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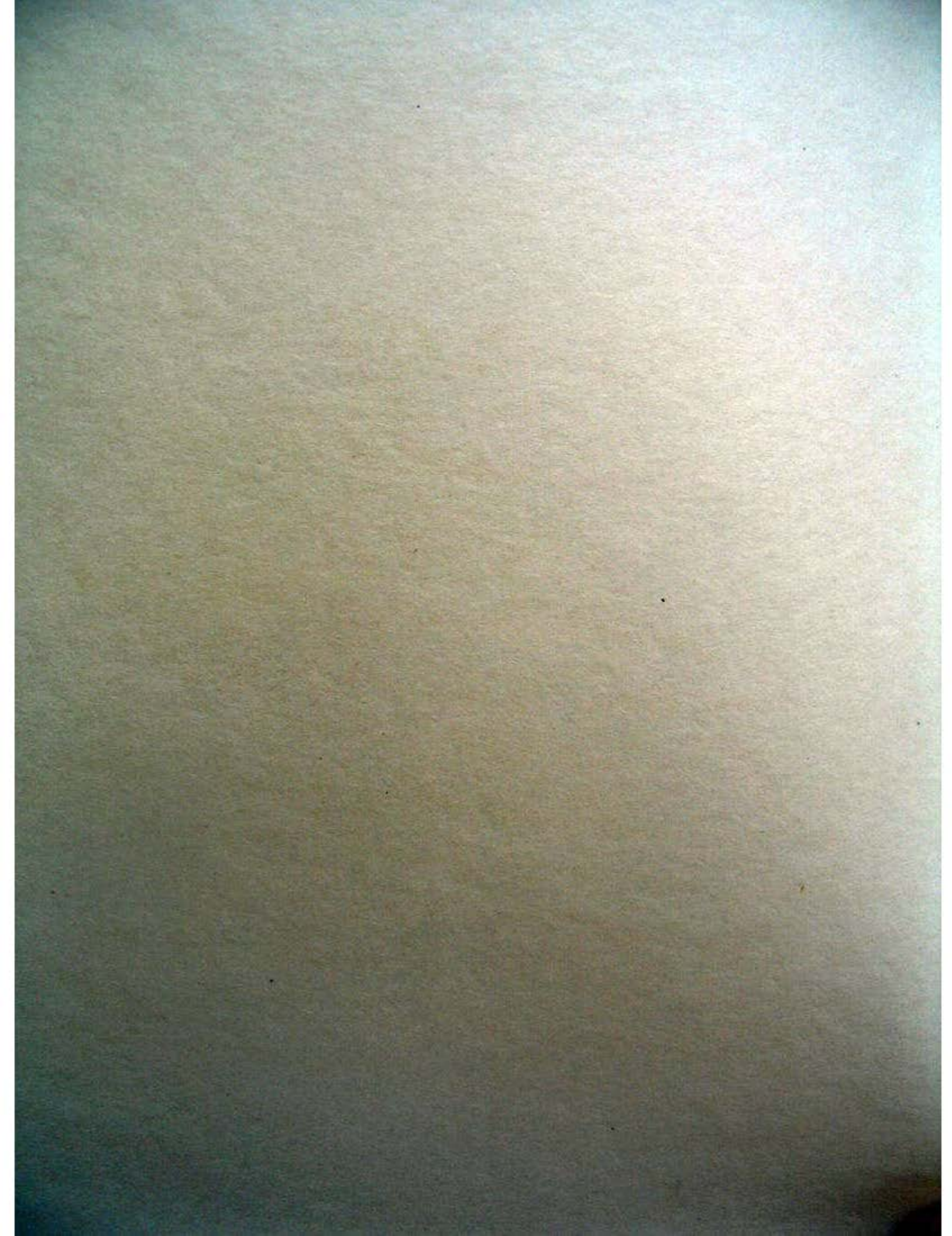
44-D



high flight

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 swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delirious, 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.





Dedication

To Our Wives, Mothers and Sweethearts:



This book, in itself, is a minor insignificant effort. Its meaning, its purpose, if there be such, is entirely personal with us. To you, mothers, fathers, sweethearts and wives, to "our folks" we, the class of 44-D, dedicate this Gremlin. And in so doing it becomes such a great thing, ennobled beyond all measure by the love and devotion linking our lives to yours and yours to ours. How then, shall we put forth in words those thoughts which must herewith be conveyed, except that beyond the heroes, the leaders and the very principles for which we fight, beyond all this, we have chosen to dedicate this book to you.





Major William S. Collinson
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307TH ARMY AIR FORCES FLYING TRAINING DETACHMENT
Army Air Forces Contract Pilot School (Primary)
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You have just completed one of your most important phases of your training career here at HICKS FIELD. We have tried to teach you the fundamentals of being a good pilot and of being a good officer. We hope that you will carry these fundamentals with you through your next training stage which is BASIC.

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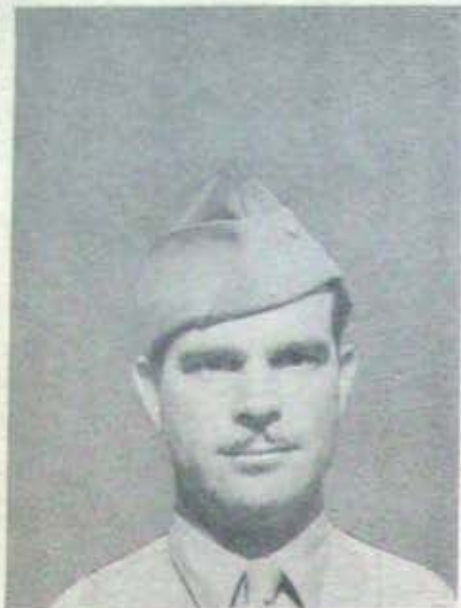
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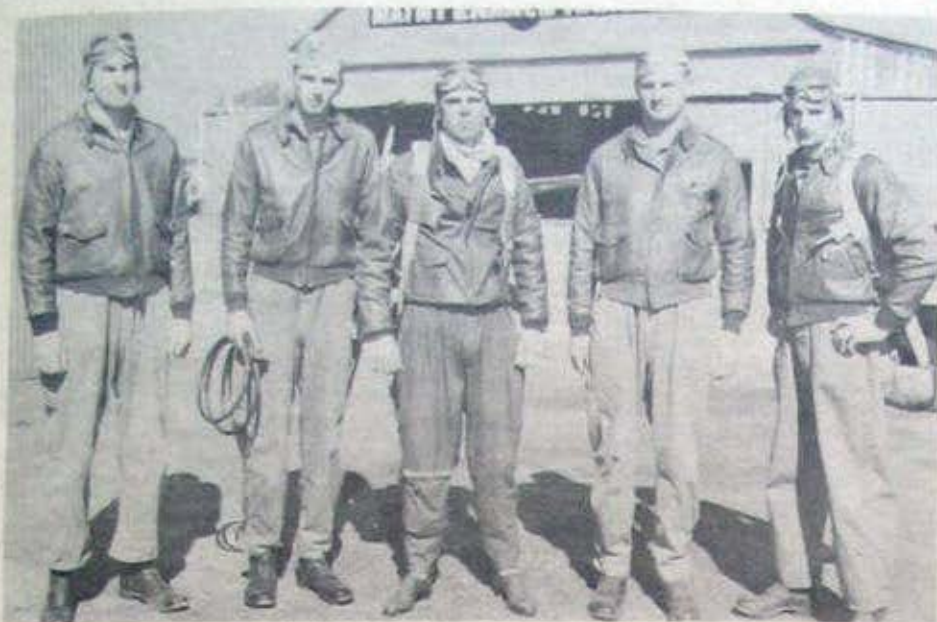
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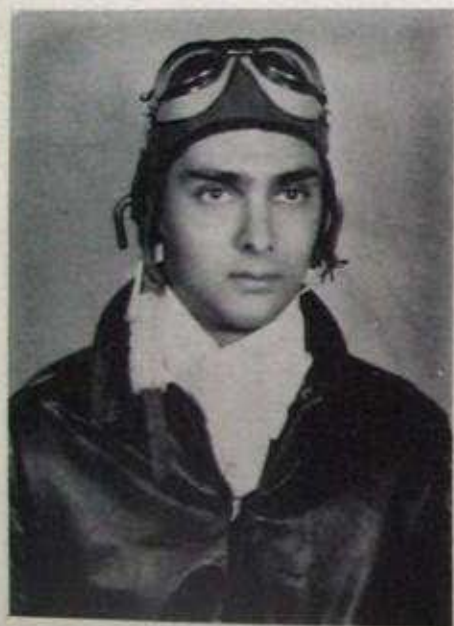
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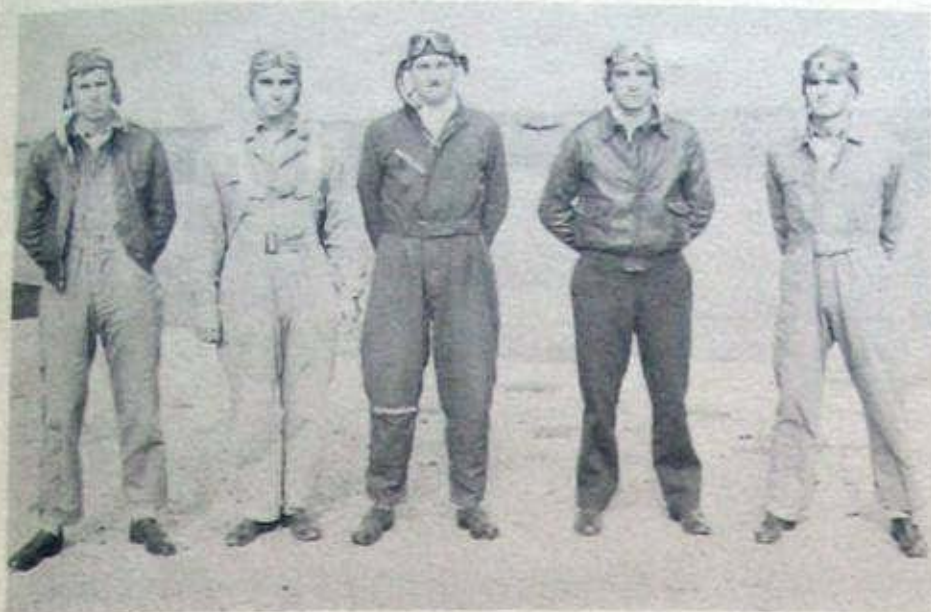
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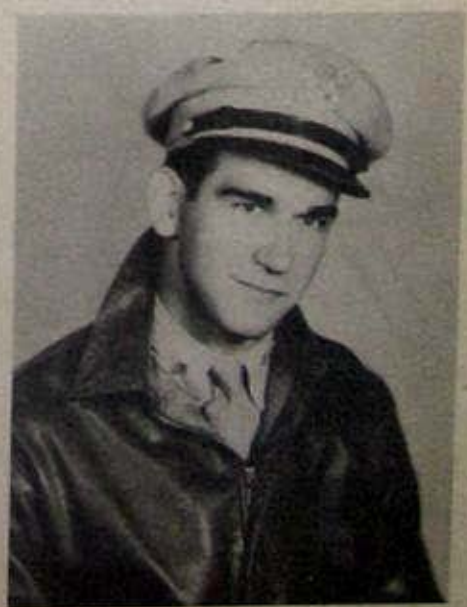
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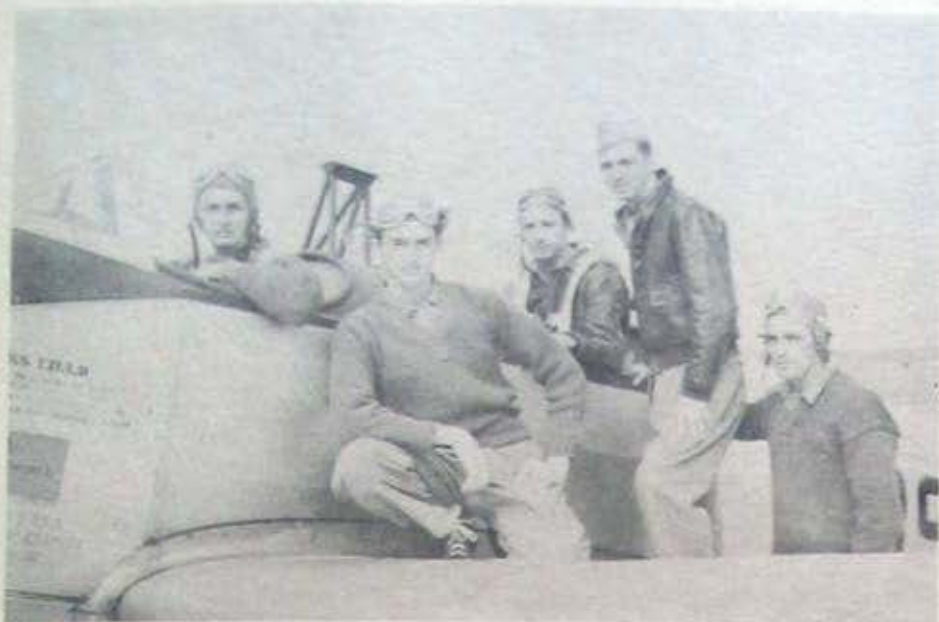
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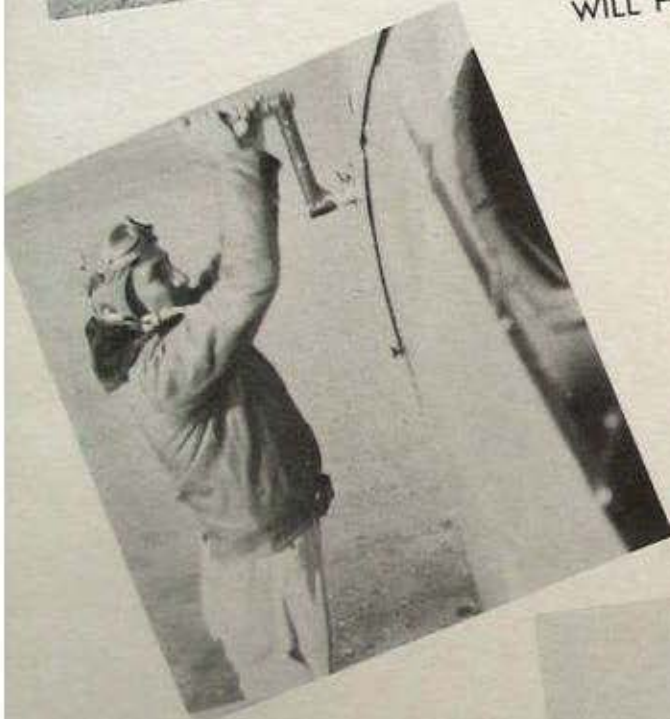
Flight Line



WILL HE MAKE IT?



THE GAS MAN



DID YOU
TURN THE
SWITCH ON?



Dont give me that "Crank my
ship stuff" - I Just soloed



TEE TIME



GASSING UP

WAITING



STUDENT OFFICERS

"ON THE LINE"





BASIC HIGH TENSION MAGNETO CIRCUIT.



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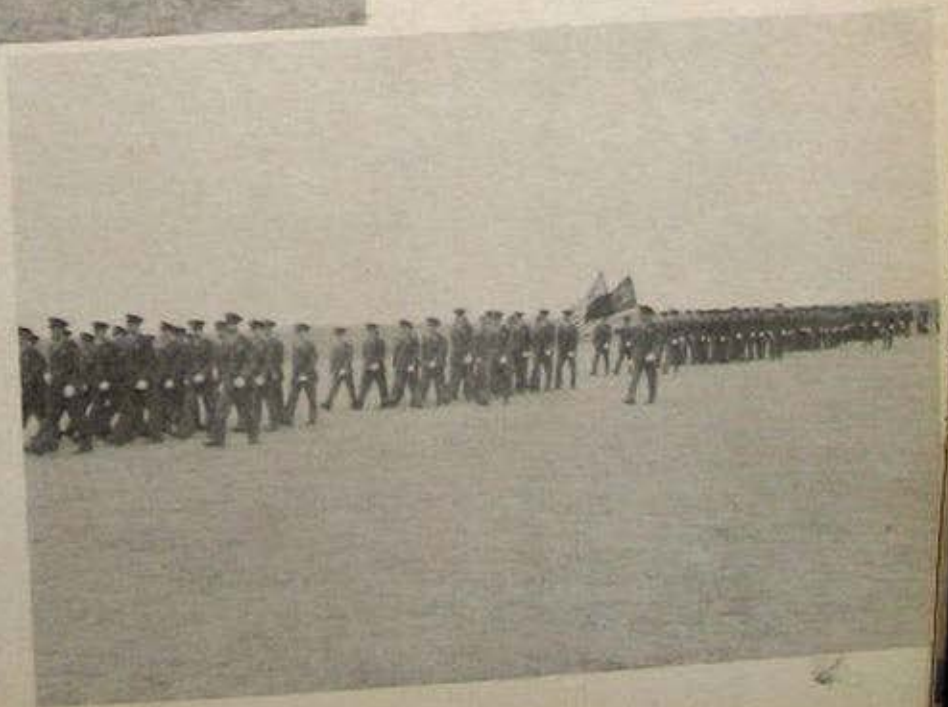
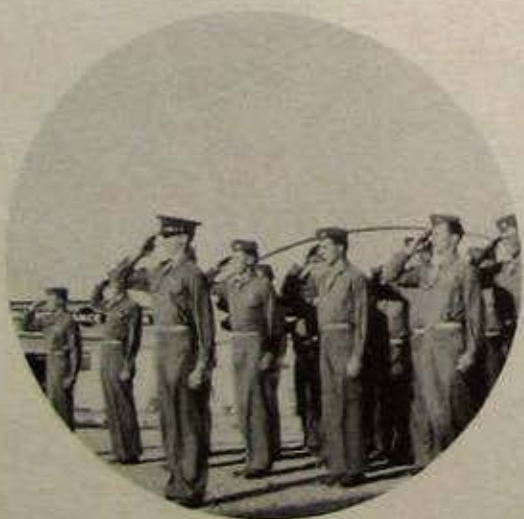
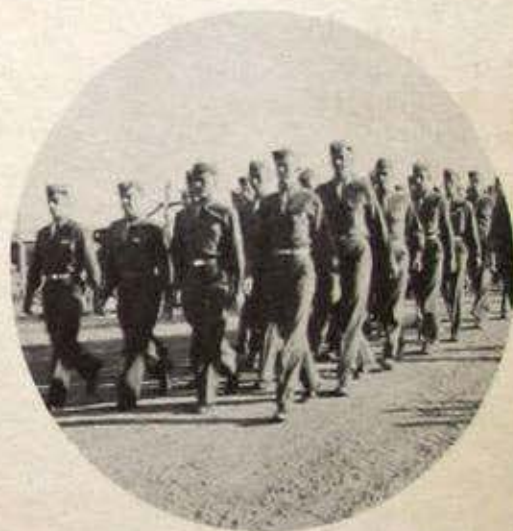
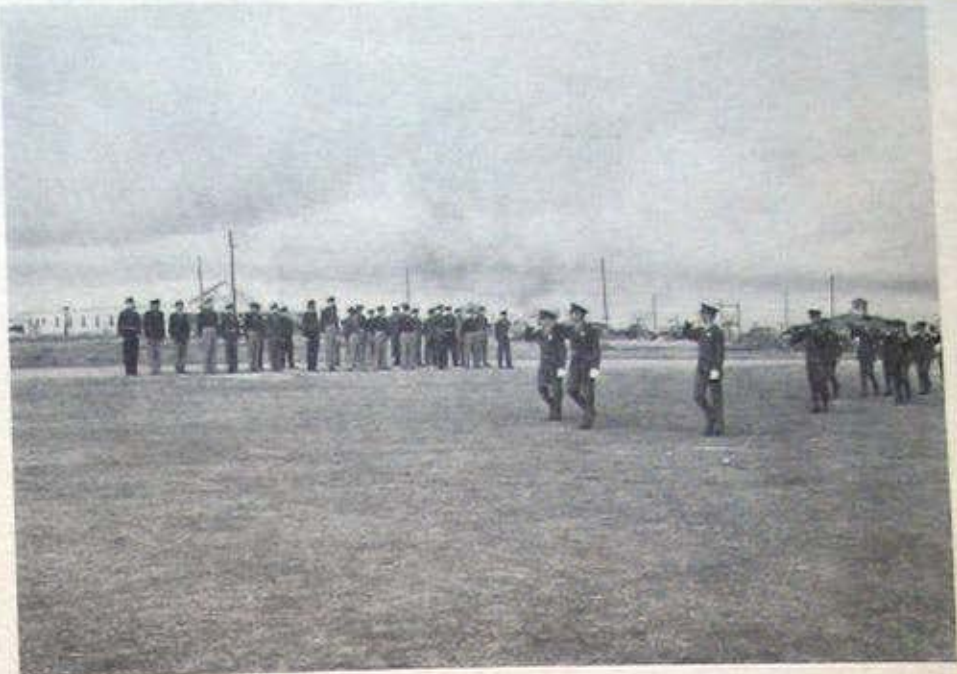


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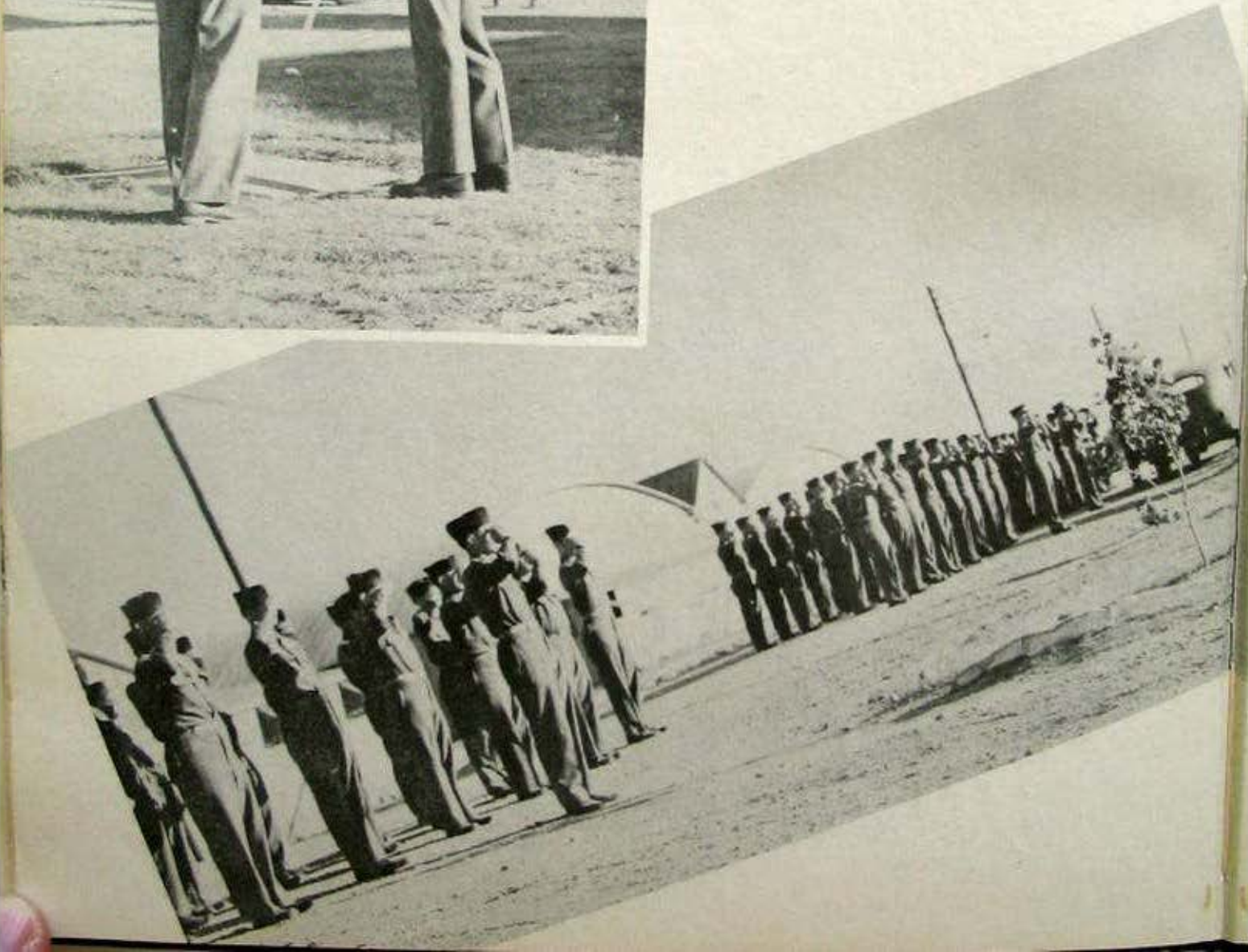
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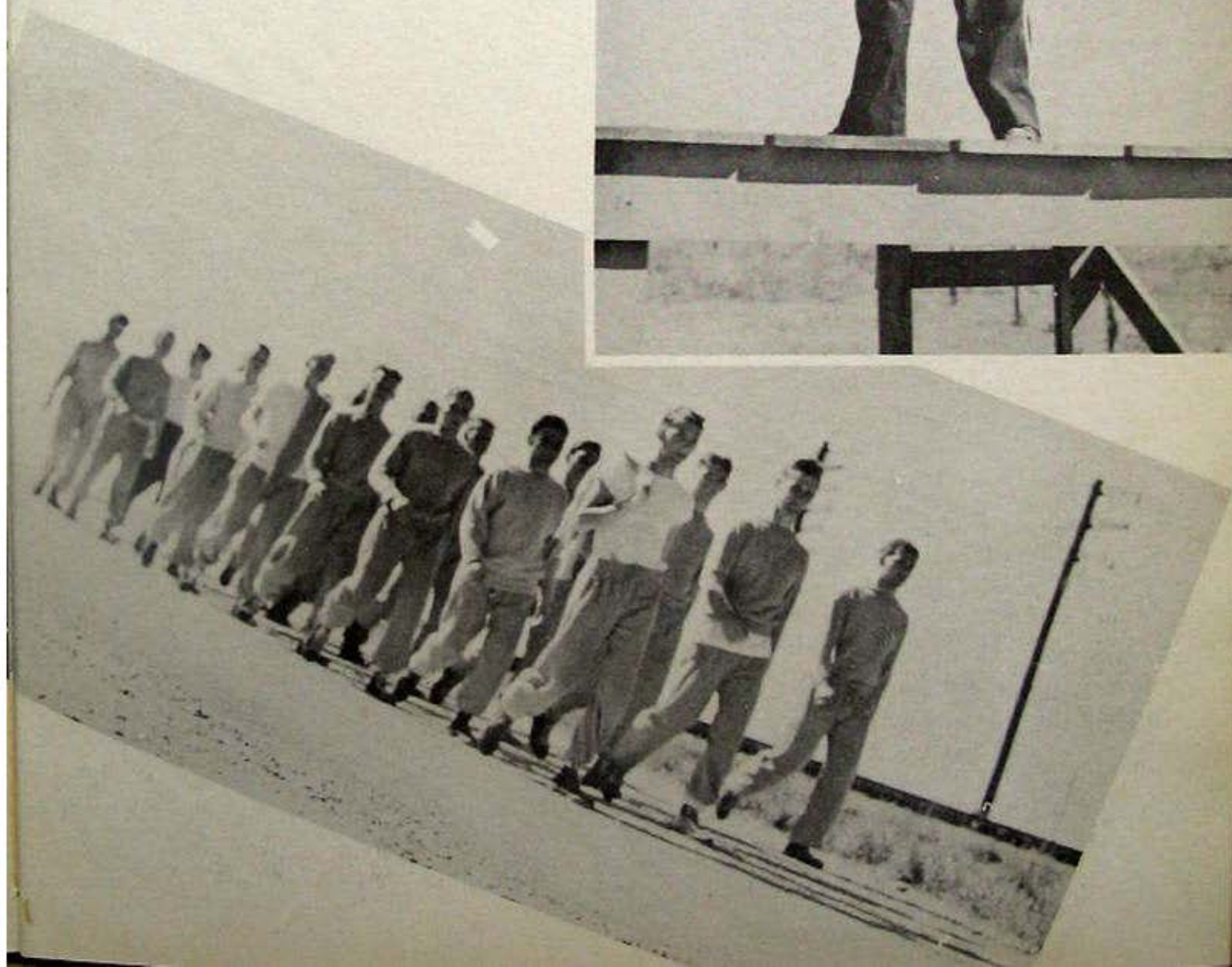


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CORPORAL SMITH
"A DAMN SWELL GUY"

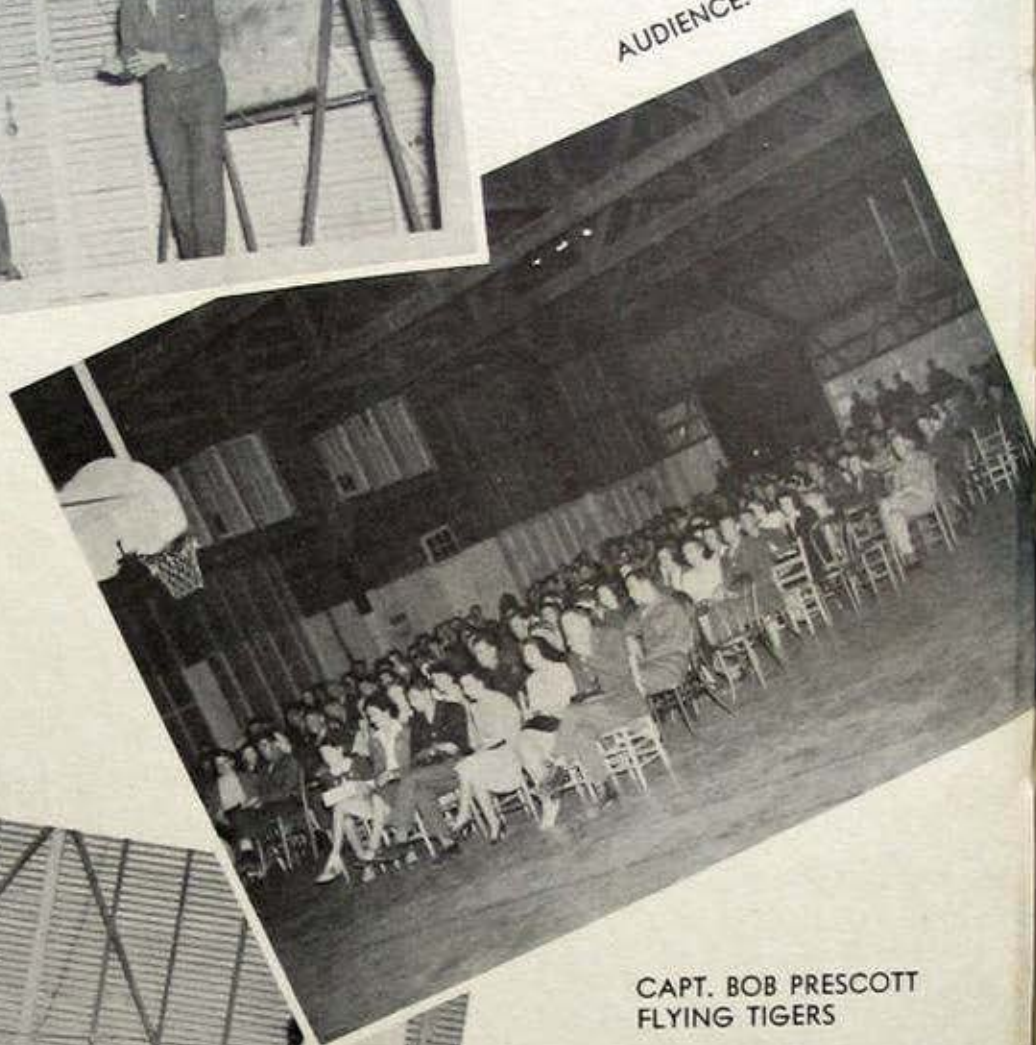


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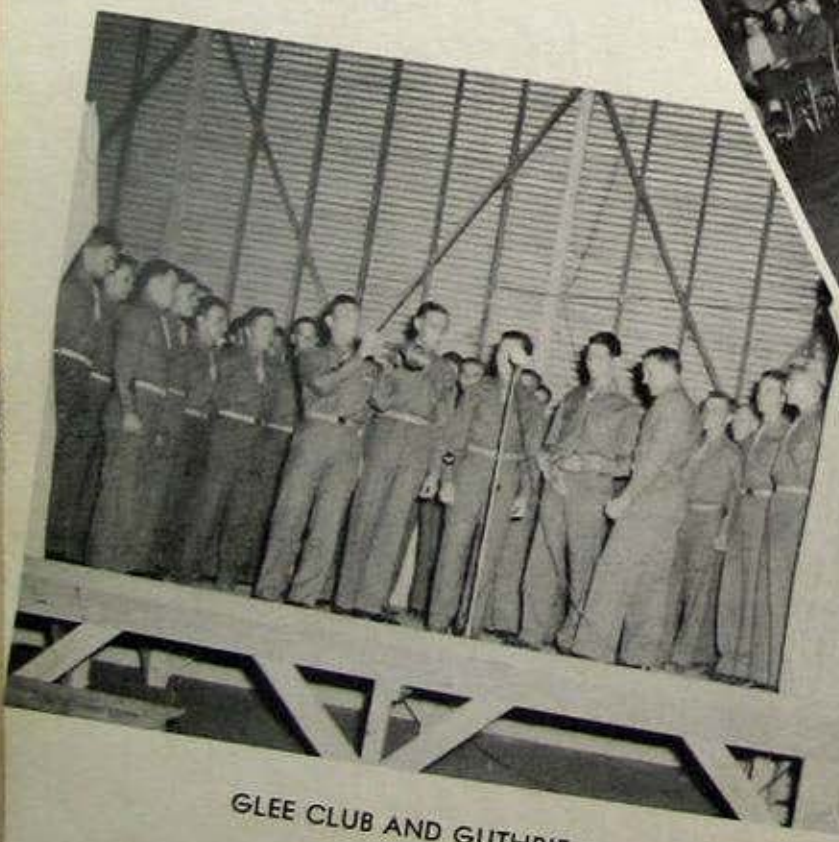


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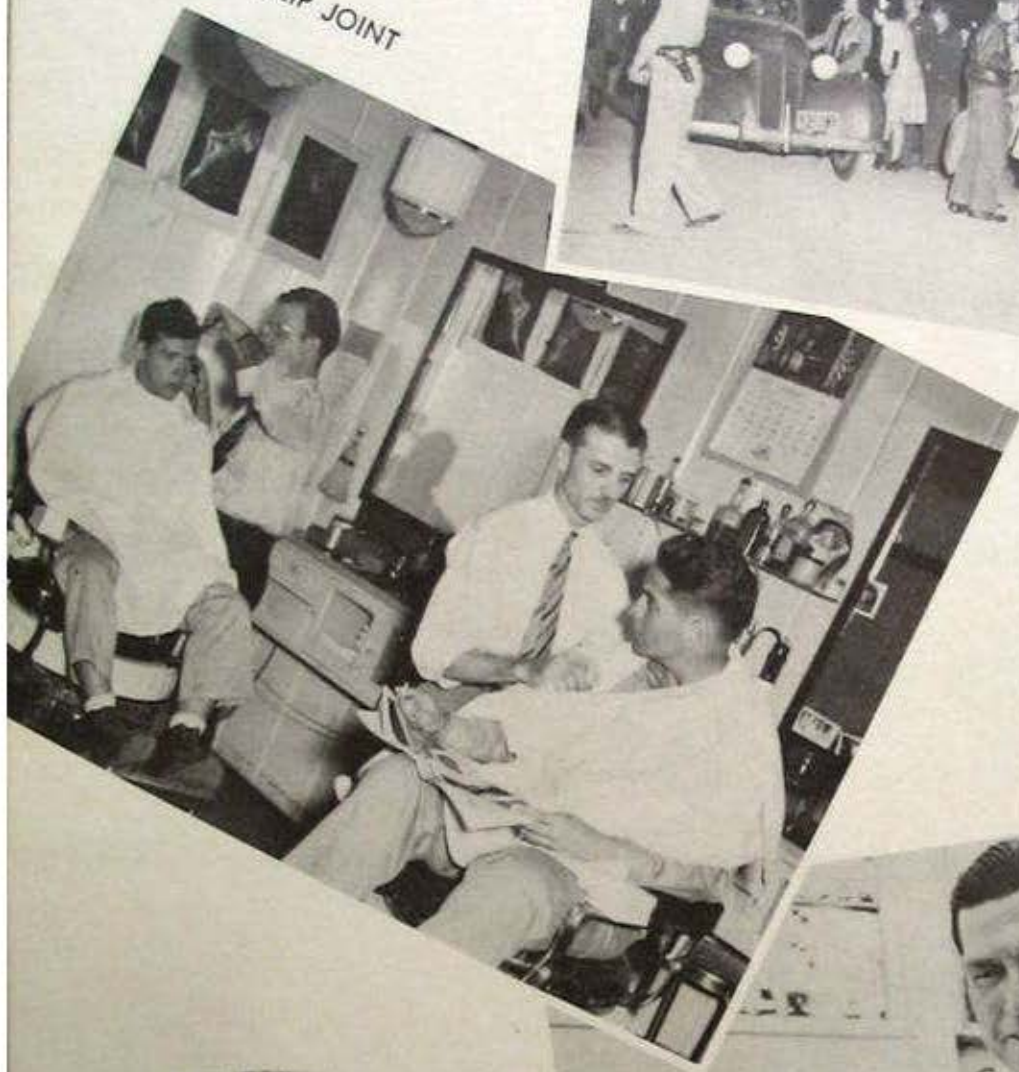


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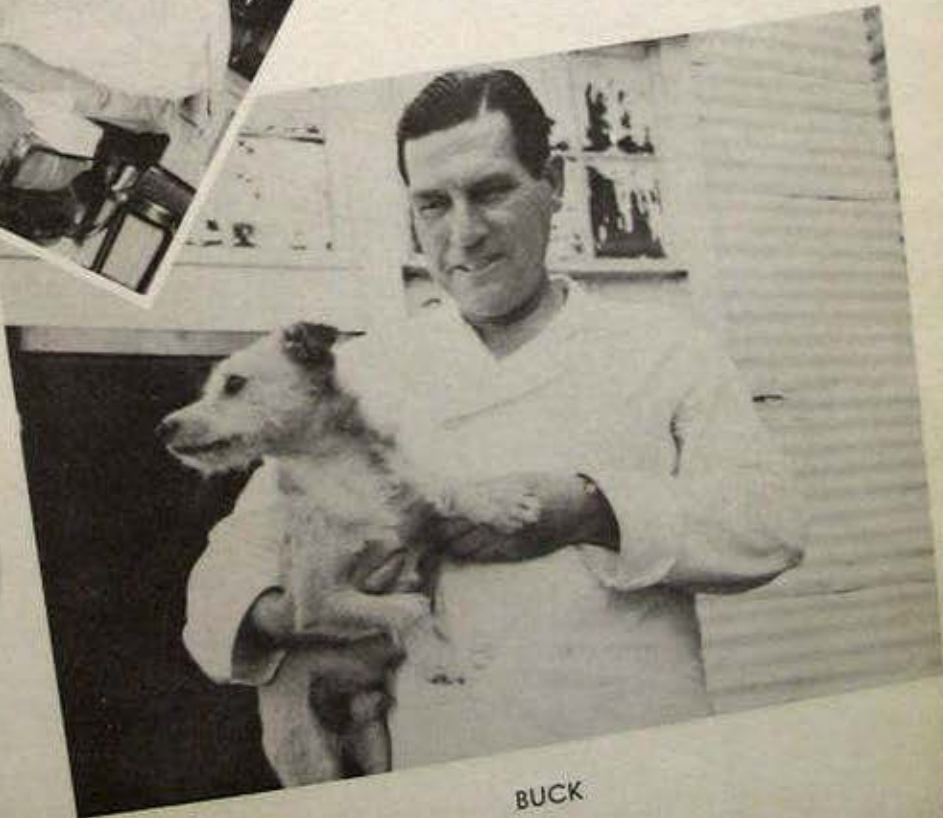


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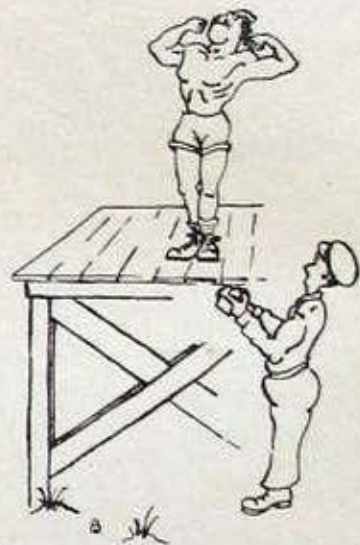
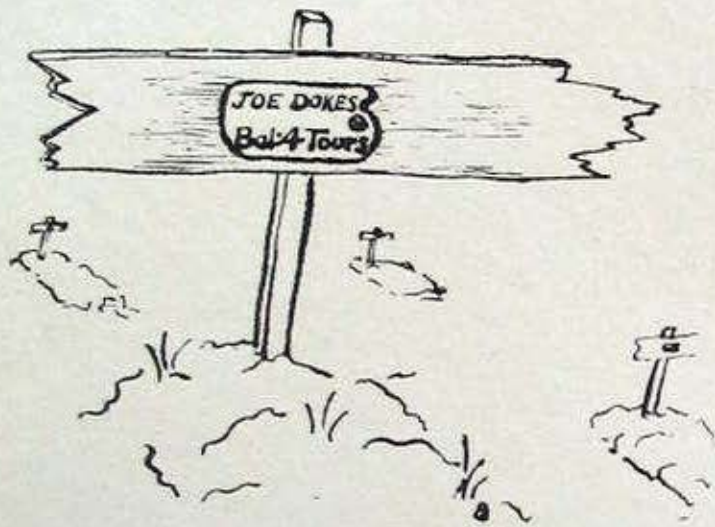
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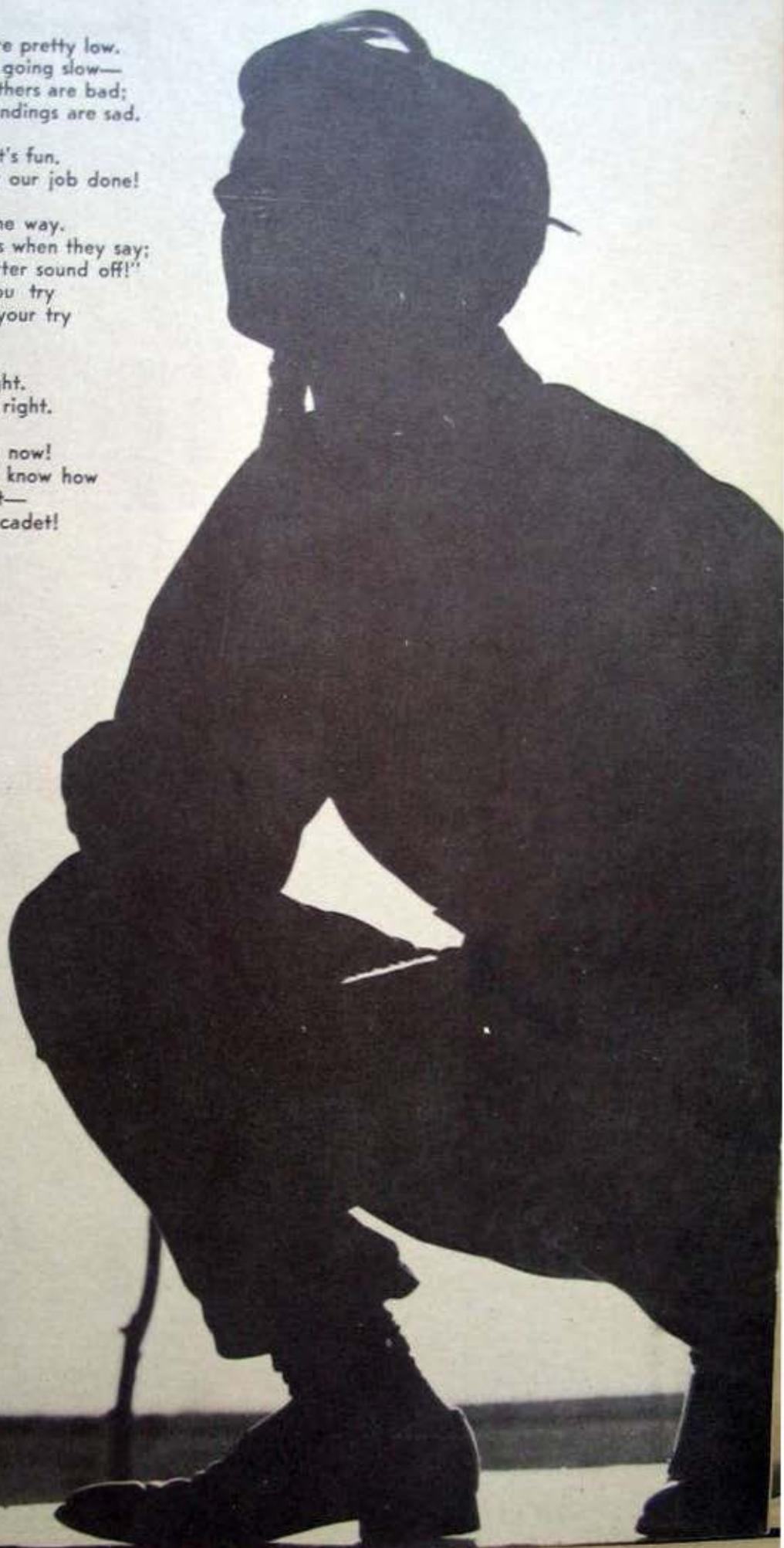
There are times when feelings are pretty low.
There are times when things are going slow—
Some days are just right, while others are bad;
You can't do a spin and your landings are sad.

All this is our life, it's hard but it's fun.
We're aviation cadets! Let's get our job done!

Not all of it's fun; it's work all the way.
It's pretty tough going sometimes when they say;
"Snap to Mister!" or "You'd better sound off!"
You can't be lazy or loaf while you try
You can't be lazy or loaf while your try
To study all night or learn to fly.

It's "on the ball" all day and night.
It's the only way a cadet can be right.

Let's get this spirit—we're dodos now!
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To make this class the best one yet—
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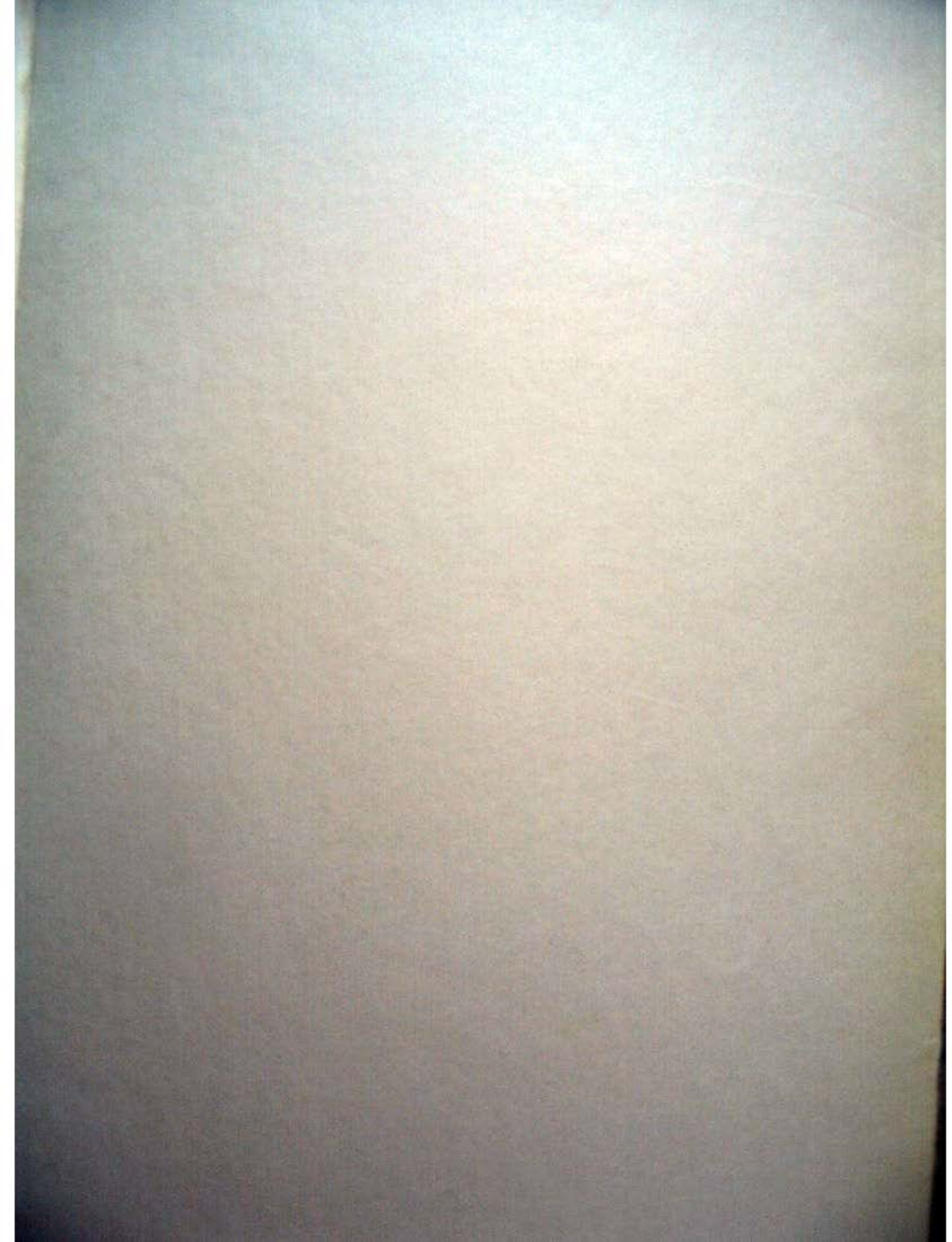


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*In memory of A/C Samuel Schifter, member of Class
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