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Dedication

Only a minority of the Air Corp's vast number of men are able to satisfy that inner urge to be at the controls of the plane. For each pilot in the air there are necessarily dozens of "Unsung Hero's," who must be content to do their part on the ground. The mechanics who see that the planes fly make up the majority of this group.

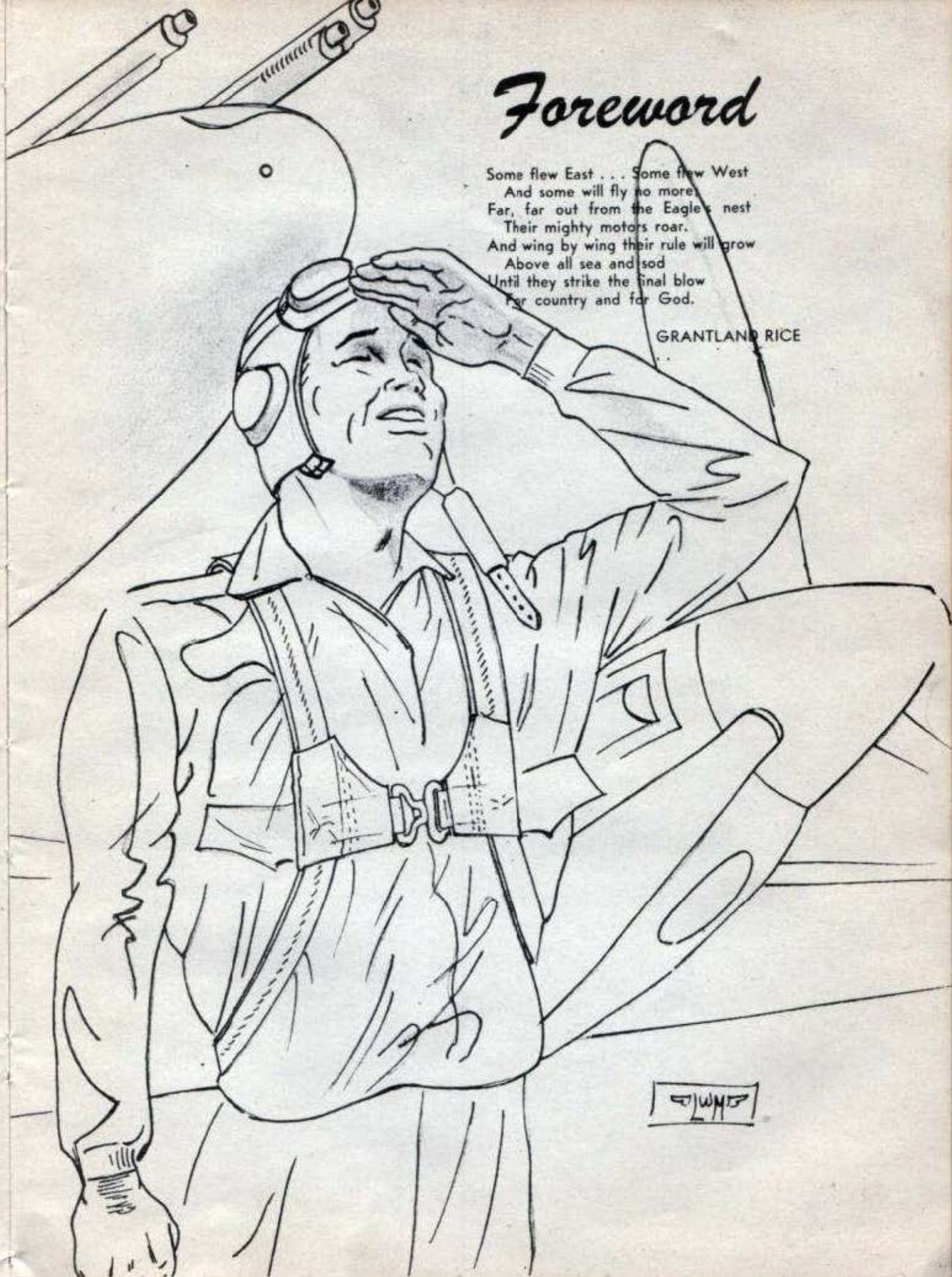
Without their constant, untiring efforts, the striking power of our Air Force would be nil. Pilots could not be trained, combat missions could not be accomplished, and Victory could not be ours without the support of the ground crew.

Although we are still fledglings, we recognize the true value of their support, and so we proudly dedicate our classbook to the men who, "Keep 'em Flying."

Foreword

Some flew East . . . Some flew West
And some will fly no more
Far, far out from the Eagle's nest
Their mighty motors roar.
And wing by wing their rule will grow
Above all sea and sod
Until they strike the final blow
For country and for God.

GRANTLAND RICE



W.M.P.

FROM OUR COMMANDING OFFICER

HEADQUARTERS
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104 The Graduating Class of 44-G.

As future combat pilots, you of the fourteenth class to use the facilities of this basic flying school will soon join the ranks of our overwhelming airpower. As part of this striking force, many of you will soon be winging over enemy objectives.

The trend of the war shows the effectiveness of our great aerial attacks on East production centers and on Japanese naval and air bases. Not only are these industries and installations undergoing destruction but enemy airpower is being driven from the air.

What this means to final victory is that the way is being cleared for the across-channel attack on Hainan and on the Japanese homeland. This fundamental "softening up" and constant teamwork with ground forces is the vital role of American airmen.

As you go to take your place in this offensive, you can be certain that you represent the forces of good over those of evil. In a very real sense, your effectiveness will materially hasten victory and a future of peace. Whatever part you play in our aerial armada, you have my complete confidence that you will play it well.

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L. VAN MULLEN,
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"Parade Rest, Mister . . . Sound off, Mister . . . Is that the way you stand at attention, Mister?"

For nine full weeks these men have drilled into our heads, hoping that their words would make us strong and military. It was hard for them at times, and it was hard on us, but we were here to learn, and be disciplined, so that we will become good officers as well as good pilots.

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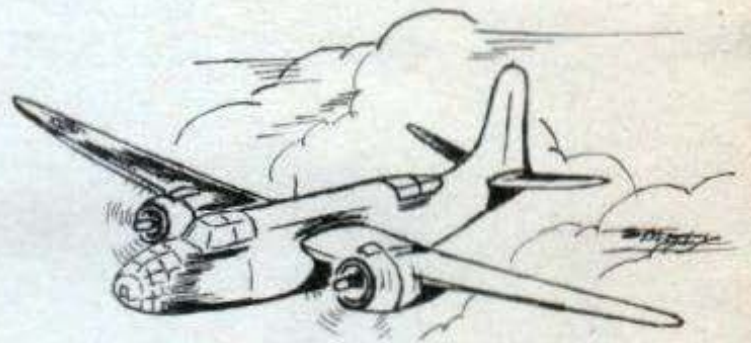
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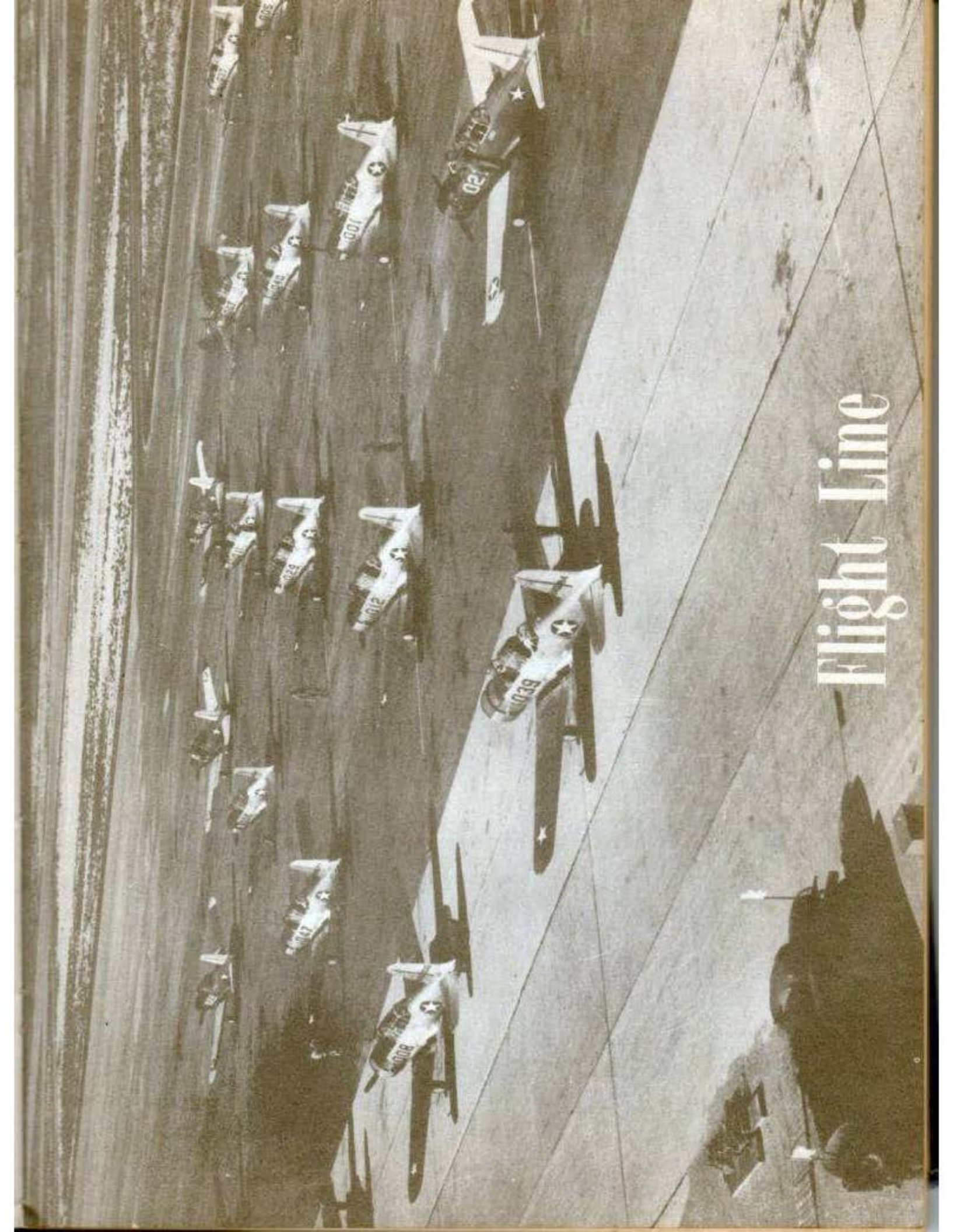


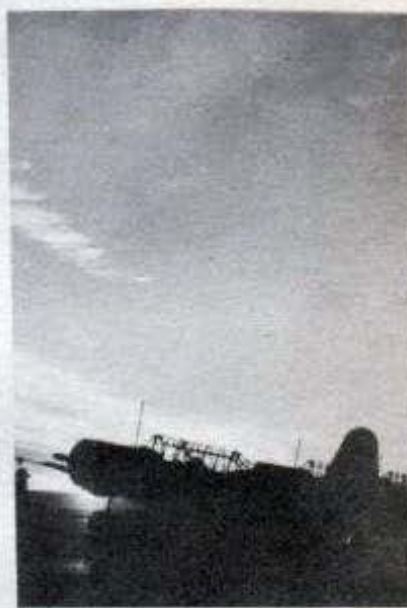
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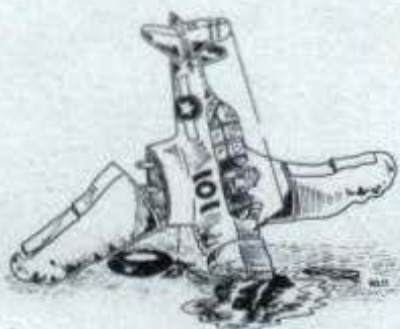
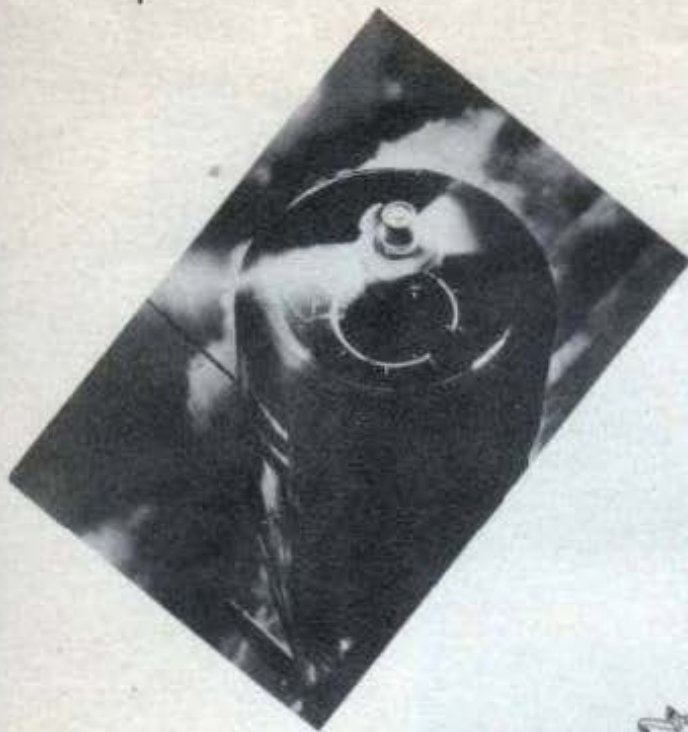


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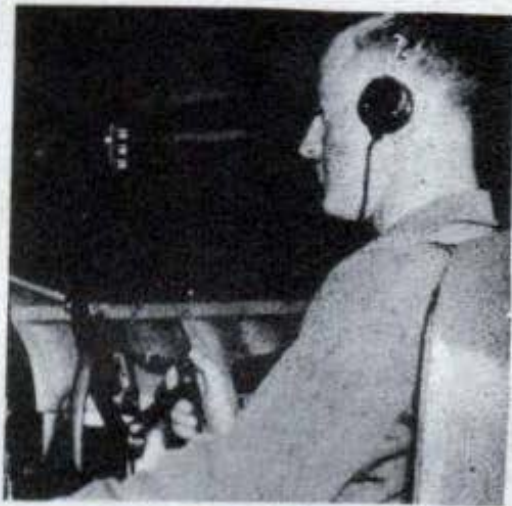






TOWER FROM ONE, ZERO, ONE, I'LL BET
YOU'LL JUST DIE WHEN YOU HEAR WHAT
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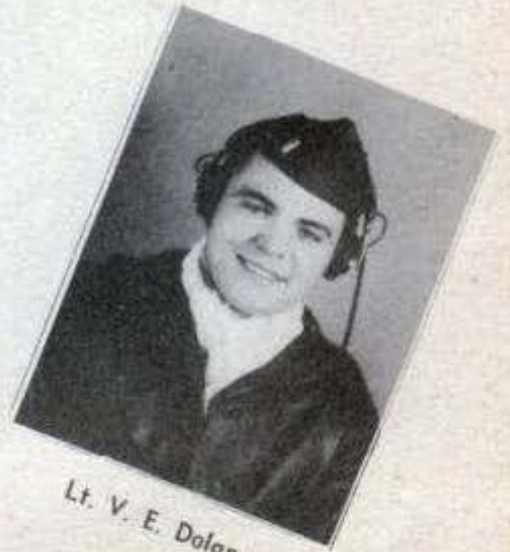
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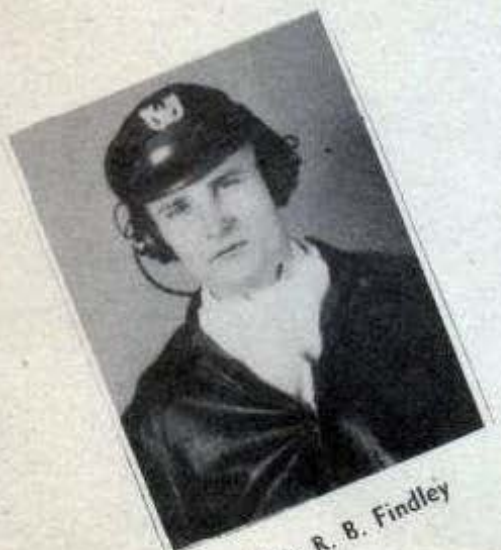
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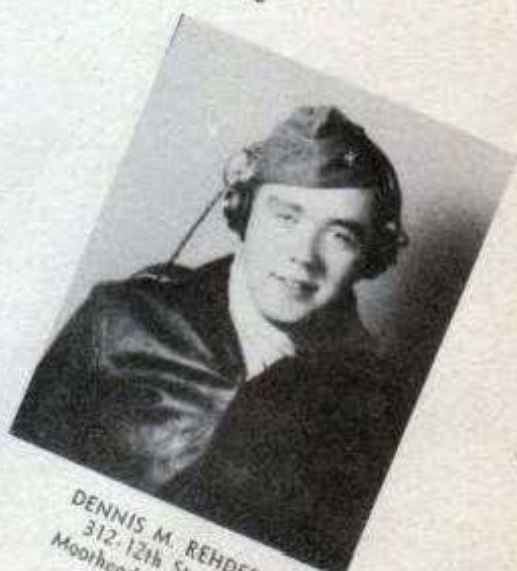
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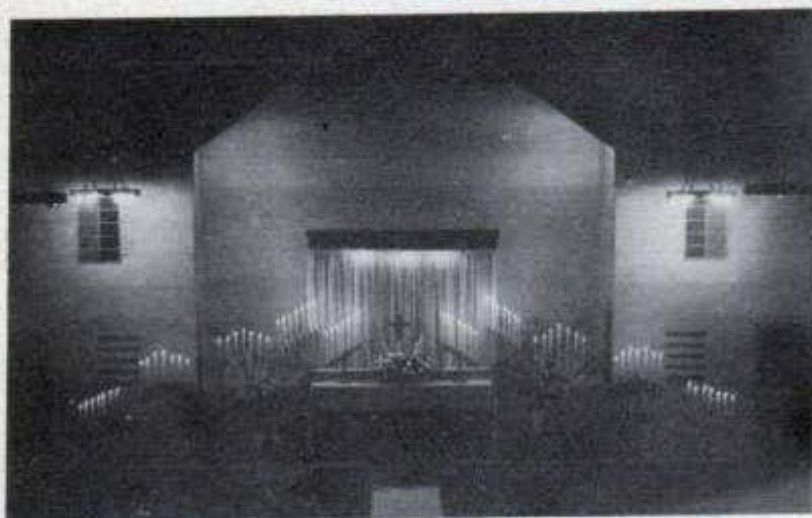
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A black and white photograph of a church steeple against a cloudy sky. The steeple is dark and silhouetted, with a pointed top. The sky is filled with soft, horizontal clouds. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

In Silent Prayer



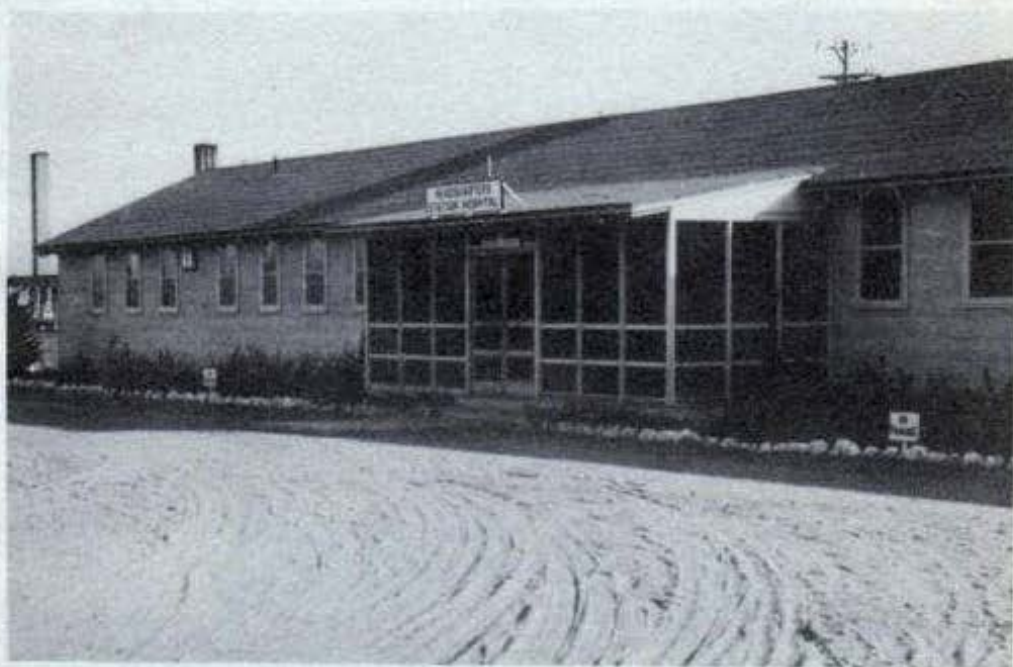
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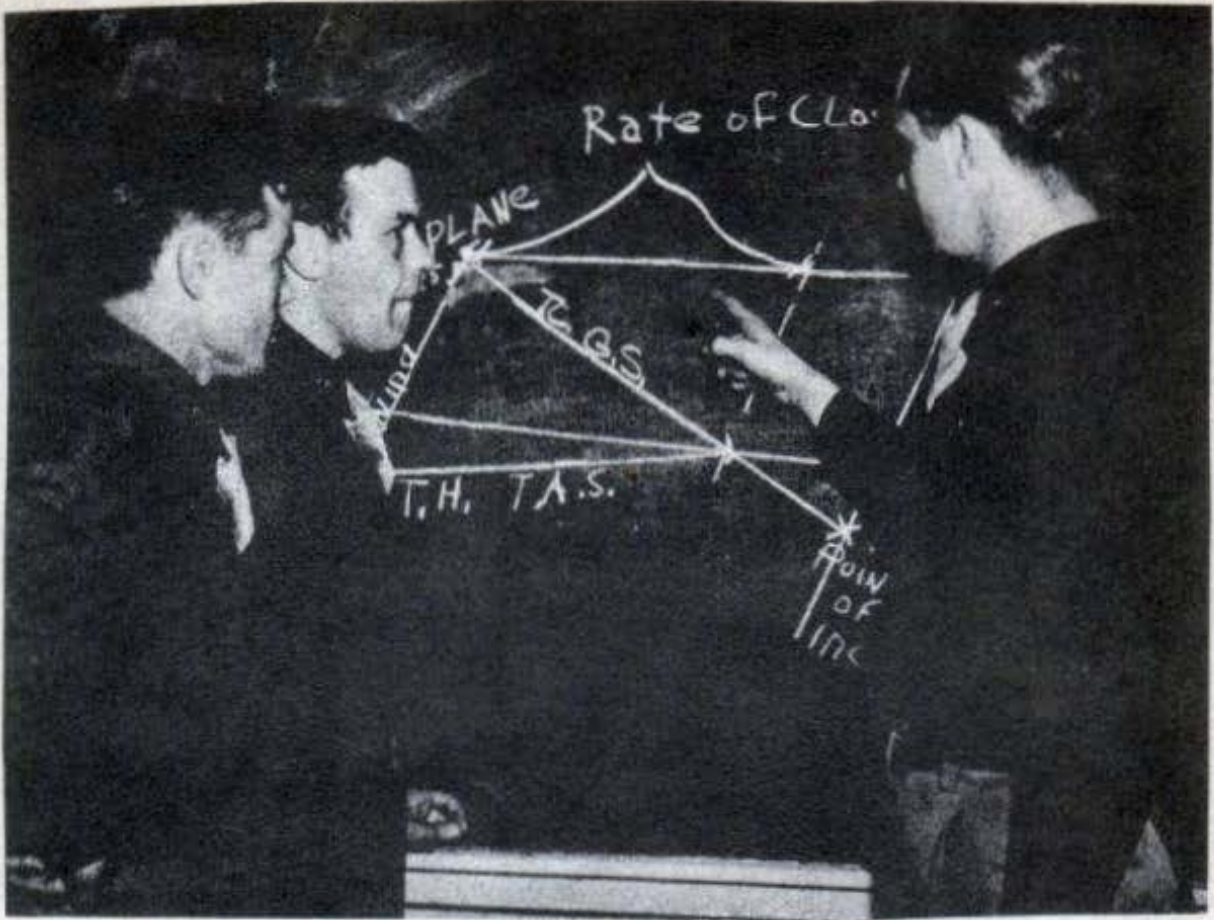
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Not pictured is Lt. A. N. Ohnstad.

Ground School





Always ready to answer a perplexing question, the instructor sacrifices a smoke to stay behind during the ten minute break to explain a problem to questioning students.



"OFF TO CLASSES"





The center of interest in the ground school building is the weather bulletin. EAGER (?) Cadets determine whether conditions will be favorable for flying, also whether or not we have P. T.

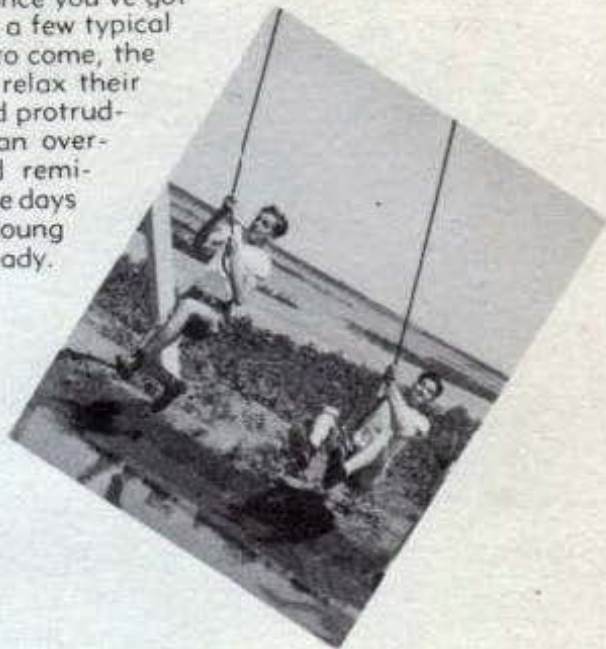
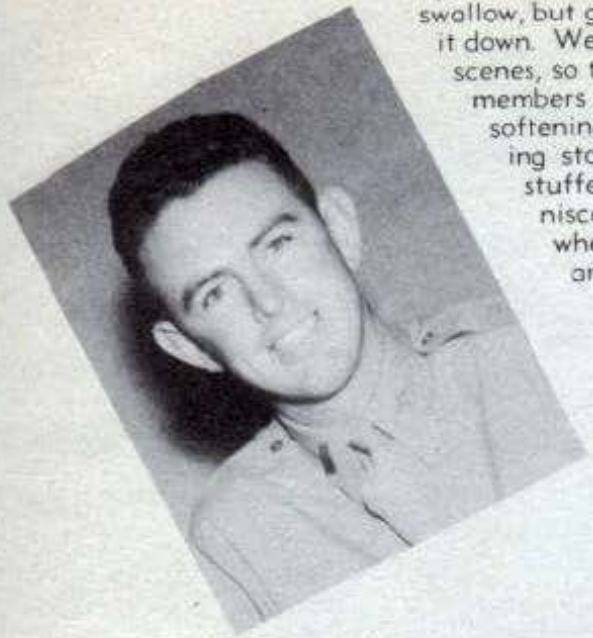
Knowledge of the mysteries of flight come to us from the classrooms of Ground School. Although we gripe about having to listen to innumerable lectures, we realize the importance of being prepared to meet any handicap that might confront us in days to come.

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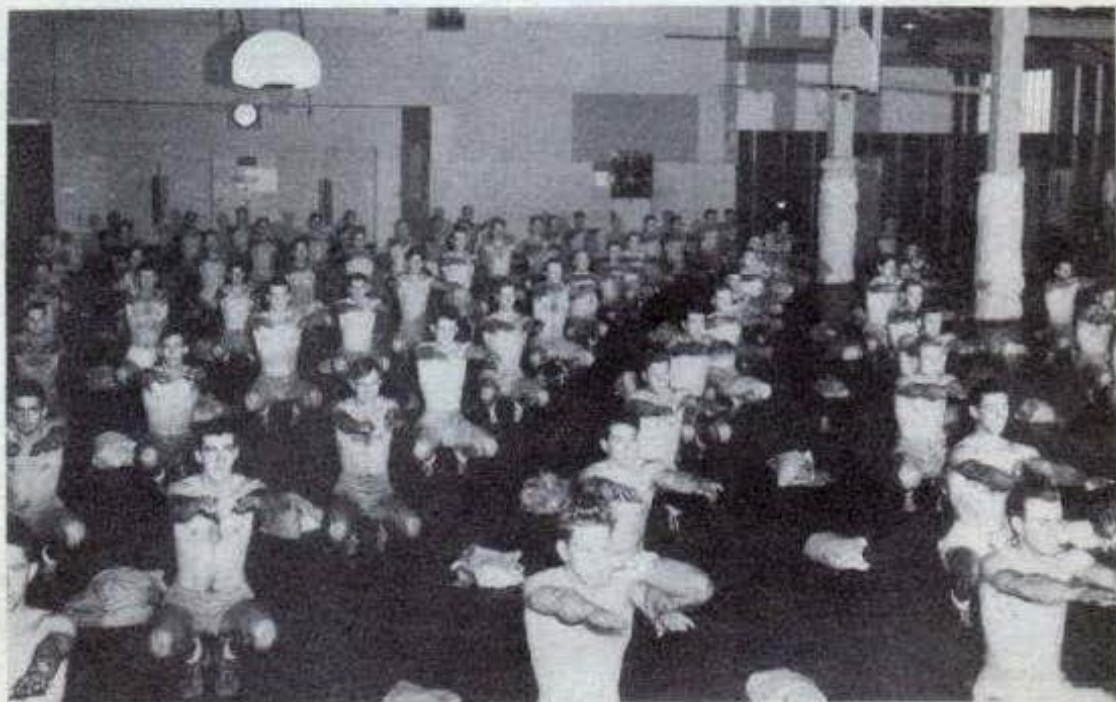


These eager Lads aren't nearly so comfortable as it might seem. They're trying to decipher one of the famous "GCAAF" code tapes.

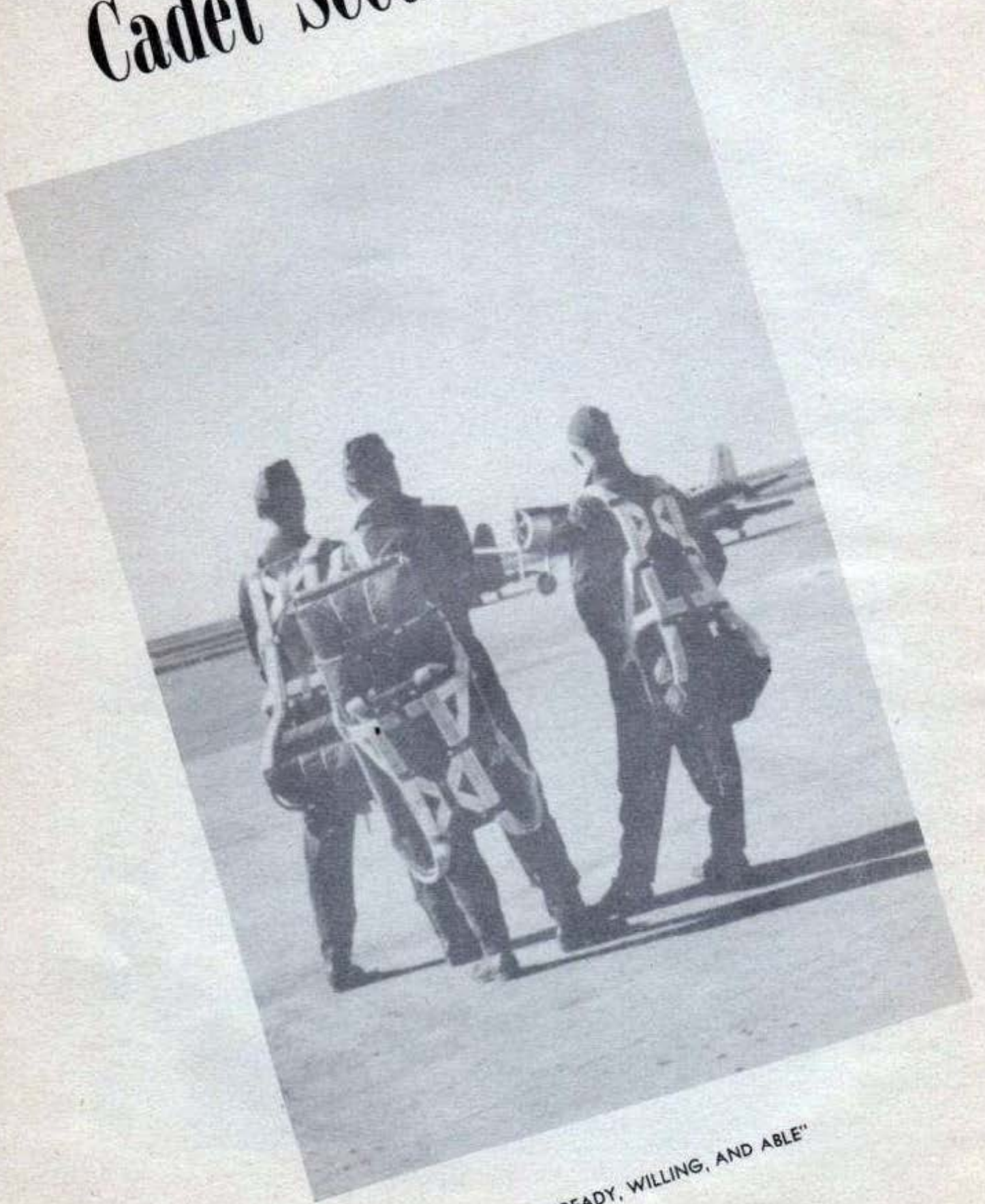
Physical Training, like medicine, is hard to swallow, but good for you once you've got it down. We present here a few typical scenes, so that, in days to come, the members of 44-G can relax their softening muscles and protruding stomachs into an overstuffed chair, and reminisce back over the days when they were young and hard and ready.



Physical Training



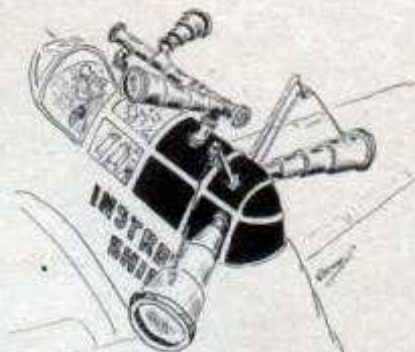
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"READY, WILLING, AND ABLE"



KANSAS To truly an amazing state...
 They have beautiful countryside with
TREES - with they lost?
HOLLING HILLS - that form overnight
 and move into the next county
 during the day!
GRASS - If you have time to get down
 on your knees to look for it!!



SOME PEOPLE ARE IN "MIND" - FOR ALMOST ANYTHING!!!





"HEY JOE, COME QUICK — A CLEAN SPOON!"



"Buddy mine!"



HAPLESS HOLDOVER!



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