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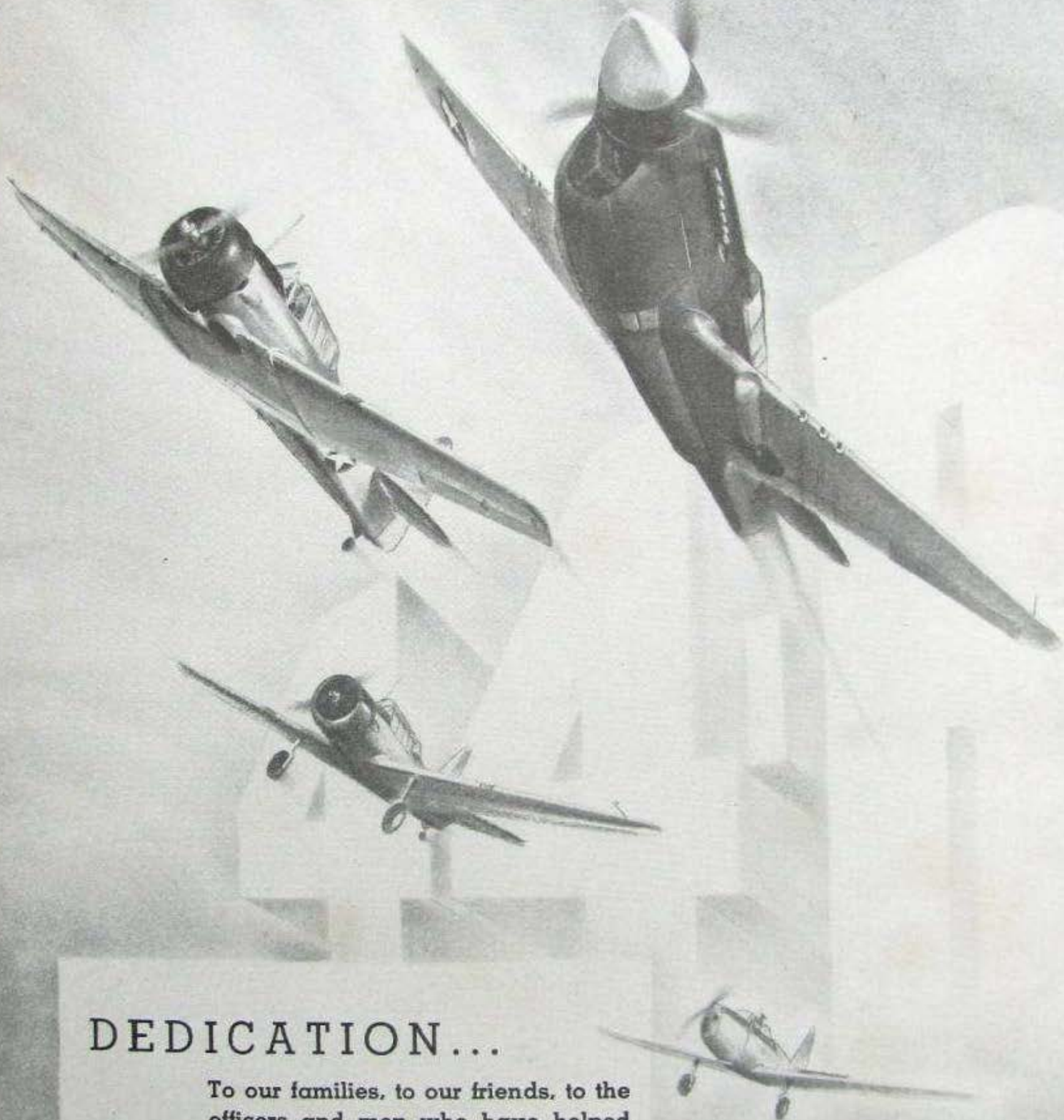




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» Near the Border, surrounded by palm trees and orange groves, lies a place very dear to the hearts of all 44-B, Moore Field—a symbol of the happiest days in the life of every cadet who passes through its training course.

» Named for a famous young flyer in the first World War, Second Lieutenant Frank M. Moore, Moore Field is situated in the balmy weather Valley and was officially opened on April 6, 1942 as the newest Air Forces Advanced Flying School. Southern-most of all the Continental U. S. Army Air Bases, The Moore Field of today presents a vastly different picture from the one of April, 1942. Due to the whole-hearted work of all its personnel, the field has changed from a sandy, mesquite-ridden section to one of the most modern and picturesque of all Army fields. Covered with well-kept shrubbery and flowers, it is the ideal place for an enthusiastic, future Pilot-Officer, to look on and say, "At last, this is it."

» While in training here cadets receive the final "Polishing Off" in their flying from the most capable hands. Well-known for their ability, the instructors impart to the students their knowledge and skill, for the most part who received their own wings at Moore Field. Striking a familiar note in the hearts of everyone is the name, Col. H. R. Spicer, respected for every phase of his flawless flying. Also, not to be forgotten, is Major Boedeker, whose new job is Director of Flying, besides being noted for his flying ability, will always be remembered for his pleasing and humorous character.

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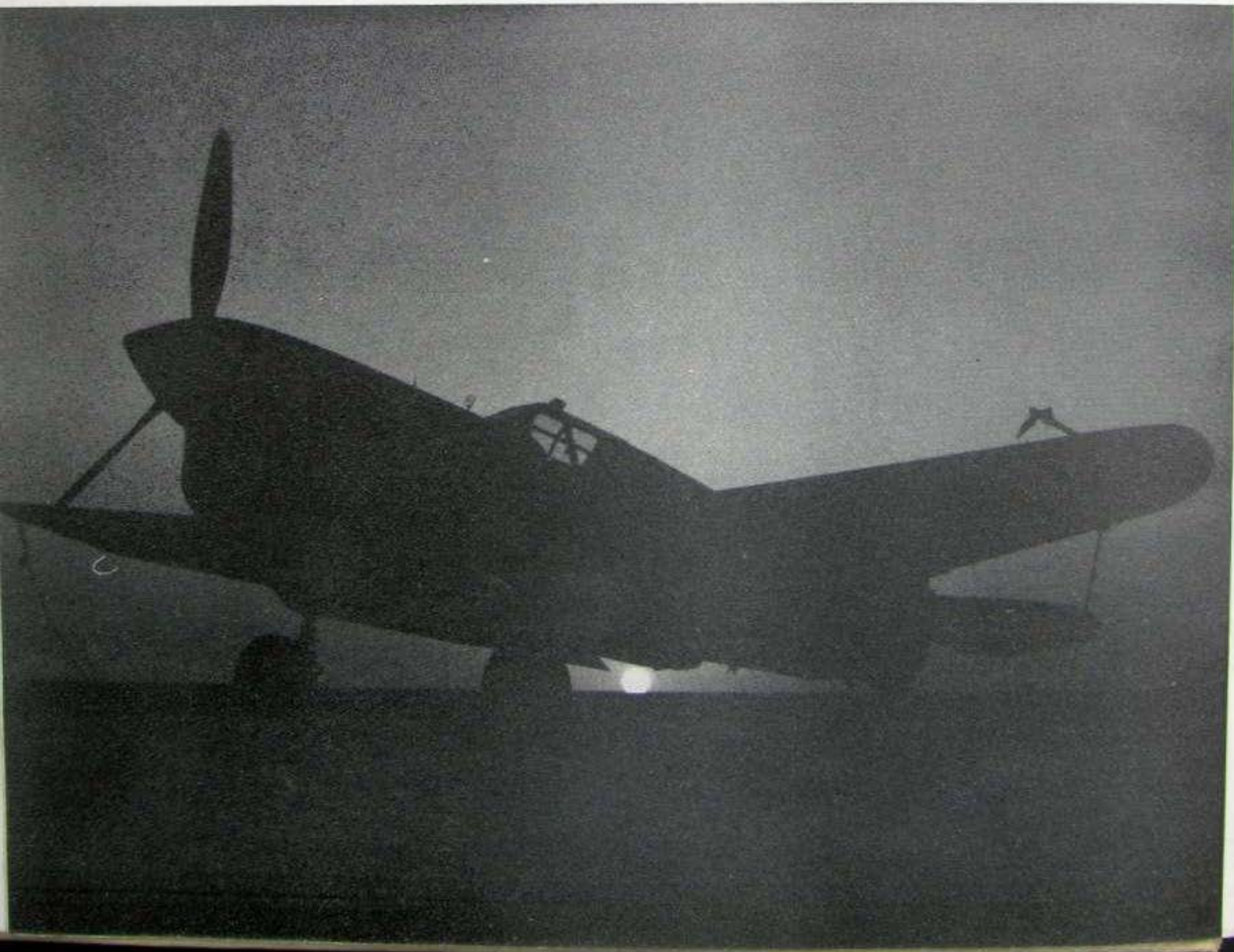
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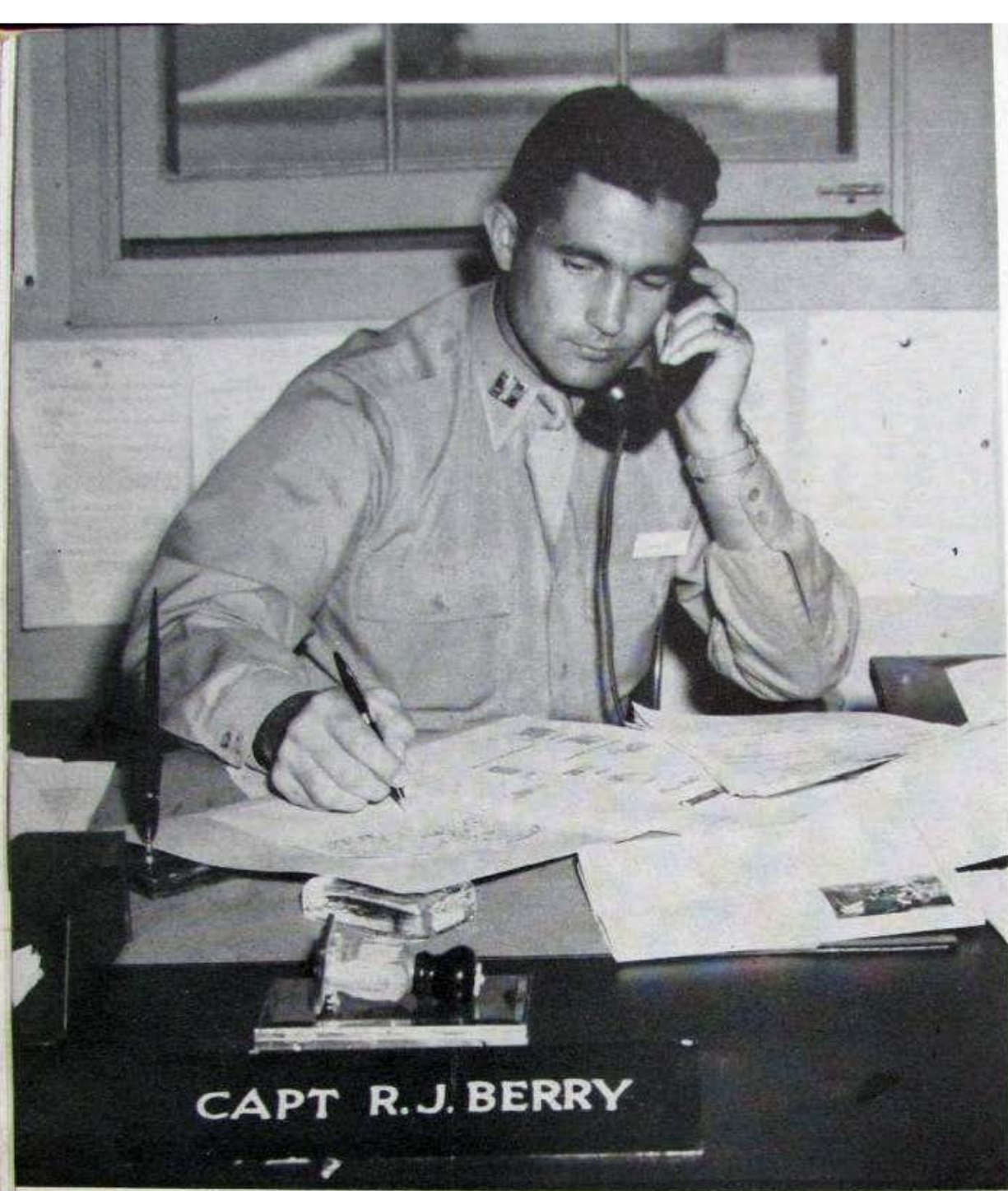
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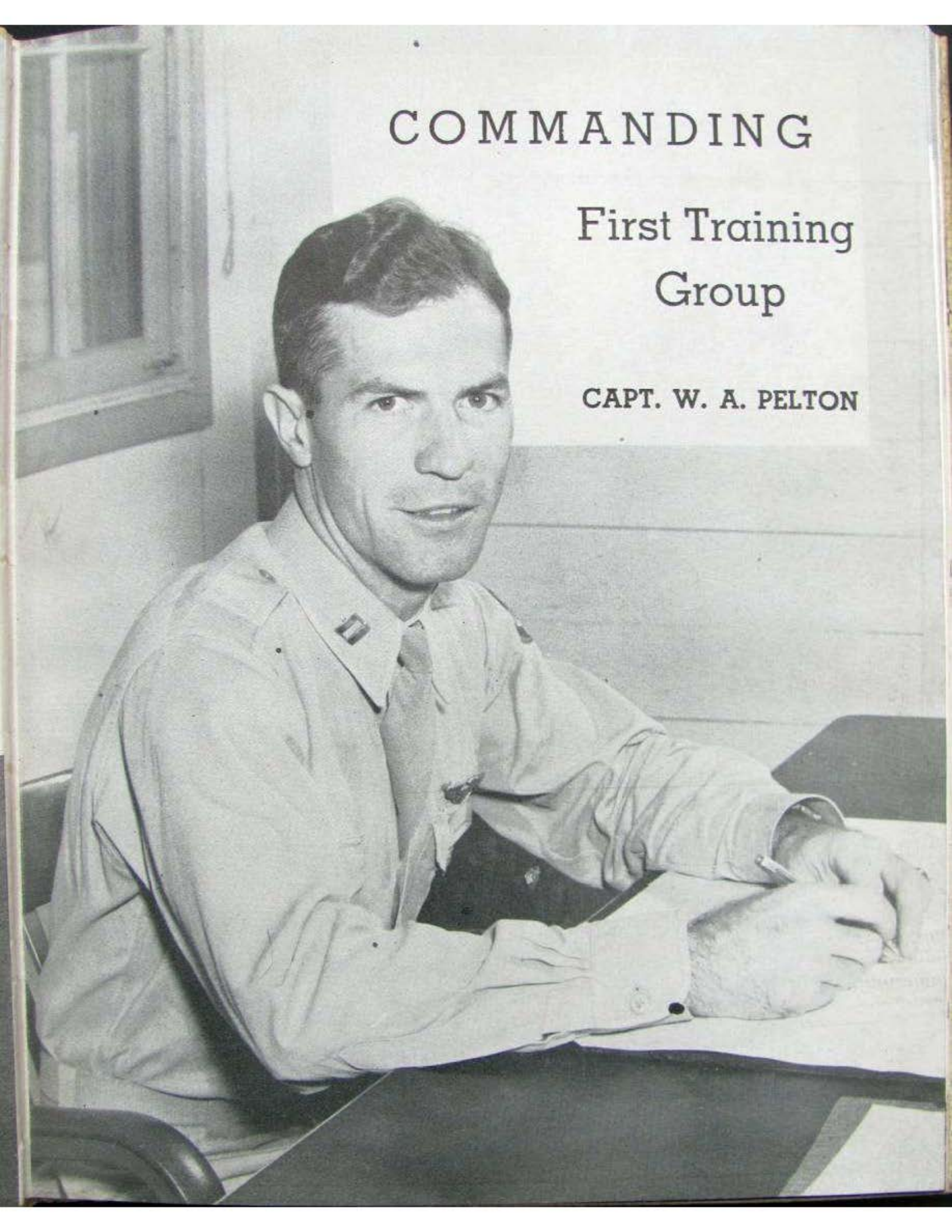
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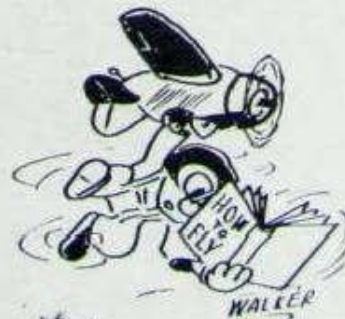
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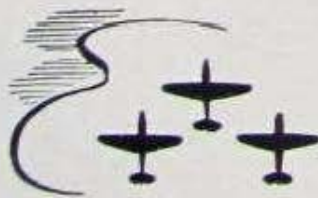
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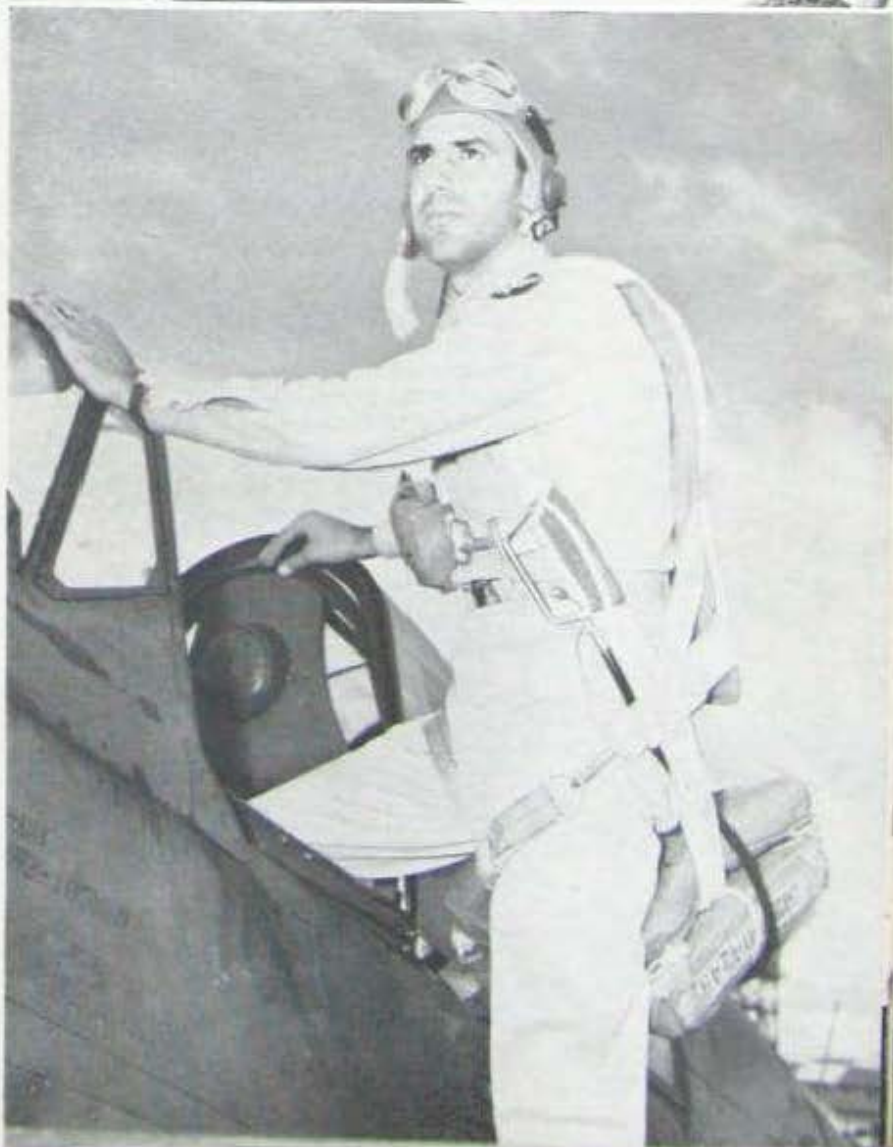
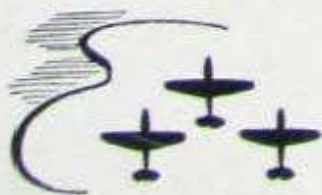
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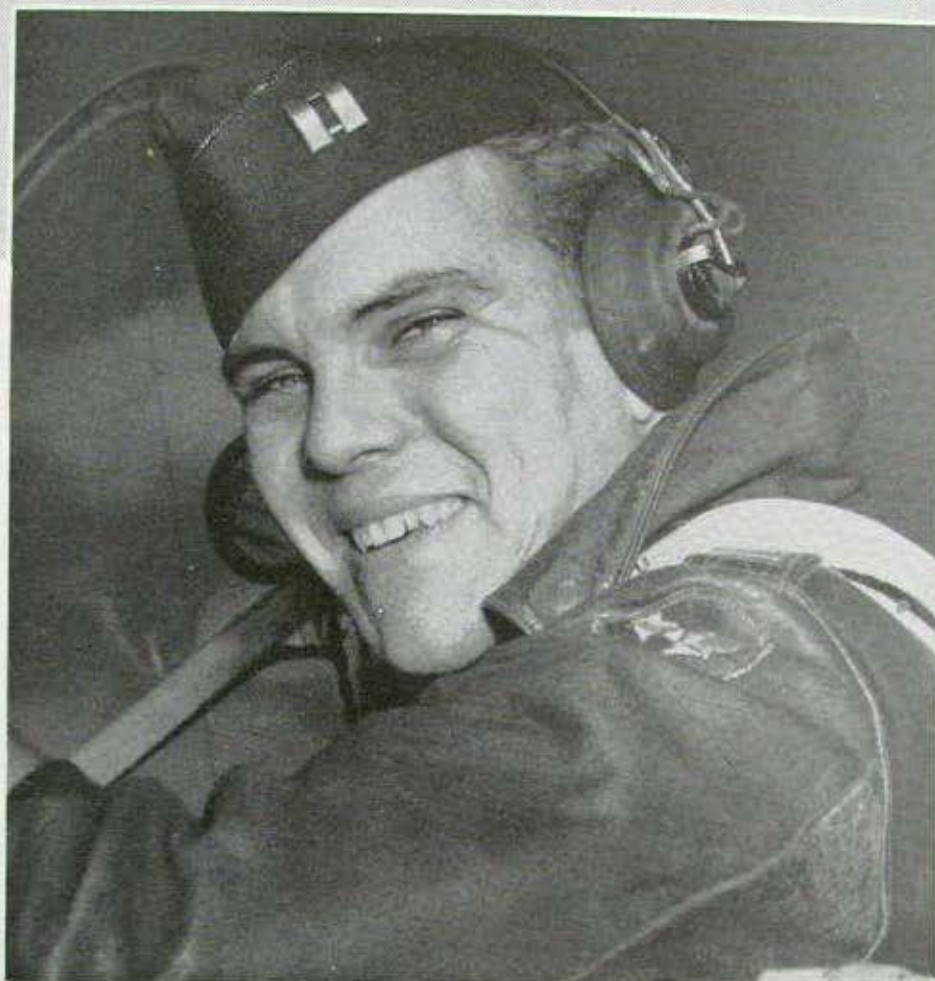


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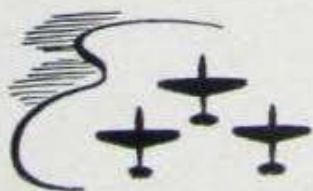
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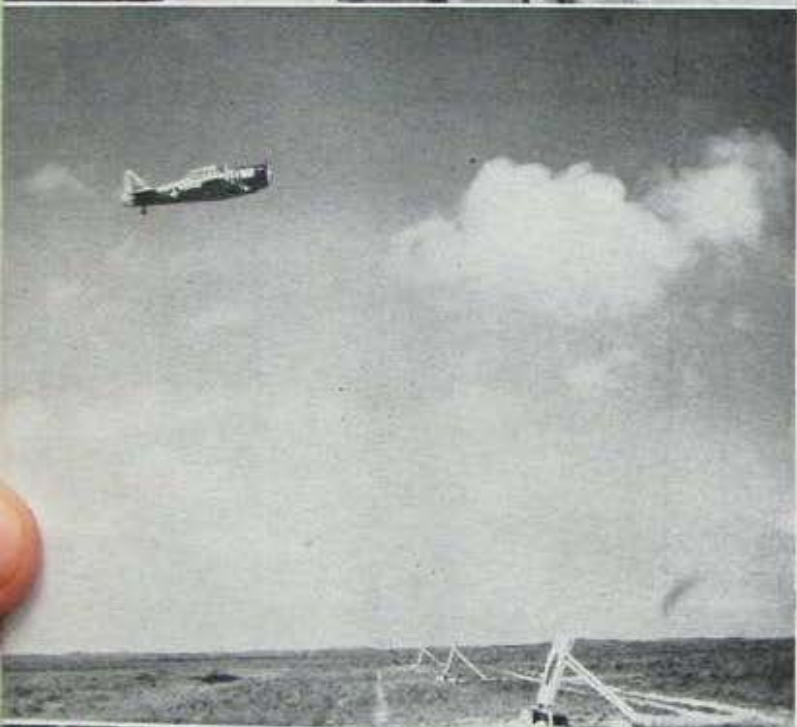
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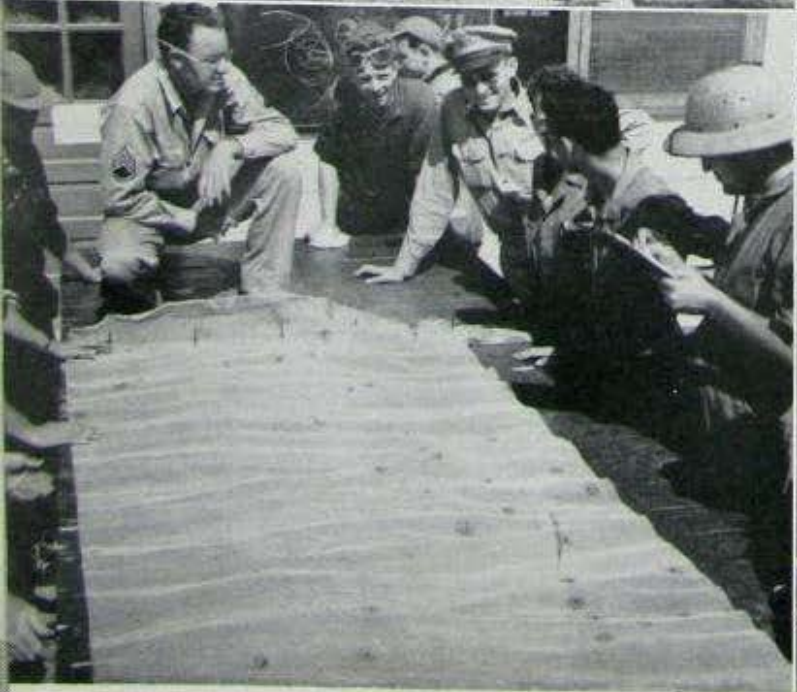






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A never-to-be-forgotten part of our training, is the two weeks spent on the gunnery range of Mategorda. It was there we learned and earned the real thrill of clattering machine guns, target firing in all its reality, and the occasional proud feeling of satisfaction after making a successful pass on the target.





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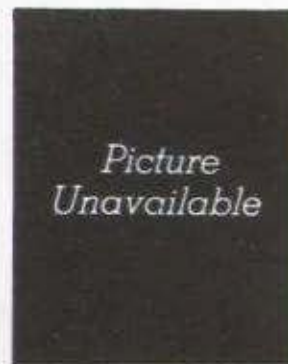
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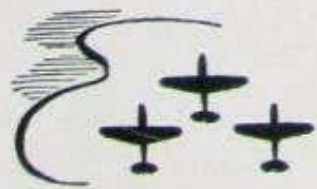
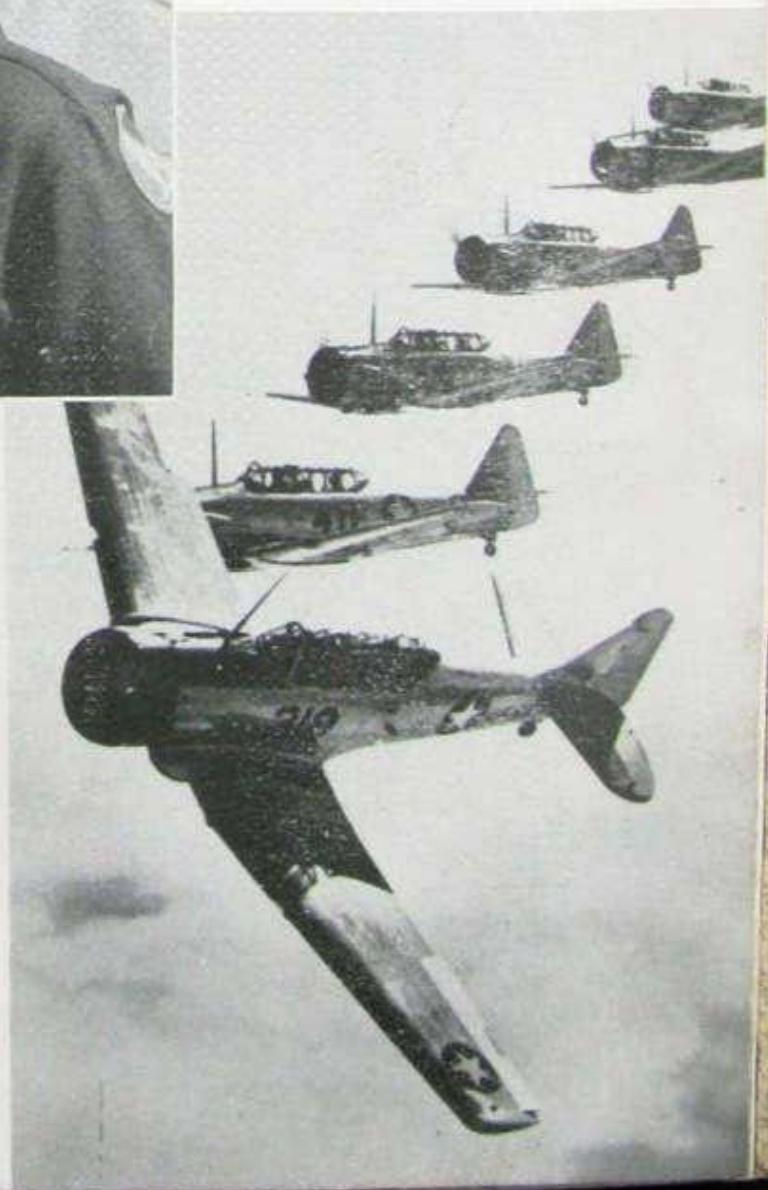


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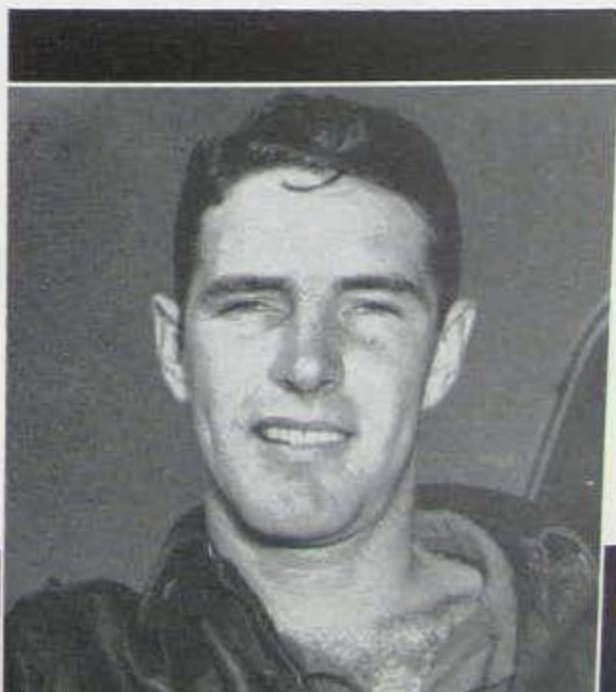


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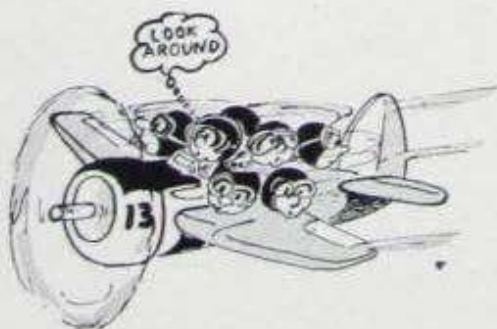
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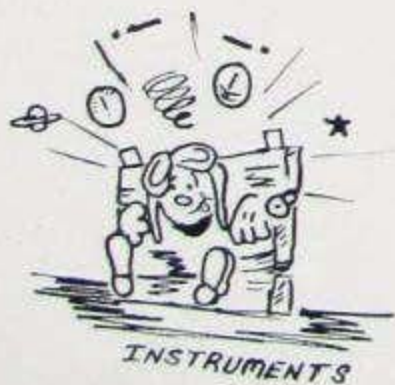
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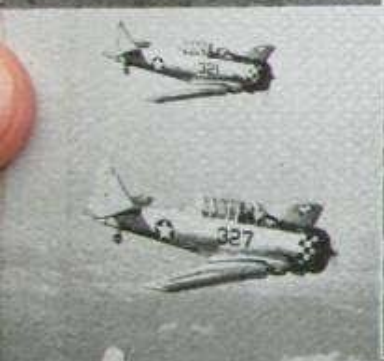
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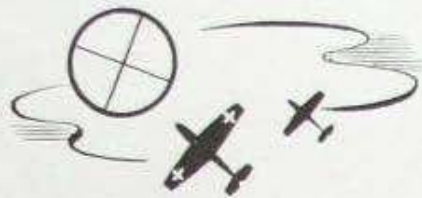


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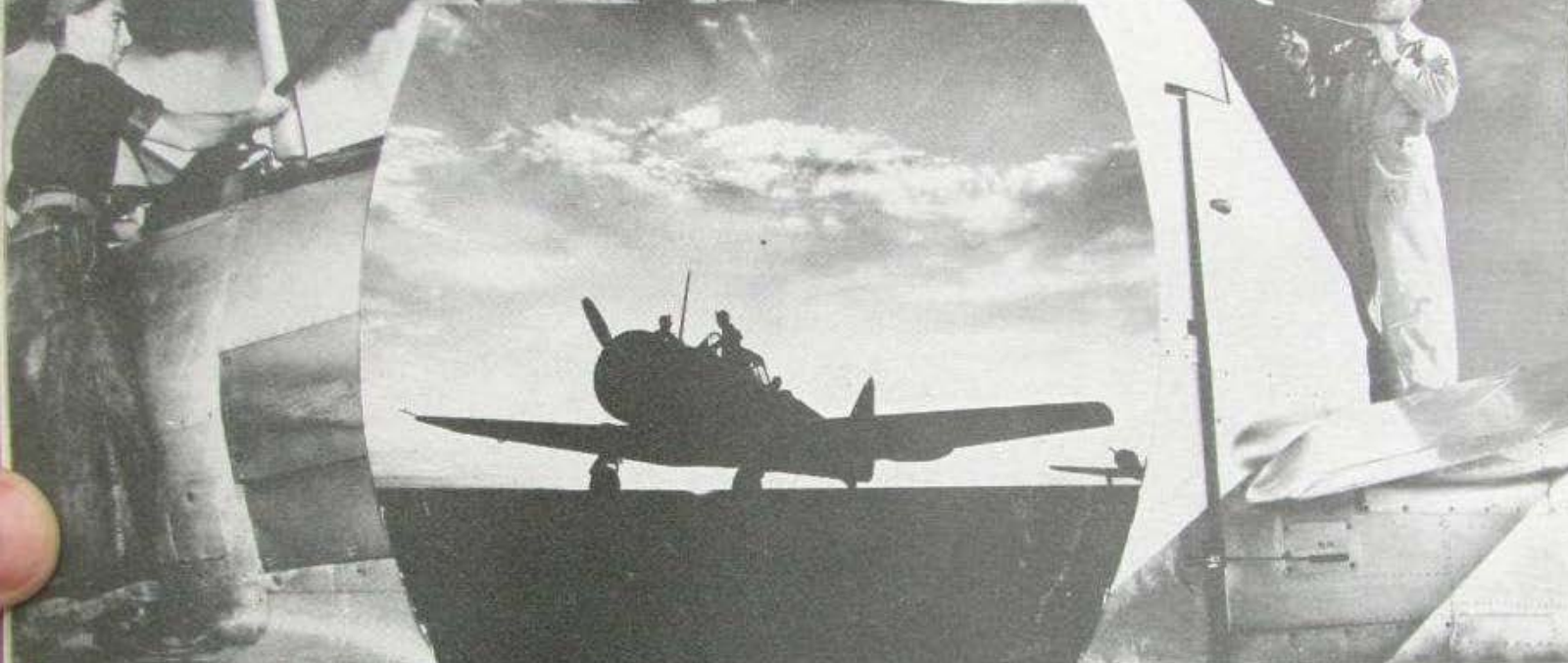
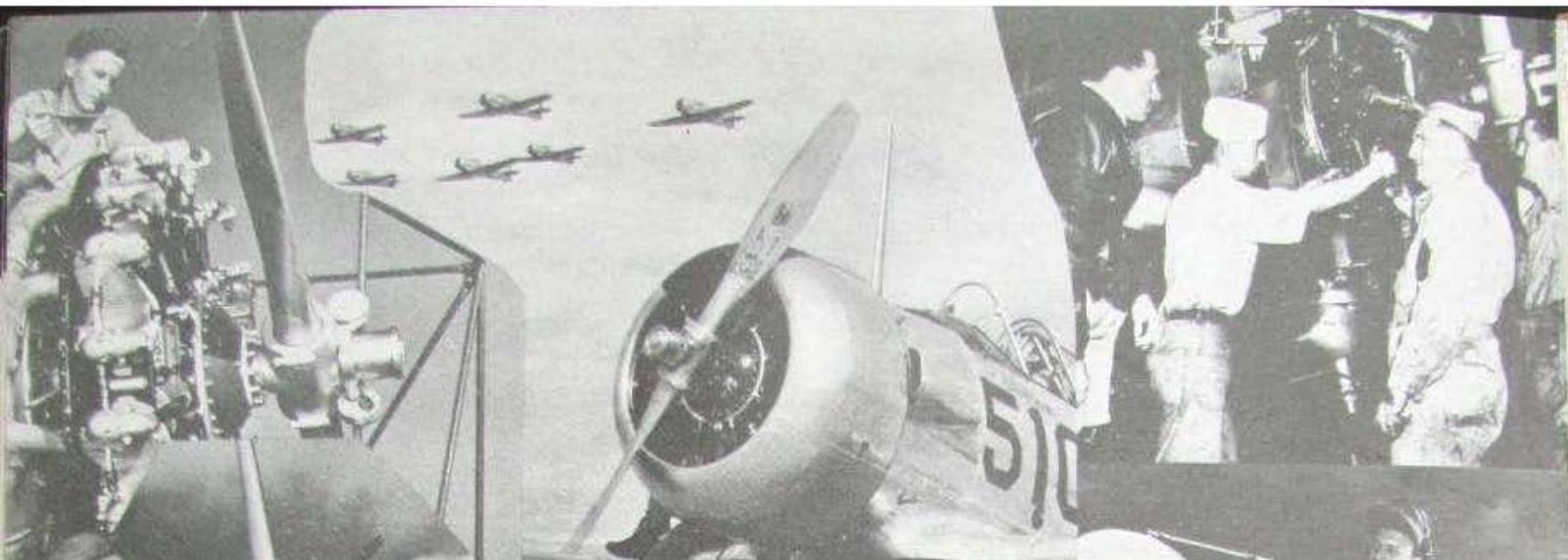


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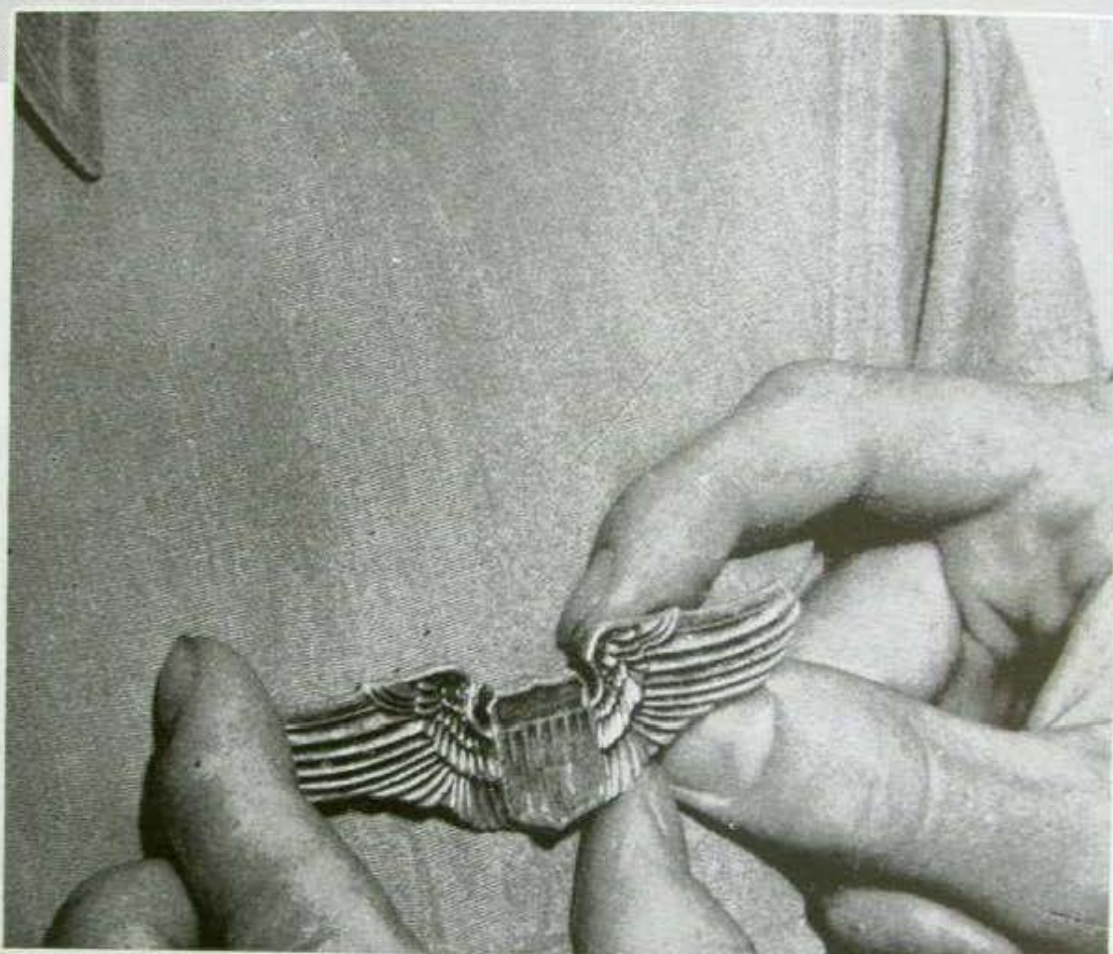
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