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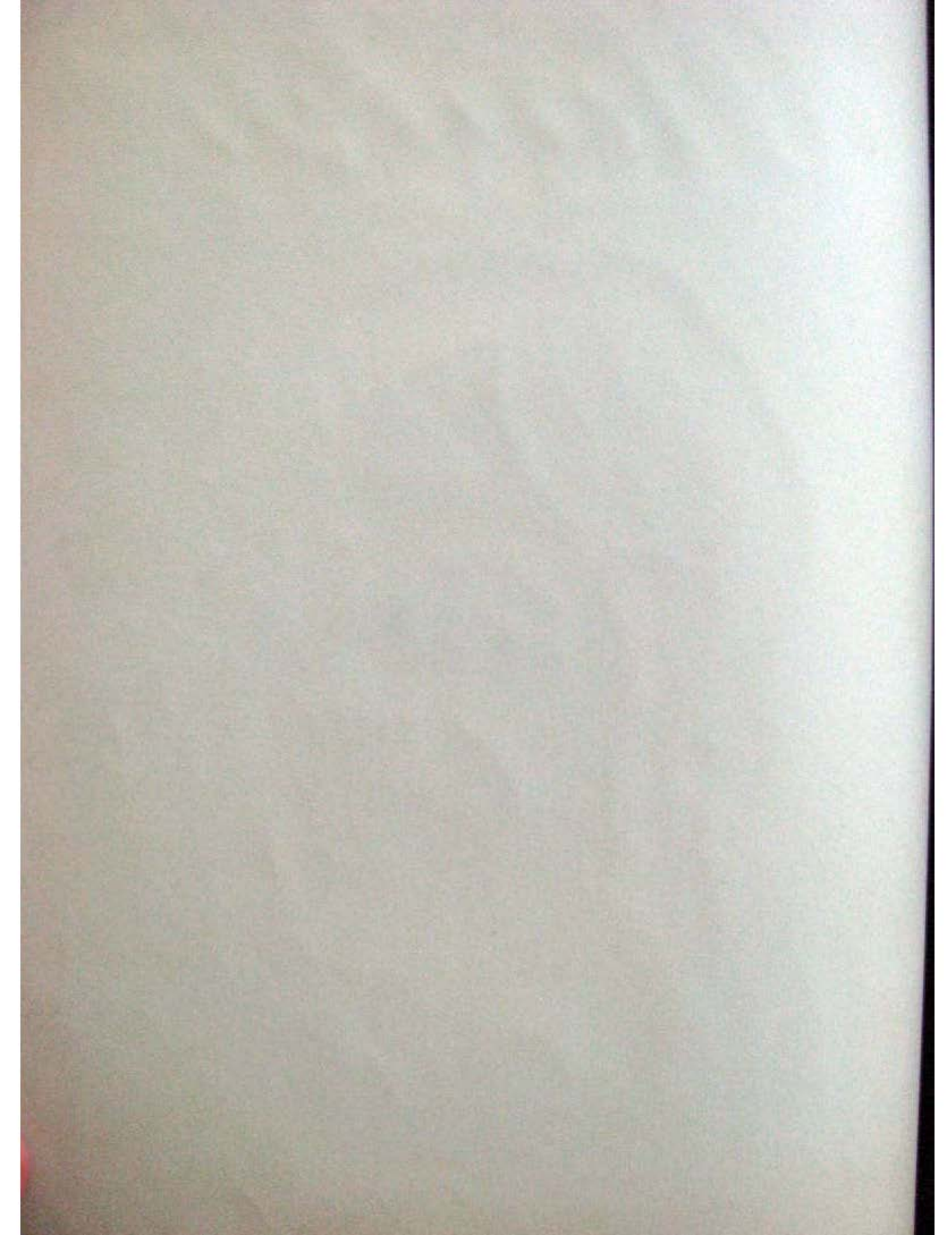
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high flight.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth,
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delicious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
Where never lark, or even eagle, flew;
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.





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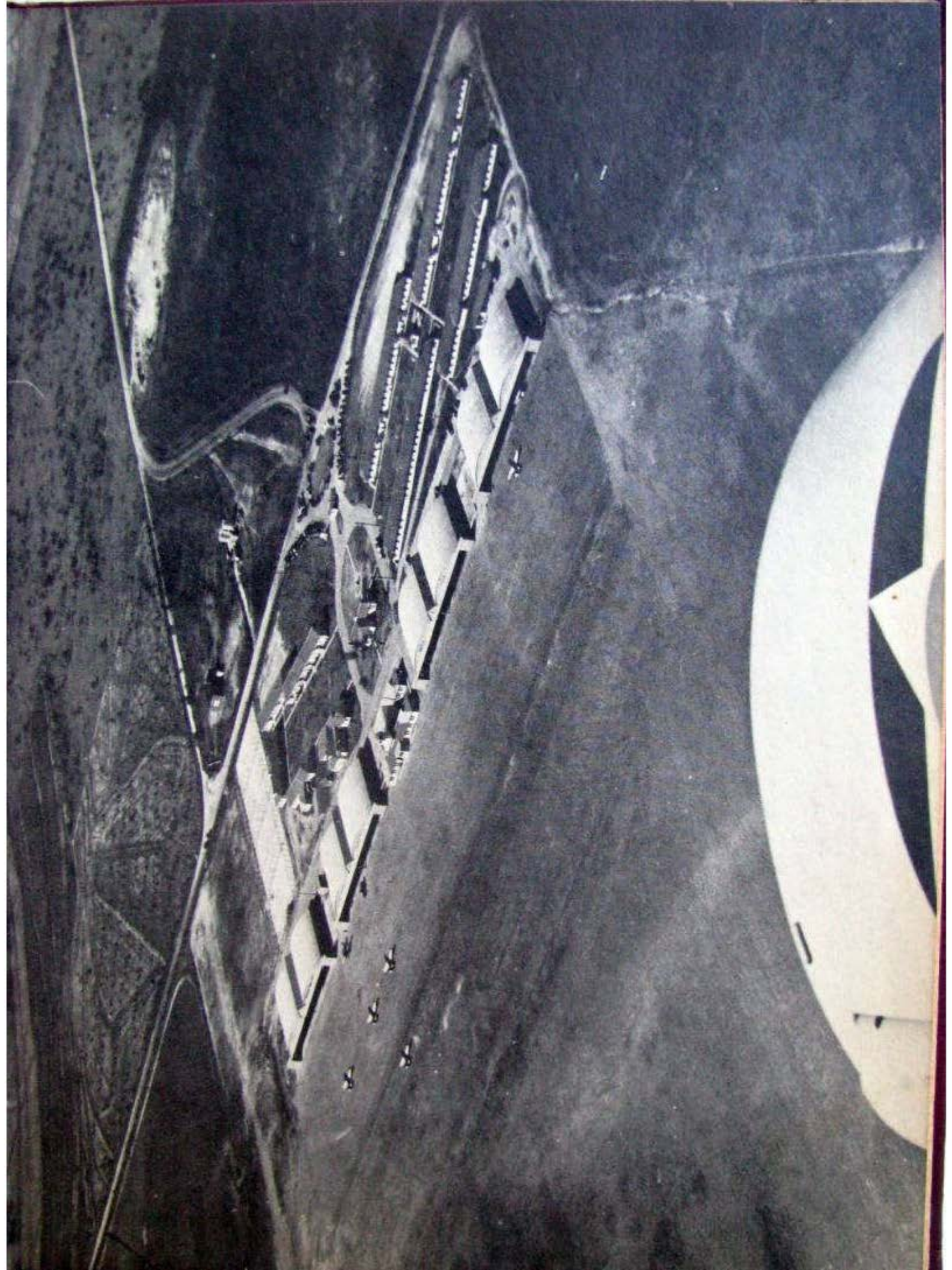
THE SOLDIERS' PRAYER

Last night at taps I heard a prayer,
Echoed on the evening air,
A prayer when all the camp was still,
Like the evening star above the hill
So sweet and tender it rode the air
I quote to you the soldiers prayer.

"Dear God on high give us this night
A world that's free from hectic fright
Give us a peace that is unsurpassed
Not a repetition of the past.
Our country called us here this night,
To protect what we all think is right.
Give us the power to succeed
To answer every earthly need
Of persons suppressed no matter where
That freedom and happiness they may bear
That they may worship you at ease
In anyway at the time they please.
Give us the gift to break the might
And let the light shine on the right.
Dear God, make us to see your will
So shining bright above the hill
Above the turmoil and the strife
May dawn a new and different life
With us or whomever it may start
Give man the right to pursue his heart
Give all a freedom, all a love
Send us that gift down from above,
And when the battle rages wild,
May we be your own favored child,
Guide us that we maintain the right."

Dear God, of you he asked these things
And hoped tomorrow's dawn might bring,
The answer to what was echoed there,
An answer to his soldiers prayer.

A/C MARTIN H. McCORMICK
Class 43-D





DEDICATION

To that small group of men—the Flight Surgeons—whose deeds often are overshadowed, but who nevertheless give unselfishly and continuously of their valuable knowledge, we of Class 43-D dedicate this book.


While the Flight Surgeons willingly remain in the background doing vital and outstanding work, we should not lose sight of the fact that to these men many fliers already owe their lives; and each succeeding day those of us who wing our ways through the skies should be more grateful for their services.

Here at Bruce Field, we are fortunate to have Flight Surgeons who not only are proficient medical men, but who also have that rare quality of being able to understand the human problems presented to them by many of the Cadets.

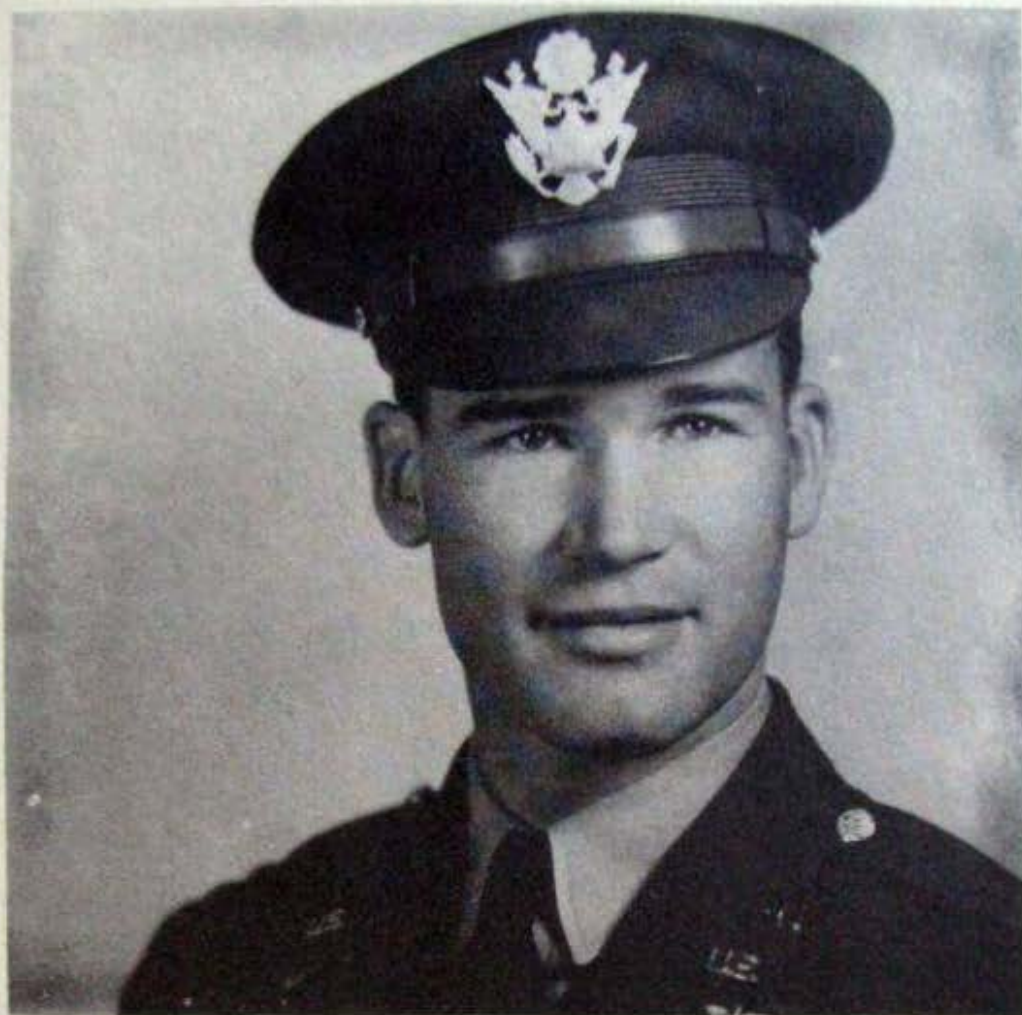
That the Flight Surgeons will be, throughout our entire flying career, among the best friends we will have is an established fact. They may some day be the difference between life and death and those of us who have had the privilege and pleasure of coming in contact with them know that they are able to administer to the morale as well as to the body.

To these men should go the praise and honor which they so fully deserve when this struggle has been concluded. For they are in a class apart—one which receives no publicity, but which nonetheless is essential to a victorious campaign.

So to the Flight Surgeons—those who keep us flying—our profound and humble thanks and appreciation.



ARMY OFFICER PERSONNEL



MAJOR JAMES B. TIPTON
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To the Class of 43-D:

Your vital and very necessary service to your country is about to begin. We have attempted to create an embryonic pilot during the nine weeks of your work here. Henceforth, your work will be to mold your piloting technique into that of a Military Pilot. This task will not be easy. It will require all the red-blooded American courage and determination which belongs to our heritage.

It is our hope that we have not only helped you to become a pilot, but that we have been instrumental in instilling in each of you the desire for service in the Air Corps and the willingness to learn, work and even sacrifice for this distinctive arm.

Smooth landings.

Keep 'em Flying.
James B. Tipton
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The patience of Job—the perseverance of Hannibal—the understanding of Aristotle—the judgment of Solomon—these are only a few of the traits necessary to qualify a man as a flight instructor.

. And if any of the instructors of 43-D lack any of these qualities, then it has gone unnoticed by the students. Those of whom have made the grade here at Bruce Field, as well as those of us who were eliminated, will verify the fact that a flight instructor is an extremely versatile individual.

Not only does he have to attempt to make fliers out of rather crude material, but he also has to change character for each student. Since no two persons are the same in personalities, the instructor must mold himself to blend with each Cadet.

We of Class 43-D are grateful for the time and effort of this group of men; and it is with the deepest sincerity that we say they have been among the best friends we have had. No matter how tough the going has been at times, they had nothing but encouragement for us.

So to these men—who have laid the foundation for all our future training as pilots in the Army Air Corps—we leave our profoundest admiration and deepest personal feelings.



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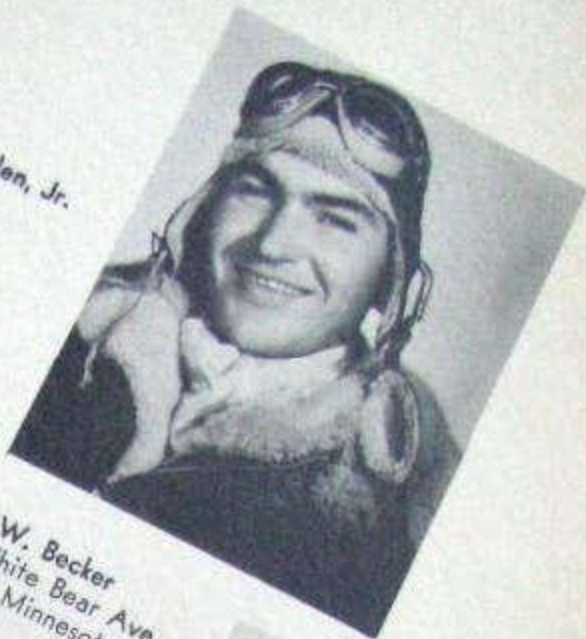


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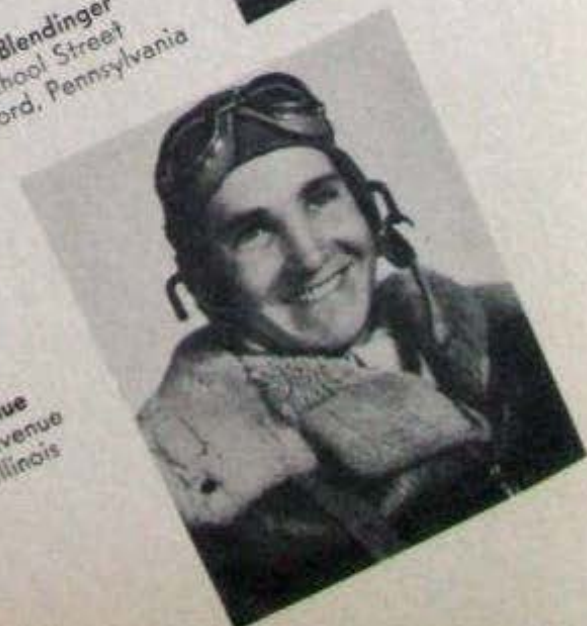
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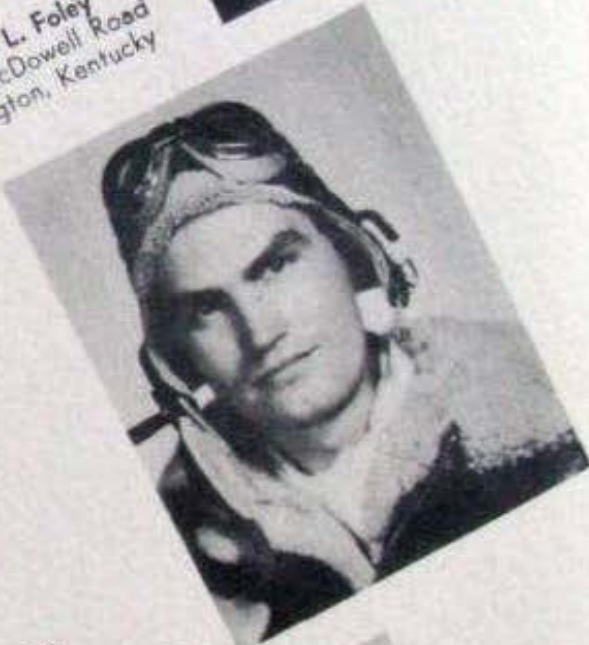


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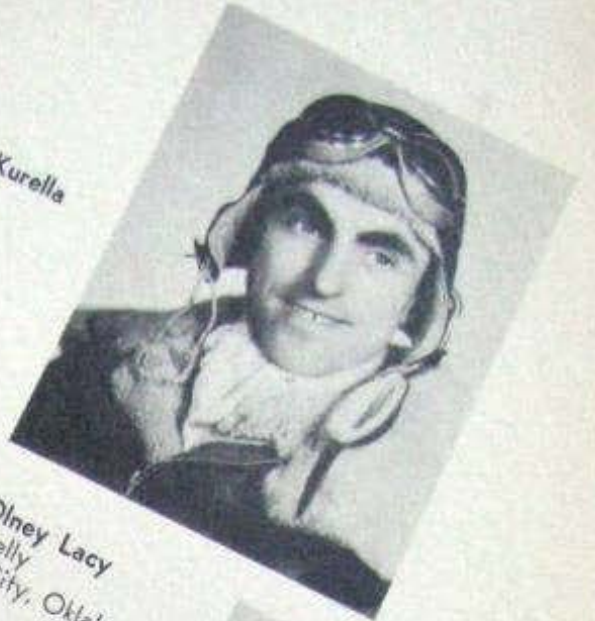
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FLIGHT A

Left to right, sitting: Corey, M. W.; Bennett, B. B.; Beckman, E. F.; Barta, F. D.; Dery, W. A., Jr.; English, P. B.; Allen, L.V.; Durr, H. J.; Baker, E. G.; Aderholt, H. C.; Decourcey, P. B.; D'Armond, D. E.; Bishop, W. H.; Barnett, C. W.

Left to right, kneeling: Creutzmann, H. E.; Blomberg, R. A.; Blake, R. L.; Bock, E. R.; Anderson, R. O.; Barker, B. B.; Alford, D. G.; Bauwin, E. E.; Dunn, R. R.; Bonner, A., Jr.; Demetree, W. C.; Dibrell, R. W.; De Vassie, H. M.; Cullen, J.

Left to right, standing: Alcorn, E. C.; Bock, F. O.; Ellington, H. W.; Fairbanks, G. D.; Drews, F. L.; Donnelly, J. E.; Benson, G. A.; Davis, A. A.; Deniel, R. E.; Beeten, G. B.; Barad, R. L.; Dempewolf, D. G.; Armstrong, O. K.; Behrens, E. W.; Deen, W. E.

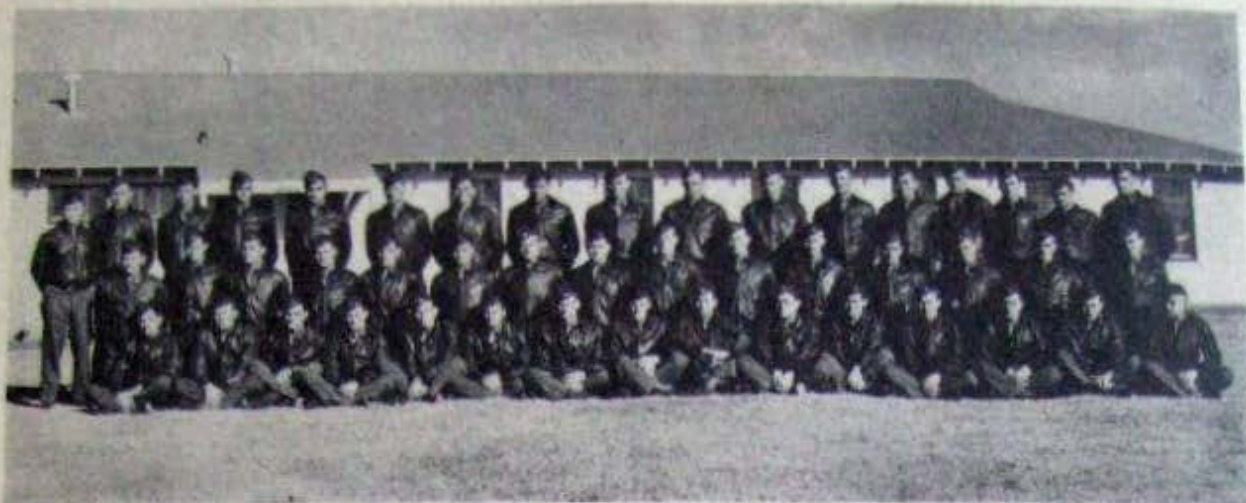


FLIGHT "B"

Left to right, sitting: Lindsey, M. W.; Haylock, R. P.; Horton, J. W.; Iverson, A. R.; Hennon, R. W.; Hoagland, D. W.; Krotz, C. J.; Larsell, R.; Hull, H. L.; Harris, H. W.; Hill, R. L.; Hutchison, C. C.; Kury, J. F.; Holden, J. H.

Left to right, kneeling: Kucinski, R. A.; Jackson, J. S.; Heckman, R. L.; Landrum, H. E.; Lilly, W. E.; Hill, D. D.; Holtsford, J. F.; Larsen, A. B.; Hall, J. L.; Hood, L. T.; Hickey, J. P.; Klopp, A. M.; Kruckmeyer, F. J.; Krepling, W.

Left to right, standing: Klint, W.; Kutz, H. D.; Klees, R. J.; Helmberger, H. E.; Knutson, W. A.; Holgrebe, K. E.; Hanson, P. B.; Herrick, J. W.; Holcomb, W. H.; Land, W. H.; Holt, N. P.; Houde, R. A.; Kyrouac, B. C.; Howard, F. M.; John, E. F.



SECTION "C"

Left to right, sitting: Fay, J. W.; Fedler, R. W.; Colgin, B. S.; Burk, R. F.; Coffee, M. D.; Bracknell, J. L.; Collier, M.; Carter, S. D.; Guest, W. S.; Britt, B. J.; Gauthier, W. S.; Faull, J. E.; Bowers, J. H.; Girard, M.; Fairleigh, C. D.

Left to right kneeling: Bristow, A. L.; Greer, W. S.; Grizzell, J. O.; Garrett, J. E.; Haines, C. D.; Goodman, B. H.; Cole, A. E.; Gulick, J. A.; Buss, D. H.; Buckley, G.; Ferguson, G. T.; Chase, M. L.; Foster, J. E.; Frain, M. V.; Connolle, G. D.

Left to right, standing: Carrell, R.; Fay, G. R.; Conrad, L. J.; Green, E. H.; Fitchko, H.; Gremeaux, L. A.; Fay, G. T.; Chapel, D. E.; Chaloka, A.; Coleman, R.; Freeman, G. R.; Colby, A. M.; Faulk, L. B.; Brown, J. W.; Chitty, M. L.; Gray, C. E.; Greenbaum, W. J.



FLIGHT "D"

Left to right, First Row: Easley, C. B.; Kerr, R. L.; Jones, J. R.; Thayer, T. J.; Kinzie, W. R.; Notas, J.; Johnson, M. P.; King, T. A.; Kile, R.; Kelly, L. W.; Kifer, F. B.; Abramson, S.; Johnson, V. O.; Marti, C. D.

Left to right, Second Row: Kennelly, R. A.; Kimport, K. R.; Bleye, G. V.; Maraldo, W. J.; King, R. H.; Clendenin, W. A.; Johnson, K. O.; Alsup, R.; Walls, J. C.; Adrian, C. J.; Martin, R. T.; Jones, B. M.; Allen, J. L.; Kern, F. H.; Marshall, C. L.; Keljik, V.

Left to right, Third Row: Kane, J. A.; Kaiser, J. W.; McDonough, A. G.; Aldrich, R. S.; Kehoe, T. M.; Marshall, J. W.; Johnson, R. W.; Marpe, F. C.; Justesen, G. A.; McMath, J. G.; Manger, D. F.; Jones, M. E.; Kessler, J. T.



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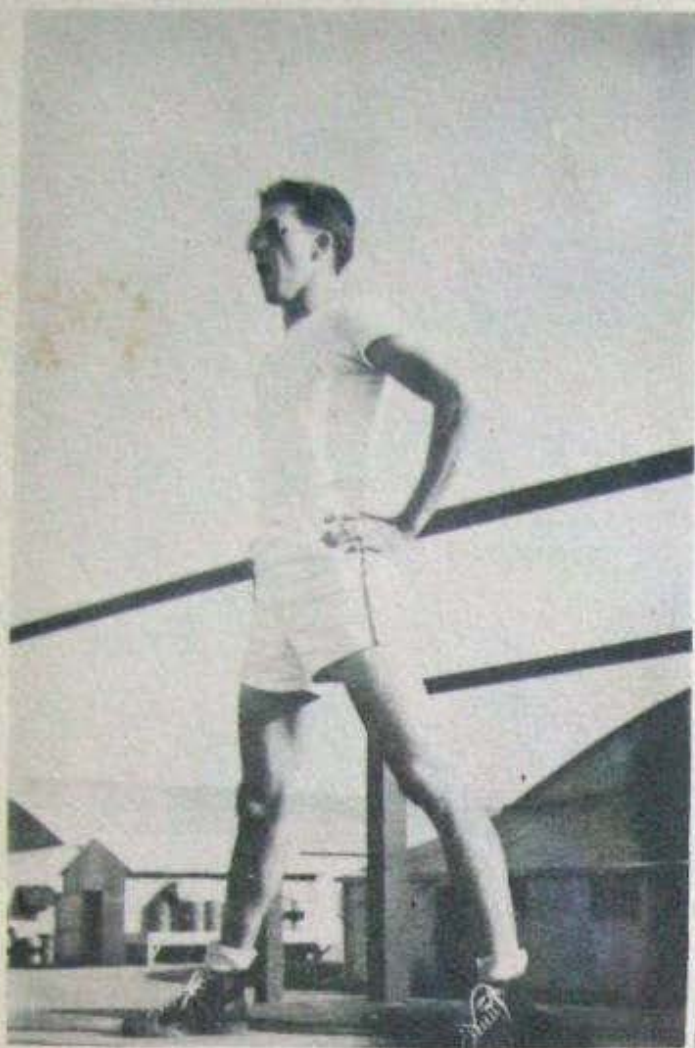
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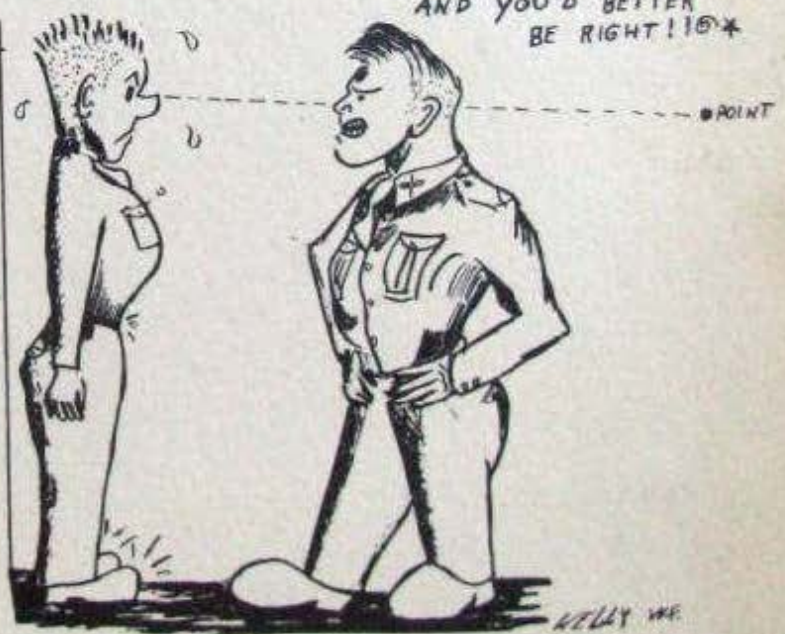


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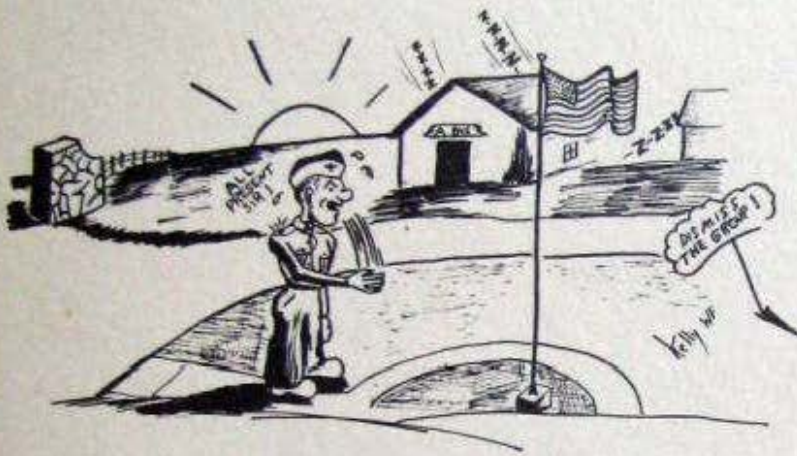
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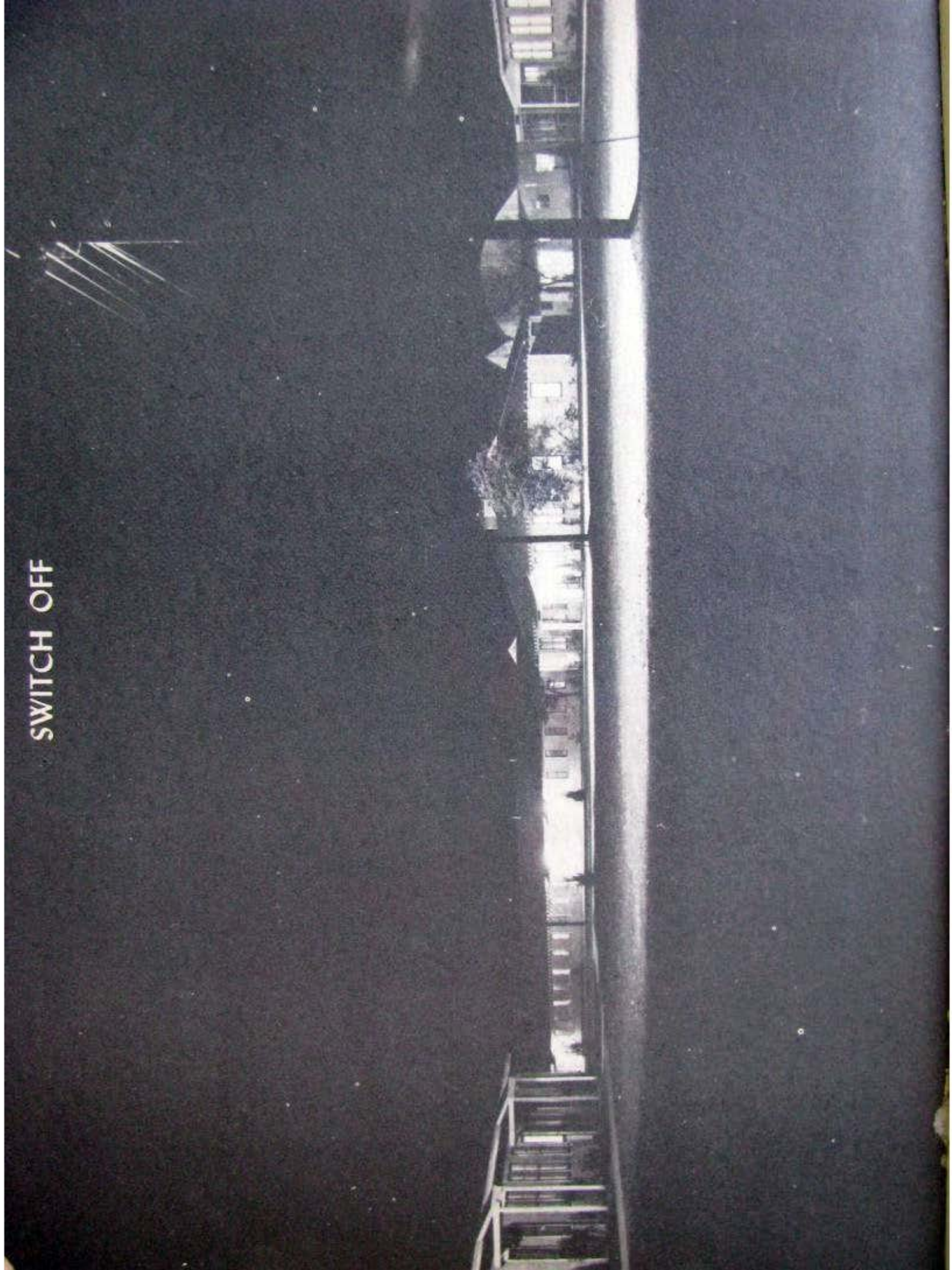


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