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HICKS FIELD

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44-E

11. 7 and 8 verses

The cloak of his mighty men is made red,
The violent men are in scarlet,
The chariots shall be with flaming torches
and shall be in the day of his preparation.
And the earth shall be terribly shaken,
The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle
one against another in the broadways,
They shall run like the torches, they shall run like lightning.

11. 9 and 10 verses
The Lord of Hosts, our own men
to defend us, he will be our life,
Defending us, he will deliver us from all evil.
The Lord of Hosts, he will preserve us, ours is the right."

11. 11 and 12 verses

At the time of my departure is at hand,
I have fought right, I have finished my course,
I have kept my faith.
Yea, a man of faith, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy
faith without works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

AL JAMES C. CLEVELAND
CLASS NO. 5
HIGH SCHOOL
NO. 2-45
NO. 2-49



Dedication

The Class of 44-E is proud of Hicks Field. We are proud of its military standing, academic achievements and excellent record on the flight line.

That record on the flight line is not accidental. It has been established by hours of hard work, patience and striving for that goal which is ours. That goal is achieved because there are men who sacrifice and labor to make it so. These men are the flight instructors of Hicks Field. To you we take off our hats. You have helped us on the road which leads to silver wings. You do not realize, you cannot realize, how much help you have been. Your encouragement, rebuke, and caution shall remain in our hearts. When we reach the firing line your steadying voice shall remain in our ears and we shall remember.

Yours had been the helping hand.
Our wish is that you understand;
What you have done to help us on,
We shall not forget when we are gone.



Major William S. Collinson
Commanding Officer

307TH ARMY AIR FORCES FLYING TRAINING DETACHMENT
Army Air Forces Contract Pilot School (Primary)
Hicks Field, Fort Worth, Texas

Misters of 44-E:

You have just completed one of your most important phases of your training career here at HICKS FIELD. We have tried to teach you the fundamentals of being a good pilot and of being a good officer. We hope that you will carry these fundamentals with you through your next training stage which is BASIC.

It has been a pleasure for the ARMY personnel of HICKS FIELD to work with such a fine group of Cadets. We will keep our eyes on you through BASIC and ADVANCED and feel confident that you will carry your high performance record with you. Remember your mission is to be a combat pilot in the ARMY AIR FORCES.

My Staff and I wish you GOOD LUCK and HAPPY LANDINGS at basic.

W. S. Collinson
W. S. COLLINSON,

Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

Flying Officers



CAPT. JAMES R. SHEFFIELD
Air Inspector



LT. ROBERT C. PHIPPS
Operations Officer



LT. H. T. JESSEN
Ass't. Operations Officer



LT. HIBBARD M. SHELTON
Commandant of Cadets



LT. JOHN J. MOTTO
Tactical Officer 44-E



LT. OMAR R. WILLIAMS
Tactical Officer

LT. FRANK PACE
Tactical Officer



LT. FLOYD E. LAY
Athletic Officer



Flying Officers

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Ass't. Air Inspector



LT. VINCENT D. ZIMMERMAN
Ass't. Operations Officer



LT. HOWARD K. SMITH
Intelligence Officer



WO A. J. CALDERON
Engineering Officer





CAPT. JAMES S. BEALL
Medical Officer



CAPT. WILLIAM Z. GEBELE
Medical Officer



LT. MARK L. JOHNSON
Adjutant



Mr. Asbury W. Meadows
Director

TO THE CLASS OF 44-E:

It has been a pleasure to have you Masters for your primary flight training at this field.

It is our hope that as you leave here for further training that you uphold the Hicks Field Tradition of being the outstanding cadets in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Yours very truly,

Asbury W. Meadows

TEXAS AVIATION SCHOOL, LTD.
ASBURY W. MEADOWS
Director



W. J. BLOUNT
Director of Ground School



JOHN E. ROBINSON
Director of Flying



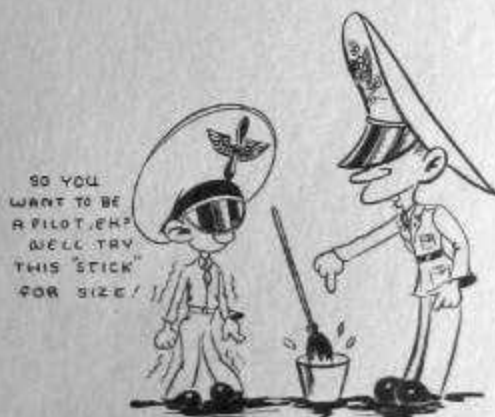
A. C. POTTER
Group I Commander



G. A. JONES
Group II Commander



R. R. MILLER
Group II Dispatcher



Group Commanders



T. M. COOPER
Group Commander



J. C. PARKER
Group Commander



A. W. MUNRO
Ass't. Group Commander



F. G. SCREWS
Ass't. Group Commander



LLOYD E. FULLER
Ass't. Group Commander



PILOTS



W. D. PONS
Chief Pilot



E. W. PARRISH
Ass't. Chief Pilot

DISPATCHERS



J. L. MADISON
Chief Dispatcher



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Ground School



HARRY GATELEY



A. F. GREEN



ROBERT R. DENTON



J. G. FERGUSON



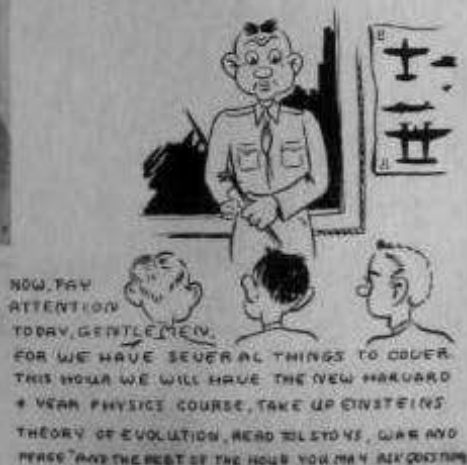
M. B. PLAKE



RUSSELL GRACE



R. C. EZZELL



"HISTORY OF HICKS FIELD"

Hicks Field, where we, the thirty-fifth class of Aviation Cadets are receiving our Primary Flying Training, is rich in tradition.

Shortly after the start of World War I in 1917, Taliaferro Field was opened at Hicks Station north of Fort Worth by the Aviation Section of the U. S. Army Signal Corp, and the Royal Canadian Air Force. Here came for training courageous young men who not only distinguished themselves in combat, but, who with peace, carried on the Hicks tradition in civilian endeavors. Into aviation went C. V. Whitney, Jr., now Chairman of the Board of Pan American Airways, Roger Williams, one of those who pioneered the early trans-Atlantic flights, George Goddard, famous for his aerial photos, Earl Carrol of the "Vanaties," Rex Ingram and LeRoy Prinz of the movies, who are among some well known. Here in Fort Worth today is a strong organization of Hicks graduates, known as the World War Fliers, who do much to keep the tradition alive.

After the close of hostilities in 1918, Hicks Field was closed until August, 1940, when war again appeared on the horizon, and this field was one of the first Primary Flying schools in the Army Air Corps expansion program. There were 47 Cadets in that first class, 41-B, and classes have grown steadily since that time, until now, class 44-E, four years later, has 134 members.

Though steeped in tradition of an earlier war, the men of modern Hicks are fast making their own history; already they have distinguished themselves on the far flung fronts of this war. There was a Hicks graduate with Doolittle over Tokyo; other graduates have piloted Flying Fortresses over Europe, have distinguished themselves in the Pacific, the Aleutians, in Africa, Italy, and now over Germany; in fact wherever the Army has fought, there have been Hicks men. Already the "Hangar of Fame" contains the names of over twenty-five men decorated for bravery.

At Hicks Field today the 307th Army Air Forces Flying Training Detachment, under the command of Major Wm. S. Collinson, is training a fine group of cadets in their elementary flying. Daily eager groups fly for the first time, every man of them looking toward the day that he can join the earlier Hicks men in battle.



SIR -
THIS IS
AVIATION CADET-

Roberts

Presenting

Class 44-E

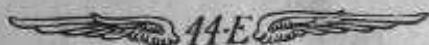
This is to certify that
on this the _____ day
of _____ 19____

did, alone and unassisted
take off from and return

to _____
thereby completing his
First Solo Flight.

INSTRUCTOR





Robert E. Lang
"Toad"
Columbus, Ohio
"Let's hit the sack"

J. W. WINTERS
Instructor



George R. Reither
"Lucky"
Byesville, Ohio
"Where's the girls?"

Frank E. Stager
"Grandpaw"
Kalamazoo, Michigan
"I'm just a H. P. at heart"



Charles C. Wallace
"Bud"
Dallas, Texas
"I've got to go see the Lieu."

44-E



E. SHAW
Instructor



Lt. Burnice J. McClintock
Camden, New Jersey
"Get off that rudder"

*Just had
Lamberth*



Lt. John L. Van Dyke
Fort Worth, Texas
"Let me tell you about that ole
boy"



Capt. Robert N. Schneblin
"Spin happy"
Peoria, Illinois



Tom M. Lamberth, Jr.
"Tom-Tom"
Dallas, Texas
Wait a minute



Lt. William P. Roest
1414 Chepporol Street
Grand Rapids, Michigan





Sherman D. Lamb
"Stagg"
Cedar City, Utah
"Yeah-h-h-! !"



G. J. SKALICKY
Instructor



Donald P. Heider
"Dan"
Brooklyn, New York
"Times is tough all over"



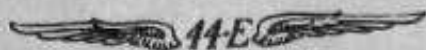
Wilton H. Hasty
"Herb"
Dallas, Texas
"I'm Big 'D' Bound"



Ferris G. Keyt
"Gene"
Minneapolis, Minnesota
"Gee, I don't know"



E. J. JOHNSON
Instructor



Mavel D. Price
"Marv"
Elm Creek, Nebraska
Get on the Damn GI "ball"



Robert W. Pitt
"Bob"
Seattle, Washington
?S!! I'm always right



Vincent L. Pickens
"Easy"
Spokane, Washington
"Come on men, hit it, here comes
the Lieu"

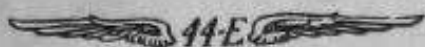


William K. Lai
"Willie"
Portland, Oregon
"Yeah, but it ain't practical"





James B. Rohrbaugh
"Jim"
Lafayette, Indiana
"If I tell you a horse is a hundred feet high, you don't even have to look up"



O. C. SCHMIDT
Instructor



Frank X. Hearty
"Irish"
Bronx, New York
"Life is rough"



Louis H. Houllion
"Lou"
Cincinnati, Ohio
Silence!

Louis H. Houllion
"Lou"
"Hap"



Arnold P. Kleinschmidt
"Hap"
Lexington, Texas
"Darned if I know"



H. A. FREEMAN
Instructor



I. Ronald Markowski
'Iggie'
Pueblo, Colorado
You can have Texas; Give me the mountains



Duncan H. Loop
'Dunc'
Port Angeles, Washington
All apples come from Washington



Elmer D. Peffy
'Dale'
Waldron, Kansas
I'm waiting to go home

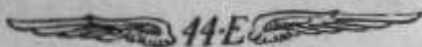


Arthur B. Kelley
'Bunny'
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania





Douglas F. Corsette
"Doug"
Rushford, New York
I remember when—



C. V. SMITH
Instructor



James R. Martin
"Jim"
Independence, Missouri
I still want to see a cowboy



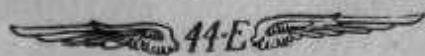
Douglas W. Mallory
"Crash"
Bay Town, Texas
"That's one for the birds"



Walter Loucks
"Jingle"
Dodge City, Kansas
No, darling, the PT-19 isn't a pursuit



J. R. NAPIER
Instructor



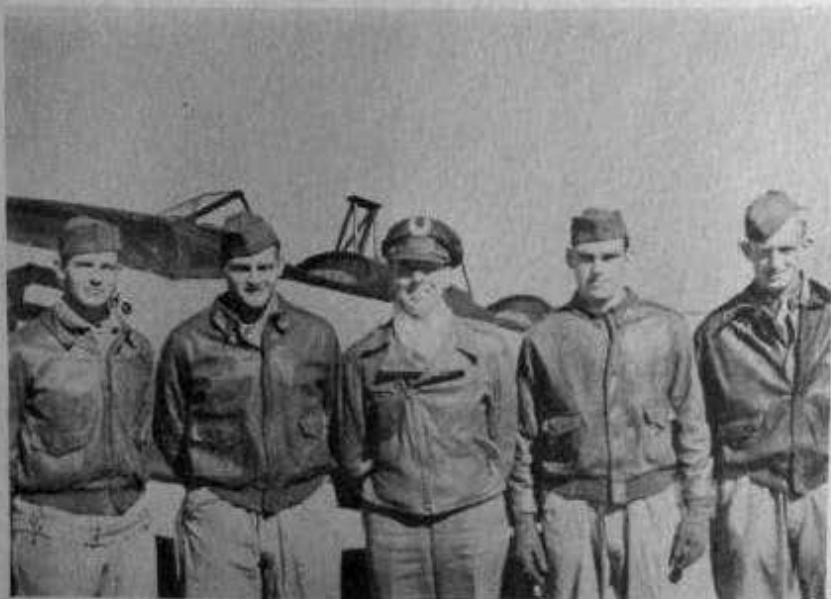
William J. Grey
"Bill"
Arlington, Virginia
Another SPIN, Sir?

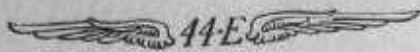


Warren H. Hall
602 N. Hester
Stillwater, Oklahoma
Where's my mail?



Caswell F. Neal
"Rojo"
Carlsbad, New Mexico
No kidding, fellows, New Mexico
has got trees





Richard H. Schiebel
Dallas, Texas
I haven't juggled anything



O. J. FLADEBOE
Instructor



Paul Hrenko
"Moxie"
Donora, Pennsylvania
You hurt me deeply when you said that



Harrie L. Harold
"Hoosier"
Indianapolis, Indiana
"Nothing lost"

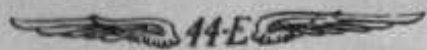
*"Why?"
Harrie"*



Rolland C. Lange
"Red Dog"
Racine, Wisconsin
"Life, liberty and the pursuit of the opposite sex"



H. D. SIMMS
Instructor



John H. Raife
"Curly"
Esterville, Iowa
"I wonder if she drinks beer"



William C. Peterson
"Pete"
Bell, California
Holy old bald-headed—



Martin J. Krakauer
"Mart"
Pottsville, Pennsylvania
It isn't the size of the man in the
fight, it's the size of the fight in
the man

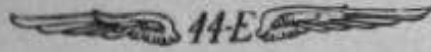


Frank P. Kuhnlein
"Bud"
Chicago, Illinois
"As long as you live you'll be dead
if you die"





Alexander W. Winchester
 "Willy"
 San Francisco, California
 "Buy War Bonds"



H. A. STOVALL
 Instructor



George G. Persons
 "Goan"
 New Orleans, Louisiana
 "That's life"

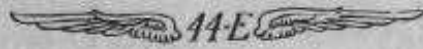


Francis A. Lauderdale
 "Flip"
 East Pleasant Plain, Iowa
 "What! I Fall out??"





J. C. BARNARD
Instructor



Ralph E. Jacobs
"Jake"
Kansas City, Missouri
"Hold that formation"



Richard R. Richardson
"Bobby"
Jacksonville, North Carolina
"Rougher 'n cob"

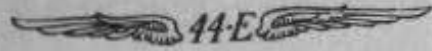


William J. Robbins
"Joe"
Cincinnati, Ohio
"Oh, gosh! !"





Edwin P. Fisher
"Tex"
Fairplain, West Virginia
Hell's Bells



M. C. ROPER
Instructor



Raymond E. Carter
"Roy"
12 Catlin Street
Auburn, New York
Let's get eager

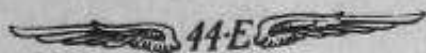


Roy B. Fluhart
Wayne, Michigan
I want an AT





T. F. PEMBERTON
Instructor



Lloyd W. Johnston
Cut Bank, Montana
"Whoops, Grandma, stay alive;
life begins at 65"



Robert D. Jones
"Squeekie"
Nevada, Missouri
"X?—*!\$"



Robert D. Jones

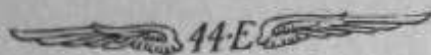


George E. Kennitz
Perry, Oklahoma
I soloed first





Albert L. Levinski
"Al Baby"
Seattle, Washington
Huh, Who, mo?



H. D. MANN
Instructor



Albert Dibelka
"Al"
3811 R Street
Omaha, Nebraska
Let's go

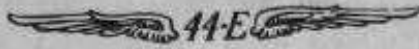


William G. Fusco
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania
"Bill"
"Other little boys and girls
look around, why can't I?"





D. D. DUNNING
Instructor



Willard W. Jones
"Killer"
Irrigon, Oregon
"Fight that habit"



James R. Kelley
"Kel"
Woonsocket, Rhode Island
Wine, women and song



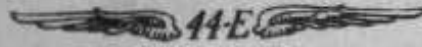
James C. Kirkland
"Kirk"
Tulsa, Oklahoma
I don't think I'll go to town this weekend



Walter G. Kostolni
"Cookey"
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
I need an overnite pass every nite

Walter G. Kostolni





Robert C. Coleman
 "Bob"
 Route 1
 Fort Scott, Kansas
 When do we eat

A. W. MUNRO
 Instructor



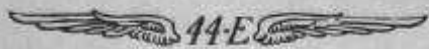
W. Y. Corse
 "Wyc"
 South Hero,
 "What do we do now?"

Daniel D. Dwyer
 "Dan"
 526 S. Roosevelt
 Wichita, Kansas
 Wichita is famous for two things,
 Daniel D. Dwyer and you've never
 heard of the other one anyway





W. W. McDONALD
Instructor



Robert C. Wagner, Jr.
"Jose"
Champaign, Illinois
"Let's abolish reveille"



Raymond Waski
Las Vegas, Nevada
Ever been there?



Robert C. Walters
"Chuck"
Burlingame, California
That's the way it goes!



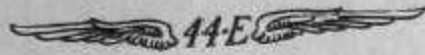
Gene E. Spillman
"Jessie"
Julesburg, Colorado
"You're losing your head"





Hubert W. Kinney
"Hube"
Leavinworth, Washington
"What fools these mortals be"

*Best O' Luck, Kinney
Kinney*



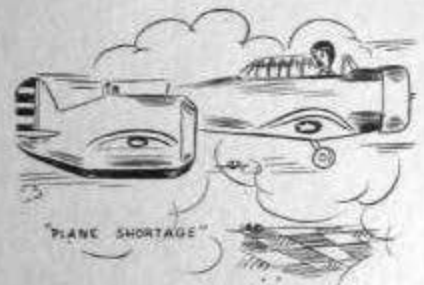
H. W. TIMINSKI
Instructor



Henry D. Hill
"Tex"
Waco, Texas
"How 'boot that"

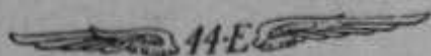


Gilmore L. Sanders
"Sandy"
Winters, Texas
Just a plain old "Aggie"





J. N. WHALEY
Instructor



William A. Geis
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
"Hop-along"
"I'm planning on taking my instructor to Basic"



John R. Walls
Covington, Kentucky

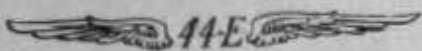


William G. Groce
"Dub"
2801 Ryan Avenue
Here we go again



James M. Halter
St. Louis, Missouri
"Jim"
"This may be it!"





Thomas Johnstone
 "Tommy"
 Westford, Massachusetts
 If this was a lathe, I could fly it

W. G. SCOTT
 Instructor



Fred Higginbotham
 "Higg"
 El Centro, California
 Make mine milk; I'll have a coke
 when I solo

Wilbert S. Held
 "Bill"
 Woodbury, Pennsylvania
 Extra curricular "Study Hall"

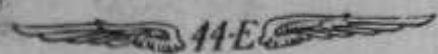
*Bill
 the good old
 day - Milk
 - Bill*



George E. Hart
 "Hart"
 Stanton, Michigan
 I only got a 95%



J. H. JOHNSON
Instructor



Thomas H. Dozier
"Tom"
48 Fort Pleasant Avenue
Springfield, Massachusetts
Furlough? What's that?



Clifford E. Dugan
"Cliff"
Indianapolis, Indiana
Let's be for gettin' these men
to tawn !!!

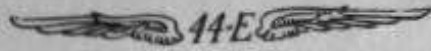


Howard D. Levinson
"Howie"
Chicago, Illinois
"I think I'll call home tonite"



John M. Lord
"Jack"
Montevideo, Minnesota
"Don't be giv'n me trouble"





Gordon W. Dougherty
 "Gord"
 201 Winthrop Road
 Syracuse, New York
 Yeah, and look where they sent me

H. T. DOWD
 Instructor



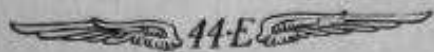
Harold Goldsmith
 "Hal"
 Edgemere, New York
 Go away, I want to sleep

Glenn L. Parish
 "Badge"
 Selah, Washington
 I'll be a pilot, bombardier or
 navigator—sooner or later





M. D. REEVES
Instructor



Capt. James L. Green
Millwood, Washington
"What happens when you push on
both rudders"



Lt. Warren N. Boggess
Oakland, California
"Roger," Who's he?



Lt. John R. McCray
Columbia, Missouri
"Aw, it was a bad day"

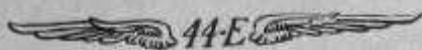


"WE MADE MISTAKES AND WE CAN'T
SEE THE REASON FOR THEM"





Jimmie Palmer
Lefors, Texas
How about a prayer for the
Air Corps



E. C. FRIESEN
Instructor



MacDonnell Morre, Jr.
"Mac"
Danbury, Connecticut
We may be Damn Yankees, but
any state is better than Texas



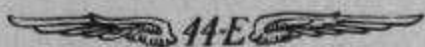
Francis E. Parker
"Park"
Wheatfield, Indiana
"I'm just a good time Charlie"



"CAME THE DAWN"



J. L. BAKER
Instructor



Donald E. Noorda
"Don"
San Francisco, California
Just call me "Two-gigs"



Pierce Morrissey
"Pierce"
Tecumseh, Nebraska
Give Texas to the Texans, but
take me back to civilization



Travis B. Morgan
"Trav"
Independence, Missouri
He isn't talkin'

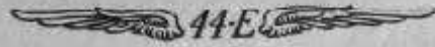


Robert E. Moore
"Bob"
Cincinnati, Ohio
Never touch the stuff?





Oscar F. Weed
 "Sparky"
 Longview, Washington
 I don't make much money, but I
 sure have fun!



G. E. ROBERTSON
 Instructor



John W. Warren
 "Bill"
 Moore, Montana
 "She's a good looking babe—"



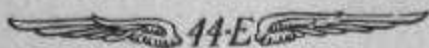
Francis R. Tohill
 Roanoke, Virginia
 They pick on me



Stewart R. Tocher
 Santa Rosa, California
 California, ah bliss!



R. D. VAN TUYLE
Instructor



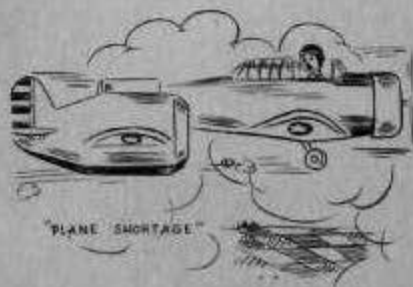
Bruno E. Castello
Tarentun, Pennsylvania
You know what they say in Russia

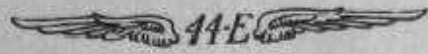


David T. Garland, Jr.
"Olaf"
135 S. Grant
Denver, Colorado
"Yingle, yingle, ya know"



Charles H. Mercer
"Chuck"
Dallas, Texas
So close but yet so far





Edward L. Lench
"Eddy"
Great Falls, Montana
I'll quit smoking tomorrow

J. R. COOK
Instructor



Nevin E. Millikan
"Nev"
Logan, Oklahoma
They call this a hair cut; how
about that?

Albert A. Johnson
"Al"
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania





G. G. CURL
Instructor



Lt. Wayne T. Shull
Wyandotte, Michigan
"This isn't a 'Cub,' Lt. Shull"



Lt. Frank H. Shipley
Whiting, Indiana
"Sho, I give all the cadets passes"



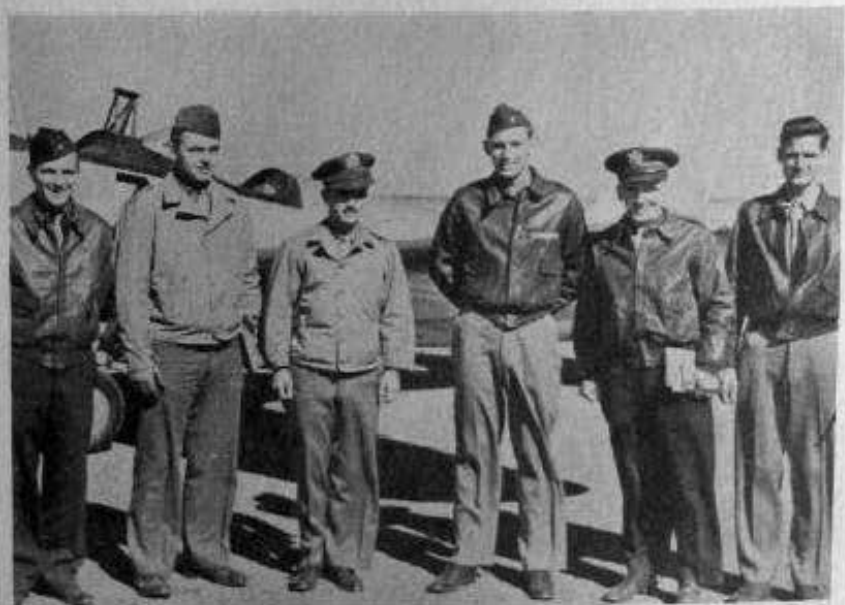
Lt. James R. Shell
Knoxville, Tennessee
"On a glider we did it this way"



Lt. Carl F. Sienel
Detroit, Michigan
Watch that "T," watch that "T,"
watch that—"T"



Lt. Leslie E. Shaw
Elimira, New York
"Grave yard glide"





Russell B. Smythe
"Russ"
Louisville, Kentucky
Amen Brother !!



L. B. SIMMONS
Instructor



Wilbert G. Peterson
"Beeba"
Two Harbors, Minnesota
Let's log a little sock time



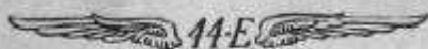
Garth F. Lane
"Shorty"
Chicago, Illinois
I regret I have but 24 hours a day
to give to the Air Force



Anthony J. Piasecki
"Tony"
St. Louis, Missouri
Be funny or be at ease



S. L. REYNOLDS
Instructor



Stanley A. Grapp
"Stan"
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Well, I did it!



Woodburn J. Mickel, Jr.
"Woody"
Elmer, New Jersey
"Take me back to San Antone"



Robert J. Lewis
"Bob"
St. Paul, Minnesota
You like that, huh?

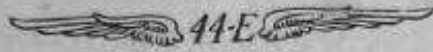


Charles E. Gustafson
"Gus"
Thief River Falls, Minnesota
I'm just a Swede with a
French accent





Arthur A. Pekkola
"Art"
Rochester, Minnesota
Fly enlarges one's vocabulary—?



R. M. WHITE
Instructor



William A. Kloesz
"Burch"
Buffalo, New York
"Home was never like this"

*Your Pal
Bill.*

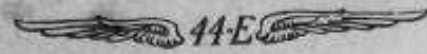


Thomas H. Hollingsworth
"Holly" alias "Red"
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
"What you doing Saturday night"





V. W. RUSSELL
Instructor



Robert G. Mitchell
"Mitch"
Kansas City, Kansas
Yeah, but Al beat me to it



A. Gene Gazday
"Slim"
Maumee, Ohio
"Got a nickle!"

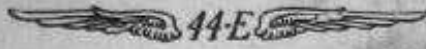


C. R. Bartlett





Stanley G. Lindell
 "Stub"
 Corvallis, Oregon
 At ease!



E. GEORGE
 Instructor



Harrison V. Parker
 "Vance"
 Farmersville, Texas
 Don't judge Texas by this



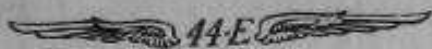
Norman L. Hanich
 Malbata, Nebraska
 Just call me Pat!



R.T.



F. M. FLOYD
Instructor



James B. Brown
"Brownie"
Youngstown, Ohio
"Who goes up next?"



John J. Ottman
"Jug-head"
Missoula, Montana
I want to go baack !!



Richard W. Miler
"Mike"
Maplewood, Missouri
"What's up, Doc?"



Robert R. Mueller
"Bob"
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
You know where the best beer
comes from—





44-E



James H. McKinney
"Mac"
Madison Lake, Montana
I can talk my way out of anything!

W. W. ADAMSON
Instructor



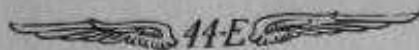
Richard G. Devoe
"Duff"
Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania
"Over there, full flaps!"

Bruce W. Frank
"Dan"
Fairfax, Minnesota
Overnite pass?





F. L. BAUGHMAN
Instructor



Morton K. Whittaker
"Mart"
Great Falls, Montana
"Bot a buck the next car doesn't stop"



Paul R. Riggerbach
"Rick"
New Martinsville, West Virginia
"Bounce 'em in"



Robert W. Schwegman
"Schweg"
Cincinnati, Ohio
"If I could only get my head out"



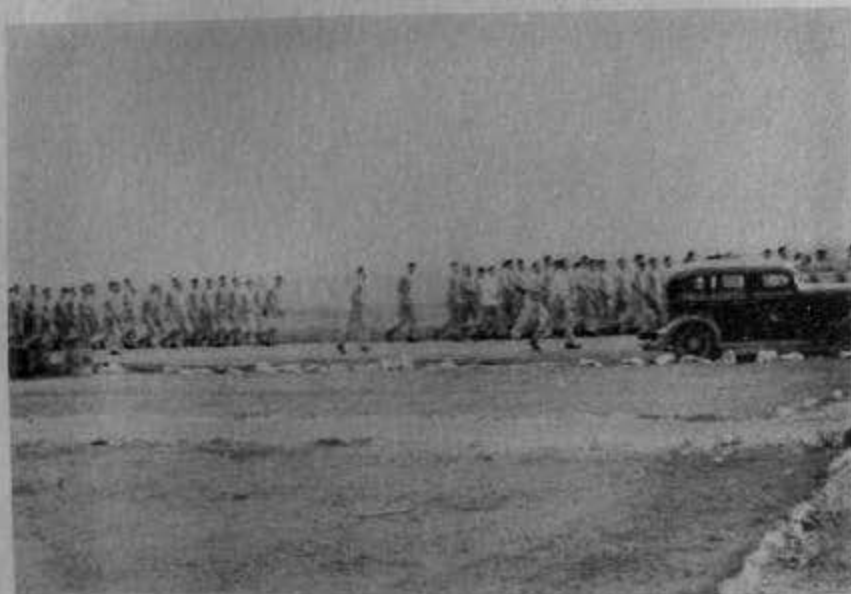
"BUDDIES"

You men with wings
And Cadets too.
Listen—
For I speak to you:
I want a favor
Of each of you,
While you're up there
In the blue.
I ask of you,
Yes, you who fly,
To give your best
And always try,
For you are picked.
You're just a few
Of all the men
Who came here new.
We all tried hard
To no avail.
There were some of us
Who had to fail.
So bear for us
Our standard high
And write our tale
Across the sky.
While you're out there
Across the sea
Trying to win
A victory—
Remember us
Your pals so true,
We'll always ride
Up there with you
You're the best
I'm proud to say,
Just let me clean
Your guns some day.
Or maybe fix
Your motor too,
So you can stay up
In the blue.
I'll be around
Though I can't fly—
I'll keep you up there
In the sky.
—A Washout

P. T.



And—"One, two, and murder, he says"



Double time—Harch



Instructors need P. T. too—?

Medical Department



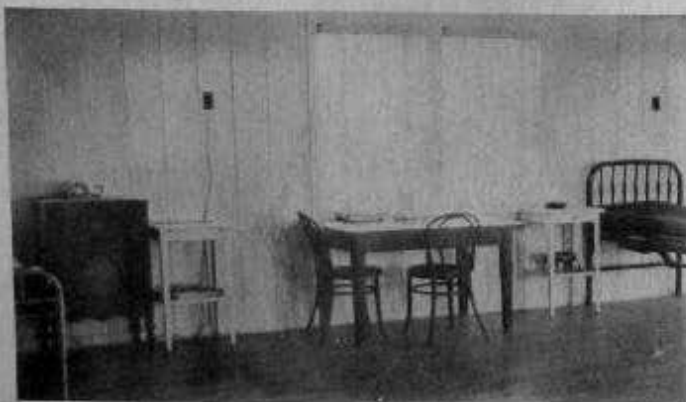
Deep in the heart of—

Next victim, step in please



A well balanced P. T. program results in THIS

Now read it backwards



Link Trainer and Mechanics?

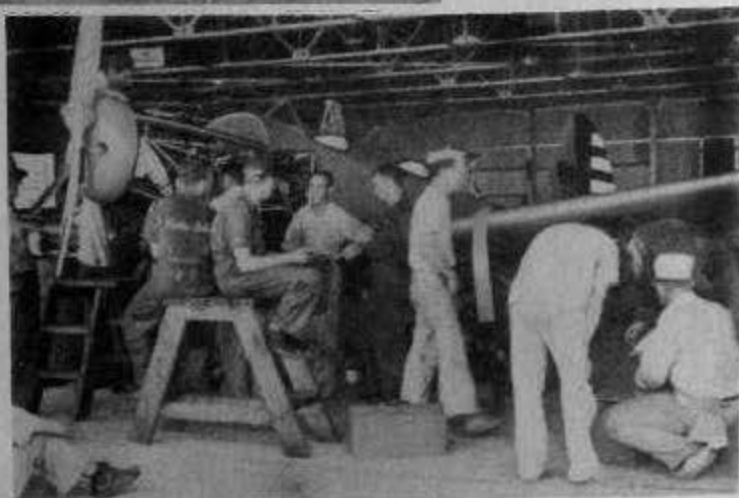


Unhappy landings



Pull out, Mister, you are
800 feet under ground
now

Keep 'em flying

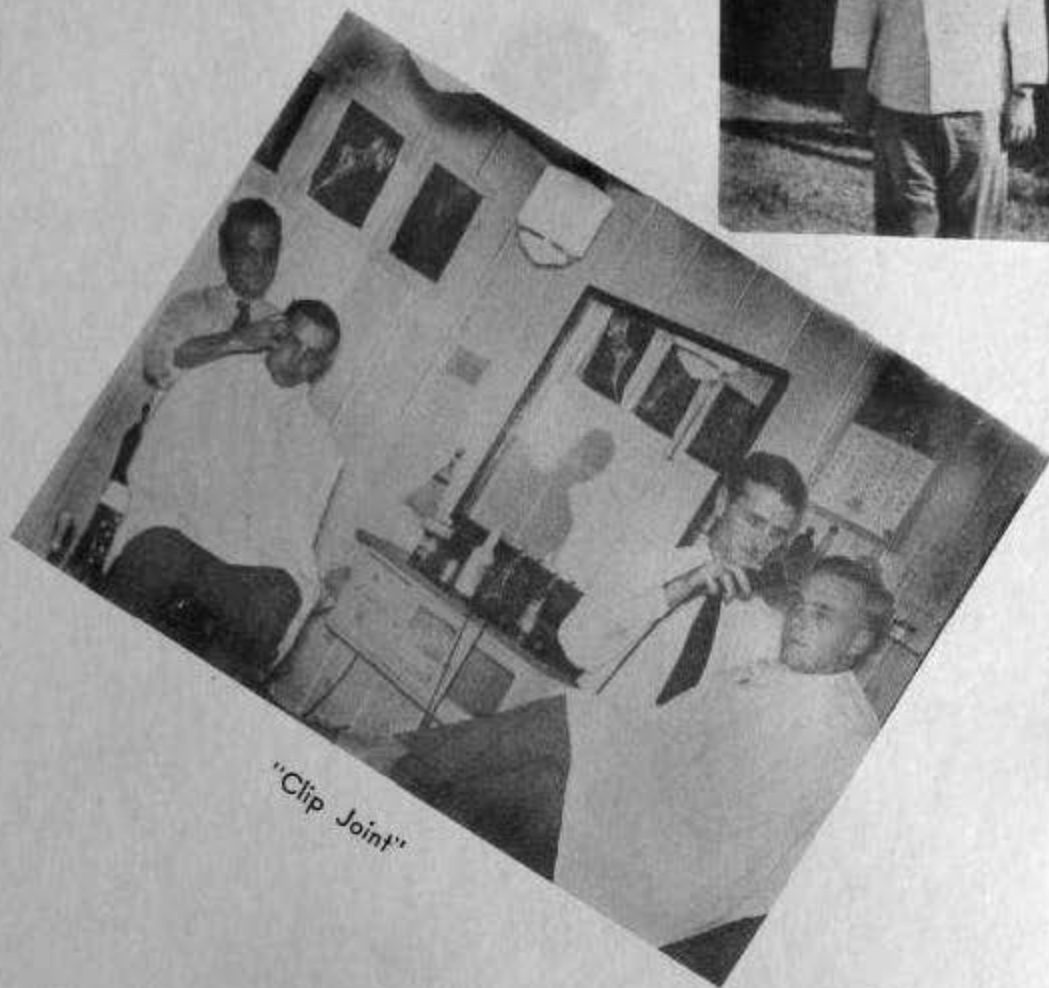


We fly 'em
You fix 'em

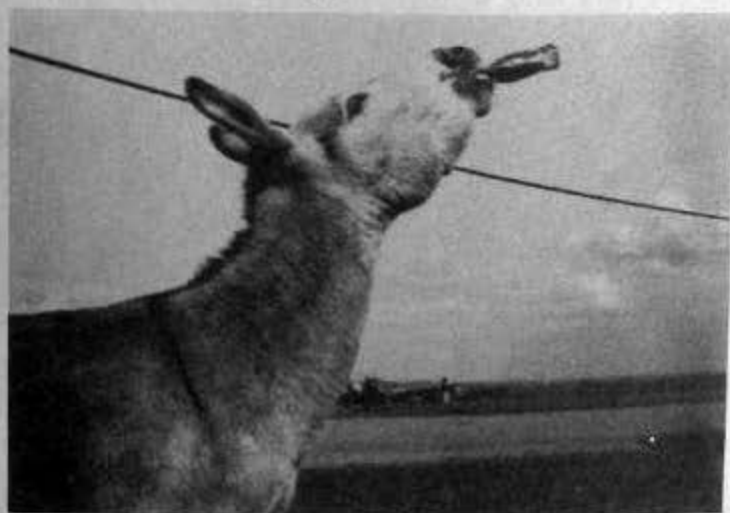


The Best

Our patient counselor



"Clip Joint"



Rosie



"No gas shortage here"



"Checkitis"



Fill 'er up, please



Now your rolls were—

"GOODBYE 44-E"

I'm sure I'll miss you, Jimmy and Bill
Knowing you was quite a thrill
You stood on the corner with the wolfish gleam—
And at the time, little did I dream
That soon together we would walk,
And swim, and play, and just plain talk.
But now you're leaving for many places,
And I know that you'll be winning races.
'Cause 44-E was a wonderful bunch,
And now I'm glad I played the hunch
To accept your dates to shows and dances,
And be with you and take those chances,
I hate to say goodbye like this,
But please remember a certain Miss
Who wishes you the best of all,
So please don't fail her, but
"Stay On The Ball."

One of the many girls who
think you're swell.

"A Word To The Wise Is Sufficient"

To those of you who follow us,
We'd like to say, "Don't miss the bus."
It's great to stay in town till late,
And coo and woo with the little mate.
But when you're on the ramp next week,
Because a taxi you didn't seek,
You wonder whether it's worth it all
Or whether it's better to "Stay on the ball."
Those extra minutes are really swell,
But remember too, the ramp is hell.

"44-E"



"Big Shots"



Calm now,—? then came the winds

They keep their
fingers crossed



PSALMS OF A FLYER

1. As the telephone operator who giveth wrong numbers so is he who extolleth his exploits in the air.

2. He shall enlarge upon the dangers of his adventures, but in my sleeve shall be heard the tinkling of silvery laughter.

3. Let not thy familiarity with airplanes breed contempt; lest thou become exceeding careless at a time when great care is necessary to thy well-being.

4. My son, obey the law and observe prudence. Spin thou alone not lower than 4000 cubits nor stunt above thine own domicile. For the hand of the law is heavy and reacheth far and wide throughout the land.

5. Incur not the wrath of the commander by breaking the rules; for he who doth land overshot shall be cast out into outer darkness.

6. Let not thy prowess in the air persuade thee that others cannot do even as thou doest; for he that showeth off in public places is an abomination unto his fellow pilots.

7. More praiseworthy is he who can touch the tail-skid and wheels to earth at one time, than he who loopeth and rolleth till some damsel stares in amazement at his daring.

8. He who breaketh an undercarriage in a forced landing may, in time, be forgiven, but he who taxieth into another plane shall be despised forever.

9. Beware the man who taketh off without looking behind him, for there is no health in him, verily, I say unto you, his days are numbered.

10. Clever men take the reproof of their instructor in the same wise, one like unto another; with witty jest, confessing their dumbness and regarding themselves with humor. Yet they try again, profiting by his wise counsel and taking not offense at aught that has been said.

11. As a postage stamp which lacketh glue, so are words of caution to a fool; they sticketh not, going in one ear and out the other, for there is naught between to stop them.

12. My son, harken unto my teachings and forsake not the laws of prudence, for the reckless shall not inhabit the earth for long.

13. Hear instructions and be wise, and refuse it not; thus will thou fly safely; and length of days and life of peace shall be added unto thee.

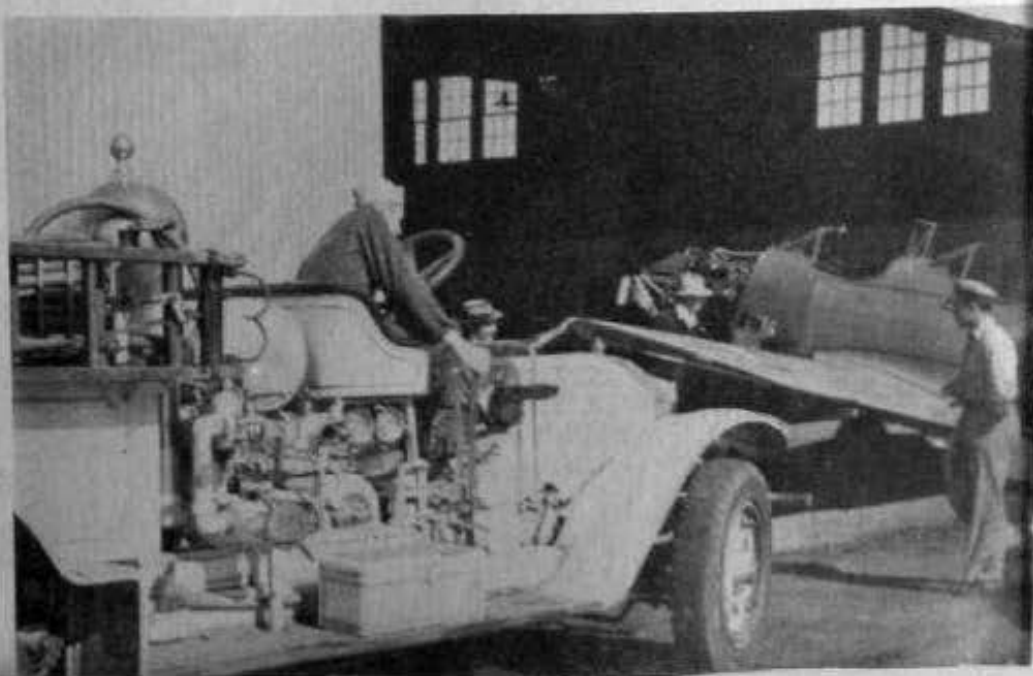


Dodo's in formation



Let's be gettin' these men fed

Never had to use her

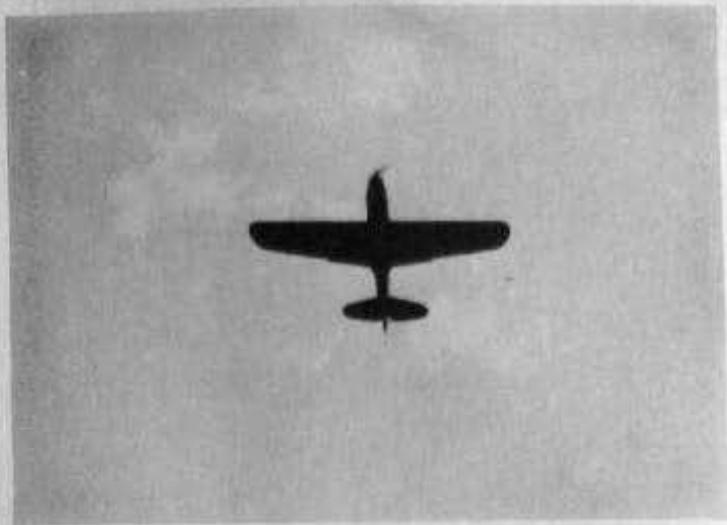


"CADET SLANG"

- Ballooning** A pastime of those who love landing. Several landings can be made from one approach.
- Parachute** Something you sit on to see over the edge of the cockpit.
- Gosport** One of the necessary controls for precision flying. It also serves as a drain for a gas tank.
- Raunchy** The results of government issue laundry efficiency, and the lack of a Blitz cloth. Also pretains to sweaters.
- Hot Pilot** Any pilot who spent the month of November in Fort Worth, as we did.
P. S. We have four hours of very irregular habits.
- Wind Tee** An inanimate object, controlled by Gremlins, and gusts of wind.
- Eager Beaver** A male who doesn't drink, smoke, chew gum, swear, look at girls, miss formations, stay up at nights, and is still alive.
- Brown Nosing** An occupation popular with eager beavers but indulged in at times by all cadets.
- Traffic Pattern** A theoretical path over the ground as prescribed by C.A.A. A purely theoretical object which no one need give a second thought.
- Heading** This is a silly thing, it means pointing a plane within 20 degrees of where you want to go. It has little actual use as you can always see where you are going anyway.
- Ramp** Actually, the place where planes race each other for a parking place, theoretically, a place where Cadets taxi after taxiing in the above manner.
- Link** A small box-like affair similiar to a doghouse, but equipped with all sorts of gadgets with which all pilots amuse themselves for endless hours.
- Right of way** The path of an instructors plane as compared with the plane of a solo student.
- United States** Area annexed by Texas in 1847.
- Gig** A contraction of the old Gaelic word "Giger Tourista." Gigerous being the imperative form of the word "Sunday" and "Tourists" meaning to walk slowly and view the country side.

Shots of Eaglets

Silver wings against the sky—or—
you too can be an aviation cadet



They're off

This is the way it's done



Up, up, and over

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There are times when feelings are pretty low.
There are times when things are going slow—
Some days are just right, while others are bad;
You can't do a spin and your landings are sad.

All this is our life, it's hard but it's fun.
We're aviation cadets! Let's get our job done!

Not all of it's fun; it's work all the way.
It's pretty tough going sometimes when they say;
"Snap to Mister!" or "You'd better sound off!"
You can't be lazy or loaf while you try
You can't be lazy or loaf while your try
To study all night or learn to fly.

It's "on the ball" all day and night.
It's the only way a cadet can be right.

Let's get this spirit—we're dodos now!
By listening and learning we'll all know how
To make this class the best one yet—
The best example of an aviation cadet!



In Memoriam



JAMES B. ROHRABAUGH

