

BARTOW AIR BASE



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**DEDICATED TO  
J. DUDLEY PREFLIGHT  
BY  
GRADUATING CLASS  
53-F**





#### TO THE MEMBERS OF CLASS 53-F

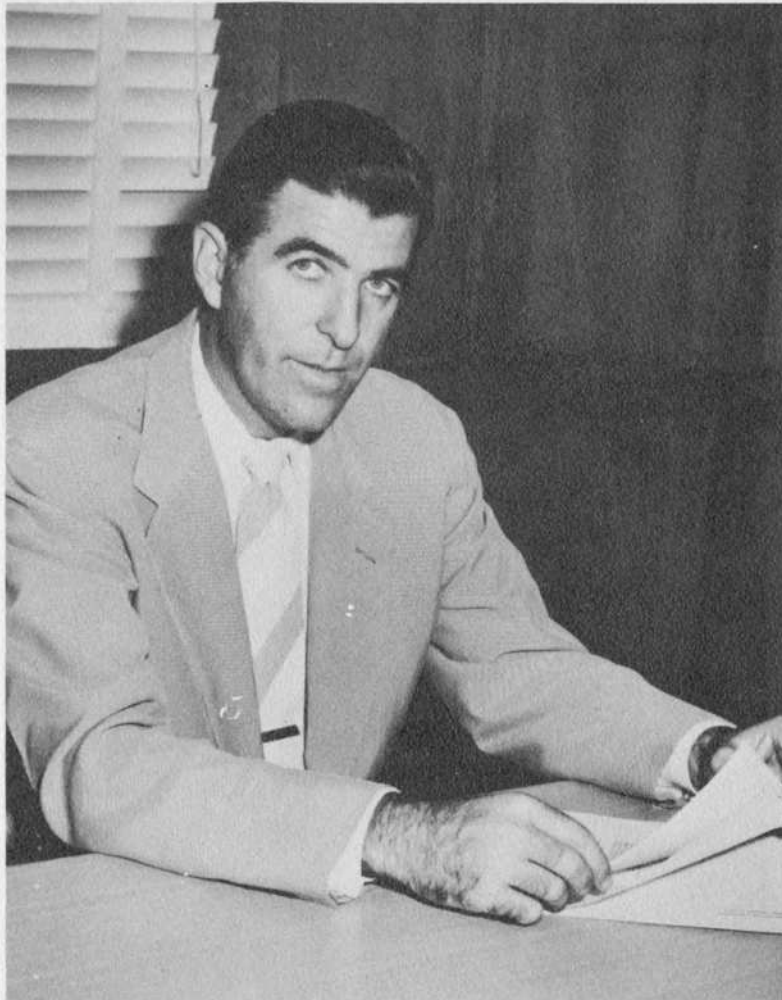
Having completed the primary phase of your pilot training, I know that you members of Class 53-F are proud. And rightfully so, for you have withstood rigid criteria under the curriculum which has been administered to you, and your graduation could not have been achieved without consummate devotion to duty and continuous application of knowledge and effort. Moreover, the spirit and attitude with which you have pursued this course of instruction have served to promote a feeling of gratification on the part of the instructors and personnel whose responsibility it has been to train you. Take this cooperative spirit and attitude with you to your basic training station; it is indispensable to your successful completion of pilot training.

I ask simply that you be mindful of the knowledge which has been imparted to you. Apply it vigorously in the additional training which you are about to receive. The dividends will be irrevocable.

Unfortunately, in the pilot training business, with every welcome there must be a farewell. And so, farewell and good luck.

HAROLD D. PAULIN, JR.  
Lt. Col., USAF  
Commanding





Class 53-F  
Bartow Air Base  
Bartow, Florida

Gentlemen:-

I congratulate the members of your class upon the successful completion of the primary phase of your pilot training. It has been our desire to make available to you adequate equipment and competent personnel to fulfill every need of your training. The fact that you have taken advantage of the information and experience of our staff has been demonstrated by your rapid progress at this school.

It is my sincere wish that your training at Bartow Air Base has been such as to insure your successful completion of the Air Force training program.

Our entire staff joins in extending congratulations and every good wish for your continued success.

Yours very truly,

Fleetwood Garner, President  
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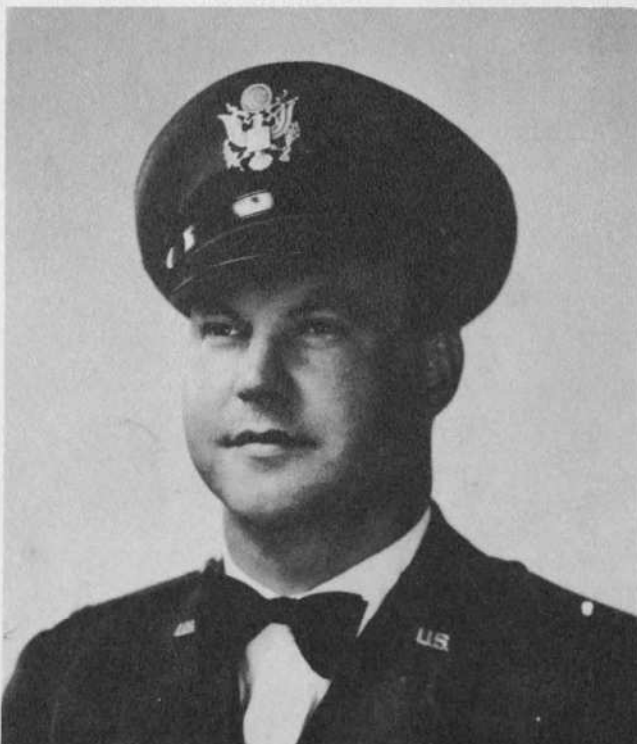


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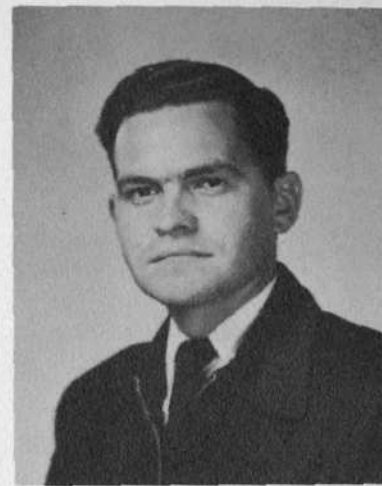




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Pop quiz!



The proverbial shaft



Dit or DAH?





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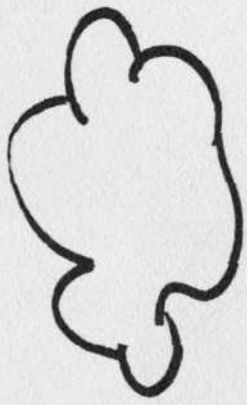
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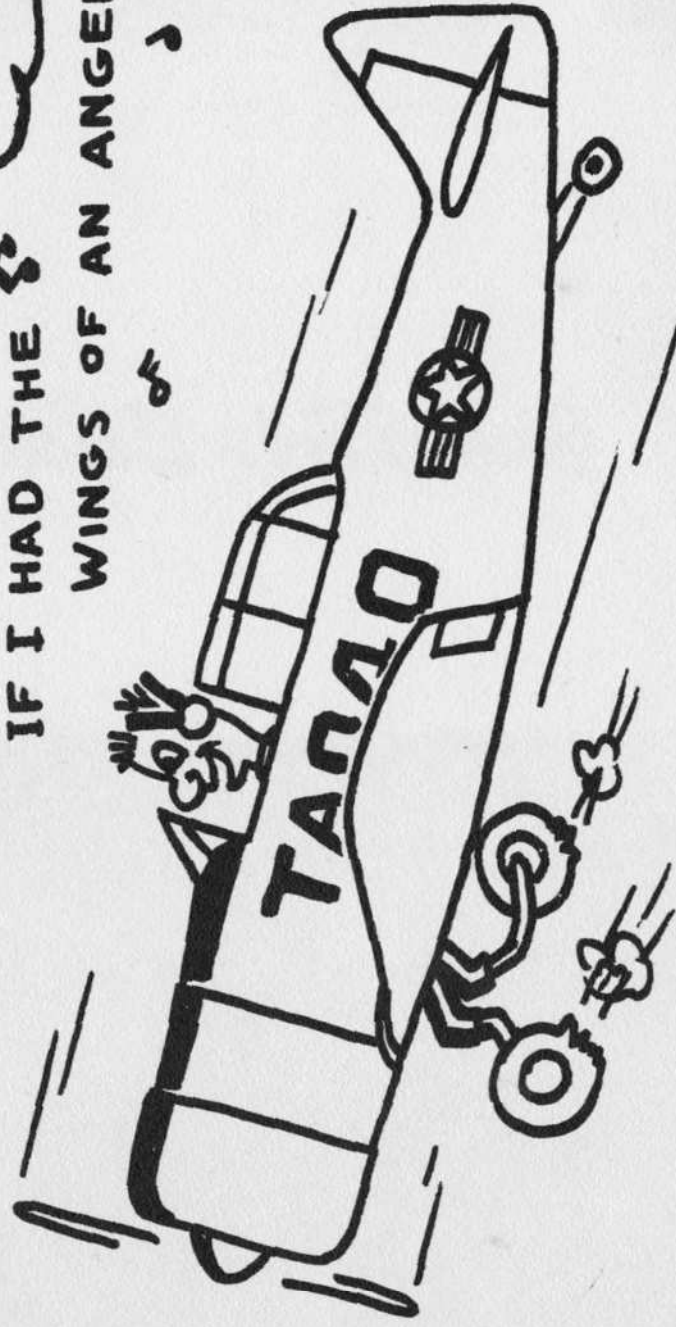
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IF I HAD THE  
WINGS OF AN ANGEL







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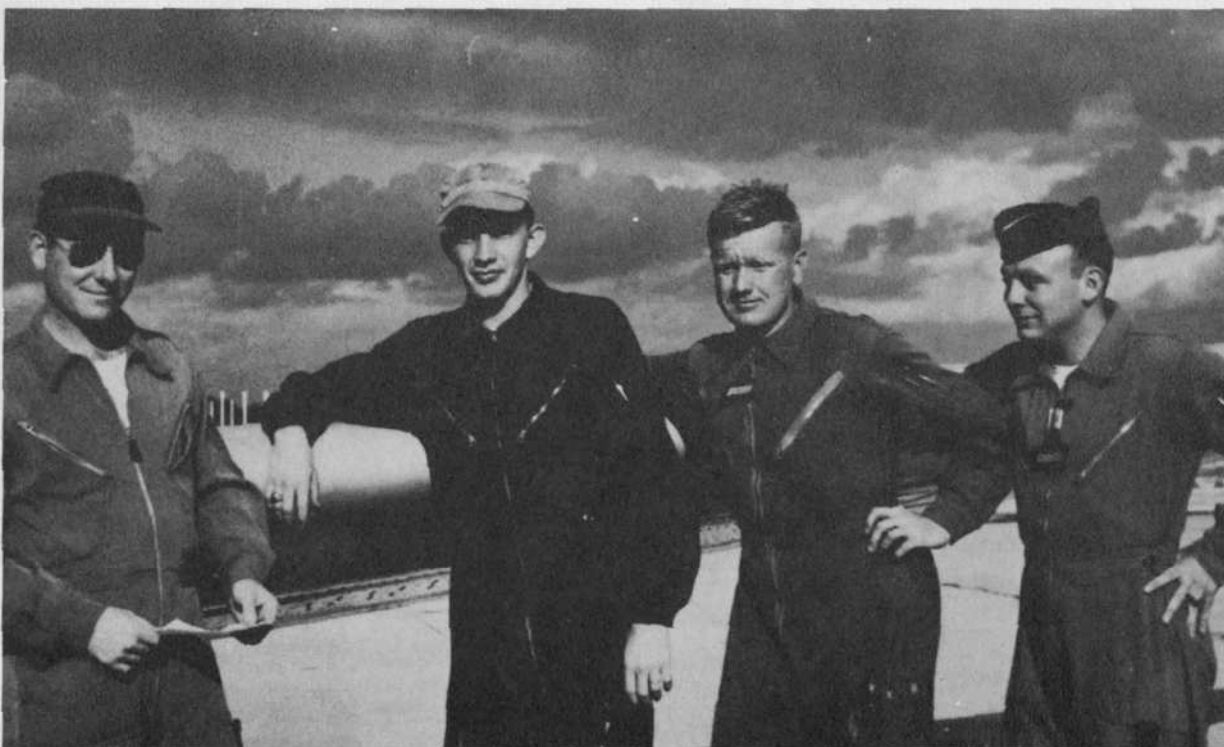


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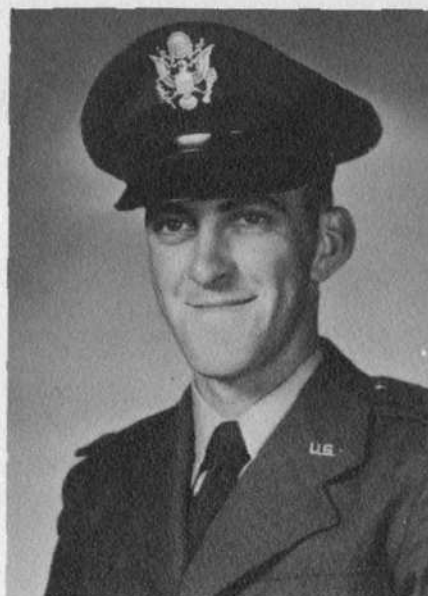
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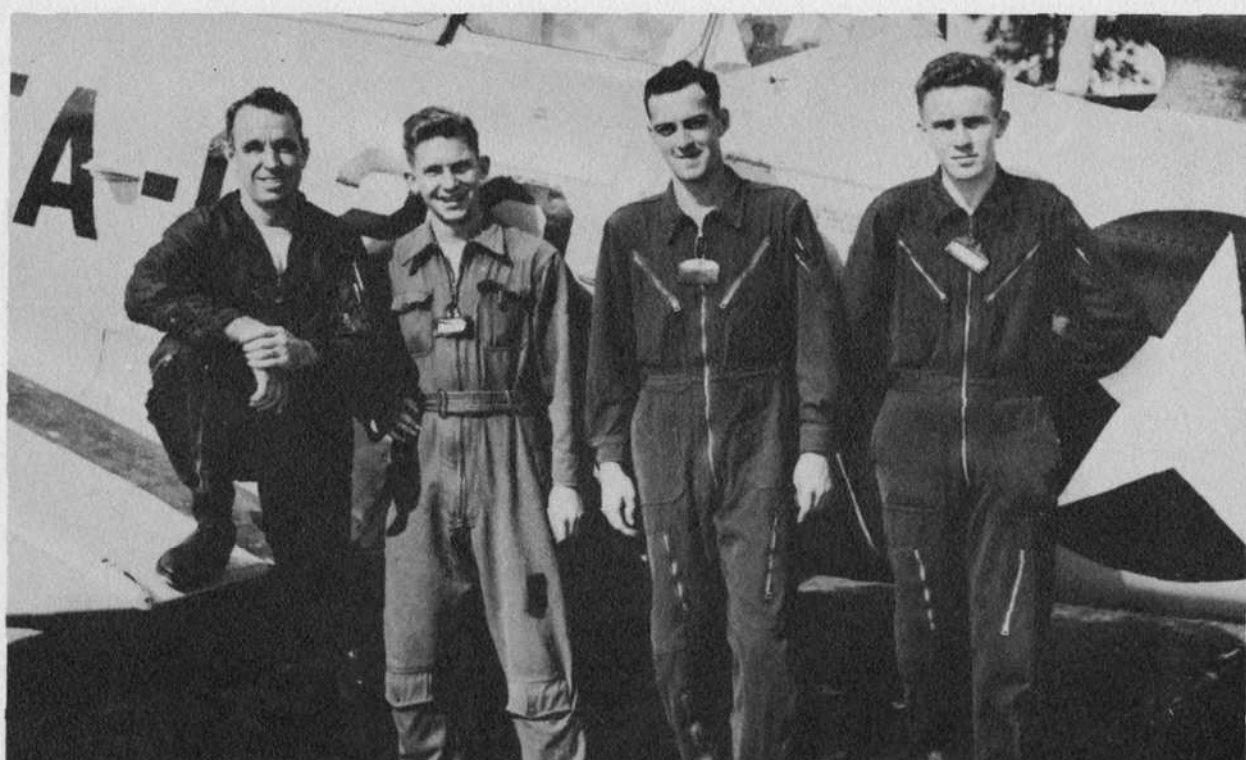


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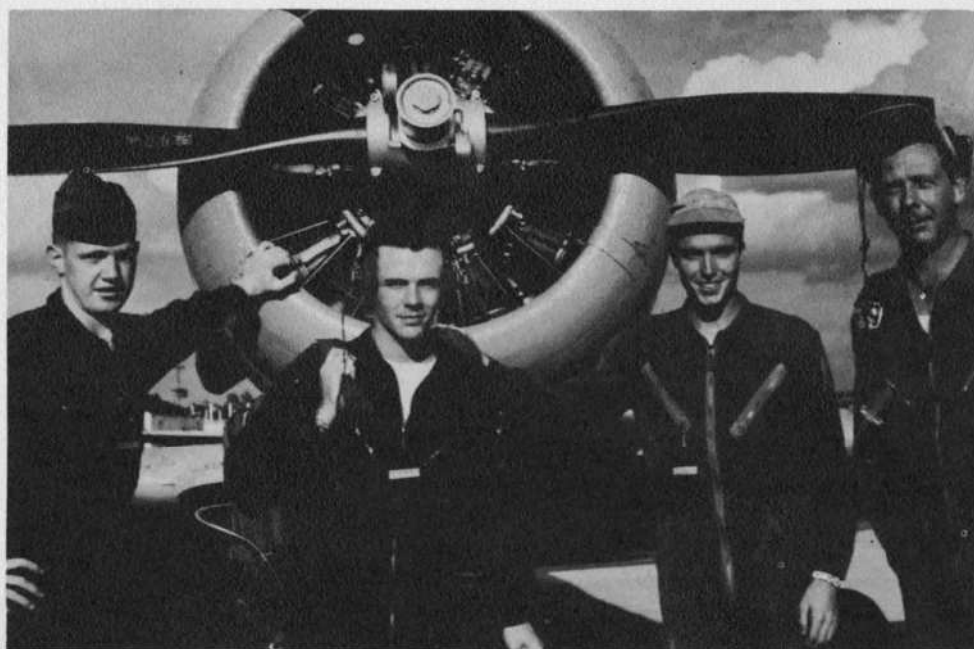


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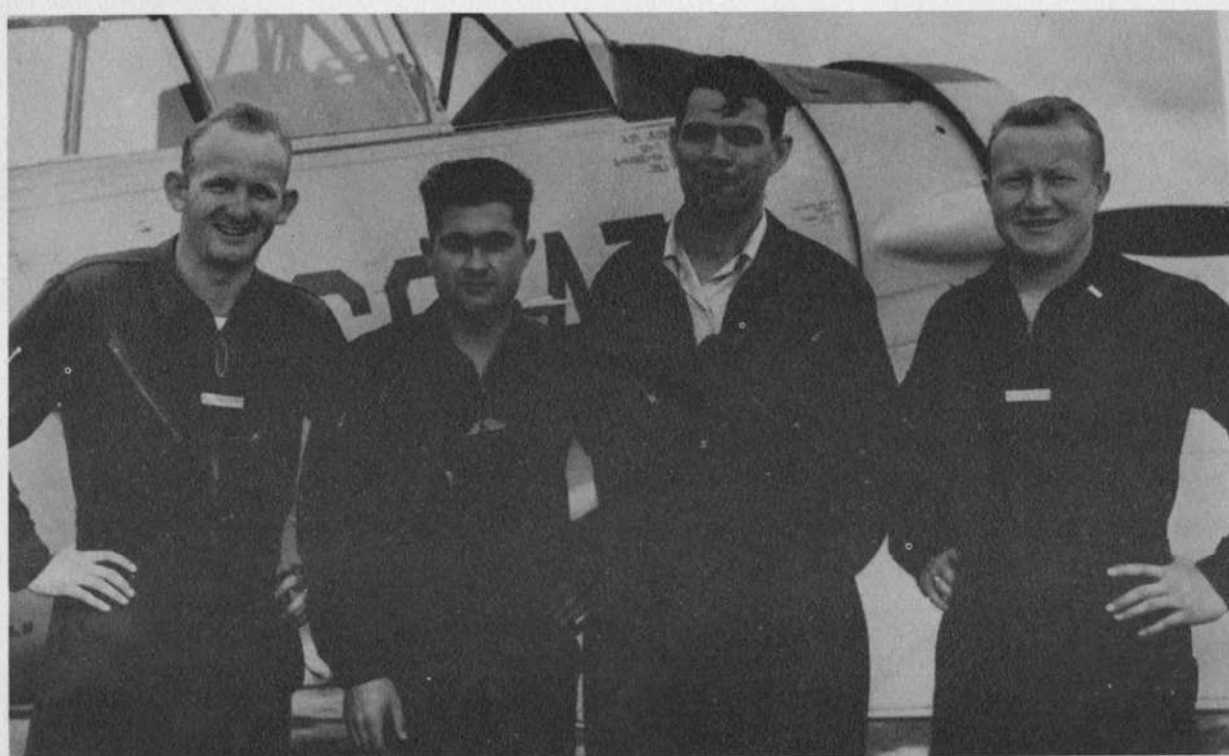


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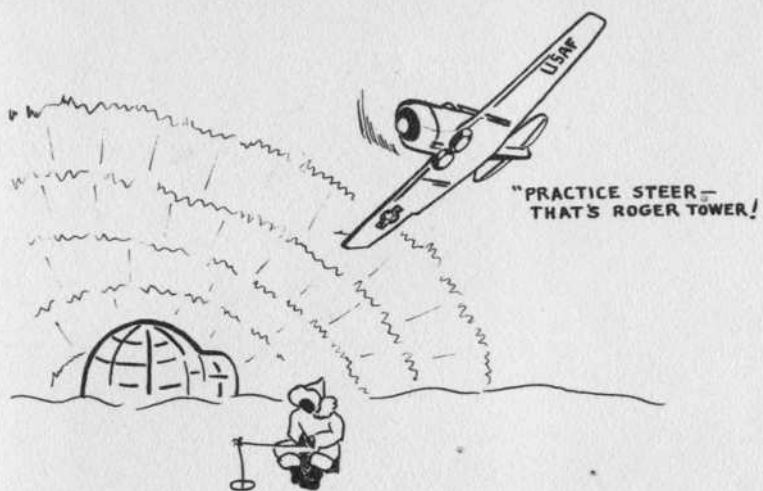
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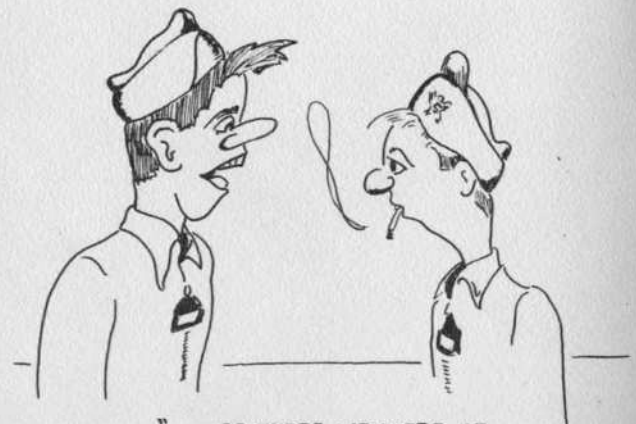


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Any Questions?

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"-----SO THERE WE WERE AT  
5000 FT. WHEN MY INSTRUCTOR'S  
CIGAR WENT OUT-----"



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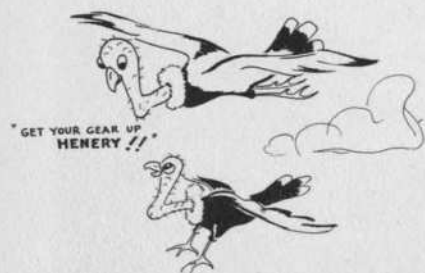


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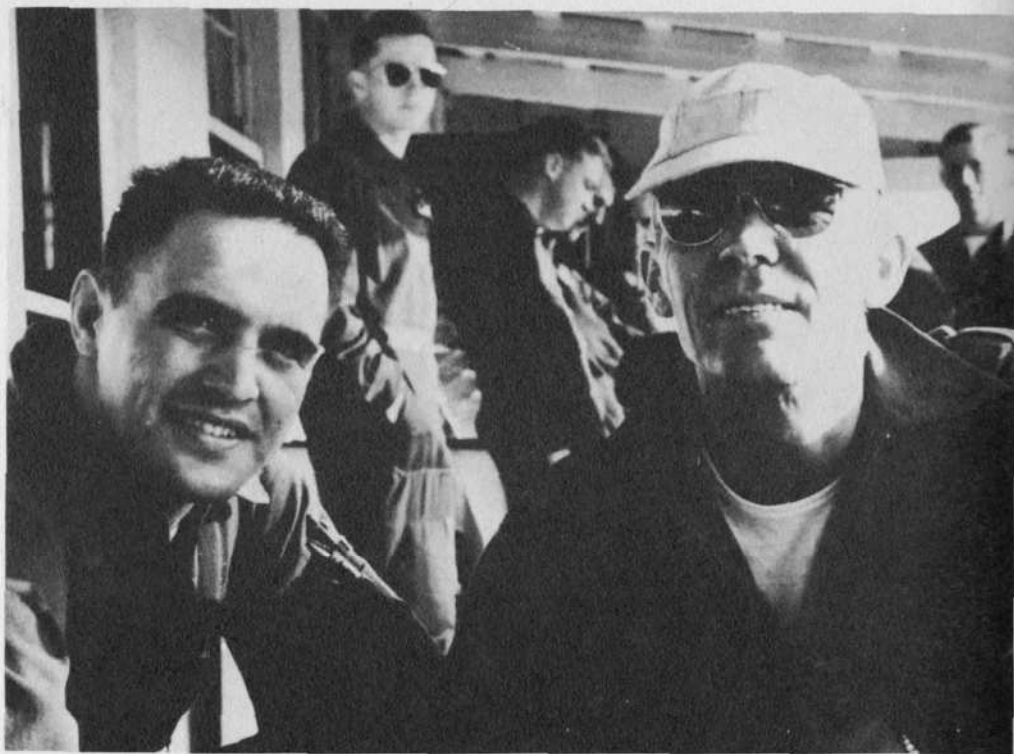
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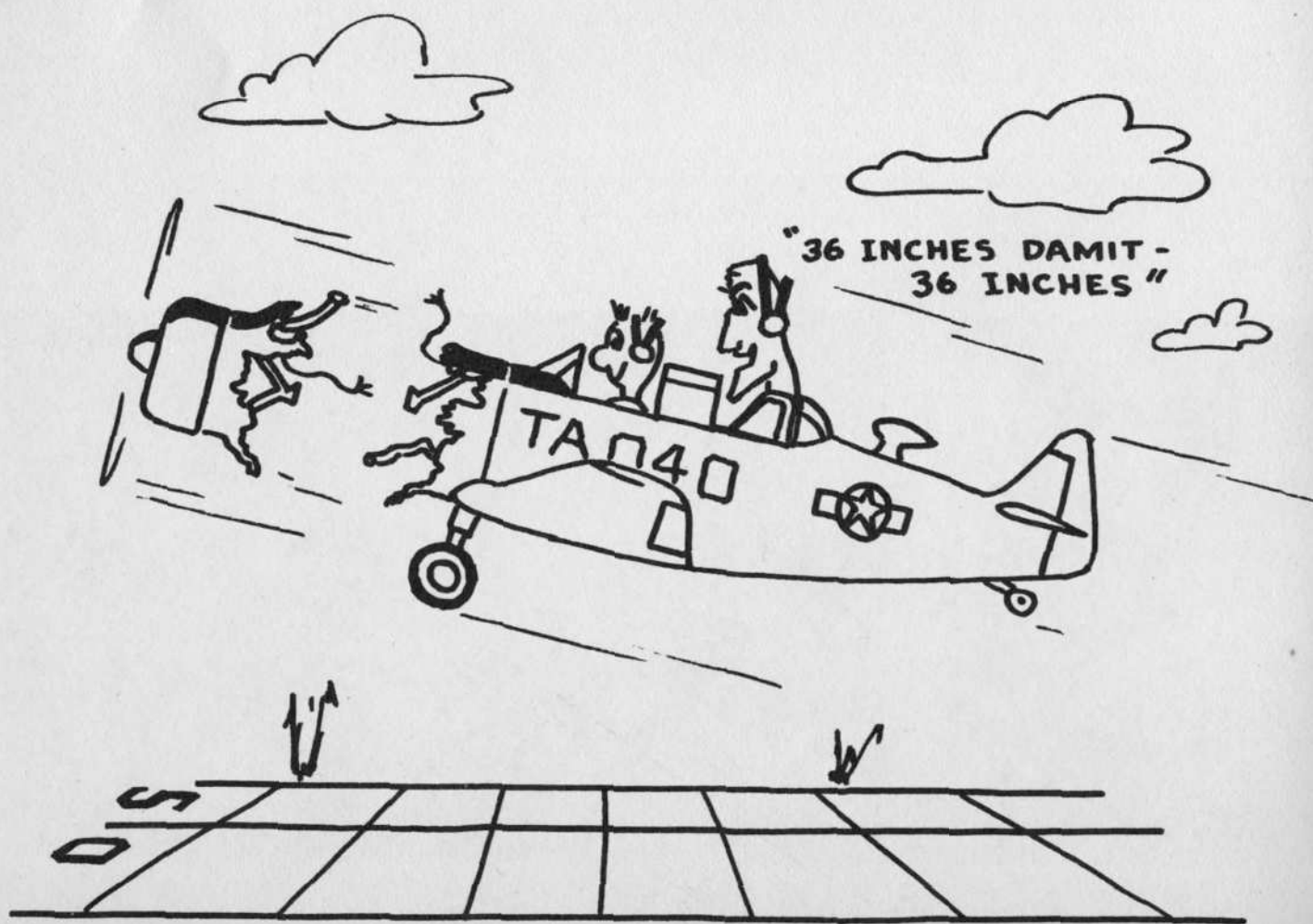




EMIL H. GEORGI  
Nyack, New York



## Frank H. Skillen







Before I begin my story, I should like to explain just who I am. My name is J. Dudley PreFlight, and I have been assigned to Bartow Air Base for quite some time. Some of my boys call me Dudley or just plain "Dud", while others follow Air Force custom and call me by my last name, PreFlight.

My job at Bartow is to supervise the training of the cadets, and when called upon, to act as an older and wiser head in advising the Student Officers on matters financial and Social (for, as I always say, "The devil finds work for idle hands.")



Skeptical enlisted men.



I was first introduced to Class 53-F on 21 August 1952. The moment I saw this collection of baggy pantsed feather merchants who didn't know what to think, and skeptical enlisted men who had been taught not to think, and strangely-clad MDAP'S who couldn't tell what they thought, I knew right away that I would have to give this crowd most of my attention. Because my time is, after all, limited, I assigned Captain Mendell as mentor of Student Officers.



Qu' est-ce qui'il dit?





Baggy pantsed feather merchants -

The first task that faced me was to teach my boys the facts of military life. I started things off with a bang at 0430 the first morning, and managed to get them scrubbed, dressed, and off on the death march to the chow hall, singing "Wait til the sun shines, Nellie" under the bright Florida moon.



Fun?



Fun!



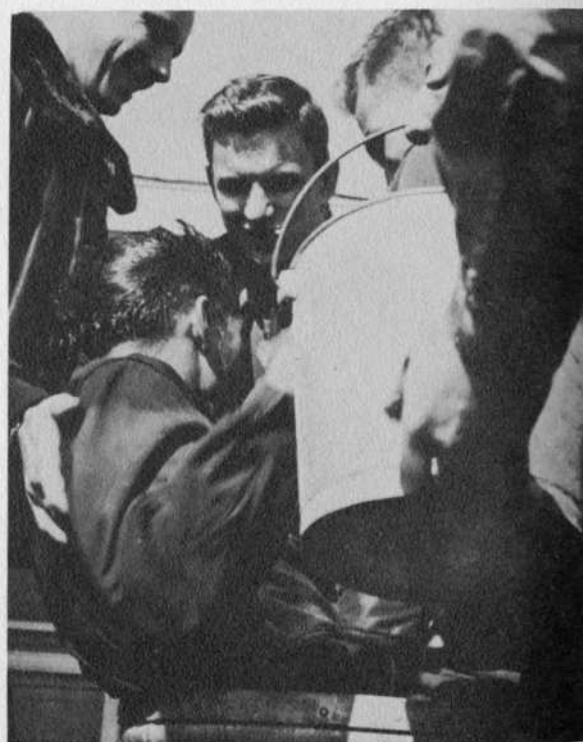


They objected fiercely to the early-morning physical training and the drill under the midday sun, but soon the grumblings became less noticeable. Yup, I had made them accept my teachings, but by Godfrey, I never did make them like it.

The first haircuts were a shock to these boys whose hair was indeed their crowning glory, but their concern was soon overcome, as everything else, by athletic, masculine aroma of each man's salt-encrusted fatigues. All in all it was pretty rough for the Cadets those first days.



Two bits a visit.



Solo!

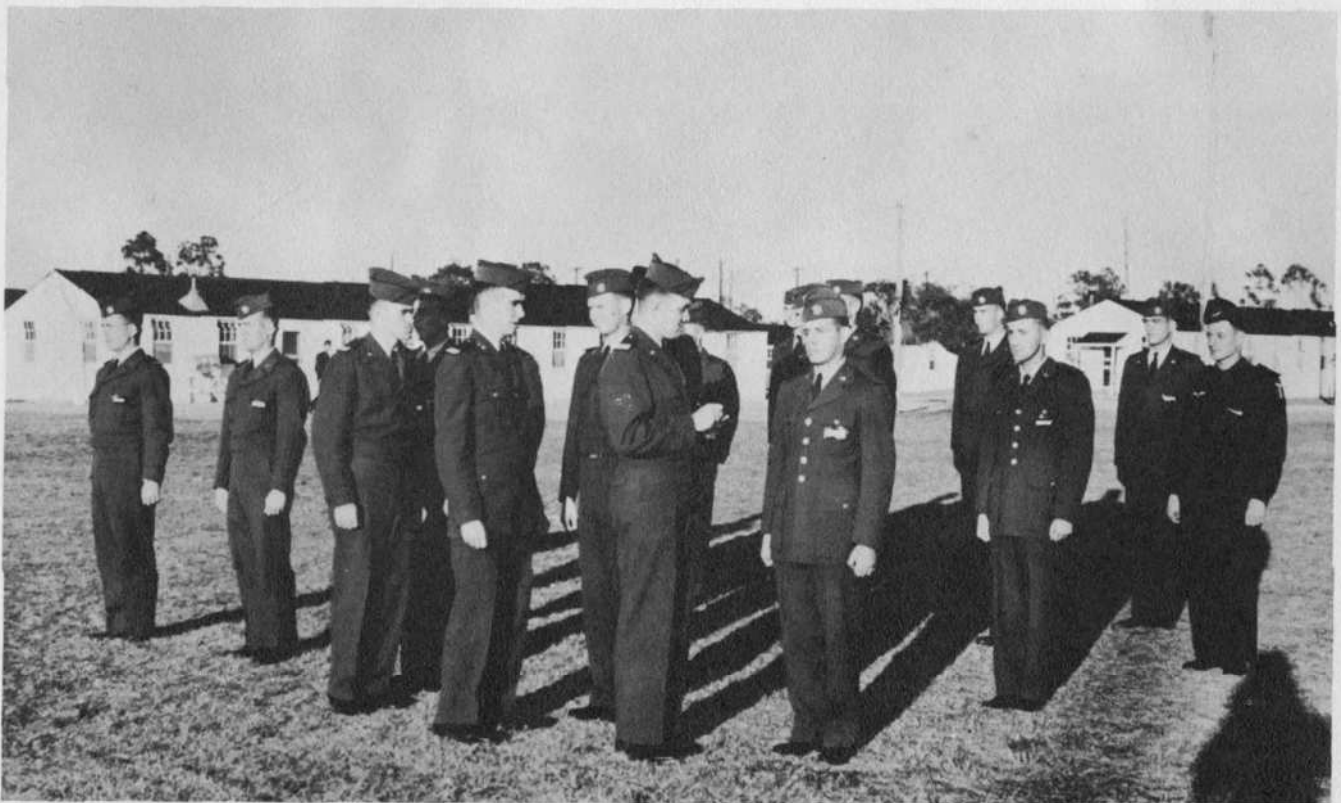


Fall in - Dammit!



Call to quarters

When PreFlight was finally over, I moved my class up to the squadron areas. They had come a long way from that first hot August day, and I was more than a bit proud of them. Even with the upperclassmen hounding them day and night they enjoyed fourth class. It was something entirely different, and although the double-timing was rather ridiculous the boys could kinda grin and bear it; they were flying now, and that alone made the difference for most of them. (I did lose a few of my boys, however. They talked to me first, of course, and confessed that flying didn't appeal to them as it does to me. I was really sorry to see them go).



You can never win!!!



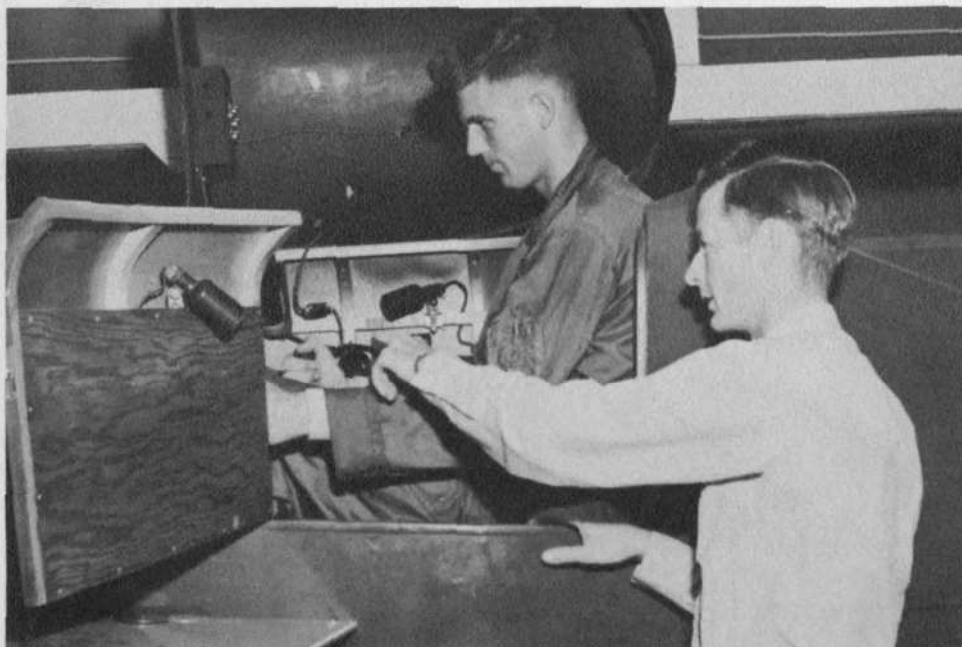


Will he ground-loop

When the time came for the boys to solo, I found that my careful selection of instructors and supervisors had paid off. Of course, there were some pretty wild and hairy solos, but no accidents. This is one thing I can't take credit for. It all goes to a darn swell bunch of instructors.



Compressed air bottle



The long and the short of it



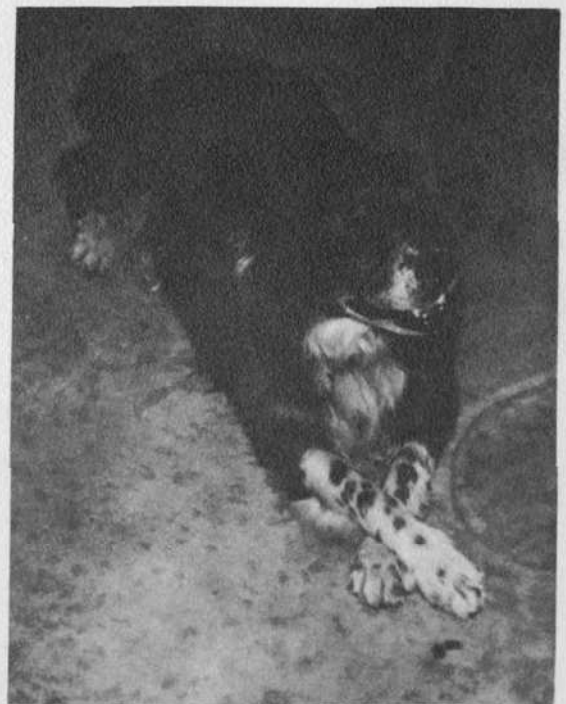


The chaplain was always ready to help

Once I had seen the last of my class solo I breathed a sigh of relief - but - now came an equally difficult task: I had to prepare my boys for that short but night-marish encounter with the military - - the dreaded Fifty-hour Check. Major Bryson and his joy-killers seemed overcome with the Yuletide spirit (I had thoughtfully provided them with a few cases), and eventually everyone crept over (or under) the hurdle.



Tiger talk



Old fellow

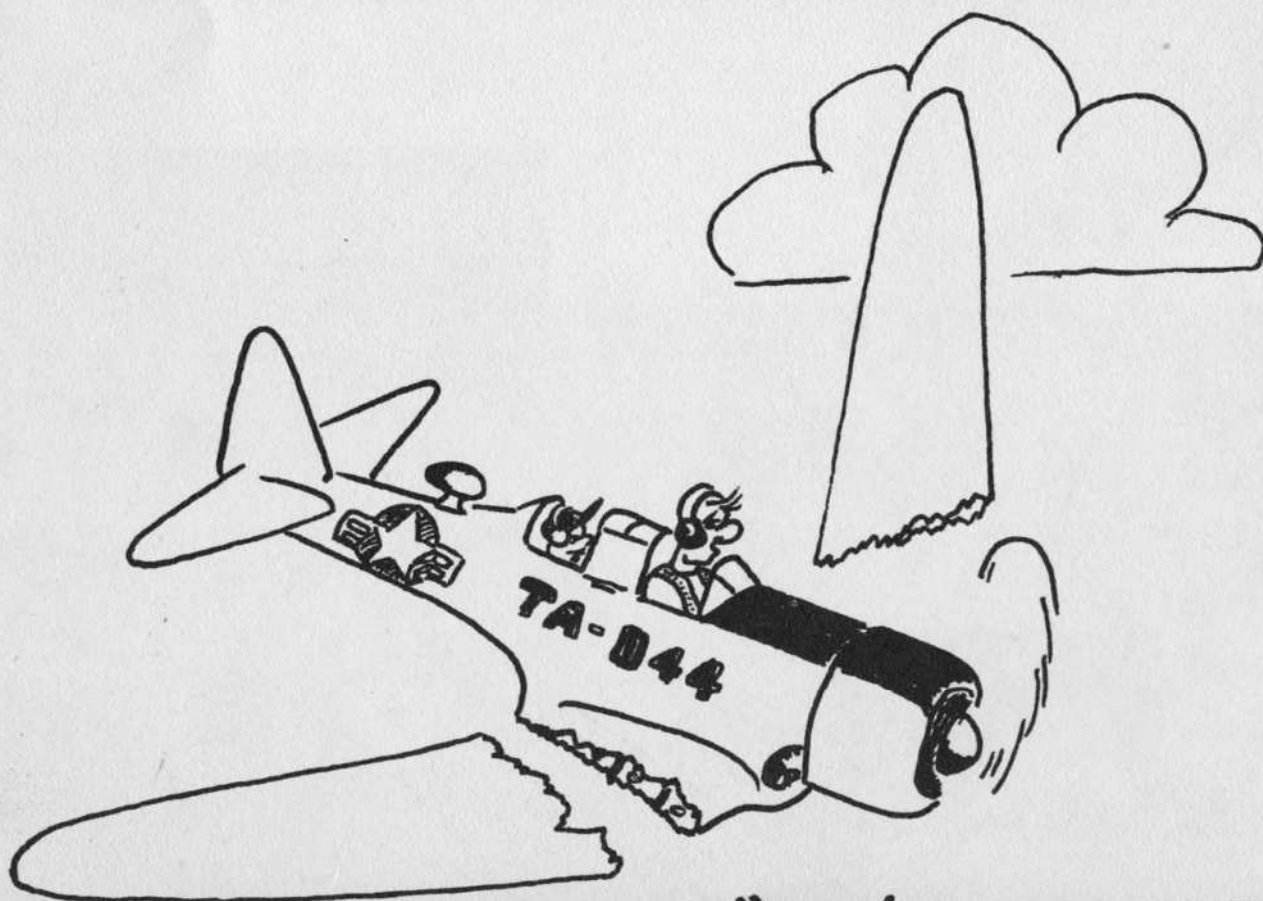


Visual inspection



Fall out - play ball

Foxtrot was now in the midst of its Link training. The boys tried hard, but they never could master the art of flying these compressed air bottles. It wasn't much easier in the actual plane, but if the instrument flying brought out the Legree in the instructors, the acrobatics certainly awakened the Tiger in the students. The boys had reached the stage where flying is a thrill again, with loops and barrell-rolls replacing the drudgery of Chandelles and Lazy Eights.



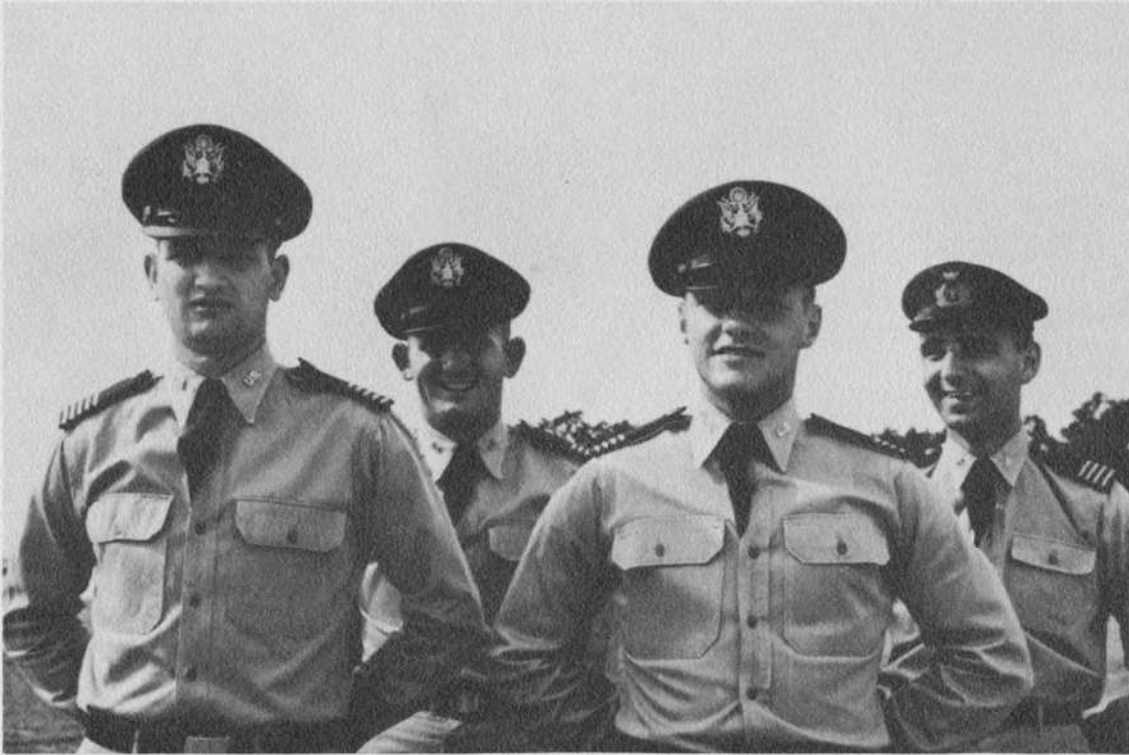
"YOU'VE GOT IT SIR!!"



# "CHECK RIDE"



Major Bryson and his joy killers.....



Big Wheels

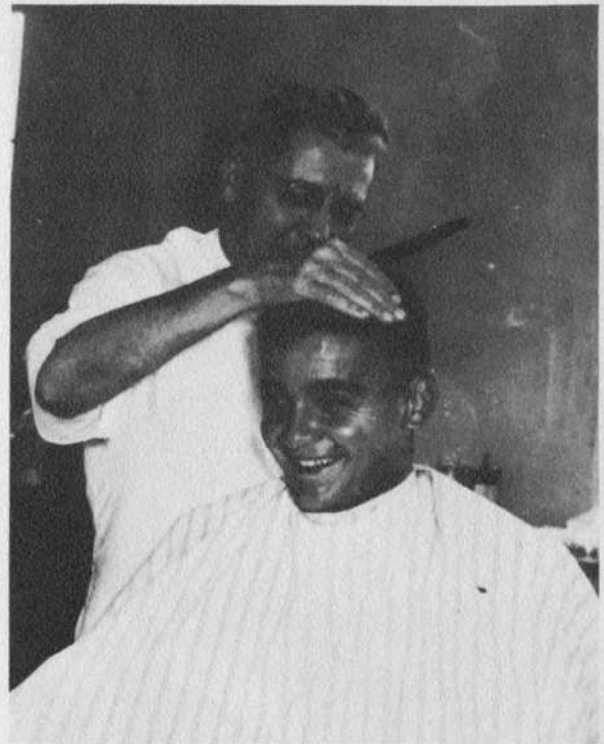
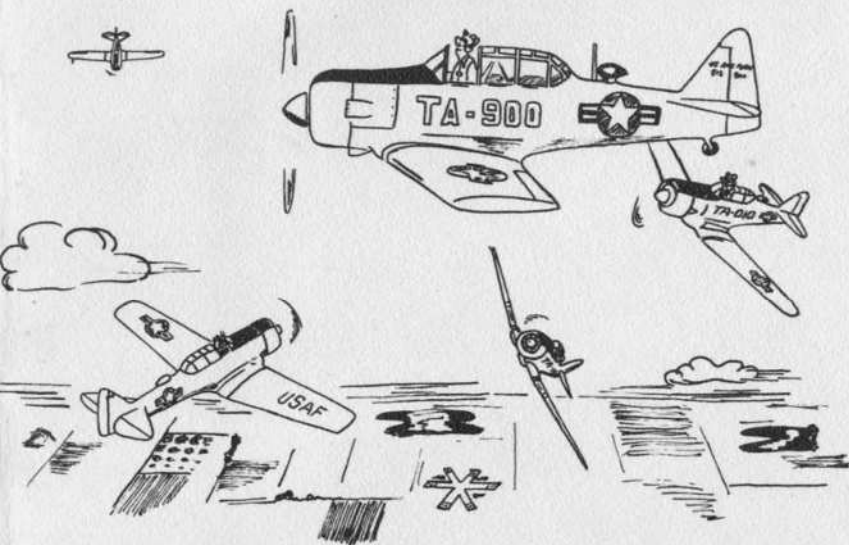
Sooner than I thought possible came the instrument check and then final. Foxtrot had come to the end of its stay at Bartow. I gave a few of the final checks myself, and found that the sweat and strain of seven long months at Bartow had done something for my boys. They were as good a bunch of pilots as have come out of this place for a long time, and indeed a far cry from those baggy-pantsed feather merchants, skeptical enlisted men, and strangely-clad MDAP'S I once knew.



Bigger wheels



## THE "45"



First haircut

Well, you know how it is when a fellow gets on in years - I could go on and on reminiscing about 53-F, but my attention now must be turned to a new class of eager Cub-Tigers, and so it's back to work again. Ah, me, it's a dog's life.

Your devoted friend,

J. Dudley PreFlight



What do you think of women???

