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CRAIG FIELD

SELMA, ALABAMA

ARMY AIR FORCES ADVANCED FLYING SCHOOL





U.S. ARMY
SOUTHEAST ARMY
AIR FORCES
TRAINING CENTER
CRAIG FIELD
ALABAMA

Craig Field, Alabama



On May 2, 1941, the following news release went out over the nation's press wire service: "SELMA, ALA., May 2—As determined and void of frills as a volunteer—which she really is—this one-time arsenal of the confederacy opens tomorrow as an "arsenal of democracy" the largest flying field in the United

States, civilian or military. It is a new unit of the Southeast Air Corps Training Center, where flying cadets will get advanced schooling in the handling of multi-mile-a-minute pursuit planes—the kind that go up to intercept bombers, beat off machine gunners." . . . So it was that Craig started its history.

Craig has attained expanded size indicative of the growing strength of the country's air arm. At the celebration of its first anniversary, Craig boasted of a post mechanic school, a sheet metal school, classes in radio, link trainer, map reading, meteorology, chemical warfare and various other technical branches of Air Force work—all in addition to its regular program of training ever-increasing groups of advanced cadets.

From its very start, Craig earned for itself a reputation for pioneering—new and advanced methods of teaching together with more thorough and comprehensive training techniques—these were Craig Field's contribution to the Air Force's pursuit school program.





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BUILDINGS ON THE FIELD



A SQUADRON BARRACK



OFFICERS' CLUB



COMMISSARY



MAIN ENTRANCE





LOOKING FROM PECAN GROVE EXCHANGE AND THEATER AREA





INSPECTING LANDING GEAR



CHECKING OIL



COVERING ENGINE



MECHANIC AT WORK

MEN

... at Work



SHEET METAL WORKERS



SWEATING IT OUT ON THE LINE



OVERHAULING ENGINE



"Proud of It"



PRESCRIPTION
LABORATORY



"THE MONK BIRD"



SECTION OF A WARD

Instruction . . .



CRAIG'S ORDNANCE UNIT SHOWS ITS WARES DURING ARMY DAY EVENT



ENLISTED MEN GET PISTOL INSTRUCTION



CAS. WASH. ROMA



PREPARING FOOD



CAFETERIA



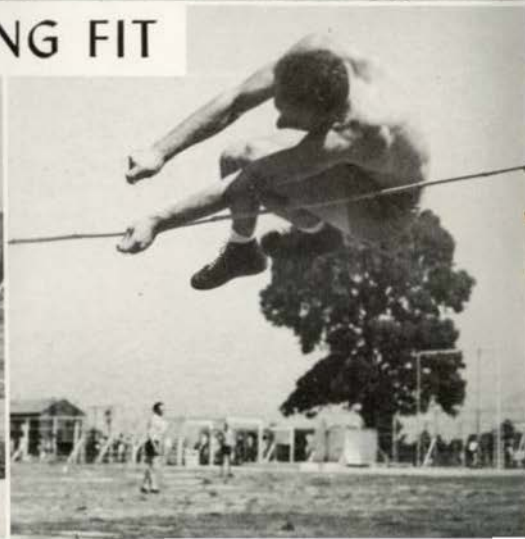
CHOW



Instructors—Left to Right—LT. PARKER WIGGINS, LT. JOHN C. MOSLEY, LT. JOSEPH M. ELDER, Director, LT. DELMAR A. KNOX, LT. ARTHUR R. BECK



KEEPING FIT

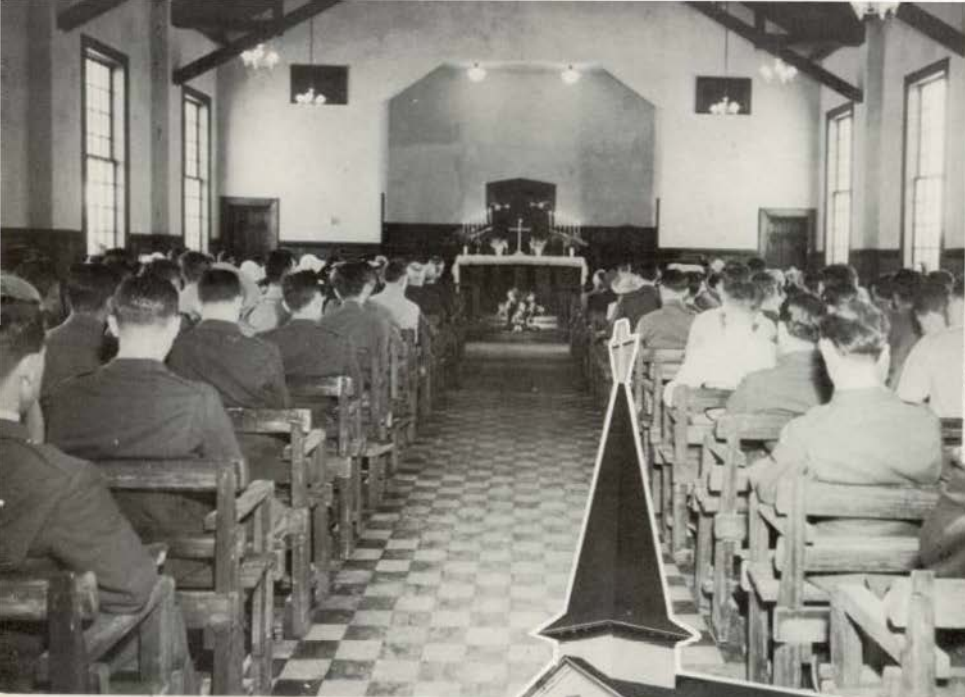


SPORTS



CRAIG FLIERS





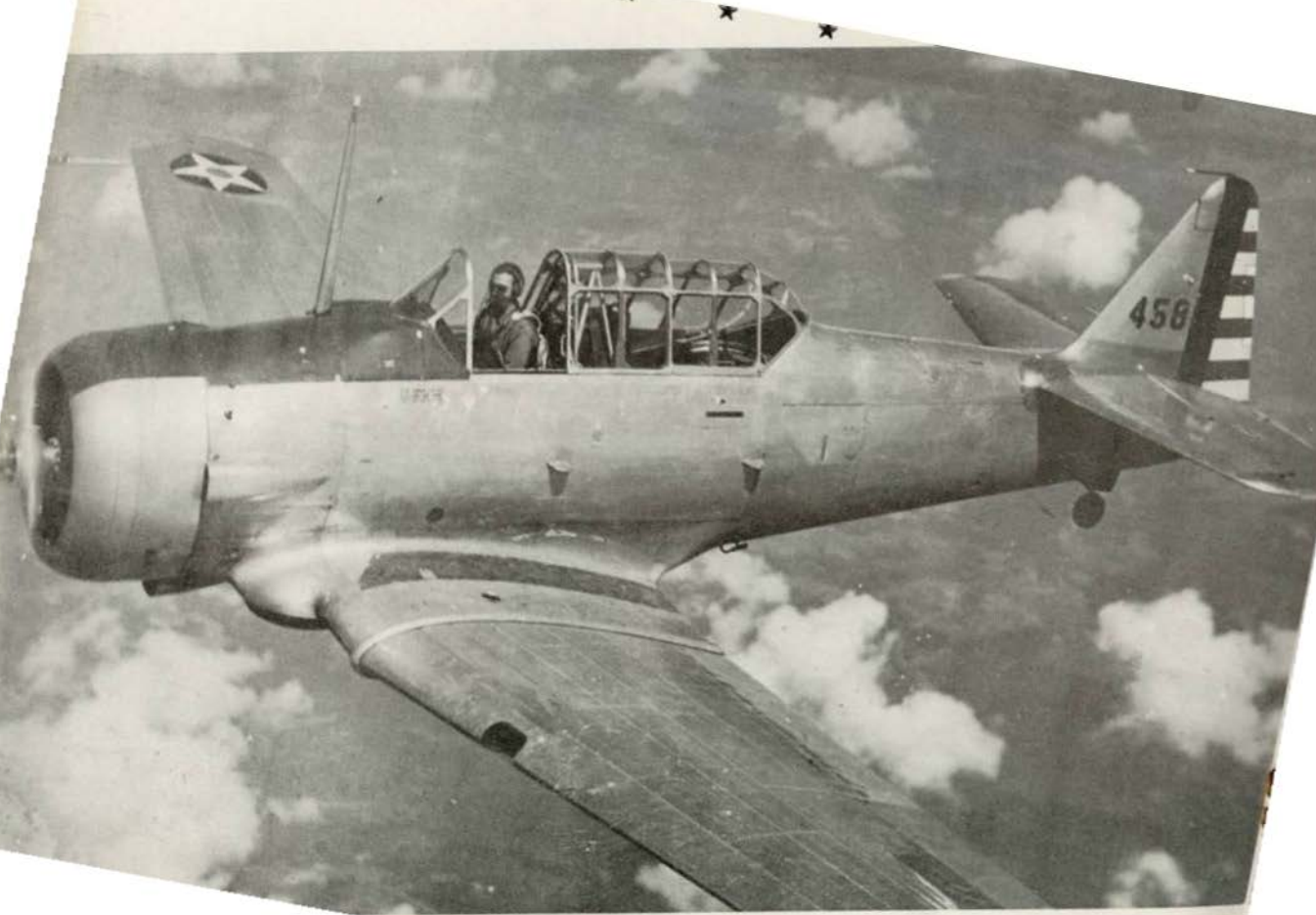
Where All Faiths
Meet





THE EXCHANGE







Flight

OFF DUTY



"WE FURNISH THE MUSIC!"



SIDE POCKET!



BOWLING ALLEY . . .



FINE ON A HOT DAY . . .



QUIZ SHOW



ON THE AIR . . .



THE POST "REC" HALL WAS ALWAYS PACKED FOR THE U. S. O. SHOWS



READY SERVE!



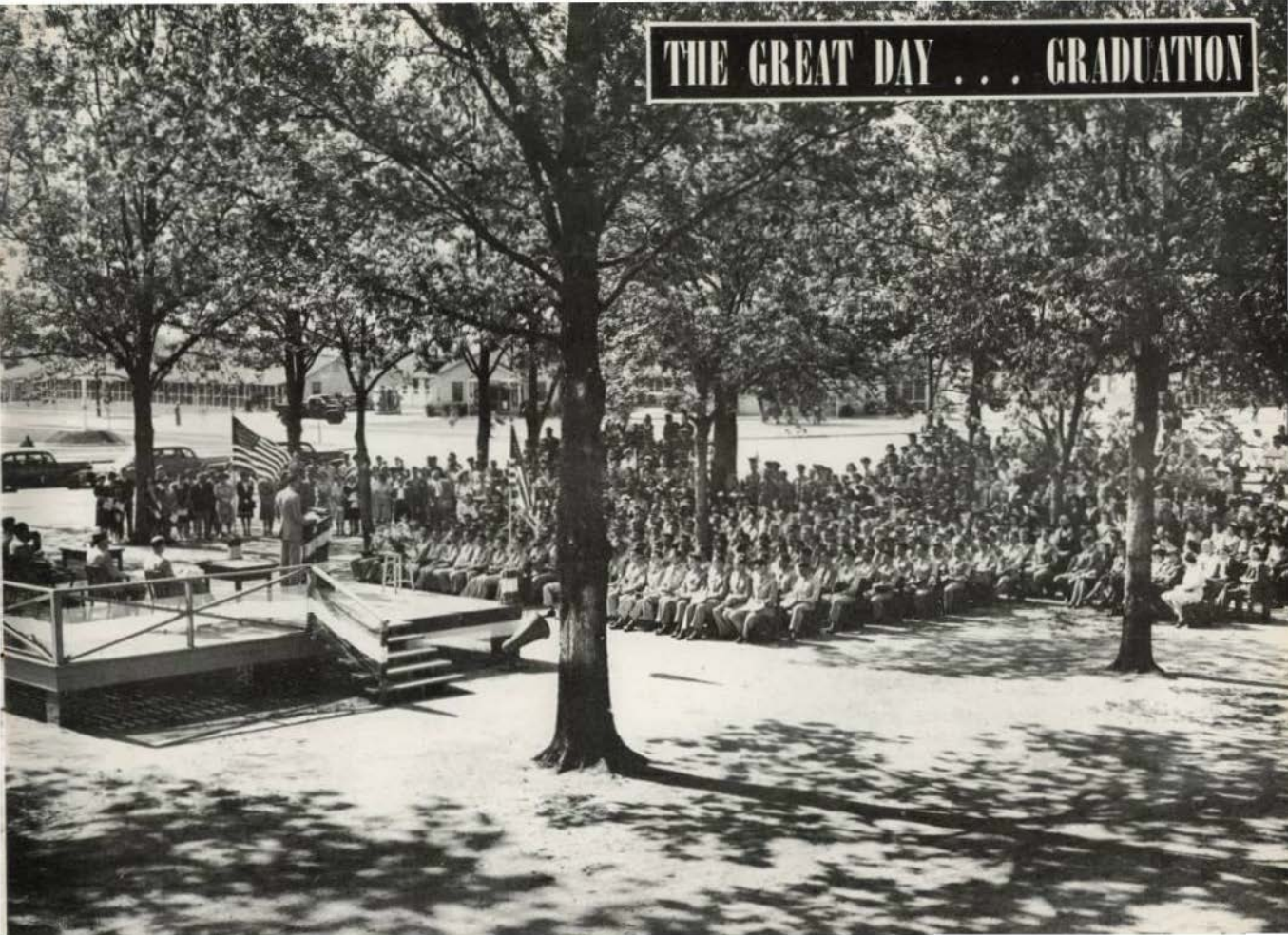
ARRIVAL

CADET ACTIVITIES



CADETS TALK OVER
Map Courses for X.
Country Flight

THE GREAT DAY . . . GRADUATION





CRAIG WAS FIRST TO TEACH GUNNERY



WEATHER BALLOON, OUT FROM OPERATIONS





BEING GREETED



INSPECTION

W. A. C.'s



NOON REST





POST BAND





POST OPERATIONS



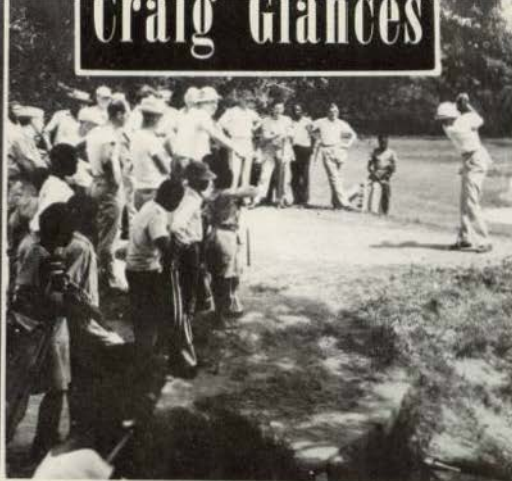
INTERIOR OF N. C. O. CLUB



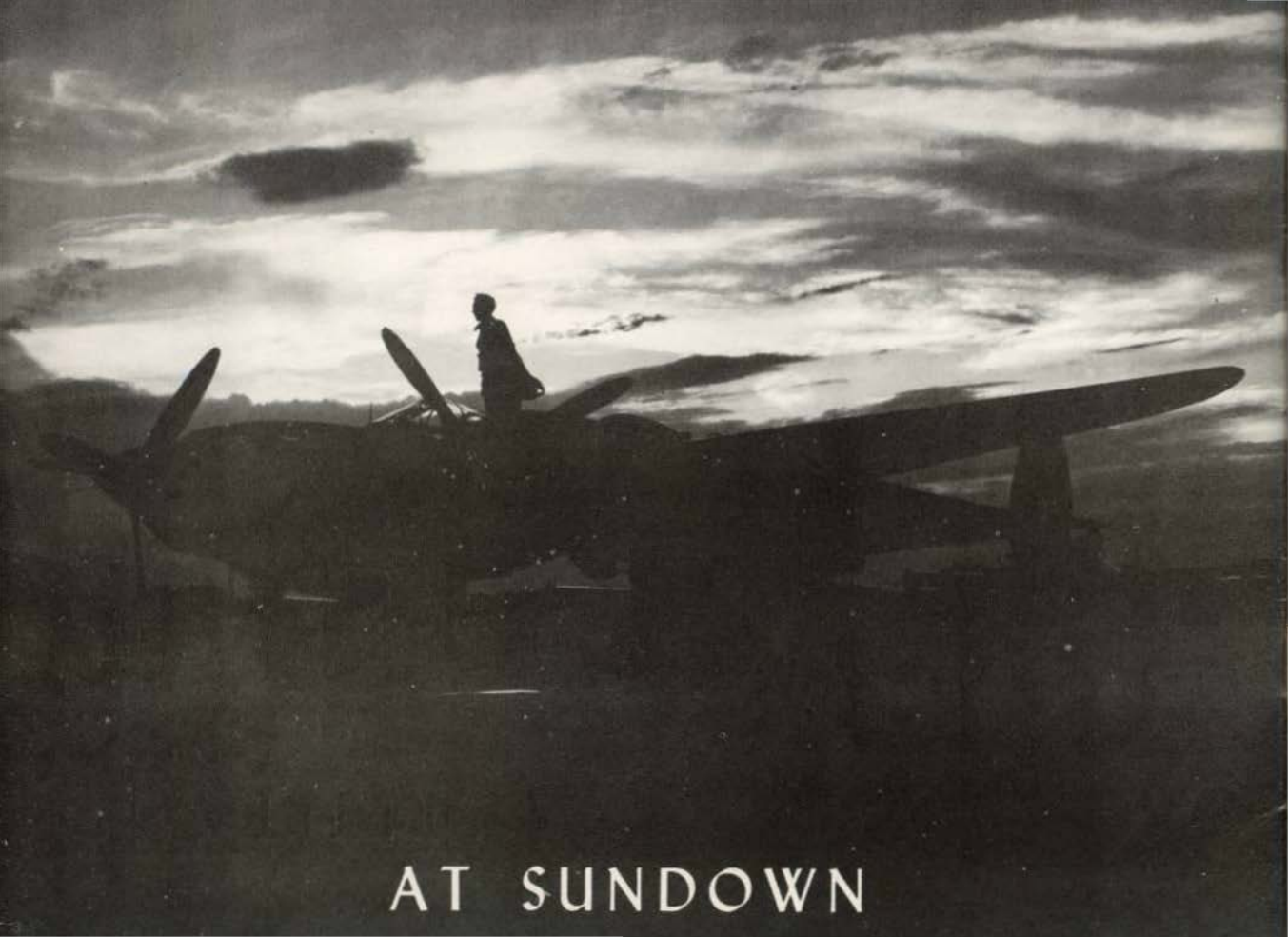
WIFE BOWLING



SQUADRON MESS



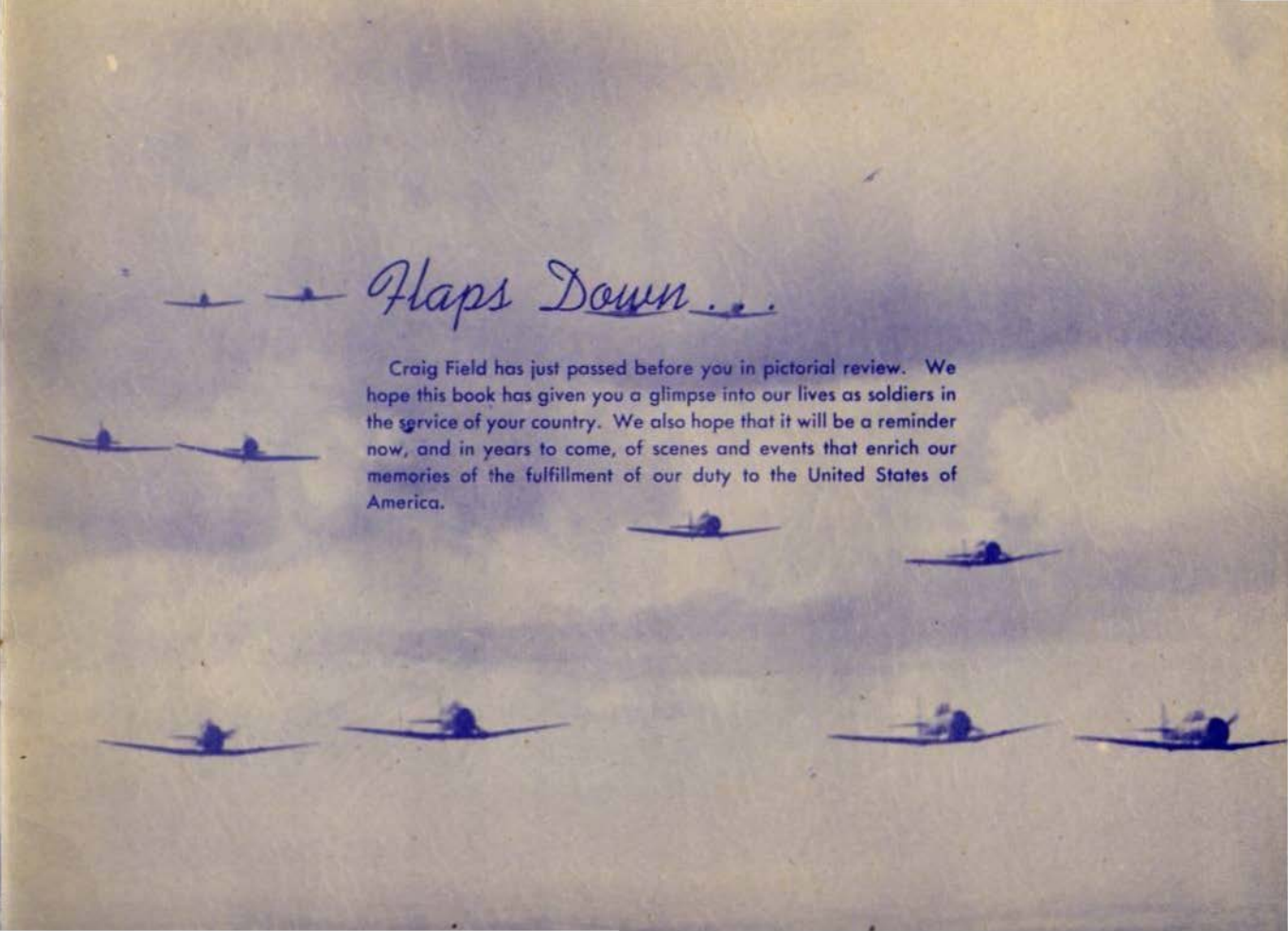




AT SUNDOWN

RETREAT





Flaps Down

Craig Field has just passed before you in pictorial review. We hope this book has given you a glimpse into our lives as soldiers in the service of your country. We also hope that it will be a reminder now, and in years to come, of scenes and events that enrich our memories of the fulfillment of our duty to the United States of America.



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