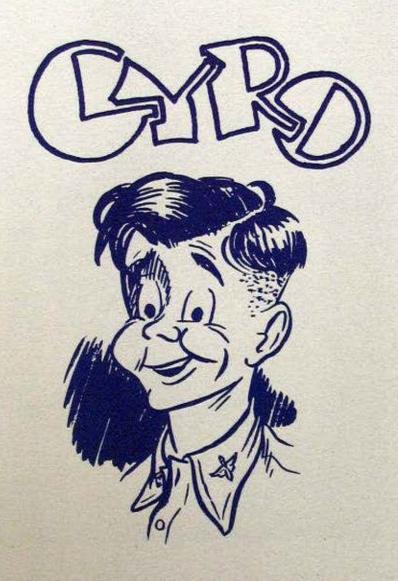




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DEDICATION

We the men of class 45-15B, dedicate this book, not only to the memory of a great man who has left us, but also to the magnificent spirit and principles he left to America and the world as beacons leading to the ultimate goal of peace for generations to come.

As a leader in our many battles and darkest moments, his wisdom was there to designate the right path. Although not always at first clea. to us, his decisions invariably led to ends that were un-

doubtedly those for which we sought.

As President of this nation he personified the ideals of the foremost 'ism' of all—Americanism. His was the vital gift of being able to conceive within himself the feelings of others. His every emotion was heartfelt and sincere. He would never just meet occasions—no, it was his trait to absorb and live them.

May our dedication to Franklin D. Roosevelt be in the form of a sincere pledge to apply our training and abilities to our utmost, as a means to hasten the climax of his dreams.

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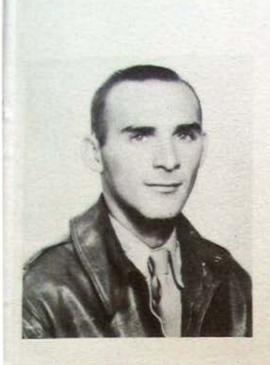


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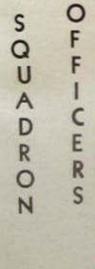
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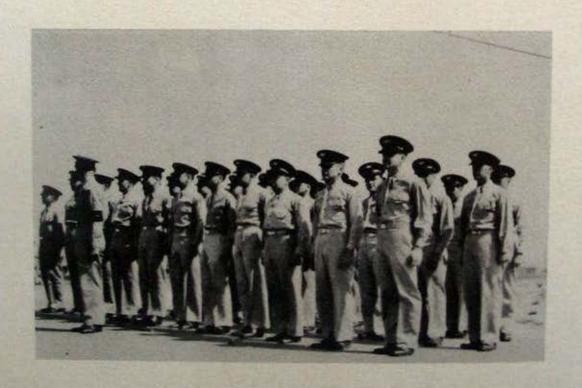
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Anderson, George H.
"Andy"



Antonio, Peter F.
"But Sir, in Navigation school"



Aptakin, Justin P.
"I'm only five minutes late"



Baldon, Lewis S. "Come on "



Barnes, Gerald D.
"Just a book and the sack"





Cohen, Sam "Sir, Which Cohen?"



Conner, Raymond D. "Dud"



Costello, John W.



Cudworth, Robert G.
"Let's clean the car"



Davenport, Herstel L. "Hubba, Hubba, any poem bottles?"



"You mean like this, Sir?"



De Vries, Bernard O.
"Now I wouldn't say that ..."



Di Cola, Alfred G. "Mail call? I'm willing."



Diederich, Leo M. Girls, Girls Girls



Dill, Robert T.
"Ah, this married life,"



DiMaggio, Joseph J. "Knock it off."



Dispenza, Robert B.
"Apples from home



DiValerio, Anthony T.



"And that, gentlemen, concludes my lecture on Fusing Bombs."



Dixon, William W.
"Tokio Rose"



Dooley, Aubrey M.
"And the wheels just wouldn't come down!"



Dryden, Charles T. "Another P. T. excuse?"



Duffy, William M.
"Where's little Bill?"



Dunn, William J. "Sweet Boy!"



Eastman, Chester G.
"I've taken all I'm gonna"



Devine, John "Bobby Sock"



Eaton, Donald L.
"Time for one hand"



Ellis, Earl E. Mighty mouse



Ellsberg, Harry D.
"I fail to see the humor"



Forman, William M. "Eager beaver"



Forte, Dom V. "I'm ready, fallow



Fox, Sidney J. "Guide-out"



"Malfunction not granted"



Gendreau, Harvey G. "Malfunction Joe"



Gerstein, Sidney
"Don't take that picture"



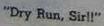
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Gracie, Russell H.
"I'll put to bood on her"



Greene, Robert D.
"Art eeeease, shad up"





Griffin, Clyde B.
"How old are you, Son?"



Grossman, Robert E.
"Oh, Oh, gigged again!"



Gunn, Frederick E. "You don't know, do you?"



Haverly, William W. "I'm an old man



Henderson, Gale G.
"The prettiest of them all?"



"Oh come now! You can set it up better than that!"



Hillenbrand, John "Beligerent John"



Holmes, Frederick G.
"We're in like big birds".



Hurn, James L.
"The eagerest of them all"



Jablonski, Alfonse B.
"It must have been a maifunction"



"Cameral"



Jeske, LeRoy R.
"Have you ever been to Bahia?"



Johanson, Norman L. "Wine, Women and Song"



Jordan, Frank S.
"The thing is to keep calm"



Jordan, Lucius G.
"Little Lucius"



Judgens, Robert O "Who II lost me a shirt



Kachavos, George "SACK TIME"





Kaduk, John F.
"But I was synchronized"



Kaiser, Robert C. Get those lights out"



Kassis, Harry J .
"Aw, Gee fellows!",



Kidd, Malcolm M. "You've got to compensate"



Kincaid, James R. All you need is a rope



"You trying to give me a "bad time"?!"



Knowles, Robert E.
"But Sir, But Sir, my C. E."



Koch, Albert V. "Fight on Pennsylvania"



Koehler, William F.
"I'm forced to double"



Koerner, John R.
"I will not swing on the wing tips"



Kostyniak, Victor W.
"I never did smoke at home"



Larson, Ralph G. "Hat Time"



Warnimont, Robert E.
"But I wasn't hypnotized"



C FLIGHT



FRANCOIS E. PIDGEON Flight Lieutenant



JACK A. MOSIER Flight Sergeant





Greenberg, Sidney I.
"What's your interpretation of Duration?"



LaMaster, William H.
"But Sir I don't understand."



LaVelle, Alton B. "Beautiful Texas"



Leeser, Paul J.



Lewis, Robert J. "Nulf Sed"





LuBein, Frank J.
"It ain't like Chi"



McBean, William S.
"We were just taking extra P.T."



McFadden, George E.
"Full speed ahead, 6 words per minute"



McKey, Forrest M. "Speak to me, McKey"



THE NEXT TIME YOU TELL ME TO GET MY HEAD OUT, SAY SIR!!



McKinley, Gilbert G.
"But she came all the way from Fort Worth"



McMickle, Walter C.
"Pretty girls are from the NORTH"



McNeil, Roy W. "Cherry"



Mackey, Loy I.
"Rope off the area"



Marino, James J. "The Clevis pin was in Sir.



Matchette, Paul A.
"Ah to be back in the Boy Scouts"



Small Refinements! Dammif! Small Refinements!



Maxson, Milton E. "Where's my mail?"



Meents, James R.
"Threw it on Herb's bed;"



Meier, Robert F.
"Come on Mac—Let's go this
way."



Muhofski, Harry A. Mike checked my brass Sin



"He's a born Bombardier! Feel all the knobs on his head!"



Middleton, B. C. "Stretch"



Mills, Henry S. "Wobbler Sir."



Mix, Jack A. "But I love the Navy."



Mosier, Jack A. "Squirrel"



Miklasko, Lauis J.
"I says gal, prepare!"



Murphy, Theodore W.
"Glensferry Gazette says . .







Naramore, Edward F.
"Where is the compass cover?"



Northcut, Herbert L. "She looked like 14 to me."



O'Conner, Richard F.
"Open the bomb bays"



Ornstein, Julian H. "Cuple"



Owens, Edwin R.
"I don't mind wearing a barracks bag".



"Keep Looking, Sir — It's in there somewhere!"



Palagi, Gene P.
"I can't see the target"



Panagopoulos, John "Jelly Belly"



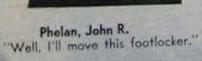
Pattillo, LeRoy J.
"Oooooooh, it's dark up here."



Peddie, Harward C. "Take me back to Tulia"



DEAT LOSS IN HEAVEN-





Pidgeon, Francois E. "Pidge"



Powers ,Karl J.
"Who zat meat ball?"



Prussing, William S. "Hump."



Reichardt, Henry C "Can found it



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Campbell, Rufus
'Do they have Cadets in civilian
life?".

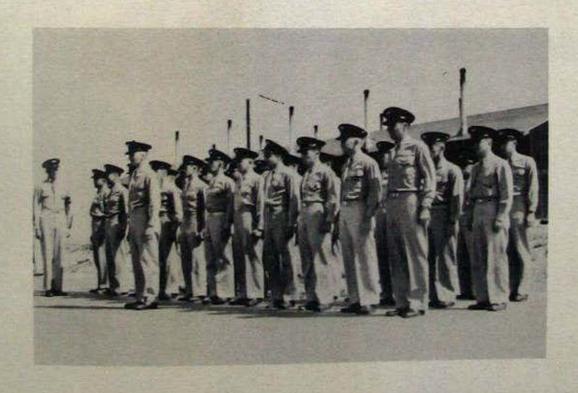
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DALE E. WHITESELL Flight Lieutenant



JOSEPH P. SCHAEFFER Flight Sergeant





Dhein, Lyle E.
"Ah those Wisconsin snowbent



Reiter, Frederick H. "Klondike"



Renner, George B. "Fort Worth interlude"



Rice, Earl D. Pipus



Richardson, Gerald D.
"Locker inspection in 5 minutes"



Robinson, Danforth R. "Robbie"



Rockwell, William A. "Got a paper bag?"



Ruggles, Lewis W.
"Rough on flight leaders"



Schaeffer, Joseph P. Ask the wheels



Schmidt, William J. Fort Worth flash"





Scholl, James
"Speaking of bent nozzles"



Search, James W.
"Dry run, Sir; but, but, Sir?"



Shafer, James B. "Short Shafer"



Singleton, Jack B. What every girl desam



"HEN HEN SUESS WOTT



Smith, Russell M. "Shack? Sir."



Smith, William S.



Snyder, Robert J.



Sohaiby, Frank C. "Sahib"



Spurr, Eugene V. "Stallworth



Stanborough, John
"I ain't purty but I'm willin'"



"LEVEL PULLEEZE SIR."



Vail, John E. "Is chow compulsory?"



Van Mil, Stephen A.

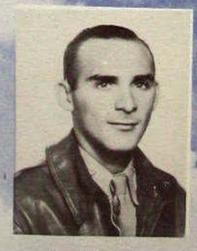


Volpe, Frank "I was so happy"



Wacker, Kenneth E.* "Short Burst"





Ward, David D. "Baldy"



Wenckus, Adam J. "Hide it"



Whitesell, Dale E.
"Did 1 snafu!"



Wieland, Edward C. Airplane Eddie"



Willis, Edwin L. Spotts



Wolfson, Stanley W.
"What's Texas got that Brooklyn
hasn't?"



"Yes! It will even do that!"













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Marc L. Eycken Paris, France



Denis J. Boulot Melun, France



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Francis J. Viruega Oran, Algeria



NOTRE DAME REGAINED

These stones rock of my own loved soil, In exile ever grown more dear— My distant heart, in storm and toil, As heart of France, beat here!

Be now her flame that burned in me At altar—Flame renewed— This led her sons on land and sea, And with her faith imbued.

Susan N. Pulsifer

A NOTRE DAME

Comme elles m'etaient proches oans l'exil des annees Ces pierres jaillies de mon solsacre, Tandis que par dela les murs et les monts Mon coeur et celui de France Battaient A L'unisson.

Sa flamme brulait au trefondé de mon Etre; Tout comme au maître—autel sans cesse renouvelee Elle guida ses enfants dans le vent et la tempete Et leurs fronts de sa foi, en furent aure les.

Adapted by Emile G. Henno



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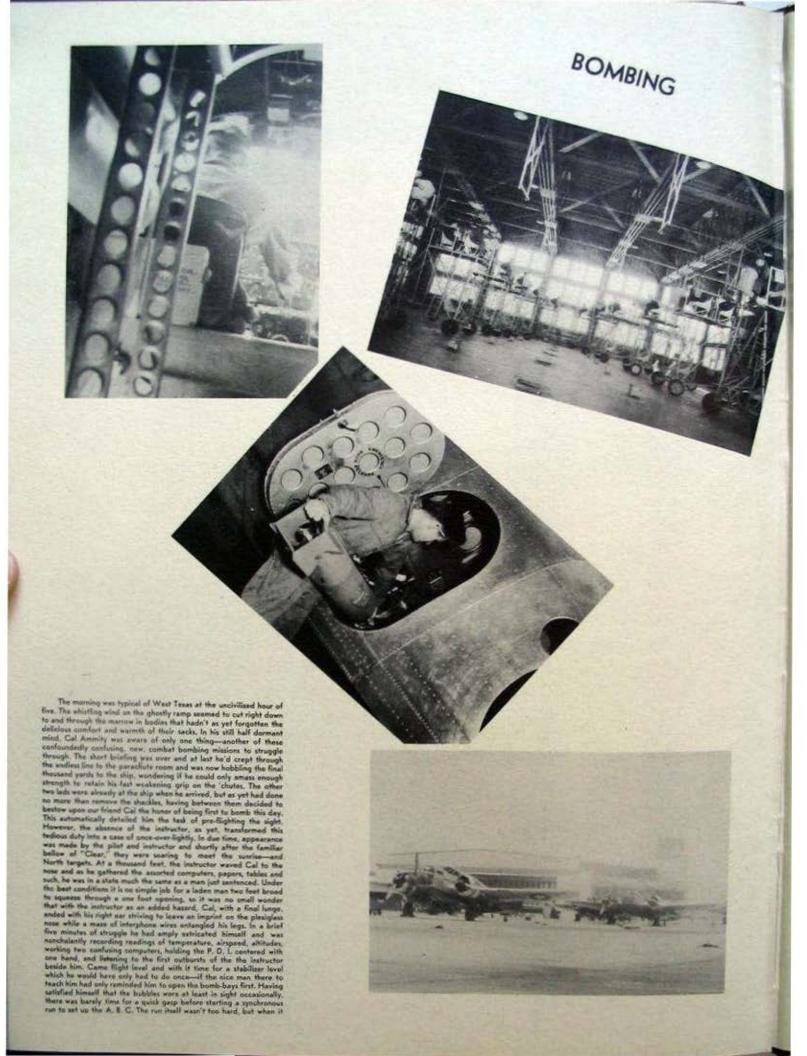
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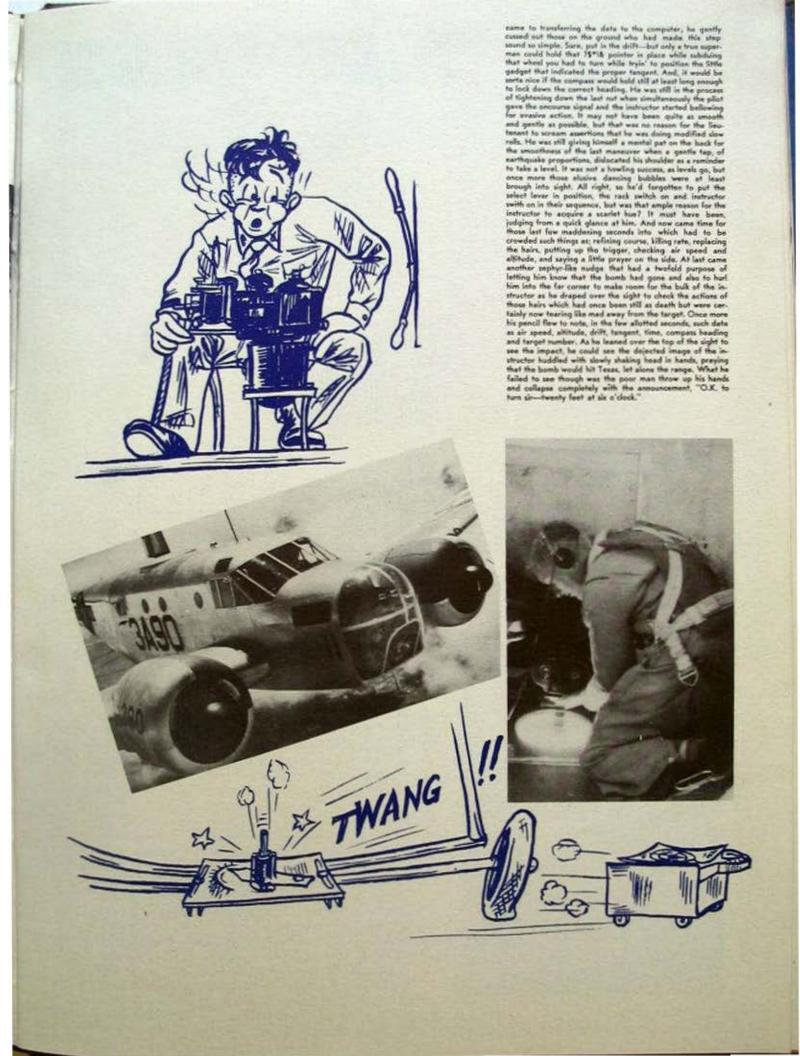


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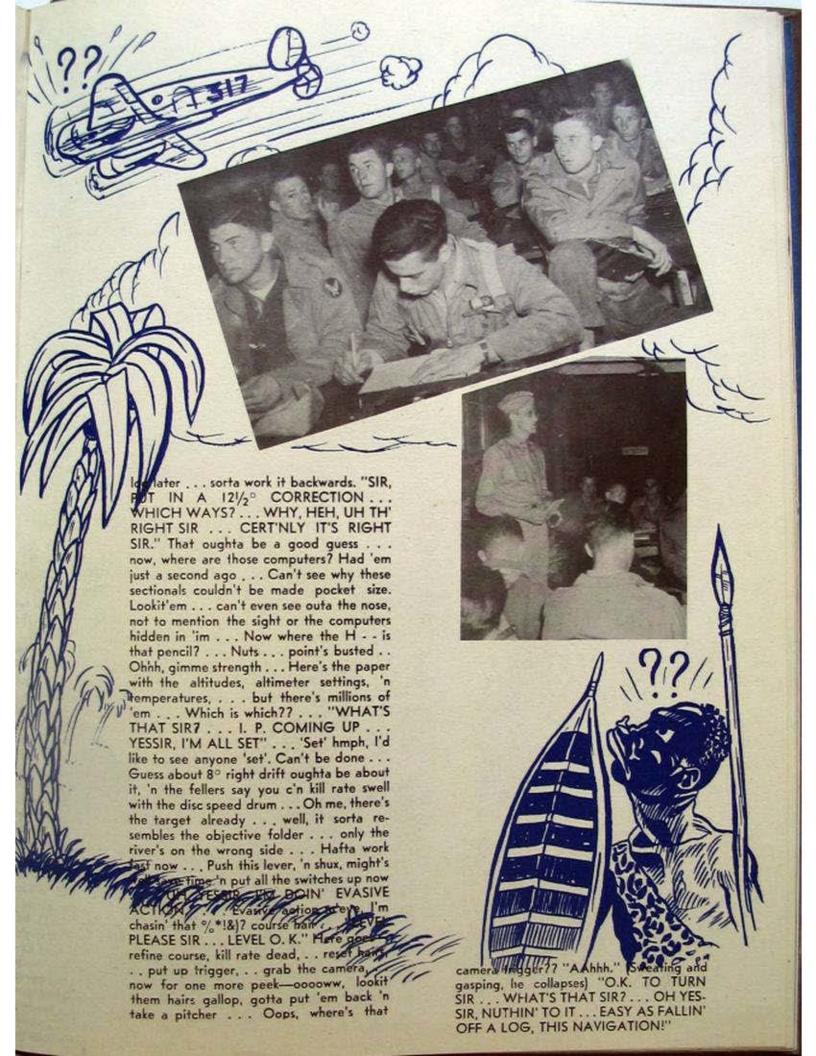
The morning was typical of West Texas at the uncivilized hour of five. The whistling wind on the ghostly ramp seemed to cut right down to and through the marrow in bodies that hadn't as yet forgotten the delicious comfort and warmth of their sacks. In his still half dormant mind, Cal Ammity was aware of only one thing-another of these confoundedly confusing, new, combat bombing missions to struggle through. The short briefing was over and at last he'd crept through the endless line to the parachute room and was now hobbling the final thousand yards to the ship, wondering if he could only amass enough strength to retain his fast weakening grip on the 'chutes. The other two lads were already at the ship when he arrived, but as yet had done no more than remove the shackles, having between them decided to bestow upon our friend Cal the honor of being first to bomb this day. This automatically detailed him the task of pre-flighting the sight. However, the absence of the instructor, as yet, transformed this tedious duty into a case of once-over-lightly. In due time, appearance was made by the pilot and instructor and shortly after the familiar bellow of "Clear," they were soaring to meet the sunrise-and North targets. At a thousand feet, the instructor waved Cal to the nose and as he gathered the assorted computers, papers, tables and such, he was in a state much the same as a man just sentenced. Under the best conditions it is no simple job for a laden man two feet broad to squeeze through a one foot opening, so it was no small wonder that with the instructor as an added hazard, Cal, with a final lunge, ended with his right ear striving to leave an imprint on the plexiglass nose while a maze of interphone wires entangled his legs. In a brief five minutes of struggle he had amply extricated himself and was nonchalantly recording readings of temperature, airspeed, altitudes, working two confusing computers, holding the P. D. I. centered with one hand, and listening to the first outbursts of the the instructor beside him. Came flight level and with it time for a stabilizer level which he would have only had to do once-if the nice man there to teach him had only reminded him to open the bomb-bays first. Having satisfied himself that the bubbles were at least in sight occasionally, there was barely time for a quick gasp before starting a synchronous run to set up the A. B. C. The run itself wasn't too hard, but when it

came to transferring the data to the computer, he gently cussed out those on the ground who had made this step sound so simple. Sure, put in the drift-but only a true superman could hold that ?\$*!& pointer in place while subduing that wheel you had to turn while tryin' to position the little gadget that indicated the proper tangent. And, it would be sorta nice if the compass would hold still at least long enough to lock down the correct heading. He was still in the process of tightening down the last nut when simultaneously the pilot gave the oncourse signal and the instructor started bellowing for evasive action. It may not have been quite as smooth and gentle as possible, but that was no reason for the lieutenant to scream assertions that he was doing modified slow rolls. He was still giving himself a mental pat on the back for the smoothness of the last maneuver when a gentle tap, of earthquake proportions, dislocated his shoulder as a reminder to take a level. It was not a howling success, as levels go, but once more those elusive dancing bubbles were at least brough into sight. All right, so he'd forgotten to put the select lever in position, the rack switch on and instructor swith on in their sequence, but was that ample reason for the instructor to acquire a scarlet hue? It must have been, judging from a quick glance at him. And now came time for those last few maddening seconds into which had to be crowded such things as; refining course, killing rate, replacing the hairs, putting up the trigger, checking air speed and altitude, and saying a little prayer on the side. At last came another zephyr-like nudge that had a twofold purpose of letting him know that the bomb had gone and also to hurl him into the far corner to make room for the bulk of the instructor as he draped over the sight to check the actions of those hairs which had once been still as death but were certainly now tearing like mad away from the target. Once more his pencil flew to note, in the few allotted seconds, such data as air speed, altitude, drift, tangent, time, compass heading and target number. As he leaned over the top of the sight to see the impact, he could see the dejected image of the instructor huddled with slowly shaking head in hands, praying that the bomb would hit Texas, let alone the range. What he failed to see though was the poor man throw up his hands and collapse completely with the announcement, "O.K. to turn sir-twenty feet at six o'clock."



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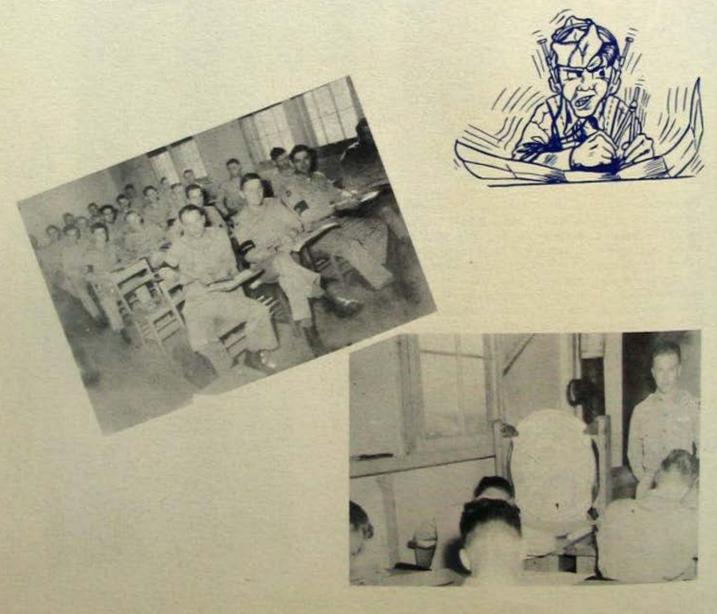
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GROUND SCHOOL

It's easy for a fellow to look back at our ground school training and say, "That ground school was a snap." For some, I guess that may be so, but few are those who can claim they didn't do any good honest "sweating." To complete the intensive course, the required number of hours reaches up to astronomical figures. No matter who you may be, you are bound to learn things,—lots of things. It is a fact that the course in aerial bombardment is the most technical and complex of all the army has to offer, so even though our learning and absorbing everything seems tremendous at times, the real praises must go to the department of training which so aptly performs the task of preparing and presenting these subjects to us in easily digestable form.







Through the efforts of these men, Big Spring has achieved one of the highest scholastic ratings in this specialized training. As much as possible, the men chosen as instructors are those who can teach through actual experience of having applied the theories and procedures in combat. For the more technical phases, in which this method is not practical, every man in front of a class is there because he is a trained specialist. Each one is in himself a psychologist, though few realize it. It's one thing to present the date for men to learn, and quite another to make it interesting as it is presented.

Yes, the bombsight instructor really knows all there is to know about that complex mechanism; and the weather instructor—well, we can't all be

right all the time-can we?





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INSTRUCTORS



P.T.

No matter what branch of the service you may be in, P. T. would hardly win first place in a popularity poll. Therefore, who are we to debate this un. animous decision of countless hordes? On a few very rare occasions we were blessed, at just the right moment, by weather that forbade our venturing out: but on every other of the countless days, the formation would trot down to that familiar area to be met by Lt. Bloomingdale, Sgt. Thompson or one of the others. Which ever one it was though, they were sure to be wearing that malignant, gloating smile peculiar only to those who lead the more unfortunate to the slaughter. After the usual confusion of getting everyone spaced just right-it started. First, the invariable side-straddle-hop, . . then the famed Randolph Shuffle or one of it's more confusing versions that some one had laid awake thinking up. Those to follow may not have always been in the same sequence, but they were inevitable-running in place, torso twisting that grated vertabrae, toe touching that pulverized stomach muscles, arm gyrations til each limb weighed an extra fifty pounds, deep knee bends, and of course the Burpies -which weren't bad until they made you do six more after you could swear you'd done the last possible one three times ago. Then, when every muscle and tendon was screaming for mercy, came those horrors done from the back-leaning-rest position. We will not even go into them, as the mere thought induces quakes and quivers. Finished? . . . Are you kidding?? You might be right though—if you don't count the obstacle course or a few times around the track (by common concensus estimated at 81/2 miles per lap), or perhaps a cross country jount. By the time these came how-ever, we were usually so beaten that our best efforts could hardly do more than summon a few feeble moans of protest.

Why sure, we had free play too. Remember?...

Get the equipment, go to the assigned area in formation, fall out, get the first man up at bat, and just as he swings at the first ballpitched—there went

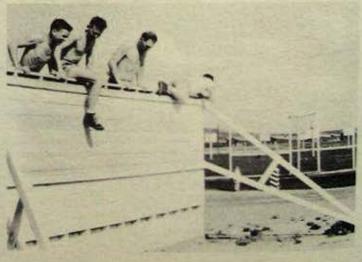


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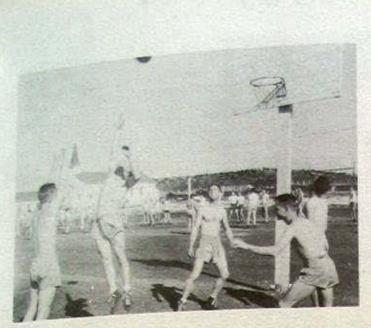


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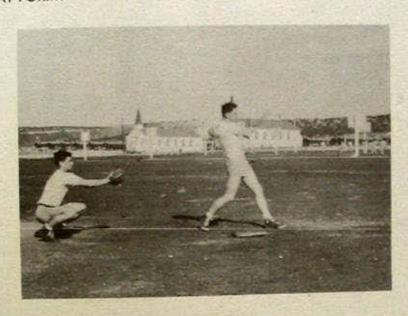


WHAT FORM?

that infernal whistle-free play over, re-assemble . . .

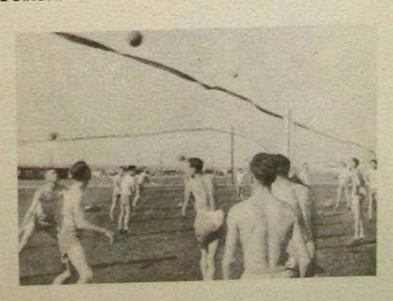
Come to really think of it though, there never was anyone that didn't survive P. T. through all these months. But at the same time, we can recall a few instances where the obstacle course left its mark in the form of scrapes, splinters, cuts and bumps.

To the date of this writing, Flight D's softball team has really made a good showing and we've hopes of it going far ere we're through here. In the line of sports though, we must hand all of the laurels to the fine performance of our basketball team. Under the guidance of Bill Koehler, and through the excellent playing of Willis, Kachavos, McKinley, Prussing, Dryden, Matchette and La Master they rolled up an envious record of which we are all justly proud. Sure it's 'we',—who did all the yelling and cheering,—anyhow?



BABE DIXON!





TOO MUCH DRIFT!



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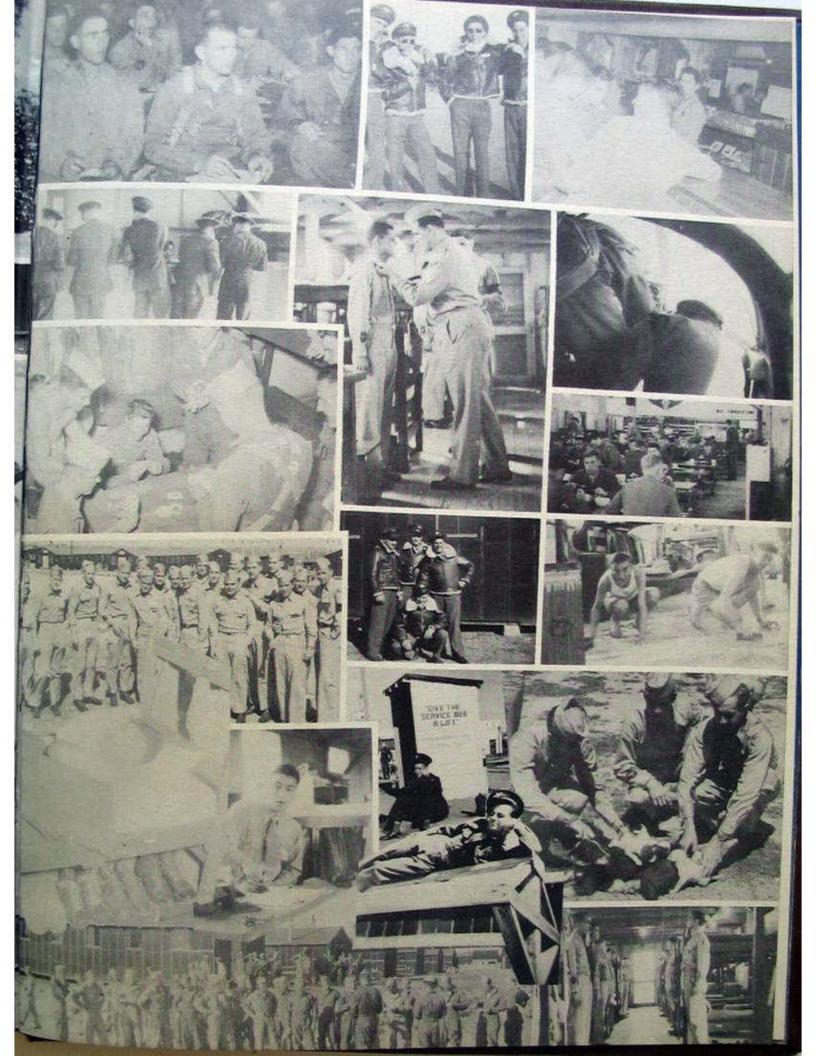


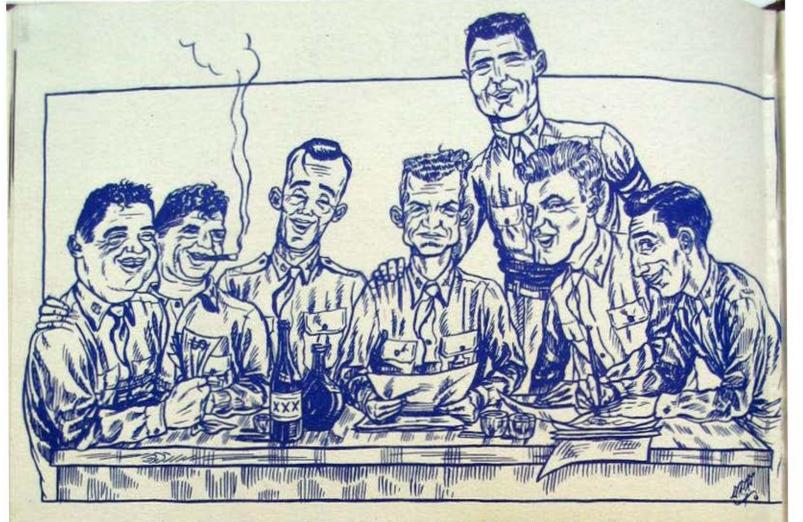


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