. FULTON, A/C
Sioux City, Iowa
"Did he get my number?"

R.D. Need



BURLEIGH G. DENNEY, A/C
St. Louis, Missouri
"Don't this iron compass go
to Goldsboro?"





THOMAS H. GOUGH, A/C
East Bend, North Carolina
"All I want for Christmas is my
one front tooth!"



Time to fall out...already??

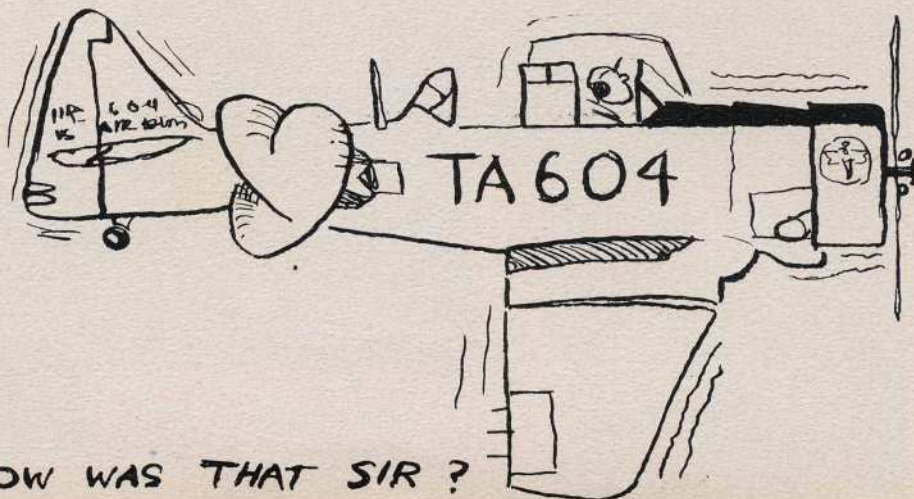
D.M. Cline

BYRON A. MYERS, A/C
Washington, Indiana

"Where is the '45' on this tour path?"



EDWARD L. BACOT, 1/LT.
Holmesville, Mississippi
"Column right - opps - ten
hut - column left - whose
responsible for this?"



HOW WAS THAT SIR?



WILLIAM G. DAOUST, 2/LT.
East Lansing, Michigan
"Don't you think it's
Snow Hill?"



JOHN H. GALE, JR., 2/LT.
Richmond, Virginia
"Kinston towah, this is
air foorce foah, foah, foah!"



W.H. Straugan

ROLAND D. BENDER, 2/LT.
Cleveland, Ohio
"Who moved that runway from
under me?"



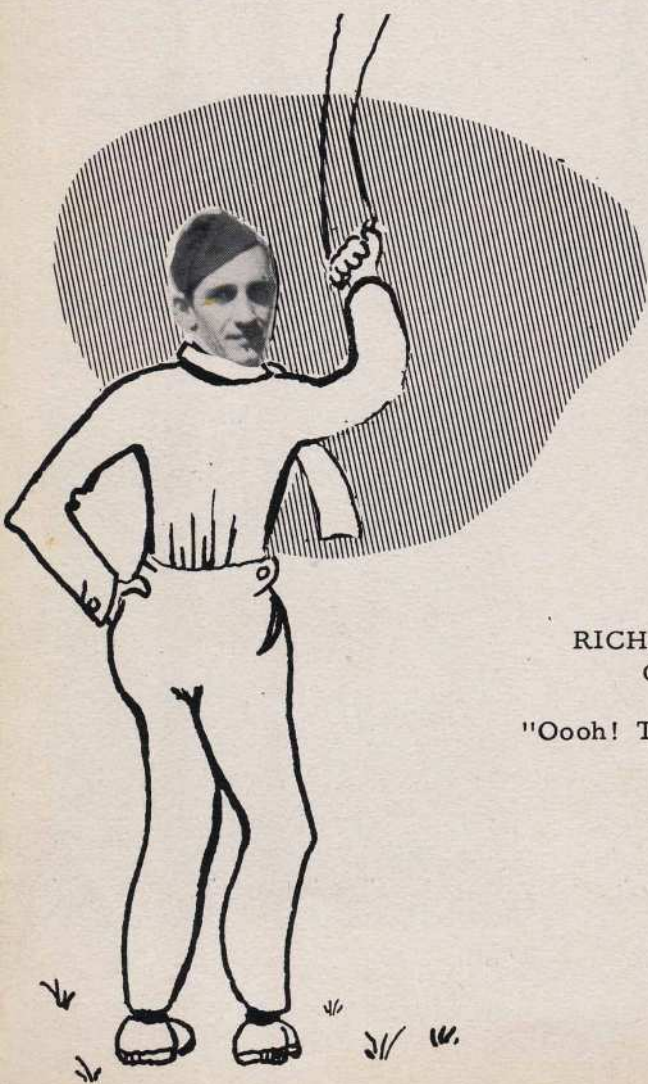


EUGENE M. ADKINS, A/C
Tuscon, Arizona

"What did you get on your go around
stage?"



A.L. Stevens



WALTER J. BURKE
Boston, Mass.



Crash and Burn Burke!

RICHARD E. MERKEL
Clutier, Iowa

"Oooh! That dam idiot box!"





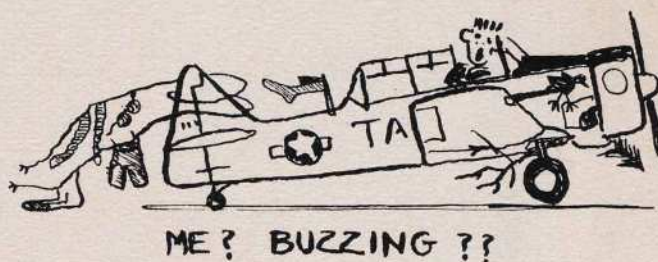
JOSEPH DENEGRÉ, JR., 2/LT.
New Haven, Connecticut
"Hope I don't fly first."



JOHN L. GALFORD, 2/LT.
Elkins, West Virginia
"Reichelt, save some gas for me, huh?"



RICHARD D. REICHLET, A/C
Rosedale, L.I., New York
"I miss those weekend walks."



JAMES D. RILEY, A/C
Las Vegas, Nevada
"This flying's as bad as 21."



M.A. Thompson, Jr.

Forced Landing Procedure

1. Do not attempt to land until a large sized crowd has assembled.
2. Always make landing near a heavily congested area to insure gathering of crowd.
3. Throw out all extra equipment such as charts, tech orders, parachute and dogtags to lighten aircraft and add to the excitement of the crowd.
4. Stampede any livestock on the area.
5. In order to impress crowd try to strike some useless item with wing such as a fence, high-tension line, or out-house.
6. Carefully plan your base leg and final approach and use the flaps so that aircraft will come to rest in front of crowd.
7. If you have been demonstrating the maneuver, you may begin your final approach inverted as an added attraction.
8. After landing do not leave cockpit until crowd has gathered around aircraft.
9. While waiting for crowd to assemble it is permissible to slash wrists and smear blood on your forehead.
10. If possible, set aircraft on fire.
11. Upon leaving aircraft have some death phrase on hand such as; "Anybody got a cigarette?" or "Never a dull moment."
12. Prior to landing, when engine first fails, never switch gas tanks as this may cause engine to restart and spoil everything.



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Clifton S. Bennett



JOHN E. SHADE, 2/LT.
Troy, New York
"Now let me tell ya'...."



JOHN F. McKERNAN, JR., 2/LT.
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania
"Gee, if I had only bought into
G. E. at Christmas."



NORMAN D. KEY, A/C
San Angelo, Texas
"Oh, I wouldn't
say that."



ROBERT D. SMITH, 2/LT.
Kernersville, North Carolina
"I had a big Orange
drank, and I don't know
whut alllll!"



Honest Ben's Boys



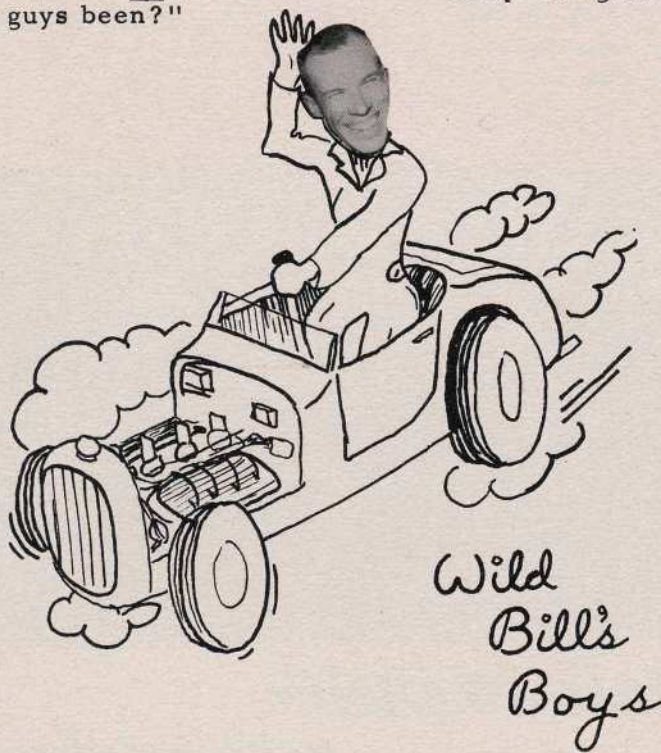
HERMAN RUGANI, 2/LT.
Waynesburg, Ohio
"Where the H__ youse
guys been?"



ROBERT N. ROBERTS, A/C
Los Angeles, California
"Keep 'em guessin' Ace!"



R. D. ROSBOROUGH, 2/LT.
Aruba, Netherlands
West Indies
"Hey you guys, I got an idea!"



JOHN D. WELLS, A/C
Fresno, California
"She's dumb, but I like it
that way."



William J. Slocumb



Get that stick back!



JAMES E. WAGNER, A/C
Liberty, Missouri
"Well, maybe I could
be wrong."



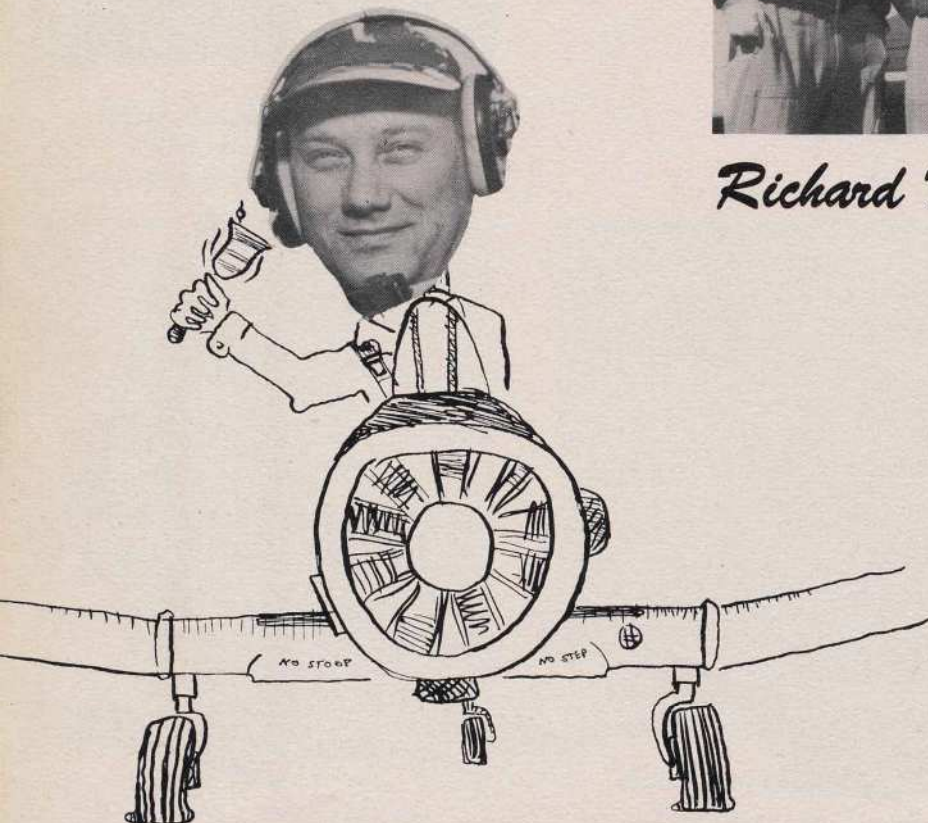
RAY G. NATH, A/C
Riceville, Iowa
"There I was at 10,000
feet with hayseed in
my eye."



ROBERT J. McCACHREN, A/C
Millersville, Ohio
"No Sweat."



Richard K. Bell



Ding Dong's Belles



DON W. MUSGROVE, 2/LT.
Corpus Christi, Texas
"Now wait a minute, is that
East or West Texas?"



GEORGE S. MILES, A/C
Denver, Colorado
"This North Carolina don't
show me nothing."



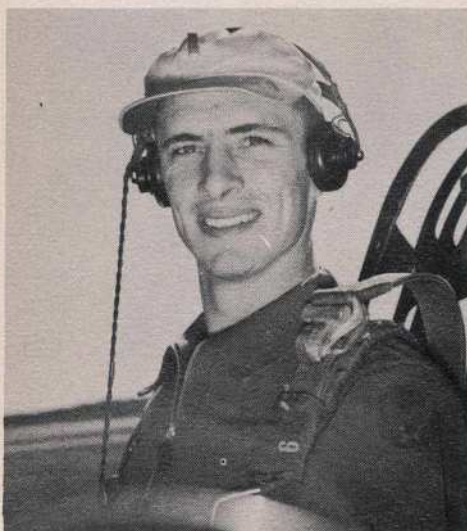
CHARLES M. WINSTON, 2/LT.
Clayton, North Carolina
"I have no idea where I am."



DONALD J. MENCH, A/C
Dayton, Ohio
"Sir, what's your question?"



Marvin H. Snead



ROBERT C. ROSSER, 2/LT.
Roncvert, West Virginia
"Hey Ace, got a nail?"



*Sneeder's
Boys*



LLOYD E. WOLFORD, A/C
Randal, Minnesota
"Look-budee!"



G. Mahoney



JAMES A. PETERSON, 2/LT.
Fargo, North Dakota
"Geez!"



KARE E. YTRESTOYL, A/C
Volda, Sunnmore, Norway
"I hit you in the orchestra pit-
someplace!"



JAMES D. SIROCKMAN, 2/LT.
Morgantown, W. Virginia
"How much do you think that
car is worth!"



WILLIAM R. CLARK, A/C
Lidgerwood, North Dakota
"Yeh, you check the tail wheel
with the relief tube."



JACK E. HANZLIK, 2/LT.
Norwalk, Connecticut
"Say, ya' know? - ya' know?"



ROLAND L. PLANT, 2/LT.
Providence, Rhode Island
"Me? - Whistling?"



Harold L. Lesley



"Not another go-around!"





FRANCOIS M. CHOLLET, A/C
Paris, France
"Come wees me to zee
Jaycee, babee.."



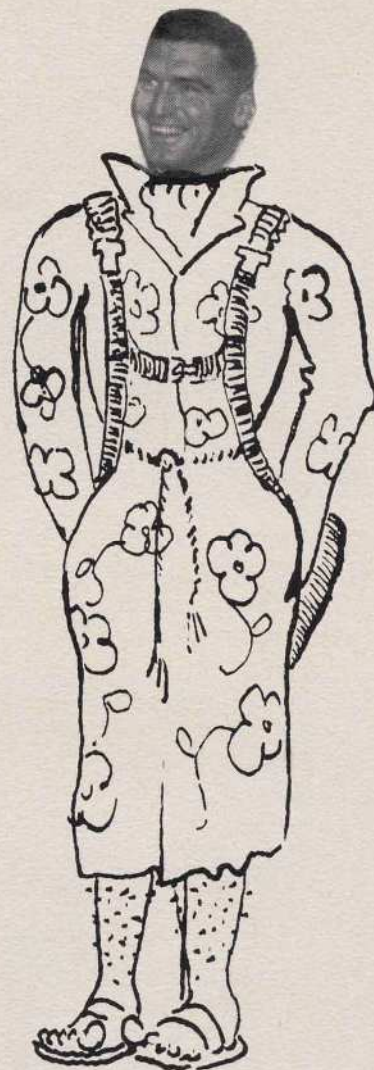
CAROL F. HOLMES, 2/LT.
Greenville, South Carolina
"Hey, At ease March!"



"And you guys think you got it rough..."



DEE WHEATLEY III, 2/LT.
Commerce, Texas
"I've been to two county fairs'
a rodeo, and a hog calling
contest.."



J.F. Clippard



JEAN F. DEBRIS, A/C
Oran, Algeria, North Africa
"Zee carburatoor air ess too hot."



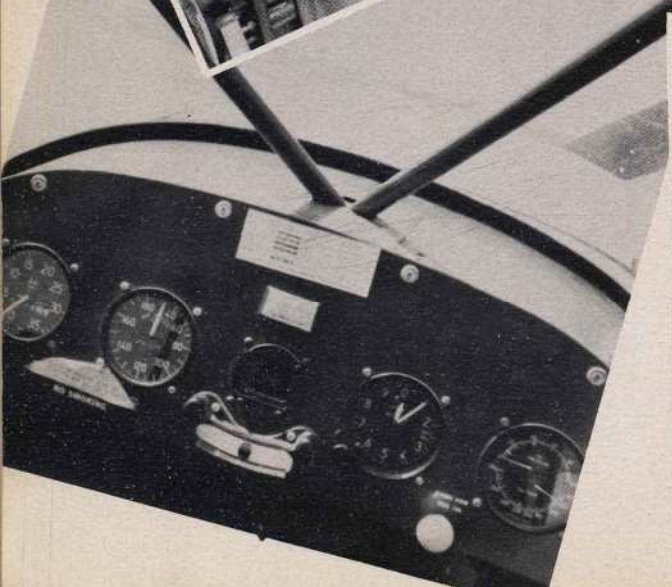
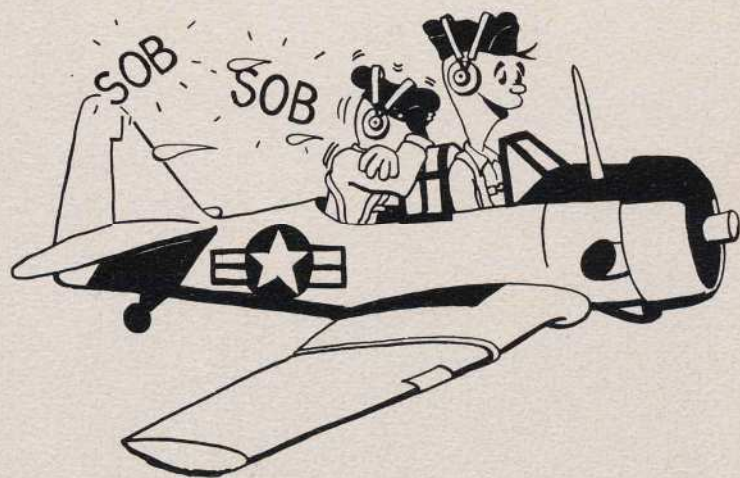
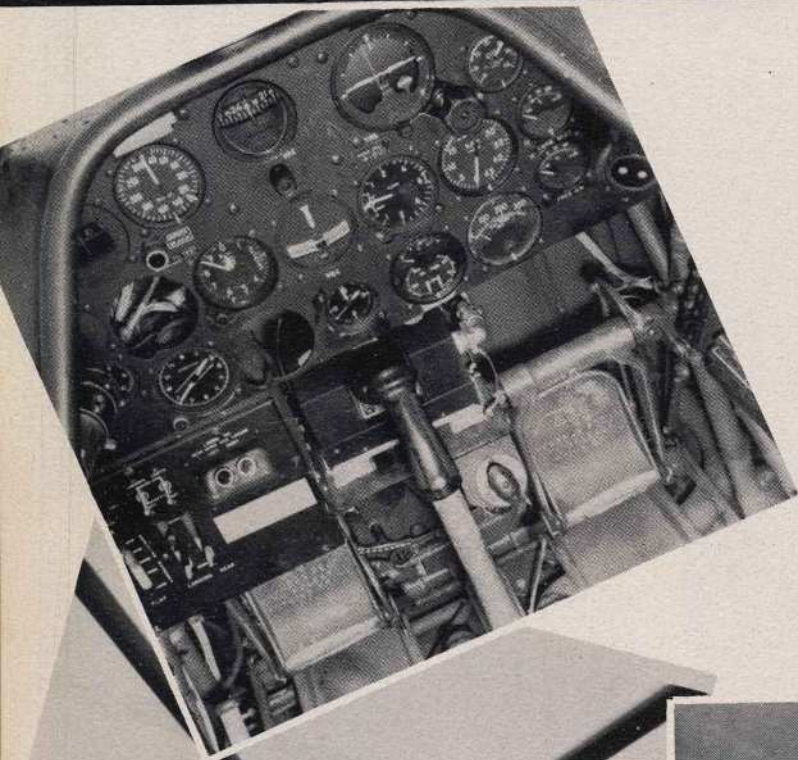
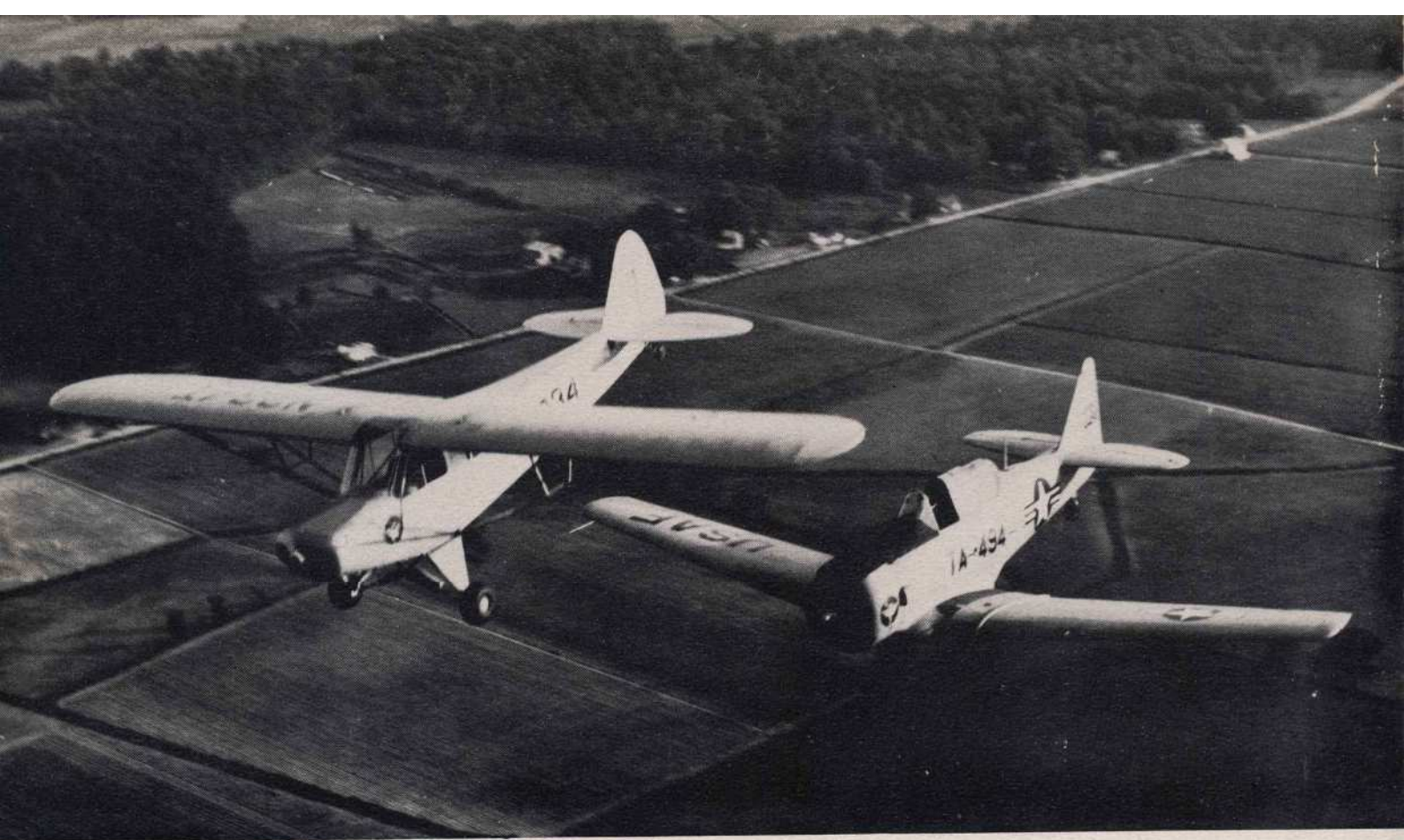
LEO T. MILICEVIC, 2/LT.
Bellaire, Ohio
"Hey, I'm positive I put that
gear down."



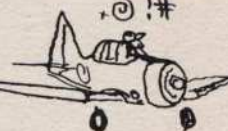
Joseph L. Williams



MURRAY N. GLAZIER, A/C
West Palm Beach, Florida
"After that dogfight, I'm
just a 'puddy tat'."



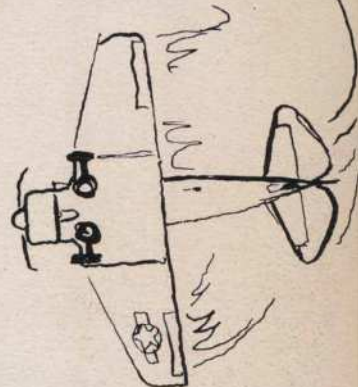
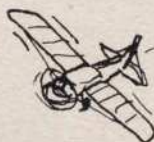
Stallings Traffic Pattern



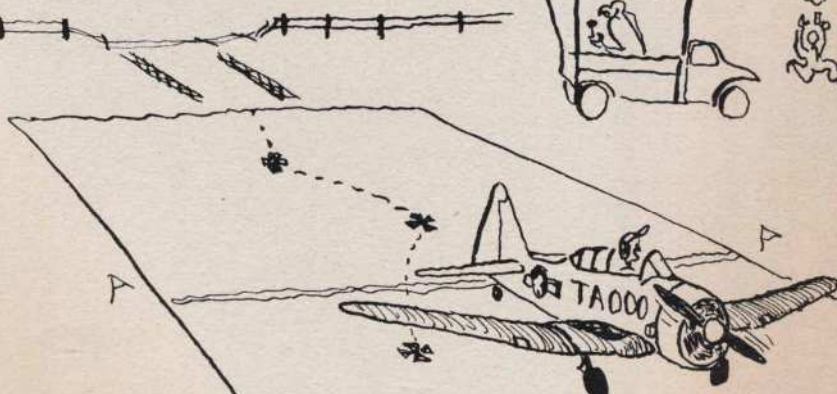
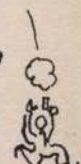
BUT..THE BASE LEG IS IN
CLOSE !?



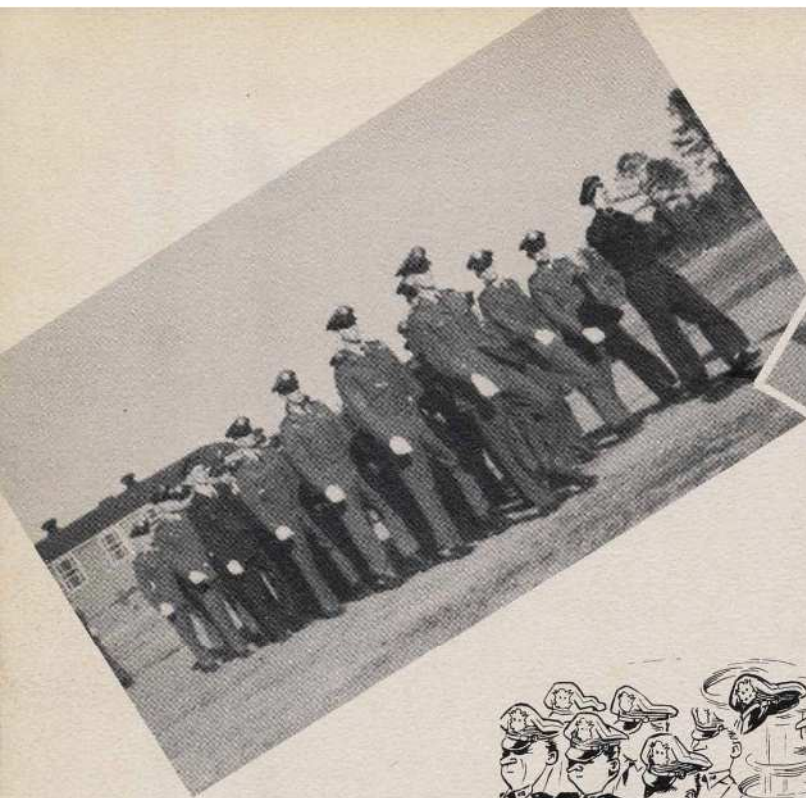
PEIDMONT GO-
AROUND PLEEZ !!



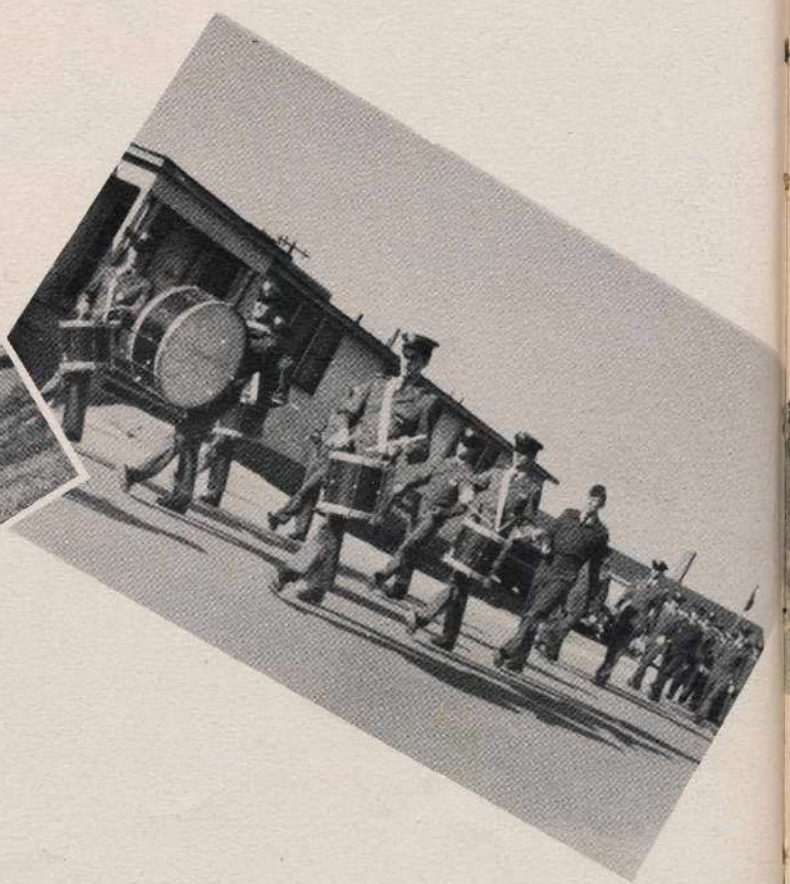
GO AROUND... GO AROUND
ARK... GO AROUND... AWK
EVERYBODY GO AROUND



BUT..THE FIRST BOUNCE
WAS BEFORE THE LINE

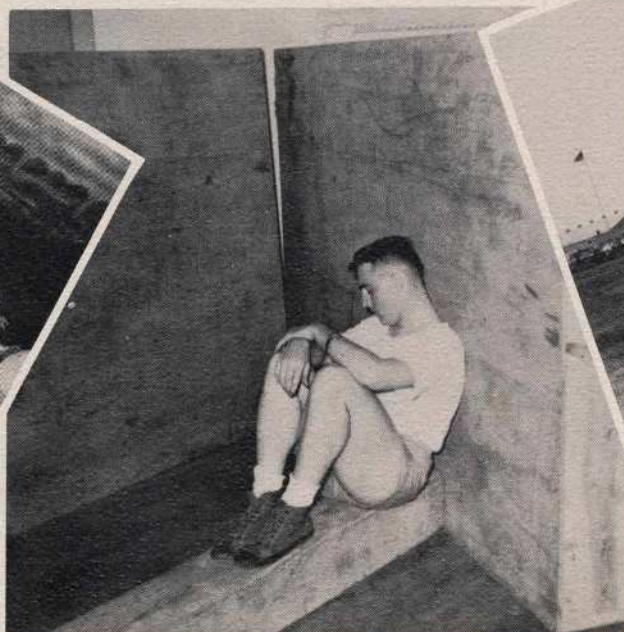
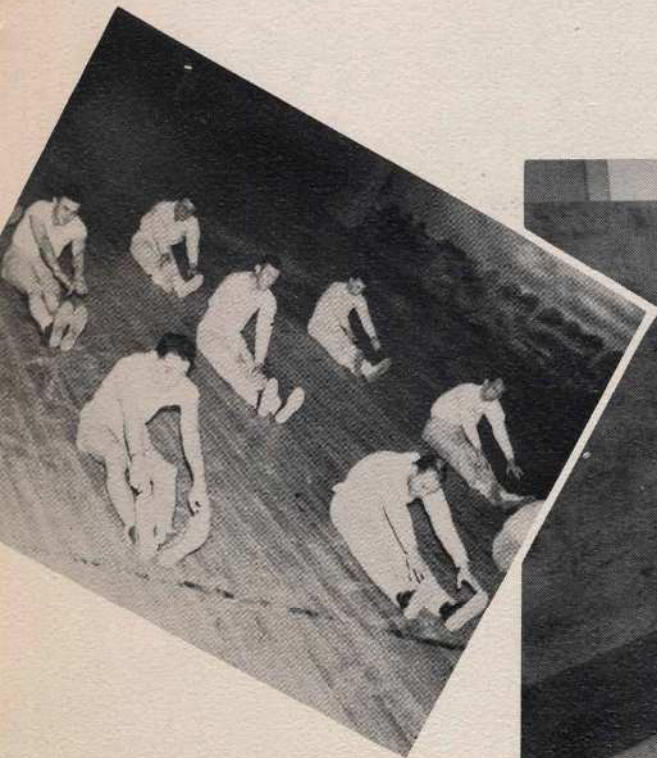
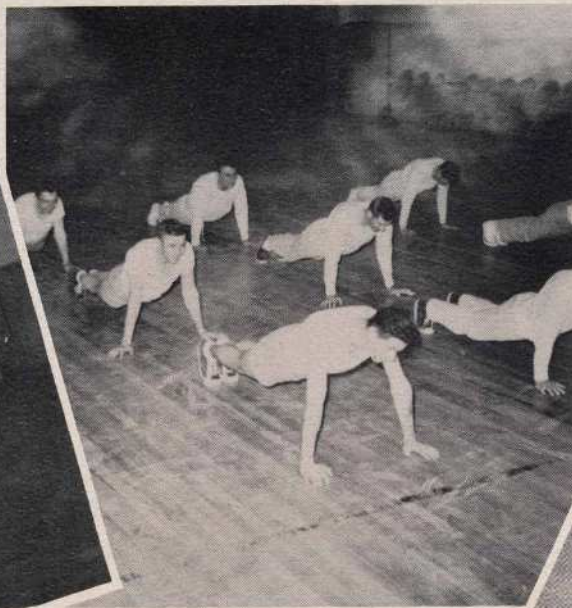


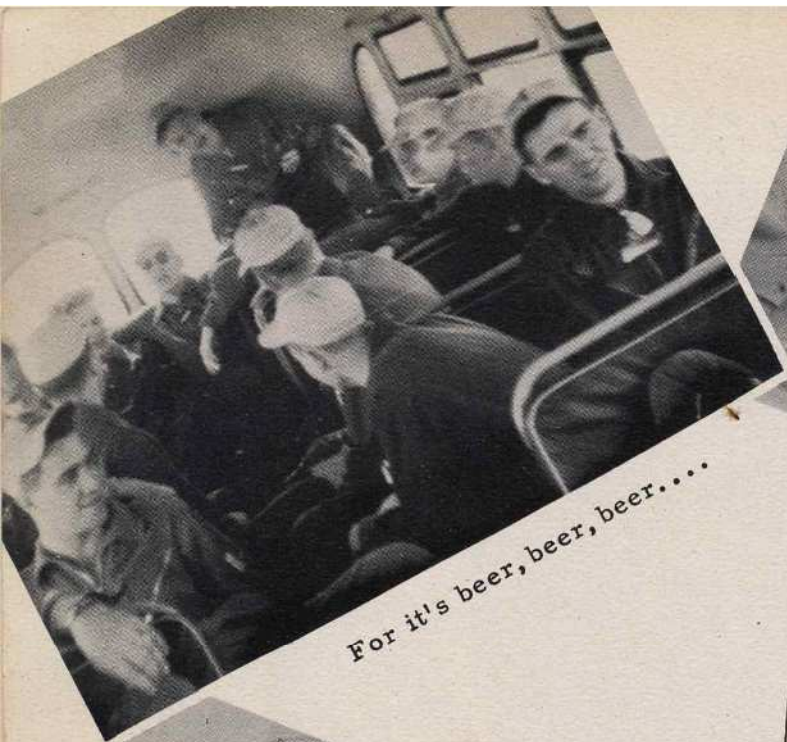
"HHHHOOOOOOOOLLE"



Parades

Physical Training

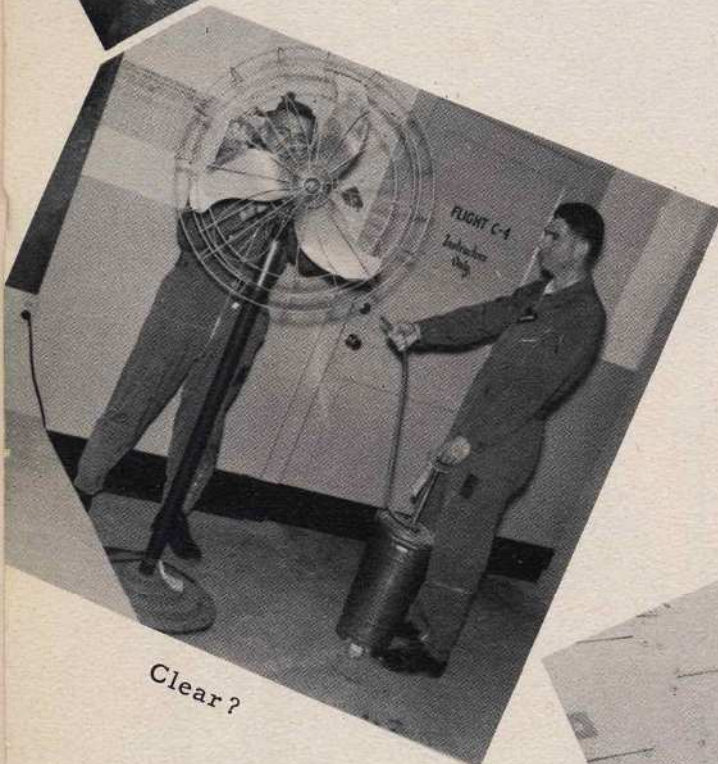




For it's beer, beer, beer....



Buddy Ride



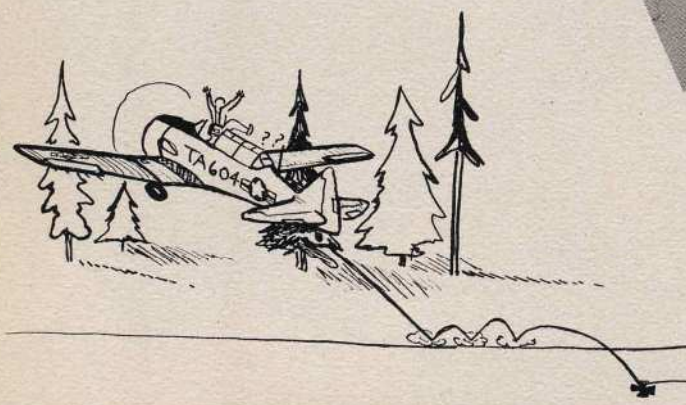
Clear?



Come on Jess, go by the college.



All aboard



I.T.O.



Congratulations...

55-D

It has been a privilege here at Stallings Air Base to have had a part in your training. We realize your graduation here is the commencement of even greater things in store for you as you continue your training in the greatest Air Force on the face of the earth. May you be as successful everywhere you go as you have been here.

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