



The Mister



44-I

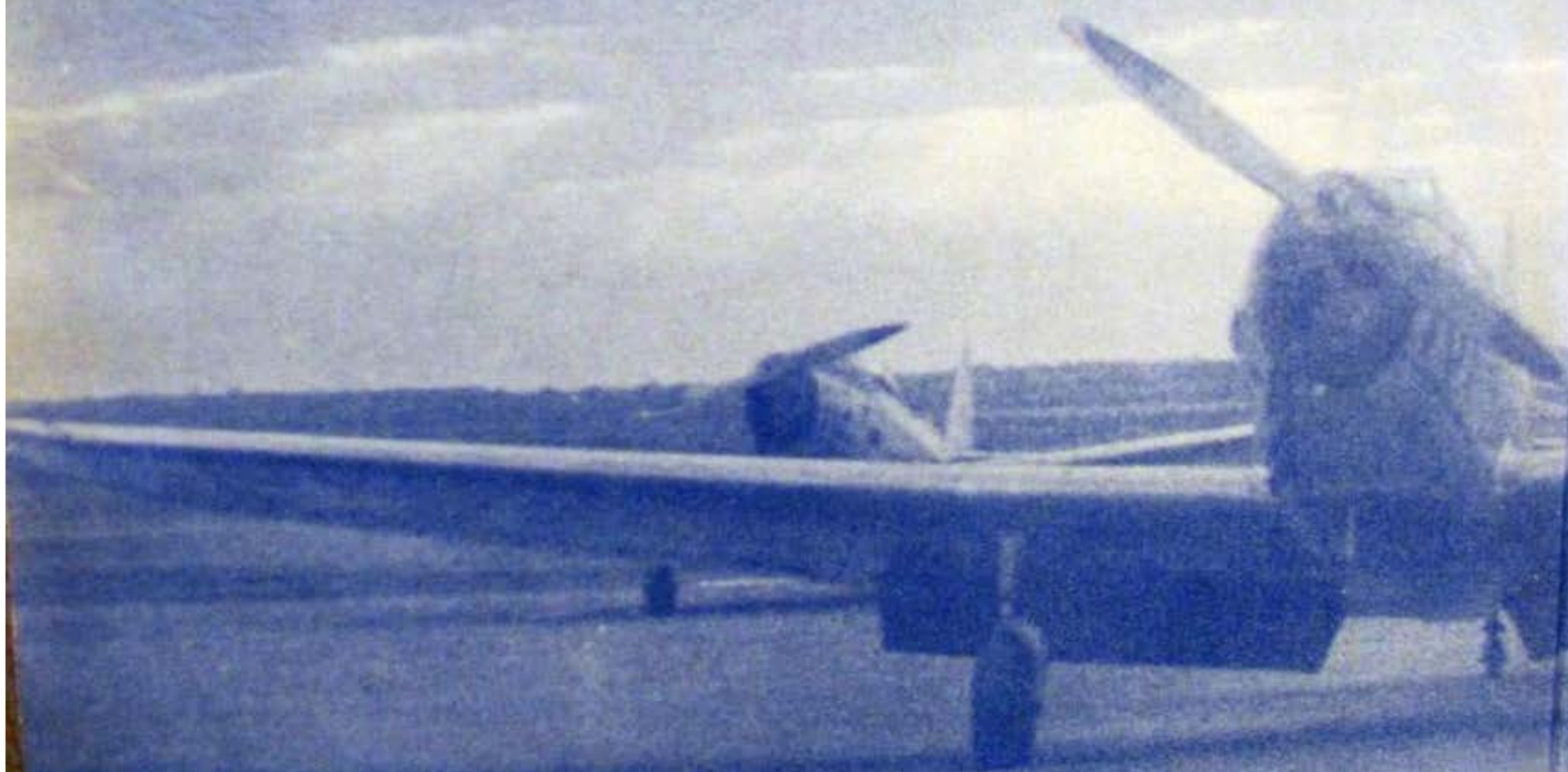
At Dawning

Across the field a fiery torch
Mounts higher in the cold, grey skies
A somber earth gives way to brighter hues
Ethereal splendor greets my eyes.

The dawn—birthright of each new day,
Above, a vast, unending field of blue.
Oh, to spring aloft—to soar
Through Heaven's halls as God's winged creatures do.

There is my answer—my chariot and steed
To break the bonds that tie me to this earth
For I shall rise as vapors from the dew—
Join the clouds in happy, carefree mirth.


A/C LEE A. EMMERICH
CLASS 44.1



C. A. Mattke







Dedication

There's a story behind cadet training that is heard only in barracks and in the little groups on the flight line.

The story's title is WASHOUT.

It's tough to read it on the faces and to hear it told, and it's tougher to lose those boys. They sweated out the first "64" with us, ate the dust of Basic Training, and made C.T.D. a better place to be. They had the good times on Open Post, and they walked their tours, or got out of them. They laughed and took the training on the chin, and through it all, they hoped and tried as hard as we.

They spent 9 long months waiting and working for their first ride. Then the pace caught up with them, and they were men enough to know it, and take it.

We aren't any better men or soldiers because we managed to stay on. We're all in this war to get out of it as soon as we can.—So to the friends and comrades who are now in some other branch of service, we dedicate this book.



Harry Hammill
Owner

Mr. Hammill knows the flying business from years of experience. He was a member of the R.A.F. in the last war when the planes were truly "Maytags." An ace in his particular field of aviation after the first war, he's on the beam again, this time with a very fine school. To him, we give the highest army praise—"A good deal."



2550th A. A. F. Base Unit
Coleman Flying School
Coleman, Texas

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania claims this gentleman as a native son. But the lure of flying, and the realization that a job had to be done, directed Captain Freedman's footsteps to the Air Corps. That was early in 1941.

Since then, our "C.O." has come to know pilot training in its entirety.

He attended Primary School at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Basic at Randolph, and Advanced at Kelly Field, Texas, from which he graduated with Class 41-H. As an Instructor, a Check Pilot, and a member of the Primary Standardization Board, he proved his executive ability.

His last move was to Coleman, and we're all mighty thankful for it. We of 44-1 hail him as a gentleman, an Officer, a Flyer, and a damn fine Commanding Officer.



Capt. Raymond Freedman *Commanding Officer*

Headquarters
304th Army Air Forces Flying Training Detachment
ARMY AIR FORCES CONTRACT FLYING SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
COLEMAN, TEXAS

FILE:

SUBJECT:

TO:

Class 44-I

Graduation of another class from Primary School is always an occasion. It indicates that we are that much closer to the ultimate victory for which we are all fighting. You gentlemen are an integral and important part of our efforts and I am confident that you will carry from here the high standards of proficiency and general ability which you have proven to have attained in the past ten weeks. May I wish the best of luck.

Raymond Freedman
Capt. A.C.

Capt. 2550th AA Base Unit
Coleman, Texas

Capt. Ralph D. Wells
Adjutant



Lt. L. R. Sellmansberger
Commandant of Cadets



Capt. W. S. Smith
Flight Surgeon



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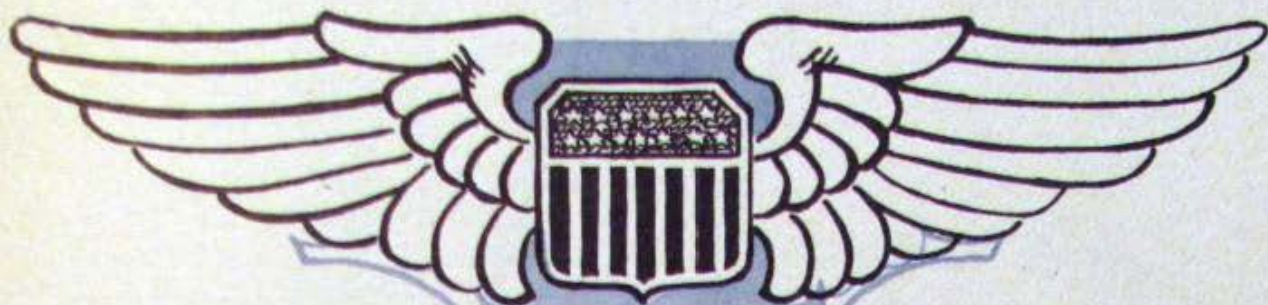


LT. T. L. JONES
Physical Fitness Officer



LT. H. D. UPTON
Supply Officer





*With an eye to the future
we present Class 44-1*





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G. Gueby



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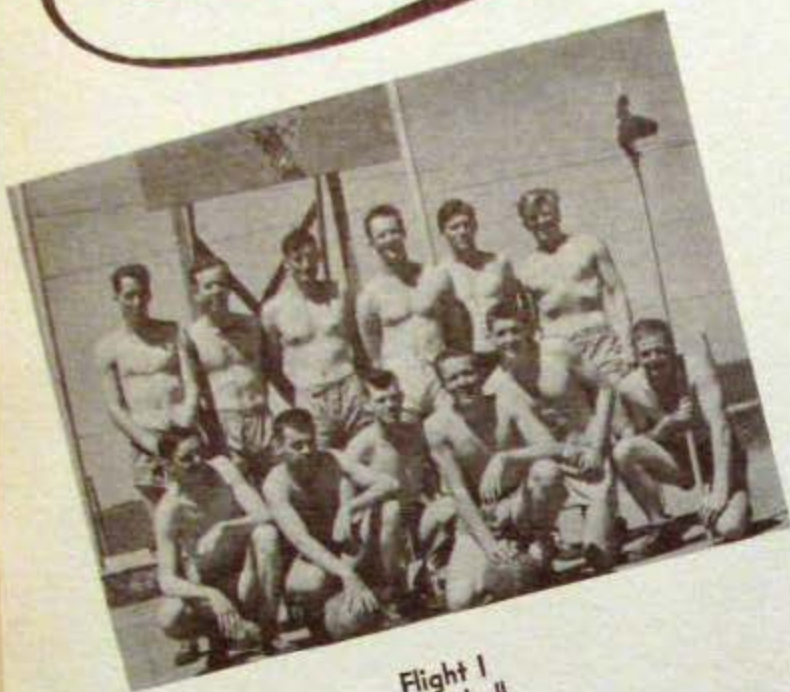


Mc Kojev

**! * @ ! * ? ! * ! DON'T JUST
STAND THERE, DO PUSH-UPS!**



The Champions



Flight I
Basketball



Flight III
Football



Flight V
Volleyball



Flight V
Baseball



*Flight
Instructors*

Our Flying Instructors

They build us up and break us down
 Give us tours—keep us from town.
 They chew, they rave, they holler-rant
 To them there's no such word as can't
 They plead, cajole—beg, cry
 And say if we care, why not try?
 They take us in hand green and raw—
 Give us rules—lay down the law.
 Most words they use can't be quoted
 But we know too well they're not sugar coated
 They start us off so easy and slow
 Then snaps and spins—our green color grows
 With bucket in hand we do our chore
 And gasping and gulping we vow never more.
 The next day, we find, isn't too bad
 There are actually days we're really sad
 To see clouds forming and then rain fall
 And know we can't practice the spin and stall.
 Then the day arrives all too quickly
 When he climbs out and you feel sickly.
 "Take 'er up alone" he says with a grin
 And you kinda regret all those past sins.
 Rudder and torque, what was it he said?
 And where did he say I should keep my head?
 Let's see, I climb and turn and look around
 But where am I in respect to the ground?
 The tee, the field, the pattern and wind—
 Then you're back again to the times that you've sinned.
 Cut throttle, back pressure, flaps, slow bank,
 What time is it now, should I change the tank?
 Easy! Easy now, here comes the field
 No turning back, your fate is sealed.
 Stick back, a bounce, now keep 'er straight
 You're down! It stops—look around—wait,
 Now taxi over to where he stands
 A slight frown, but happy, pillow in hand.
 Back to the station house, buy him a coke
 Loosen your chin strap, light up a smoke.
 You know him now as never before
 Your mutual friend is the motor's roar.
 And when in Basic—Yes, we'll get there—
 We'll thank him again for his patient care.

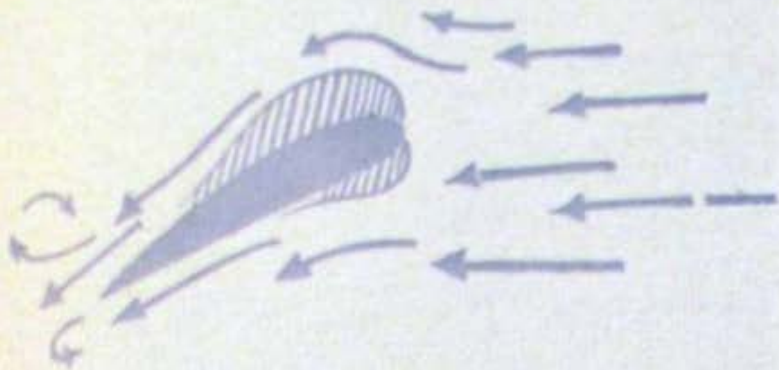


A/C R. C. MILLER
 CLASS 44-1









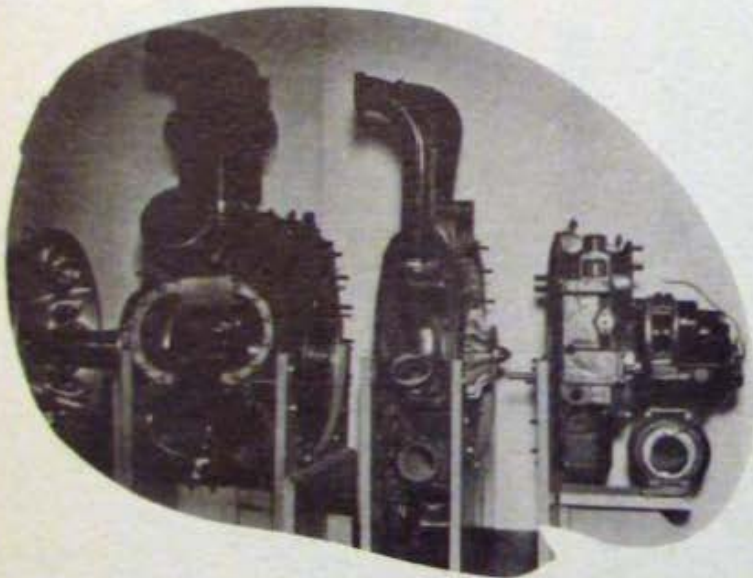
Ground School



Ground School



MR. HOUSEHOLDER



MR. CURRY



MR. ECKHARDT



MR. NELSON



MR. PEARSON



CO-ORDINATION EXERCISES



MR. COUFAL



"All Clear"



Civilian
Personnel

Flight Line



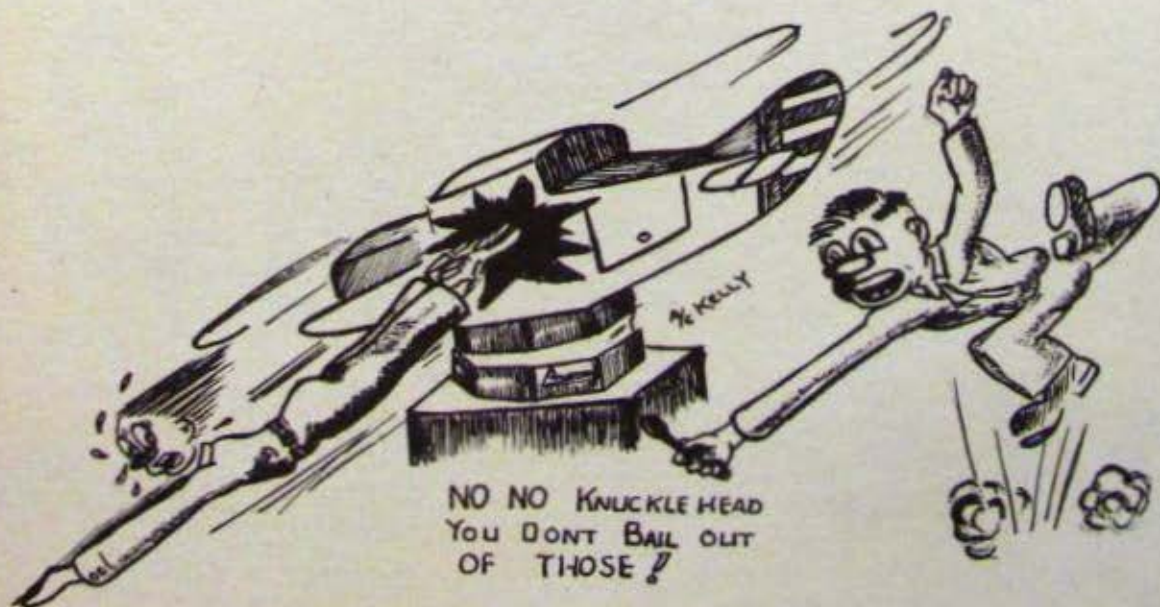
SAMMY ARNOLD

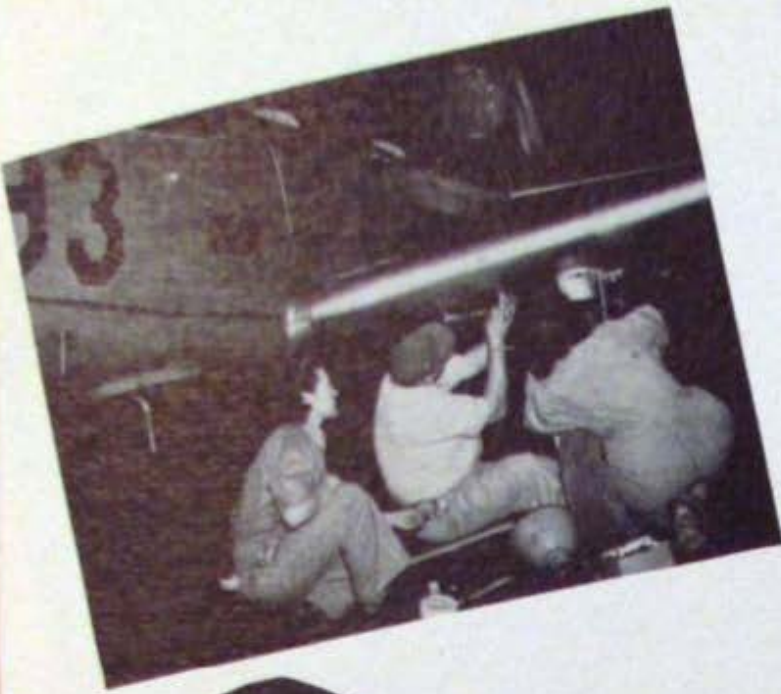


B. F. COX



M. J. LEMPEATIS





" O.K.-SO I AINT NEAT !! "



A Way to a Man's Heart

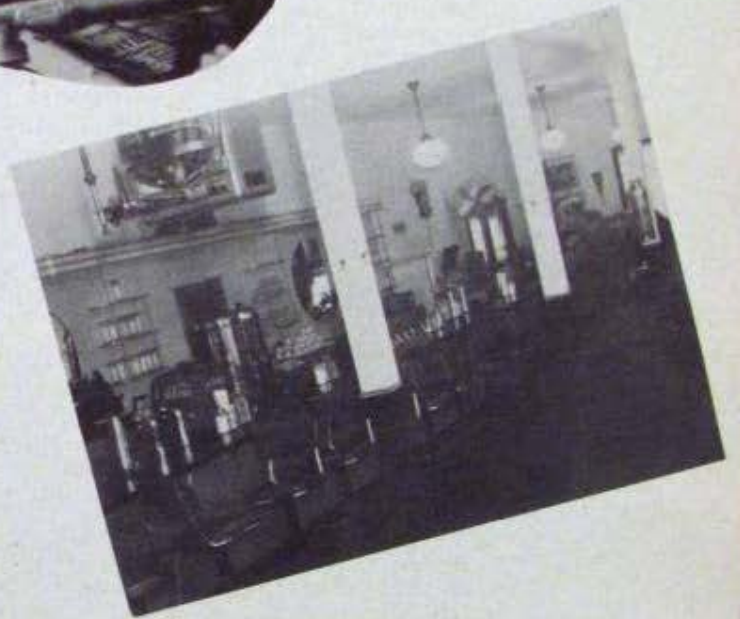
"Hooray! Hooray!—
Engell dood it"



MR. T. T. SHOOT
Mess Steward



Post
Exchange



"WILL THERE BE
ANYTHING ELSE?"

Laughs, Gags and Monk Watson

"Well, what d'ya know—the rope
trick worked"



"All sizes—but not mine"

"Yeah—we played the old
Pelace together"



"One's born every minute"

"Now ain't that the damndest thing?"



"S' help me, Captain—first
time out of the case"

"And I'm supposed to fly THIS?"



Office Personnel



Cadet Life



"Strike up the band"



"Eyes Right"



"Present Arms"



"Rinso-white — Rinso-white"



HE'S SOOO
MEAN
TO ME!



"Chalk
Talk"



SIR, I WANT TO
TURN MYSELF IN FOR
BROKEN GOGGLES.

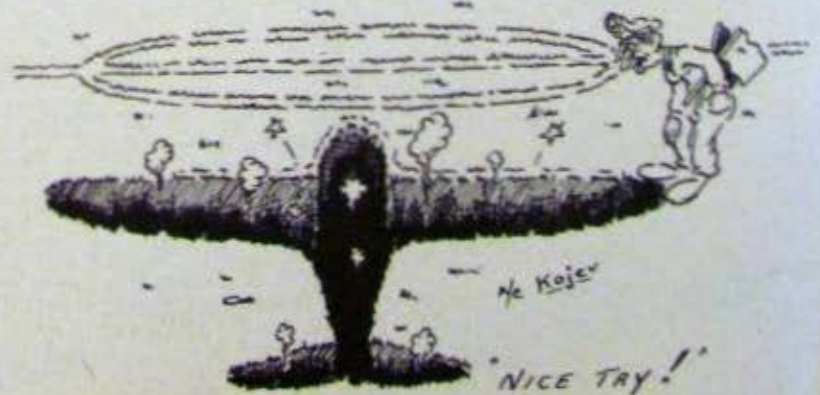


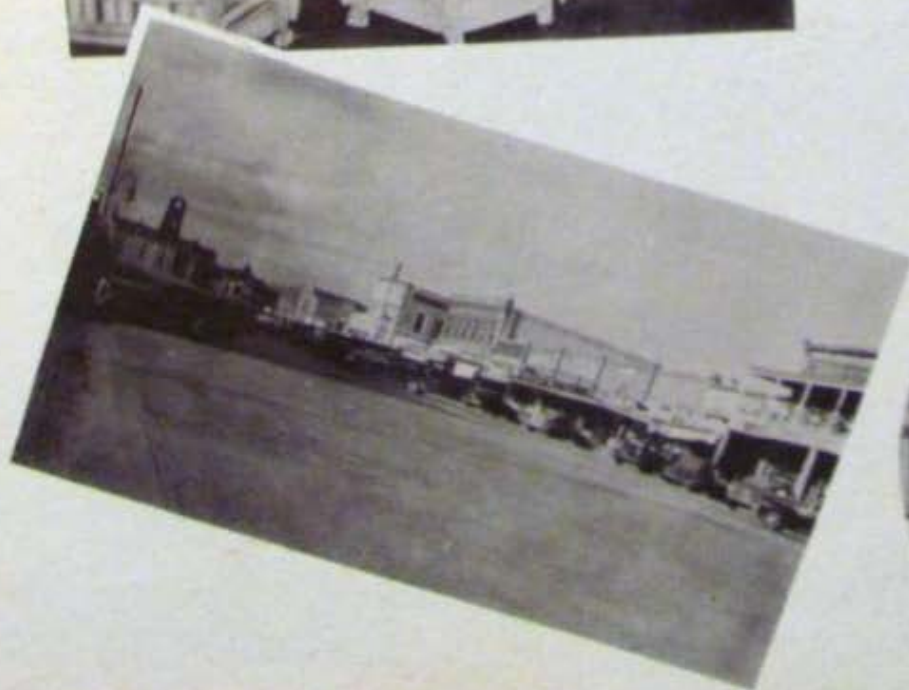


"Bad Day"



"Dark up there?"





A Day at the Circus



"The Winnah"



"Head work"



"Whoops—Monk struts his stuff"



"Inverted Flying"



"Hmmm"



"Pachyderm Pranks"



"You say 'Open Post' each week-end?"



A study in profiles

By way of introduction—this gentleman's name is Igor Beevor.

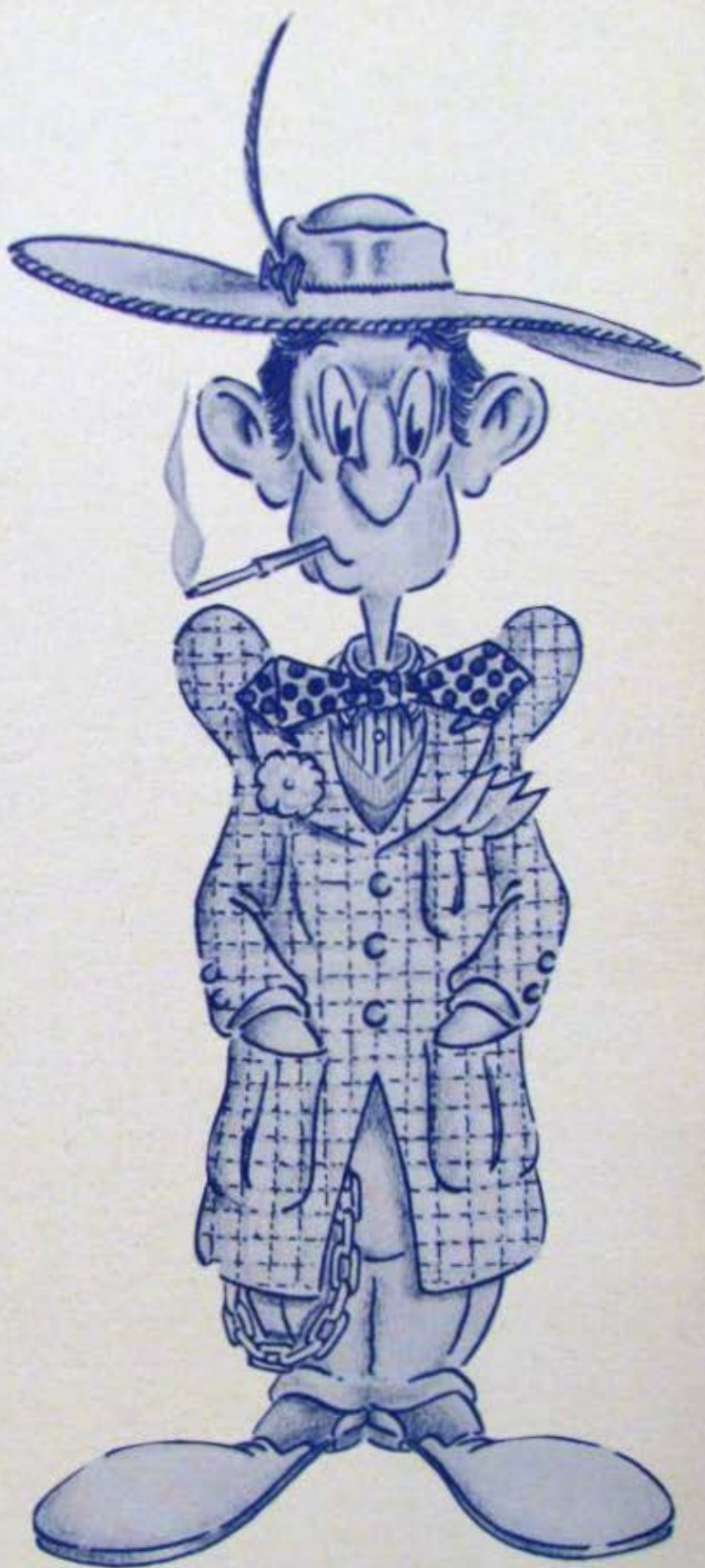
A typical American youth, he had a mother, a father, and a wart on his left hand. As a youth, he belonged to the better organizations—Boy Scouts of America—Junior Birdmen, and the Lone Ranger Club. His favorite hobby was building model airplanes, none of which would fly, of course. But he liked the smell of banana oil.

Perhaps you wonder why we dedicate so prominent a spot to him.—Well, we've decided that he best exemplifies the average cadet member of 44-1. Actually, he escaped nothing.—

With three yckels from the local draft board breathing hot upon his neck, Igor enlisted. His love for aviation guided his shaky footsteps to the Cadet Examining Board.—The Air Corps!—Way up there! Ah—to be a pilot! "Off we go"—etc.

Of course, there would be a BRIEF conditioning period to be known as Basic Training. Then C.T.D., Classification, Pre-flight, and finally—Primary. Whee! —Airplanes! —Real, honest-to-goodness airplanes!

But reams of copy could never tell the entire story. Instead, we herewith present a pictorial history of our hero's military career. An EPISODE which makes the "Perils of Pauline" seem a bed-time story.



LIFE WAS ZOOTY WHEN
IGOR WAS DRAWING TIME
AND A HALF ON THE NITE SHIFT.



SUDDENLY HE
REALIZED HE
HAD ALWAYS
WANTED TO FLY



HE WENT TO THE
CADET
EXAMINING
BOARD.



WHERE !!
MOORAY !!
YIPPEE !!

MADE IT!



WHERE AT AAFCC - SAACC
HE TOOK TESTS -



AND THEN
'SWEATED OUT'
THE D.C.R.



WIRED THE NEWS
TO ALL HIS KIN - (COLLECT) -

AND MORE TESTS.



PING!
PING!!

WAS PSYCHO-ANALYZED
WITH '64 QUESTIONS

AND THEN
'T. S. T. E.

AND THEN WENT ON MESS
MANAGEMENT (K.P TO YOU)
EARLY NEXT MORN.
'OH MY BLOODY GI BACK'

WHERE HE
MET THE 'TAC'
OFFICER.



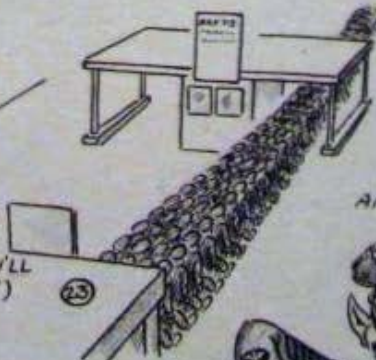
GOT HIS
AC ISSUE
(SORRY MISTER
NO OLD ISSUE
HATS) -



FELL IN LOVE
'AH-HAH'
'SAN ANTORE'

AND FINALLY CROSSED
THE ROAD TO
PREFLIGHT ('YOU'LL
BE SORRE-EE !!')

AND THE ZEBRA'



AND WALKED
A FEW TOURS
ON THE RAMP
WITH THE CRIME
CLUB



FRANK
ROSS



6 AND FINALLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM EDA

HE REPORTED FOR BASIC TRAINING AND GOT OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT WITH THE FIRST SGT



5 WAS GIVEN THE THIRD DEGREE



AND WITH SUPPLY



12 THEN CTD WHERE HE WAS INTRODUCED TO GARTERS, COLLARS STAYS, AND CO-EDS -



AND WITH THE BARBER

HAD A SESSION ON 'PP' (WHICH STANDS FOR POTS AND PANS AND OTHER THINGS)



AND CADET OFFICERS

POP TO MISTER!



11 DURING THIS 'BRIEF' (5MO) CONDITIONING PERIOD, LIFE WAS BITTER

CAMP RUFF 50 M.



28 MET THE PT. INSTRUCTOR



31 AND TOOK THE BLINKER RECHECK THE NEXT DAY

READY! NOW!!

32 THE AI (ALL INVISIBLE) FINAL



29 AND TRAVELED THE CROSS COUNTRY



33 AND FINALLY SHIPPED



30 HONEST, DO I REALLY GET TO FLY THAT?!

PRIMARY!

Kojev

Guest Artist



HEY - YOU HUNGRY
44 I WOLVES -
GIVE A GAL TIME
TO COMB HER
HAIR, WILL YA?

ARTHUR
WILLIAM
BROWN -





Good Luck!
to the Class of 44-I
Georgia Carroll

Our Date in the Clouds

Ann Swenson



Several years ago Av/C George R. Dana spotted this trim little number on the horizon. But only with the past two years did he come to really appreciate her trim lines. As if caused by a sudden upcurrent his heart went into a spin — Ann being the cause.

According to her Form 1-A, she is an excellent dancer and has a wealth of personality.

Dana reports her specifications to be — Overall height, 5' 3", Gross weight, 106 lbs., blonde hair, hazel eyes, and she's been in service for nineteen years.

Since he has been cruising with her, Ann has graduated from high school. At present, she's attending college, with Ground School Courses leading to a degree in Nursing.

After the war, they hope to go dual through the thermals and downdrafts of life.



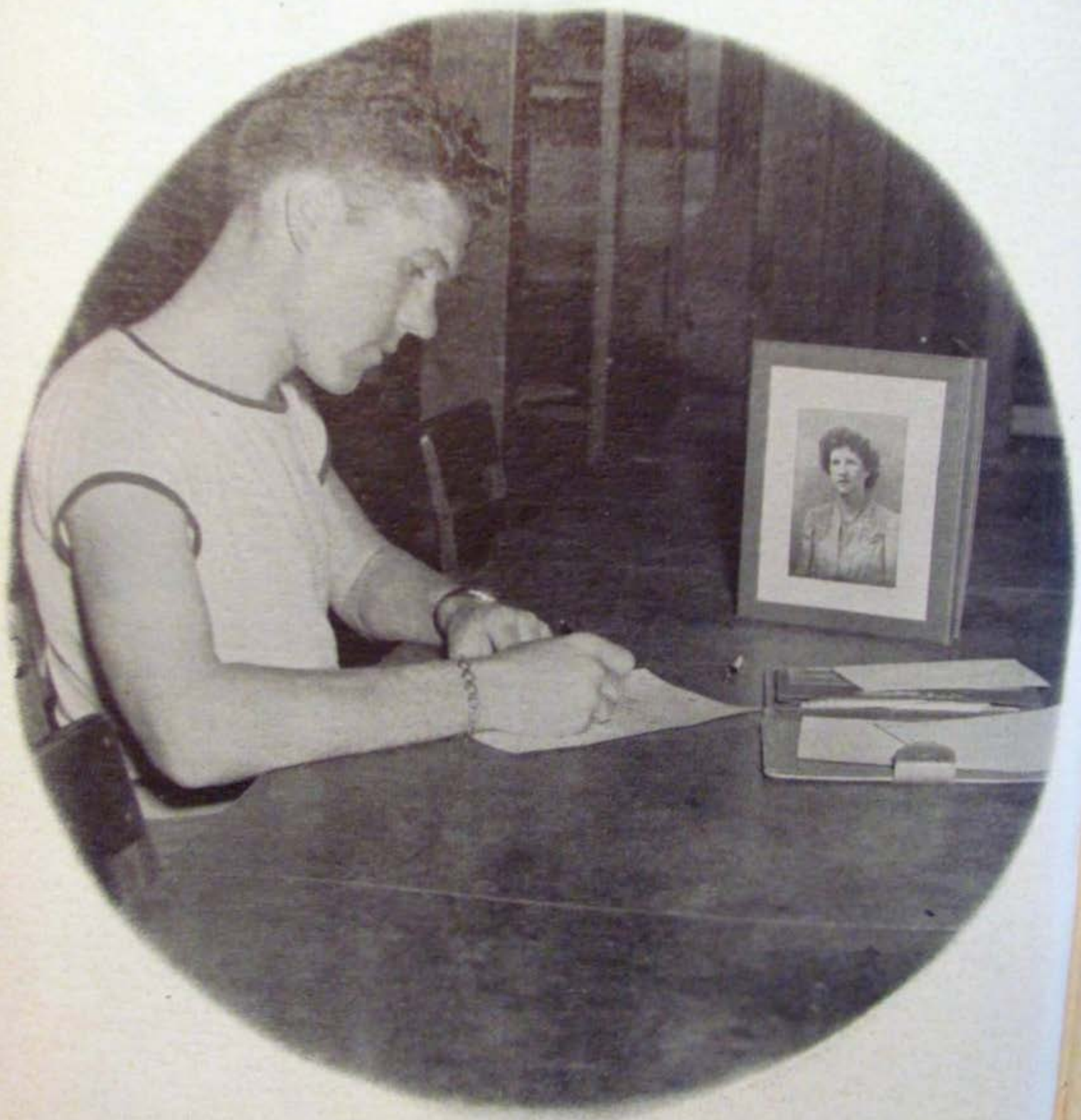
Jaye Keating

In the court of the Queen is Jaye Keating, a beautiful lass, who hails from up Yankee way. Cadet Philip J. Green is the lucky lad who expects to return to her one day.



Franchot Eades

Franchot Eades hails from Dallas, a city high in the "Republic of Texas." She is married to Cadet Edgar E. Eades of our Class, who waits to see her on every pass.



Sunday -

Dear Mom -

Well darling - another step has been taken. A step toward that day when you'll be pinning those silver wings on my tunic. Perhaps, in the excitement of it all, I've failed to tell you exactly what we've done. I've tried to make it clear, but now, in looking back on the past ten weeks, I see everything in the light of day.

It's been a grand experience, right from that first afternoon when we saw the airplanes on the flight line. Each of us, I know, wondered expectantly if we'd be the master of that trim little ship. Since then, we've learned a lot. We know now that an airplane is safe as driving to church on Sunday with old Uncle Joe at the wheel.

We've worked hard alright. But when you're up there alone playing tag with the clouds, you know doggone well it's worth the effort. All of it, like ground school, drill, inspections, and everything else. For we can't lose sight of one great fact. We're being developed as military pilots. To emulate those who have gone before us, we must be disciplined, thorough, and self-assured. That's what gives us the edge now, and we know it.

Of course, we've had a lot of fun, and many moments of relaxation. Dances, moving pictures, and open post. - And the food! - Well, it's second only to yours.

But we can't relax, for ahead of us lies more hard work until we eventually achieve our goal. Good bye for now mom, I'll write to you from Basic.

- Your loving son -

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As a bit of advice to all of us going to Basic and points ahead, it's hard to find anything better than the words of a comic strip character, "Col. Flip Corkin" to Terry Lee, the main actor in "Terry and the Pirates" by Milton Caniff. "Col. Flip Corkin" by the way, is the portrayal of real life Lt. Col. Philip Cochran of the A.A.F.

These words were spoken by Col. Corkin as Terry received his Wings.—

"Well, you made it—you're a flight officer in the Air Forces of the Army of the United States. Those wings are like a neon light on your chest. I'm not going to wave the flag at you—but some things you must never forget.

"Every country has had a hand in the development of the Airplane but, after all, the Wright brothers were a couple of Dayton, Ohio, boys—and Kitty Hawk is strictly in North Carolina. The Hallmark of the United States is on every aircraft.

"You find yourself in a position to defend the country that gave you the weapon with which to do it, but it wasn't just you who earned those wings—a ghostly echelon of good guys flew their hearts out in old kites to give you the 'know how,' and some smart slide rule jokers sweat it out over drawing boards to give you a machine that will keep you up there shooting.

"I recommended you for fighter aircraft and I want you to be cocky and smart and proud of being a buzzboy — but, don't forget that every bullet you shoot, every gallon of gas and oil you burn was brought here by transport pilots who flew it in over the worst terrain in the world. You may get the glory, but they put the lift in your balloon!

"Don't ever let me catch you being high-bicycle with the enlisted men in your ground crew. Without them you would never get ten feet off the ground. Every grease monkey in that gang is right beside you in the cockpit, and their hands are on that stick, just the same as yours.

"You'll get angry as the devil at the army and its so-called red tape, but be patient with it. Somehow the old eagle has managed to end up in possession of the ball in every war since 1776 — so just humor it along.

"Okay, sport, end of speech. When you get up in that 'Wild Blue Yonder' the song talks about — remember, there are a lot of good guys missing from mess tables in the South Pacific, Alaska, Africa, Britain, Asia and back home who are sorta counting on you to take it from here!"





