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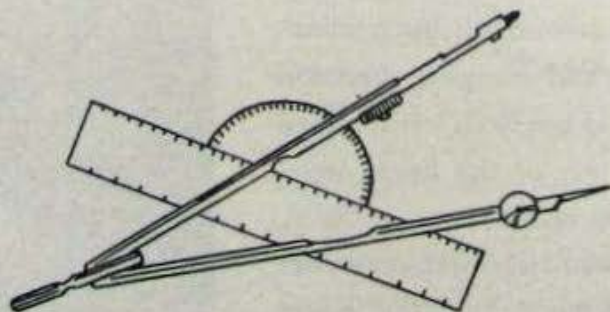




THE CLASS OF 44 - 3
ADVANCED NAVIGATORS
ELLINGTON FIELD, TEXAS

Present The

ASTRO-DOME





MAJOR WILLIAM S. BOWEN
Training and Operations Officer

Major William S. Bowen, Training and Operations Officer for the 668th Advanced Navigation Group, was commissioned in May, 1942. Attended Officers Training School, Miami Beach, Florida. Major Bowen was then assigned to the Army Air Forces Western Flying Training Command, Santa Ana, California. Joining the 668th Navigation Training Group at Mather Field, California, Major Bowen moved with the Group to Ellington Field, Texas, in November of 1943.

A Civil Engineer in civilian life, Capt. Kuenning began his military training in 1933 in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at Ohio State University, where he was a member of Pershing Rifles and Scabbard Blade, honorary military fraternities, becoming Regimental Commander of the First Regiment in the former organization. Commissioned 2nd Lt., Infantry Reserve, January 5, 1938, and promoted to 1st Lt., in January, 1941, he was called to active duty with the Air Corps in August of 1941 and was Tactical Officer and Adjutant of the Flying Cadet Detachment at Kelly Field. Applying for Navigation Training, he received his Preflight training at Maxwell Field, Alabama, and Navigation Training at Mather Field, California, being eliminated for physical disqualification at the latter school. Since June of 1942 he has occupied the positions of Secretary, Statistical Officer, Personnel Officer, and Adjutant of the Group.



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to a much higher position than any mortal can attain.
To you our class book is dedicated.*

ATHLETICS



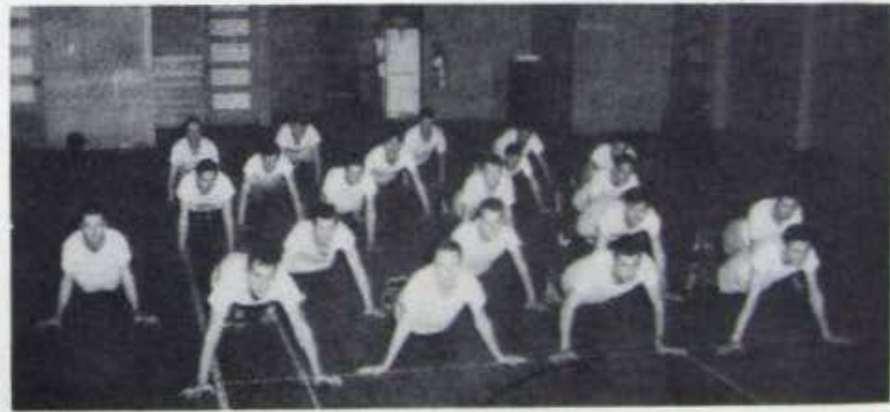
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"TOSS-UP"

HISTORY OF CLASS 44-3

It is said that, "History is naught but a record of the deeds and misdeeds of men." So be it! Let this, then, be the history of Class 44-3, from the days of its brawling infancy to adolescent maturity.

The class, as we know of it today, did not begin as one group, but rather as two distinct factions. While a great conflict raged in the outer world, yet another, smaller in scale, but equally as intensive in spirit, flamed within the confines of Santa Ana, California, the cradle of Class 44-3.

Here, two squadrons, 99 and 93 vied with one another. The one, 93, was (allegedly) the essence of all that is desirable in a cadet squadron. None was so painfully eager—marching like automatons, exercising with the zest of Olympian athletes, scrubbing floors and windows like professional charwomen being paid union wages. Worst of all was the lusty singing (braying, it was referred to by 99) that accompanied all these tortuous activities. It was later discovered that all this "hubba hubba" spirit was manufactured for the sole purpose of bilking their C. O. of extra privileges; i. e., squadron parties in town and foisting such little pleasantries as "MM" and week-end guard duty onto 99. It was also their task to "rule the roost" in the B-N wing. Rule it they did, with a mailed fist and malice of aforethought, instituting such reforms as they deemed necessary to bring 99 into line. Therein lay the chief cause of dissension between the two. A quick glance at 99 would tell the casual observer why!

Squadron 99 was a "fluid" organization of disorganized cadets. Here were men who had soared into the "wild blue yonder" as "HP's," but had their wings clipped in various phases of the course. Uncle Sam once said they were to become eagles of the sky; their instructors said they looked and flew more like buzzards. The transition from "HP" to "EP" is painfully brief, but the repercussions are many and violent, prominent among these is the lack of any form of eagerness for anything smacking of the military. 99-ers were forever devising ingenious methods to evade details. But for all their guiles and wiles, "MM" and other sundry details deprived them of their precious "sacktime." Here it may be noted for the benefit of posterity that "sack artistry" was developed to its highest form in Squadron 99.

Bivouac! At last 99 and 93 were faced with the seemingly impossible task of actually sleeping, eating and sweating together. They trudged up and down insurmountable peaks in the mid-day sun, fought off deadly spiders, scorpions, snakes 'n stuff. But before the bruises gotten on bivouac had an opportunity to heal, the heretofore warring factions were formally declared to be one, and without further ado, were trundled off to that desert paradise, Las Vegas.

Las Vegas was a series of dust storms, heat waves and pre-sunrise PT. The Cal. 50 machine guns were full of pitfalls for the unwary cadet. The name of Indian Springs serves only to revive unpleasant memories. Firing out of AT-6's and them B-17's concluded the not brief-enough stay.

Then lads scattered to the four winds, proudly displaying their newly-won gunners wings. A six-day delay en route proved to be a much needed antidote. Navigation at last!

The reception at Ellington was anything but noteworthy. In fact no one knew of our impending arrival and seemed to care little about it. Sans fanfare, the "grind" commenced at once. In no time at all the class was floundering about up to its ears in navigation theory. When, oh when would we get a night off?

Time!!? Wow! Nobody had enough time to read letters they received, much less write one. Half the week-ends were spent sweating out bus lines. Later, sweating out scheduled flights took the WHOLE week-end away!

Maps, charts, computers, octants—all are ingenious devices calculated to frustrate budding navigators. All that when we started. Now we know their worth.

Soon, "Pilot to First Navigator, go ahead." "Go ahead, Sir," became routine, but "What is your ETA?"—"Du-u-uh, '2120," Sir—Wait a minute—Du-u-h, just a minute, Sir . . ." was not the "prescribed" answer.

After all the toils and troubles, the great day comes. With shiny new brass bars and wings we proudly proclaim to the world at large that we are Navigators. "Oh Yeah!" grin the instructors, in their usual paternal sagacious manner green with envy as they watch us march off the field toward combat.

A/C HOUKAL, H. C.



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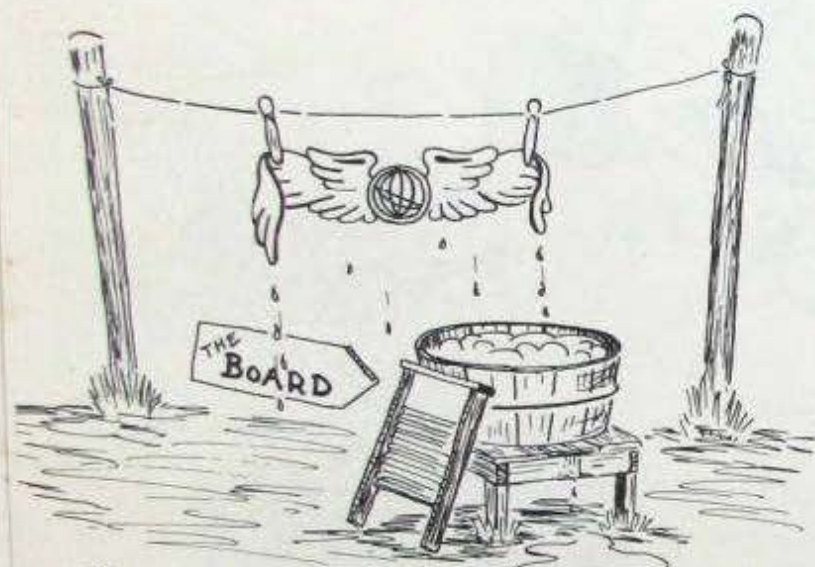
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He sat towards the rear of the left hand row of desks before they changed seats that last time, and then he was about half-way up in the middle row, next to what's-his-name, the kid from up north.

Those first week-ends, in October and November, he didn't leave on open post until the weekly review sheet was well answered and safely tucked in his binder, but he flunked the fourth phase exam.

He was really sweatin' out the critique on that one DR straight leg—damn grids on the B-3 kept slipping out of sight and it wasn't till they'd topped Houston radio that he remembered he didn't have the toggle switch turned on.

He worried for a minute, too, the day Hill walked into the PX during PT. But who did like that damn running around the block?

There was the time he found his controlled GS, on the last leg of that combat mission, was slow and he guessed a ten-mile increase would do it. It did.

All one week he stumbled around sweating out Saturday 'cause he was supposed to show for a date; but we didn't fly, anyway.

And he was the lad—you could always count on him—who popped up, in the last minutes, with:

"Sir, what were those coordinates, again?"

K. E. FOX



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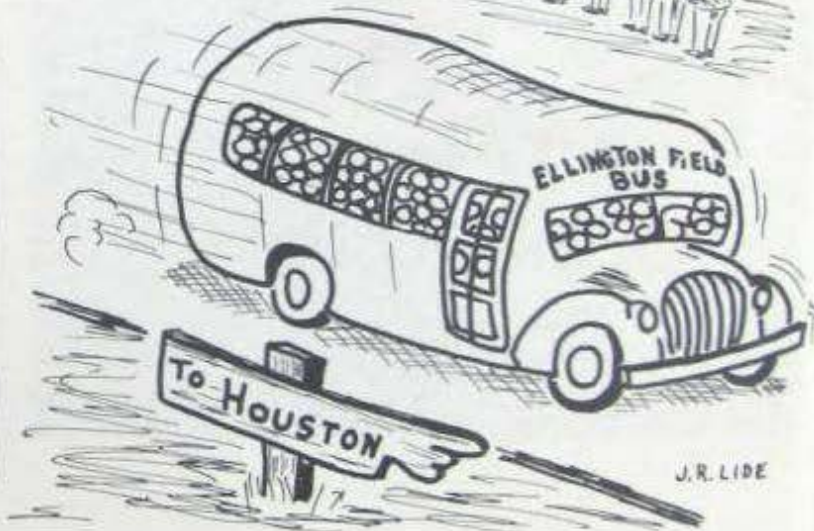
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