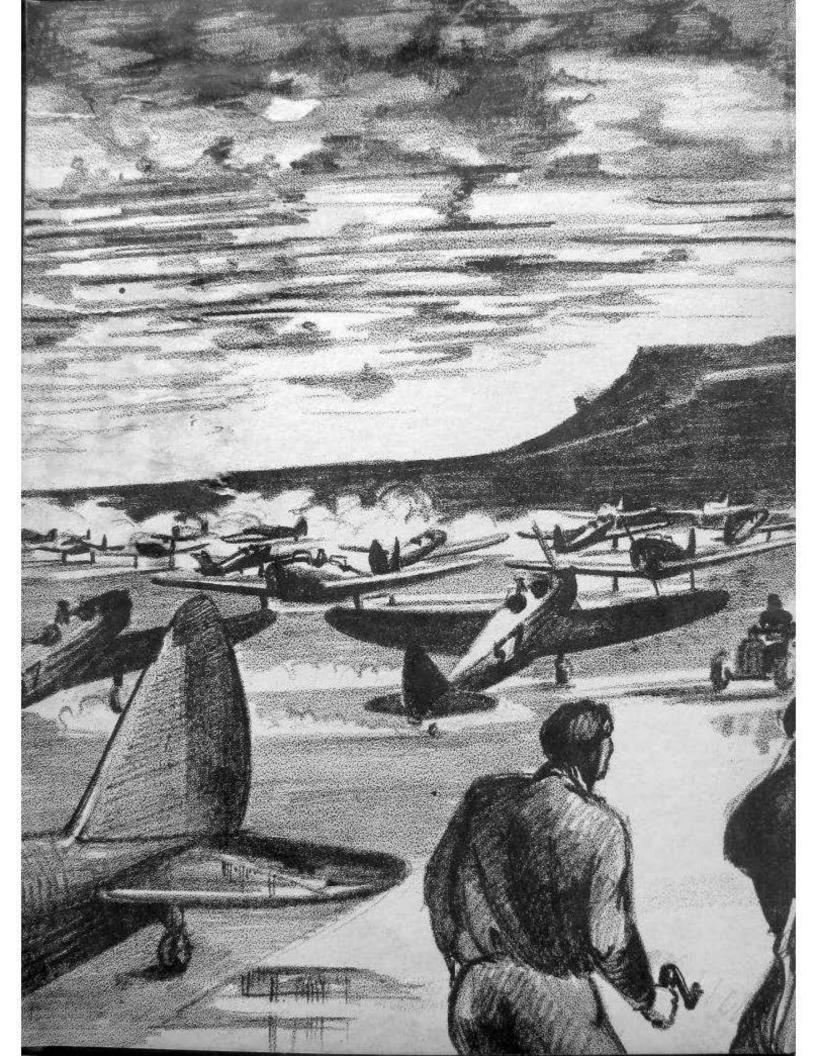
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1/C ROBERT O ARNOLD
CLASS OF 44F



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

High in the sunlit silence. Hovering there The chased the shouting wind along and flung My eager craft through footless halls of air-Up, up the long delinous, 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.

(John Gillespie Magee, Jr., a nineteen year-old Royal Canadian Air Force flyer was killed in action over Europe in 1941.)



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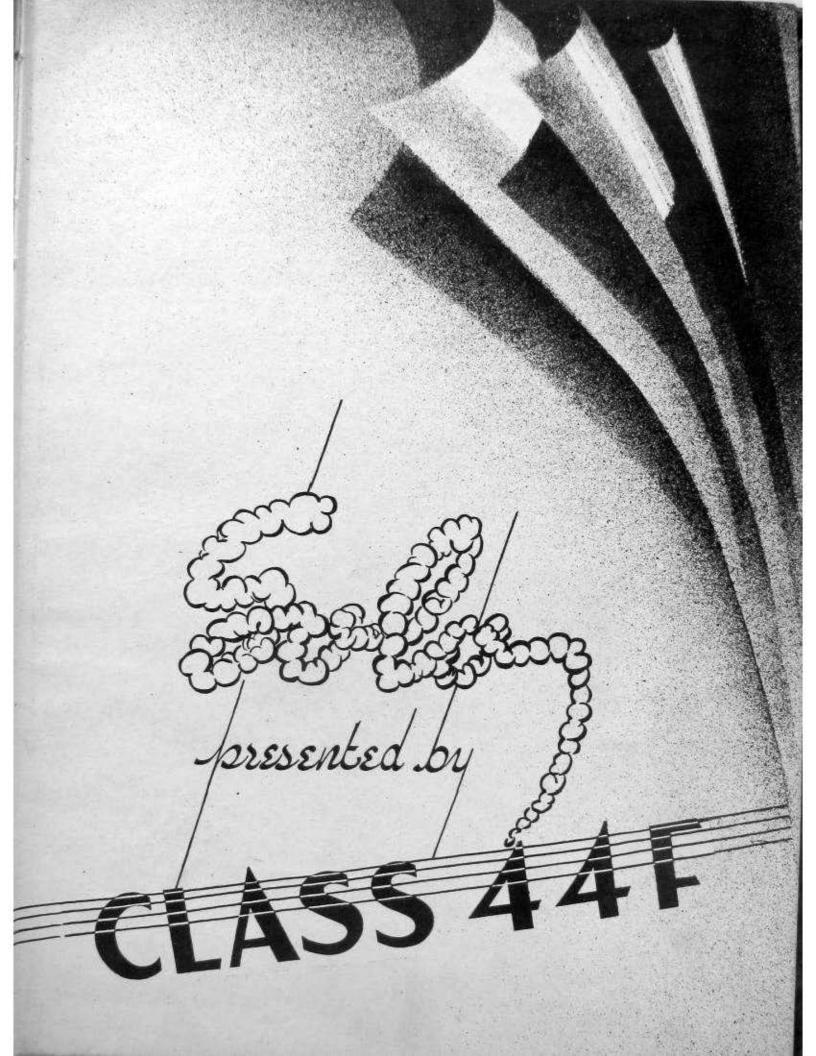
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"Some flew east—some flew west— Some flew over the cuckoo's nest." (Old nursery rhyme) Somewhere beyond the Southern Cross above the Seven Seas. Along the bitter far-off roads, their pinions catch the breeze. Their wings are black against the sky, by desert, surf and dune. Their ancient lullaby is lost against a rougher tune— Some flew east—some flew west— And some will fly no more; Far, far out from the eagle's nest Their mighty motors roar. And wing by wing their rule will grow Above all sea and sod. Until they strike the final blow For country and for God. the old, old song when golden dreams were young. hear the wings where sudden death is flung. e rides the air, but in my fading dreams, ullaby returns—how far away it seems— Some fly east—and some fly west— They take an endless track. Through flame and steel they face the test Around the world and back. Their golden youth blots out the sky, They let the comets blod, As each one flies to live or die For country and for God. GRANTLAND RICE



"You, too, can be an aviation cadet." -For many months this statement echoed in the inner channels of our ears, tempting many unethical responses-but always provoking the question, "What state of mind and training must we embody before the Military will accept us as desirable material for officers and pilots. Although our training has just begun, we now realize that the best pilot must of necessity be a good officer and leader. If this were not true, the army officers of our post would not have put so much untiring effort into their work of training us in discipline and military efficiency. It is, therefore, only fifting that we express our gratitude to the army officers of this field for the guidance and instruction they have given us during those past weaks of primary training.



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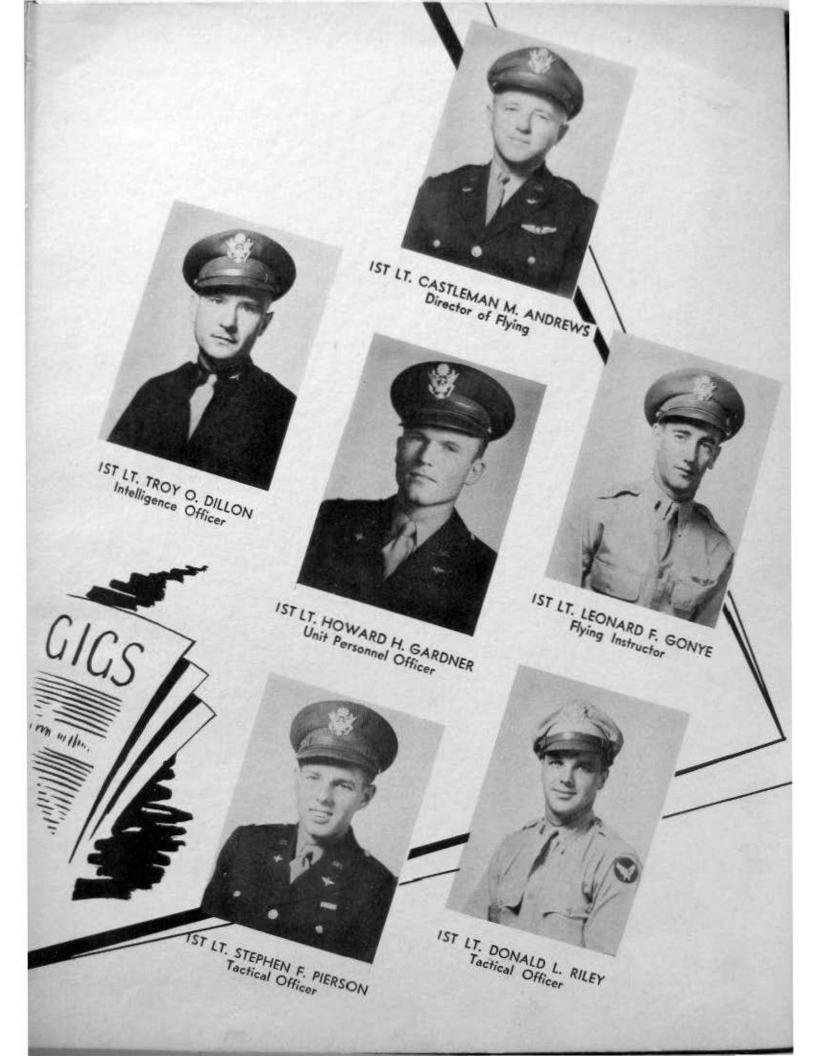
To Class 44-F:

Yours is the second class to graduate from primary school in the New Year. And with each passing day the future for this, and other New Years, looks better and better. You now are playing a vital part in the progress that is being made in the world situation—a part that will beer more and more weight as the days go by.

You have completed the first phase of your flying training and are well more than half way through your Cadet training. You have done a good job. You are a qualified primary pilot school graduate, the road ahead is tough, but with the foundation that you have built here, the degree of your future flying progress and success will depend upon your efforts.

JAMES A. DIETERICH, JR., Major A. D.







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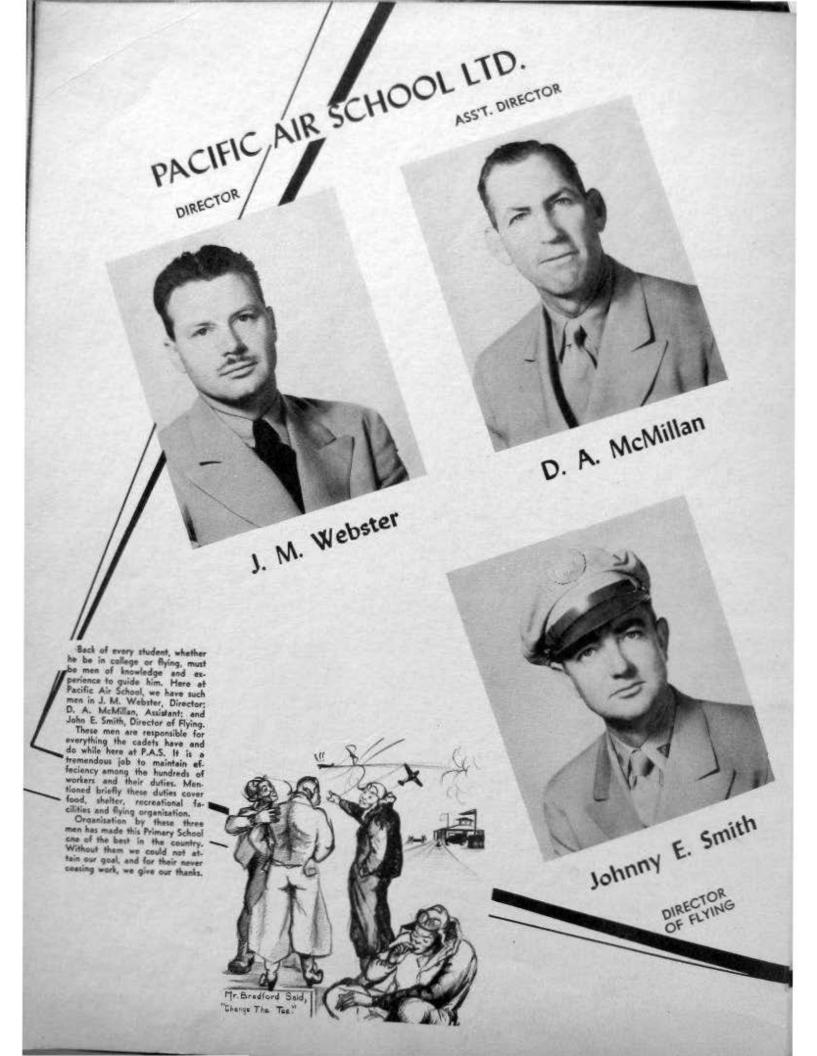
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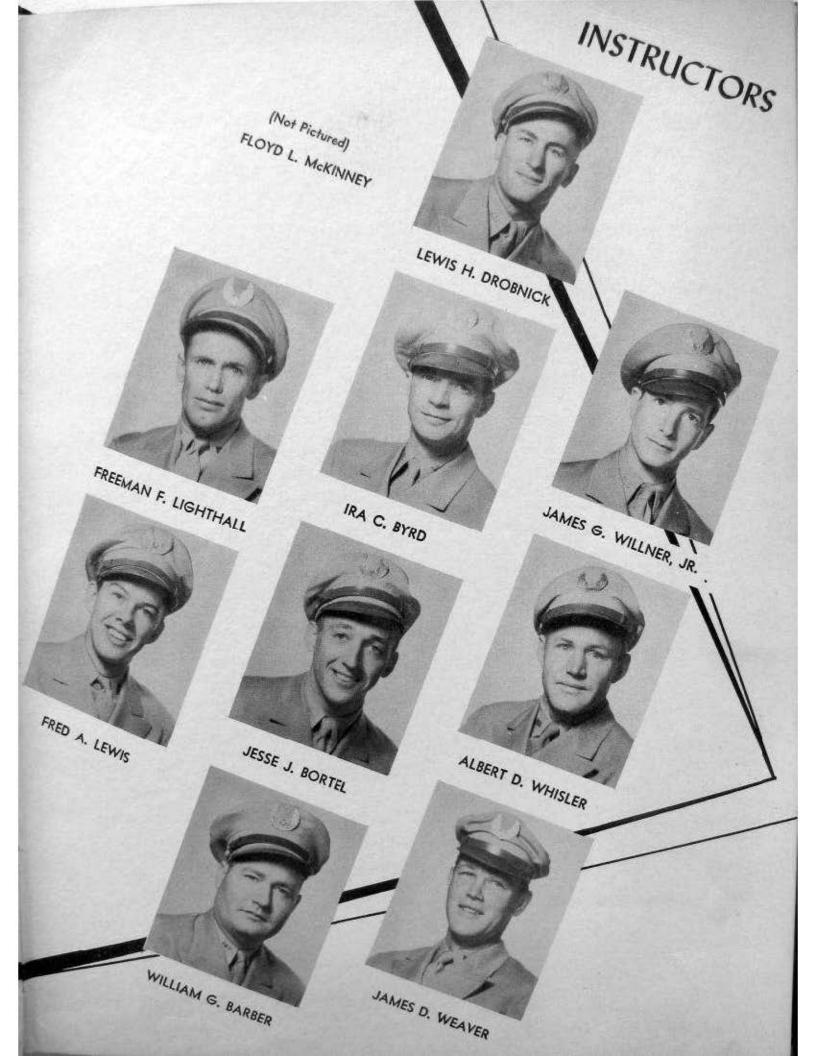
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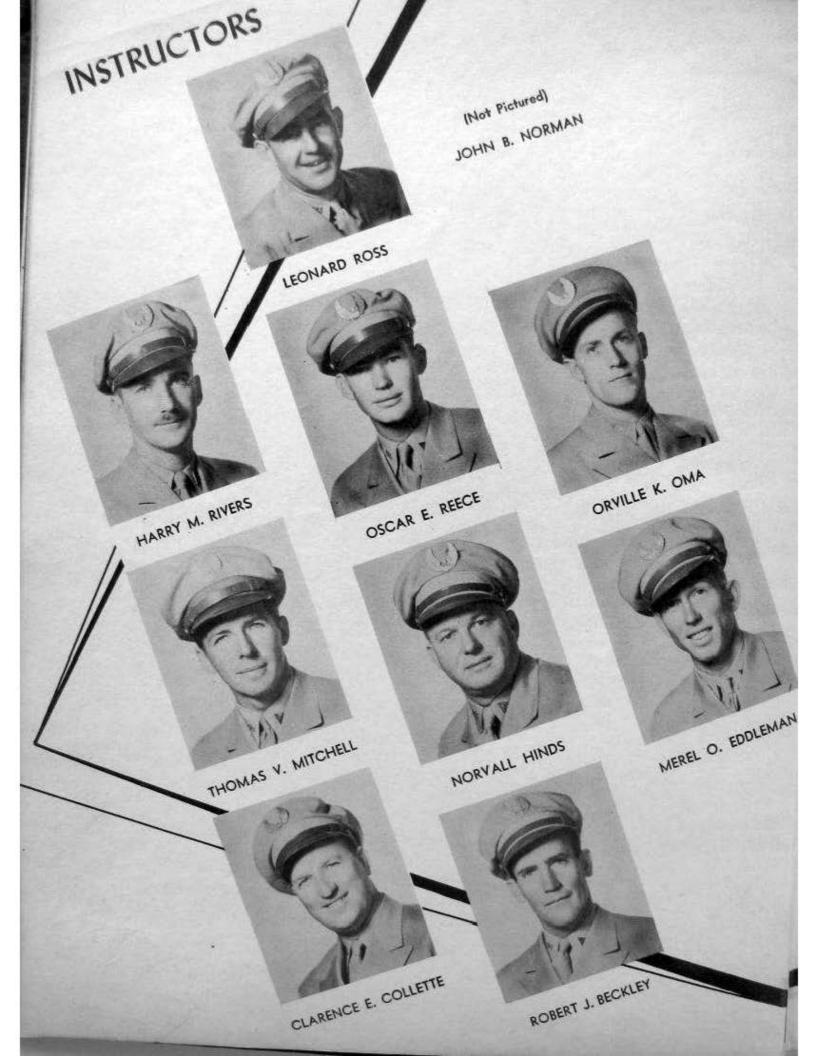
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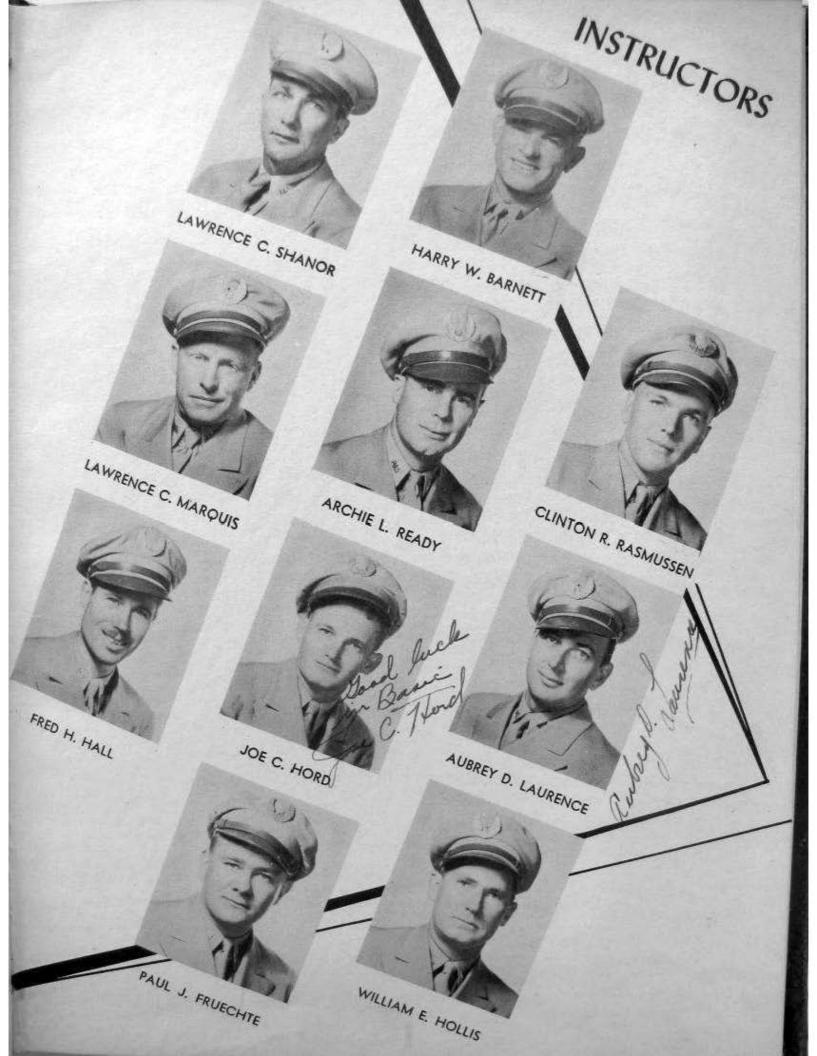


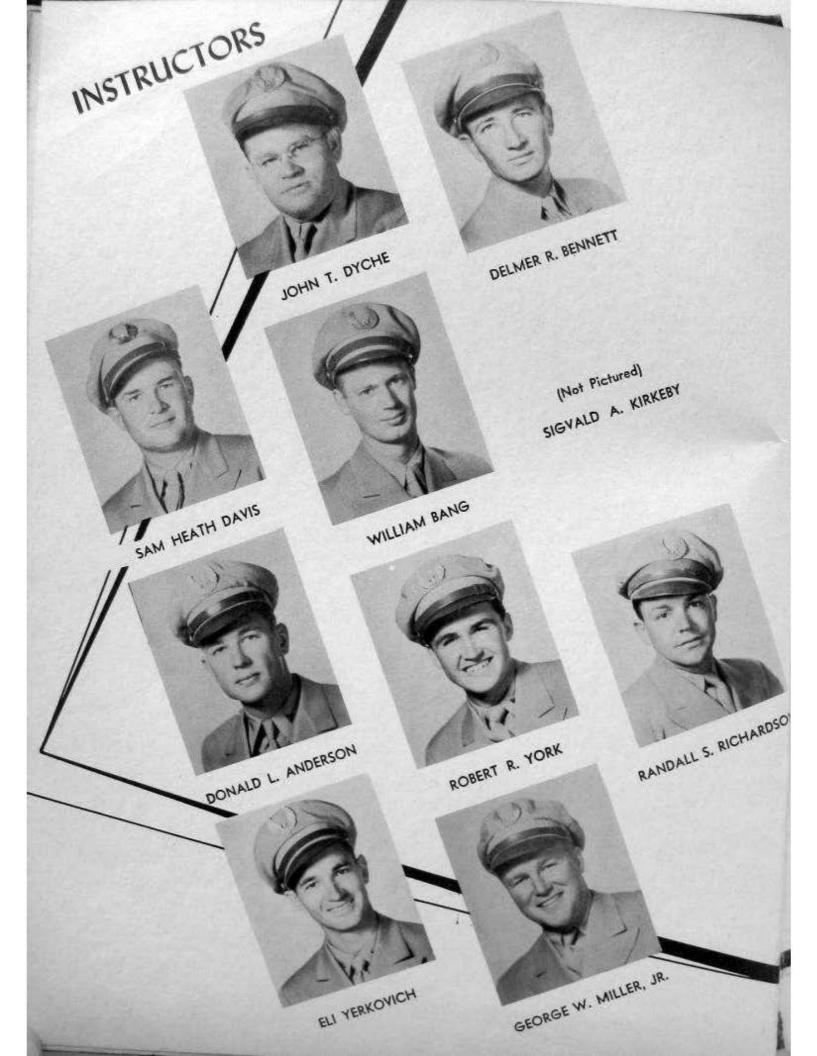
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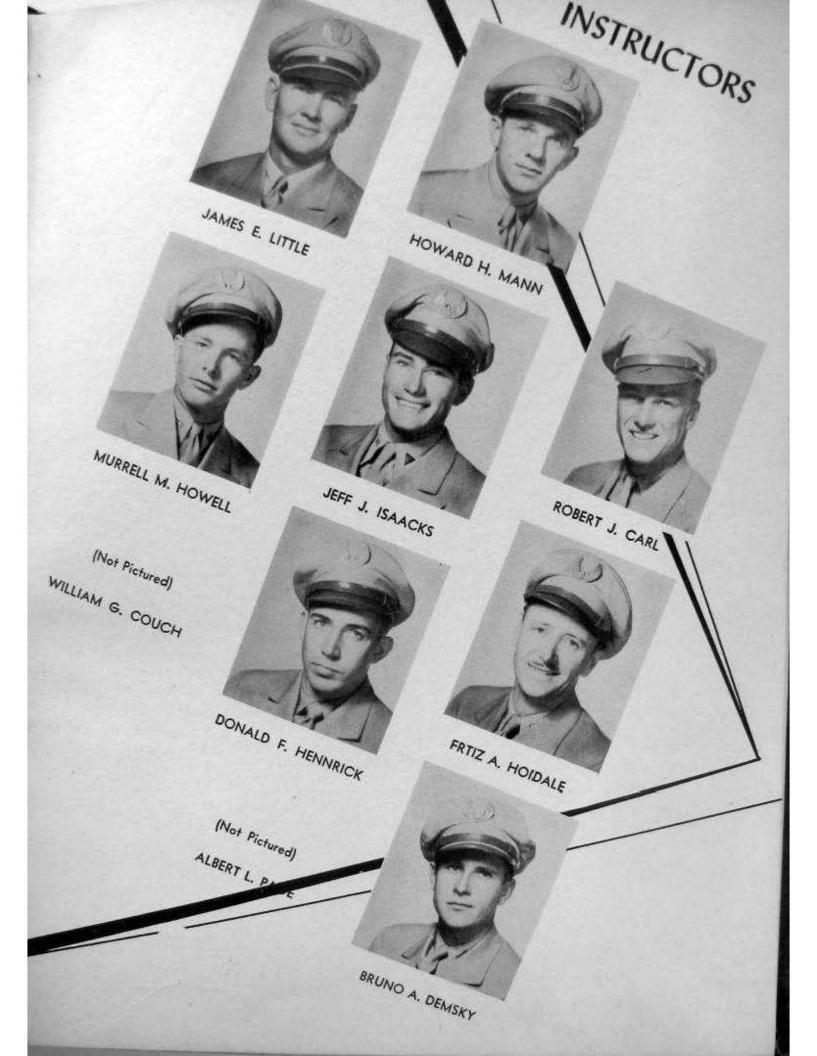












(Not Pictured) EDWIN H. STERRETT, JR.

GROUND SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

(Not Pictured) C. A. McCLELLAND Theory of Flight

F. J. BALUSEK Theory of Flight





N. L. McNEIL Meteorology



J. M. CHILDERS Of Ground School

### MAINTENANCE

Did you ever stop to think who keeps all these jallopies in the air, or why no matter how minute be the trouble, it is always readied within 24 hours of its entry into the Form I-A? Well brother, that's why maintenance men were born.

These boys, and girls too, are on the job 24 hours a day, and you can bet your bottom ducat that when they give a plane a once over, it has been done with the proverbial fine-tooth comb.

Let's see how they work, O. K.?

It's a bright winter morning at Dyche Auxiliary Field, and as usual, all the eager boys are doing their best to kill the old diehard instructors. One J. Wellington Woo-Woo has succeeded in thoroughly disheartening his tutor by leveling off at 75 feet, and then dropping in, adding a viscous groundloop, digging one wing in and ending up in a 3 point attitude on his nose. Net result: one center section completely retired from active duty; one aileron panel torn and two form ribs bent to oblivion; one propeller slightly disabled, and approximately 128 ounces of fertile Texas sand sprinkled throughout the engine and mount.

After the dust had died down, the maintenance man at Dyche needed but one look to tell that the damage was more than could be repaired on the spot. The crash truck was called and the limp body

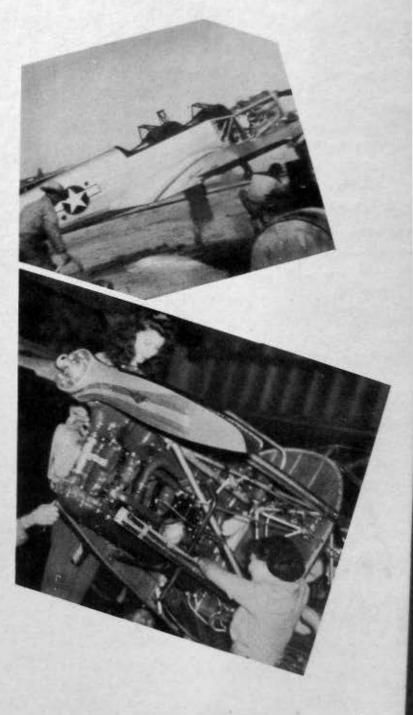
hauled away to Gibbs Field.

Since the landing gear was, by the grace of God, still intact, the plane was rolled onto the wash-rack where it was given a steam solvent bath, which cleaned all the dirt and grease away. Then it was rolled into Hangar No. 3, where the engine was pulled out, and torn down for a 100 hr. inspection.

From there, the fuselage was rolled to Hangar 4, where the damaged wing was pulled from the wing stub and the form ribs replaced and a new aileron installed, the damaged one being inspected, and given a sharp looking fabric patch. At the same time, there was a crew removing and installing a new center section in Hangar 2-A. The fuselage was then also given a complete 100 hour check.

Then came the step by step assembly of renovated parts. The motor was re-installed, a new prop adorned the nose, and the wings were fitted to the new center section. Then the finished product was rolled back on the line and slated for active

Thus another ship was readied for use. This which the maintenance crews work. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, they are on the job, forever checking, inspecting, repairingkeeping Uncle Sam's Junior Birdmen supplied with the utensils of Democracy at war. I don't know about you Junior, but as for me, well if I've got to be stationed in Texas, I'm darned thankful it's at Gibbs Field.



# DISPATCHING

The dispatchers at the various fields have one of the most important jobs connected with this school. Their's is the responsibility of keeping us supplied with planes throughout the day. At the head of these problems is Mr. Albert Ivy, the chief

dispatcher.

Mr. Ivy receives a report every day from the maintenance department as to the number of planes which are available, and it is up to him to see that each field is supplied with its required number of planes. Mr. Ivy checks over the list, and hands out the correct number of planes to the various dispatchers for the day. Following this, the dispatcher for each flight takes his planes and allots five to each instructor for dual flights. Then the fun really begins. All solo students should have at least one solo period a day, and to arrange this requires a juggler of the highest class.

No, dispatching is not a thrilling job. It requires much patience . . . more patience than most people have, and so to the dispatching staff of dear old P.A.S. we doff our grommets in sincere







#### PARACHUTE DEPT.

Johnny Kaydet saunters to his plane, buckles on his chute, takes to the takeoff runway and soars upward. Johnny is no different from anyone else, one seldom thinks of his chute-until he uses it. The combination of a spin and an unfastened safety belt put our friend in a position to think plenty as the canopy of silk billowed above him in his descent to earth.

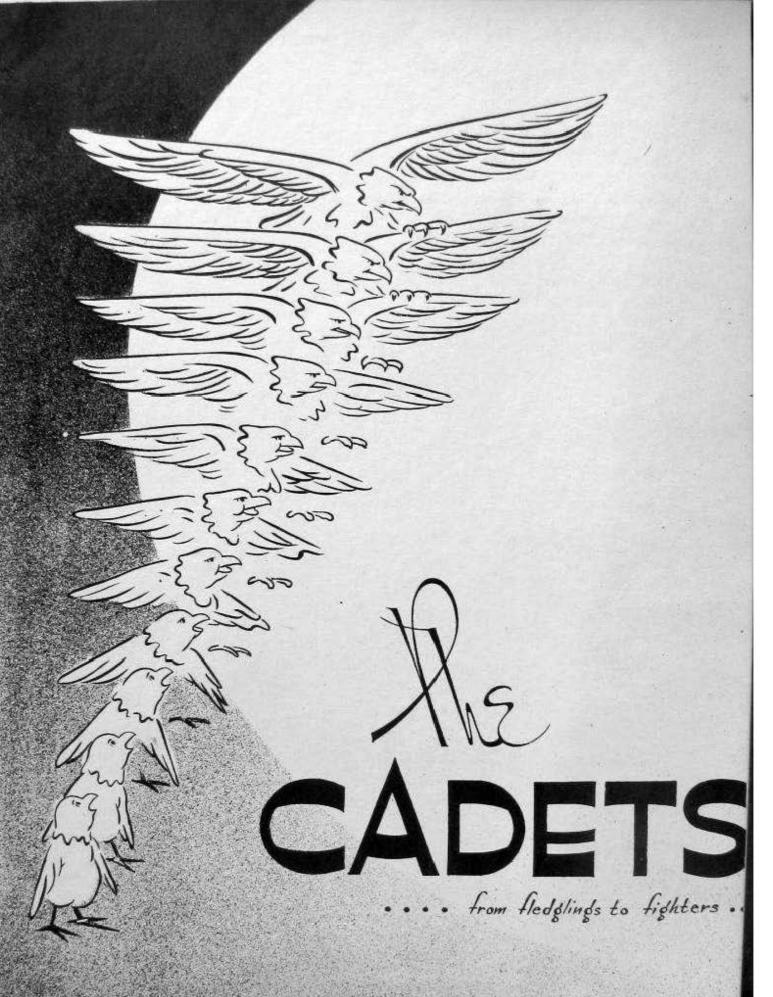
The unconscious faith that Johnny put in his 'chute is one put into every flyers parachute rigger-in our case Mr. H. T. Wilkinson. At the present he is the only licensed rigger at Gibbs Field but is passing the profits of his experience on to

Mrs. Marijo Collins, his assistant.

Mr. Wilkinson boasts a perfect record for efficiency— a MUST in his profession. Of ten jumps to date, all have borne their passenger safely to earth. Unseen, behind this record lies years of labor and ex-perience which has gained Mr. Wilkinson a rating as Senior Rigger. Along with this has come plenty of work as each chute is inspected externally every ten days and is opened, aired and repacked every sixty days.

Though this is only the 40th year of aviation, parachutes have been in use for 200 years. Packed thru' these years is more experience than one can see in a glance. With this and men like Mr. Wilkin-

son we need never lose faith.



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A Fortress over Tokyo." Philip R. Andrews 1415 7th Street Woodward, Oklahorea Woodward, Oklahorea D. L. Adams I. G. Armstrong Virginia Kingwood: West Virginia Sidney Benowits 3215 W. Turner Street 3215 W. Turner Pennsylvania Philadelphia "What's it like out of traffic?" D. D. Alley. Jr.

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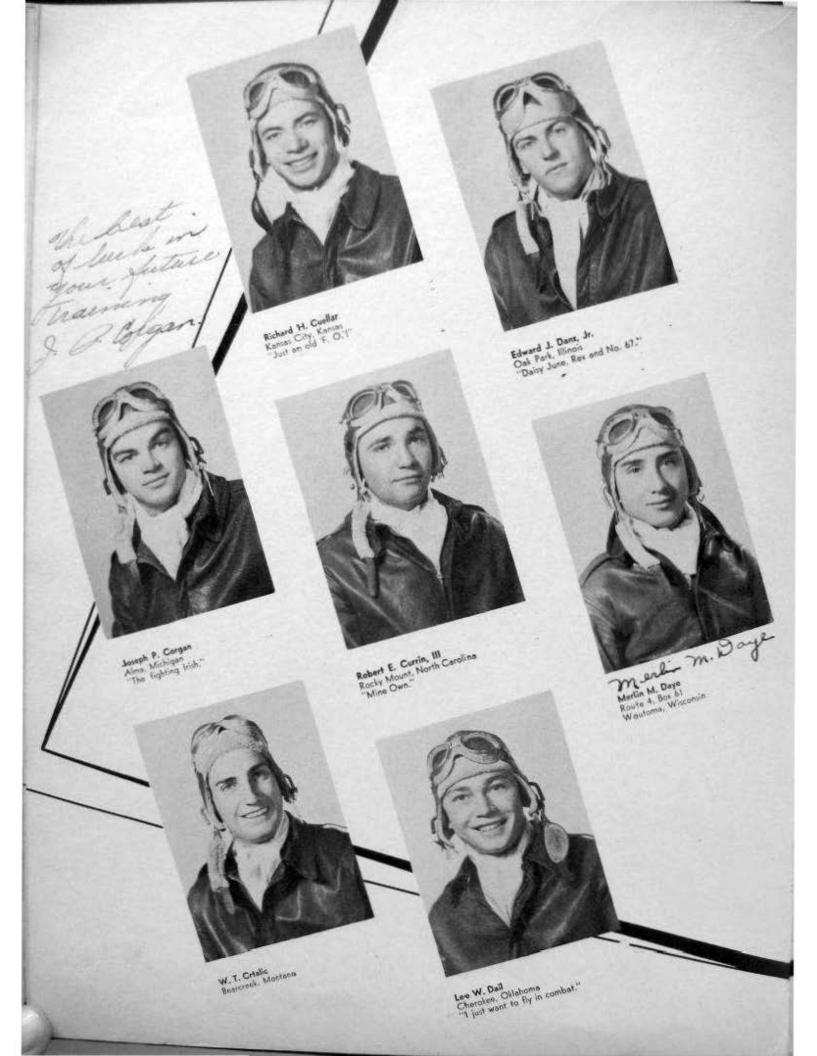
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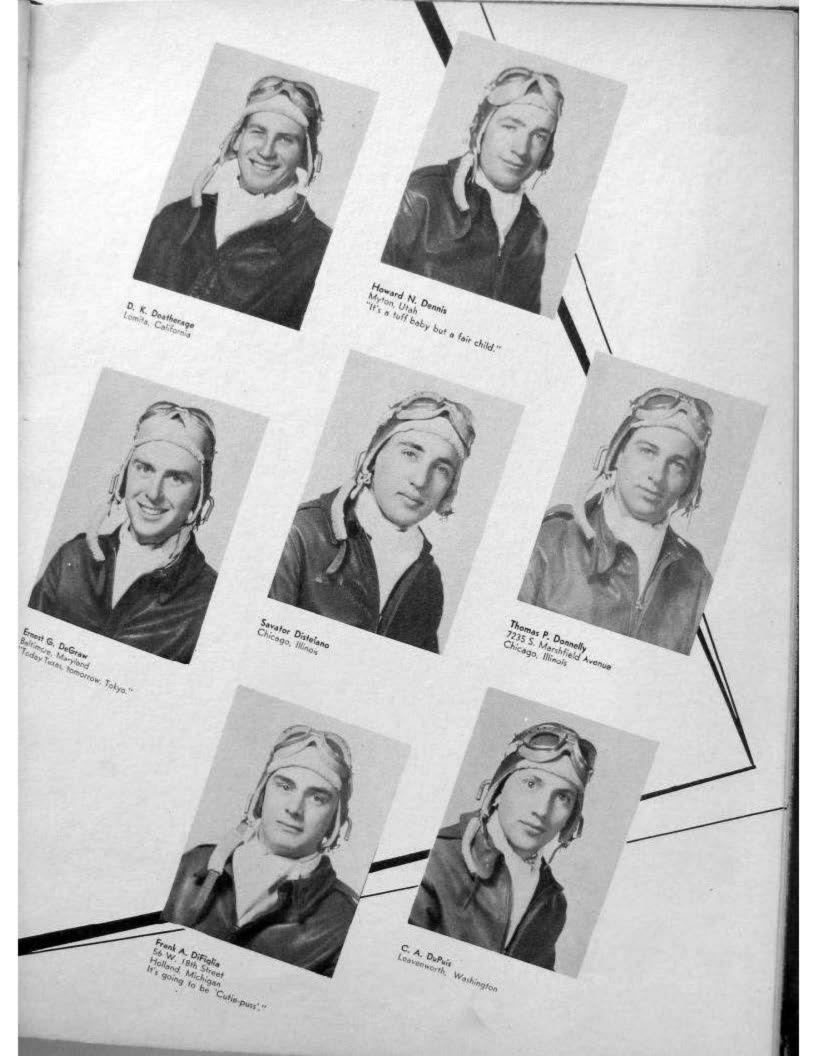
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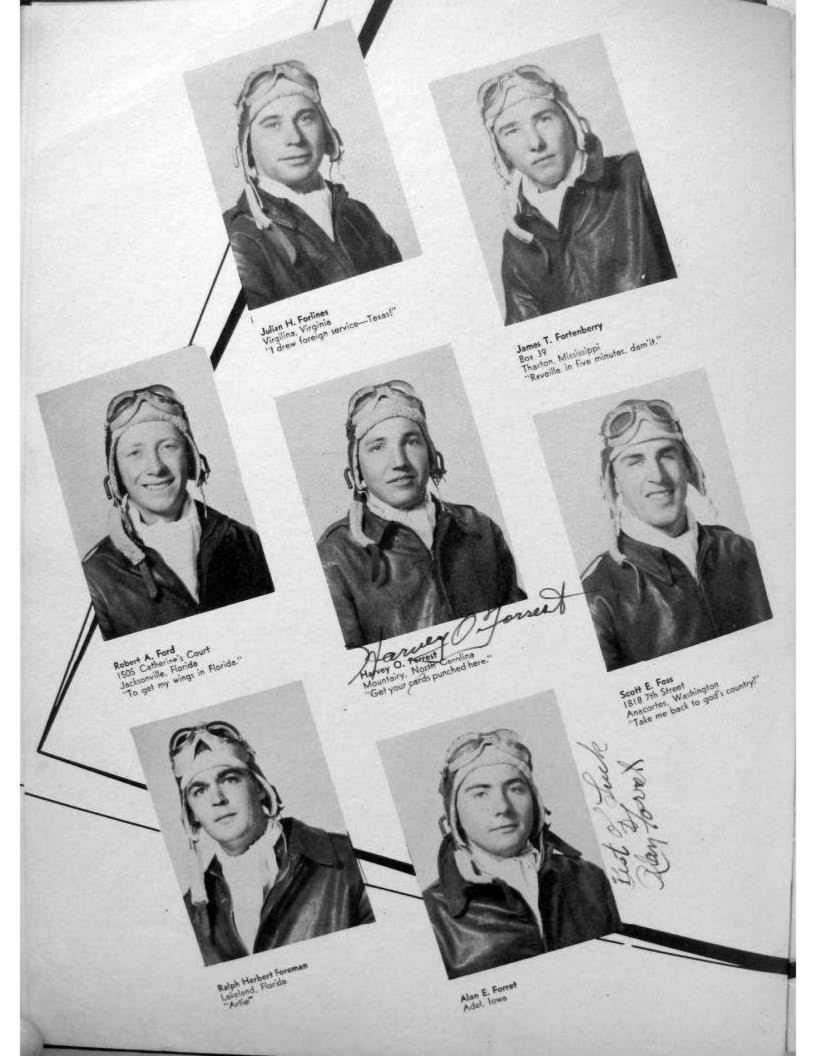






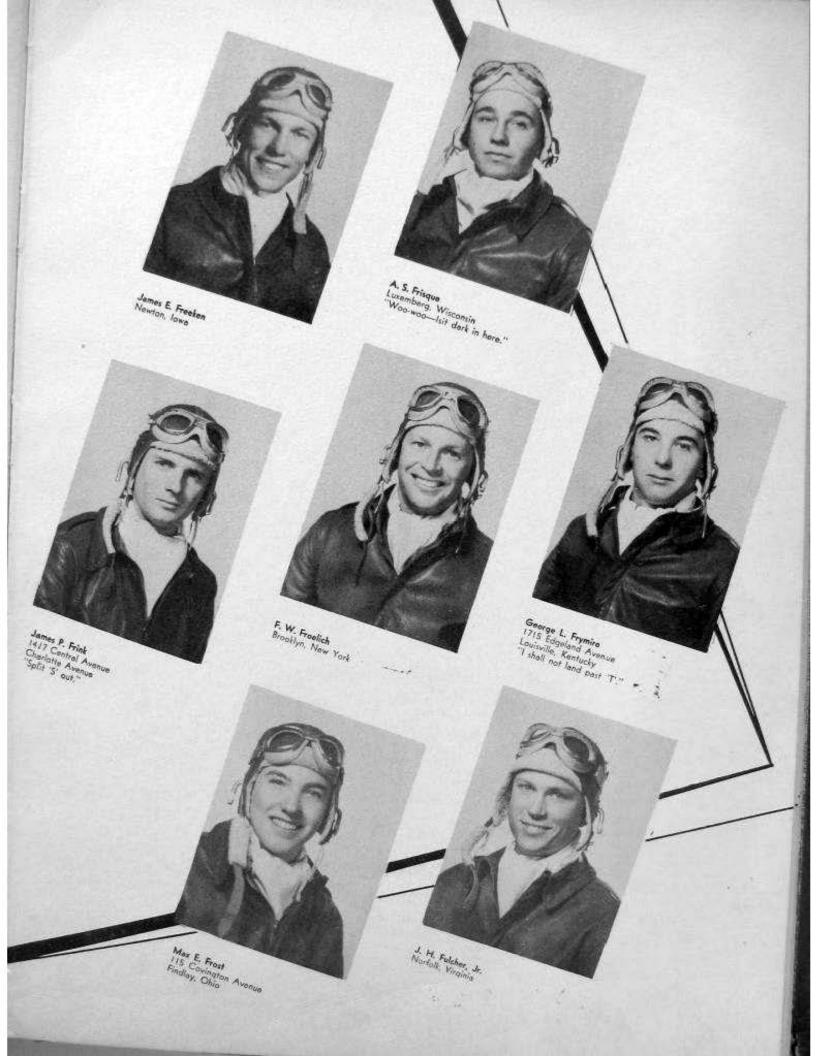




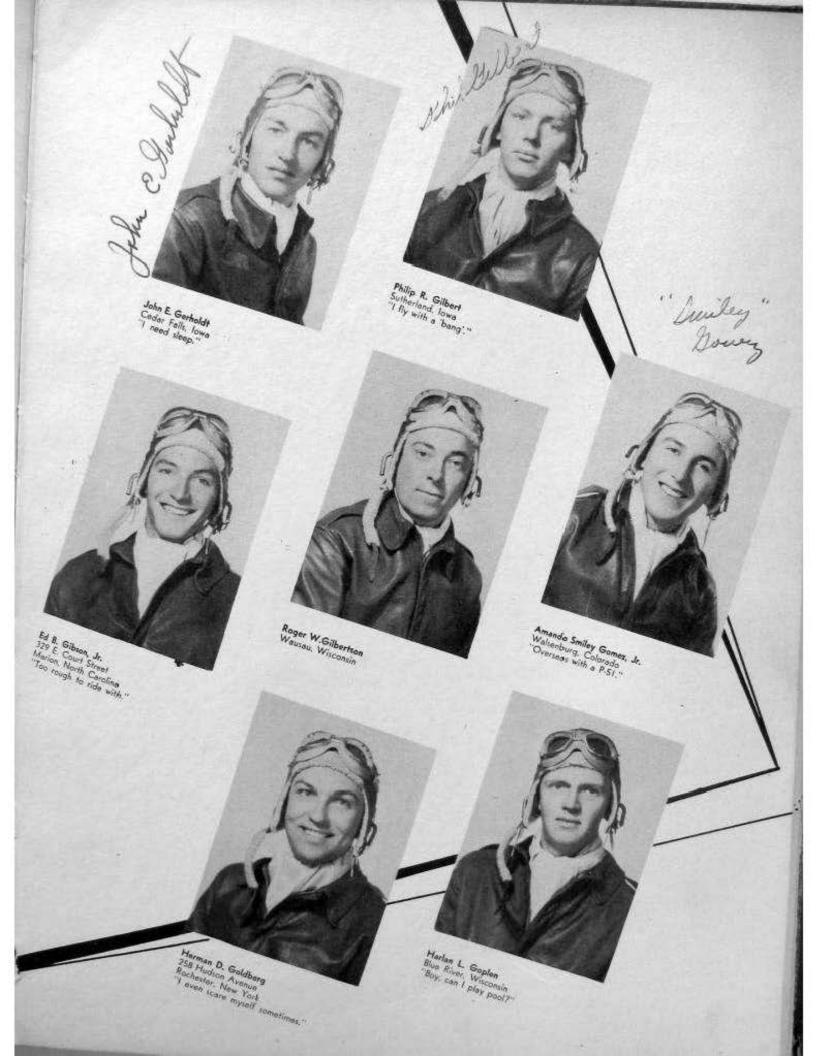




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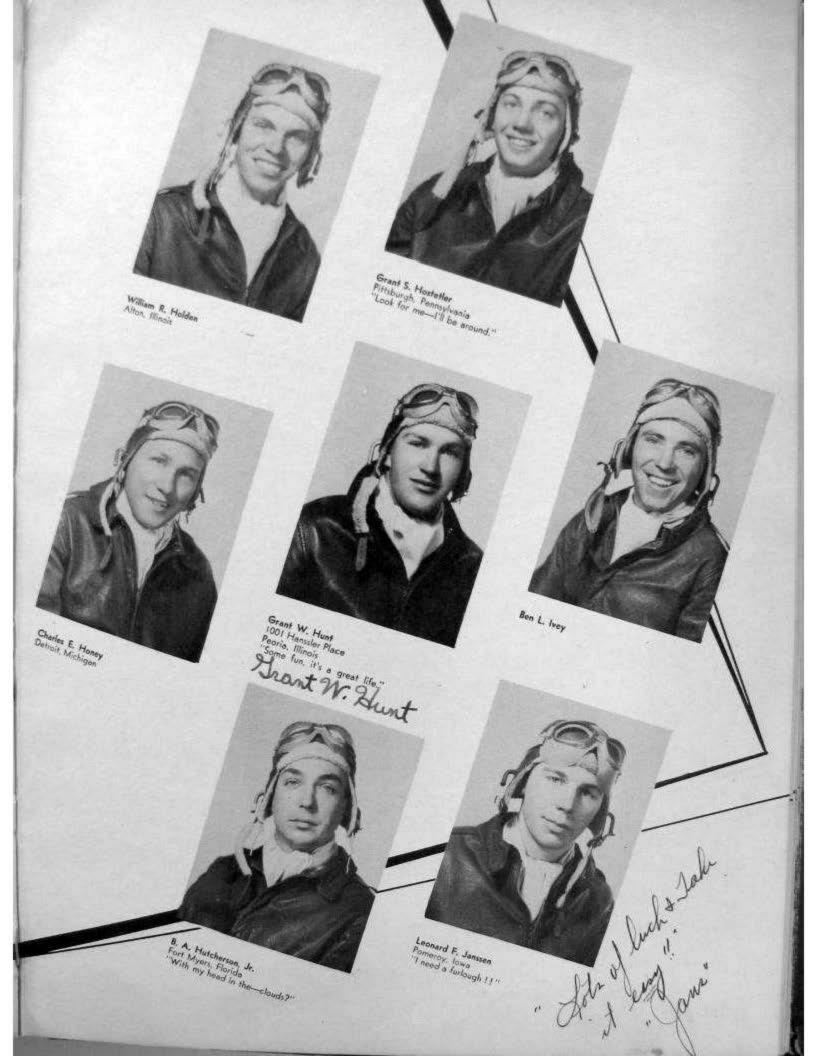
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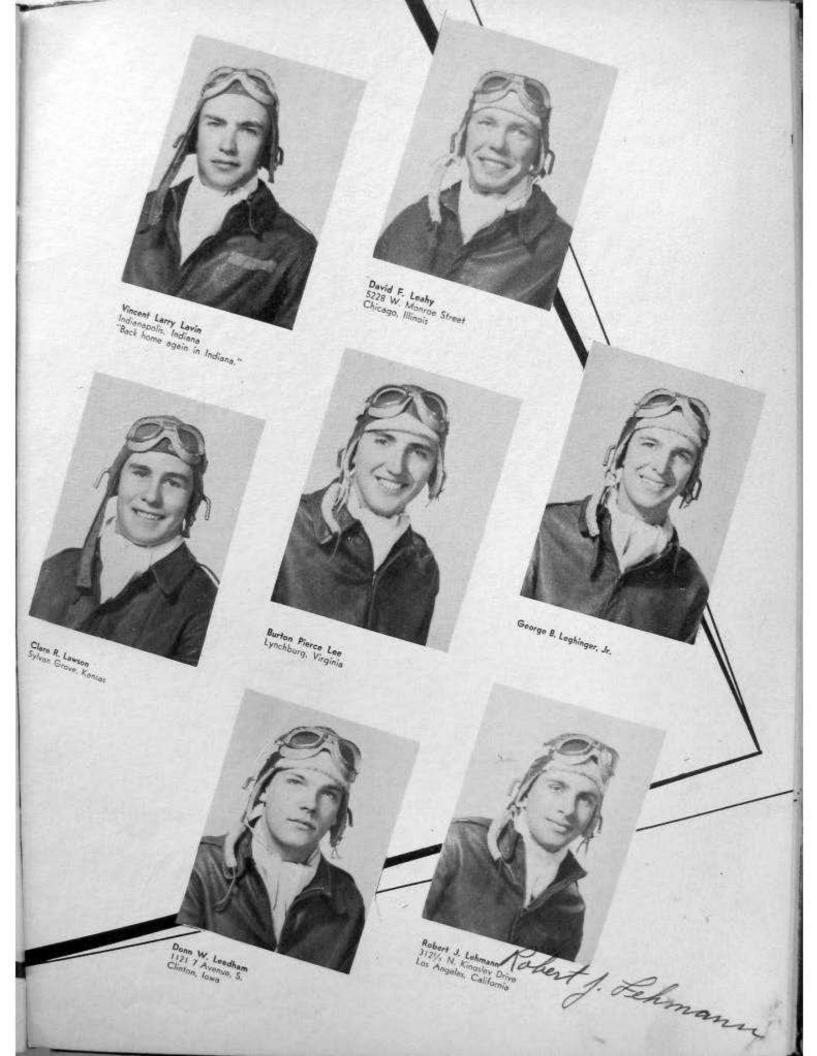




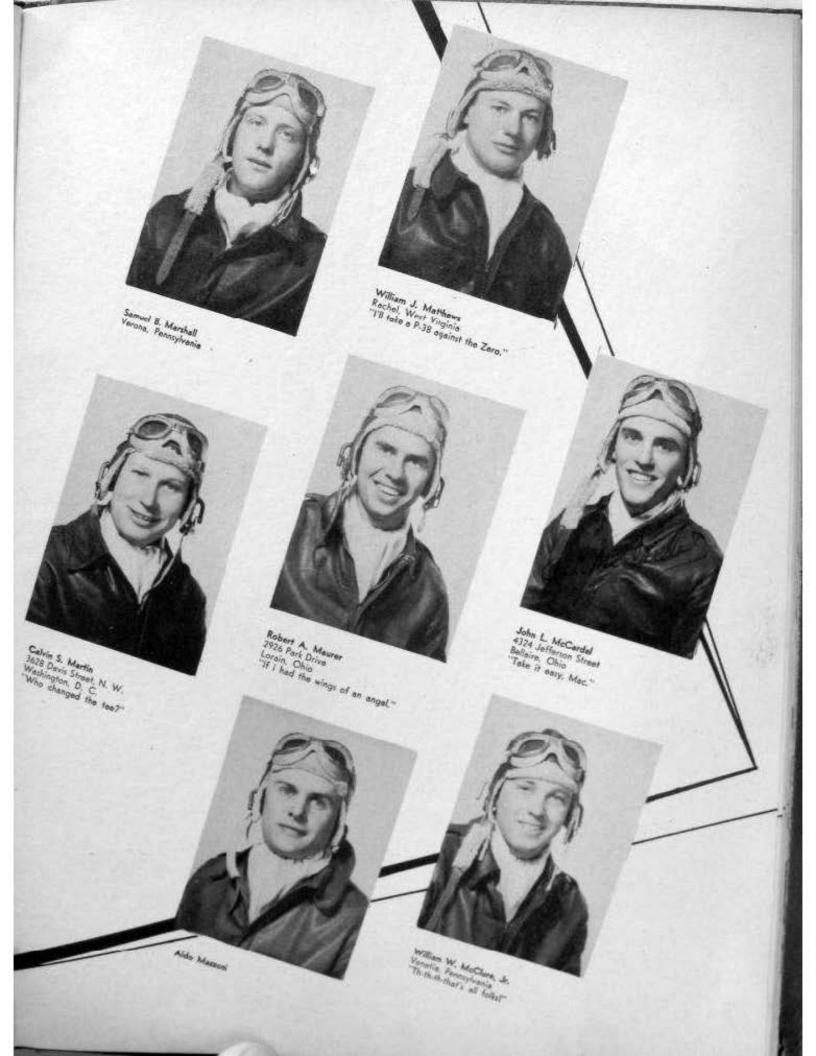


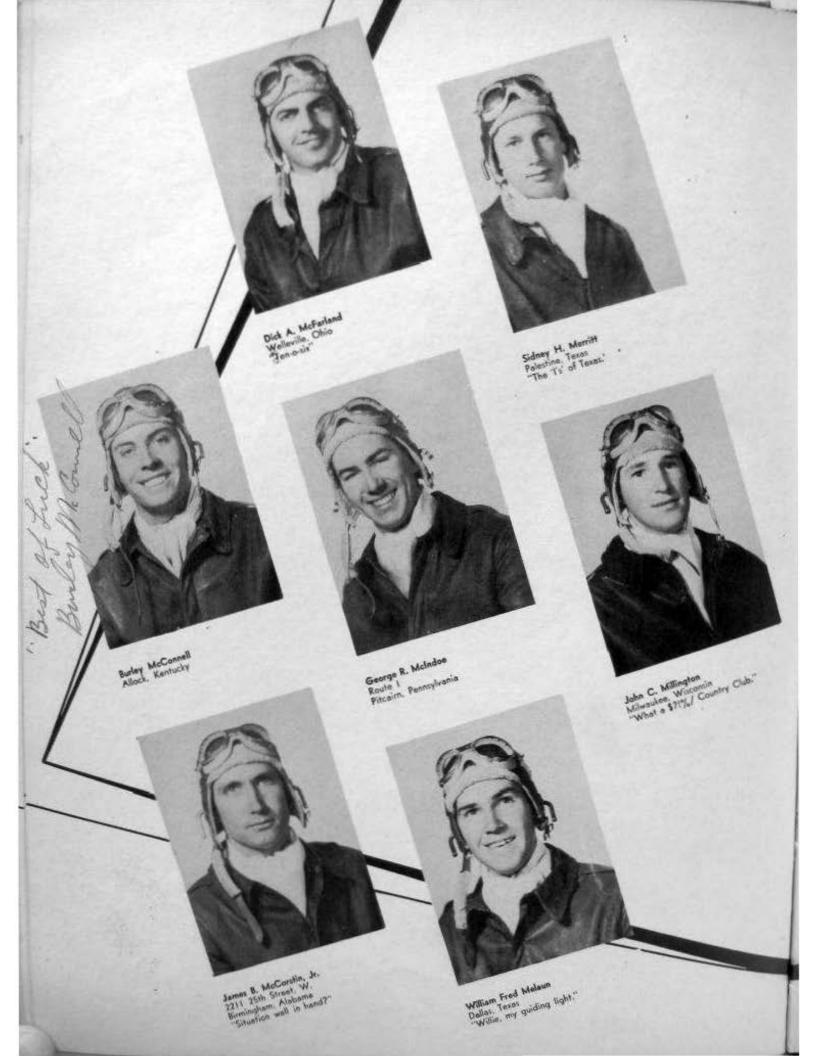




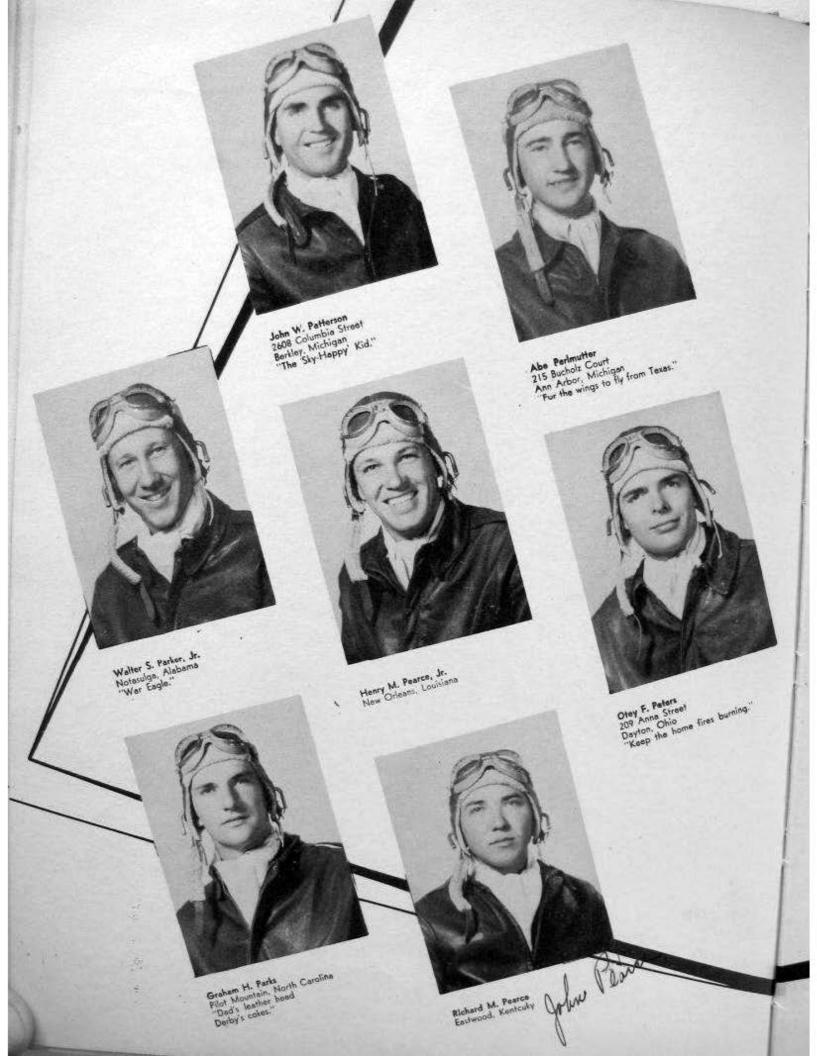


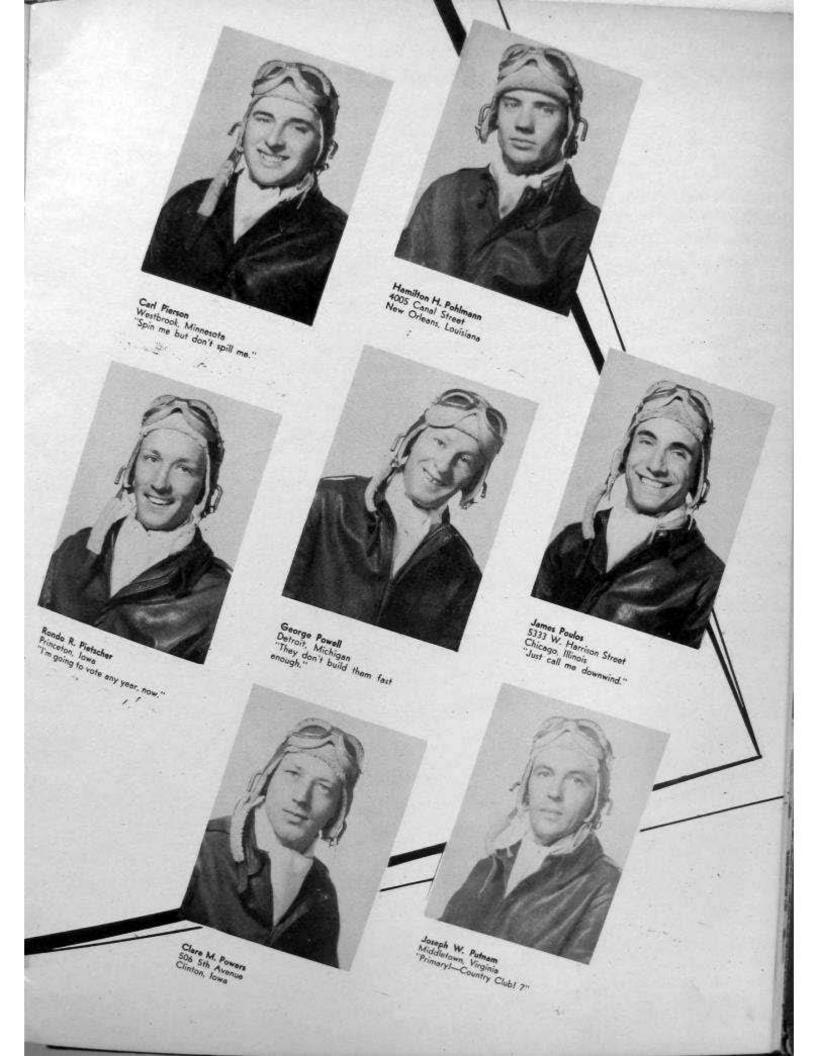












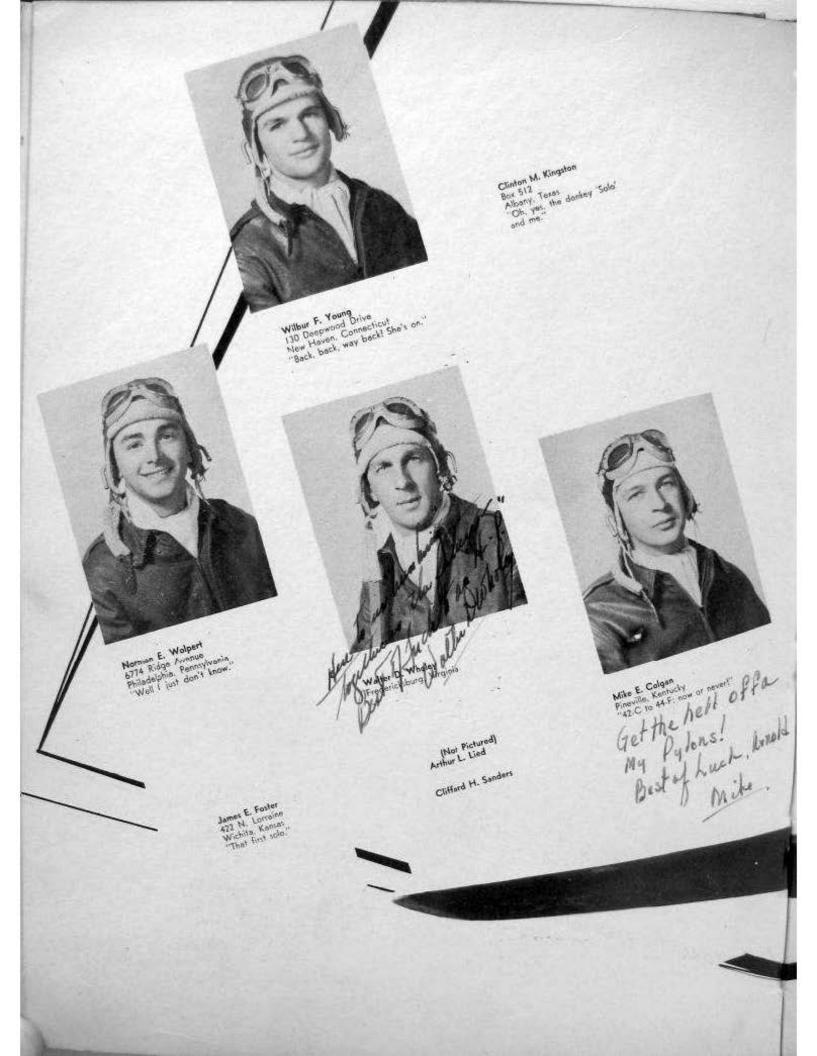
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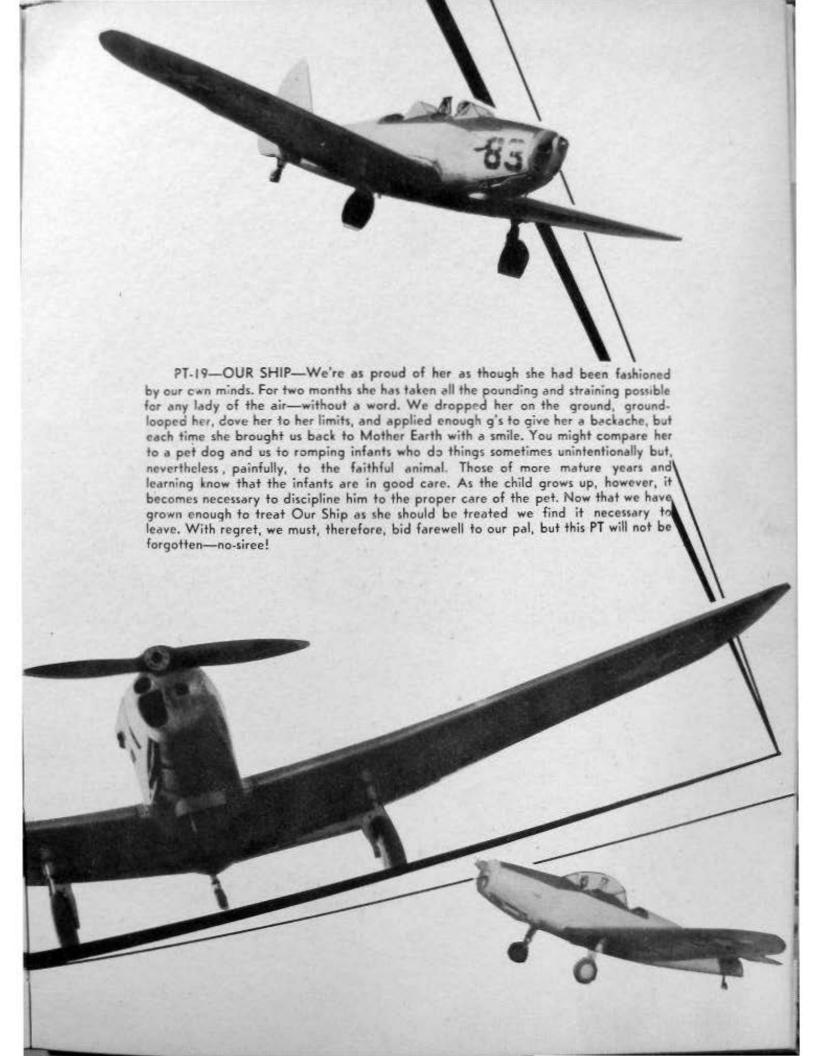
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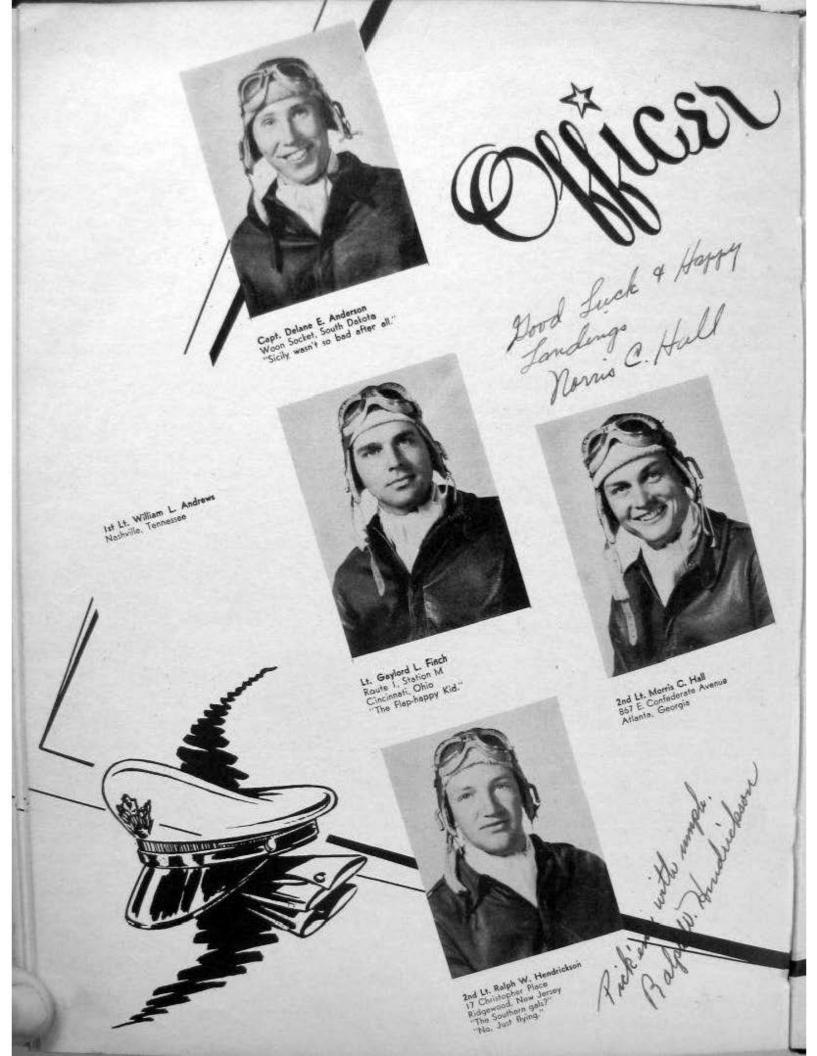












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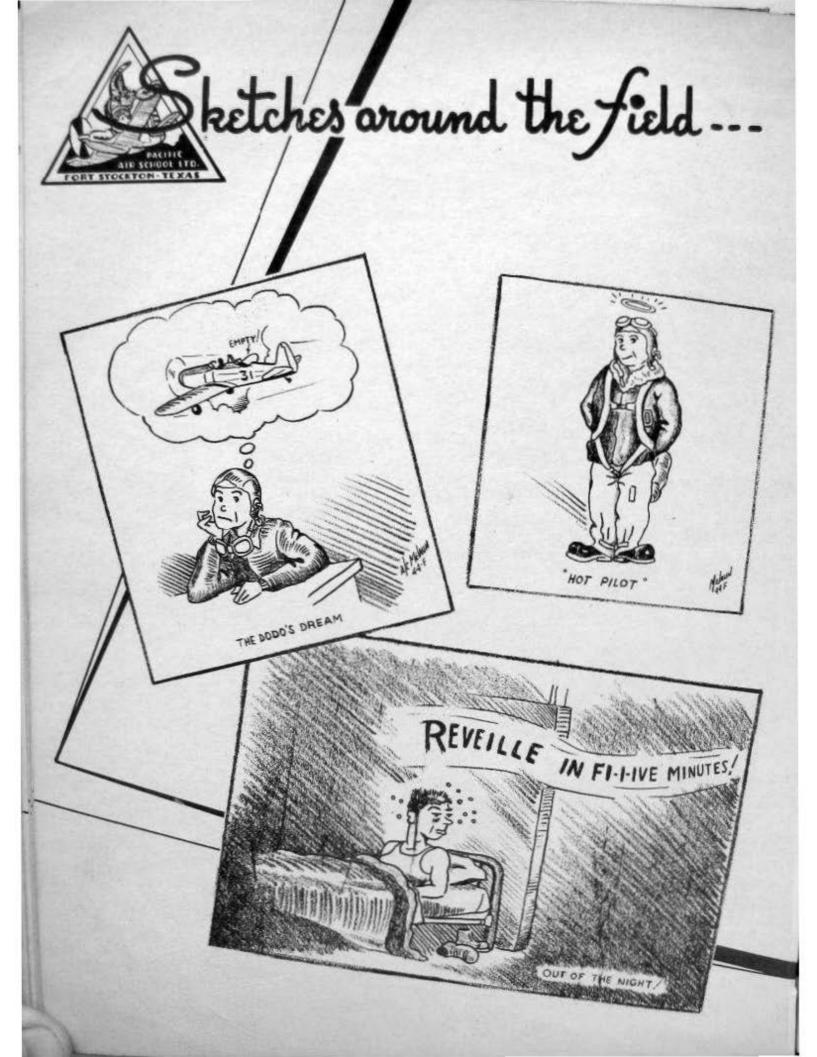


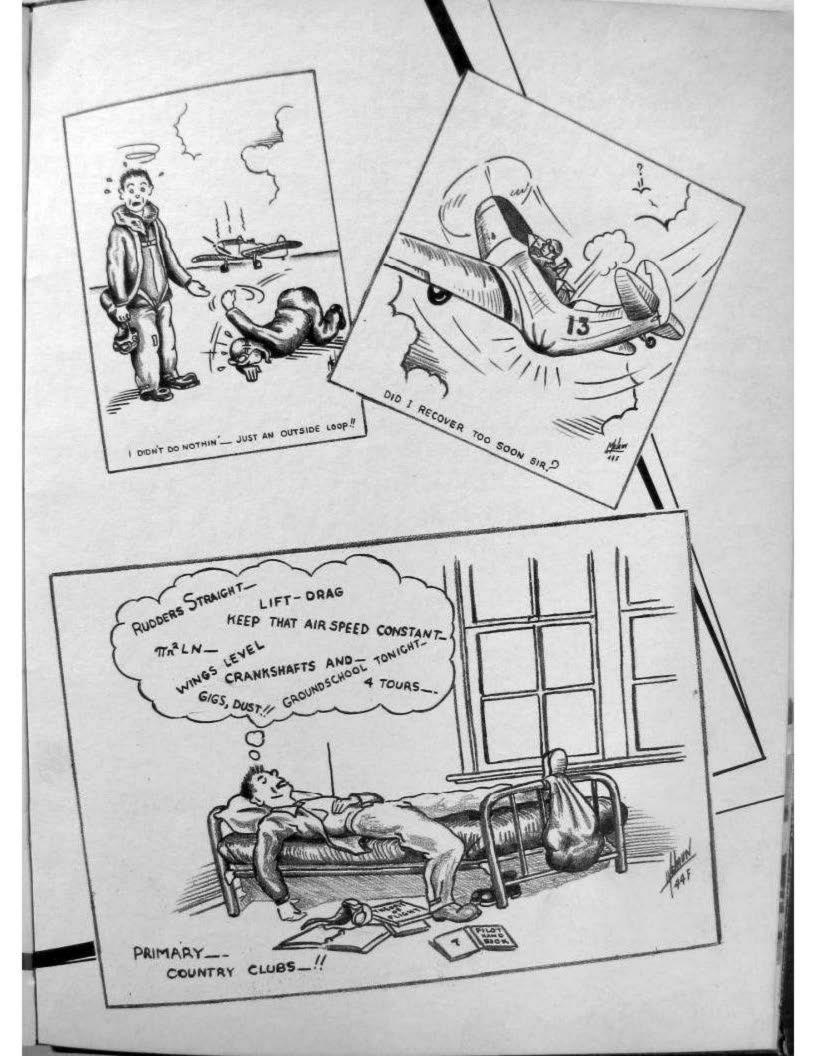




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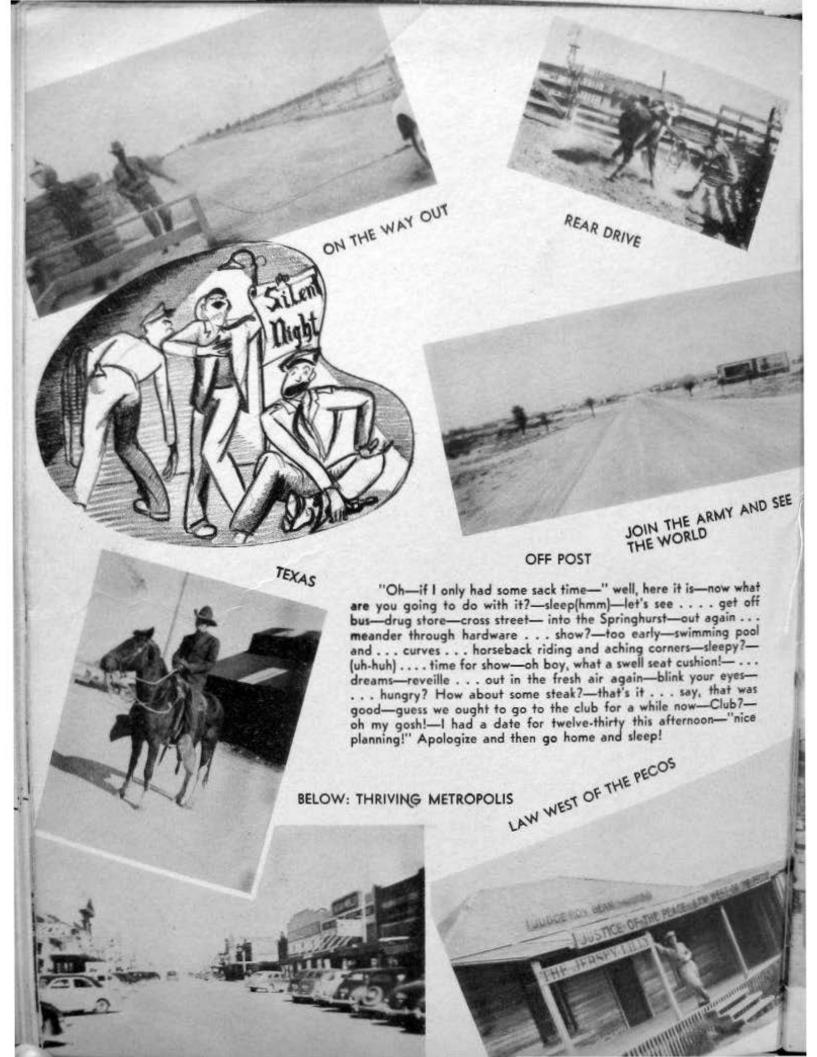


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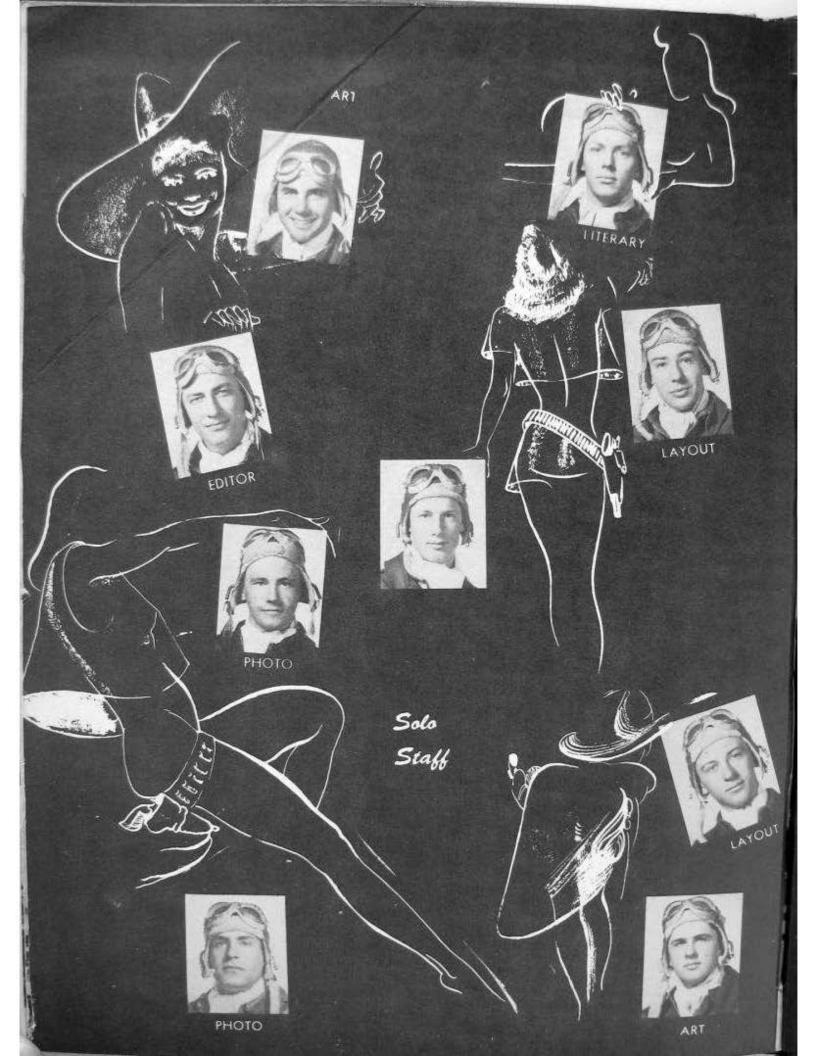
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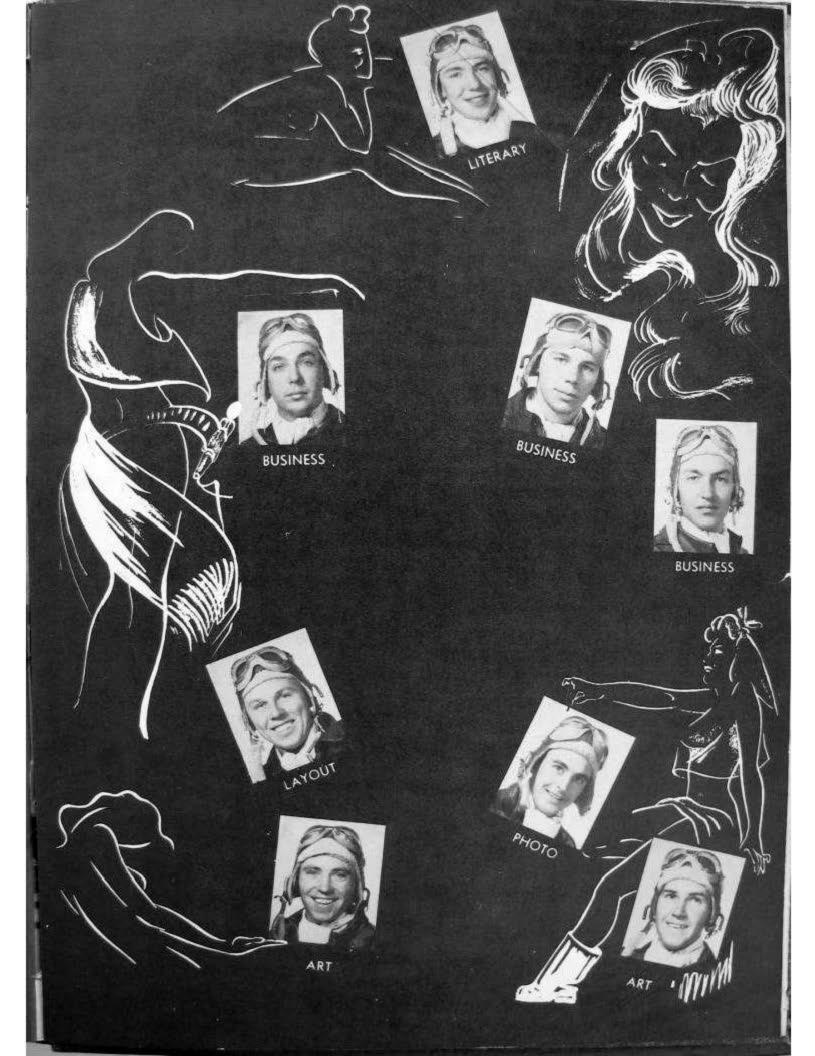
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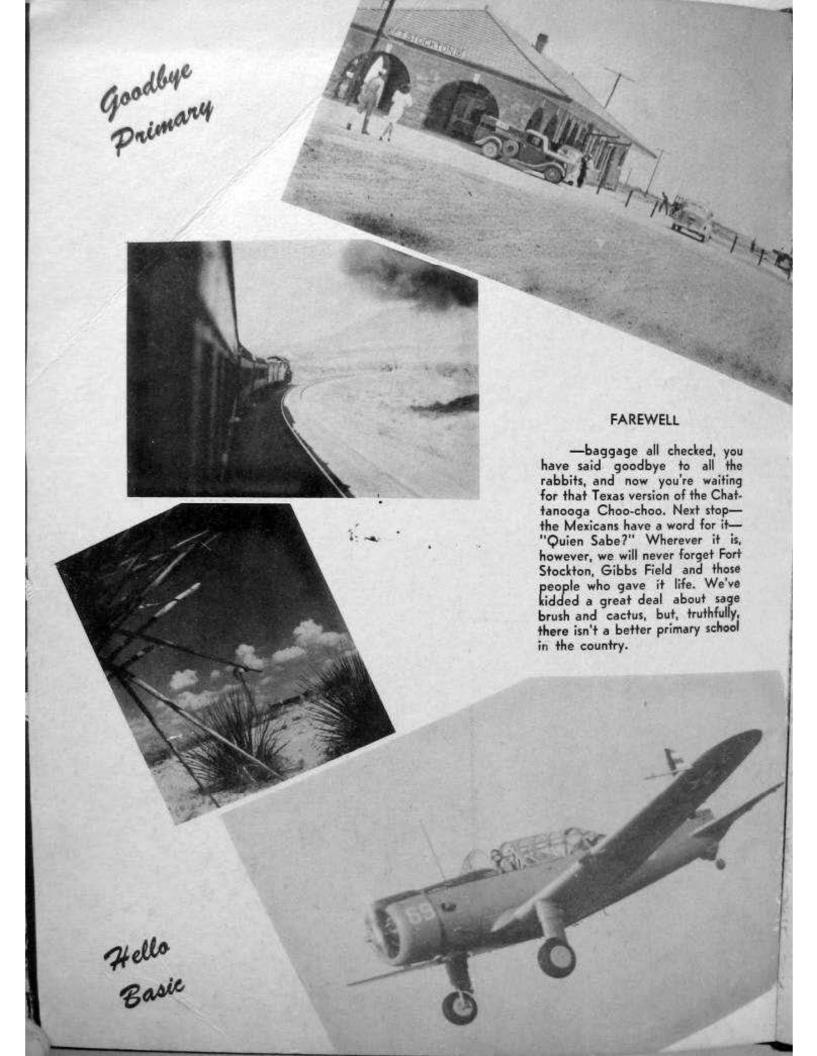
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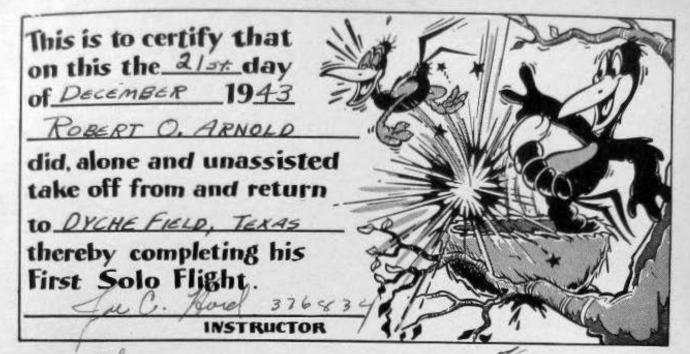
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THE SOLO STAFF WISHES TO EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE FOR THE INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE LT. PIERSON SO WILLFULLY EXTENDED TO THEM.

