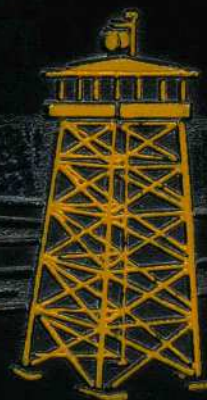
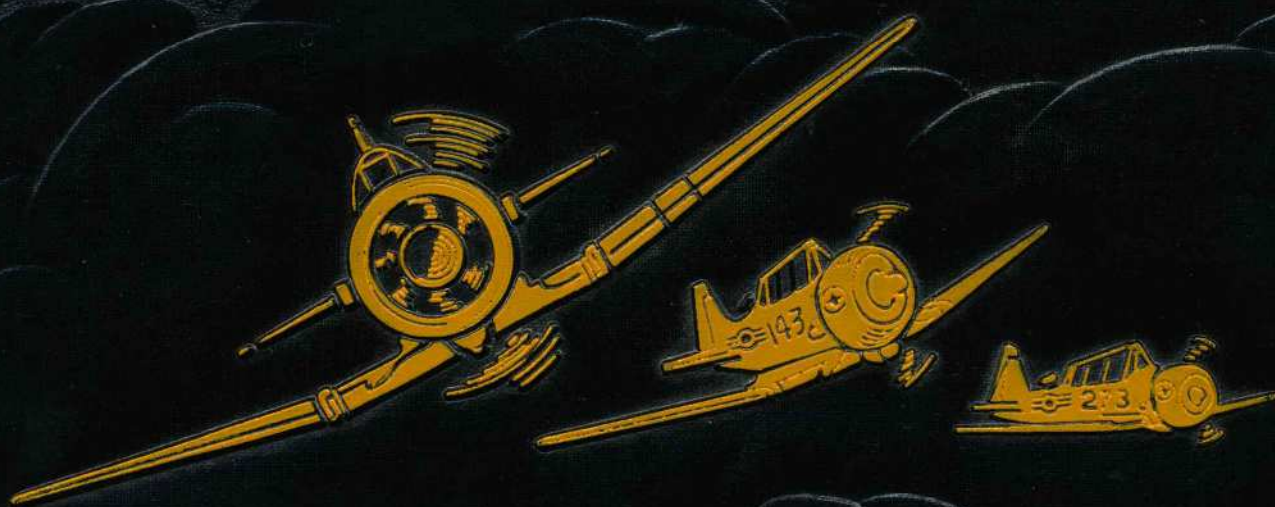
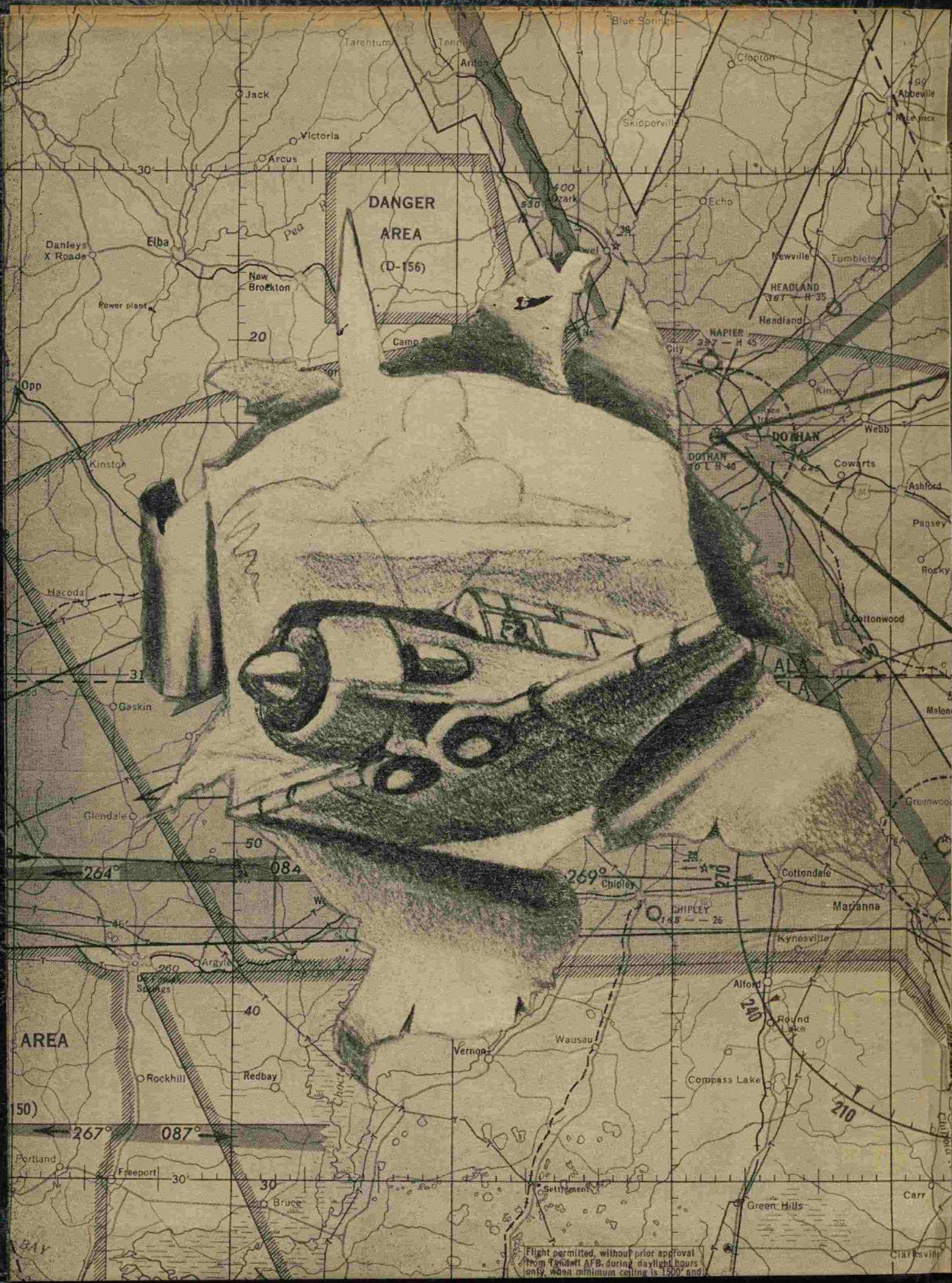


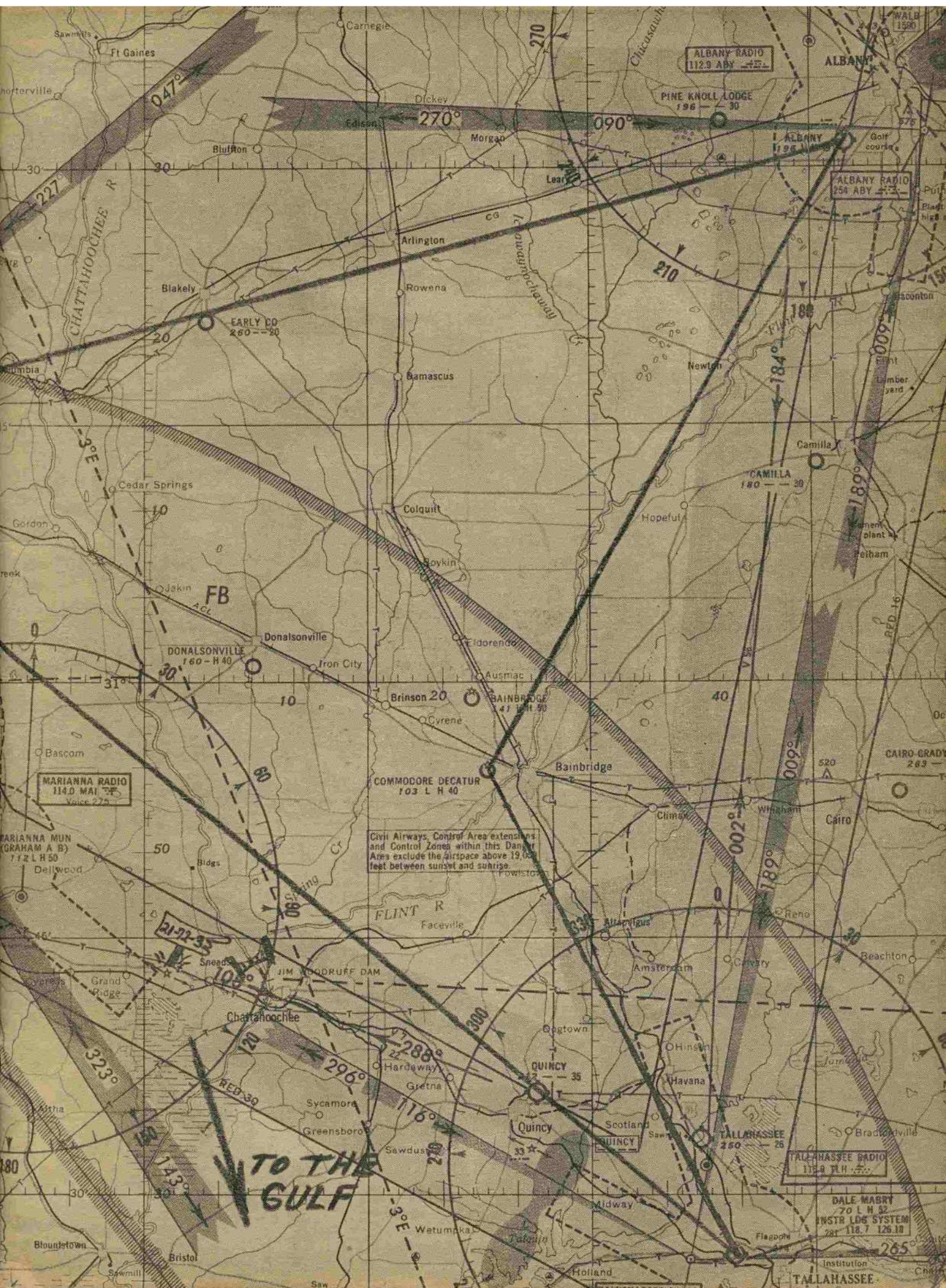
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54 P



Flight permitted, without prior approval
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196 30

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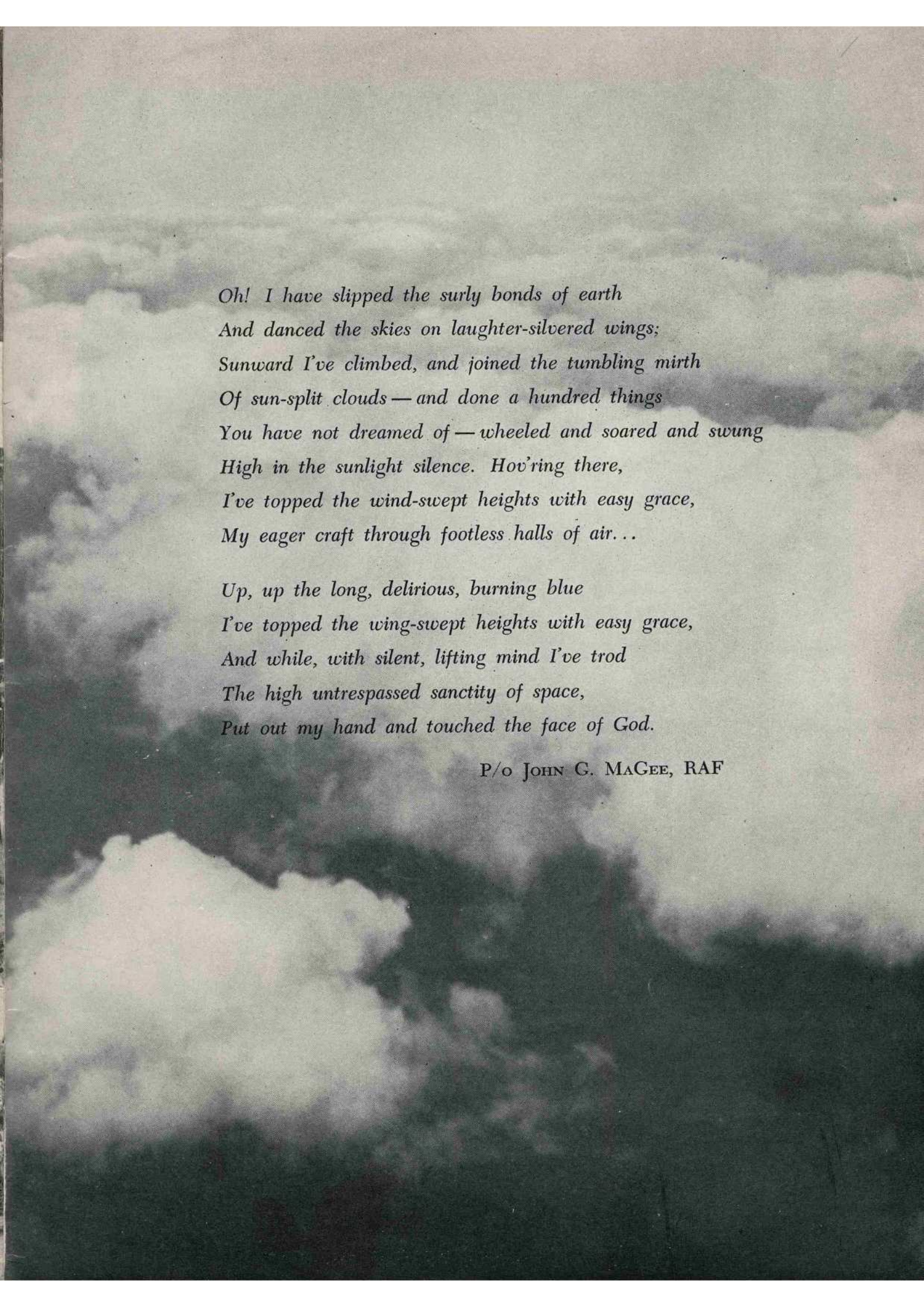
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Clear Above has become the symbol of Bainbridge Air Base. In the pages to follow we have presented some of the high points in the career of Class 54-P so that we may remember the trials and successes of our first ventures into the field of aviation. We hope this book will remind us of the friends we knew and the things we learned. And we are certain that the clarity and vividness of our experiences here will quickly call to mind those which we have been forced to omit.

Ed.



*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 sunlight silence. Hov'ring there,
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
My eager craft through footless halls of air...*

*Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wing-swept heights with easy grace,
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.*

P/O JOHN G. MAGEE, RAF



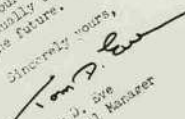
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To the Graduating Class:

I want to extend to the graduating class the congratulations and sincere best wishes for the future from each member of the Southern Airways organization.

You have been with us in Bainbridge long enough for everyone to feel that you have become a real part of the team working together to train the best pilots for the United States Air Force. You have made many friends, and we all regret that you are leaving.

We realize that you have further horizons to conquer and more important assignments. You have our best wishes and our confidence in each of you individually to do the job that you are called upon to do in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Tom J. Sive
General Manager



HEADQUARTERS
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BAINBRIDGE AIR BASE
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To Class 54-P:

1. I want to congratulate you on the successful completion of the primary phase of flying training. By a large step toward attaining your eventual goal, that of receiving step toward attaining your eventual goal, that of States Air Force. You can take a few days at this point to relax and consider your accomplishments, but remember that much hard work and effort is required before those wings are actually yours.
2. We have had a pleasant association here at Bainbridge and our very best wishes go with you for continued success in your Air Force and aviation career.

William A. Gunter
WILLIAM A. GUNTER
Lt. Colonel USAF
Commander

DAILY LIST OF DELINQUENCIES

I & III Squadron

Date 25 Sep. 53 - 25 Mar. 54

NAME	INITIALS	OFFENSE	REPORTING OFF	AWARD
Anderson, J.E.D.		Not returning borrowed quarters.	Lt. Killian	A one arm bandit.
Beraud, P.L.		Over indulgence in P.T.	Coach Hardee	One set of dumb-bells.
DePonte, F.		Inadequate radio calls.	Tobaggon	1 crystal set.
Dixon, R.M.		Failure to dogfight in area.	Lt. Meissbach	One dog.
Hammerslag, L.B.		Too many trips to sick call.	Lt. Petrie	One medicine kit.
Harrington, L.B.		Cutting steps in hair	Iben Butchered	One carpenter's union card.
Kossuth, C.F.		Loosing one weekend.	Johnny Walker	Weekend with Old Grandad.
Pex, P.		Breaking restriction.	Lt. Icotcha	One liason officer for roommate.
Richason, J.C.		Late from Open Post.	Lt. Mumbles	1 faster car (or just 1 car)
Buttles, H.L.		Deceiving children.	Mother	Class I wedding.
Geeve, J.		Daydreaming.	Lt. Bateman	A return trip to N.Y.C.
Huhman, R.J.		Overcoat unbuttoned.	Sweet Thing	Kinsey report.
Kuster, R.L.		Imaginary ailments.	Henry J.	Nash.
Loufek, M.E.		Appearance, haggard after over night Open Post.	Johnnie Walker	Flowers
Radzak, G.C.		Dating too much.	Ann R.N.	Green carnation.
Rozborski, F.C.		Conduct unbecoming an officer; i.e. Tripping young ladies while dancing.	Bandleader	More ice in next drink.
Schuler, N.		Barking at the moon.	SNAFU	Gracie.
Stainback, J.E.		Snowing (innocent) young girls.	Laverne	Sextional chart of boondocks.

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Director of Military Training



Capt. H. C. Walker
Ass't. Director, Mil. Training



Capt. J. Voisin
Liaison Officer



Capt. K. B. Camp
Adjutant



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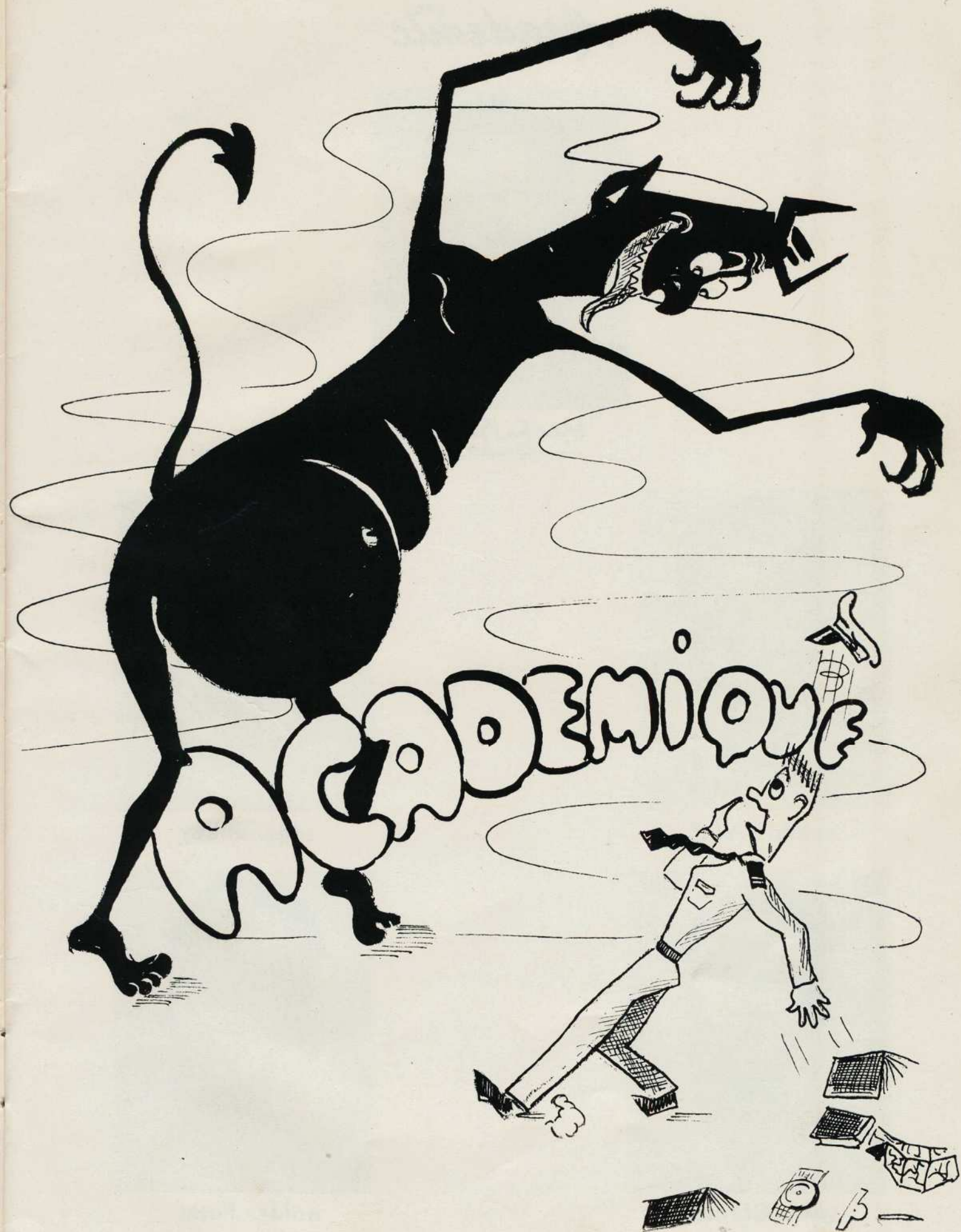
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Chapel Interior



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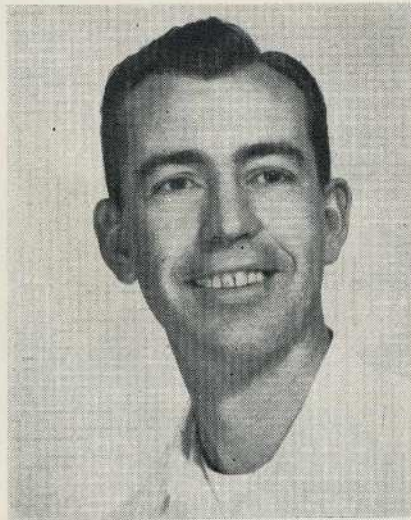


Mr. Carnley



Mr. Pate

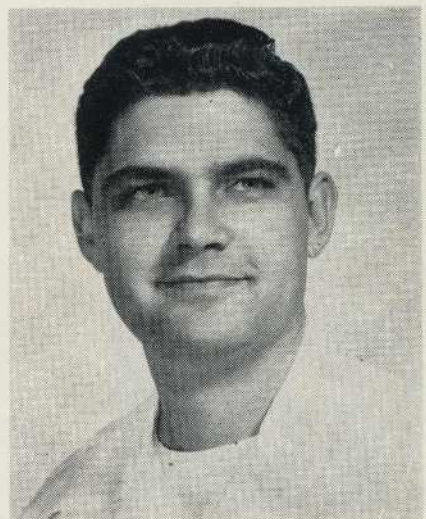
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J. W. Tondee



Mr. Freeman



Mr. Umphrey

Medical



Capt. J. J. Claro



Capt. R. E. Davison



Lt. W. Smith





Major J. W. Harris

Military Check Pilots



PARDON ME FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR THEORY
ON USELESSNESS OF THE SECOND HORN CHECK,
BUT WOULD YOU MIND LOWERING YOUR GEAR!



Capt. Wm. S. Farrell



Lt. John T. Devine



Capt. S. K. Winchester

Group Staff



GROUP STAFF: Left to right — Huhmann, Smith, Ewan, Hoitink, Buttles, Harrington, Kossuth, Loufek.

Yearbook Staff



YEARBOOK STAFF: Left to right — Boyles, Rozborski, Gallier, Stainback, Radzak, Ewan, Harrington, Loufek, Dixon.

Cadet Club



JUANITA BROOKINS
Club Manager



SATURDAY NIGHT



OZZIE & EVELYN



"A War Story"

There we were, 141 feet above sea level at a place called Bainbridge Air Base. From far and near 54-P had come to learn an art that, until recently, had been practiced only by the birds.

As usual upon arrival at a new base, we had to spend much of our time in being briefed, setting up schedules, and procuring equipment. After accomplishing these tasks, we finally made it to the flight line, and the tiger program was underway.



"So and so, this is so and so," and you had met your instructor. After the first week, you were sure that your instructor was the daddy of all tigers from the way he growled at you. "You're flying a collision course; you have dangerous tendencies; and where in the hell did you pick that up?" The next thing you knew you had a "pink slip", and you became positive that the Air Force could do without you. But you bounced back, learned the procedures, and soloed the little monster.

Now you were a crack pilot, and ready for the T-6. After a week in the flying tank, you discovered that you were a crack-up pilot, and you came to the conclusion that flying was definitely for the birds and maybe a few winged fish. However, continuing to surprise yourself, you soloed the T-6. Tigerism triumphed again.





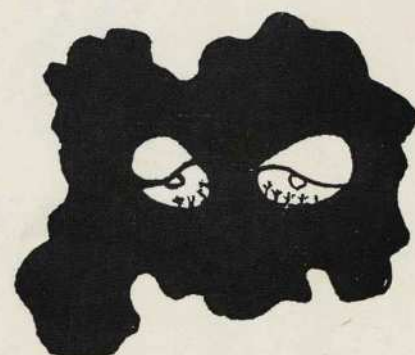
Of course, you could not get by with flying only; your ground school work gave you static, too. Several nice classes had been prepared, and the PT (physical torture) instructor had imported a lot of equipment to keep you conditioned for flying. Nice ropes, nice bars, and nice mats were always available.

One of the toughest phases of the program to master was instrument flying. The dance of the "seven little men" was something to behold. This dance, accompanied by vertigo, left you with the impression that there was a plot to remove you from the program. To "help" you in instrument flying there was a gadget called the link trainer. There you spent twenty joyous hours watching mainly one instrument — the clock.

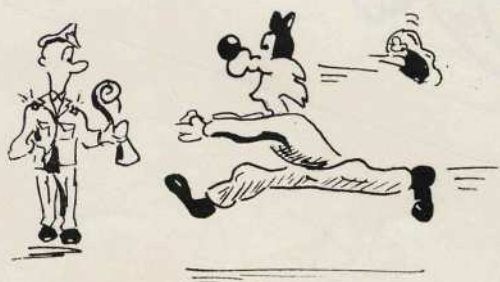


While learning about instruments, you also began your aerobatic rides. These rides really provided the kicks, and you sometimes wondered how your stomach kept with you.

Night flying was a little hairy. As one flight commander said, "Night flying is just like day-time flying, except you can't see." He must have been right, for a couple of the fly-boys revised the cross-country plans.



NIGHT FLYING



When you passed your final check, you knew you had made it over the first hump. 54-P, now ready for the next step, will never forget those who taught them how to fly.

CONTACT GRADE SLIP
PRIMARY PILOT TRAINING

FTAF Form 28
5 Dec 52

Air Force, WAFB, Ariz/W4-406

Tiger, Joe Lt. Col.
Student's Name Rank

54-P
Organization

26 Mar. 54
Date

No Flight 0:00
Mission Time

Outstanding
"T" Score Equivalent

DEMONSTRATIONS AND SPECIAL REMARKS:

Student did not fly this date because his instructor needed a vacation. Student spent his time going to PX, reading his pocket books, and writing letters. He attended movie, "I taught I saw a Tiger-cat." After the movie, he was briefed on night-time procedures during poker game in instructors' room.

STUDENT'S INITIAL J.T.

Tom Cat Jones
Instructor's Signature



FLIGHT "A"



Oh, they're real tigers!

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I DROPPED MY PENCIL YESTERDAY AND
MISSED SURFACE MAPS, WINDS ALOFT
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John C. Killian
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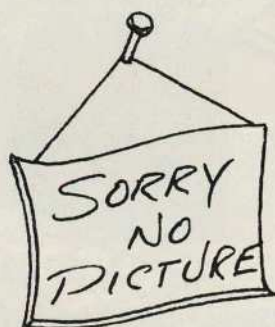
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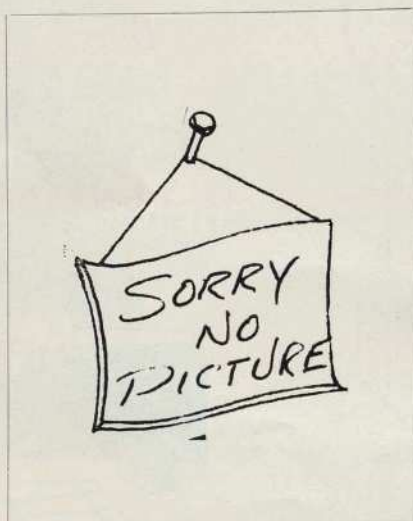
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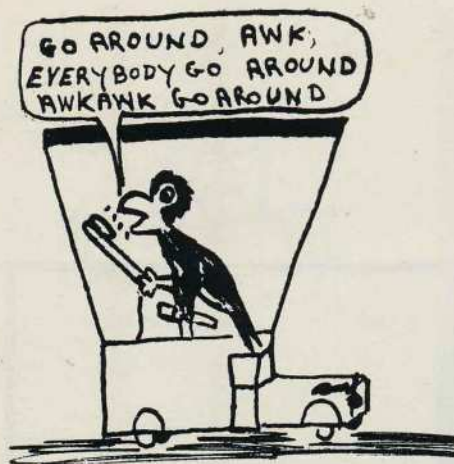
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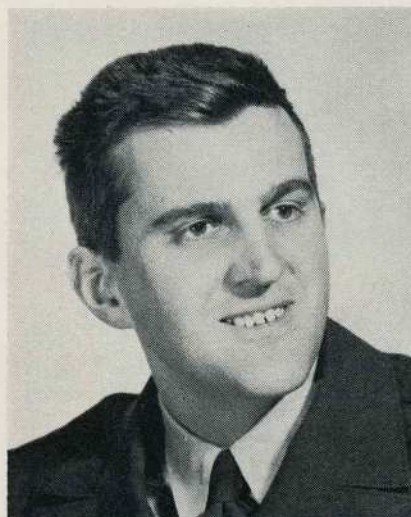
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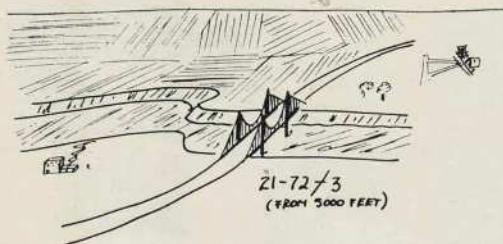


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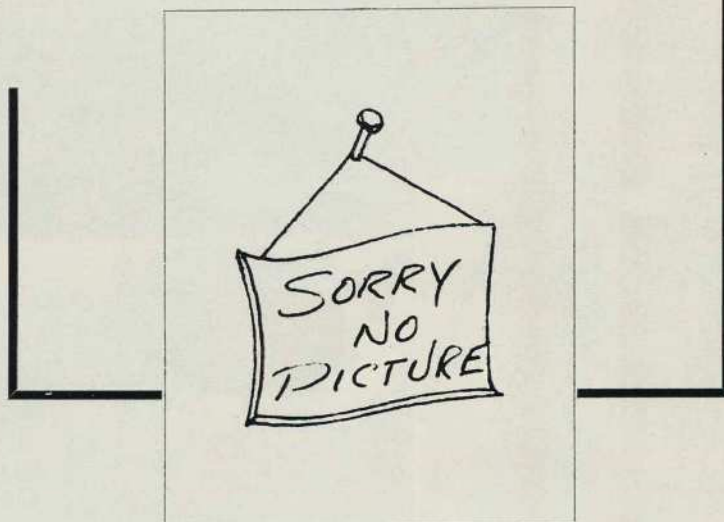
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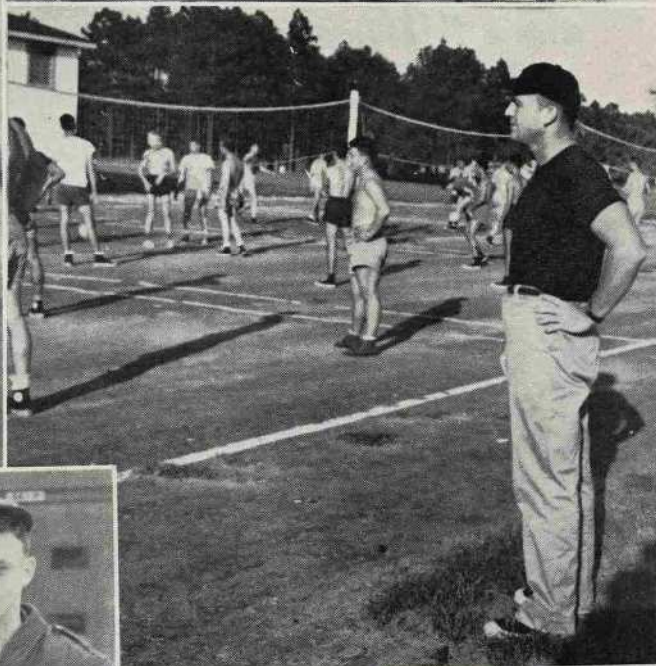
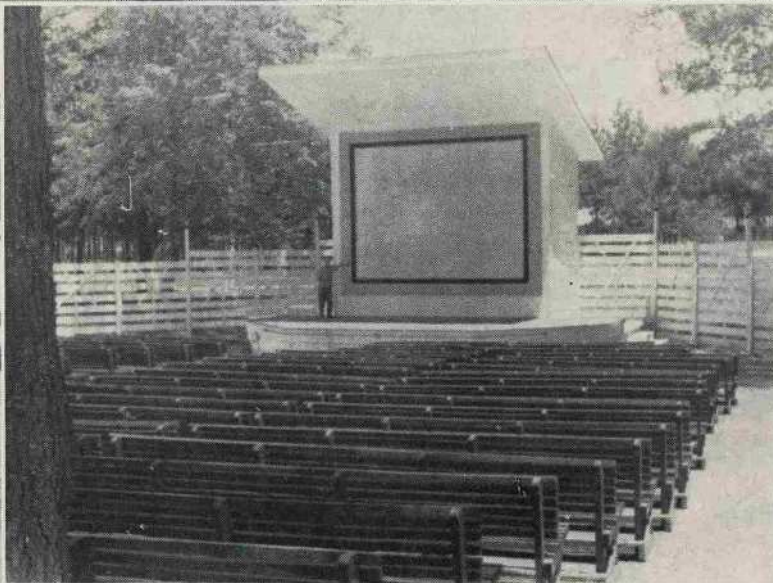
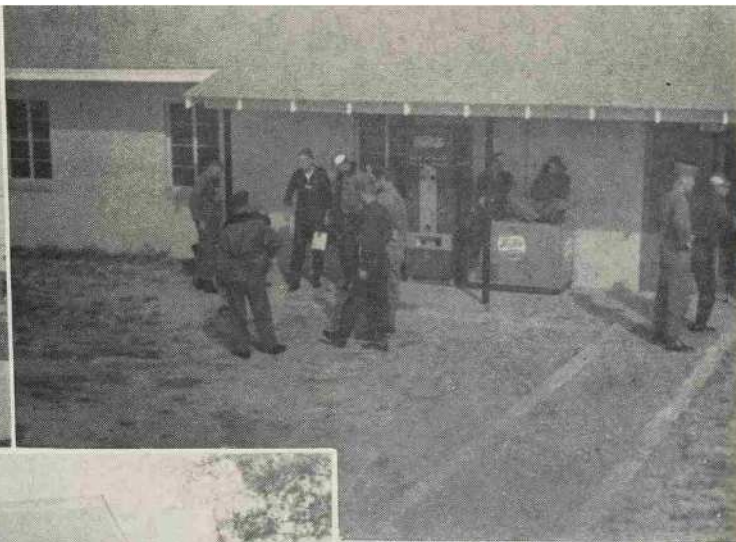
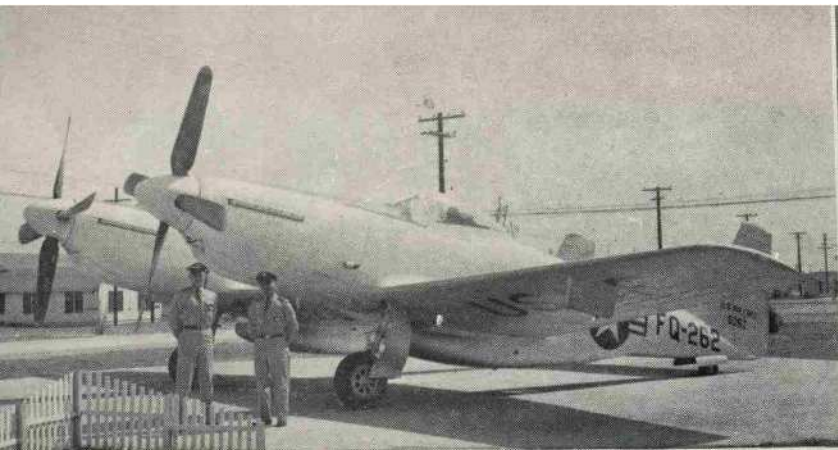
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HAVE YOU FOUND THE VERTICAL SPEED SCREW ?





"B" Flight

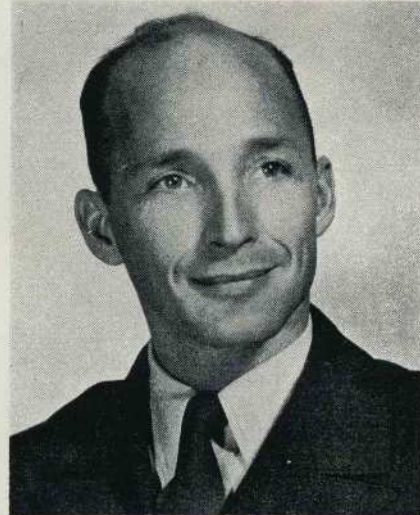
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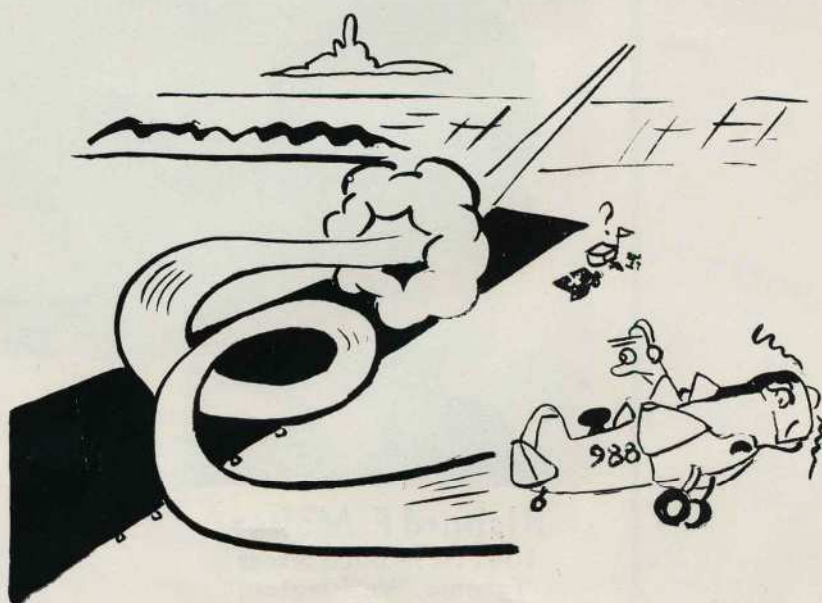
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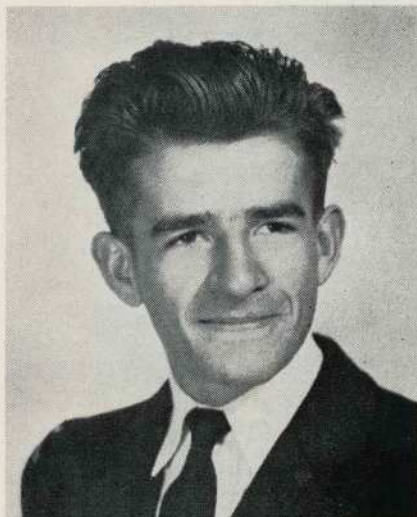
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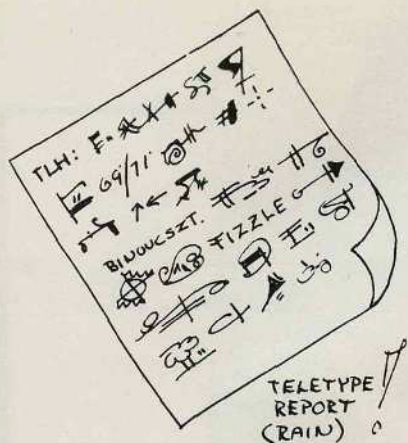


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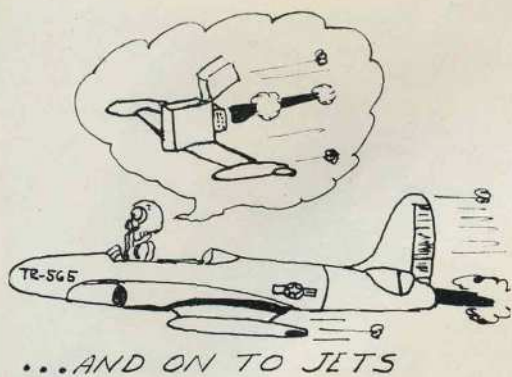


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OOooo - I - HAVE - CAUGHT - YOU - IN - BED
 AFTER - REVEILLE. NOW - YOU - WILL - GET - A
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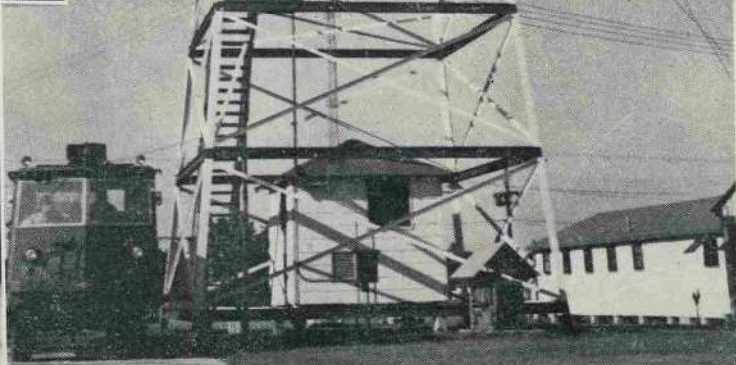
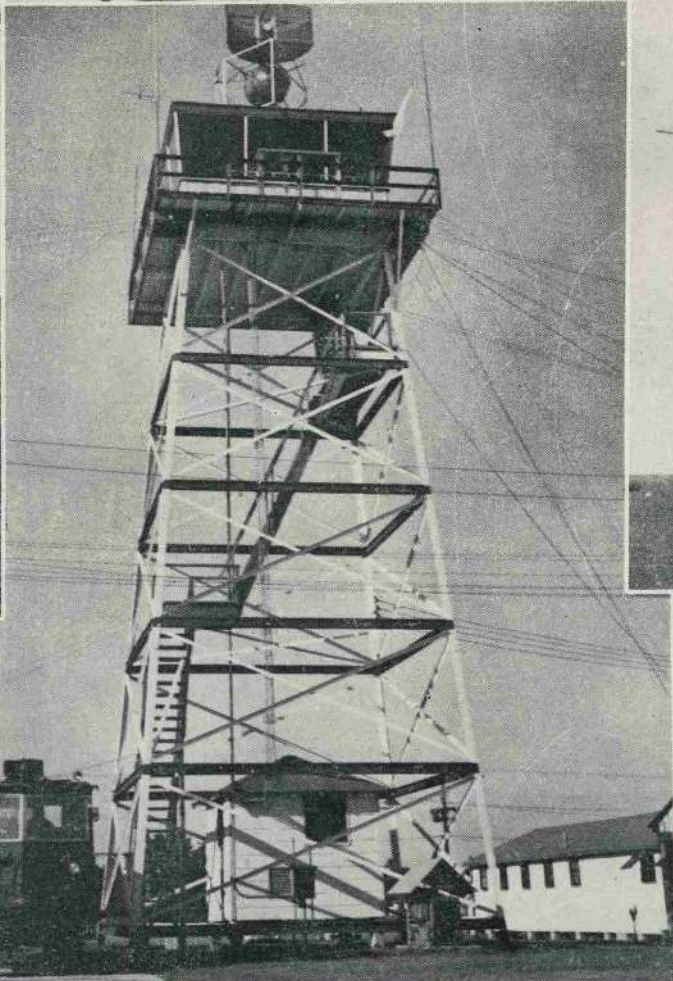
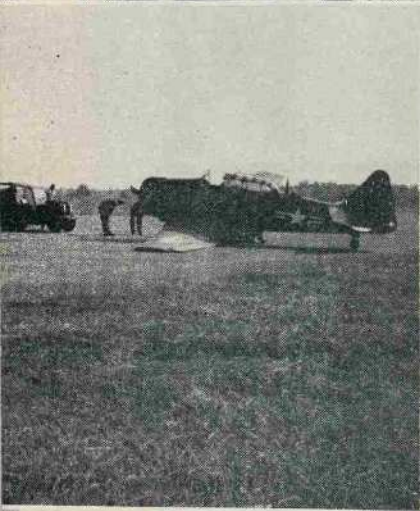
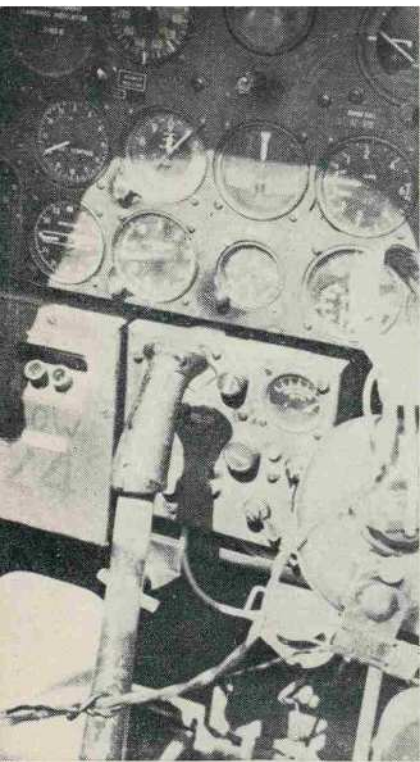
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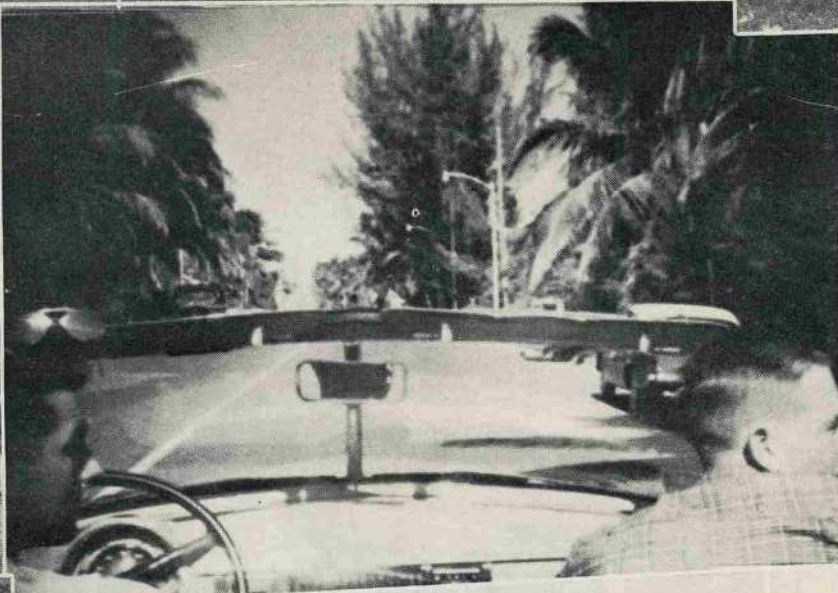
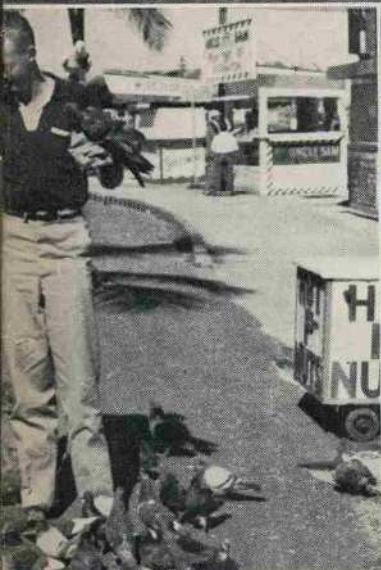


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