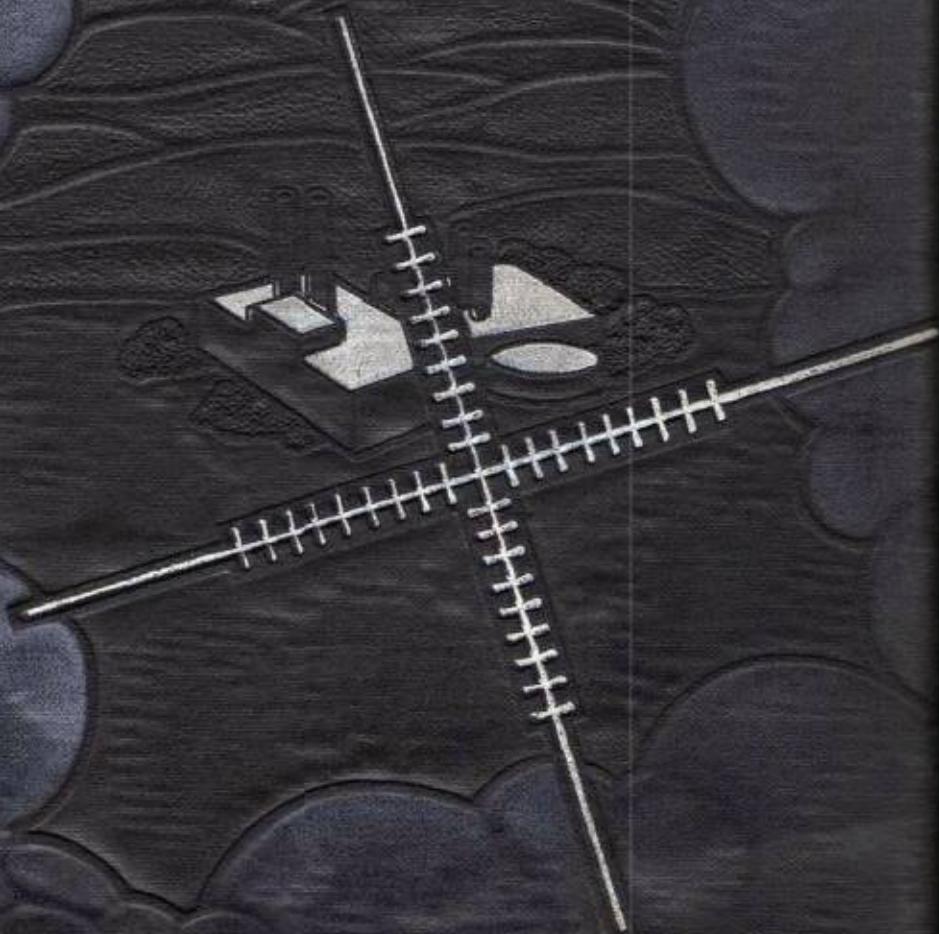
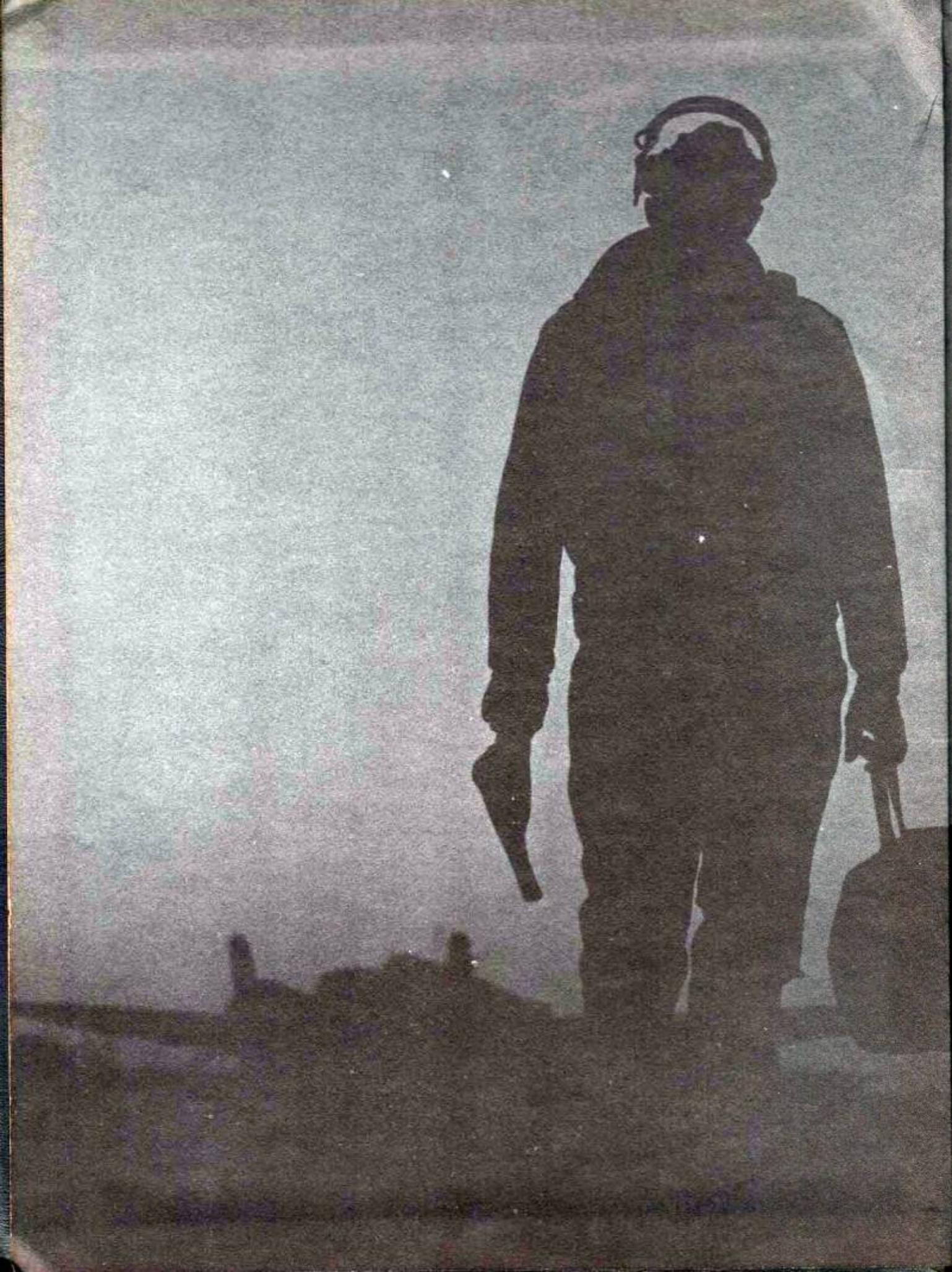
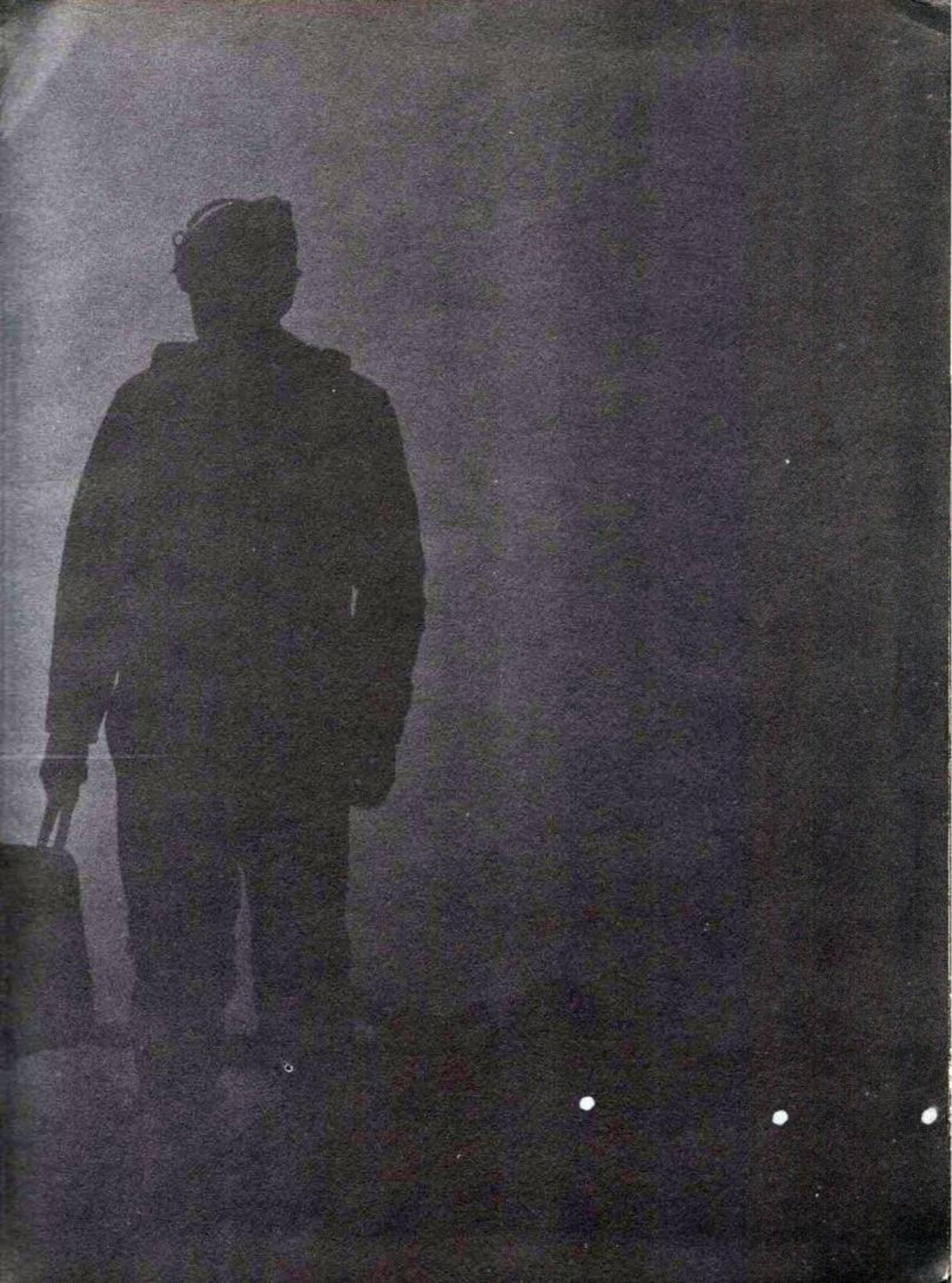


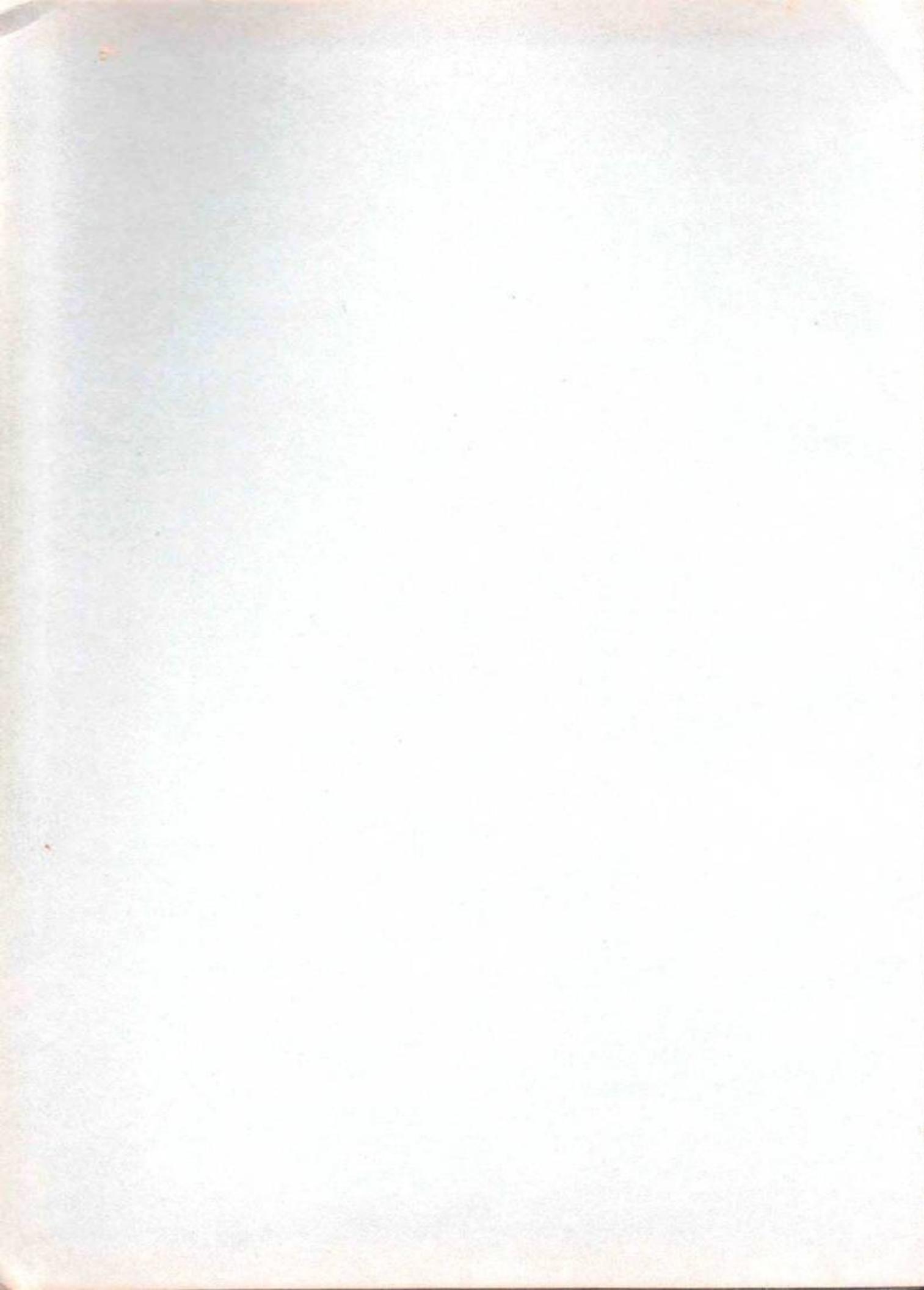
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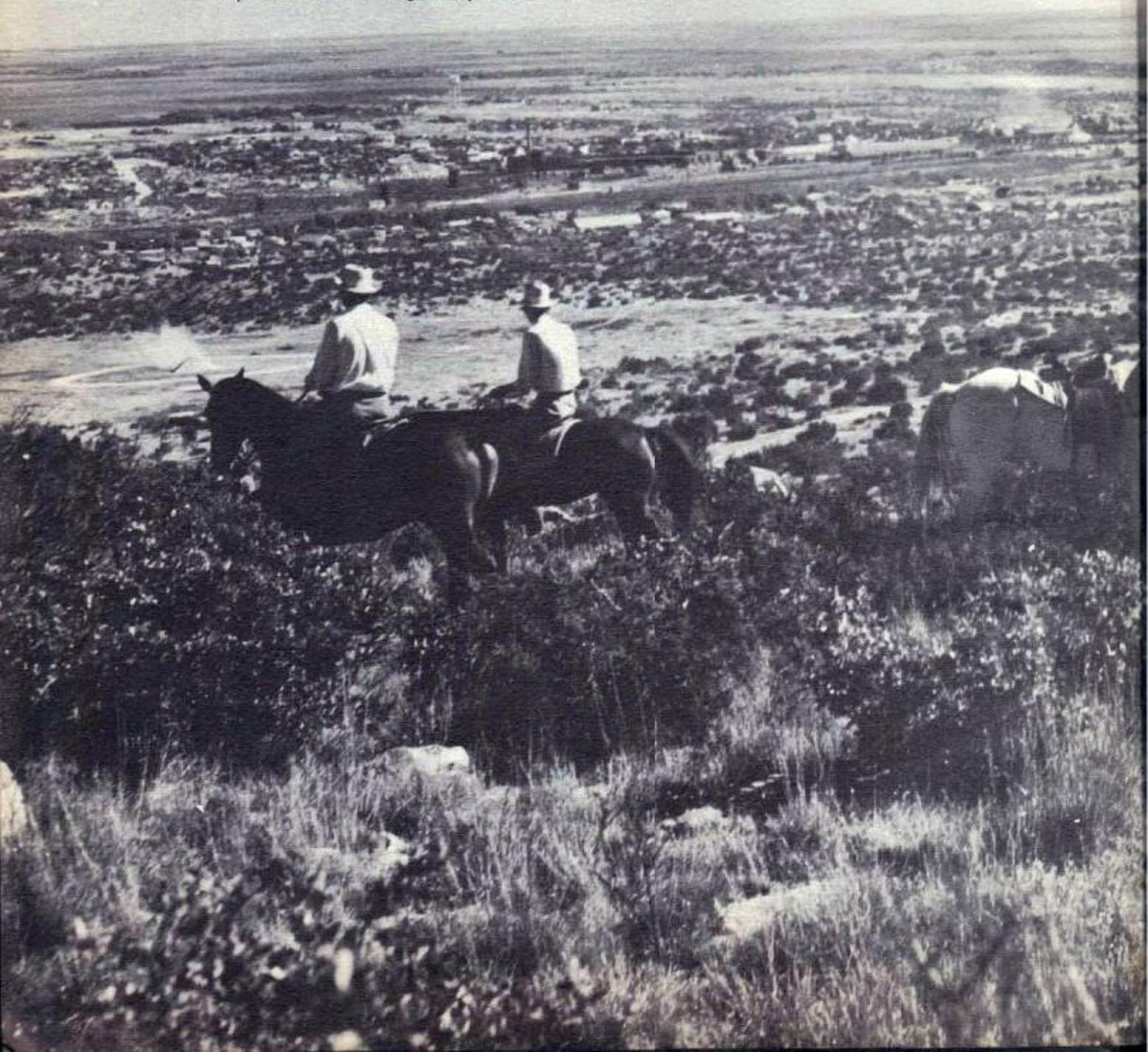
DEDICATION

The words we say now can never bring back your brothers or mine. There was Ray, Harry, and Jim and many othes whom I had never seen, but as they fell and died they were my brothers. We did not live in a common dwelling, but rather in a common thought—Liberty and Equality. Our brotherhood was America.

Harry died in Africa. Ray fell from the skies over Germany and Jim made the first raid over Tokyo. His wife received a telegram from the War Department.

These were American airmen fighting for their way of life against odds that were often staggering. They asked no quarter or gave any as they hit the enemy with a strength that only righteousness knows. Victories were numerous, but they were bought for a dear price—American lives.

As I graduate this day and take my place in the ranks of American Bombardiers, I look to Heaven and ask for Courage. Courage to forge the final victory for which my brothers have so gallantly died.





Big Spring!

Big

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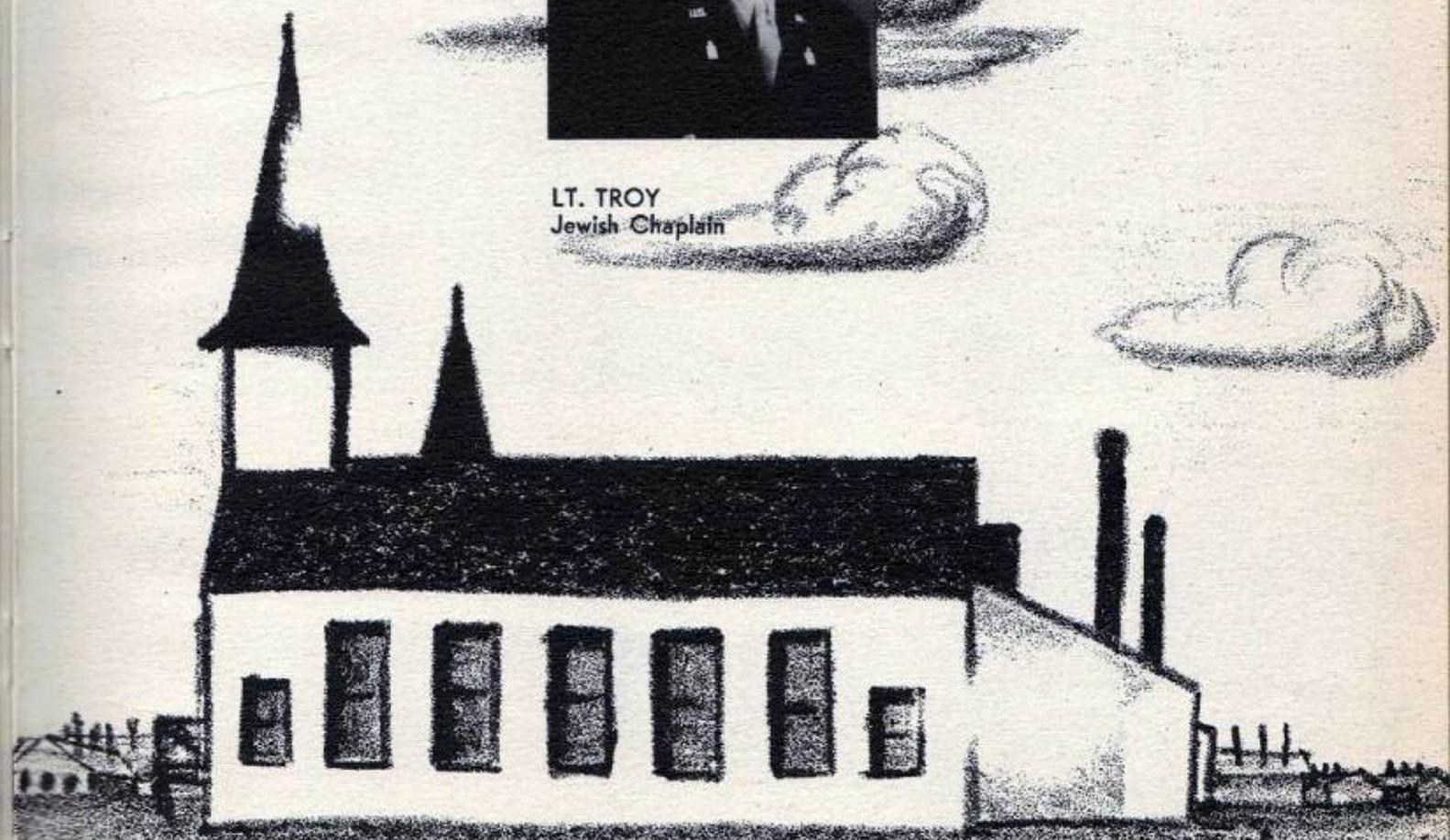
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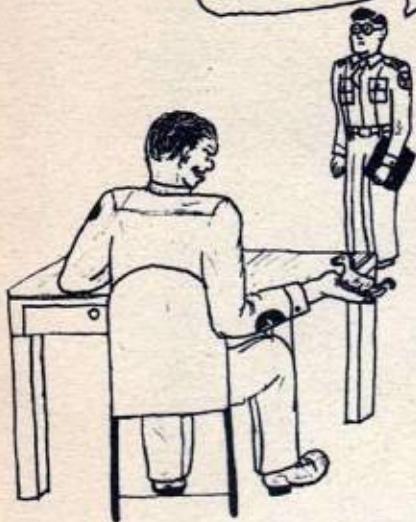
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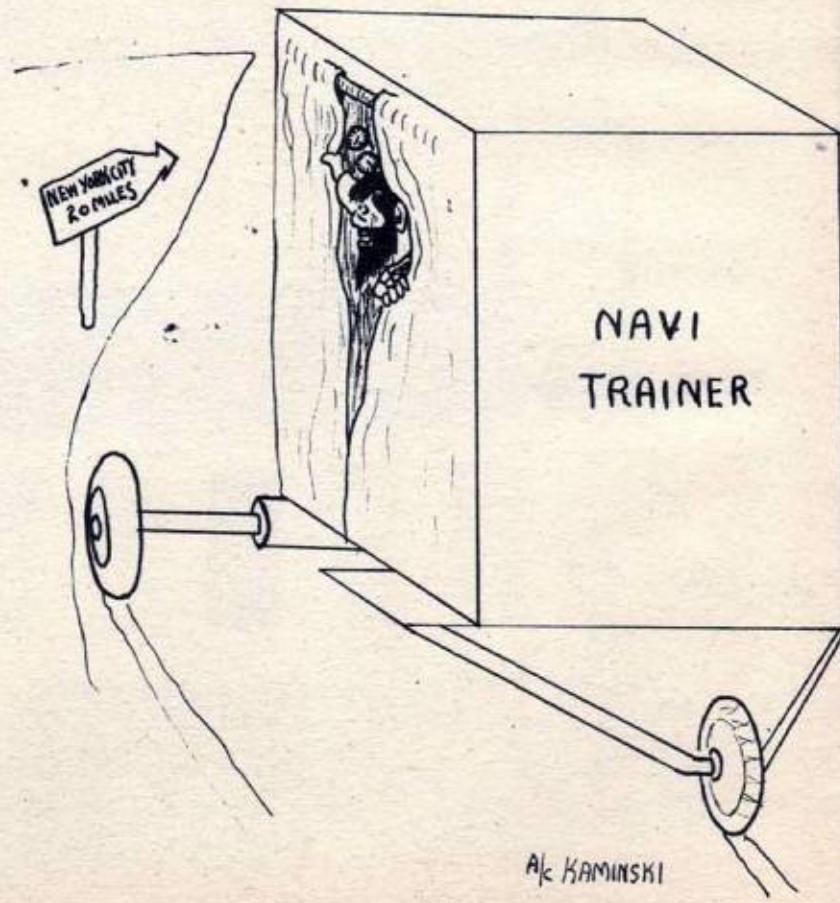


I TRUST YOU GENTLEMEN
HAVE COME PREPARED
FOR THE TEST!



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THERE GOES CADET ZILTZ-
THE ONLY GUY IN THE
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BOMBSIGHT MAINTENANCE !!



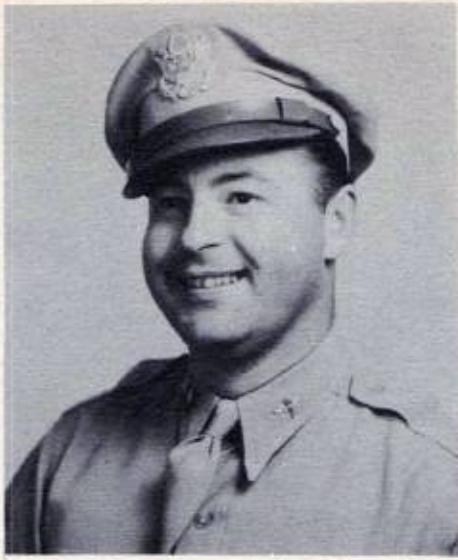
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TOO LONG----

AK KAMINSKI

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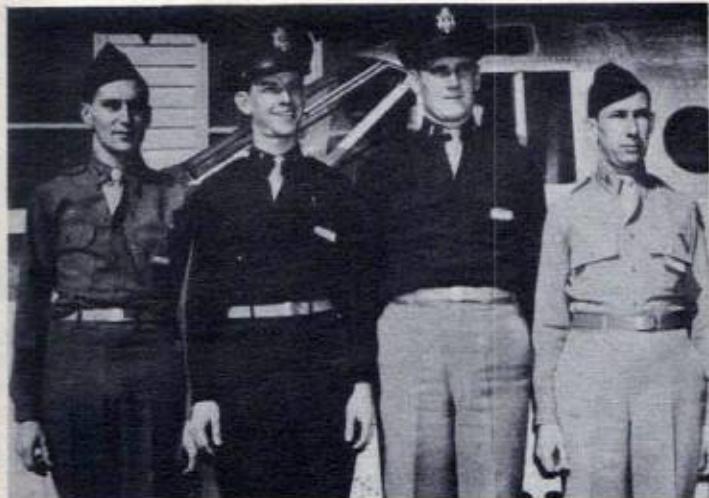
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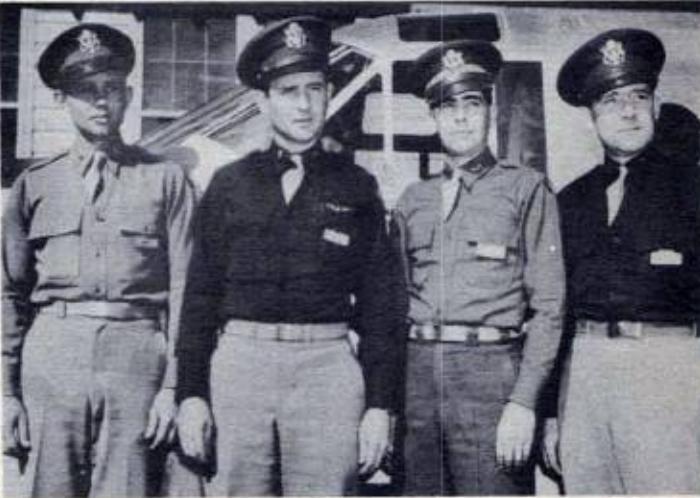
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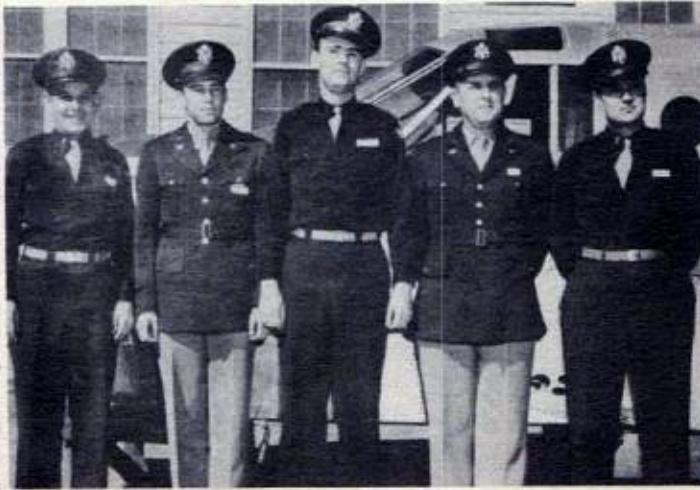
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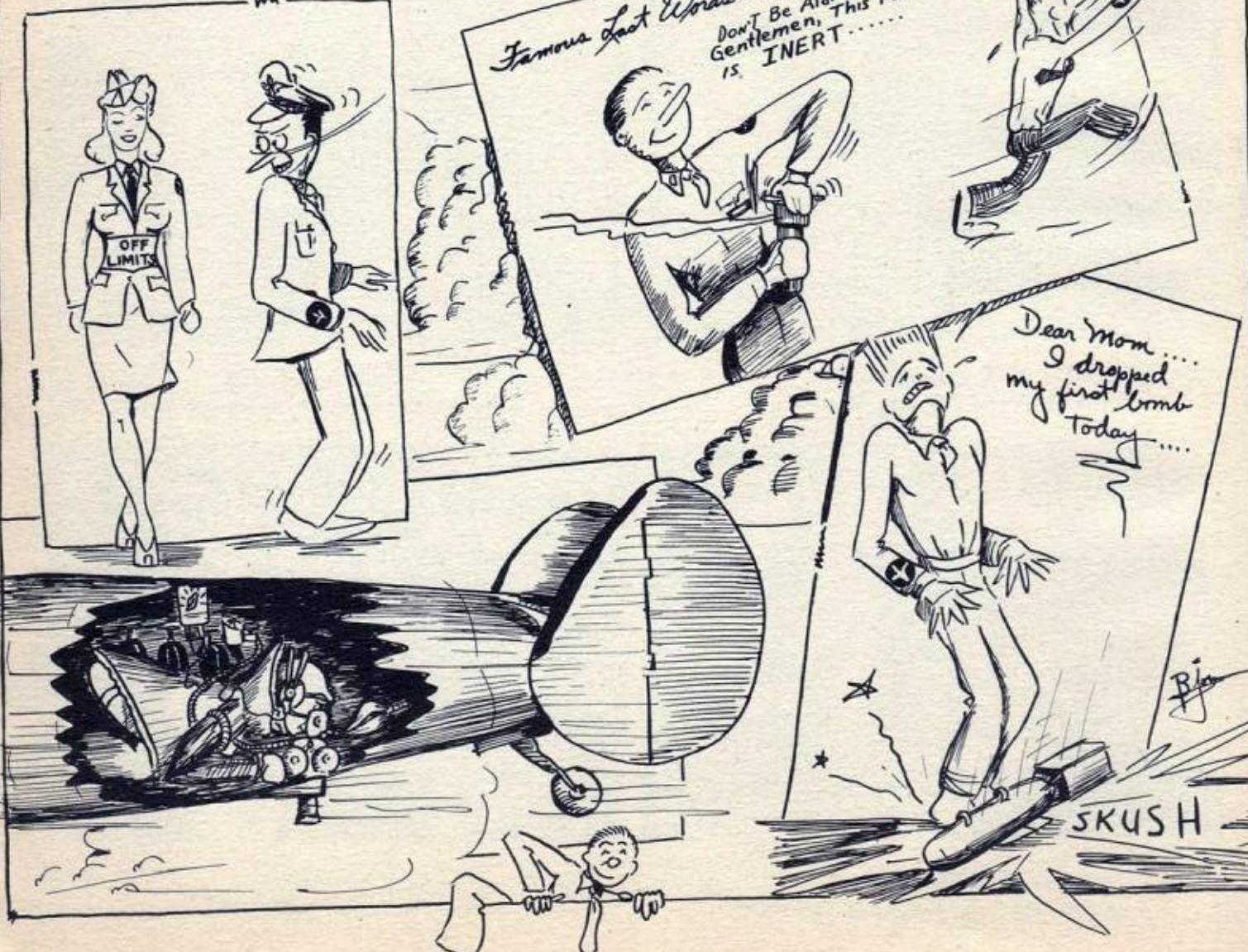
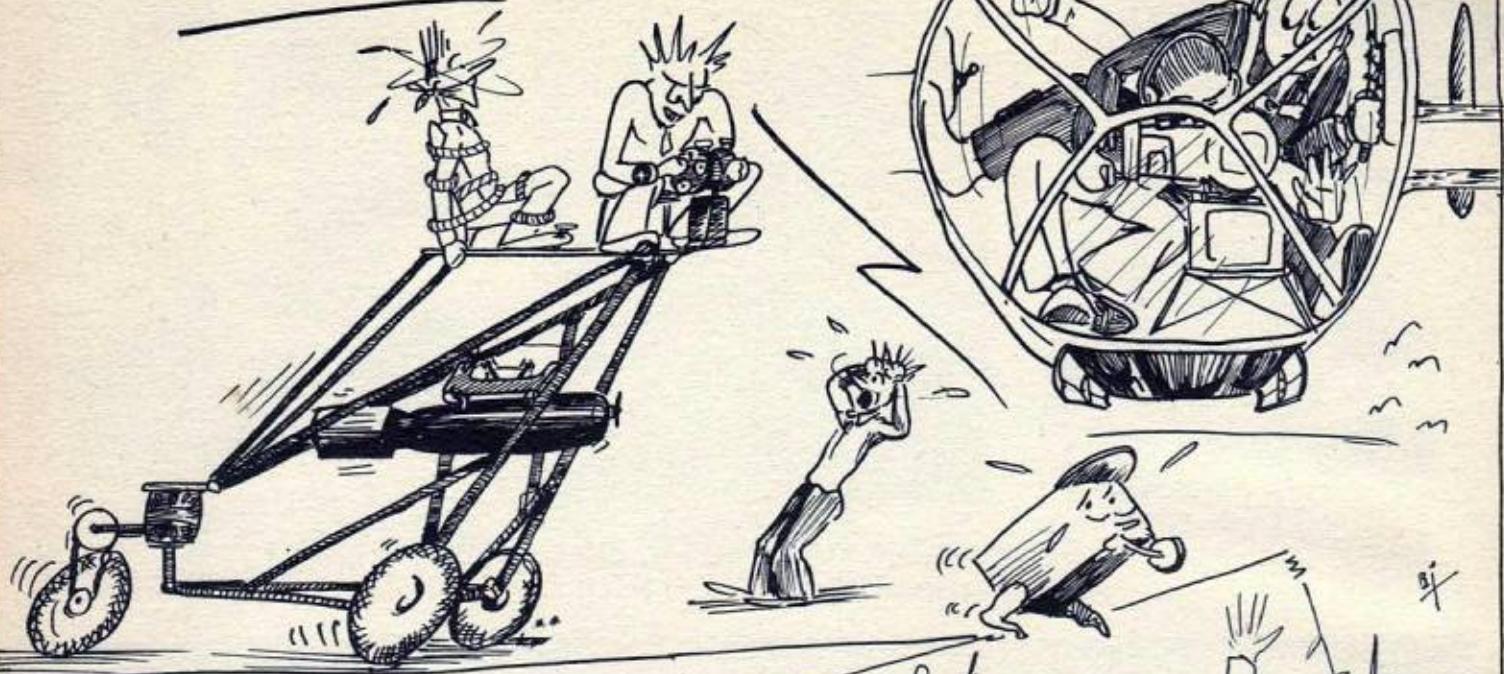


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Lauderdale, Petticomb

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Flight Leader

LT. J. W. KING
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Flight Leader



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Lt. Gabriel
Lt. Alderson
Lt. Kramer
Lt. Cox
Lt. Foglesong

FLIGHT B



CAPT. J. B. FRANK
Bombardier
Flight Leader

*My boy
dog tags*

LT. F. V. SMIROLDO
Pilot
Flight Leader



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Lt. Forrest
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Lt. Duncan
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Lt. Godfrey
Lt. Goplin
F/O Huxoll
F/O Anvik
F/O Krohn
Lt. Pollock
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Lt. Johnson, R. F.
Lt. Heeb
Lt. McGee
Lt. Maehrlein



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Flight Leader



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Pilot
Flight Leader

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F/O Davanzo
F/O Chellman
Lt. Chew
Lt. Fisher
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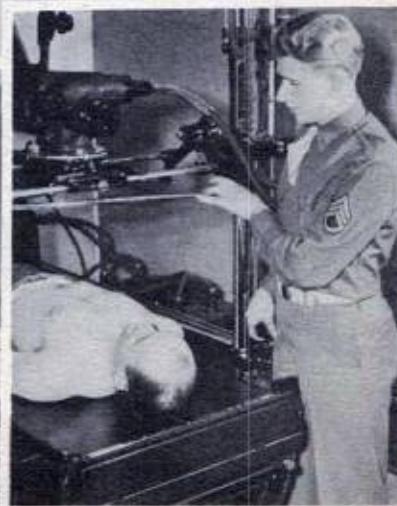
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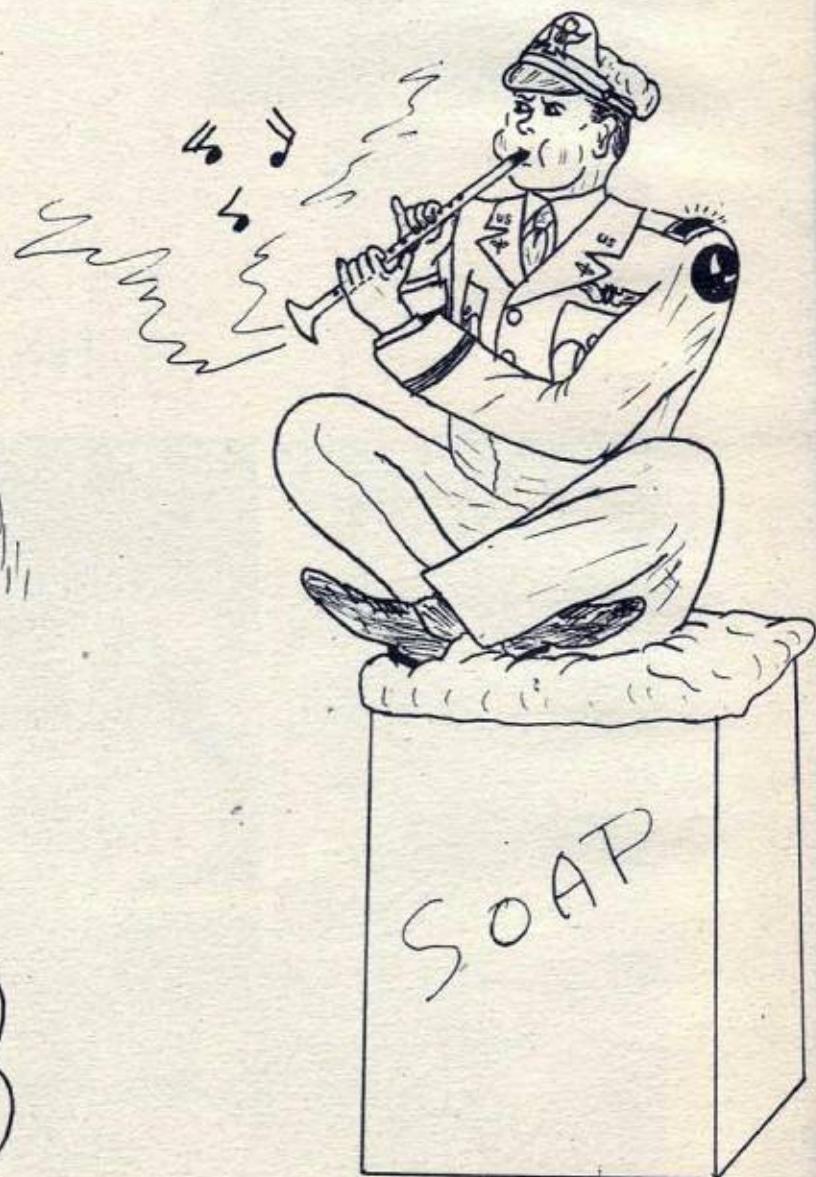
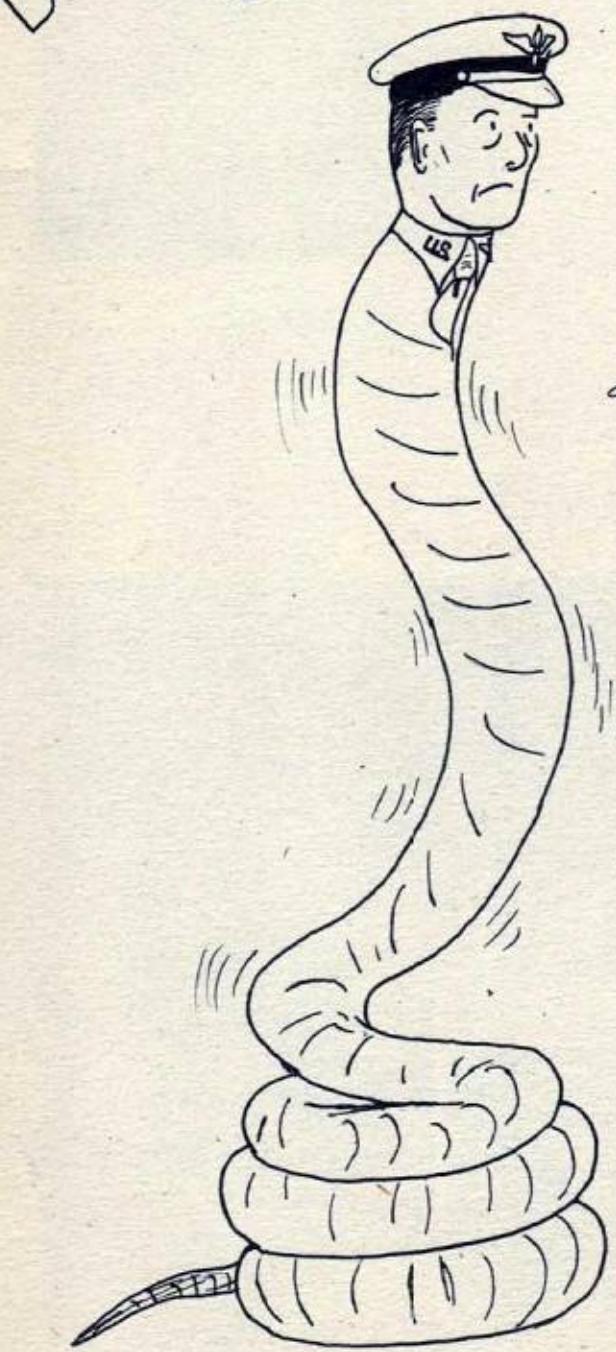
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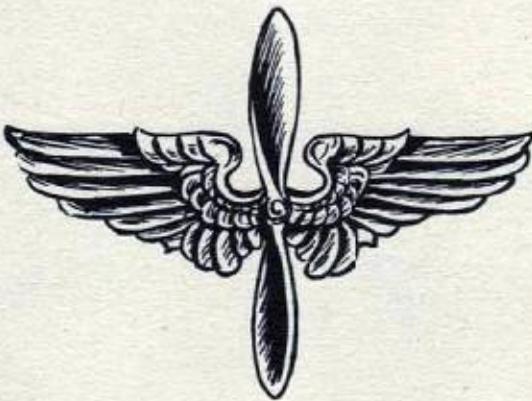


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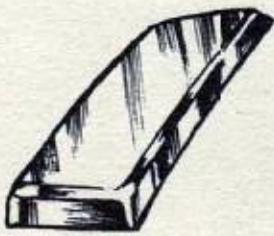
LT. JOSEPH A. GABRIEL
Tactical Officer



Lt. Gabriel was our guiding hand with respect to military training and establishing a thorough background for our future role as Officers and Bombardiers. He acquired the respect and good will of the entire class before—

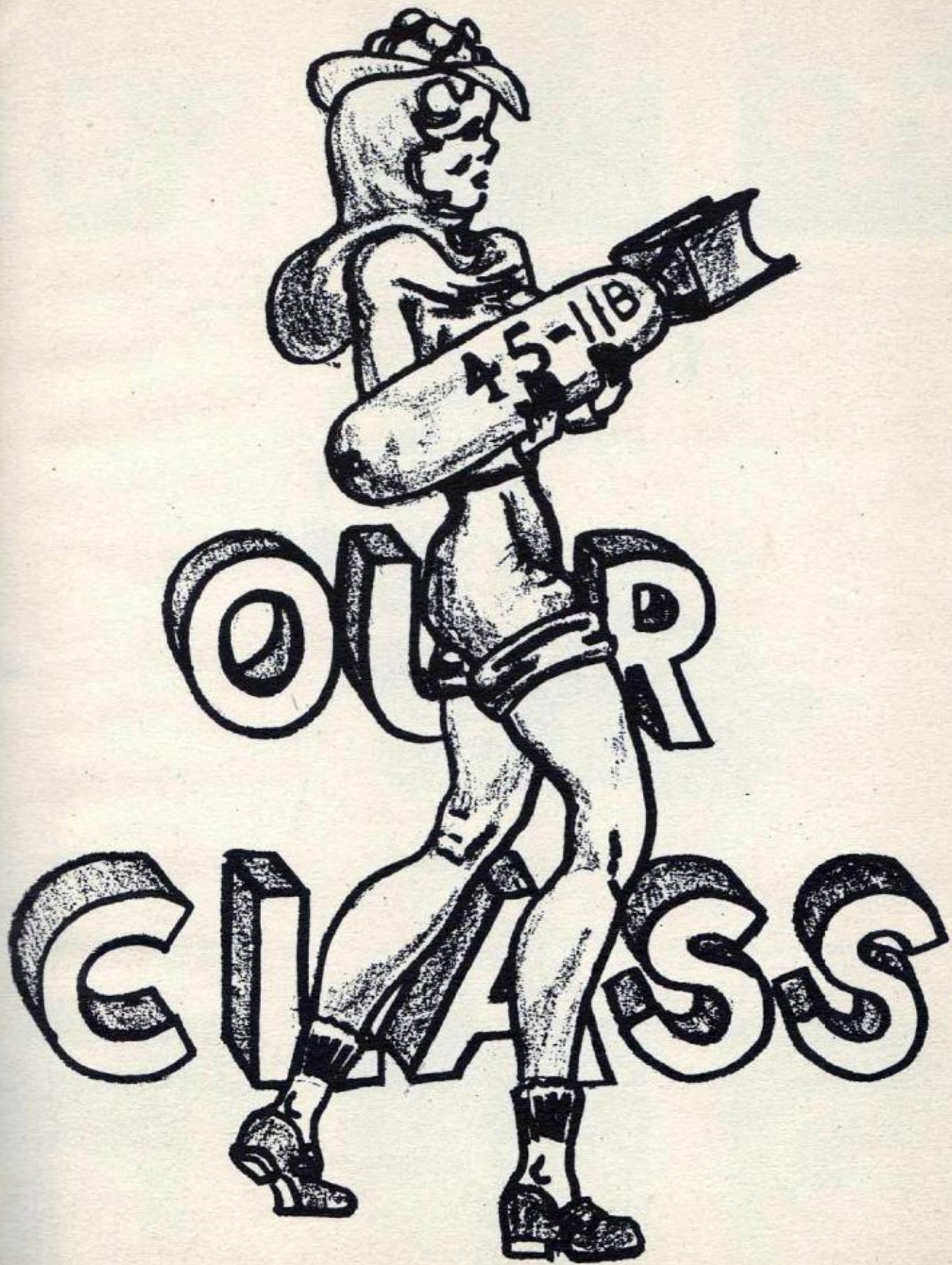


LT. CHARLES A. CRUMP
Tactical Officer



BEST
TAC OFFICER
I EVER HAD.

Lt. Crump assumed command of tactical duties the last two months of our training. He was admired by all of 45-11B for military appearance and fair personal dealings with the class. We salute you, Lt. Crump, and say thanks for being with us.





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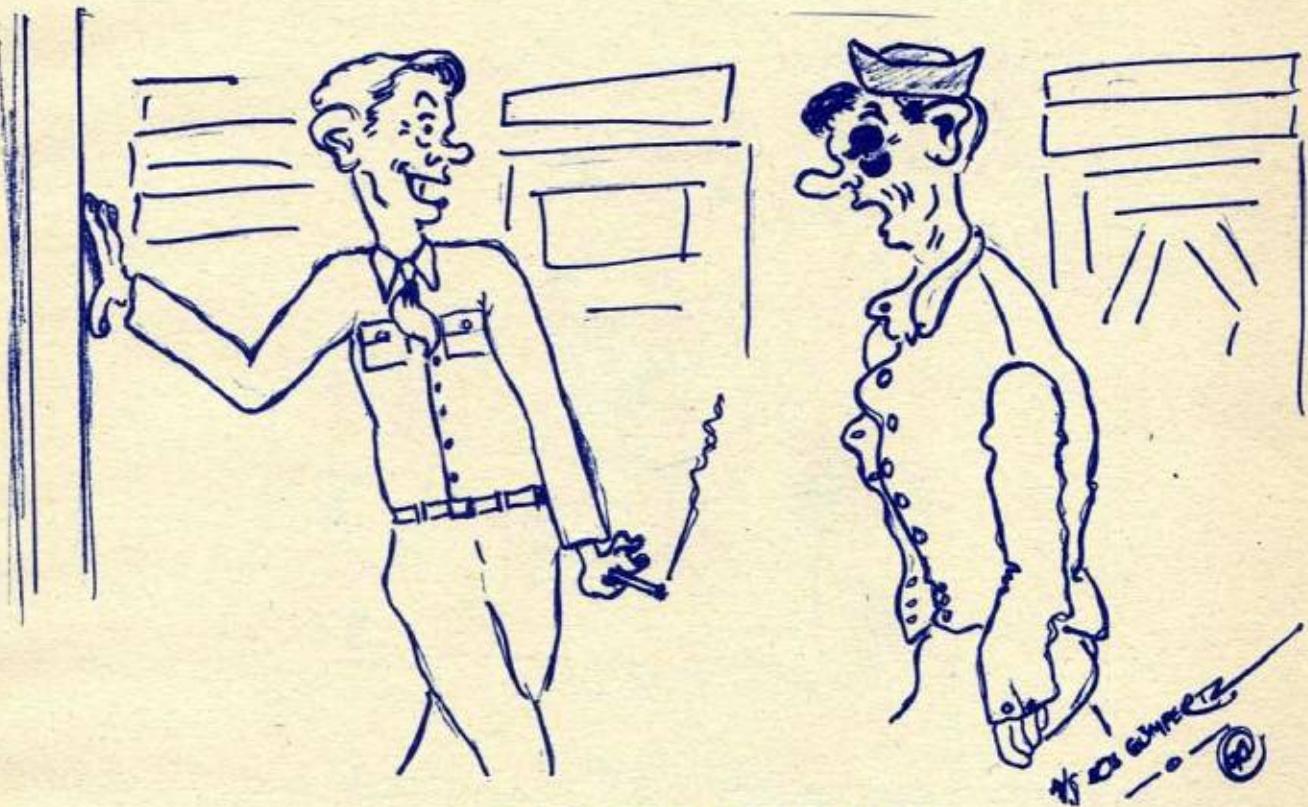
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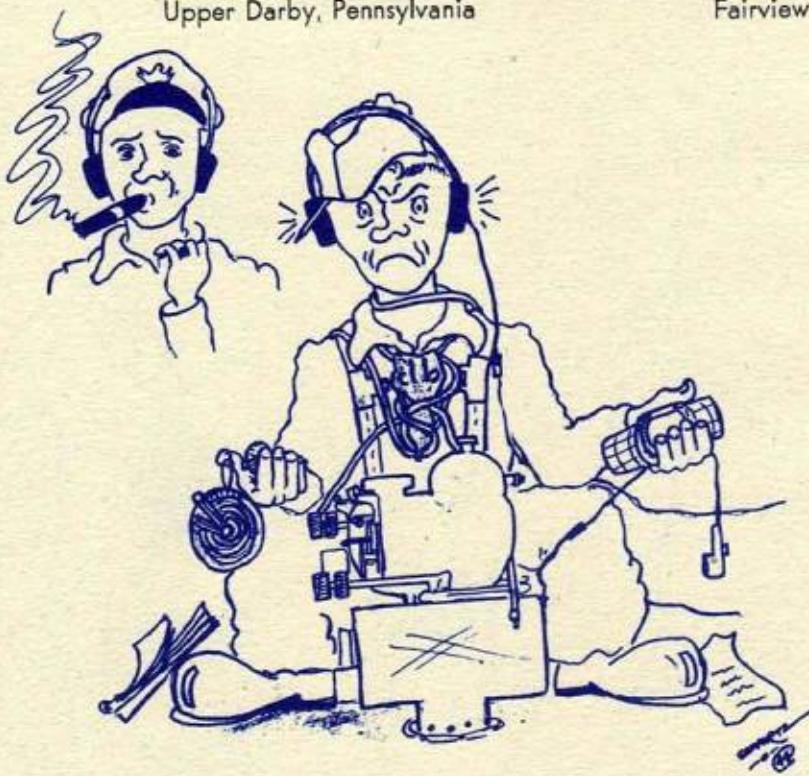
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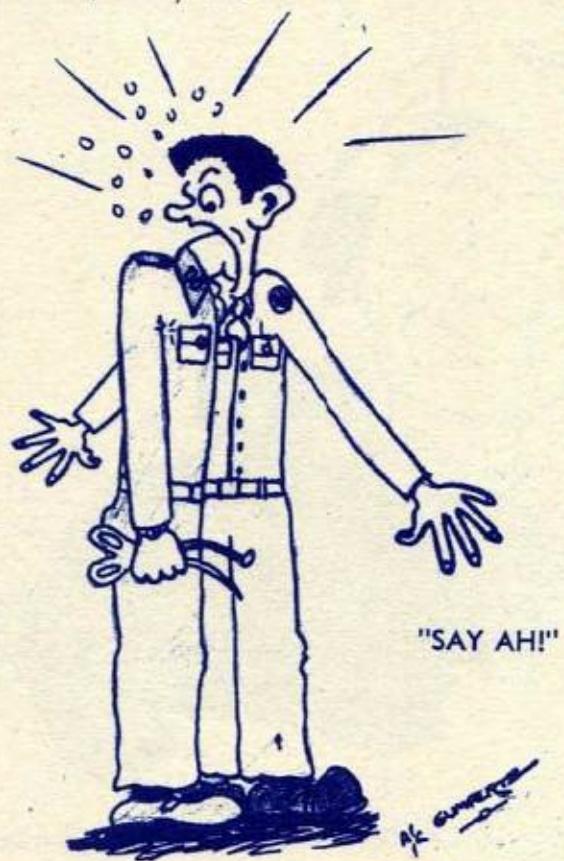
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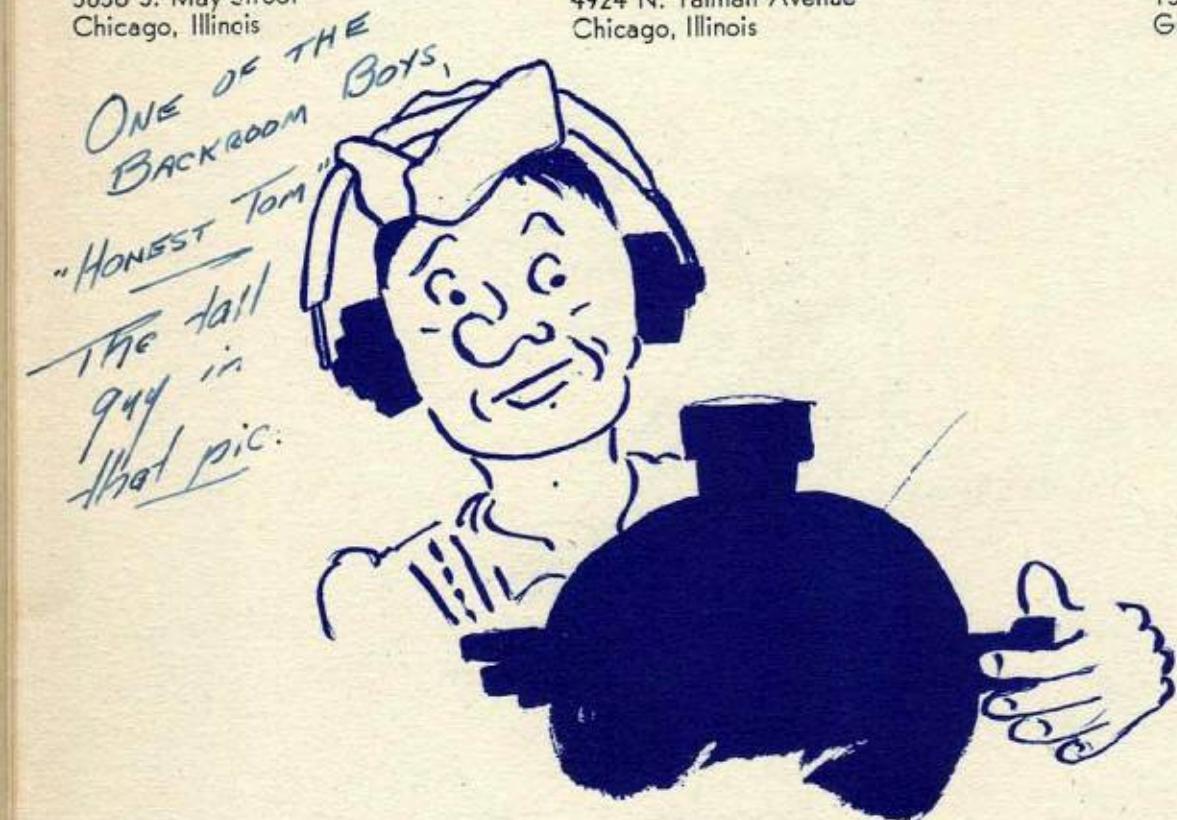
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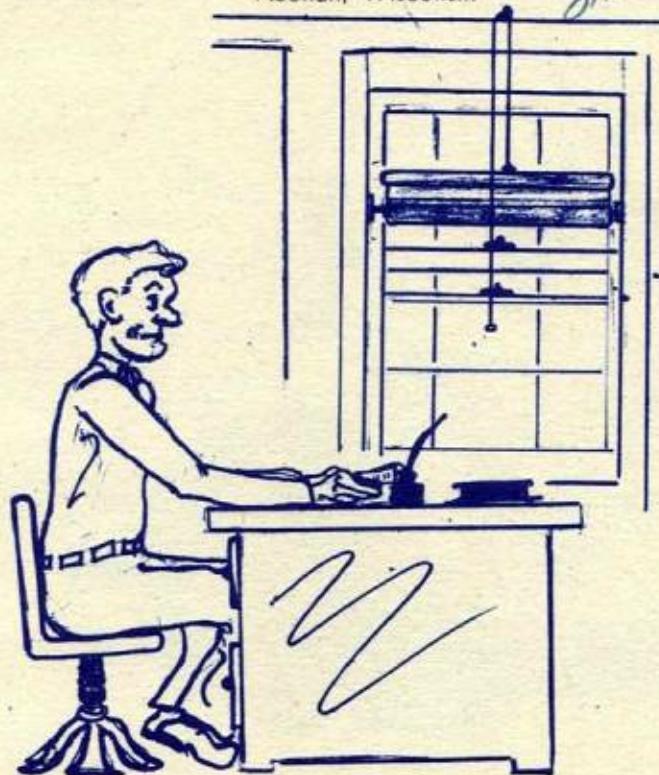


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Rodney
one of the
four

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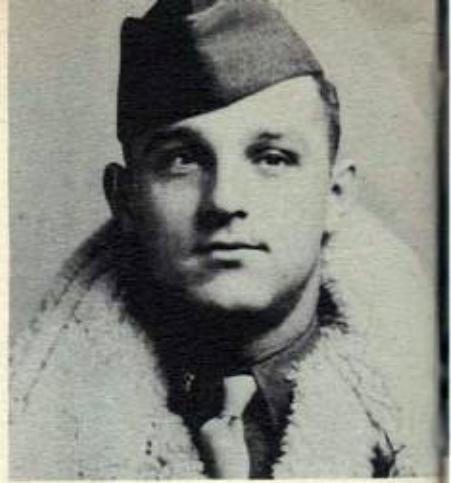




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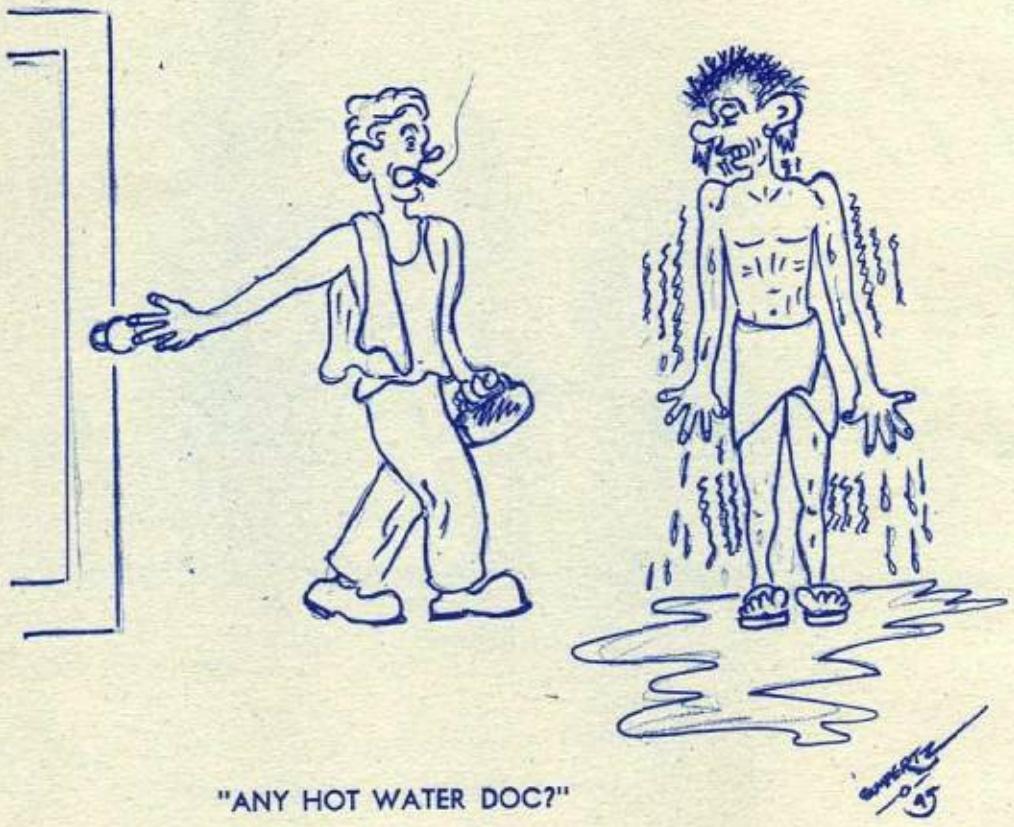
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*The third
He wouldn't let me
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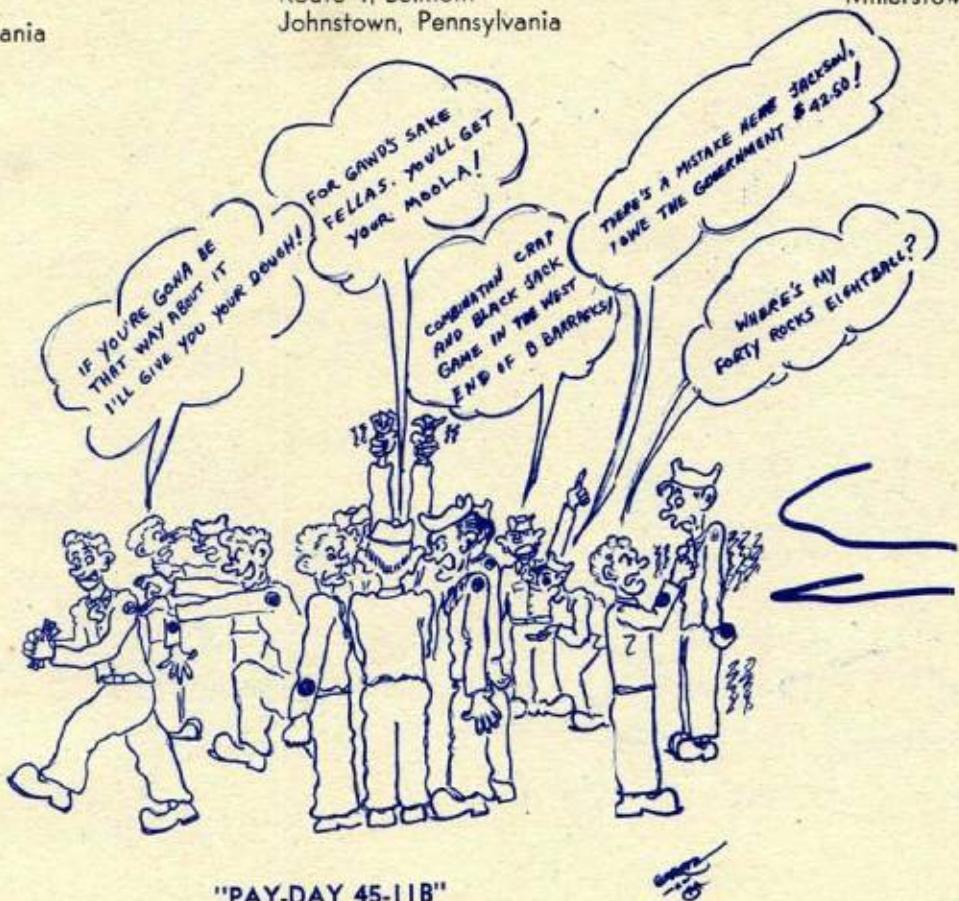
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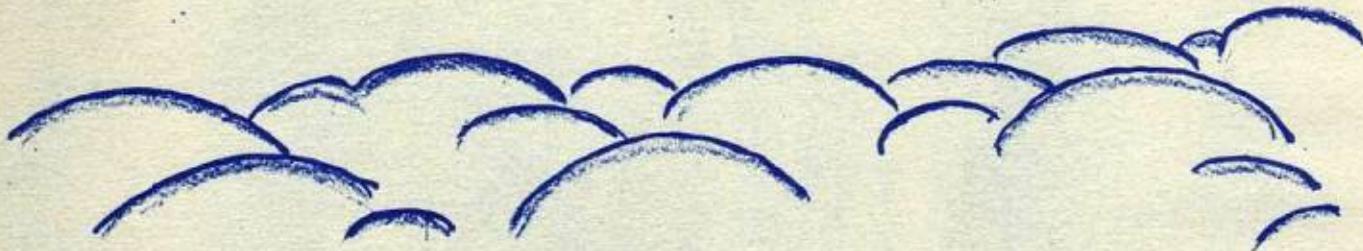
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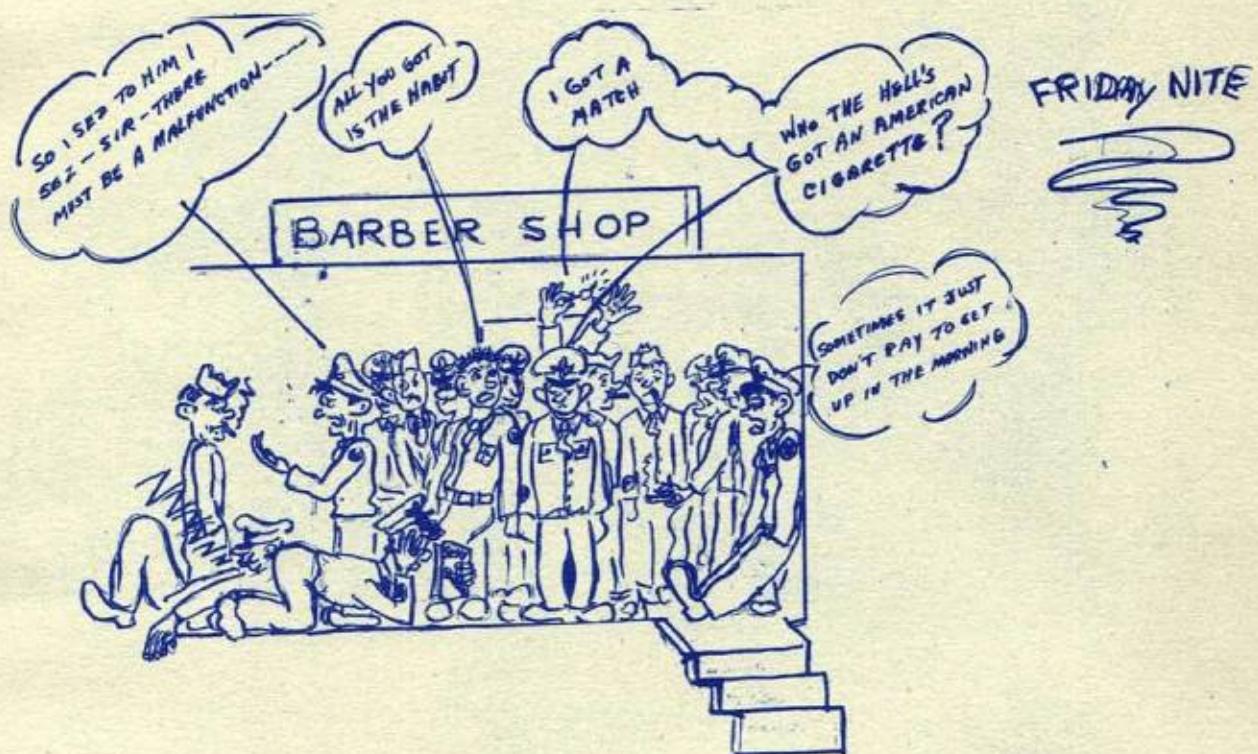
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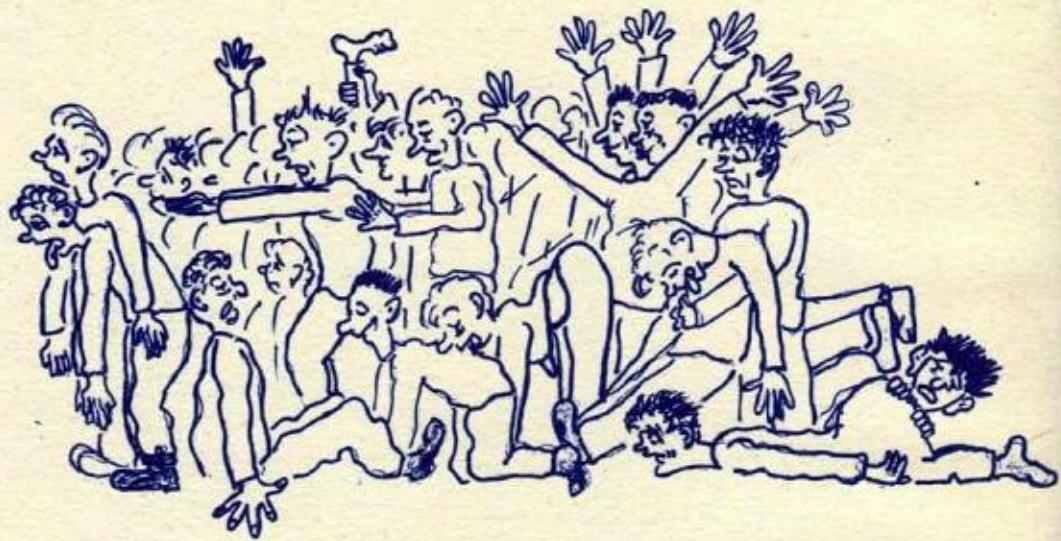
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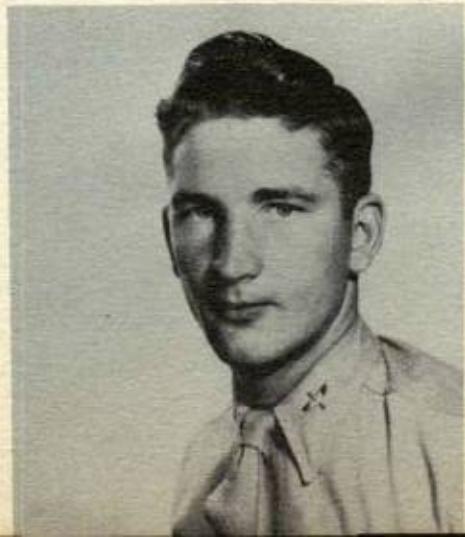


"HUT HOOP AND HALT!"

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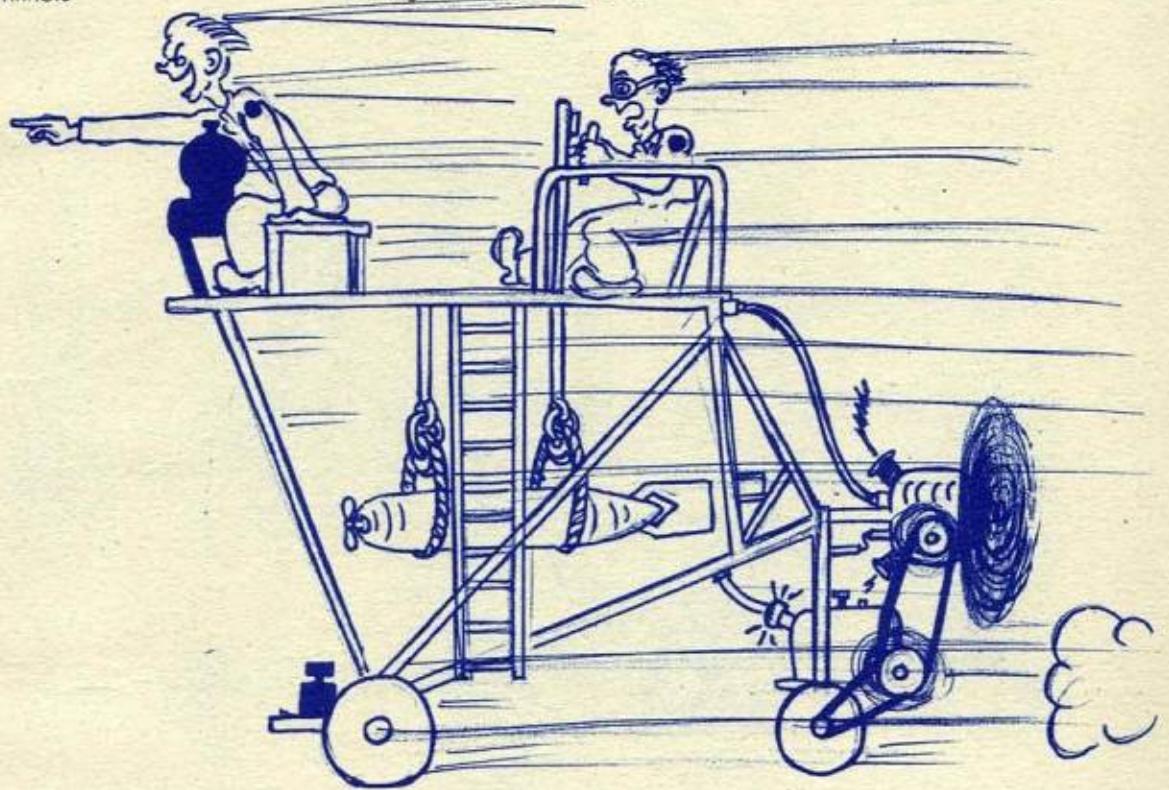
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"AO OUT, NUMBER THREE OUT, FILL 16, 17, 22, B MISSING, FILL 20, AZ OUT, BO OUT!"

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Teaneck, New Jersey

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Julian, Nebraska

William H. Wilkinson
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"THEN I'D SYNCHRONIZE FOR RATE SEE!"

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Walter S. Wollak
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Student Officer



John Zimmerman
3362-A N. 22nd Street
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F/O William A. Ranson
Student Officer



"LT. McGROARITY HIT 200 FEET AT 7 O'CLOCK, O.K. TO TURN SIR!"

MESS HALL



Chow !!! And the doors swing wide for hungry cadets who come pouring in. From the first cup of coffee in the morning until supper, which tops off a hard day of studies, physical training and flying, the mess hall plays a prominent part in each man's life.

Class 45-11B has spent 41,600 hours, \$28,800.00 and consumed 30 tons of food attempting to justify big appetites.

This huge task was ably handled by Lt. Burgower, Lt. Ananian and S-Sgt. Still. Here's wishing you luck for continued success.

Don't
believe
it.



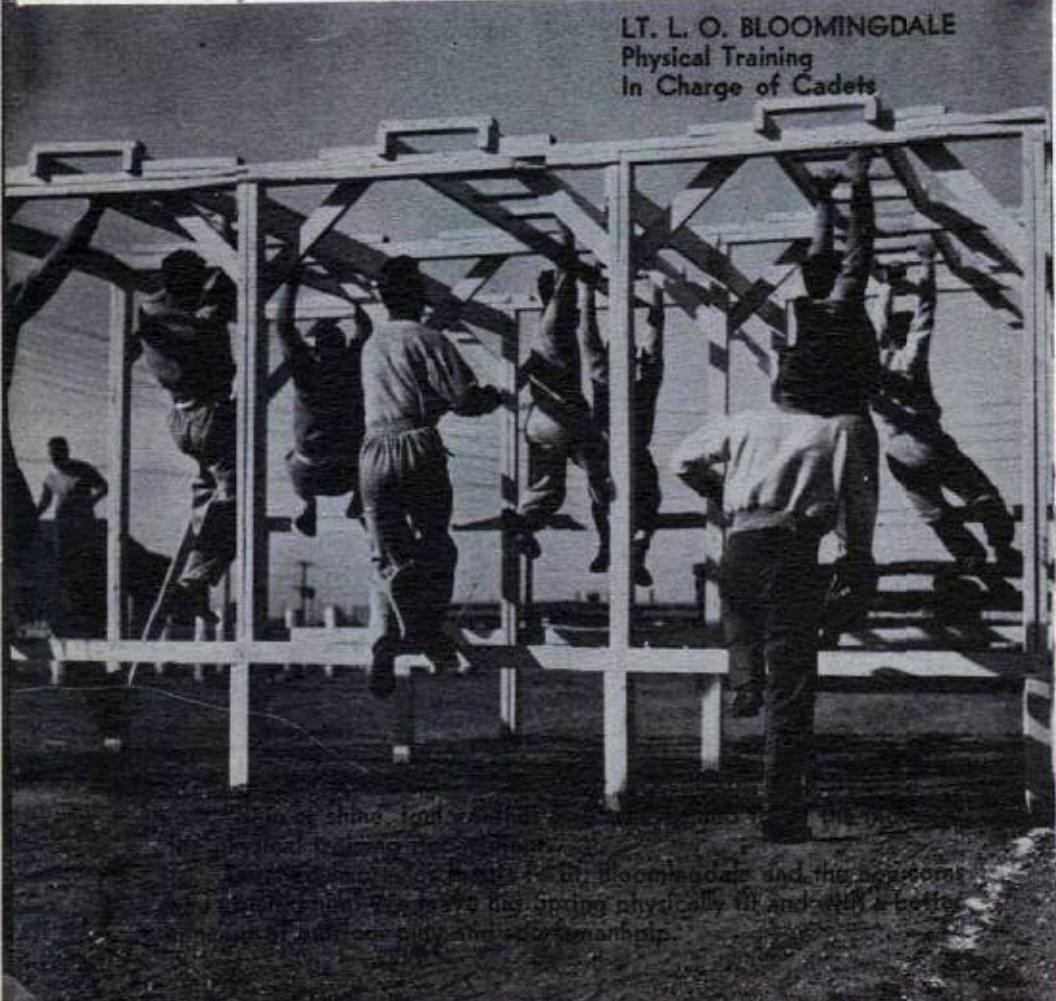
L.T. PHILIP L. BURGOWER
"Chef"

P. T.

"DO WE GET FREE PLAY TODAY, SARGE?"



LT. L. O. BLOOMINGDALE
Physical Training
In Charge of Cadets



Physical Training is an important part of the program, and the cadets are learning to keep fit and healthy. They are also learning to work together and support each other.

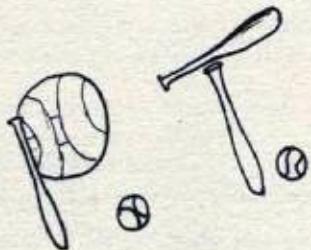


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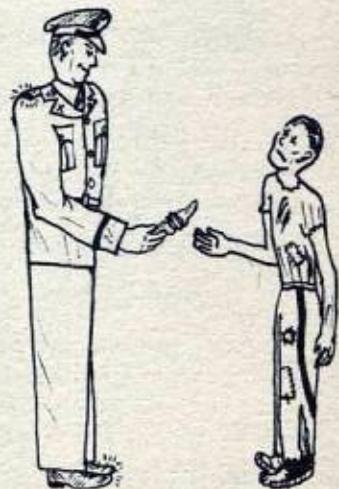
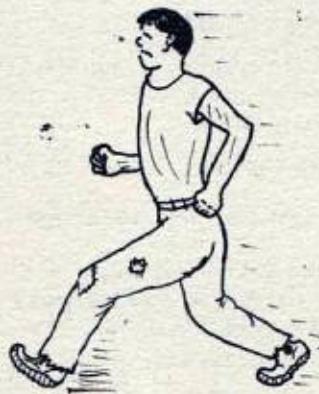
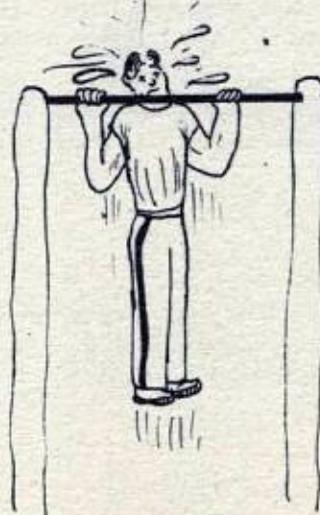
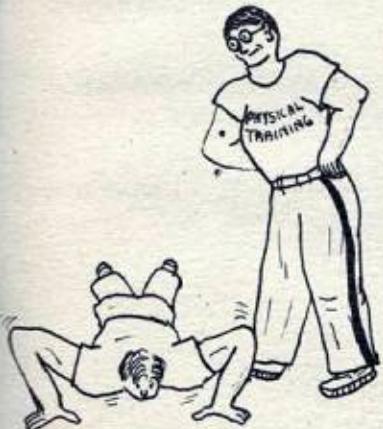
FIRST DAY AT BIG SPRING
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DECEMBER

JANUARY



KEEP AT IT, ZILTZ -
IN YOUR LAST 4 WEEKS
YOU'LL GET NOTHING BUT
FREE PLAY!!



FEBUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY 3
GRADUATION

McKAMINSKI

Aint it the truth!

"BUT SIR"

Early in the still darkened morn, two creatures trudged wearily along, their minds still clouded with the sands of sleep. But even in their drowsy way, they were thinking of a subject with tremendous impact, and their conversation was eager for the things that were to happen that day.

"Hey, Joe."

"Yeah."

"You got your courses plotted yet?"

"Hell no, Stud. Our weather teacher said we wouldn't fly today, remember?"

"Yeah, but suppose them clouds burn off by one."

"Naw, how in the hell are they going to do that? No heat from the sun can reach the ground because of this soup, and if the earth ain't got no heat, it can't burn the fog off, right?"

"Damned if I know."

Rapidly approaching these two came a third cadet, but by his stride and appearance, one could see he was Percy Van Forrest, pride of the tactical office. He smiled inwardly as he thought of the man he had turned in for cheating on an exam the day before, now he was sure to make Cadet Major. It required no further speculation on how he obtained the three silver stripes he already bore.

Looking up, he frowned a bit when he saw his two flying partners ahead, for he thought what might happen that afternoon when he started off with them on their first navigation hop. Must he always contend with these ignorant fools?

"Well gentlemen, I trust you are ready for our travel through the upper atmosphere this afternoon."

"Hi-ya, Percy. Naw, we ain't going to fly, don't youse notice the clouds?"

"Naturally I have, but after taking a careful note of the wind, amount of insolation received from the sun at this time of year and other several small factors, I have come to the conclusion that these clouds will dissipate this morning.

As usual, Percy was quite right for at one o'clock there were no clouds visible, and Texas shone bright in all its vastness. The men assembled in the briefing room, were given seats, and immediately began copying necessary information off the board. A few minutes later they scrambled out to their planes, making last minute computations, picking up parachutes and the rest of the equipment supposedly necessary for a successful mission.

In the air, Percy sat working on his log, looking out occasionally to see where he was, and marking down the exact time on his sectional. Pointing to a road on his map, he turned to Stud who sat beside him, fumbling with a computer.

"Stud, when we arrive at this first speed line, I want you to give me our exact location and time. I am a bit behind on my log, so be sure to get it exact for I haven't time." Stud nodded in agreement and ten minutes later told Percy that he was over the town of Texon at 1428. Percy immediately gave a correction to the pilot and then went back to work in his log.

Fifteen minutes later Percy looked up with a confident smile, expecting to see a town a few miles ahead. But instead barren hills and dried up creeks presented an unbroken picture. Little beads of perspiration began to break out on his forehead, and he turned to look at Stud.

Stud was puffing on a butt, trying to set up the A. B. Computer at the same time. Occasionally he would mutter several phrases that were not of the best English and fumble around on the floor, papers, logs, maps, flying all over until the plane was completely littered.

"Stud, what is our position?"

"Damned if I know, thought you were watching."

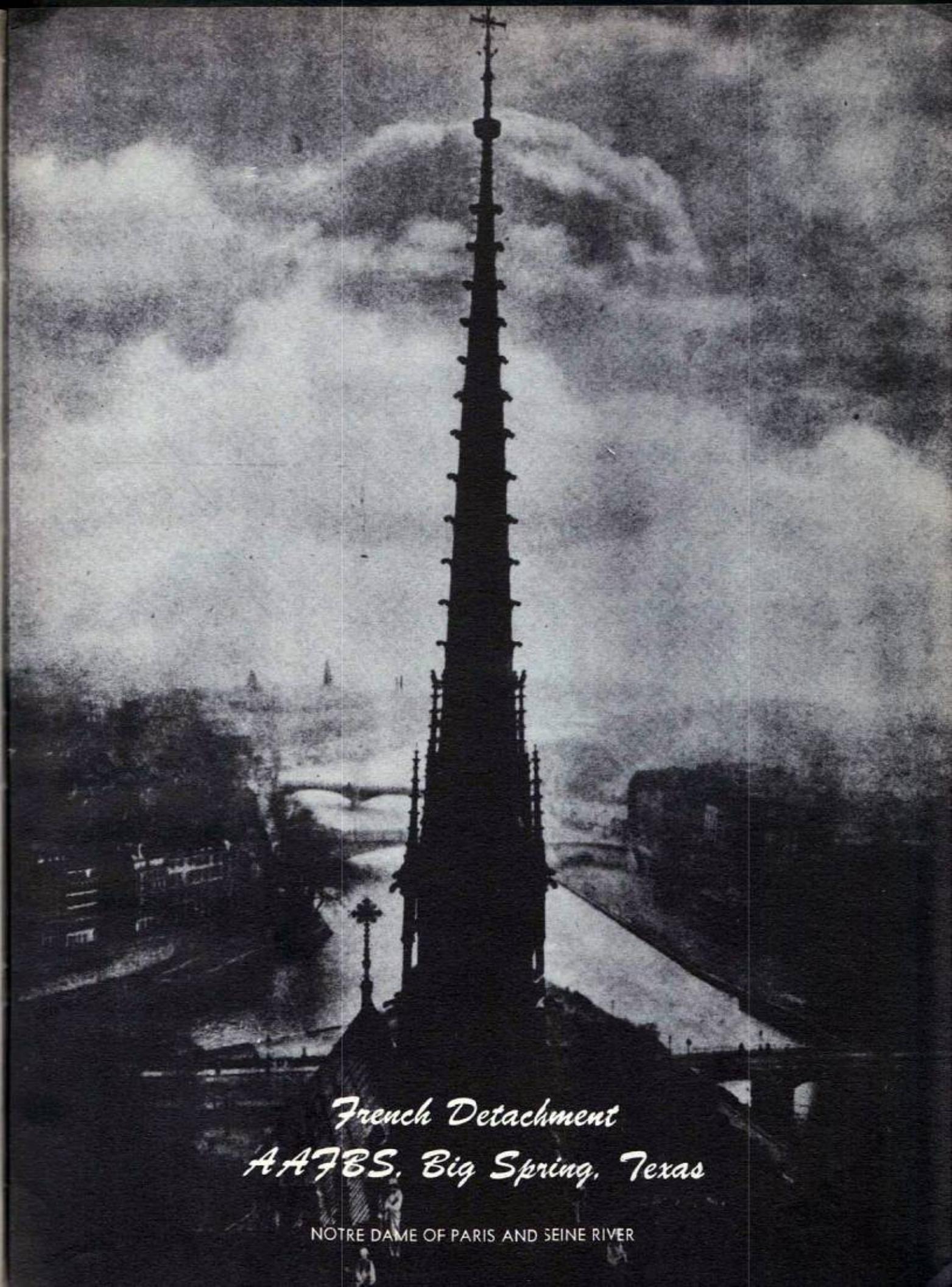
Percy groaned and turned back to his maps. He tried to find check points but still none were visible. His E.T.A. would be up in a few minutes and he had no idea where he was. Sweat began to pour down his face and neck, and nervously he looked around to pin point himself. He glanced at the pilot, and received a stun look that made him shudder inwardly. Finally the dreaded question came:

"Pilot to first navigator, where are we?"

"Ah - - , I believe that we are a little to the left of our I. P., sir."

"Left hell." "You're twenty-five miles right." Percy went limp and visions of blue bars and the Flight Officer act began whirling before him.

Back on the ground several fellows were asking Stud what had happened. Stud looked unusually thoughtful for a moment but a sly smile slipped to his lips as he said, "I accidentally used a North African sectional."



French Detachment
AA7BS, Big Spring, Texas

NOTRE DAME OF PARIS AND SEINE RIVER



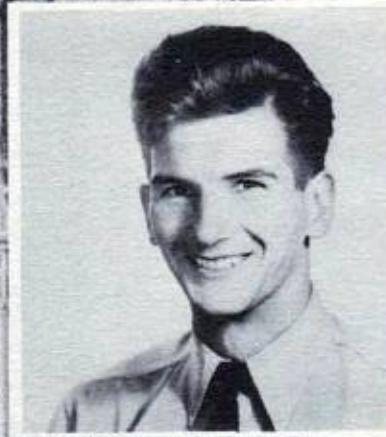
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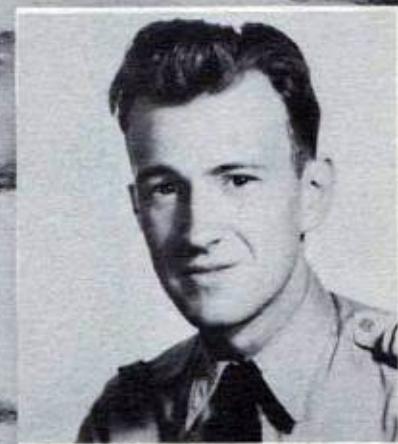
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Pilot



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Bombardier

A SOLDIER'S THOUGHTS

I'm thinking of you now, as I sit here on my bunk in the barracks, darling. There is a hubub of voices around me and cigarette smoke hangs heavily in the air. And the newspapers, shoes, barracks bags and GI clothing lay askew on the floor. The fire in the stove is sending ghostly flickers of light on the wall.

But I do not see or hear them — I look out of the window at the cold.

... a lonely, sad feeling comes over me. And a bright suddenly gleams across your picture on the shelf and you come to life, a vibrant, swift second, and then the illusion is

I am alone in the hubbub of voices and cigarette smoke in the barracks, and my soul is full of a great yearning.

Deep in the



Heart of Texas







DECLARATION

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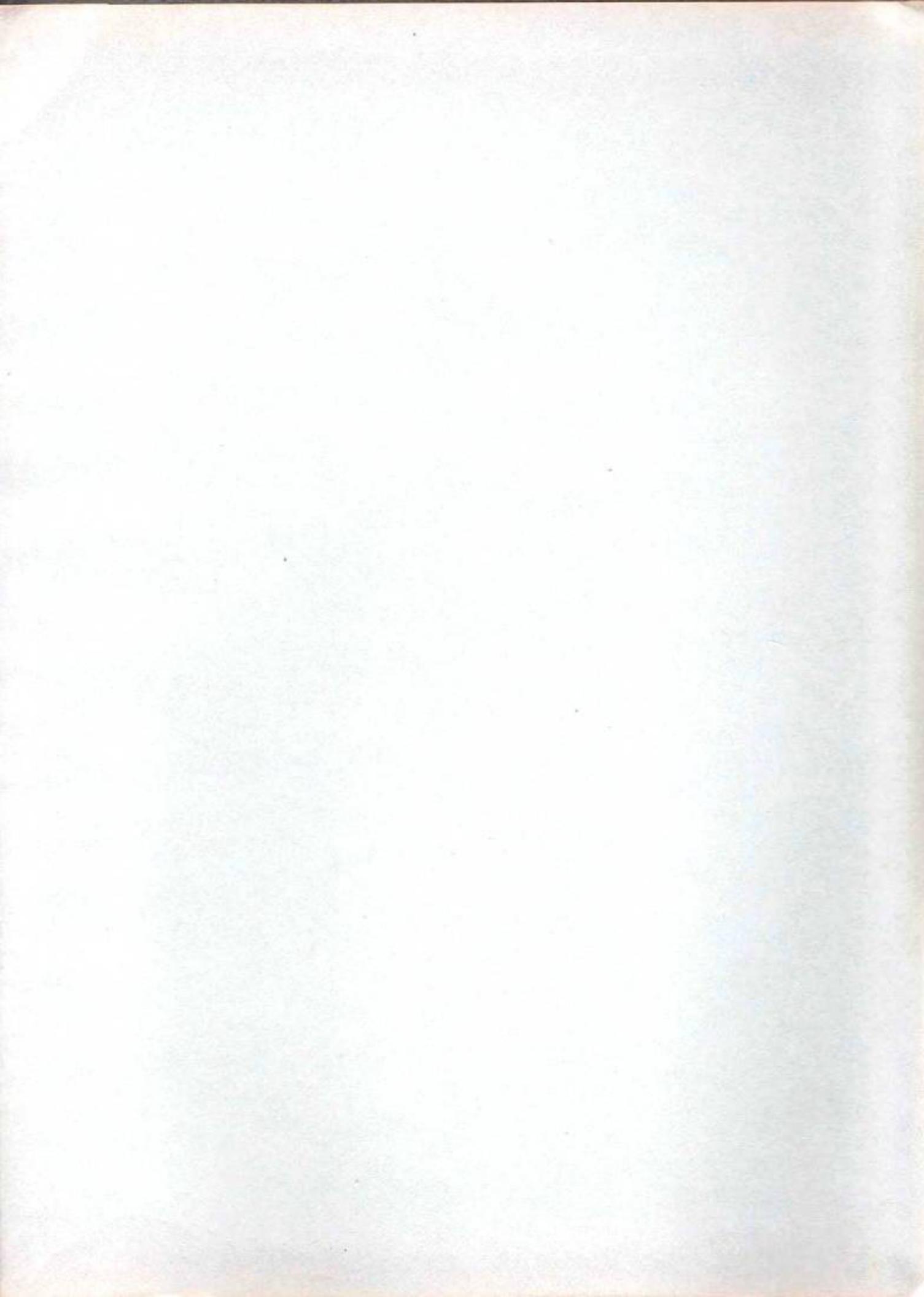
As the sun sets on Western hills and the flag is lowered, there is a promise on each man's lips. A promise that, while one American lives the symbol of liberty will fly again tomorrow.

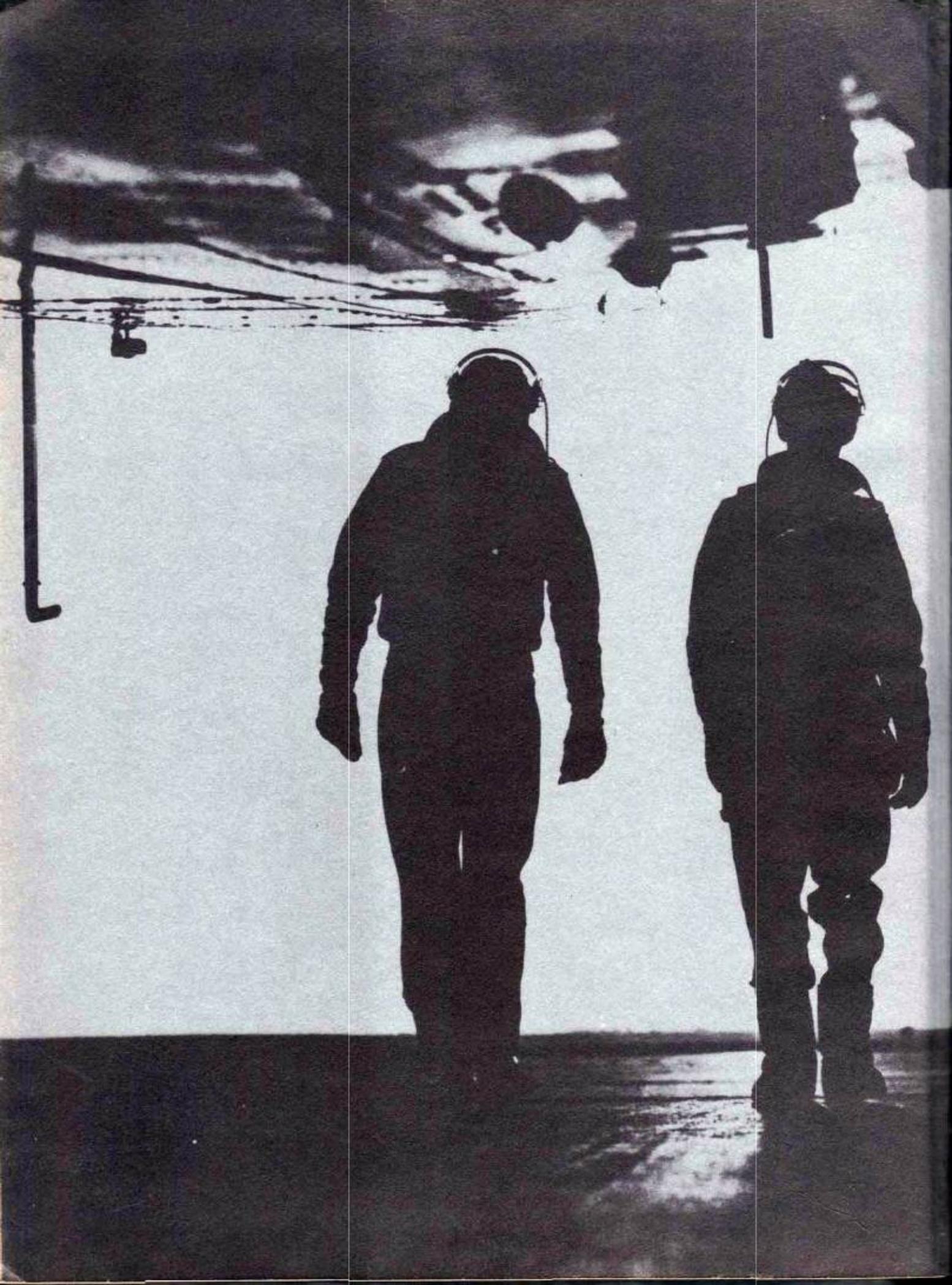
Our battlefield and home front our flag proclaims to the peoples of the world, America is strong — America is free. American heroes have not died in vain.



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