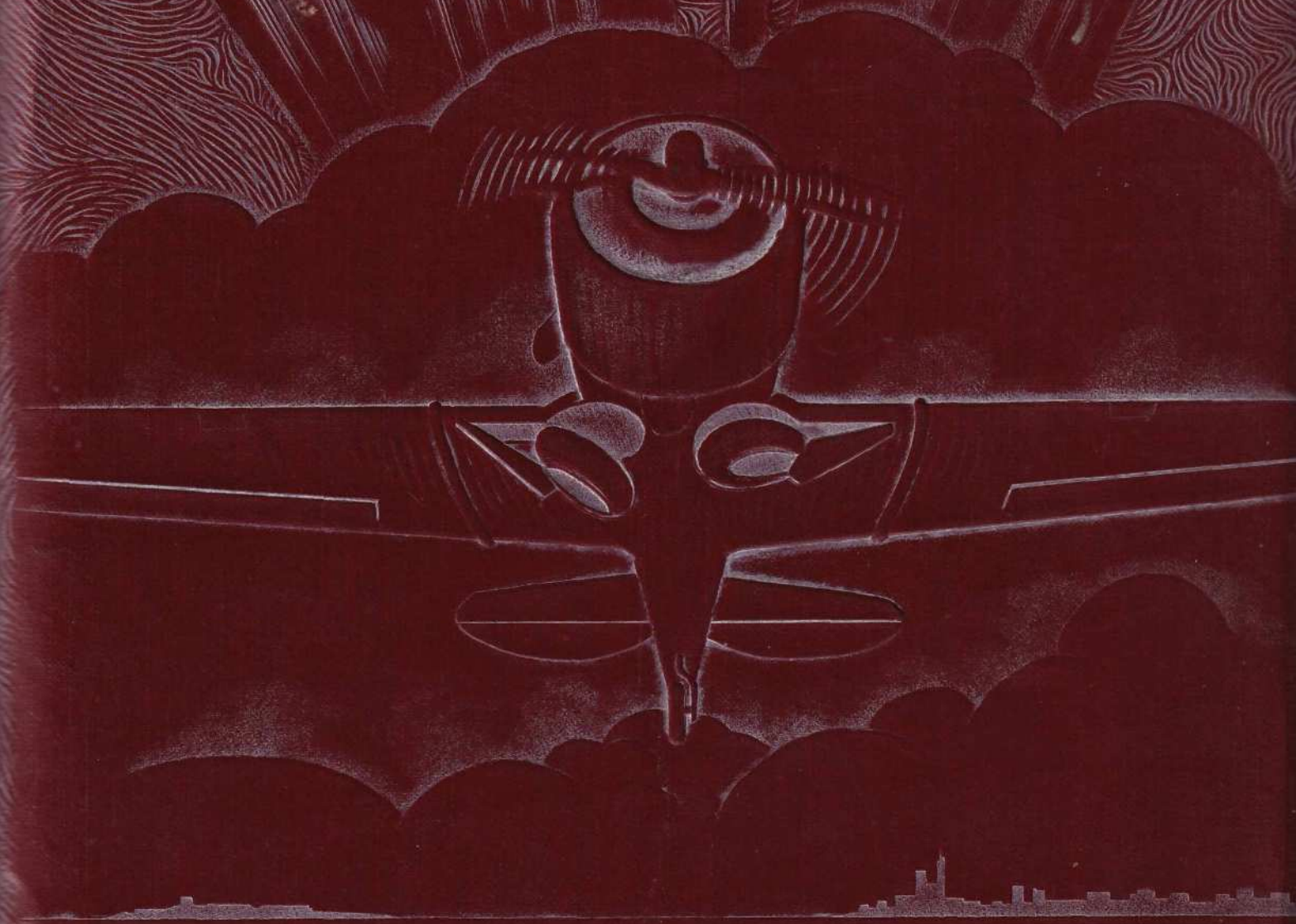
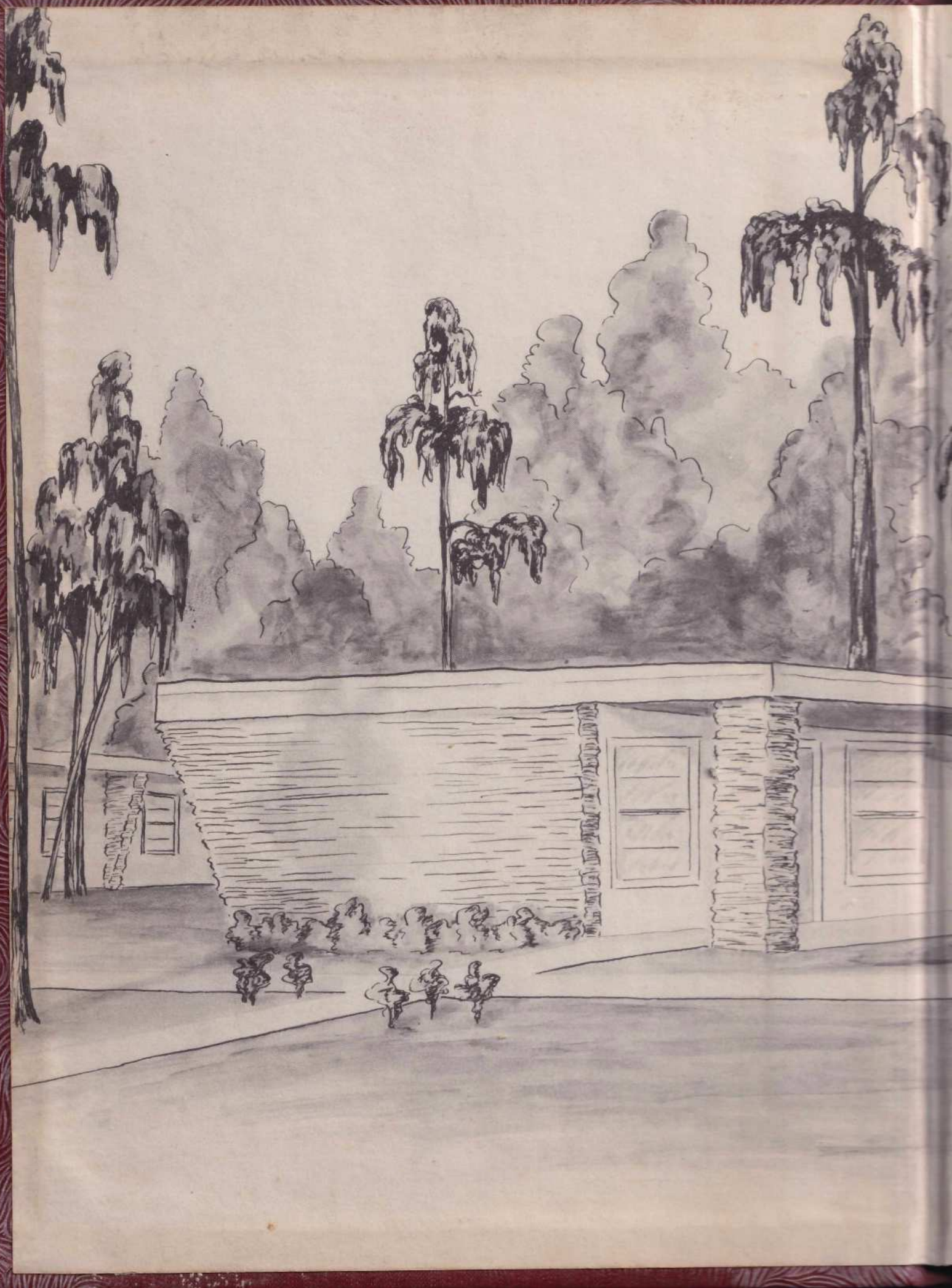


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Class 54-G





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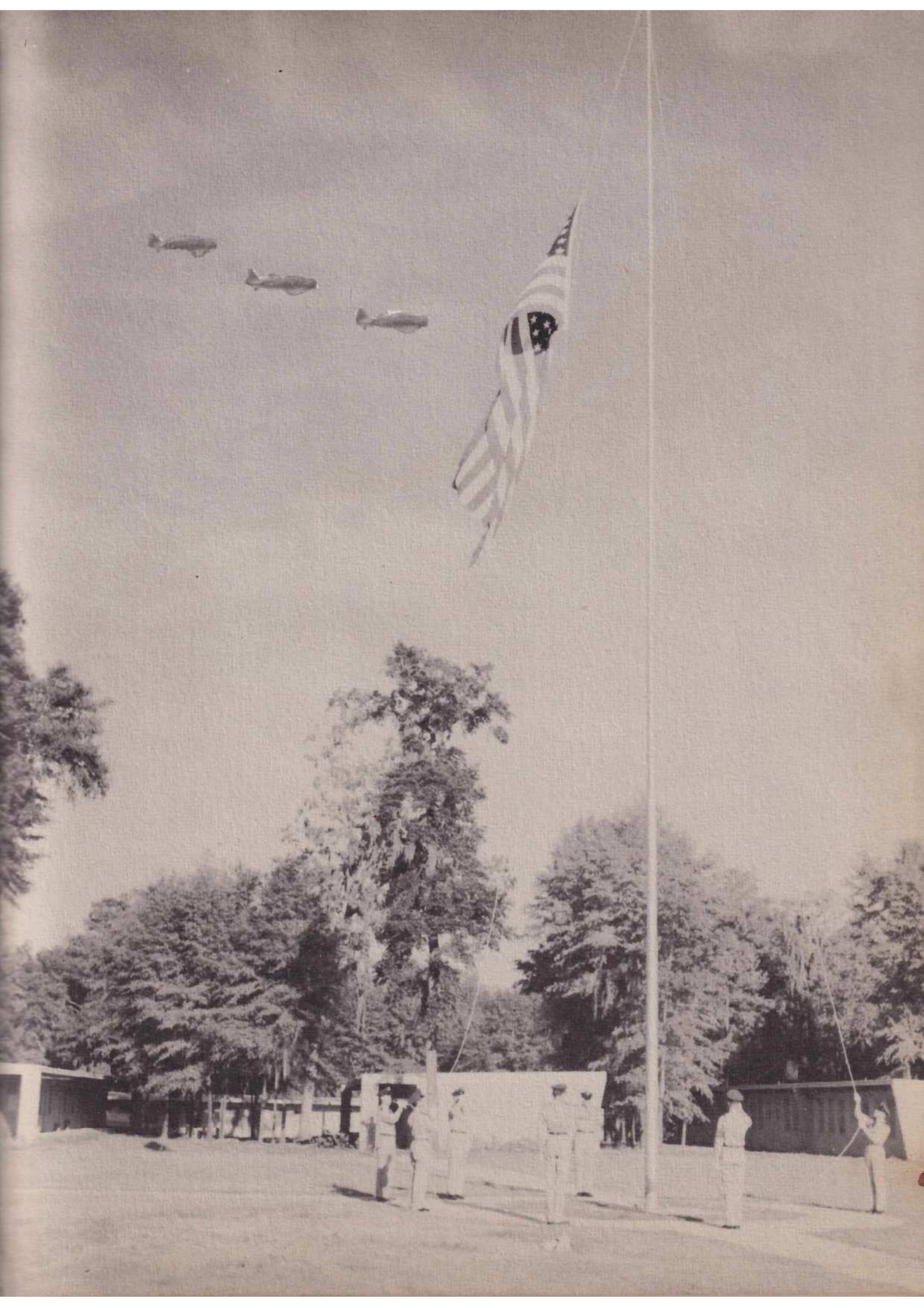
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PETE CARPENTER ●
DEAN CHAMBERS ●
ED COLEMAN ●
CHARLES SMITH ●





On this day October Ninth in the year of
Our Lord Nineteen Hundred Fifty Three,
comes forth a group of young men one
step closer to their goal of protecting and
bringing peace to their country they so
proudly claim. To them, the class of 54-G,
WE PROUDLY DEDICATE THIS CLASS-
BOOK "TAKE-OFF."





LT. COLONEL LOUIS H. NORLEY
Base Commander

I congratulate the members of the Class upon the completion of the primary phase of pilot training.

You have, through sincere effort and application, now qualified yourselves for the next phase of the important training as members of the vital defense team of the United States and allied countries.

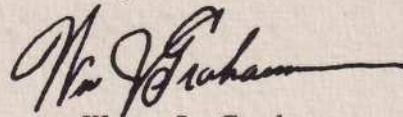
Our mission has been to inculcate in you the introductory principals of being an officer and a military pilot. If the hearty cooperation displayed at Graham Air Base manifests itself in your subsequent phases of training, your objectives and the Air Force mission will be accomplished in consonance with the established standard.

I extend to each of you individually my sincere wishes for success in the future and hope that you personally have a feeling of a job well done.

LOUIS H. NORLEY
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Commanding

Congratulations to the members of the graduating class from the entire staff.

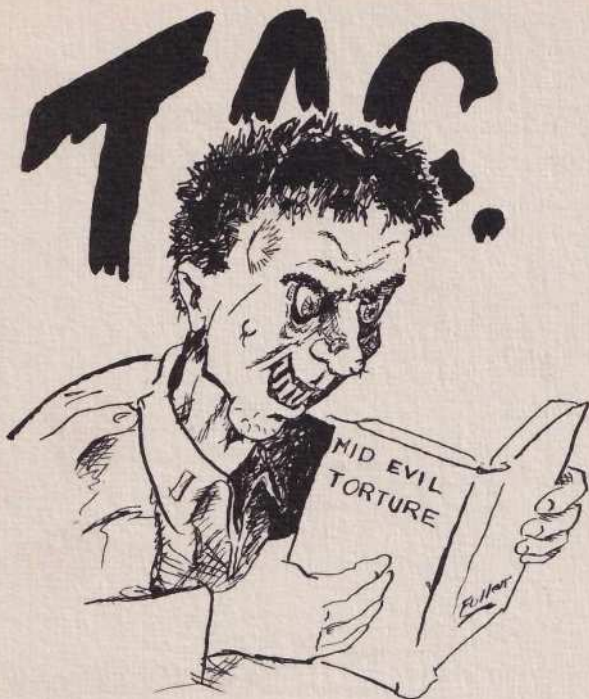
We sincerely trust that in each and every one of you the pride of your chosen profession will be the motivating force to carry you successfully to your coveted wings and towards a brilliant career.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm. J. Graham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Wm. J. Graham



MR. WILLIAM J. GRAHAM
Contractor



Maj. James R. Pugh, Jr.
Director of Military Training



Lt. Kenneth J. McIlvain
Senior Tactical Officer



Lt. Henry M. Bussey
Tactical Officer



Lt. Jerry T. Bryant
Tactical Officer



Lt. Harvey G. Wolfe
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Capt. Ralph L. Griffith
Director of Flying

Check Pilots



Capt. T. P. Hight
Check Pilot



Lt. Joe Lyle
Check Pilot



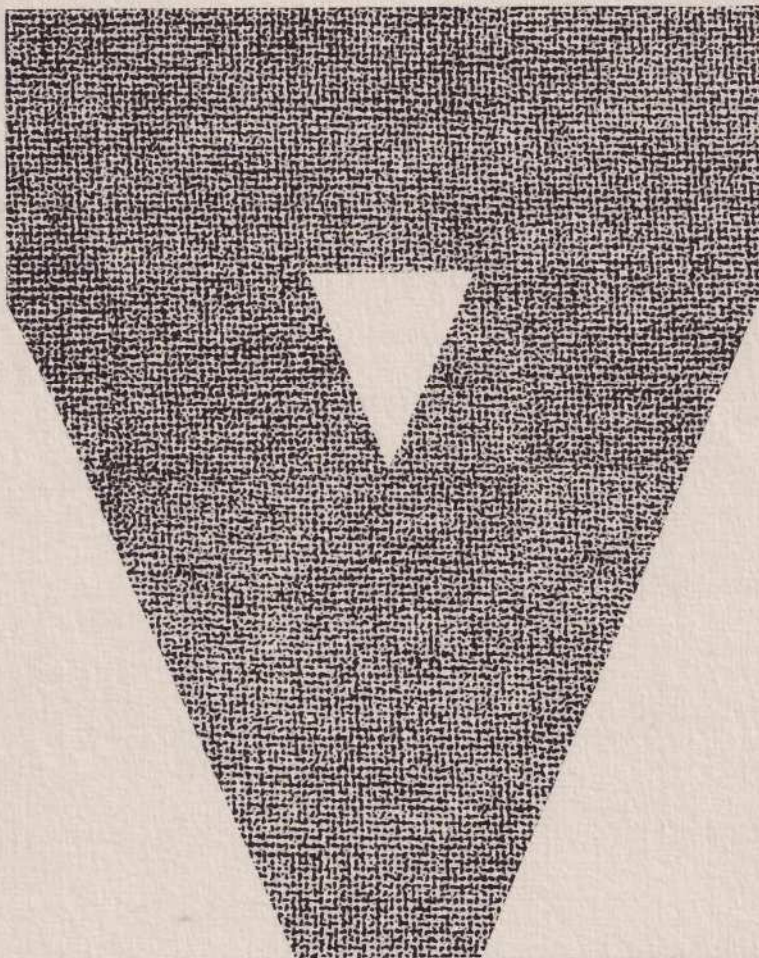
Capt. D. E. Alley
Senior Check Pilot



Capt. F. J. Gerry
Check Pilot



Mr. A. L. Taylor
Academic Director



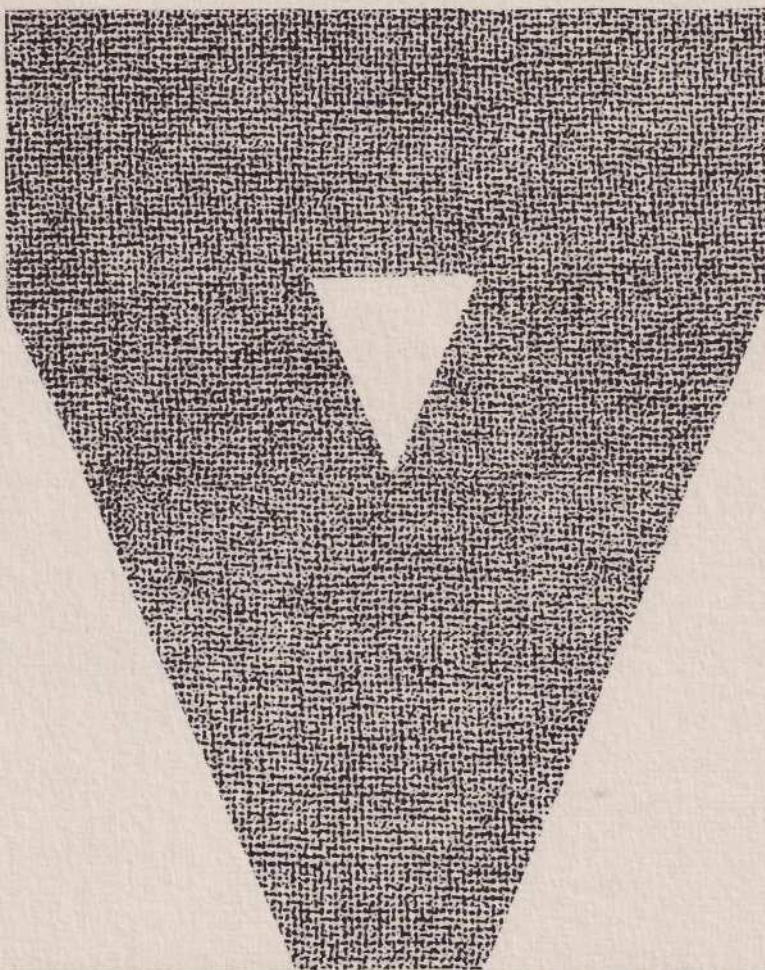
Mr. W. M. Wisner
Ass't. Academic Director



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Mr. R. J. Pheal
Civilian Director of Flying



Mr. A. A. Mullins
Link Dispatcher



Link Instructors

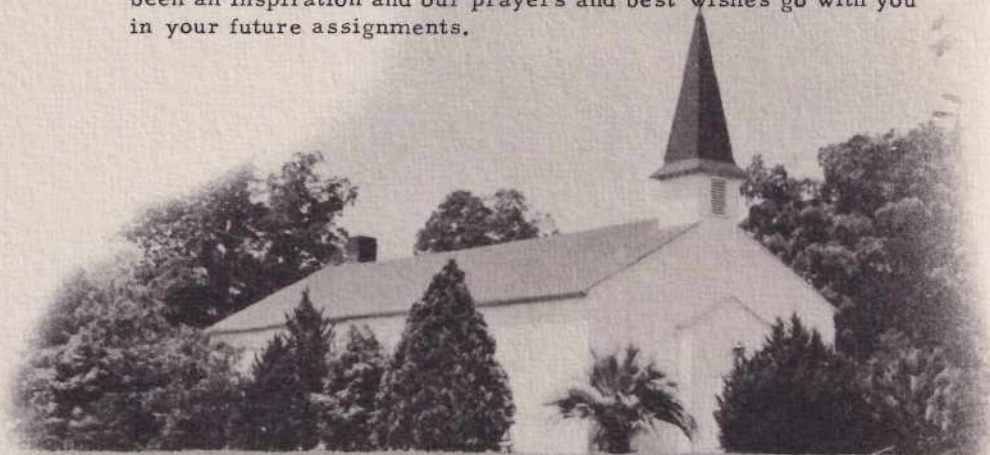


MAJ. RAYMOND A. HORNER
Base Chaplain

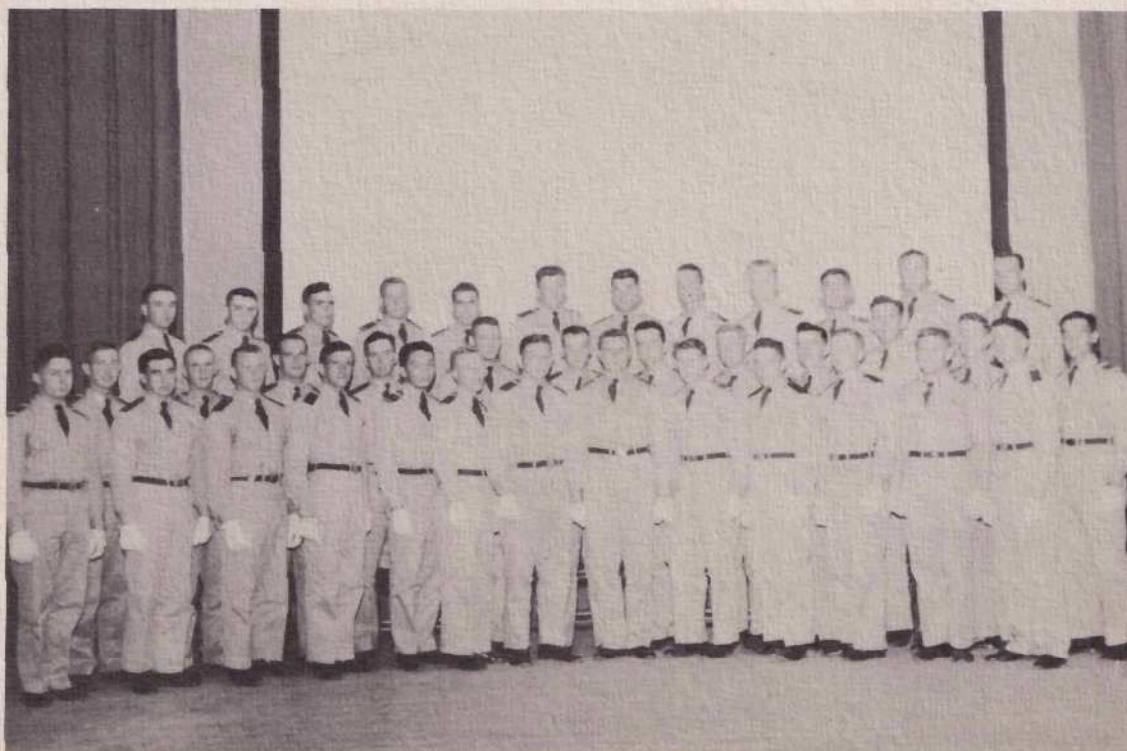
Our heartiest congratulations to the members of Class 54-G upon the completion of their primary phase of their pilot training.

May each of you continue with your training with the same mental alertness and attention to detail that has marked your training thus far. The spirit of cooperation and teamwork you have developed here will stand you in good stead throughout your career.

Having been associated with you during your training here has been an inspiration and our prayers and best wishes go with you in your future assignments.



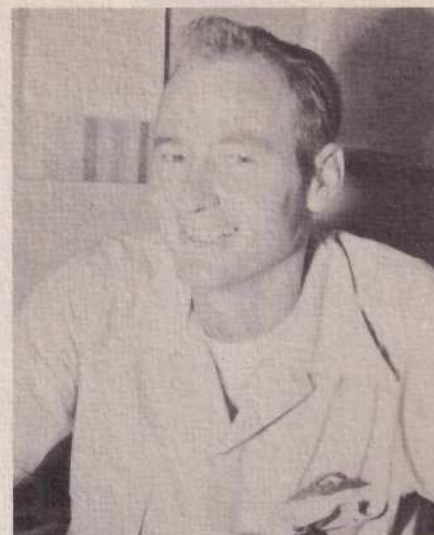
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Chaplain (Maj.) USAF
Base Chaplain



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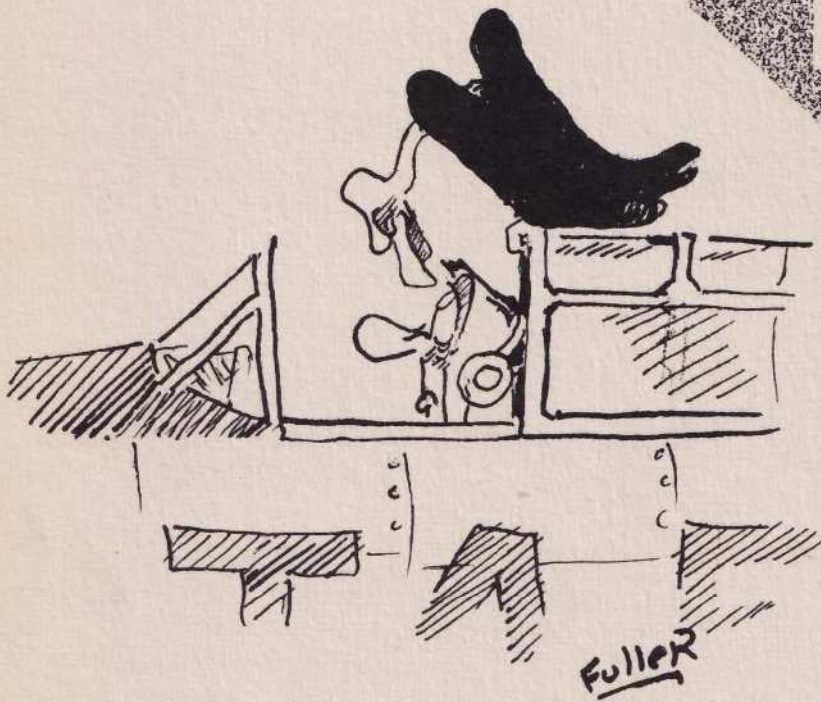
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Le Vesiner, France



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Tacoma, Wash.



A/C Howard D. Armstrong
Creighton, Pa.



A/C Jerry Leverett
Chickasaw, Ala.



A/C Ted Taylor
Hinton, Okla.



Mr. J. Hazlip, Instructor, and students, McRae, Armstrong, Leverett and Taylor



A/C James E. Hennessey
West Palm Beach, Fla.



A/C Donald W. Steimer
Corvallis, Ore.



A/C William J. McCarthy
Erie, Pa.



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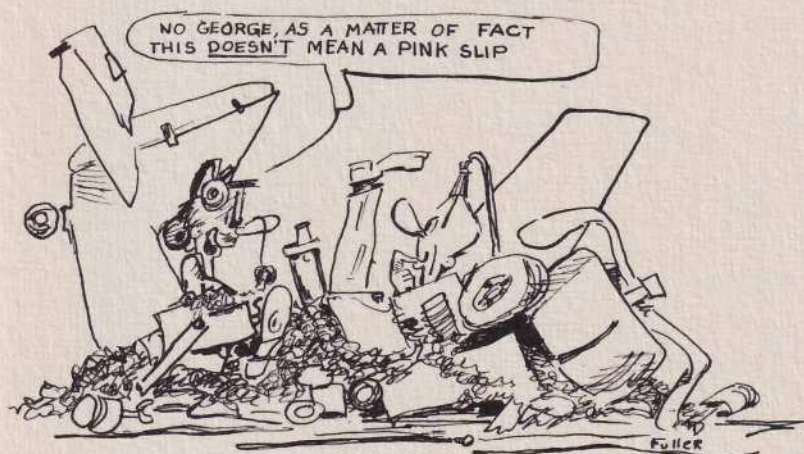
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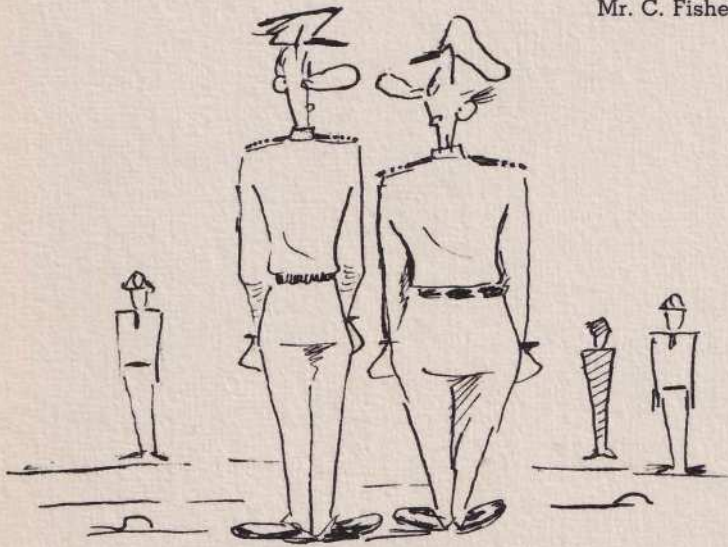
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Columbus, Ohio



Mr. M. Verlander, Instructor, with students, Bullock, Seznac, Kracht and Manning



Mr. C. Fisher, Instructor, with students, Pellerin, Hudson, Floyd and Leathem



FAMOUS LAST WORDS: ALL THOSE GOING TO
SICK CALL FALL OUT



A/C Roy S. Pellerin
Burlington, N. J.



A/C Gerald E. Hudson
Millsboro, Del.



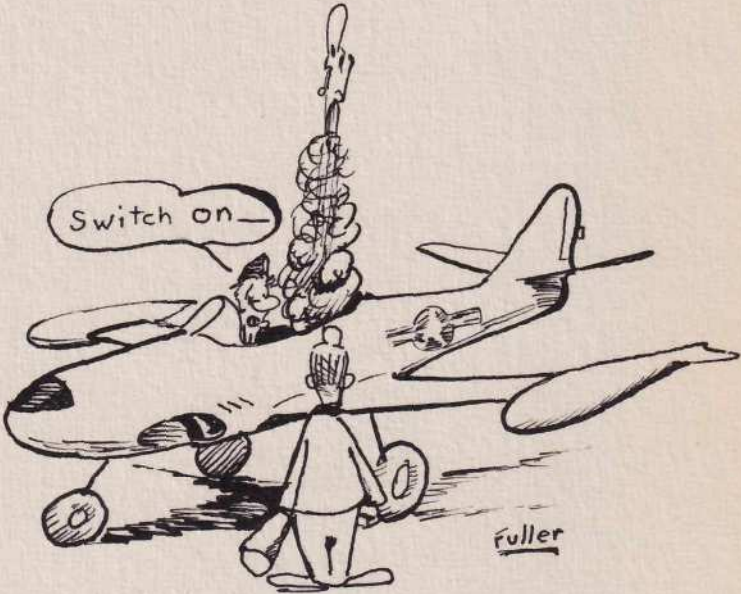
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Senatobia, Miss.



A/C Thomas J. Leathem
North Bergen, N. J.



Mr. L. Jordan, Instructor, with students, Petersen, Fogarty, Venus and Slifka



A/C Norman D. Petersen
Ogden, Utah



A/C James W. Fogarty
Rochester, Minn.



A/C John D. Venus
Flint, Mich.



A/C Robert L. Slifka



Mr. H. P. Culligan, Instructor, and students, Smith, Mitchell, Harris and Stanka



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A/C James R. Mitchell, Jr.
Fairview, Ill.



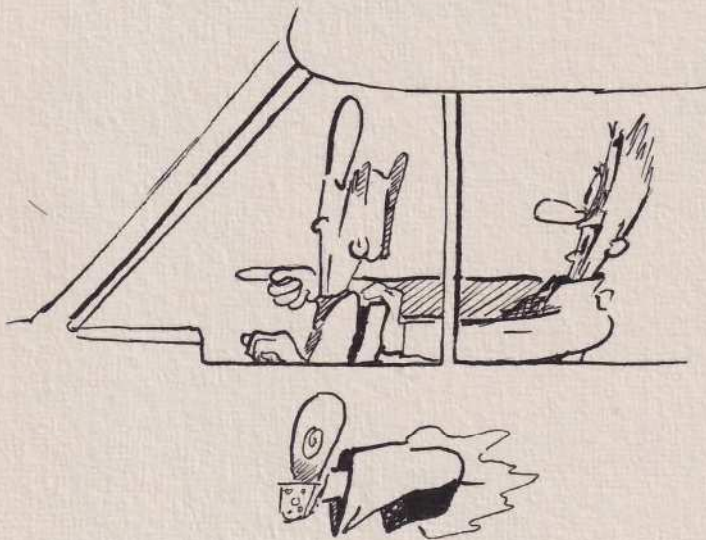
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East St. Louis, Ill.



Mr. P. Lindquist, Instructor, with students, Anderson, Bender, Frost and Lorimer



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Columbus, Ohio



A/C Victor W. Bender
Cornlea, Nebr.



A/C Herluf A. Frost
Salinas, Calif.



A/C William H. Lorimer, Jr.
Burlington, N. C.



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A/C John A. Lyszczyk
Anchorville, Mich.



A/C Garfield E. Branby
Glenwood, Minn.



A/C Fredrick D. Rupp
Montpelier, Ohio



A/C Donald B. Koelsch
Levittown, L. I., N. Y.



A/C Alonzo Simpson
Brookfield, Ohio



A/C John I. Parish
Royal Center, Ind.



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Lavinia, Tenn.



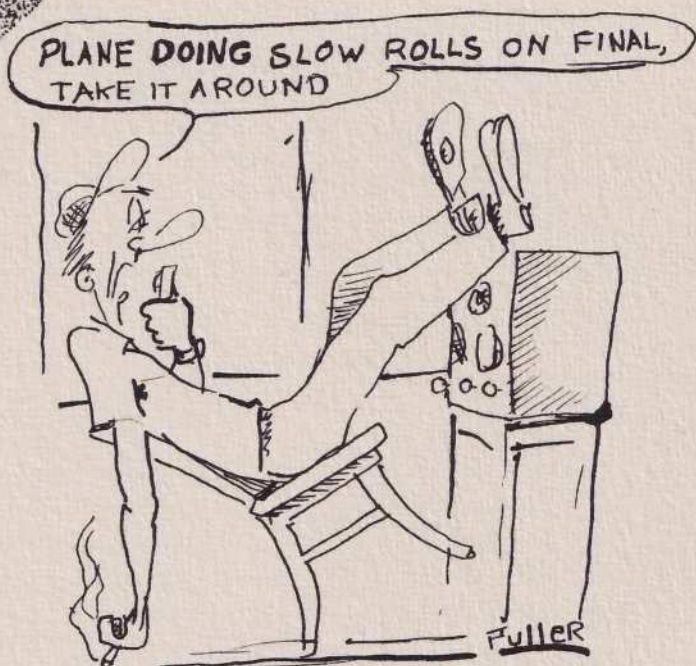
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A/C John W. Sundquist
Chicago, Ill.



A/C Dale A. Herman
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Bravo



Mr. Robert Thomas, Jr.
Flight Commander

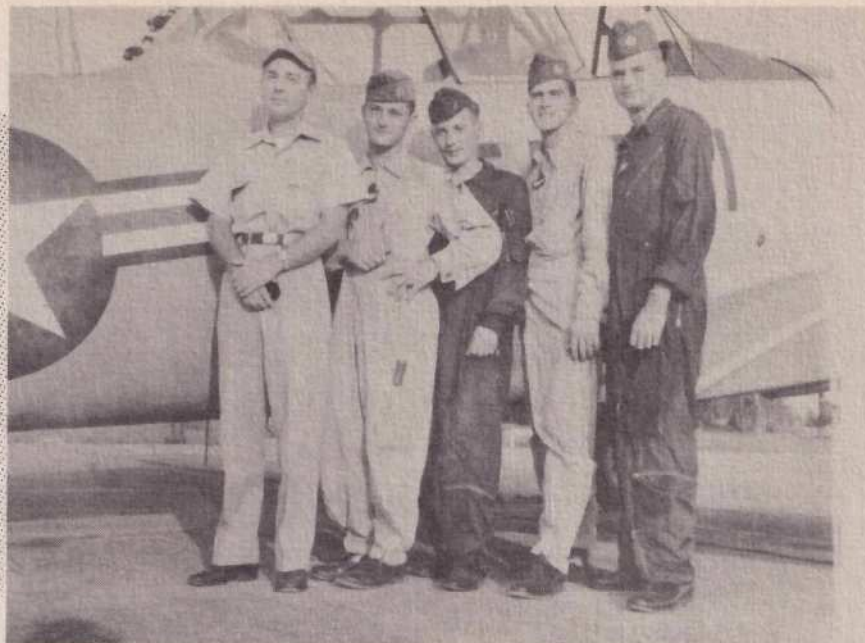


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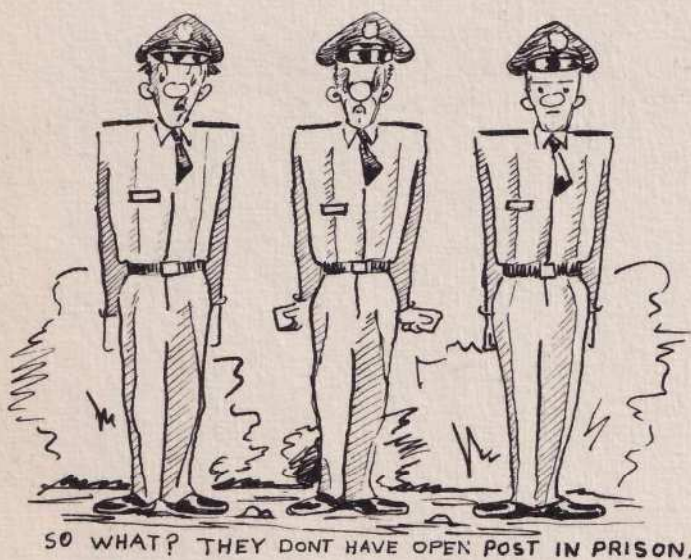


Miss Joyce Pittman
Dispatcher





Mr. W. J. Avery, Instructor, with students, McKenney, Hellberg, Fox and Berat



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Orly, France



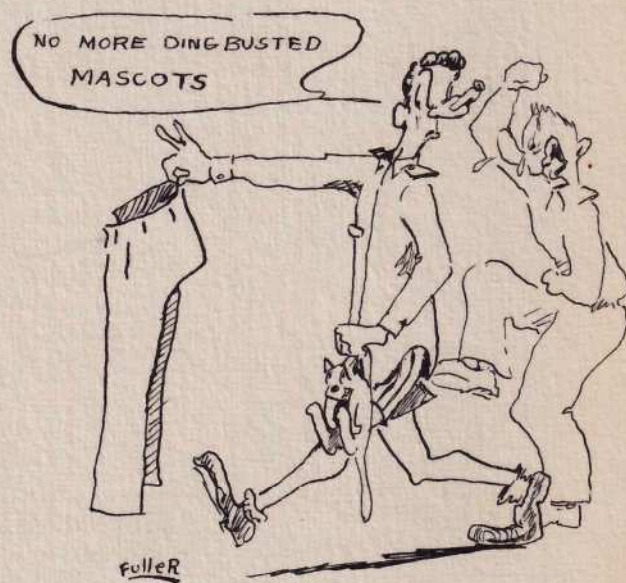
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Mr. J. E. Persons, Instructor, and students, Carpenter, Smith, Coleman and Chambers



A/C Peter S. Carpenter
Las Vegas, Nev.



A/C Dean A. Chambers
Minneapolis, Minn.



A/C Charles S. Smith
Springfield, Mo.



A/C Edward J. Coleman
Morris, Minn.



Mr. R. M. Allen, Instructor, and students, Bevacqua, Haines, Phillipson and Kuehnel



A/C Anthony P. Bevacqua
Waterville, Ohio



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A/C Paul J. Phillipson
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A/C Darell D. Kuehnel
Fergus Falls, Minn.



Mr. C. Parkin, Instructor, and students, Simmons, Rankin, Wright and VonLohr



A/C Bobby D. Simmons
Dallas, Texas



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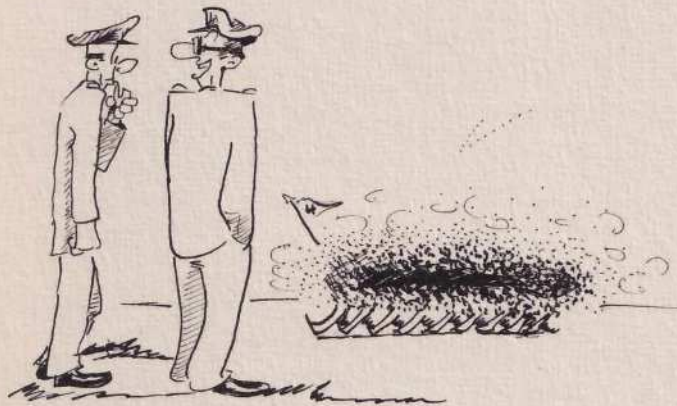
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Mr. R. Jones, Instructor, with students, Alvado, Randall, Stunkard and Kuschel



A/C John A. Petellin
Seattle, Wash.



A/C Roderick J. Neumann
Minneapolis, Minn.



A/C Edward A. Belyea
Troy, Mich.



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Medford, Mass.



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Topeka, Kans.



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Brooklyn, N. Y.



A/C William T. Halleran
Shrewsbury, N. J.



A/C Harold J. Bartell
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A/C Gilbert M. Golis
Summit Hill, Pa.



A/C Joseph R. Morrissey
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A/C Alejandro Guerrero
Ft. Worth, Texas



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Mr. J. L. Tribble, Instructor, and students, Caldwell, Young and Pigeollot



A/C Kenneth A. Caldwell
Jackson, Tenn.



A/C Raymond R. Young
Arlington, Mass.



A/C Michel G. Pigeollot
St. Florentin, Yonne, France



Mr. Bill McCowin, Instructor, with students, Le Francois, Peters and Hartmann



A/C Maurice R. Le Francois
Paris, France



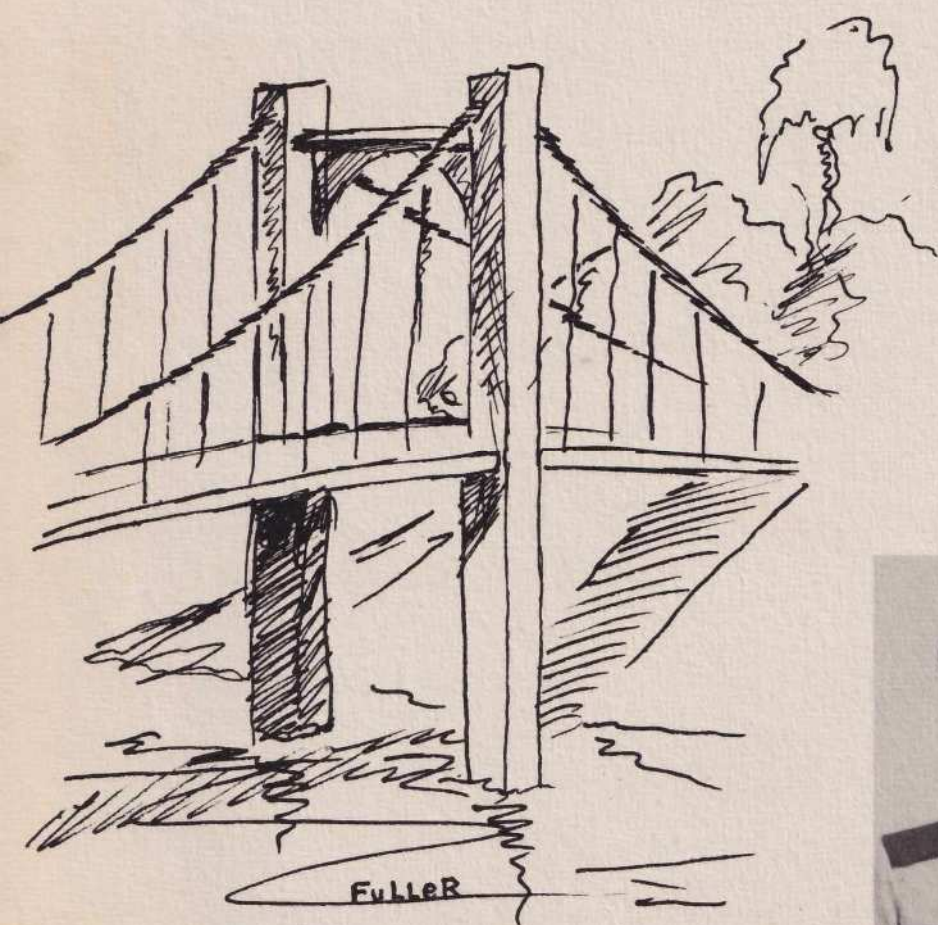
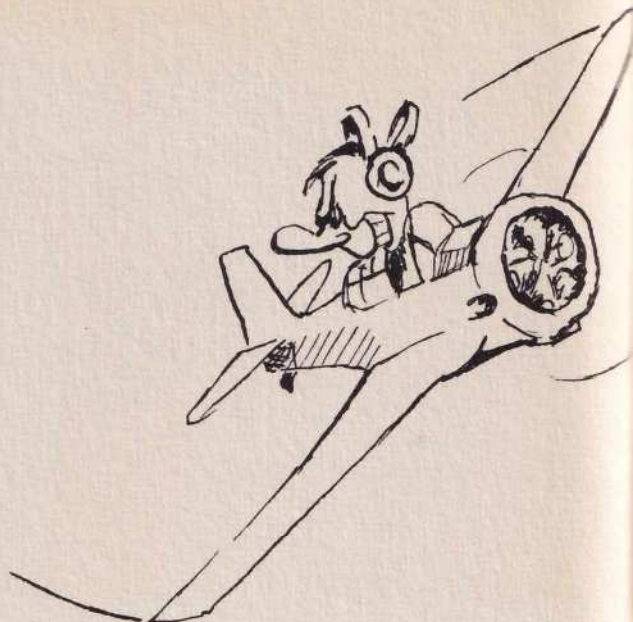
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Cameron, Mo.



A/C Marcel G. Hartmann
Delle, France



Mr. S. D. Newell, Instructor, and students, Harvey and Alberg



A/C Francis M. Harvey, Jr.
Sealy, Texas



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All Aboard For Bravo



Oohhh---



Who we Flew With

and



Who We WANTED To Fly With!



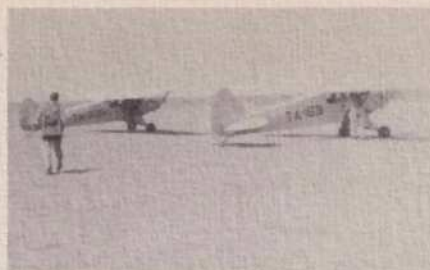
Ready To Go



The "Raunchy Bunch"



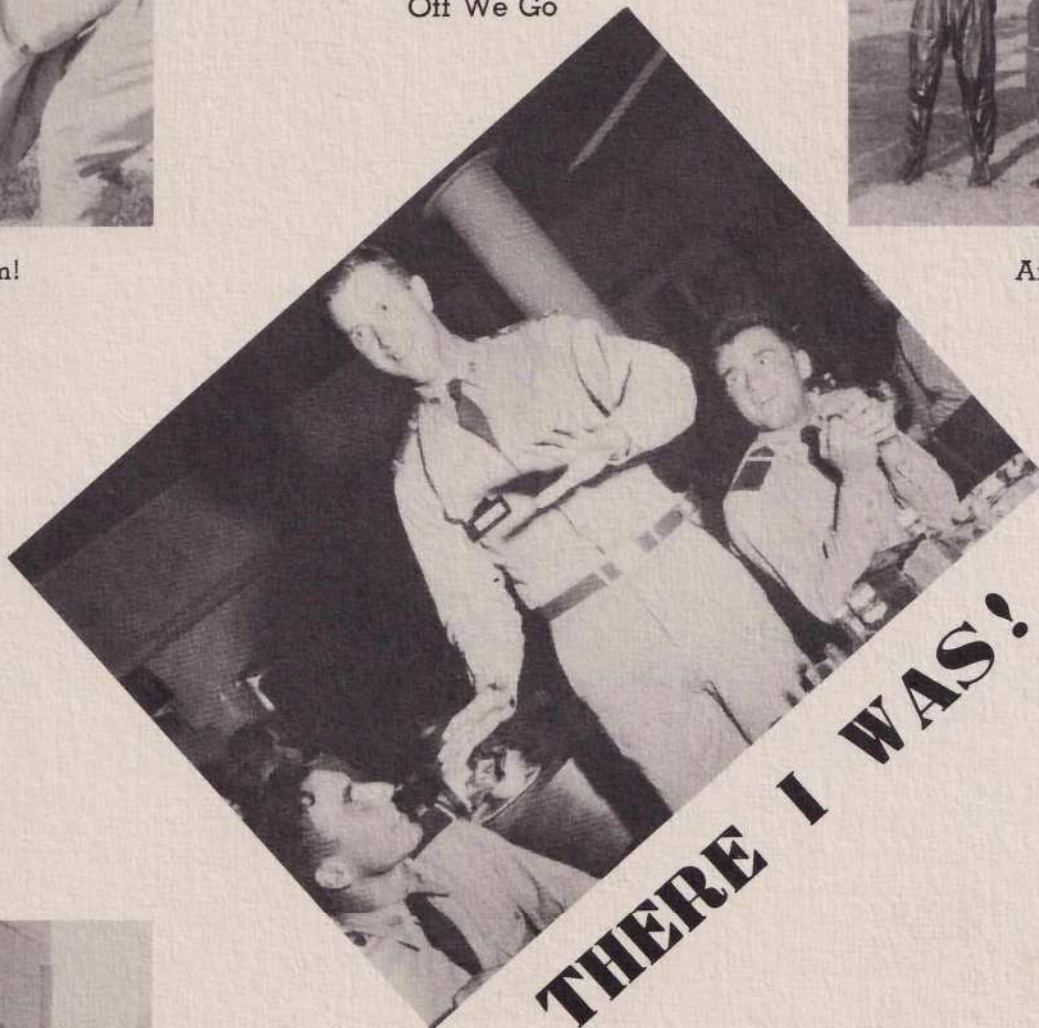
Soak Him!



Off We Go



Afterwards—



Dunking—



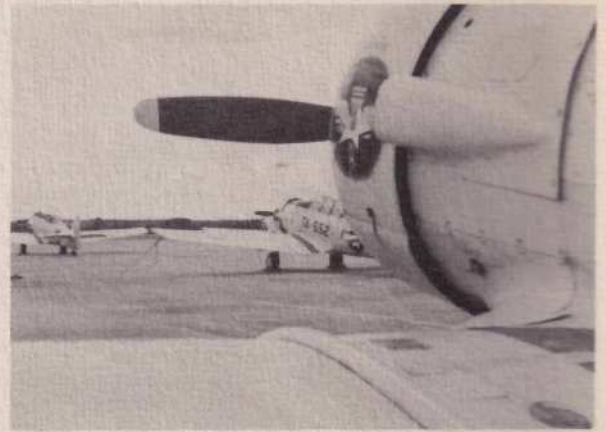
Lipstick—



And More Dunking!



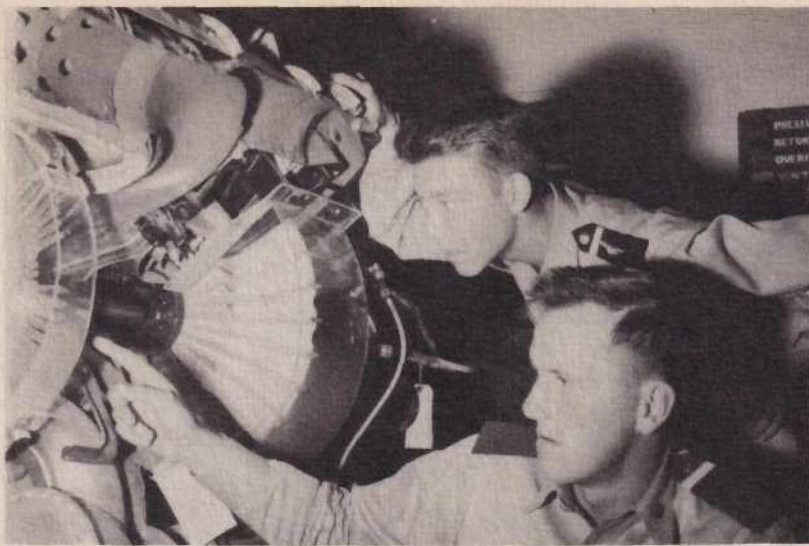
Flaps-Always Flaps



The Line



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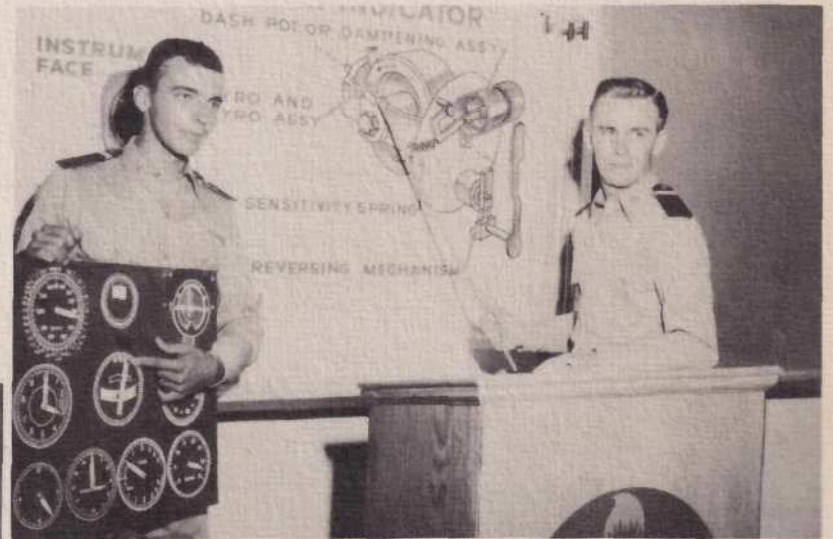


Jet Specialists?



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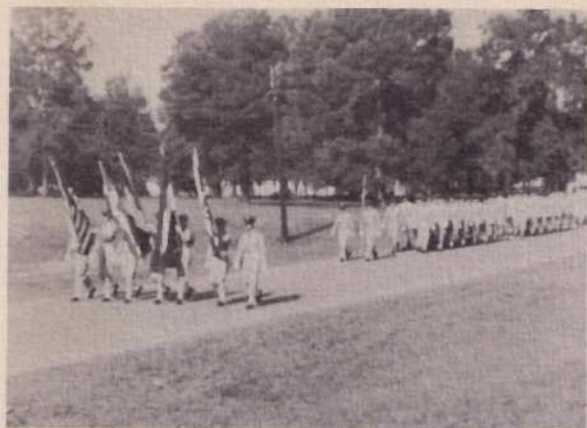
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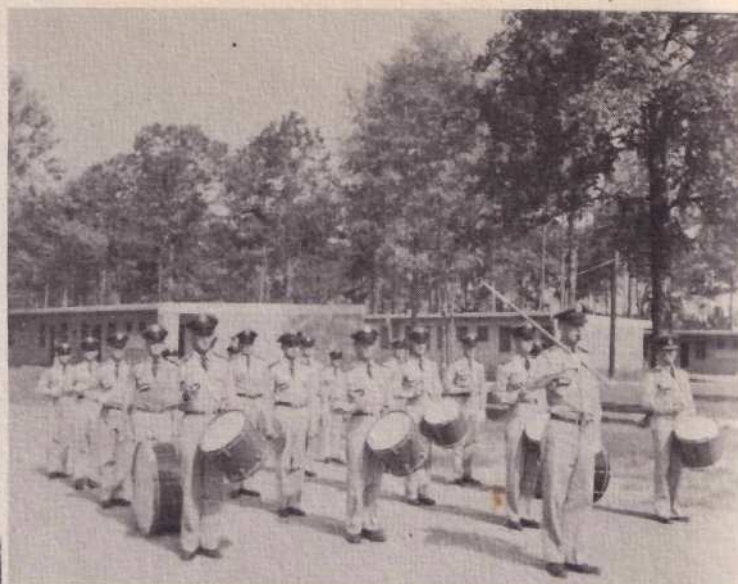
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But Sir!

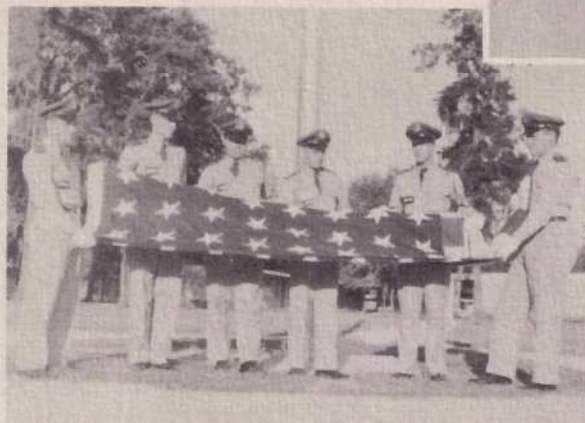


Pass In Review



Drum & Bugle Corps

Director Lt. Harvey G. Wolfe
 Drum Major A/C Charles Arquette
 First Drummer A/C Raymond Ferren
 First Bugler A/C Ray Morrissey



Flag Detail

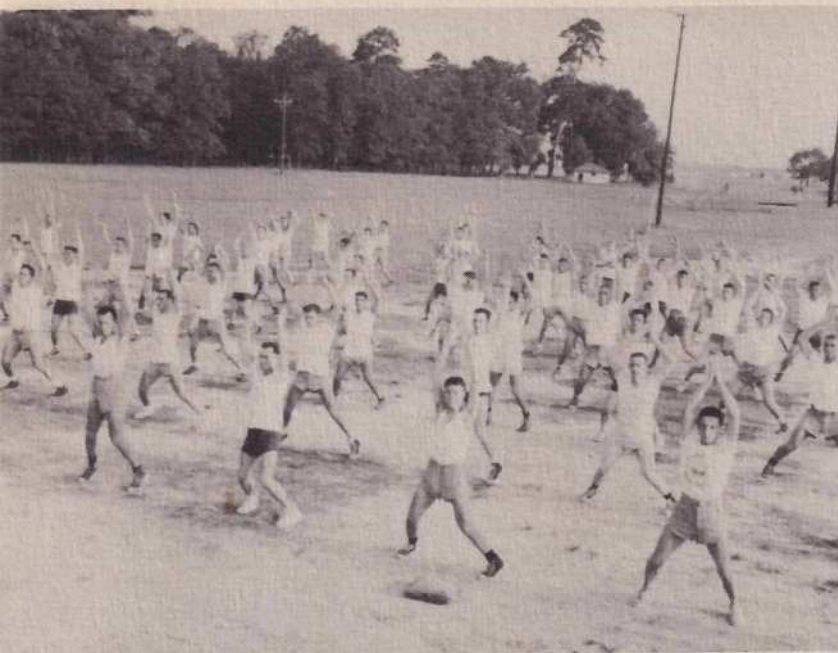
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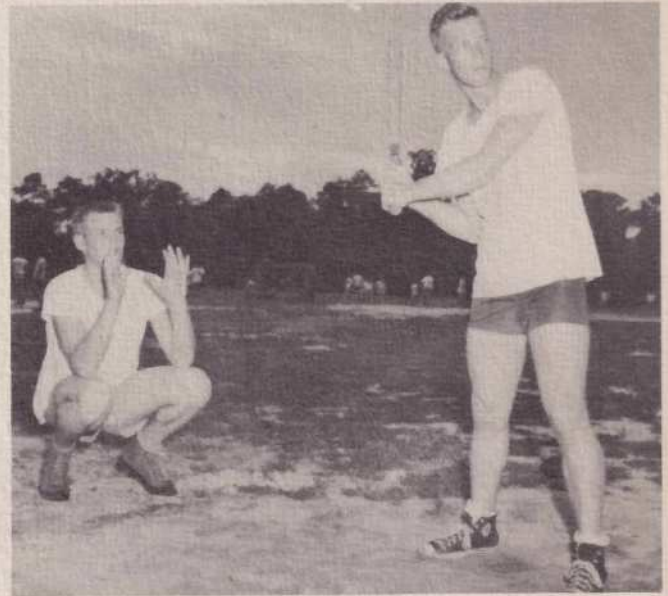
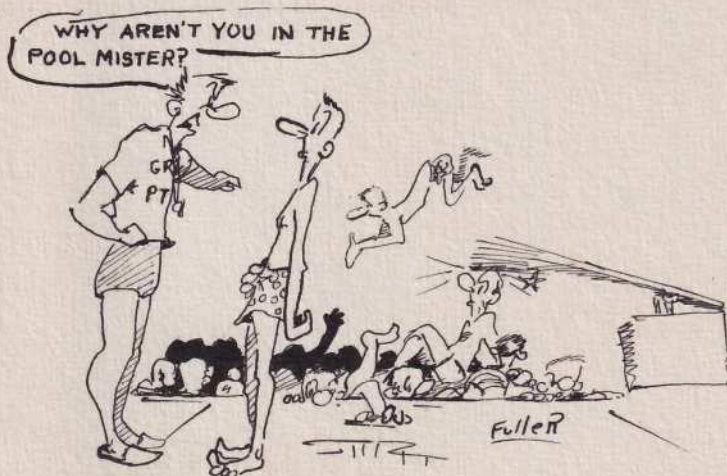


The Ramp



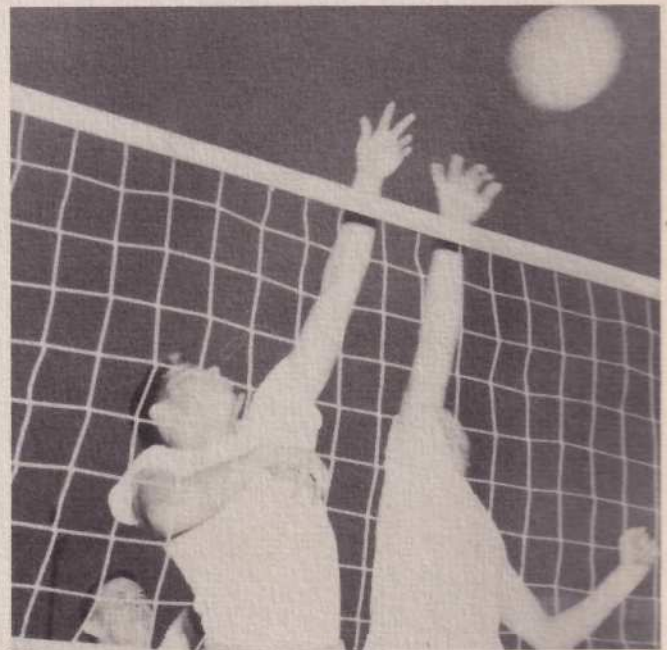


Cadets Build Men



This Is Baseball ?

P.T.



Another Point!



To The Showers



Swimming Is Fun



No Matter How You Look At It!



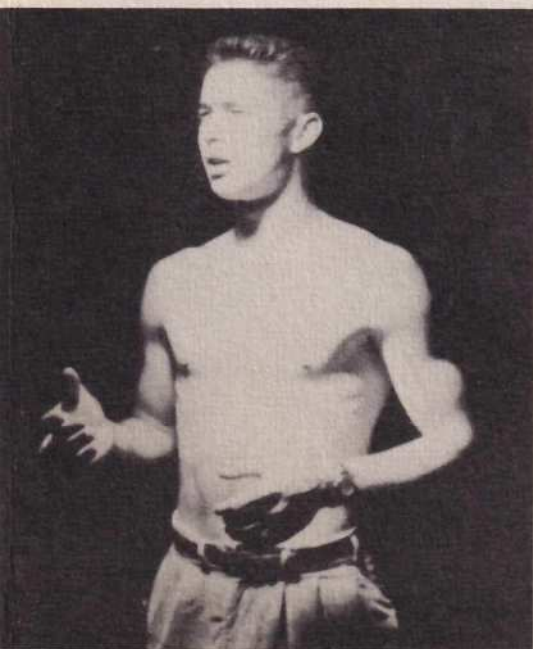
Cadet Center



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DURING



AFTER



Board Of Governors

A/C Dean Chambers and A/C William McCarthy



Honor Council Representatives

A/C Gail Manning and A/C Elmer Peters

Classbook Staff

A message from the staff

To the men of 54-G, we, the classbook staff, wish to congratulate each and every one of you on your achievement. It has been a pleasure to put together and bring to you this book, "Take-Off." We want to thank all of you for your help on making this book possible.

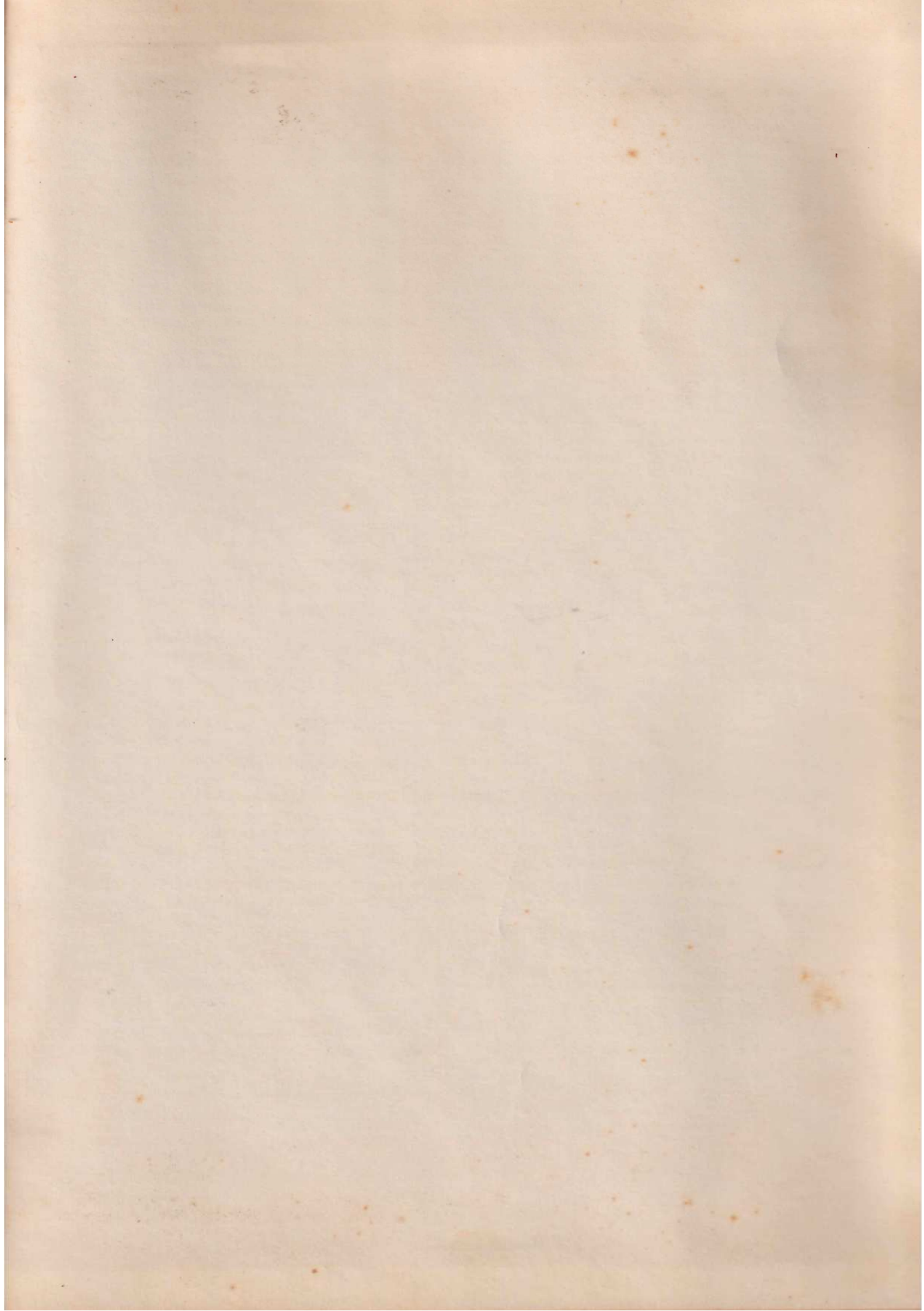
You have seen this base grow from a bud to the pride of the Cadet Corps. We hope it will give you many fine memories.

Thank you and best wishes for the future years.

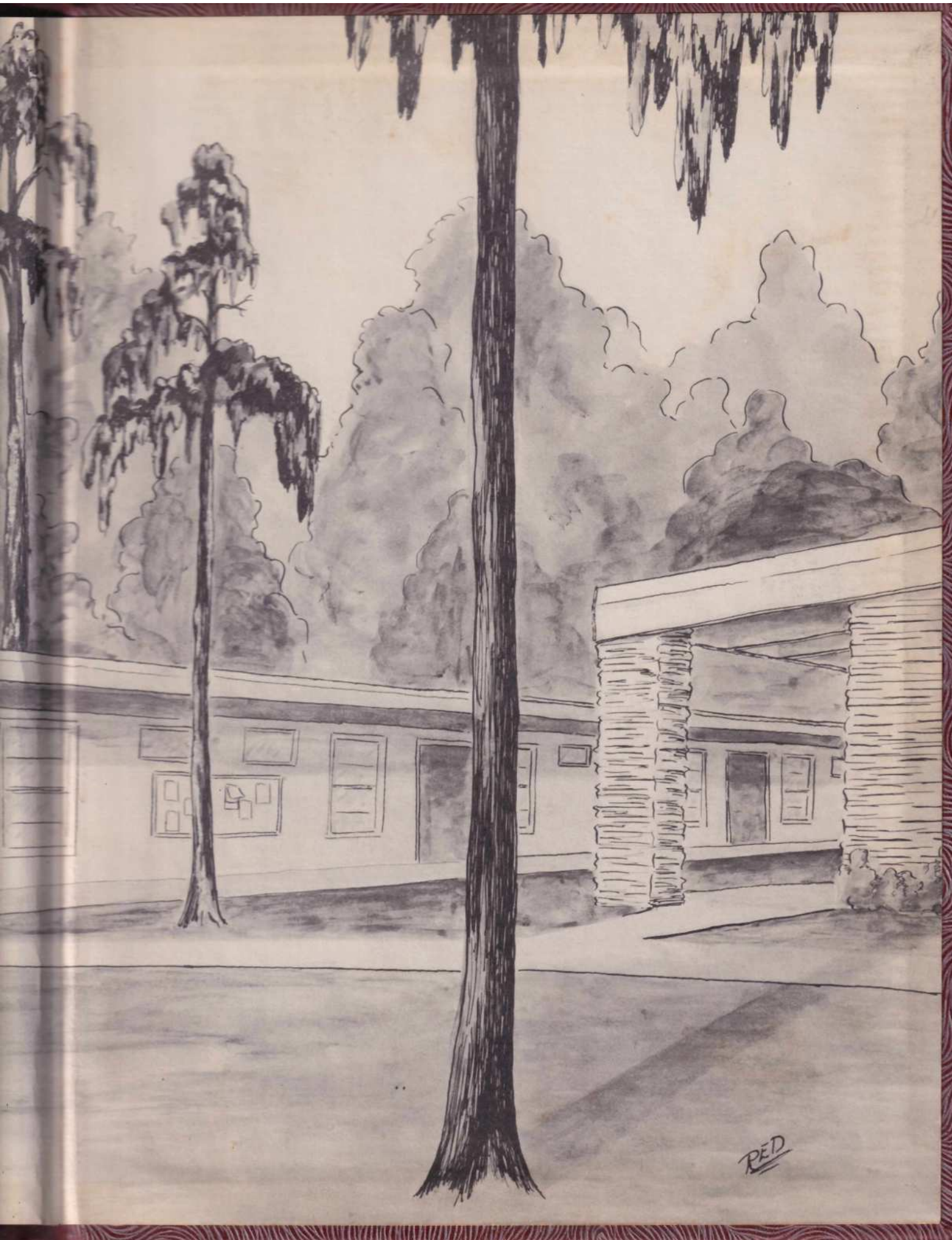
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L. to R., Aviation Cadets:
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